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ALICE CARRIER TO SPEAK AT SPRING CONFERENCE

Alice Carrier, the 2012 recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Achievement Award, will speak at Beta Alpha State's Spring Conference in April. As a retired elementary teacher from Brattleboro, VT, Alice will speak on Supporting Early-career Educators (S.E.E.).

She has been active on the chapter, state, regional, national and international levels over the years since her induction in 1982 into Beta Chapter of Alpha Lambda State (VT). She served at the chapter and state organizational levels as second and first vice president and as president, beginning a lengthy time of service to DKG International.

Among her contributions, Alice served as international first vice president from 2010-12 and second vice president earlier. Also, she helped develop the Educator Edge website and guided its evolution into the Educational Foundation's current website. As a 2010-12 trustee of the Educational Foundation, she served as chair of the foundation's publicity committee.

In addition, Alice has attended and presented at all Northeast Regional Conferences, nine other regional conferences, and all international conventions since 1987. Also she has received a Golden Gift Fund Professional Development Special Stipend and has graduated from the International Leadership Management Seminar.



Carrier wears her Achievement Award medallion.

"I am now serving on the international committee that is working on providing a way so all DKG members may be offered an opportunity to vote in the election of our Society leaders," Alice explained. "The committee name is Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee. There is more detail on the DKG website under the Committees section."

BAS SPRING CONFERENCE OFFERS VARIED PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: 8 PM—Ex. Board Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 5: 7:30 AM—Breakfast
8-8:45 AM—Registration

9-10:00—The Mascoma Four: "Three-Tier Intervention—Early Intervention"

Susan Mellow of Beta Chapter—BS, University of Maine, 1974; MS, Plymouth State University, 2000; Reading Specialist at Indian River School. Teaching for 30 years with experience in pre-school through middle school
Nancie Murphy—BS, Keene State College, 1975; MED, Plymouth State College; CAGS in Educational Leadership, PSC, 2009. Currently Director of Curriculum, Mascoma School District.

Ann Silverstein of Beta Chapter—BA, Binghamton University, 1972; MS, Long Island University, 1972; Reading Specialist at Enfield Village School, K-4.

Sue Stritter of Beta Chapter—Plymouth State College, 1974; Associate Editor Houghton Mifflin, 1976-1989. Currently Reading Paraeducator at Enfield Village School.

10:15-11:15—Tiffany Dube of Theta Chapter: "Keeping Up with Technology in the Classroom"

Tiffany chairs Theta's Intergenerational Committee and organizes the monthly visits to Belknap County Nursing Home. Also, she has received two grants from Theta to finance her attending the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference and works part-time at Plymouth State University.

11:30-12:00—Annie Fort: "UP with Annie"

Annie Fort, born in 1967, was diagnosed as a Down Syndrome baby. Her story is an inspiration. Annie will

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Flora Sapsin, BAS President for Four Years (Photographs by Jim, 2008)

GREETINGS FROM FLORA

“The time has come, the walrus said...” This is a very difficult message to write as it is the last I shall send you as President of Beta Alpha State. Please know that it has been my honor and privilege to hold this office since I served as your representative. You, the members of Beta Alpha State, are an extraordinary group of women. Your generosity of spirit and enthusiastic support not only lifted my spirits but also carried me through a very difficult time in my personal life.

Today I am watching snow swirl from a different window in a new home located in our new hometown. Change is difficult but also invigorating! You have taught me that flexibility is a necessity as we face life’s challenges. Just as my personal landscape has changed, so our professional environment has changed. We simply *must* adapt to ensure that America’s children can thrive in our brave new world. To help you prepare for this challenge we are offering you a fantastic spring convention.

Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society will take place April 4-6 at NH’s premier resort and spa—Mountain View Grand. This award winning setting provides a perfect opportunity to reflect, refresh, and recommit. Please carefully consider attending this event. We are confident that the agenda will capture your interest and offer strategies you can implement immediately. My motivation in asking you to come is, of course, professional, but also highly personal! Review the program and decide if you, too, find much of interest. I certainly do.

Please plan to attend our “hail and farewell” as we celebrate our new executive board and recognize the retiring board. The road ahead is uncharted; we need your expertise as we find our way. The members of Beta Alpha State who have agreed to serve on the board are exceptional. The next biennium promises to see the fulfillment of many of our initiatives. Take the time to join your DKG family as we celebrate our past and prepare for our future. I shall take my leave of you ever grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President. In the words of my favorite Roman poet Catullus, “*Ave atque Vale.*”

Flora

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talk about the “UP” Syndrome Fund created to assist and encourage young people with Down Syndrome. Annie is an honorary member of Delta Chapter.

12:15-1:15--Lunch

1:30-2:30—Alice Carrier: “S.E.E. What’s Going on in DKG”

Alice was first vice president of DKG International during 2010-12 and received the 2012 International Achievement Award at the DKG convention in NYC. She will speak about Supporting Early-career Educators (S.E.E.).

2:45-3:45—Joseph Berube: “Stark’s Prisoner of War Camp”

Joseph Berube’s presentation deals with Camp Stark, NH’s only POW Camp that ran from 1944-1946 during WWII. (See article on p. 8 for more detail about Joseph Berube.)

4:15—Founders’ Award Meeting Dinner on Own

SATURDAY, APRIL 6:

7:30 Breakfast
8-8:45 Registration
9-9:45 Service of Remembrance
10:00 Business Meeting
12:00 March of Presidents, Lunch
Induction of Officers, Founders’ Award
Speaker



RED ROSES—WELCOME

Delta’s New Members:

Susan Ackerman, Lancaster
Mary Ellen Brady, Jefferson
Wanda Merrill, Pittsburg
Karen Pariseau, West Stewartstown

Epsilon’s New Member:

Lillian Pirog, Litchfield

Alpha’s Reinstated Member:

Norma Norris, Columbia, CT

WHITE ROSES—IN MEMORY

Gerna Magnusson, Theta, 1/10/13

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY RESTART

by Scott McGilvray, NEA-NH President, from *The Insider*

The 2013 Legislative session has begun, and we have already been active in lobbying and testifying on behalf of our students and members. Two bills that we have addressed are SB53 and HB142.

SB53 seeks to repeal the parental lesson plan veto bill passed late last session that allowed parents to provide alternatives for any material they find objectionable. We believe curriculum development should lie with the education professionals and school boards who are hired and elected to do that very work and are well educated, trained and certified to do so. All schools across the state have in place a process for the development and approval of curriculum to be used in their schools. That approval process allows for public comment at the school board committee level as well as before the full board. This is the place for parental comment and input. The current law has no requirement that the substitute material prepares the student as well or better than the school's curriculum. So what is the effect of this deficiency? One effect would be that it lowers test scores. As test scores take an increasing role in teacher evaluations, it is only fair and reasonable that these scores be based on a school's curriculum and not on one substituted by a parent. This is not fair to the teacher, student or the school community.

HB142, as written, gives school boards sole responsibility to develop, adopt, implement and monitor a teacher evaluation system. NEA-NH has always been a strong and vocal advocate for a professional performance evaluation process. We believe that, as professionals, there is a valid and legitimate role for performance evaluations. We have invested our lives into ensuring that every child has a quality, caring and committed educator in their classroom. This goal cannot be reached without an effective performance appraisal process in place. Our criticism of current evaluation processes is that they are not carried out with regularity, are not consistently implemented, and lack the kinds of qualifications, standards and goals that result in improvements to the profession and to public education across the state. HB 142 provides no guidance or provision for quality standards, performance expectations or goals. Nor does it address the challenges associated with the implementation of an effective system. It simply states that the local school board must develop a plan. We cannot support an evaluation process that does not result in improvements to public education and the education profession. We believe HB 142 makes no steps in that direction.

REPEAL THE NH EDUCATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Last year, the House and Senate over-rode Governor Lynch's veto of the Tax Credit School Voucher Plan. **HB370** has been introduced this year to repeal the law that takes millions of tax dollars from public schools and diverts it to private, religious and home schools. We need to let our elected officials know we support HB370 and urge them to do the same. Click on the "Take Action" link to connect to our Legislative Action Center where you can write an email to your elected House Members.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."
~Winston Churchill



Meet Jane Fowler, new president of Epsilon Chapter.

EPSILON ELECTS FOWLER

Jane Fowler graduated from the University of Maine and began her teaching career in Manchester, NH, where she taught kindergarten at Highland Goffe's Falls Elementary for three years. After that experience Jane spent several years at home raising three children: Jeff, Michael, and Amy.

After her husband, Dale Fowler, was transferred to Texas for his job, the family moved to the Dallas area. Jane taught first grade at Flower Mound Elementary in Flower Mound, TX, for 16 years. There she represented her school as Teacher of the Year for the Lewisville Independent School District. During that time she was invited to join the Kappa Theta Chapter of Alpha State (TX) having been recommended by her principal.

Then because of her husband's job transfer back to Boston, Jane and family settled in Chester, NH. She transferred her Delta Kappa Gamma membership to Epsilon Chapter, Beta Alpha State (NH). In Epsilon she finished out one biennium and then another biennium as the recording secretary. After several years, she was nominated to be chapter president.

In the twelve years that Jane has been back in NH, she taught first grade for one year at Mt. St. Mary Academy in Manchester, followed by working at Chester Academy, where she taught third grade for three years and is now in her ninth year teaching first grade there. She serves on the technology committee and has been a technology leader at Chester Academy with grant writing, bringing interactive technology to the classroom.

Now all three of her children are married and Jane is the proud grandmother of four little girls.

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

Talented **Nancy Ann Belsky** had a one-woman quilt show during the month of August at the Peterborough library. She displayed 23 quilts which included sun-dyed leaves and original designs. In addition, she had three quilts displayed at "The Quilters' Gathering," sponsored by the East Coast Quilters' Alliance in November.

Helen Ann Kelly has been attending Smart Board training with colleagues at the Chesterfield School as she becomes more accomplished with technology.

Alpha Chapter had the privilege of hearing Jayne Kelly play piano and talk about her love for music at its November meeting. Jayne is a concert pianist and piano teacher in both the Concord area and Keene. Alpha president **Peggy Saunders** has been Jayne's student for four years. On Sunday afternoon, March 23, at 3 PM, Jayne will be playing Beethoven at The Dunbarton Congregational Church. As part of that concert, Peggy will be playing a movement of a piece by Amy Beach in a collaboration with other Kelly students. Amy Beach was born in New Hampshire and lived in Boston as an adult. She was a well-known and accomplished pianist and composer in the early 20th century. Peggy also played in two recent recitals in Washington, NH, and at the Peterborough Historical Society.

Alpha Chapter sisters banded together as Christmas carolers on December 5 in an annual visit to area assisted living and nursing home facilities. This year the singers visited Prospect Place and Genesis Healthcare in Keene.

Create the buzz!



BETA CHAPTER NEWS

On November 18, 2012, at Canterbury Hall where she lives, **Marge Bruner** celebrated her 100th birthday with friends. One friend made a large lemon cake with beautiful flowers which decorated the top of the cake.

Last September Marge traveled to Fenway Park to be honored by the Boston Red Sox. Fenway turned 100 and celebrated many fans who also turned 100.



Marge (pictured above) has been a long-time member of Beta Chapter, serving as a past president and as other officers, too.

She is a gentle lady who always has a kind word for everyone. We salute her for reaching the milestone of 100 years! Her address is 353 Baptist Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224.

This past November **Joni Butler** attended the NH Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference in Waterville Valley. She was honored by the American Heart Association by receiving the Andrew Blanchard Heart Excellence Award. Joni received this award for her continued support for the National Jump Rope for Heart Program. This program helps to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Joni's school, Enfield Village, has held this event for the past 22 years and has raised over \$150,000.

On January 26, the Upper Valley Community Band presented their concert "A January Thawbreaker." **Anne Cragin** played in the band. The band partnered with the Good Neighbor and Red Logan Clinics. The Good Neighbor Health Clinic is a non-profit free health care facility established in 1992 for the purpose to offer free primary medical and dental care to people in the Upper Connecticut River Valley who are in need and who lack the resources to obtain adequate care. In 1996 the Red Logan Dental Clinic became part of the organization. These clinics are located in downtown White River Junction, VT. Two satellite clinics are located in Lebanon and Enfield.

Helen Goodwin has been busy this past year directing a “just-for-fun” chorus at Harvest Hill, participating in a Constitution study group, and writing a book entitled *One Who Served*. The book is about her service during WWII. It is now in the process of being printed and should be ready in the spring. It was a wonderful experience going back 69 years in her lifetime.

Lisa Torres went to El Salvador over Veterans’ Day weekend in November to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Epilogos. She got to see so many projects that the volunteers had completed. About 14 people from NH went and most had volunteered before. Lisa met with the new middle school science teacher and helped her find some chemistry activities for her students.

Kathy Tucker, her husband, and another couple took an Amtrak train trip this fall. They started in Chicago, stopped in Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, and Glacier National Park, before returning to Chicago. It was great fun! Kathy’s husband was a hero and took the top bunk in their berth.

Members of Beta Chapter put together bags of crisp mix and jars of soup mix to sell at a Christmas craft fair in Enfield. They brought in enough money to continue to support sending a high school student through school in El Salvador.

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

“Gamma Chapter members are busy giving time and energy to many things. We provided ‘teacher treats baskets’ to schools in Portsmouth at Christmas time,” reported President **Sheila Knight**.

Barbara Cowan continues to create wonderful art works.

Now retired, **Ann Douglas** is still on her mission to read, read, and read some more.

Louise Gaiero, with much improved health, has been able to be with Gamma at chapter meetings. Louise has been a member of DKG for 54 years.

Betty Gailey opened her lovely home in New Castle for our Christmas lunch. “Betty is a constant light of support and caring for Gamma Chapter,” Sheila Knight added.

Betty Gilman, Sheila Knight, Myrt Moore, Ruth Tuttle, Lynn Young and other members are involved in food banks, soup kitchens, and thrift shops in many churches.

Joyce Griffin has returned from Aruba. In addition she, **Penny Bodwell** and **Meryl Roy** are Florida birds, too—returning to tell warm stories.

Jacki Hinton, Jan McManus and **Sharon Svirsky** are all still working in the classroom—and painting, doing crafts, and enjoying grandchildren.

Pricilla Jenness is still active on the Rye Town Board. Her Christmas card was a copy of a beautiful painting she did of a bay on the Maine Coast.

Ann Smith has worked on bringing the gundalow (workhorse boat) back to the Piscataqua River. She is our March speaker.

DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

Delta Chapter is happy to welcome four new members this year so far! **Susan Ackerman, MaryEllen Brady, Wanda Merrill**, and **Karen Parisseau** were initiated during fall meetings and were received with much enthusiasm. “They are all creative and talented, so we are looking forward to fresh ideas and friendship,” said Pres. **Marna Ingerson**,

Teri Cote, Sharon Lane, and **Kathy Urso** (our grant-in-aid committee) are gearing up for this year’s raffle which supports a young woman entering the field of education. Each member in Delta Chapter should check e-mails for a form letter that the girls have provided in preparation of approaching businesses for donations. Each member is asked to support this worthy cause by procuring raffle items whether homemade or commercial. We ask the rest of our members in NH to support us by buying tickets. Remember what lovely gifts some of you have won previously!

Sharon Cormier and **Marna Ingerson** spent time in January traveling in Florida, as well as sharing a condo for two weeks. They enjoyed the Golf Hall of Fame, walking the beaches, attending movies, and playing lots of cards. Sharon and Edgar remained for their extended stay till March. In addition, **Mel Gray** contacted them while they were there.

Christine Smith and her husband, Michael, recently met their first granddaughter, who was born on January 6, 2013. Zoya Sophia joins cousins, Alexander and Atlas. Congratulations to the Smiths!

Delta sisters will have fun at their Sunshine Game Day. They will play cards and board games, chat, eat, and enjoy great company on March 23 at Marna’s house.



EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS



During December at the Whistler House Museum of Art in Lowell, MA. **Connie Lanseigne-Case** (pictured above) had an encaustic (hot wax) and collage painting titled “Skyscrapers in the Mist” in the members’ juried show. She has exhibited her art in the members’ shows for five years.

Last summer **Simone Duven** was selected to participate in the 8th Annual American Psychological Association/ Clark University Workshop for high school psychology teachers. There she gathered many resources for the psychology classroom. For those of you who might be interested, information about the 2013 APA/Clark University Workshop will be posted on the *TOPSS* website.

Ann Gaffney is on sabbatical this year working on her doctoral dissertation. She is currently organizing a professional development opportunity for K-8 math teachers and studying how an improved understanding of mathematics impacts the teachers’ beliefs about what makes a quality mathematics lesson. She hopes to have all of her data collected by the end of this school year.

Epsilon Chapter was pleased to induct **Lillian Pirog** at the September meeting. Lillian teaches third grade at North School in Londonderry.

For their annual service project, Epsilon members donated more than 30 books for toddlers and young children for The Upper Room in Derry at their December meeting.

ETA CHAPTER NEWS

On November 30, 2012, **Caroline Butler** was presented with the June Downing Breakthroughs in Inclusive Education Administrator Award in Long Beach, CA, at the TASH National Conference. TASH is an international leader in disability advocacy and supports the inclusion of people with significant disabilities. Caroline was recognized for her innovative full inclusion model at Maple Wood School in Somersworth. She retired in June and is working part-time as the federal grant writer.

Martha Verville celebrated her 85th birthday in February with her husband John, her daughter and family in Dallas and look forward to more travelling.

THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Jeanne Chute traveled to Washington, DC, in September to spend a day with other NH librarians and stayed two extra days to visit a number of museums and monuments. In addition, Jeanne worked at Inter-Lakes Elementary School as a Title I aide for November and part of December. “It was wonderful to be working with first graders as they learn to read,” she said.

Pam Clark’s daughter Emily and granddaughter Maddy moved back to NH. “They were home for the holidays and beyond,” said an excited Pam.

Tiffany Dube has been busy raising money to be a chaperone for a WWII veteran through the Honor Flight New England Program, which was presented to Theta Chapter last year. “I raffled one of my husband’s spray paintings at George’s Seafood and raised \$250.00 toward my flight in March,” Tiffany said. Also she attended the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference in November, thanks to support from Theta Chapter, and learned about using the Apple iPad and how to integrate it into the curriculum.

Pamela Forbes started the End Hunger 68 Hour Program in Alton. “We will pack backpacks every Friday for children who may be hungry during the time between their free lunch at school on Friday to the breakfast meal on Monday mornings. “We are reaching out to students from Barnstead and New Durham as well,” she explained.

Ann Hart reports, “My husband, David, and I attended the celebration for **Marie Ross** [a former member of Theta Chapter] at Newfound Regional High on January 19. The large number of people present reflected the many lives that had been touched by her. The program, offered by Marie’s family, friends and former co-workers, was a tribute filled with warm recollections. Surely, Marie would have been especially thrilled to see her little grandchild, Madison, play the piano in memory of her ‘Mimi.’”

Bev Jones is spending the winter “traveling, traveling, company, company.”

Deb Moynihan had a wonderful trip to Italy in October and traveled to Chicago in November to visit her younger son, who has a new baby on the way. “Our first granddaughter,” Deb exclaimed.

Ruth Puleo announced, “Our son Vincent got married on September 29 in Hebron, NH, overlooking Newfound Lake. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Italy.”

Brenda Walker will retire at the end of this school year from special ed. at Rochester Middle School but will work there two days a week next year. She also plans to volunteer in **Donna-Marie Gamlin's** classroom in Laconia.

Rachel Young has been travelling to Texas, Florida, and Maryland since November and will spend March and April in New Zealand.

DKG MOURNS LOSS OF G. MAGNUSSON

G. Gerna Magnusson of Gilford passed away peacefully at Lakes Region General Hospital, surrounded by family and friends, on Thursday, January 10, 2013. Gerna, the daughter of Icelandic parents, was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Her family moved to Winchester, MA, and summered at Lake Shore Park in Gilford, NH, where she later settled.

Gerna began her teaching career in Hanover, NH, as a Physical Education Instructor, K-12, and as the girls' athletic coach for all sports from 1948-1953. In 1953 she moved to Laconia where she taught Grades 3 and 4 at Harvard Street, Grade 5 at Pleasant Street School, and finished her career at Elm Street School. She retired in June of 1985 after 38 years of teaching.

From 1955 to 2012, Gerna served in a multitude of leadership roles within the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, including president of the Beta Chapter and also of Beta Alpha State, as well as charter member and treasurer of Theta.

She is survived by her adopted daughter, Leslie Magnusson, of Phoenix, AZ, who announced that a celebration of Gerna's life will be held later in the spring.



Gerna enjoyed going to DKG conferences and to Delta's teas.

REMEMBERING GERNA

"Gerna supported so many of my art projects with kids and adults—BU graduate projects, Washington DC Senate quilt projects, the infamous Theta Chapter macramé owl pins for a conference.

She helped build Iroquois Villages in a classroom for a video play, worked on big musical stage productions, put up with a huge papier-mâché dragon in her hallway, along with clay pottery and apple-head dolls and masks in her windows. She had a reading book for every level that would interest kids at the fifth grade level and never forgave the powers to be who threw all of them out over one summer so that everyone would be reading out of the same series.

"Gerna was loud, opinionated (It's good to have one.), stubborn (could stand her ground), hilarious, so lovable underneath—kids loved her. She bellowed. She scared a lot of teachers and at least one principal. But when you talked about her babies, it was all about her cats and the dog. Then, she turned into a marshmallow.

"She told everyone that I was a great artist. She told me that she knitted the right way (Continental) and that I knitted the wrong way (English) and promptly taught me the correct way.

"I chuckled over her 20 phone calls to me each month checking to make sure I was doing all my Theta duties and calling all my callers and restaurants and anyone else that need calling.

"She allowed me to be close to her and to love her. What a blessing she was in so many aspects of my life. She brought me into DKG. She told me that Pricilla Fletcher and I were "good girls and good teachers" because she taught us well. I miss her."
~**Marilyn Coffin**

"Gerna always paid close attention to the breakdown of our Theta dues. Also, she was an accomplished knitter." ~**Priscilla Fletcher**

"Gerna worked tirelessly for Theta. She gave such vitality to our organization that it is hard to imagine meetings without her. Her compassion and quick wit added a special dimension to every meeting and event." ~**Ann Hart**

"I've known Gerna since 1952 when I first 'started' out. She took me under her wing and helped me fly. She has always been gruff and tough but with a huge heart of gold. You always knew she had your back and was a good friend. She will be missed." ~**Bev Jones**

"Gerna was a loyal, hard-working member at all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. She knew, understood, supported and defended the purposes and ideals of our organization and was always ready to help wherever needed." ~**Sheila Mable**

"I've known Gerna for over 30 years and met her when I first started dating my handsome husband, Rick. Gerna had been the adopted aunt for Rick and his sisters since they were born. She joined us at every family gathering—birthdays, parties, casual get-togethers, game days, holidays, dinners. It got to be a joke that she would always bring her fruit encased jello salad to every Thanksgiving dinner. She finally figured out that nobody liked it, so she switched to green bean casserole! She was always a strong personality and enjoyed a lively debate. She loved all the sports games on TV and really knew about all the players. After I got my first teaching job, she badgered me into joining Theta. I have enjoyed it more than I thought I would, and it was fun to have something to share with her that the rest of the Puleo clan didn't! The Puleos miss her dearly." ~**Ruth Puleo**

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REMEMBERING GERNA *(continued from p. 7)*

“Gerna was a cornerstone of Theta and will be greatly missed. One way we can honor her is to continue our support of Theta Chapter. She was state president and treasurer for as long as I can remember. She was our keeper of tradition.” ~**Brenda Walker**

“Gerna was still working until recently resigning for health reasons. She did a wonderful job with so much enthusiasm. She was so much Theta that it’s hard to envision Theta without her. Up until just months ago, she was the woman with the history and the knowledge of not only the treasury but also events, procedures, and past decisions. She’ll be missed a lot. She was a loyal charter member.” ~**Rachel Young**

“I taught with Gerna at Elm Street School in Laconia my first two years of teaching. She insisted the art class be held in the cafeteria but made her students pick up every sliver of paper or drop of paint! She always thought of others.” ~**Sheila Knight, Gamma**

“...Gerna was quite a lady!” ~**Nancy Yeaton, Beta**

BERUBE TO SPEAK ON NH POW CAMP

At the BAS Spring Conference, Joseph Berube will speak on Stark’s Prisoner of War Camp, NH’s only POW Camp during WWII. It was located within view of his wife’s family home. The Camp ran from 1944-1946 when Germans were brought in to work as wood cutters.

Joseph has lived in New Hampshire’s North Country most of his life. He graduated from Groveton High School, served in the United States Air Force, and graduated from Sheppard Technical Training Center in Wichita Falls, TX, with an associate’s degree in Electrical Power Production.

Eventually, Joseph returned to NH to work for the Wausau Paper Company in Groveton as shift supervisor, overseeing the papermaking process until his retirement. The company made over 500 grades of paper, more than any other paper company in the world.

History is definitely his avocation, and he has written four history books, three on family genealogy and one on Rogers’ Rangers. One work was written in both French and English. He and his wife Diane have traveled extensively throughout North America, Central America and Europe doing research and visiting historic sites and battlefields. They have travelled as far east as the Berlin Wall and west to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.



Jane Fowler, Barbara Mee, Sheila Mable and Flora Sapsin at tended DKG’s International Convention in NYC last July. Also in attendance but not pictured above were Elaine Landry, Nancy McCall, and Winnie Schmidt. (Photographs by Jim, 2012)



CORNETET INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED

submitted by Barbara Baker, BAS Representative

In the September 2012 deliberations, six Cornetet Individual Professional Development Grants (CIPD) were awarded to DKG members while seven went to non-members for a total of \$12,740.

The Northeast Region has no awardees this round; the Northwest Region had one; the Southeast Region, three; the Southwest Region, two; and Europe, none. Two awardees applied for National Board Certification assistance. The remainder received funds to assist their attending educational conferences, including the Texas Music Educators Association Conference, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, South Carolina Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Conference for Louisiana Kindergarten Teachers, FASP Annual Conference, and the ASCD Conference on Teaching and Learning.

Up Coming Deadlines

May 1 & Sept. 1, 2013—CIPD Award Applications
Nov. 1, 2013—Professional Development Seminar Applications
Help get the word out to educators needing assistance to improve their professional skills.

Foundation Liaison News Editor: Dr. Jensi Souder
Foundation Website: www.dkgef.org

U.S. FORUM CONNECTIONS

submitted by Barbara Baker, BAS Representative

The 2013-14 session of Congress will concentrate on funding cuts. Two specific programs will be greatly affected by Congressional cuts to federal funding.

1. PBS FUNDING: Funding to PBS has been progressively cut. If you are using PBS programming in your education instruction, you need to communicate this to your members of Congress. We, as individuals and educators, need to make sure that our Congressional delegations are educated on how various funds that benefit education are being used.

2. READING IS FUNDAMENTAL: About a year ago all federal funding was cut. The organization's efforts to provide books to poor children is now being funded entirely with private funds.

Other Congressional items concern us, as well.

2013 MEDICARE BENEFITS: Medicare now covers screenings for depression, alcohol misuse, and obesity. (See pages 33, 35,37, 43 and 46 in the *2013 Medicare & You* book for specifics.)

The "donut hole" is being made smaller this year, and if you fall into this gap, you will only pay 47.5% of the prescription drug cost for brand name drugs and 79% of the cost of generics.

MEDICARE \$ & SENSE: If you or someone you know is on a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, check the pharmacies approved by your plan. It is cheaper to use one of the pharmacies listed in the information, which comes along with your plan. This may change from year to year. Be sure to check the 2013 prescription drug guide from you insurance provider.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE: Two concurrent bills have been introduced to get a site for the National Women's History Museum. The bills ask Congress to establish a commission to study the feasibility of NWHM acquiring the last site on the National Mall or a place adjacent to it for the museum. This will be pursued in the 2013-14 session of Congress.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA): This was not re-authorized by the 2011-12 session of Congress. Expect major efforts to get this done in the 2013-14 session under the leadership of Senator Jean Shaheen, NH.

CHANGE IN MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Until recently the Dept. of Defense rules did not have a funding exemption for abortion coverage in the case of rape or incest. A recently passed bill sponsored by Senator Shaheen will put these rules in line with other federal policies and help ensure that women in uniform receive coverage for the same health care services as most women who receive health care through the federal government.



Elaine Landry, Alpha



Karen LaRoche, Delta



Brenda Walker, Theta

BETA ALPHA STATE PRESENTS SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-15

The Nominations Committee convened at the September 2012 BAS meeting. Attending were Joanne Stroshine – Alpha, Kathy Tucker – Beta, Pam Read – Delta, Anne Nute – Eta, and Pam Clark – Theta. Kathy Tucker was elected committee chairman.

The nominees for the 2013 – 2015 biennium are as follows:

Elaine Landry	President	Alpha
Karen LaRoche	First Vice President	Delta
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Members attending the BAS Spring Conference at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield will discuss and vote on the slate.



WRITERS' CORNER

Holdings

by Sheila W. Mable, Theta Chapter, written on April 10, 2000,
on what would have been her mom's 92nd birthday

My mother held me at birth
after the "knife of parting" *
separated us.

She held me as I cried
when I hurt my knee
on my first bike ride.

She held me when I read
my first book alone,
proud of what I'd done.

She held me when my dad
kept us hostage,
a gun in his hands.

She held me when my dad
died without a goodbye
on that Christmas Day.

She held me when I went
to college and later married,
sad to be alone.

She held me when my children
were born, delighting in the
miracle of life.

Later I held Mom when she sold
her house and moved to Florida
to start a new life.

I held her when my step-dad
died of cancer, leaving her
alone once again.

I held her when she feared
moving into an apartment
away from her friends.

I held her in restraint
after her stroke and loss
of a cherished past.

I held her in the nursing home,
moistened her lips, and
gently let her go.



from normankoren.com

* a phrase from "A Dead Girl Speaks" by Nelly Sachs

A TRIBUTE TO FLORA, BETA ALPHA STATE'S PRESIDENT

by Barbara Baker, Delta Chapter

Flora, you have enriched our lives with your knowledge and leadership as you guided Beta Alpha State to meet the Society's goal: "Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Society."

The Work of International and Regional conferences focused on changes to the DKG constitution by seeking relevance while being true to the intent of the society. Dwindling membership plagued every state organization. The question, "Who is need to accomplish the work of international and each state?" resulted consolidating responsibilities. With your guidance, our state executive board, committees, and chapter presidents discussed these issues with results:

- The Expansion committee was combined with Membership. The changes in eligibility meant new possibilities for inviting members.
- The suggestions of our Webmaster and CHIPS Editor prompted a greater use of technology and information available on the www.dkg.org link.
- The desire to celebrate our members reaffirmed the intent of the Founders' Award and created the Woman of Distinction Chapter Achievement Award.
- The distinction between the Beta Alpha State Scholarship and Keene Founders' Scholarship Endowment was reviewed and clarified.
- The Bylaws committee incorporated changes approved by the executive board and membership.

Thanks to you, Flora, BAS conferences have been unique, incorporating applicable programs and cultural venues. Of course, we recall "Spring in Claremont," which convened with snow predicted and speakers unable to travel. The improvised program included the history of the Common Man site and surrounding area. It provided a chance to be flexible and pull together. A day of successes!

Thank you for working with us to shape the vision of BAS with the goal of strengthening our society. We wish you, Flora, unlimited blessings and unending opportunities to *carpe diem!*

The most valuable asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, with an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help.

~Anonymous



Delta Kappa Gamma International
Beta Alpha State Spring Conference

Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa
101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, NH
Thursday, April 4, 2013 – Saturday, April 6, 2013

Day Package: \$50.00

Includes Registration, Breakfast, Lunch, All Taxes and Gratuities
Select one: ___ Friday ___ Saturday

1 Night Package:

Includes Registration, Friday Night Guestroom Accommodations, Breakfast Friday & Saturday,
Lunch Friday & Saturday, All Taxes and Gratuities
The cost per person: Single room \$220.00
 Double room \$115.00

2 Night Package:

Includes Registration, Thursday & Friday Night Guestroom Accommodations, Breakfast Friday &
Saturday, Lunch Friday & Saturday, All Taxes and Gratuities
The cost per person: Single room \$360.00
 Double room \$185.00

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NINE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT TEACHER

by Maria Orlando, EdD in Philosophy of Teaching
an excerpt from an article published in *FACULTY FOCUS*, 1-14-13

1. *A great teacher respects students.*
2. *A great teacher creates a sense of community and belonging in the classroom.*
3. *A great teacher is warm, accessible, enthusiastic and caring.*
4. *A great teacher sets high expectations for all students.*
5. *A great teacher has his [her] own love of learning and inspires students with a passion for education and for the course material.*
6. *A great teacher is a skilled leader.*
7. *A great teacher can “shift-gears” and is flexible when a lesson isn’t working.*
8. *A great teacher collaborates with colleagues on an ongoing basis.*
9. *A great teacher maintains professionalism in all areas—from personal appearance to organizational [and communication skills] and preparedness for each day.*

Dr. Maria Orlando is a core faculty member in the doctoral Educational Leadership and Management Specialization at Capella University. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday-Saturday, April 4-6, 2013
BAS SPRING CONFERENCE
Mountain View Grand Resort, Whitefield
Host Chapter: Eta

Saturday, June 1, 2013
Filler Updates due to Elaine Landry

Saturday, July 13, 2013
CHIPS deadline for news

Wednesday-Saturday, July 24-27, 2013
Northeast Regional Conference
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, ME

August 2013 (TBA)
BAS Ex. Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013
BAS Fall Meeting
Place: TBA
Host Chapter: Theta



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