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Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - NH



DR. KAY CLAWSON TO SPEAK AT BAS SPRING CONFERENCE



Welcome to NH, Kay!

On Friday, April 8, Dr. Kay Clawson will present a workshop on “Leading with Harmony” at Beta Alpha State’s Spring Conference. In addition she will bring greetings from International with a speech titled “Secret Sounds of DKG” at Saturday’s luncheon.

Kay is the 2014-2016 International DKG Northeast Regional Director, the immediate past Chair of the Leadership Development Committee, and a former member of the Insurance Committee. She attended 1999 Leadership/Management Seminar, Renaissance Leadership/Management Seminar, and parliamentary training. She was an ISF Speaker and was recognized in 2013 at the Northeast Conference for demonstrating the International theme.

At the state organization level, Kay was selected as the West Virginia 2010 Achievement Award recipient, is a Past State Organization President, conducted workshops, and chaired many committees. At the chapter level she has served as president, vice-president, and chaired multiple committees. She is currently the state and chapter parliamentarian.

Kay is Professor Emeritus from West Liberty University, where she worked in teacher education for 35 years. She retired as the Director of Graduate Studies. Her Doctorate is from West Virginia University in Curriculum and Instruction with Higher Education Administration emphasis, and she holds Master Degrees in Vocational Home Economics and in Counseling and Guidance. She also taught in public education for seven years.

Kay is mother to four adults, grandma to seven boys, and the wife of Dr. Joseph Clawson. She and her husband reside in Wheeling, WV, and have started spending her winters in Naples, FL. Her hobbies are traveling, crocheting, living life to the fullest, and researching family genealogy.

FOUR WORKSHOPS OFFERED ON APRIL 8 AT MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL

1. INTRODUCING CASA

10-11 a.m.

Susan Meagher & Linda Magoon

Susan Meagher has a Master’s in Human Services from Springfield College and has worked with abused and neglected children for over 38 years. Her first 10 years were spent working in residential treatment facilities with severely emotionally disturbed children ages 5-12. The next eight years were as a Director of a group home for teenage girls. These girls were abused or neglected, CHINS (Children In Need Of Services) or delinquents. For the past 20 years she has been a Program Director for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) while recruiting, training and supervising the cases and CASA volunteers primarily in the Rockingham County Family Court System. As a Program Director, she supervises five other CASA Program Managers, as well as several volunteers who work in the Derry and Salem Courts. She also provides training through Granite State College for foster parents, state employees and child care workers and is an in-take worker for the Nashua Youth Council’s Juvenile Court Diversion Program.

Linda Magoon has been employed by the NH Department of Environmental Services for 17 years, the past 13 years with the Wetlands Bureau, where she supervises the compliance section. In addition to investigating and enforcing environmental laws, Linda conducts a variety of outreach presentations on timber harvesting and wetlands enforcement to loggers, foresters, and municipal officials. She holds a BS degree in forestry from the

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SHEILA'S SOAPBOX

As I look forward to our spring conference, I reflect back with pleasure to our 2015 fall meeting. Our visit to the NH Veterans Home in Tilton was the perfect place to kick off my theme "Remembering Our Veterans." The staff and residents were welcoming and provided a pleasant environment for us to have our meeting. Special thanks go to Betty Connelly, nurse manager, and to Bill Bertholdt, president of the NH Veterans Residents Benefit Fund. Betty made the arrangements and led us on an informative tour of the Home while Bill spoke about his experiences in the military and at the Home. Also deserving of thanks were Delta members who served as hosts, Theta members who directed traffic and provided refreshments, and to all 27 attendees who donated to the Residents Benefit Fund. In addition, Maurine Henry deserves our gratitude for making the beautiful wall hanging we presented to Elaine Landry, our immediate past president who served us well. I am in awe of everyone's generosity, kindness, dependability and hard work and am proud to be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

I hope to have even more support for our spring conference at Mount Washington Hotel from April 7-9, 2016. My theme has expanded for this meeting to "Supporting Our Communities." By communities, I mean all the groups that help us live better lives. Our Friday presentations will focus on four communities: the veterans, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), the Circle Program, and DKG. We are especially honored to have Kay Clawson join us from International to present a Friday workshop titled "Leading with Harmony" and to speak at our luncheon on Saturday. I am positive we will all leave this conference educated, moved, and inspired to take some action. Let's aim for increased attendance and pray for safe travel weather!

With Warm Regards, Sheila Mable, BAS President

DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION HOSTS EVENT AT THE WILDHORSE

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*.

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7, in the **Wildhorse Saloon** located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall, and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the **Wildhorse** as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

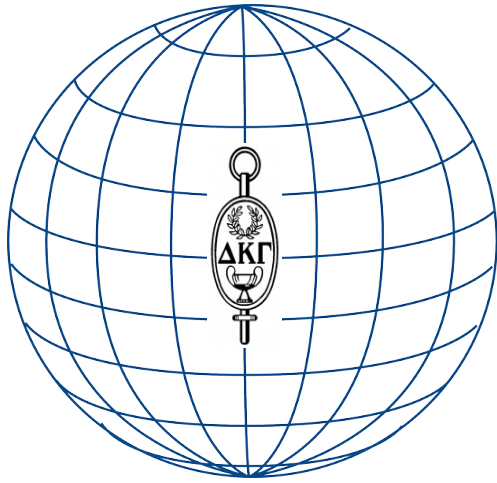
- transportation (buses will run every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel)
- access to all levels and activities
- entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- dinner buffet
- a tax deductible donation to the Foundation

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF **Call Me Country** event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the **Wildhorse** in Nashville!

NASHVILLE CALLS!

Please join me in July at the DKG International Convention in Nashville, TN. Do you need a roommate or a travel companion? Perhaps we can coordinate our efforts. Let me know.

Sheila Mable



WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUND NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

by Jane Fowler, Epsilon, BAS Committee Chair

The International World Fellowship Fund awards monetary support to non-member women educators who are not citizens or residents of the USA or Canada.

The World Fellowship Committee selects women educators applying for study in the USA and Canada by using dossiers supplied by the Institute of International Education.

Contributions from state organizations, chapters, and individual members support the work of The World Fellowship Committee. The amount of the donation is at your discretion. During this biennium 2014-2016, Beta Alpha State NH contributed \$50. The Beta Alpha State Chapters contributed \$244.94. Great job!

Chapters who contribute to the International World Fellowship Fund should complete Form 43 and include the donation by check. Form 43 is available at www.dkg.org. Click on *Committees, World Fellowship, Donate*. Send donations to DKG Society International, PO Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589. Individual donations may also be made online through the *dkg* website.

WHITE ROSES—IN MEMORY

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

Marion Pounder, Epsilon



BETA CHAPTER HONORS ONE OF THEIR OWN

Helen Goodwin has been a member of the DKG Beta Chapter for over 50 years. Besides her decades of dedication to her music students, she is also a WWII veteran. Helen entered the Women’s Auxiliary Army Corp in June of 1943 and served until the end of the war in August of 1945.

As with most military personnel, Helen was sent to a number of military bases for training. She started at Fort Devens in MA, was sent to Lowery field in CO, the B25 Air Base in SC, and ultimately ended up at the Far East Air Service Command in Hollandia, New Guinea. She completed her service in the Philippines. Helen was trained as a Photo Lab Technician but had the most impact in the Radio and Cable Service.

In the Radio Service Helen and her coworkers monitored all the cables concerning the invasion of Japan, called “Olympia.” This was actually a fake plan with just enough leaks to make the Japanese think the US was about to invade Japan. Instead, as we know from our history, the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki instead. It was these two events that lead to Japan’s surrender.

Helen shared her military story with us at our October Beta Chapter meeting. She had also shared her story with the students at Hanover High School in May as part of their Memorial Day program.

As a “thank you” to Helen for her service to our country, Beta Chapter has purchased a brick engraved with her name, rank, and service at the World War II Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, NH. At the museum’s entrance there is a wall with engraved bricks in honor of many of the veterans who serviced our country. Helen’s name has been added to a very honorable and distinguished group.



Thank you, Helen Goodwin, for serving your country!

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

Ann Ayotte and her husband Ted enjoyed a wonderful trip to the West in late July. They toured Wyoming and South Dakota while visiting Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, and Custer State Park. While at the park, 800 bison surrounded their jeep caravan. They also visited Deadwood and Mt. Rushmore. The highlights were rafting down the Snake River and watching Old Faithful erupt. The scenery was marvelous as were the animals. The couple enjoyed this trip more than their Alaskan tour, except for the glaciers.

Nancy Ann Belsky has a quilt on display at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA. It is part of "Art as Quilt," sponsored by the Studio Art Quilters' Association and will be on display until January.

Judy Durand reports that Central Elementary School, Bellows Falls, VT, is a 2015 recipient of the Children's Literacy Foundation Grant (CLiF). These funds will provide each child with 10 new books throughout the school year and will provide funding for author visits. The CES community is very grateful for this wonderful opportunity.

Cathy Harvey is teaching a community education quilting class at Keene High School. Students can choose the size of the quilt which they would like to make as they follow instructions for the "Garden Lattice" pattern.

Elaine Landry and six other water color artists, students of Jeanne Maguire Thieme, Pipe Dream Studio, had some of their work displayed at Good Fortune Jewelry, Main Street, Keene, for two weeks in November. This artist collective has been painting together for several years, and their work includes a blend of watercolors featuring still life subjects, landscapes, and florals.

Elaine is also recovering from a hip replacement operation and is already pleased with the results.

Mary Parker was recently recognized by the Cheshire County Retired Educators' Association for more than 25 years of active membership.

Pam Sanders attended an Apple Hill concert this past summer. She reports that "Sitting outside the barn was like listening to a giant stereo."

"Last summer, I received an email from member **Alana Mosley**, Interim Education Division Chair at Franklin Pierce University. She asked if there were any recently retired members who would like to serve as student teacher supervisors, and I happily applied for the position. I am so glad that I did," **Joanne Stroshine** said. "I was assigned two young women, one an elementary major and the other an English secondary major, and both were eager and dedicated professionals who truly wanted to make a difference in children's lives. Watching them grow in skill and confidence renewed my faith in the future of our profession and taught me a few things, as well. I am currently working with a graduate English major at Monadnock Regional High School, right around the corner from my house, reducing my travel time significantly. Alana is still trying to find supervisors throughout New Hampshire and beyond. I can positively recommend this opportunity for any teacher missing the stimulation of the school setting without the stresses and pressures that accompany it."

Michelle Tiani, initiated at the September meeting, is a physical education teacher in Keene, NH. She also coaches a junior field hockey team and the KHS varsity field hockey team. She earned the honor of NH Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 2012.

Norma Walker reports that a granddaughter was recently married in Salzburg, Austria, in one of the buildings shown in the film *The Sound of Music*. The bride received her Master's Degree at the University of Vienna. Another granddaughter, a US Marine, recently spent time with the family. Norma herself was featured on the front page of *The Keene Sentinel*, which reported on her work with the local Alzheimer's Association.

BETA CHAPTER NEWS

At our September Beta Chapter meeting, we invited Detective Andrea Kegelman from the Lebanon Police Department to speak to us about scams and identity theft. Her presentation on Personal Safety was very informative and useful. Besides giving us numerous tips on how to avoid identity theft, she also provided us with many useful contacts to report scams and thefts. Her primary message to us was to report any unusual contacts to the local police department. Reporting scams allows the police to prevent the spread of these unwanted and sometimes destructive calls and contacts.

Anne Cragin is continuing her musical “career.” She will be playing for the Upper Valley Band on January 30th. The concert is all show tunes: *Star Wars*, *James Bond*, *The Blues Brothers*, *Mary Poppins*, *Schindler’s List*, and *Grease*. She is also part of a flute choir that has a concert in early February in Sunapee. Anne also finds time to cook for The Listen Center during the year.

Midge Jorgensen is volunteering at a Hartland, VT, elementary school, where her granddaughter Zoe is in kindergarten. She is working with a group of volunteers in the Nature Program through The Four Winds Nature Institute out of Chittenden, VT. Midge works with grades K-2. They have covered such subjects as Life in the Dirt and Snags and Rotting Dirt. This winter’s subjects are Squirrel Tales and White-Tailed Deer. Spring brings Forest Birds and Stream Life. Midge is excited to work with her granddaughter, and the bonus for her is that the K-2 science teacher is one of Midge’s former students from the 1970s!

Last summer **Lisa Torres** and **Heather Oliver** received a grant from the Byrne Foundation to teach a high school level course in Field Biology at the Shaker Museum in Enfield. Six students from Mascoma High School and Lebanon High School completed the course. This summer the course has become a regular offering of the Museum and is funded by a grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund. A junior high program has also been added.



GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

Members continue to be busy volunteering with libraries, foodbanks, church activities and family events. In keeping Sheila Mablee’s theme, Gamma members also took part in the Pease Greeters’ Program.

Barbara Farah, our new transfer member, still instructs online at a Maryland college. She and her husband are remodeling their home and take care of Islandic ponies.

Betty Gilman has become a mentor and “Nana” to Angel, the daughter of the talented educator that Betty’s church supports in Africa. Angel is a college student in Atlanta, GA. Also Betty is recovering from a hip replacement.

Jacki Hinton and **Barbara Cowan** continue their art projects.

Priscilla Jenness is active for the town of Rye with the Save Our Coast Association and with aspects of global warming.

Ann Smith still works with the North Mill Pond Project in Portsmouth keeping the waters clean.

DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

Susan Ackerman teaches an ongoing course in Conversational French to adults. At present, two of her students are in France and two have recently traveled there. Susan plans to spend a month in Southern France this summer at a yoga and meditation retreat. But of course she will take daily trips into town to interview people and take photos.

Last summer she created an online course for anyone wanting to study astrology, which is on her website *lifeinsightastrology.com*. Rather than retiring, Susan is thoroughly enjoying teaching everything she loves. After all, she says, “Life is an eternal learning process. And teaching what we love to people who want it is a teacher’s dream.”

Disney again?! **Marna Ingerson** and her husband Alan traveled the East coast once more this year, invited by friends to stay with them in Orlando. “A sleuth mystery dinner theatre was most entertaining, and Epcot provided great exercise as we walked five miles in one day. The nightly fireworks were spectacular with accompanying music, lights, and the traveling globe from the American Pavilion.” Bowling, mini golf, cards, many delicious dinners, and a bird watching boat ride on the Indian River were enjoyed by all.

Marna and Alan spent time with **Sharon Cormier**, another Delta sister, and her husband in Palm Bay and then with Alan’s sister and family in Keystone Heights, where the oranges were ripe for the picking. “It was difficult to give up the Florida climate, though unusually cool this January, for the northern climate in Vermont!”

In addition, Alan and Marna Ingerson were blessed to have their son, Ted, arrive from Kuwait just in time for Christmas. Ted is still at home while he seeks possible new employment and adapts to civilian life following deployment.

Wanda Merrill and **Karen Pariseau** will be attending the New England Pre-K to Grade 3 conference in Manchester, NH, on April 11 and 12. Expert presenters will lead a variety of workshops. “Karen and I have been working with another teacher to complete two *Understanding by Design* units,” Wanda said. “Through collaborative effort we completed a unit on poetry for each grade level K through 4 and a *Celebrations throughout the Year* unit for each grade level K through 4. We have also been working with the other elementary teachers to have a special 100th day of school celebration with a variety of activities available to students.”

EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS

Ann Gaffney continues to teach at Londonderry Middle School and raise her family. Her youngest just celebrated his sixth birthday and absolutely loves kindergarten while her oldest seems to enjoy high school even though he probably wouldn't admit it! "I am looking forward to celebrating my husband's 50th birthday with him and the boys at the Mt. Washington after the closing of our State Spring Conference," she said.

Barbara Mee and **Ann Gaffney** will meet up in Nashville, with Janet Moye-Cornick, a DKG member from Maryland and Barbara's friend from the Golden Gift/Management - Leadership Seminar. Their hotel room is booked, the planning has started, and they will reserve their flights shortly. They look forward to meetings, presenting a workshop, reunions, good food, and good times.

ETA CHAPTER NEWS

Anne Nute attended the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association in Boston in January. She had fun being with so many librarians and really enjoyed the announcement of the book awards. So many good books!

Martha Verville Sheehy and her husband John were in Washington, DC, on Veterans Day. They watched former Senator Dole lay a wreath at the World War II Memorial. They also toured the Korean Memorial, noting the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Pam Clark is having fun this winter working at the Laconia Antique Center. "There's a lot of really neat stuff in there," she says. "Come visit me there on Sundays." She also enjoys her regular FaceTime chats with granddaughter Maddison. "Maddy can't wait to visit me for the summer."

Ruth Conwell traveled to Fayetteville, NC for her daughter's wedding on February 20.

Tiffany Dube teaches two courses at Plymouth State University: Children, Families and Society and Transformation through the Arts.

Pam Forbes is in her fourth year running a non-profit in Alton called "End 68 Hours of Hunger." "We send backpacks with food home with the students on Fridays to hold them over until Monday mornings," Pam explained. "We feed between 35 and 42 students every week."

"Coding, the ability to write algorithms that tell a computer what to do, can now be taught at every level of education,"

says **Donna-Marie Gamlin**. "My first graders have been very successful with this. I enrolled them in the pre-reading course. Once per week, they persevere in problem solving, collaboration and gaining new skills. I will share this new form of education with my Theta sisters in March and will present at the Tri-chapter meeting with the hands-on application of STEM.

Donna-Marie also reported that the 5th Annual ESSence of Giving in December was a success. "Theta members donated items and volunteered so Elm Street students could shop for gifts for up to 10 family members. There is no cost for the gifts, and donations are accepted from family members to be given to the food pantry. Here are the 2015 results: 96 shoppers, 758 presents wrapped, \$130.00 given to food pantry, and 5 vehicles filled with donations given to St. Vincent de Paul. Many thanks go to my Theta sisters below who donated and volunteered!"



"I am thrilled to be a grandmother! Carter's smile just melts my heart! He is a wonderful gift to our family!" **Karen Goss** says. "Also, tax season is underway and my Liberty Tax office has been hopping! I have been putting in a lot of hours but am looking forward to a much earned cruise! My husband, Jim, and I will be cruising with eight other couples to four ports in the eastern Caribbean!"

"Just before Christmas vacation, I read to students in my granddaughter's second grade class at Elm Street School," **Ann Hart** reported. "My daughter, Gretchen, a teacher, joined us, along with several other parents. We all had a wonderful time. I look forward to enjoying books with their class in the future."

Sheila Mable is pleased that one of her poems and two of her essays were juried and published in the online Fall 2015 DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

Pat Webster welcomed her first great grandchild, Byron Albert Thomas Hibbard. He was born on January 19 in St. Petersburg, FL. Also welcoming Byron is aunt **Betsy Webster**. Pat and Betsy will meet Byron in April.

"I'm enjoying the Florida Keys this winter even though it's rainier and cooler than usual," **Rachel Young** said. "We're not complaining, though. We're able to be outside most days."

WORKSHOPS

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University of Idaho and a Master's in Management–Non-Profit Leadership from New England College.

Linda just celebrated her five-year anniversary volunteering for CASA of NH, advocating for the needs of abused and neglected children in court. In addition to her own case work, where she volunteers in Merrimack County, she is a peer coordinator, or mentor, to three other CASA advocates.

In October of 2015, Linda was elected to the position of Vice-President of the Board of Directors at the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Coalition plays an important role in advocating for the rights of victims and survivors in policy-making and in securing funding for its 13 member programs throughout the state.



Sue Meagher



Linda Magoon

2. The Voices of Henri-Chapelle 11-12 noon Aimee Gagnon Fogg

Aimee Gagnon Fogg holds a degree in Psychology and History. She has also completed Yad Vashem's Holocaust certification program. She is the 2013 recipient of the NH Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Women in American History Award for her work concerning Henri-Chapelle. Appointed New Hampshire Coordinator for Poland Jewish Cemetery Restoration Project, Aimee is also involved with various Jewish cemetery restoration projects and mass grave memorials throughout Eastern Europe.

She is the author of *The Wind Wails, There Exists a Fence, The Granite Men of Henri-Chapelle, and The Green Mountain Boys of Henri-Chapelle*. Her great-uncle, PFC Paul Lavoie, is among the 7,992 WWII soldiers who rest at Henri-Chapelle.

They Speak is dedicated to researching, collecting, and sharing the personal histories as well as photos of the 7,992 soldiers who permanently rest at Henri-Chapelle American WWII Cemetery located in Homburg, Belgium. *They Speak* is also dedicated to telling the stories of the 450 missing in action soldiers whose names are inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing colonnade area at the cemetery's front entrance.

"Most of these men interred at Henri-Chapelle sacrificed their lives during the Huertgen Forest campaign, the Battle of the

Bulge, air operations over the region, and in the Allied advance into Germany."



Aimee Fogg (in pink) meets Jacques and Ann Marie Cormann, a Belgium couple who adopted Aimee's uncle.

3. The Circle Program 1:30-2:30 p.m. Angi Francesco

Angi Francesco is a NH native with a local focus and a global perspective. After graduating with a degree in history from Johnson State College (VT), Angi moved to Washington, DC, to work and teach at the Holocaust Museum. After a couple of years in the big city, Angi moved back to Holderness and worked for USDA Rural Development making loans and grants to low income individuals for housing and renovations. In 2008, she qualified for The World Race, a program that involved traveling to nearly 20 countries in the course of a year, partnering with local people in impoverished areas around the world. For over a decade, she has been a member of Toastmasters International, a public speaking and leadership group; and this year she is the Public Relations Manager for ME, NH, VT, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. She is also the author of a blog called "Use the Lemons," which is all about taking the stuff life throws at you and not making lemonade but finding new ways to use the lemons. As if that weren't enough, Angi is the Events and Marketing Coordinator for the Circle Program in Plymouth, NH.

The Circle Program is a residential summer camp and mentoring program that serves low income girls in 29 towns from Concord to Thornton in NH. Girls join the program as they enter 5th or 6th grade, and their introduction to the program is a three-week adventure at



Angi Francesco

Circle Camp in Groton, NH. At the end of camp, they are paired with a mentor who will meet with them at least twice a month throughout the year, often at Circle sponsored activities. Once a girl is admitted into the program, she is invited to stay until she graduates from high school. It is offered at no cost to the families or the girls and gives the girls new opportunities to experience aspects of life they often don't get at home.

4. Leading with Harmony--Kay Clawson 2:45-3:45



EPSILON'S MARION POUNDER LIVED A FULL LIFE OF SERVICE

Marion Richardson Ponder, a 50-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Charter Member of Epsilon Chapter, passed away this past January at the age of 92. Marion was first inducted into Gamma Chapter on April 1, 1965, and, though it was April Fool's Day, her service to education was no joke. Five years later she helped to found Epsilon Chapter and served as its first treasurer. Throughout her time in Epsilon Chapter, she served in every leadership role, except secretary, and served as Beta Alpha State President from 1981-1983. Most recently, Marion was the 2015 recipient of the Founders Award for her service to the Society and Beta Alpha State. Her knowledge, guidance,

and kind words have been a central component of Epsilon Chapter for its entire existence. Marion will be sorely missed.

Marion lived in Derry for most of her life and was extremely active in her community. After graduating from Pinkerton Academy in 1940, she attended Plymouth State College (now University) graduating in 1944. Marion then began her 41-year career in New Hampshire schools—first as a teacher, then a reading specialist, curriculum coordinator, and principal. Along the way, she earned her Master's Degree from the University of New Hampshire. She then proceeded to teach at White Pines College, which became Chester College.

Even after her retirement, Marion remained active in educational and community endeavors. She served on the Board of Trustees for Pinkerton Academy and was their first female Trustee. In addition, she was a member of the Derry Historical Commission, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Derry Village Improvement Association, and the Questors. She was also a past president of the New England Reading Association.

Marion is survived by her son, Richard Ponder and his wife Jeanne of Dover, NH; two granddaughters, Sandi Ponder and her husband Price Heiner of Watford City, ND, and Laurie DeMarco and her husband Paul of Potomac, MD; three great grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Richardson of Walpole, NH, and Raymond Richardson and his wife Carole of Bluffton, SC; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her older brother, Howard Richardson, and her younger sister, Lois Richardson.

*Below is the first set of officers of Epsilon Chapter on the day that the Chapter received its charter, May 18, 1970. From left to right: Marguerite Dorsey (Recording Secretary), **Marion Ponder** (Treasurer), Helen Higgins (1st Vice-President), Catherine Minehan (State Vice-President), Elizabeth Taylor (President), Marilyn Potter (2nd Vice-President), Olive Abbott (Corresponding Secretary).*





Sheila Mable has a “photo op” with Deputy Commissioner Clark Freise, Gov. Maggie Hassan, and Commissioner Tom Burak of the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

DES RECOGNIZES SHEILA MABLE FOR HER SPEECHCRAFT WORK

“When many people retire, they replace their life’s work with hobbies, travelling or part-time work in a totally different field. Although she enjoys movies, poetry, pancakes and photography, they are not what our friend Sheila Mable focused on when she retired in 2005. Teaching is her passion!

“After teaching English for 43 years at four different Vermont High Schools and moving to NH to be close to her family, Sheila taught composition and public speaking courses as an adjunct instructor at SNHU until October 2014.

“Sheila loves words and she loves to read and write poetry. Her love for the English language and teaching has made her a perfect fit not only for Karner Blue Toastmasters, but also as a Co-coordinator in the Commissioner’s Speechcraft Program.

“Sheila has been generously sharing her life’s work, her passion and knowledge with DES staff since the summer of 2013. She participated as a Speechcraft mentor from the Karner Blue Toastmasters Club and just finished co-coordinating her seventh consecutive Speechcraft workshop!

“Former and current Speechcraft graduates, mentors and co-coordinators alike love Sheila Mable! We all realize that we owe her a debt of gratitude for her generosity and for helping make the past seven workshops run so smoothly.

“It is for these reasons and with great pleasure that we present the NHDES 2015 Volunteer Service Award to Sheila Mable. Thank you, Sheila!”

DELTA’S MARY JOLLES HONORED BY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

In October 2015 retired Colebrook Elementary School principal Mary Jolles was one of the first two people to be honored on the newly created Recognition Wall at the elementary school in Colebrook, NH.

At a ceremony on October 23, a plaque was unveiled describing Mary’s significant contributions to the school community. She was principal of Colebrook Elementary School from 1997 to 2012 and saw the construction of a new school facility in 2001.

The other honoree, retired principal Ruth Maclean, could not attend but was honored the next day with a similar plaque at her residence.

Mary told the audience, “This award means more to me than any state or national award could mean. When you’ve worked with people for 15 years and they’ve seen what you can do, sometimes argued with you, and seen you make mistakes, and they still give you this award, then you know you truly deserve it,” she said. “I consider it a great honor to be placed on the wall next to Ruth Maclean.” Mrs. Maclean was principal of Colebrook Elementary School from 1959 to 1987.



Principal Mary Jolles retires and is honored for her long-term service to the Colebrook Elementary School.

One can do anything, anything at all...if provided with a passionate and gifted teacher ~Pat Conroy



OUR FALL MEETING AT THE NH VETERANS HOME





Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Beta Alpha State Spring Conference

Supporting Our Communities

The Omni Mount Washington Resort

310 Mount Washington Road, Bretton Woods, NH

Thursday, April 7—Saturday, April 9, 2016

Day Package: \$ 70.00/day

Includes Registration, Breakfast, Lunch, All Taxes and Gratuities

Select one or both: ___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 **\$ 250.00**
 Double room **\$ 185.00**

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 **\$ 385.00**
 Double room **\$ 250.00**

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Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Package & Day(s): _____

Cost: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Roommate's Name (if one): _____

Dietary/facility needs: _____

Please send a check made payable to **Beta Alpha State** with this registration form by **March 1, 2016**, to **Flora Sapsin**, Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.
(If you have questions, call Flora at 603-566-4196 (c).)

SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 7, 2016

6-7:30 p.m. Dinner with Kay
7:30-9:30 Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 8, 2016

7-9 a.m. Breakfast
9-9:30 Registration & Raffles
9:30-10 Music with Joan Kirchoff of VT
10-11 Workshop 1--CASA
11:15-12:15 Workshop 2--Voices of Henri-Chapelle
12:30-1:15 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Workshop 3--The Circle Program
2:45-3:45 Workshop 4--Leading with Harmony
Dinner on your own

Saturday, April 9, 2016:

7-9:00 a.m. Breakfast, Registration, Raffles
9:30-10:30 Business Meeting
10:30-11 Service of Remembrance
11-11:45 Woman of Distinction Awards &
Photo Shoot
12-1:30 p.m. Lunch & Kay Clawson's Greeting
"Secret Sounds of DKG"
1:35 p.m. Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9, 2016

BAS SPRING CONFERENCE
Mount Washington Resort
Host Chapter: Epsilon

Sunday, May 15, 2016

New Officers List due to International

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Filler Updates due to Maurine Henry

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

CHIPS deadline for news

Tuesday-Saturday, July 5-9, 2016

DKG International Convention
Nashville, TN

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

BAS Ex. Board Meeting
PSU, Concord, 10 AM

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016

Place: TBA
Host Chapter: Theta

