



# THE CHIPS OF GRANITE

## Beta Alpha State News

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### DELTA'S STEPHANIE LYONS CHOSEN AS STATE TREASURER

President Elaine Landry is pleased to announce that Stephanie Wentzell Lyons has been named as Beta Alpha State's new treasurer, taking over the job from Joanne Hennessy of Dalton. Both women belong to Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Stephanie has been a professional educator for over 35 years, holding certification in Business and Administration in Career and Technical Centers, Grades 9-12, and Business and Administration, Grades 7-12. She is a graduate of Plymouth State College.

She has been an educator at Canaan Memorial High School in Vermont for 30 years. She is an active member of the staff and has been advisor to Drama Club, Project Graduation, National Honor Society, Yearbook, and several classes throughout the years. Also, she is involved in many of the school improvement initiatives.

Stephanie is a member of the Vermont Business Teachers' Association and was the recipient of the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007. In addition, she was the 2012 recipient of the Louise Tillotson Teaching Fellowship.

Outside of school, she is an active member of the North Country community, being involved as pianist and organist for several area churches and clubs. In 2007 she was named Lay Person of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook.

Stephanie and her husband, Bruce, operate a farm in East Colebrook, NH. They have four grown children and three grandchildren.

### BARBARA BAKER RECEIVES THE 2013 FOUNDERS' AWARD

Barbara Baker of Delta Chapter was presented the 2013 Founders' Award at the Beta Alpha State's Spring Conference at Mountain View Grand Resort in April. Her chapter nominated her because of her exemplary leadership and service on the chapter, state and international levels. Besides serving as vice president and president on the local and state levels, she has served on many other committees and attended many conferences and conventions.

"Barbara is very knowledgeable about bylaws, rules, and honored traditions but is savvy regarding changes in women's lives in present-day society," said Marna Ingerson, President of Delta Chapter. "Barbara is generous with her time publicizing the chapter missive, helping wherever needed, and contacting older members to bring some sunshine into their lives."

Barbara sends her thanks with this note: "I am honored to be among the Beta Alpha State women who have received the Founders' Award, which reads:

*We salute you as an outstanding member of our Society. You have demonstrated a complete understanding of the Purposes of our Society and have enriched Beta Alpha State with your many accomplishments. You have a rich educational background and a keen interest in the education of children and have brought honor to our profession. By recognizing you today, we honor the memories of the founders of Beta Alpha State and provide a continuing awareness of the history of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.*

Barbara continues, "While thanking these women who opened doors and encouraged me to step through, I realize they may not know how deeply they have touched my life."



*BAS honors Barbara Baker for her service and dedication to DKG.*

## PRESIDENT ELAINE SENDS HER GREETINGS



Greetings, Beta Alpha State Sisters,

As I write this column, it is truly spring. I have been cleaning up winter debris and preparing flower beds for planting. Of course, it *is* New Hampshire. Last week we had frost; today temperatures reached the 80's. I will wait, as my dad did, to put in the annuals after Memorial Day.

It is also spring for Beta Alpha State. We are planting the seeds for the coming year and building on the work of prior seasons. One of our first tasks will be to examine the bylaws changes as recommended by Delta Kappa Gamma International. Thanks to Barbara Baker and Peg Guilmette, a clear version of the changes is available for your perusal. Please study the details in your copy of CHIPS and prepare to vote on them at the fall meeting.

In April Flora Sapsin and I attended the Tri-Chapter meeting of Beta, Delta, and Theta. Brenda Walker presented an insightful report on working with children diagnosed with autism. These special children's needs demand special teaching methods, and Brenda's view of their world was truly enlightening. Those of you who work with these students are nurturing their spirits, as well as their minds.

As I view the next two years, my goal for all of Beta Alpha State is to bring new vitality to our chapters by getting the word out to all schools. Do your districts know of the scholarships and grants available to women educators? Do they know that teachers may attend our fall and spring workshops and obtain clock hours? Have you invited a potential member to a chapter meeting? At our BAS

Spring Conference in Whitefield, Alice Carrier asked us to brainstorm ways to support early-career educators. The results of that activity are published in this issue of *CHIPS* and are posted on our website. Certainly, by providing interesting meetings, we will attract those women who reflect the purposes and values of DKG.

I hope to see you on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon. Following the business meeting and brunch, we will visit Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in nearby Cornish to explore this famous artist's views of the world.

May Sarton, New Hampshire author, said "...a garden dies quickly without a loving gardener to keep it alive." Let us all nurture our chapter gardens. The results will be worth our efforts.

My best to you all,  
Elaine Landry, Alpha Chapter

## FIND YOUR ROLE MODELS IN DKG

by Barbara Mee, Epsilon

When I heard that Gerna Magnusson had passed away, I told Sheila Mable I would like to write something for *CHIPS*. Suffice to say, for those of you who don't know, that between school and a few family obligations, it didn't get done for the spring issue. So here I sit, hoping to get this done and off to Sheila. Ah, the joys of email and attachments!

I was inducted into Epsilon Chapter of Beta Alpha State in the fall of 1992. But this is not about me. . .this is about the cadre of women who were role models to me, to their own chapters, to the state, and to our beloved organization, DKG. For fear of leaving someone out, I am not going to use names, except for Gerna's because she was the inspiration for my writing.

I think I was one of the "babies" in the state when I was inducted, or at least that is how I felt when I met women who had been in DKG (only then, it had to be the GREEK letters only) for what seemed like forever. The night I volunteered to do one year of a biennium at a very late meeting up at Eagle Mountain House, I had virtually no idea what I was doing and definitely no idea of how I would be received by these older, wiser, and more diverse women. What I found over the next year and then during my own biennium was support, encouragement and appreciation. I learned from every one of them and in their own way. I hope I took the best and used it in my leadership roles, not only in DKG but in my life.

Many of those leaders have left us, but we are lucky to still have a few with us in each chapter. My dedication and commitment to our organization leads me to hope that we have members who will step up in each chapter and at our state level and who will continue the wonderful traditions that all of those women put their hearts and souls into. They were, in their own inimitable way, amazing role models!



## KAREN LAROCHE WINS A TILLOTSON FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Three North Country teachers have been granted Louise Tillotson Teaching Fellowship Awards honoring excellence in teaching in public schools. The award carries a \$10,000 stipend for each recipient. As one of the three fellowship winners, Karen LaRoche is a White Mountains Regional High School Family and Consumer Science teacher. She is also a DKG member of Delta Chapter and first vice president of Beta Alpha State.

Peter Benson of the NH Charitable Foundation said Louise Tillotson established the fellowship program in 2006. He said the purpose of the fellowship awards is to help retain good teachers in the North Country, with a preference for teachers in Coos County's public schools. He added, however, that they all share "a dedication, innovation, passion and commitment to excellence in education and to their students in the North Country."

Six years ago, LaRoche expanded the family and consumer science course offerings to include Future Educators Academy. Students are allowed to earn college credits through the Running Start Program in a partnership with White Mountains Community College and discover if teaching is a future career choice. Last year LaRoche earned her Master's of Education in curriculum and instruction from New England College.

### A LONG, AWAITED DREAM COMES TRUE

by Kathy Lacroix, Theta

Another one of my bucket list trips came true in May: three days on a luxurious paddlewheel steamboat, the *American Queen*, going up the Mississippi River. There were shore trips every day and good food and entertainment every evening. Best of all was sitting outside our doorway in the evening as the boat silently moved upriver. It was so relaxing...a dream come true.

This nine-day tour started with three days in New Orleans. It was my fourth time there and I still had so much to see. There was great jazz and incredible food. I always have to go to the Café Du Monde for beignets. The first time I went to New Orleans, I attended a Delta Kappa Gamma convention years ago. I roomed with Peggy Guilmette and have happy memories of our time there.

Later we disembarked in Natchez after having toured Stanton Hall, which is widely regarded as the grandest of the Natchez mansions.

We also toured Memphis, which is the birthplace of Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul; and we spent time on Beale Street. Then we finished off our tour by visiting Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley.



### White Roses in Memory of

Louise Gaiero, Gamma, 7-15-13

Ruth Alice Harris, Delta, 12-14-12

## REMEMBER THESE DATES

### Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

BAS Fall Meeting, 9:30-2:30  
Fireside Inn & Suites, W. Lebanon  
Tour of Saint-Gaudens in Cornish  
Hostess: Theta Chapter

### Monday, January 20, 2014

Ex. Board Meeting, 10 a.m.  
Sheila Mable's Home  
7 Peaceful Lane, Penacook

### Saturday, February 1, 2014, Deadlines

--for next *CHIPS* articles  
--for Chapter reports to International  
--for DKG scholarship applications

### Thurs.-Saturday, March 20-22, 2014

BAS Spring Conference  
Inn at Mill Falls, Meredith  
Hostess: Alpha Chapter

### July 28-Aug. 1, 2014

DKG International Convention  
JW Marriott  
Indianapolis, IN



# CHAPTER CHATTER

## ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

Every spring the Cheshire County Retired Educators Association sends volunteers to area second grade classrooms to read to each class and to present them with a book purchased by the CCREA. This year's title was *Sylvester Finds a Pebble*. Alpha readers who participated were **Nancy Belsky, Peg Saunders, Karen LeDuc, Martha Marsette, Cathy Puffer, Elaine Landry, and Jeanette Gardner**. A great time was had by all!

Under the direction of Alpha's **Catherine Harvey**, Wheelock School presented its annual spring program at Keene State College. The theme was "Go West!" and opened with an all-school song by the same title. Each grade level presented the history of the Westward Expansion through songs and dance. From kindergarten "sheriffs" to first grade "ponies" and including second grade wagon trains, third grade transcontinental railroads and fourth grade "gold miners," it was a fun family night. The program ended with an all-school song composed by students to the tune of "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain."

**Elaine Landry** received her state president's training at the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, ME, in July.

**Angela Seaver** performed before a sell-out audience during the Keene Pops Choir's annual Spring Concert. She sang a duet with noted vocalist and music instructor Joanne Mead in honor of Choir Director Jean Nelson, who is retiring after 27 years. It was a beautiful concert

**Joanne Stroshine** is retiring from teaching English at Monadnock Regional High School. She is looking forward to all the joys of retirement. During the 1960s, Joanne and **Elaine Landry** shared many English courses at Keene State College while they pursued their education degrees.

Alpha's two fund raisers were very successful this year. Members contributed books for public sale at Hannaford's Market, and we earned over \$900 from that effort. We also held a raffle with prizes contributed by members. Craft items, art work, gift cards and a fall Cape Cod get-away weekend were among the offerings. This year Alpha was able to award two book grants to Keene State College education majors. The recipients were Alyssa Pouliot from Exeter, a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education, and Taylor Lamontagne from Manchester, another KSC senior who is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. Perhaps they will join our ranks in the future.



*Beta members donate quilts to David's House each year.*

## BETA CHAPTER NEWS

Beta Chapter made 11 quilts for David's House, a home away from home for cancer patients and their families, at Dartmouth Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

**Anne Cragin** played in two band concerts with the Upper Valley Community Band and the Kearsarge Community Band in May.

**Helen Goodwin's** book *Memories of One Who Served* has just been self-published. Helen was also interviewed by a Lebanon High School student for an American Studies project about her experiences as a WAC in the Pacific during WWII.

**Jan Kulig's** daughter Sarah graduated from Lesley University in May. She earned her Master's Degree in Art Therapy.

**Terry Thompson** was acknowledged in a recently published book for her proofreading and editing. *The Geology of New Hampshire's White Mountains* by J. Dystra Eusden, Woodrow B. Thompson, et. al. is an excellent, readable reference for earth science teachers and students. It can be obtained from Durand Press, 25 Lamphire Lane, Lyme, NH.

**Lisa Torres** teaches science classes at Franklin Pierce University, Lebanon Campus, as an adjunct professor during her "spare" time!

## GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

**Penny Bodwell** and her husband visited Aruba, where they learned that in order to graduate from high school there the students must pass four languages—English, Dutch, Spanish, and Papiamentu.

**Louise Gaiero** died on July 15, 2013, at the age of 89. She was raised in Seabrook and educated at Amesbury High School, UNH, and Simmons College. She taught Home Ec. for many years at Exeter High School and was a “great seamstress.” She joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 1957, attended many state and Northeast Regional conferences over the years, and served Gamma Chapter as president. “She was well enough to come to recent Gamma events,” Sheila Knight said. “She was a kind and generous lady. We will miss her.”

This summer **Betty Gilman** will be hosting a guest from Africa who hosted her a few years ago on a church trip.

“I am happy to announce that I am officially retired from teaching,” **Jacki Hinton** reports. “I retired six years ago from Portsmouth after having taught third grade for the majority of my time. I retired and six hours later took a Title One literacy coach position in Somersworth, where I have been for the past five years. I loved it dearly, but the husband has been retired for a year and is anxious to do some traveling while we can. Also **Meryl Roy** and I are going to Italy in October—instead of going to school!”

The chapter celebrated **Sharon Svirsky**’s retirement at Warren’s Restaurant in Kittery, ME. “We managed to surprise her, and a good time was had by all, even with Sharon’s broken hip, which happened on her last day of April vacation,” reported President **Sheila Knight**.

**Ruth Tuttle, Myrt Moore** and **Sheila Knight** attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, ME, for one day. They enjoyed meeting up with old friends, especially with past Northeast Regional Director Diane Robinson from Washington, DC.



## DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

**Sue Ackerman, Sharon Cormier, Teri Cote, Marna Ingerson,** and **Kathy Urso** attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, ME, in July.

**Marsha Biron** retired after a 40 year teaching career at Colebrook Elementary School.

**Joan Coats** met the challenge of all-day kindergarten.

**Joan deVillafane** is a proud grandmother. In May she attended the graduation of her grandson Ben from Tufts, University School of Civil Engineering, Magna Cum Laude. He is the son of her daughter Brenda and Gary Harwood of Brattleboro, VT.

**Judy Erickson** enjoys supplementing her retirement income by building a jewelry business, Tidal Treasures. She is relocating to Cape Cod to be closer to family and the ocean. Her Delta sisters will miss her terribly!

**Mary Jolles** retired from the Principal’s chair at Colebrook Elementary School in 2012 but stayed on as administrative assistant one day a week.

**Sharon Lane** and her husband Butch of Errol loved having all their children and grandchildren visit during the week of July 4th.

**Heidi Mathieu** had a fantastic time on her first REAL vacation in Jamaica in April with her family.

**Cheryl Meehan** has been promoted to Lancaster Elementary School Building Special Education Coordinator. This position is the first one in the White Mountain School District. Cheryl will be pursuing her Master’s in Special Education Administration at Plymouth State University.

**Christine Smith** spent her summer redesigning her kitchen and bathroom. In the fall she will teach sixth grade language arts and fifth grade social studies at The Lancaster School.

**Barbara Stimson** recommends Bone Builders run by Senior Centers. She said that she probably would not be able to walk as well as she does without these exercises. Barbara is in her early 90’s, but you would never know it!

**Kathy Urso** of Millsfield awaits her son Jim’s release from his duties with the NH National Guard. He will receive an honorable discharge in November after six years, including his one-year deployment to Afghanistan. He is now active in the Run to Homebase Program for veterans with PTSD and TBI and has started a veterans’ support group at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where he is in charge of Military Accounts.

**Pam Read** and her husband Ted are enjoying the many trips they have taken on their Can Am Spyder. They have traveled extensively in the states of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Last summer they trailered the Spyder to New Brunswick, Canada, and toured the Bay of Fundy and the Hope Well Rocks. After that they went to Cape Breton in Nova Scotia and toured the Highlands. This summer they again trailered the Spyder to Canada, but this time they visit visited P.E.I. Pam and Ted also love camping in Maine.

## EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS



During June at the Pelham Public Library, **Connie Lansigne-Case** is exhibiting some encaustic (hot wax) with collage and collage paintings. Over the past six years she had exhibited works in different mediums, including colored pencils, woodblock prints, photography, water colors, and oils. “East Meets West (Japan and Portugal)” is an 8x8” wax crayon work based on a mural admired while visiting a museum in Lisbon in 2008.

Also she is finalizing plans for a two-month art exhibition of a series of colored pencil drawings from a Nepal trek some years ago. The opening at Indian Hill Music in Littleton, MA, is planned for May 7, 2014, when she will present an illustrated talk entitled, “From Photography to Art: Seeing Nepal While Trekking.” Her compositions are based on memorable scenes in the Himalayan nation. *See her picture above.*

Join **Barbara Mee** and her small adult group tours on a week-long expedition to LONDON and AMSTERDAM. There will be organized activities and plenty of free time to accommodate any of your personal wishes! Experience the Chunnel as we go from one location to the other. The dates are April 26-May 3, 2014, and you can get more information at [barbaramee@comcast.net](mailto:barbaramee@comcast.net)

## ETA CHAPTER NEWS

**Sandy Crockett** taught Title I summer school in July. She enjoyed traveling in New Hampshire and Maine with her grandchildren

Eta members are traveling again! **Evelyn Moulton** to Wyoming. **Anne Nute** and **Caroline Butler** to Alaska. and **Martha Verville** to Lapland and Helinski.

In addition, **Dianne Mros** and **Jacque Puk** spent Fourth of July week in Key West, FL. They toured the Hemingway House and sampled the Key West lime pie.

**Norma Taatjes** also had a busy summer with family and friends visiting at their summer home in Maine.

**Martha Verville** received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Concord Visiting Nurse Association. Martha (aka Marnie) has been a Hospice volunteer for 15 years. The award is given each year in memory of Tony Lomantire, who was a volunteer for many years. Now Martha has a “Tony” award!

## THETA CHAPTER NEWS

**Pat Bolduc** is proud of her grandson James Desrosiers from Hampton. “He just completed his Eagle Scout project, which is an outdoor classroom on the grounds of Winnacunnet High School as a memorial to Chief Maloney, who was killed last year in the line of duty.”

**Pam Clark** is enjoying her sixth season working in the admissions and gift shop at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Also **Pam, Brenda Walker** and **Sheila Mable** attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, ME, in July.

**Marilyn Coffin** is taking guitar lessons from **Karen Sullivan**’s daughter Lindsay. Marilyn is also trying to learn French. In addition she helped with Gerna Magnusson’s memorial service on July 28.

**Ruth Conwell** is out and about following her surgery and chemo treatments that ended in July. She went to the Oshkosh Air Show and to Disney in July and August.

**Tiffany Dube** and the **Intergenerational Committee** continue their monthly visits to Belknap County Nursing Home. Tiffany also is still working at Plymouth State University as a part-time adjunct instructor working with students majoring in education.

**Priscilla Fletcher** is working at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. “This year I have some additional duties and more regular hours, which makes life easier,” she said.

**Donna-Marie Gamlin** has good news. “I have had the opportunity to engage in inspiring professional development this summer that addresses responsive classrooms, meeting the rigor of the common core standards, and using new technologies such as globs tar, photo story, and kids blog,” she said. “I am excited to return to the classroom and implement this learning in the fall with my students.”

**Ann Hart** and her husband welcomed a new granddaughter into the family in April. Chloe Elizabeth joins her proud five-year-old sister, Emma.

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*Flora presents Barbara Baker the 2013 Founders' Award.*



*Thanks, Flora Sapsin, for serving as President for two terms.*

## **MEMORIES OF THE 2013 SPRING CONFERENCE AT MOUNTAIN VIEW GRAND**



*Meet Epsilon's awesome twosome, Jane Fowler & Barbara Mee.*



*Sue, Ann, and Sue of Beta Chapter spoke about early intervention.*



*Elaine Landry.(R) introduces workshop leader Alice Carrier, winner of the DKG International Achievement Award in 2012.*



*Theta's Tiffany Dube shares her technology expertise.*

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# WRITERS' CORNER

**Author's note:** *As I was cleaning out my classroom this past June, I found a poem I had written several years ago. The poem was written in response to something that had happened in class one day. I was in the middle of my Mother Goose unit, so the poem closely resembles a favorite Mother Goose rhyme. I thought you might enjoy it.*

## THE STOWAWAY

by Maurine Henry, Alpha

Katherine had a little mouse,  
Its fur was soft and gray.  
It longed to go to school with her,  
And so it found a way.



Crawling in a tiny shoe,  
It found a place to hide.  
Quietly it stowed away,  
For a school bus ride.

As Katherine sat to don her shoes,  
“A mouse!” the children screeched.  
As they scattered all about,  
Chaos had been reached.

And so the teacher scooped it up,  
And rushed it down the hall.  
With squealing children following  
There was no peace at all.

Out the door the mouse was sent,  
To spend the day to roam.  
This tiny friend of Katherine's  
Could find its own way home!

## ANN FORTS SPEAKS AT BAS SPRING CONFERENCE

Beta Alpha State (BAS) of the Delta Kappa Gamma invited Ann Forts of Meredith, NH, to speak at their annual spring meeting, held April 4– 6, 2013, at the Mountain View Grand Resort Hotel in Whitefield, NH.

Ann spoke about living her life on the “UP”-side of her so-called Down Syndrome “disABILITY” and the importance for everyone to avoid pre-judging the limits and abilities of anyone who just happens to have a “disABILITY.”

Ann discussed how community acceptance WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS is so necessary for anyone with a “disABILITY” to feel truly accepted. As an example, she mentioned that she was invited to join the Moultonboro Lions Club 15 years ago after

giving one of her motivational talks. She told her audience that she accepted the invitation and said, “Yes, they really treat me just like one of the boys!”

She related her many learning experiences she had in New Jersey before moving to the NH Lakes Region and starting high school at the Moultonboro Academy in 1983.

Living in this area certainly has provided Ann with numerous positive experiences to speak about, including close friendships and numerous acquaintances that are the basis for her favorite expression: “I love my life!”

The audience was particularly interested in hearing about Ann's school experiences and her current community volunteering at the InterLakes School system where she volunteers as a teacher's aid for a pre-school kindergarten class and an elementary school class, a school library assistant, and a yearbook photographer. She also visits residents once a week at the Golden View Nursing Home.

Ann spoke about her fund, The Annie Forts “UP” Syndrome Fund,” and the over 50 special education scholarships that the “UP” Fund has provided to NH students seeking a career in special education or for college students in special education master programs.

At the conclusion of Ann's talk, the DKG members presented Ann with a check to help the “UP” Fund continue its efforts in providing scholarships to area students interested in special education teaching careers. Additional information about the Annie Forts “UP” Syndrome Fund is available at [anniefortsupfund.org](http://anniefortsupfund.org).



*Pam Read gives Ann Fort a check for her “UP” Syndrome Fund.*

*“Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”*

~Helen Keller



## HOW DO WE SUPPORT EARLY-CAREER EDUCATORS?

“What can we, as DKG members, and our chapters do to support early-career educators?” Alice Carrier from Vermont led us through a brainstorm session at the BAS Spring Conference in April and compiled the results listed below:

- Sponsor a panel discussion with/for new teachers
- Run a blog for early-career educators
- Hold state meetings at colleges in which junior and senior female education majors are invited. I was always struck by the lack of *real* problems new teachers were prepared for – they need a “real life” discussion about what to expect.
- Invite new teachers to a meeting to gather and discuss problems and ideas after the first two months of school
- Talk to early-career educators
- Provide welcoming gift baskets in September and provide some follow-up contact
- Use Survey Monkey to see what’s going well vs. what’s frustrating
- Appoint a mentor from the chapter for each early-career educator in the area
- Provide mentors for new teachers
- Supports for ways to deal with parents
- Offer scholarships to assist new teachers to attend conferences/workshops
- Provide outreach to new teachers
- Provide scholarships to assist new teachers to join DKG
- Offer more opportunities like this NH state workshop day for younger teachers to attend
- Make manipulatives needed for the new elementary teachers’ classrooms
- Act as collaborative mentors – not in formal scheduled activities – but as needed
- Offer things which save time for new teachers – contribute our own ideas and materials to the new teachers
- Invite new teachers to local DKG chapter meetings (get them in the door) “You too will survive.”
- Give welcome packages filled with teaching/school supplies to new teachers – packages filled by DKG members
- Record children’s books. The tapes are donated to classrooms after teachers indicated the desired books for members to read.
- Volunteer to discuss “old days” – science/energy, for example
- Offer technology help for new teachers (how to incorporate new technology into lessons, fill out forms online, etc.)
- Volunteer in a new teacher’s classroom
- Keep up with new educational trends so we can be helpful
- Model
- Support and mentor early-career educators
- Help new teachers write grants to get things they need
- Be receptive and respectful of new ideas from the new teachers
- Learn about the culture of the school where the DKG member will be mentoring/supporting teachers
- Mentor – mentee committee participation
- Invite new educators to your local chapter meeting
- Host a Delta Kappa Gamma welcome meeting
- Aid professional development, para-mentors, and lining up professional speakers
- Offer “welcome teas or bags” given to each new teacher

- Offer workshops and staff development opportunities that meet the needs of early-career educators
- Offer grants and child care to educators who attend workshops
- Invite new teachers to chapter meetings as guests
- Present “survival” gifts given to new teachers



## NEW YORK TEACHER TAKES A STAND AGAINST BULLYING

*Reprinted with permission  
from the Mohonasen Central School District, May 3, 2013*

Last year Mohonasen High School teacher Faith Perry had a student who only had a few sets of clothes and got bullied for wearing the same pants for two days in a row. To show that she would not tolerate this behavior, Perry decided to wear the same outfit every day for the rest of the year. But it didn’t stop there. Because of the impact her actions had on her students, Perry decided to wear the same outfit every day for the current school year--and she has kept her promise.

“I wear the same outfit every day to show that it does not matter what I wear on the outside, but it is what’s inside the counts. My character, my actions and my treatment of others is what’s important,” Perry told the Pinewood school student body today during the school’s *Pinewood Scoop* TV broadcast. “I have to wash my clothes after I wear them so my clothes are clean and I can look presentable for work. This is important, too, because as a professional I have to look my best.”

Perry says she will choose one new outfit to wear to school every day next year. “I will continue for the rest of my teaching career or until bullying stops,” she said.

Pinewood school has decided to support Perry’s efforts as part of their year-long “Take a Stand, Lend a Hand” anti-bullying program. The school’s Character Counts Committee has sponsored various monthly activities to promote character development and stand against bullying.

# BETA ALPHA STATE TO VOTE ON BYLAWS UPDATES

by Barbara Baker, Committee Chairman

These changes to our bylaws will be presented at the September meeting. Changes are indicated in *italic print*. After discussion members will vote on the changes. To review documents in their entirety, go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and click "Websites."

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 9. The Voluntary Contribution Fund

*It is recommend that the Voluntary Contribution Fund be eliminated and existing funds be deposited to the Available Fund.*

**Rationale:** Align with International

Note: A budget for the Available Fund is presented to the executive board and membership annually for approval.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker, Joanne Hennessey, & Margaret Guilmette

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 5. The President's Fund

This fund shall be used for the President's International Convention and Regional Conference expenses.

1. Each year of a President's biennium the amount of *two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)* shall be transferred from the Available Fund to this fund.

**Rationale:** The adjustment is needed to cover increased costs in transportation and registration.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker & Margaret Guilmette

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 6. State Officers' Fund

This fund shall be used for the State Officers', *First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian*, International Convention and Regional Conference expenses.

1 Each year *three thousand dollars (\$3,000)* shall be transferred from the Available Fund to this fund.

2. The amount shall be divided equally among each elected and appointed state officer, not to exceed *five hundred dollars (\$500.00)* each.

**Rationale:** The adjustment is needed to cover increased costs in transportation and registration.

Note: State officers attend to receive training for their respective positions.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker & Margaret Guilmette

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 3 The Scholarship Fund

A The State Scholarship shall be derived from:

3. *Additional funds in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be moved from the declared earnings of the Keene Founders Scholarship Endowment to this fund, as needed.*

4. *Monies from such other sources as may be determined by the Executive Board.*

**Rationale:** This is to insure the continuation of scholarships. To utilize funds available for members' endeavors.

**Recommended by:** Anne Nute & Joanne Hennessey

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 7. Beta Alpha State Scholarship

*Not more than two (2) scholarships* of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each shall be available annually. Applicants shall be active contributing members of the Society, for at least three years.

1. An annual fee paid by each chapter for each active and reserve member shall support this fund. *If needed, additional funds in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be moved annually, from the declared earnings of the Keene Founders Scholarship Endowment to this fund.*

2. The intended use of scholarship money shall include, educational course work, conferences, Elderhostel, or other educational endeavors acceptable to the Scholarship Committee and Executive Board.

3. The Chairman of the Beta Alpha State Scholarship Committee must receive completed applications by *February 1<sup>st</sup>*.

4. *Each recipient shall present a workshop at a Beta Alpha State conference detailing her achievements.*

**Rationale:** To insure the availability of annual scholarships. To celebrate the continuing work of members.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker & Margaret Guilmette

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 8. The Keene Founders' Scholarship Endowment

This fund was established in 1993 with a five thousand (\$5,000.00) donation from Vivian Rockwood, a Beta Alpha State Founder.

6. *Completed applications must be received by the Chairman of the Beta Alpha State Scholarship Committee by February 1.*

**Rationale:** To coincide with requirements of the State Scholarship application.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker & Margaret Guilmette

## Article XI Funds-----

### Section 4. The Founder's Fund

Beta Alpha State shall honor a member who has furthered the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma in a significant way.

1. Each chapter shall nominate *one (1) member for this award.*

2. *The award shall be made in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).*

3. Each chapter shall contribute thirty dollars (\$30.00) each biennium.

4. The award shall be made *once each biennium in odd numbered years.*

5. *The recipient shall designate the purpose for which the award shall be used.*

**Rationale:** To incorporate consistent language To clarify the intent of the award.

**Recommended by:** Barbara Baker & Margaret Guilmette



## WE SHARED OUR VISION AND STRENGTHENED OUR SOCIETY

by Brenda Walker, Theta

The week of July 21-27 brought 630 Delta Kappa Gamma International members to Portland, ME, for the 2013 Northeast Regional Conference. Eighteen members of Beta Alpha State (NH) attended the conference. Friendships were made and/or rekindled during this week.

Three New Hampshire members were honored at this conference. **Elaine Landry** was introduced as our new state president while **Flora Sapsin** was recognized as the retiring president. **Sheila Mable** was presented with a key charm necklace as Beta Alpha State's recipient of International recognition for her dedication to DKG and for "going beyond the call of duty." Ladies, we are proud of you and grateful for your service to Beta Alpha State.

Attendees especially look forward to the conference's keynote speakers. Susan Poulin was the guest speaker at Thursday's General Session. As a writer and actress from Maine, her key theme of "Finding Your Inner Moose" was related by her book character, Ida LeClair, who taught us the importance of maintaining a positive attitude. Ida related a delightful story about fishing as a young girl with her Grampy Gilbert. She was very entertaining and motivational.

The word *motivational* certainly described Katie Snapp, our speaker at the Celebration Luncheon. Katie, who teaches leadership and teambuilding techniques to those in industry, businesses, government, and the Fortune 500 companies, involved her audience. Those at the luncheon called out, "Oh, ya!" as she reminded us that "Leadership is not about having all the answers. It is about knowing how to extract the answers." She is the author of *Skirt Strategies: 249 Success Tips for Women in Leadership* in which she teaches women strategies for maintaining a feminine leadership side.

If you want me to listen intently at a breakfast session, the speaker must be skilled and engaging enough to maintain my attention. Dr. Sherene McHenry was that and more. Author of *Pick: Choose to Create a Life You Love*, Sherene invited us to dream, to take daily baby steps toward dreams that matter, and to realize that we have the power to create a purpose for our lives.



*Katie Snapp autographs books after her keynote address.*



### ***Beta Alpha State Fall Meeting Saturday, September 21, 2013 9:30-2:30***

Beta Alpha State requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate our 70th anniversary at our annual fall meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at

**Fireside Inn & Suites  
25 Airport Rd.  
West Lebanon, NH 03784**

**Cost of \$27.00** includes registration, breakfast brunch, meeting, and tour of Saint-Gaudens in nearby Cornish.

How about wearing hats and gloves just for fun?

Please return your registration below with a check made payable to Beta Alpha State by **Sept. 10, 2013**, to:

Mrs. Flora A. Sapsin  
Londonderry High School  
295 Mammoth Road  
Londonderry, NH 03053

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#### ***BAS Fall Meeting Registration***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## THETA CHAPTER

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**Kathy Lacroix** went to Costa Rica in January. “There I particularly enjoyed being awakened in the rainforest by the monkeys running along the tin roof. It was also interesting to watch the antics of the howler monkeys,” she explained.

**Julie Swain** takes piano lessons from Lindsay Sullivan, vacationed with her family at Disney World in February, and had a good spring with the Arts Alive project.

“Retirement is a decision not to be taken lightly,” said **Brenda Walker**. “I tried retirement once and it didn’t work for me. The reason it didn’t previously work seems apparent to me now. I didn’t have any goals in my life. School had become my reason for getting up each morning. This time will be different as I am fading out of the Rochester School system gradually.

“I have a cruise to look forward to in October, and I began piano lessons,” Brenda added. “Last Saturday I sat down to read a Mary Higgins Clarke’s mystery from cover to cover. I am also planning to volunteer in a classroom. Helping students without the responsibility of planning seems like a winning situation. Finally, this change will give me more time for DKG. Meanwhile I would like to thank **Sheila Mable** and **Pam Clark** for their assistance with Theta’s programming over the past school year.”



## LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD BOOKS?

**Pam Read** enjoyed the following books: *Gone Girl*, *Safe Haven*, *The Orphan Train*, *Sarah’s Key*, *The Last Girls*, *Pam Oh*, and *The Light between Oceans*.

**Caroline Butler** advises us to watch for *Drizzled with Death* by Jessie Crockett to be released in early October. The author is Sandy Crockett’s daughter and lives in Milton Mills, NH. This is her second book. Jessie will be sharing highlights from her most recent book at a fall ETA meeting.

**Barbara Mee** was captivated by Erik Larson’s *In the Garden of Beasts*, a fascinating (and scary) account of the US Ambassador’s (to the Third Reich) encounter with the rise of Nazism in 1933-34. It shows how the world was slow to “recognize the true nature of Hitler and his gang.”

**Sheila Mable** recommends Sonia Sotomayor’s *My Beloved World* and Khaled Hosseini’s *And the Mountains Echoed*. If you have read *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, you will like Hosseini’s latest book. Also I recommend any book by Jodi Picoult of NH and Chris Bohjalian of VT.



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