



THE CHIPS OF GRANITE

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BAS SPRING CONFERENCE OFFERS FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Session 1: SUSAN ACKERMAN--“The 12 Learning Styles, Our Lifelong Gifts and Challenges or Why Did I Say That When I Meant to Say ...?”

Learning how we learn is a lifelong study. We each have all 12 styles within us. Once we recognize them, we can choose which one to use in any situation. This presentation will help you identify the 12 Learning Styles, examine what each style needs to succeed, and help you identify your own personal gifts and challenges. Susan Ackerman has seen that a study of the Twelve Styles of Learning can also lead to improved communication in working with staff. The study of the 12 Learning Styles can help us increase our awareness of our gifts and challenges in order to live more peace-filled, fulfilling, joyful lives.

Sue has been a teacher for 46 years. She holds Masters’ degrees in teaching and in counseling, co-founded Holly Publishing Company, and wrote numerous books, including *Ella’s Journey from Sadness to Hope, Parts 1 and 2*. She has been a Professional Astrologer for 31 years, giving individual readings and courses on the Spiritual Science of Astrology to adults. She has taught in public high school and at the college levels. She has also been an educational consultant. As Vice President of the (AATF) American Association of Teachers of French for Western Massachusetts, Susan gave lectures and seminars on the Twelve Learning Styles in the 1980s. In recent years, she has been teaching courses to adults, including French Conversation, Astrology, and Increasing Our Inner Peace. She believes that we have chosen specific lessons to study throughout our lives and that we will help others with the knowledge gained from those lessons.



Session 2: HEIDI WELCH--“*The Care and Feeding of the Starfish* — Empowering Our Teachers to Empower Our Students”

2013 NH Teacher of the Year and National Finalist, Heidi Welch has been teaching music in NH since 1996, the last 16 years of which have been at Hillsboro-Deering High School, where she teaches Band, Chorus, Music Composition, and Guitar, as well as American History through Music, Musical Theater Appreciation, and Film Music. She has presented workshops in the areas of assessment and music electives, teacher and student motivation, and technology in the music classroom.

An adjunct professor of education at Keene State College, Heidi holds a Master’s Degree in Education, focusing on Instruction and Curriculum, and is currently pursuing her PhD in Education.

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GREETINGS FROM ELAINE LANDRY



When I assumed the role as president of Beta Alpha State, I did so knowing that I could depend on the expertise and advice of those who served before me. A huge thank you goes to all who assisted me during the 2013-2015 biennium. International, Northeast Regional, and New Hampshire's unique chapter organizations were all part of my learning curve. Attending regional and international conferences provided a plethora of information and enrichment. No matter where we go as representatives of the Granite State, we meet fellow educators who share the Delta Kappa Gamma values and concerns.

One concern is publicizing DKG and its opportunities. How do we get the word out? Do you wear your scarf with the DKG logo or carry a tote bag with the organization's insignia? When performing your community service or outreach activities, do you wear your name tag with the DKG symbol? When you visit schools or local events, be prepared to explain DKG. Have a brief overview speech ready. In 30 seconds or so, include the following:

- * We recognize and support outstanding women educators.
- * We provide scholarships, grants, and professional opportunities to network with others.
- * We donate dollars (\$3 million annually) to education worldwide.
- * We provide local, state, and international conferences for members and non-members.
- * We provide fellowship and friendship to all members.

In our small state I have seen evidence of eagerness to change for the better while holding on to practices that work for us. Our spring conference will reinforce these traits. We will meet at The Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel on April 9-11, 2015. There we will have the opportunity to hear and to learn from Heidi Welch, NH

2013 Teacher of the Year, when this gifted educator presents "The Care and Feeding of the Starfish— Empowering Teachers to Empower Students." Delta's Susan Ackerman's presentation on 12 Learning Styles will intrigue and delight you as she focuses on specific life lessons that can lead us to help others with personal knowledge gained from those lessons. Theta's Tiffany Dube, instructional technologist at Plymouth State College, will present "How to Incorporate Technology into the Five Pillars of Reading." Finally, Professor Jessana Palm of NHTI in Concord will inform us about environmental toxins. "Advancing DKG: Tradition and Change," the theme of our conference, should appeal to traditionalists and adventurers.

Saturday's luncheon speaker, a life-long resident of NH, is Martha LaFleur. The holder of a Bachelor of Education Degree from Keene State College, she taught art for 34 years in a variety of venues ranging from kindergarten to college. A passionate supporter of arts and an artist herself, Martha continues to support education in her retirement. For the last two years she has been an AARP volunteer and a member of the Senior Leadership Class of 2011. Martha was honored in 2014 as the Advocacy Volunteer of the Year. Her presentation, "Showing Up...It Does Matter," will address post-retirement issues and how retirees can make a difference.

If you have never attended a state or Northeast Regional conference, please consider doing so and bringing a friend. More about the Baltimore meeting in July will be available online. Some registration changes have occurred. Heed the March-April *DKG News* advice and reminders.

Finally, I thank all Beta Alpha state officers and members who continue to go above and beyond the demands of present day education. All of you matter, and I am confident that we will grow and become stronger as we enter a new biennium.

WHITE ROSES—IN MEMORY

Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity. ~Terri Guillemets

Marge Bruner	Beta	d. 09-27-14
Joyce Jernberg	Alpha	d. 01-23-15
Ginny Flint	Delta	d. 12-29-14



BAS Friday Workshops *(continued from p. 1)*

Session 3: JESSANA PALM--“Recognize and Avoid Environmental Toxins”

Environmental toxicology and the impacts on human health are such huge topics that they are a course or career unto themselves, but with a basic introduction to some of the more ubiquitous and dangerous chemicals we are exposed to, anyone can take simple steps to reduce their exposure. This talk will provide an overview of common household toxins people are exposed to daily and practical ideas that participants can use to minimize exposure. There will also be a demonstration of a useful online resource for learning about specific environmental toxins, where they are found, and how to avoid them.

Jessana Palm holds a MSc in Environmental Studies and has been a professor at NHTI Concord’s Community College since 2003, where she teaches a range of natural science courses from human biology to environmental science. She recently developed an Associate degree program for Environmental Science at NHTI to encourage students to engage in social, ethical, and scientific work related to the natural world. Jessana also teaches sessions on environmental toxins for the Concord Hospital Payson Center’s Anticancer Lifestyle Program. She enjoys helping others find ways to make their lifestyles healthier for themselves and their families. When not teaching, she is most often with her daughter, who loves exploring the outdoors and regularly reminds her mom of how precious and inspiring our world is.



Session 4: TIFFANY DUBE--“How to Incorporate Technology into the Five Pillars of Reading”

Tiffany Dube will show you how to use free technology resources to help you teach phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. These resources can be used for all age levels and learning abilities.

Tiffany is an Instructional Technologist at Plymouth State University and has her Master’s degree in Integrated Arts. She works with all content professors in PSU’s Elementary Education Department to assist them in creating technology-based projects that include the 4C’s (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity) to prepare their students for teaching in the 21st century.

She uses tools such as the SMARTBoard, iPads, and Web 2.0 applications to foster these skills. Tiffany also works one-on-one with students to aid them in designing grade-appropriate lessons that incorporate the Common Core Standards. She previously taught third grade at Woodland Heights in Laconia, NH, and is a member of Theta Chapter.

RED ROSES: WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Sanders, Alpha
Marilyn Hurley, Alpha



Heather Oliver, Beta
Patricia McLure, Delta
Charity Welsh, Gamma (transfer)

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER'S NEWS

For more than two months, **Cathy Harvey** has had a display of her handmade quilts at the Chesterfield Town Library. The quilts highlight a variety of styles including applique, chenille quilts, inchie quilts, dyed quilts, paper pieced quilts, and machine pieced quilts.

Janet Horton spent the month of July traveling and visiting friends in England where she attended a lovely wedding on Lake Windemere in the beautiful Lake District. She did lots of traveling from north to south and to the Isle of Wight.

“Alpha has lost another longtime member. **Joyce Jernberg** was a warm, wonderful woman,” said Elaine Landry. “I saw Joyce at church just before she went to Florida for the winter,” added Peggy Saunders. “In November when we both got birthday cards, I realized our birthdays were in the November teens. I will miss seeing her at Retired Teachers and at Gilsun Church.” (*See Joyce's obituary on p. 11.*)

Helen Ann Kelly, second grade teacher, reports that she had an excellent Keene State College student for this year's first semester. She helped to bind a book of Acrostic Poetry for Halloween, went on a field trip to the 1780 Farm, helped the class to study shapes by making hopscotch boards, put together a thank-you booklet for a veteran from Chesterfield, NH, and prepared pumpkin pies as a part of math time. The pies were enjoyed at the Harvest Time Celebration.

Elaine Landry and husband Pete celebrated their 50th anniversary with a land and sea trip to Alaska in early June. Mt. Denali revealed itself completely while they were there. The spectacular weather was perfect for a whale watch, river expeditions, and trips to Glacier Bay and the White Pass /Yukon gold rush sites. The trip ended in beautiful green Vancouver, Canada.

Pam Sanders and her husband Bill met friends in Peterborough and took them out for a light supper. Pam had not seen her college friend, also a DKG member, and her husband since 1970 when the couple lived in England. Pam also met four Alpha Omega State members in Westfield, MA, where they caught up on DKG news in Rhode Island and NH while enjoying lunch. Pam invited the ladies to the Beta Alpha State Spring Conference in Portsmouth.

Peggy Saunders visited Williamsburg, VA, with fellow DKG member Sue Miller, Sue's husband Ted and another friend. The trip included a visit to the Jamestown

archeological site and the Yorktown Battlefield, an important Revolutionary War landmark. They had great colonial meals at King's Arms Tavern and Chowning's Tavern.

Penny Shanks and a friend spent the first two weeks of October on a Roads Scholar trip hiking the Camino de Santiago from Burgos to Santiago de Compostela. They saw beautiful Gothic and Romanesque cathedrals, learned the history of northern Spain, walked 16 miles every day, talked to the Pilgrims who had walked from France, and enjoyed delicious meals and the good company of 22 fellow hikers.



BETA CHAPTER NEWS

Marge Bruner died September 27, 2014, at the age of 101. She had been a member of Beta chapter since September of 1975 and will be missed. (*See Marge's obituary on p. 7.*)

Anne Cragin has joined a newly formed flute choir. The Lake Sunapee Flute Choir has performed at four area churches and at Harvest Hill in Lebanon, NH, so far.

Helen Goodwin still enjoys her life at Harvest Hill. She is now writing for the church newsletter--a column called "Helen's Corner." She is the only member from the 20s and 30s and is sharing her memories of those times with the church. She has a lot to share! She has just finished a history of her father for all the grandchildren as none of them ever knew him. She keeps busy and makes chapter meetings as often as possible. Her 93rd birthday is April 10. How about a card shower for her?

Beta Chapter welcomed **Heather Oliver** into membership last fall. She was a teacher at Cardigan Mountain School and now teaches math at Mascoma Valley Regional High School.

Mascoma School District runs a mentoring program designed to improve teacher retention and quality. **Ann Silvester** was asked to mentor four teachers who were new to Enfield Village School, the school she had just retired from. One mentee is in his first year of teaching and is fun to help in his first grade classroom. In addition to meeting and sharing ideas, Ann has been helping out in his classroom with writing weekly. Since the other three have

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many years of teaching experience, Ann is available to answer questions that may arise throughout the year. Having this opportunity has been a great way to transition from working full time to retirement and to share her love of teaching with others.

For the first time ever **Ann** took a trip in the fall with her husband through the Canadian Maritimes Provinces by ship. It was the perfect way to tour many beautiful places. There has also been plenty of time for day trips to meet friends in places like Boston to see the Goya Exhibit at the Boston Museum of Art and to go to Amherst to visit the Eric Carle Museum. Ann has also taken baking classes at King Arthur Flour, snowshoed when the snow and temperature cooperate, and has enjoyed special time with her granddaughters Zoey (2) and Maya (1).

Terry Thompson was invited back to the Richmond Middle School in Hanover to speak to the new 2014-2015 staff. She spoke about Richmond School's history from 1972 to the present. The emphasis was on what has changed and what has stayed the same over the past 42 years.

"I broke my ankle in a fall, am now on crutches, and wait to hear from the orthopedic folks," said **Kathy Tucker**. "I had volunteered in a first grade classroom this fall to help with the math program but can't continue because of the injury."

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

As hosts, Gamma members are busy painting, gluing, sewing, and creating for the Beta Alpha State Spring Conference in Portsmouth on April 10-11, 2015.

Joyce Griffin fell and injured her hip but is on the mend with PT and OT exercises.

Busy as ever, **Sheila Knight** continues to serve as Gamma's president, to volunteer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chapter Two Thrift Shop, and to support The Friends of the Audi in Concord.

Myrt Moore and **Ruth Tuttle** are still singing in their church choirs. Myrt also serves in the altar guild and works at St. John's thrift shop in Portsmouth.

Meryl Roy has moved to sunny FL to be near her daughter and family but will return to NH for the Gamma's summer lunch—maybe at the "Blue Pea Restaurant" in New Castle.

Sharon Svirsky still volunteers at the Hampton Library.

Gamma welcomes **Charity Welsh**, PhD, a transfer member from Theta Chapter in Maryland. She has taught all levels, including college, and worked in the education office of the Washington, DC, School System.

DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

Susan Ackerman has been sharing a fun and well received slideshow presentation, "My Amazing Trip to Paris and Southern France." She is happy to share this program with other chapters. To arrange for a showing, call her at (603) 788-4535. She also writes a monthly column called "Increasing Our Inner Peace," which can be read at <http://lifeinsightastrology.com>.

"Our Delta Chapter is so sorry to lose our sweet sister **Ginny Flint** on December 29. She has a new beginning as she starts her new life in the Peaceful Kingdom, where she is well again and with many loved ones," said Sue Ackerman. (See *Ginny's obituary* on p. 11.)

Marna Ingerson and her husband Alan are in the process of adopting their adult foster son, Ted. He joined the Ingerson family in 2001, graduated from White Mountains Regional High School in 2006, and then left to work as computer tech in Massachusetts. Now he has deployed to Kuwait and Afghanistan until late 2015. "His adoption will just make us all 'official,'" Marna explained.

Marcia Terkow lives in Manchester with a son and daughter living nearby and another son in Lebanon, ME. Marcia is proud of her four grandchildren: Alyssa, a kindergarten teacher in Belmont; Matthew, a recent graduate of U of ND and looking for a job in accounting; Dane, a senior at U of Cincinnati, a graphic arts major; and Brenna, who works in retail.

Marcia is in Englewood, FL, now for three months, where the weather is warm most days and "wonderful for walking." She has enjoyed her 10th year in Englewood and feels lucky to be there.

Marcia spends time designing and making greeting cards, knitting, reading, and much too much time on the Internet. She says, "No one is married yet, but I'm knitting baby clothes, just in case!"

EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS

Ann Gaffney has been chosen as the NH Finalist for the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in the elementary mathematics category. Her name was forwarded to the federal government for the national award. If you know of other excellent teachers of mathematics and science, nominate them! Go to www.paemst.org for more information. Too few of our excellent teachers are recognized for what they do. We can change that through our nominations!

Epsilon chapter would like to congratulate **Rachel Papen** on the birth of her first child. Eleanor Elizabeth Papen was born Wednesday, February 4, weighing 6 lbs, 13 oz. We are so happy for the Papen family.

ETA CHAPTER NEWS

Caroline Butler attended the National Title I Association Conference in Salt Lake City at the beginning of February. She is the Title I Project Manager for Somersworth and Rollinsford. She accepted the NH Title I Distinguished School Award for Somersworth Middle School. “The workshops and keynotes were fantastic,” she said.

In October, **Dianne Mros** traveled to Austin, TX, to attend the Texas Book Festival. She biked with authors, kayaked on Lady Bird Lake, and visited the Botanical Gardens. Dianne also enjoyed a sunset river cruise to view Mexican free-tailed bats.

Martha Verville and her husband John will be touring Niagara Falls and Mackinaw Island, MI, in May. The weather should be great by then! Last fall they went on a motor coach tour through the Maritime Provinces and Nova Scotia. Martha always has wonderful travel stories to share with ETA.

THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Special congratulations go to **Marilyn Coffin, Donna Houle, Bev Jones** and **Kathy Lacroix** for their 35 years as members of DKG-Theta Chapter. (*See their reflections on p.10.*)

Pam Clark went to Los Angeles in December for training for the Nation’s Report Card testing, which she is doing now in NH. Pam is also an avid reader and recommends *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

Marilyn Coffin and her husband Fred traveled to Southern France for three weeks to visit her son and daughter-in-law and her family last fall. Their homes are in St. Antonin, Noble Val, where the movies *Charlotte Gray* and *The One Hundred Step Journey* were filmed.

Tiffany Dube will present a workshop on technology and reading at Beta Alpha State’s Spring Conference in Portsmouth in April. In addition, she created a Voicethread about Theta’s Reminiscence program that Theta conducts at the Belknap County Nursing Home monthly.

“In October, my husband Mike and I took a vacation to the Grand Canyon. Our son Jim and his wife Amanda joined us. Not only was it wonderful but we left finally able to tell others that we will be grandparents in April,” announced a happy **Donna-Marie Gamlin**.

Karen Goss purchased the Liberty Tax franchise locate on Union Avenue in Laconia and has spent all summer and fall getting to know the business end of things and holding two classes to train new tax preparers. “I look forward to my first tax season as a CEO, instead of a tax preparer,” Karen said.

Ann Hart, Tiffany Dube, Brenda Walker, Karen Goss, Bev Jones and **Nancy Gibbons** had a great turnout at the Belknap County Nursing Home in October. “We led Halloween-related activities and ended with lively music,” explained Ann. “A good time was had by all!”

“I have been spending Sundays at the Veterans’ Home in Tilton,” said **Donna Houle**. “My 93-year-old aunt lives there and was in the Navy years ago. It’s a great place!”

Bev Jones spent Thanksgiving with friends and family at South Yarmouth on Cape Cod. “I tried to interact with the Pilgrims!” she said with her typical humor.

Kathy Lacroix is the Educational Coordinator for the Gilford Historical Society and enjoys coordinating volunteers to present programs to Gilford’s kindergarten and fourth grades and to Franklin’s second grade classes. “Any teachers who would like to bring their classes for hands-on classes (writing with quill pens, etc.) please contact me,” she urged.

Sheila Mable has had more time to dedicate to Toastmasters since retiring from 51 years of teaching. She now serves as a mentor to a newly chartered Pleasant Street Toastmasters Club at the Department of Human and Health Services and is coordinator of the Speechcraft educational program at the Department of Environmental Services.

Nancy McCall teaches at Manchester School of Technology, a four-year project-based school with competency assessments. The school has been certified by the State of NH Department of Education as the fourth high school in Manchester. “This new model is the future of education,” said Nancy. “Check out *MST.org*.”

Deb Moynihan had a busy fall. “I played lots of golf at the Cape and around Laconia,” she said. She also traveled this winter to Chicago and Key West.

Brenda Walker has recovered from her knee replacement and is caring for her mother who fell, breaking seven ribs and her shoulder blade. Brenda is also working in the Life Skills Program at Laconia High School. “I love my job as I am back working with special needs children without the responsibility of new regulations and writing IEPs,” she exclaimed.

Marge Wilkinson celebrated her 50th class reunion in September at which the Class of ’64 honored **Barbara Adams**, their seventh grade English teacher [and DKG-Theta Chapter member]. Barbara shared many fun stories. “I was fortunate to have had her as a teacher and thought of her many times when I myself became a seventh grade English teacher at Laconia (Memorial) Middle School,” said Marge. “Now I mentor two young girls, 15 and 11. I began mentoring four years ago with the Laconia Middle School Mentoring Program and also became a mentor with the Circle Program.”



WRITERS' CORNER



THE ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

by Barbara Baker, Delta

Events retold by Barbara Stimson of Delta Chapter

Sarah entered the living room carrying the tea tray followed by Audrey with a tier of pastries. Pleased with the gleaming setting, they waited until Gram finished her story. They never tired of her memories.

“Well, of course, there were bitter cold winters. Boys carried stacks of wood down from the farms every day to keep the supply stocked. I’d get in early to start the fire, so the room was warm when we started. I remember Ron Presley doing his best to keep the fire going.”

Audrey put her hand on Gram’s shoulder and announced, “Tea is ready when you are.”

“Ladies, I’ll tell you about the ‘Two Doors’ over tea.”

Dotty, Claire and Helen had been at Keene Normal at the same time as Gram. Over the years they held together during family milestones. Most difficult was the death of a child and then, each husband. They had shared the depth of emotions from joy to grief.

“Now, Barb, I remember the two seater outhouse and having no electricity, but don’t recall the two doors,” declared Helen while Claire and Dotty nodded.

“My schoolhouse had two doors, one for boys and the other for girls. It was a school board rule. It didn’t matter to me who used which door, especially in bitter weather. So children began using whichever door was unoccupied. However, we did keep the seating rule.”

“When the snow drifted too high for walking to school,” Claire began, “it was agreed that Mr. Barnes, the janitor, would get the stove going. I’d push through drifts to the schoolhouse, bundled in woolens and scarves wrapped beyond my nose. We’d push my desk close to the fire. If we stayed until noon, the school board declared the day in session. I recall one Valentine’s Day keeping cozy and eating cinnamon hearts.” Conversation drifted to family and other friends, the Keene reunion, the next Keene Circle meeting, and going to church and community holiday fairs.

As Sarah gathered the remains, Dotty explained to Audrey, “I can’t write to thank you for this lovely day because my hands shake. You do understand.” Giving Dotty a hug, Audrey tiptoed from the room grateful for having these extraordinary women in her life.

(Graphic source: a free graphic for teachers from mycutegraphics.com)

CONSIDER JOINING OLLI!

by Marcia Terkow, Delta

Last year I joined OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute group in Manchester (oli.granite.edu/classes.html). Their office is in Concord and they are affiliated with Granite State College. It is an all-volunteer program that offers wonderful events for seniors in Manchester, Concord, Exeter, North Conway and Portsmouth areas. They are also expanding to other areas in NH. The cost is \$40.00 a year to join OLLI and each class has a small fee.

As an example. I attended a session on the glassmaking and glass history at the Currier Art Museum in Manchester. Two programs I really enjoyed were travels to Thailand and Egypt presented by experienced travelers. A class on the history of the Merrimack River canals was most interesting. I even attended a class on Zentangling!

There is a catalog available for their spring and fall offerings and additional programs in the summer. There is no need to be bored in retirement!

BETA MISSES MARGE BRUNER

Marjorie Bruner, 101, a member of Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1975 and longtime resident of Canterbury, died Saturday, September 27, 2014, at Canterbury Hall. She was born in Braintree, MA. on Nov. 15, 1912, daughter of William and Edith (Rowell) Parker. Marjorie was a graduate of Braintree High School and a graduate of Boston University in 1934. She later earned a degree in Elementary Education at the UNH.

Marge was a sixth grade math teacher for 19 years at Canterbury Elementary School and the Conant School in Concord. Before that, she was employed as a Medical Technologist, serving hospitals in Laconia and in Hartford, CT, and then worked as a Metallographer for 10 years with General Electric in Bridgeport, CT.

Marge was a member in many organizations besides DKG, including the New Hampshire Retired Educators, the Canterbury United Community Church, the Canterbury Historical Society, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Canterbury Woman’s Club, The Christa McAuliffe Planarium Association, and the NH American Association of University Women. She also volunteered for 10 years as an AARP Health Advocacy Coordinator, conducting workshops throughout the state on health-related issues. In addition, she enjoyed photography, reading, crafts, traveling and the Red Sox.

BAS PROPOSES BYLAW CHANGES

submitted by Maurine Henry, Alpha, and Flora Sapsin, Epsilon
Note changes in italic print.

Current:

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 two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) shall be transferred from the Available Fund to this fund.
2. At the end of the president's biennium, unexpended funds shall revert to the Available Fund account.
3. Unexpended monies shall revert to the Available Fund each year.

Change:

Article XI Funds

Section 5. The President's Fund

This fund shall be used for the President's International Convention, Regional Conference, *and Beta Alpha State NH Spring Conference* expenses.

1. *Each year of a president's biennium two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) shall budgeted from the Available Fund.*
2. At the end of the president's biennium, unexpended funds shall revert to the Available Fund account.
3. Unexpended monies shall revert to the Available Fund each year.

Rationale:

The State Spring Conference should be attended by our president, and if she has not used her travel funds for International or Regional expenses, she should be able to use remaining funds to offset the cost of our state conference.

Current:

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 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 each.

Change:

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—*for* International Convention and Regional Conference expenses.

1. *Each year three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) shall be budgeted from the Available 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:

It is recommended that the President's Fund and the State Officers' Fund accounts be closed and all money be deposited in the Available Fund and that those funds designated for President's travel and Officers' travel be budgeted and moved from the Available Fund to the checking account as funds are needed.

Moving money from one CD to another for the purpose of setting aside funds is unnecessary as it can be tracked and budgeted during annual planning. If the money is moved at the wrong time, there are fees that must be paid in order to transfer the money to the checking account.

INTRODUCING RUTH CONWELL, THETA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Ruth Conwell, a life-long Canaan resident, is the new president of Theta Chapter. Joining Delta Kappa Gamma in 1999, Ruth and her mother, Kathryn Carlson, shared the joy of DKG membership.

Ruth graduated from Annhurst College with a BS in Business Education; but unable to find a job in education in the '70s, she turned to work as an accountant in the business world. In 1988 she began her mathematics teaching career at Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, where she remained for 11 years. She followed that with six years at Hillsboro-Deering High School, a year in Vermont, and is currently completing her ninth year at Pembroke Academy, where she also coaches the Math Team. While teaching, she completed both her MEd in Mathematics Education and her CAGS in Curriculum and Supervision at Plymouth State University.

Ruth likes to be busy. She owns a small quilt shop—Conwell Corners, enjoys spending time at Disney World, and feels “there is no such thing as a bad day at the horse races!”





MEET ALPHA'S NEW PRESIDENT

by Joanne Stroshine, Alpha

I, Joanne Stroshine, received my BEd and MATE from Keene State College and taught English at Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey, NH, and at Olympic High School and Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC. At Myers Park, I taught the Advanced Placement Language and Literature programs and worked to create a district-wide curriculum for the AP Literature and Composition course. I also became a certified mentor for new teachers in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District. Upon returning to New Hampshire, I instituted the AP Language and Composition course at Monadnock and continued to teach there until I retired in 2013. I am currently doing substitute work and really enjoying having all the fun of teaching without the stresses of planning, meetings, and grading papers.

I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1989, when I joined Alpha Chapter in Keene. I transferred to Beta Sigma Chapter in Charlotte, NC, in 1991, serving as president for two biennia and treasurer for eight years until coming home to Swanzey and rejoining Alpha Chapter in 2007.

My Southern friends asked me why I would return to the northern climes after living in and enjoying the sunny South for 16 years. My answer was that being near my three children and their spouses, six beautiful grandchildren, my sister, my mother, and my home in Swanzey would provide all the warmth I need. Then, there is the added pleasure of renewing my friendships with my DKG sisters in Alpha Chapter.

I look forward to the next two years as president of Alpha Chapter and working with other chapters in Beta Alpha State to maintain the quality programs they have presented in the past.

DKG FOCUSES ON KEY ISSUES

Angela O. Bedenbaugh, *U.S. Forum Connection* Editor

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NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the current version of which is commonly referred to as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is going to be revised in this session of Congress. Both the House and Senate committee chairs favor reducing the number of tests given in grades 3-8. There is also some consideration being given to changes in how special education and English as a second language student scores will affect school and district ratings. New bills are currently being written which may substantially change the law. The House bill is expected to be reported out in the next week or two and would be similar to H.R.5 from the last session of Congress. See the toll free number in the contact information at the end of this newsletter to contact your Senators and Representatives.

HEAD START PARTNERSHIPS

\$500 million has been appropriated to be available for new Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships. These grants will allow new or existing Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families. For a list of the first programs to receive this money and the amount of money allocated to each, go to www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/eecd/early-learning/ehs-cc-partnership/grant-awardees. Most states seem to have at least one program which is receiving some of these funds.

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BAS Slate of Officers for 2015-2017

submitted by Kathy Tucker, Beta

President: Sheila Mable

1st VP: Karen LaRoche

2nd VP: Brenda Walker

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Corresponding Secretary: Myrtle Moore

Voting will take place at the Spring Conference on 4-11-15. Maurine Henry and Flora Sapsin will be appointed to continue in their current roles--as treasurer and parliamentarian, respectively.

LONGTIME THETA MEMBERS SHARE DKG MEMORIES

recorded by Marilyn Coffin, Theta

Beverly Jones, Donna Houle, Kathy Lacroix and Marilyn Coffin celebrated their 35 years as members of DKG at Theta Chapter's May meeting. Bev, Donna and Marilyn followed up with a telephone conference on a snowy day to remember some of the highlights of their Theta experiences.

Beverly and Marilyn recall one of their favorite meetings when Lib Andrews, who wrote the news column "Cooking with Lib" in the '70s, came to Bev and Roxie Tillotson's home on Old North Main St. to teach us how to make baklava and build an English trifle. Bev recalls how she and Donna Houle volunteered to go to Lib's house to extend the invitation to speak at a chapter meeting and how they got lost. When they finally found her farm, Lib was so gracious and entertaining that they stayed quite awhile and Lib was delighted to be invited to speak to Theta. Marilyn recalls how she thinks of Theta and Lib every time she makes baklava.

Bev and Marilyn mention the collective effort and the social aspect of the annual yard sale. We had that with the highway clean-up project, too.

Bev talks of happiness given and received from the simplicity of activities in Theta's visits to the Belknap County Nursing Home. She says: "It is so inspiring--such a growing experience for everyone--all of us and how wonderful it was that Tiffany Dube stepped up to continue the program when Lois Plimpton couldn't do it anymore. Simplicity of life is the best thing that we do with the rhythm band instruments. It's life at its simplest and finest! We are just having fun. Some of the most educated people are there at that home (and we, too) remembering things and sharing our social connectedness. If kids had more of that in their lives, and in education, life would be better! ...And then there is the social end," Bev adds.

"Our meetings are just fun!" Donna continues. "I enjoyed all the joint group conferences, especially the ones at the Common Man in Plymouth. I loved meeting people from other DKG groups and listening to the wonderful speakers."

"I think of all the times," Marilyn says, "that Theta members (especially Gerna Magnusson, Priscilla Fletcher, and Karen Sullivan) have supported me with the Arts Alive Regional Art Show, Globe Scholastic Art Awards, federal grant projects, and invitations for me and my family to share our talents with the chapter."



Theta's Donna Houle and Bev Jones honored for longtime membership.

Marilyn continues: "DKG is a strong, close network of teachers, crossing age groups, who have become close friends with common interests, needs, collaborative programs and shared memories...who answer the calls of each other and reach out into area communities and into the lives of other teachers and students with creative hands, caring hearts and solutions."



Kathy Lacroix and Marilyn Coffin celebrate 35 years in DKG.

35-YEAR MEMBER LOOKS BACK

by Kathy Lacroix, Theta

I graduated from Plymouth State in 1964 with a major in elementary education and taught fourth grade my first three years in Belmont, NH. For the next 34 years I found my "second home" at Gilford.

During my first year in Gilford, we were the first in our school (and district) to work together as a team. Before that, all teachers had their own individual classrooms and were behind "closed doors." It was an exciting time to be part of something so new and so rewarding, thanks to my other two teachers' taking a course at Plymouth State on Team Teaching. In fact, for several years the three of us would get teams of six student teachers and would all work cooperatively to come up with exciting language arts and science lessons.

After 10 years teaching in the fourth grade, I got a bit bored; so when a third grade opening was available, I asked for that position. For the next 27 years until retirement in 2001, I never had a boring day!

I always knew that I would someday work to get a Master's, but other programs did not appeal to me until Boston University offered their three-year outreach program in Laconia. That is when I met Lois Plimpton, Bev Jones, and Gerna Magnusson. Thanks to Gerna's sponsoring me in Delta Kappa Gamma, I have enjoyed being part of the Theta Chapter. She believed in getting her "people" involved in chapter work, talking me into being the secretary for six years. I also enjoyed being the Personal Growth and Service committee chair for several years, even being the state chair at one time and planning activities for the Friday evenings at the State Conference. Even now in my retirement from teaching, I still attend chapter meetings and state and/or regional conferences.

MARTHA LAFLEUR TO SPEAK AT SPRING CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY

As a representative of AARP, Martha LaFleur will be the keynote speaker at the BAS Spring Conference in Portsmouth on Saturday, April 11. A lifelong resident of NH, Martha has lived and spent most of her professional life in Keene until her recent move to the seacoast.



She holds a BEd degree from Keene State College and taught art for 34 years in a variety of positions from kindergarten to college. A passionate supporter of the Arts and an artist herself, Martha has made the most of opportunities to work with numerous community organizations to introduce and foster artistic enjoyment and appreciation throughout the Monadnock region.

Martha's community involvement has included service as co-Executive Director for the Samaritans of Keene, a suicide prevention hotline. She is a past-President of the Cheshire County Retired Educators Assoc. and most recently served on the Board of Directors for the Keene State College Alumni.

For the last five years Martha has been an AARP volunteer and a member of the Senior Leadership Class 2011. She is a recent appointee to a position on the Executive Council for AARP, representing the retired educators (NHREA). She also serves on the AARP-NH Capital City Task Force (CCTF), an advocacy committee working on behalf of state legislative issues affecting the 50+ citizens of NH. Martha was honored at the 2014 Andrus Award luncheon as the Advocacy Volunteer of the Year for AARP-NH. This award recognizes an outstanding Advocacy volunteer in our state who has a long-standing relationship with AARP and who, by their words and deeds, has made serving the needs of NH and its citizens among one's highest priority.

ALPHA'S JOYCE JERNBERG PASSES

Alpha's Joyce Chickering Jernberg, 88, of Stoddard, NH, and St. James City, FL, died peacefully on January 23, 2015, at the HOPE Hospice House, in Cape Coral, FL.

Joyce was born in West Chesterfield, NH, on November 15, 1926, to Clifford and Agnes (Balfour) Chickering. She graduated from Brattleboro High School and from Keene State College, earning a BA Degree and a Master's in Education.

She married Ralph "Biggie" Jernberg, in West Chesterfield. They were married for 44 years before his death in 1991. She

is survived by her three children—Ralph Jernberg, Bonny-Jo Aho, and Constance Bassingthwaite—and their families.

Joyce was a teacher at the Gilsum Elementary School for 11 years from 1952 to 1963, serving as Teacher/ Principal. She taught at Monadnock Regional High School for 27 years from 1963 to 1990. There she taught junior and senior high Science, Biology, Human Anatomy & Physiology, and Horticulture. She also served as chair of the high school science department and retired after 38 years in education.

Joyce was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for 37 years and joined the Cheshire County Retired Educators Association, the NH Retired Educators Association, the National Science Teachers Association, Keene State Alumni Association, and KSC's Golden Circle.

Joyce enjoyed traveling, boating, fishing, gardening, knitting, watercolor painting, drawing, bowling, ceramics and bocce. In addition, she was a faithful fan of the New England Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends.

DELTA MISSES GINNY FLINT

Virginia (Ginny) Flint, 95, of Milan, died on Dec. 29, 2014. She was born in Hooksett on Sept. 22, 1919, and was raised in Franklin. She was a graduate of Keene State University and taught for the Milan and Berlin school system. She was a member of DKG for 41 years.

Family members include four children--Judith Comperchio of California, Dana Flint of Pennsylvania, Thomas Flint and Richard Flint, both of Milan; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Clifton Flint, son Clifton Flint, Jr., and four siblings.

WATCH PLAGIARISM & LIABILITY!

See "What Every Discerning DKG Editor and Webmaster Need to Know" on the International Communications & Publicity Committee website page.



Beta's Jani Barrett, Kathy Tucker, and Terry Thompson served as joyful hostesses at our fall meeting in Peterborough.



Barbara Mee (L) of Epsilon and Sheila Mable (R) of Theta enjoyed the World of Chocolate exhibit at the Mariposa.

VISIT TO MARIPOSA MUSEUM A DELIGHT

by Elaine Landry, Alpha

Beta Alpha State members traveled on September 20 to the quaint town of Peterborough, site of the Mariposa Museum, a world culture center. Following a business meeting, members toured the museum and visited “The World of Chocolate” exhibit. We saw a vintage candy and curiosity shop from the chocolate industry’s early days (c. 1930) when Roald Dahl was a chocolate taster. Three floors of

exhibits explored the history of chocolate from a global perspective. Timelines, folk art and multimedia displays provided all that one could desire to learn about chocolate. The Mariposa is a hands-on museum worth the visit for both young and old, and our members had a delightful visit.

(fall meeting photos by Sheila Knight, Gamma)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, 2015

BAS SPRING CONFERENCE

Sheraton Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth

Host Chapter: Gamma

Monday, June 1, 2015

Filler Updates due to Karen LaRoche

Wednesday-Saturday, July 8-11, 2015

DKG Northeast Regional Conference

Hyatt Regency, Baltimore, MD

Saturday, July 18, 2015

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