



THE CHIPS OF GRANITE

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE CHAPTER

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Anne's Opportunities

Are you ready for a change of pace? Are you interested in history? We have a great answer to both these questions – the New Hampshire State DKG spring conference at the Sheraton in Portsmouth. On Friday, April 2, we have a full day of “Hands on History” to improve our knowledge of the rich history of our state. On Saturday we will be attending to our NH State DKG business and learning about the NH Retired Educators Association. Join us; you get the most from your membership if you participate.

Another opportunity to participate is to attend the July 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11. Details are on the DKG website. Have you developed the habit of checking the DKG website? Maybe you use the DKG App. Either way the information about our society is readily available to all who are interested.



Remember the DKG News you used to receive in the mail six times a year? Well it is now online. The January / February issue lists the candidates for office for the next biennium and some of the details for the Philadelphia convention. If you have difficulty logging on to the website contact your chapter president for assistance.

Do you remember that last June we collected our dues? This change went so well all future DKG dues will need to be collected by June 30. Chapter Treasurers will be able to open the website and process dues starting April 1st. Please help your chapter treasurer by responding quickly to her requests. The change in time greatly assists the international office to plan their budget.

April 2020

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June 2020

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DKG International Conference
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA
July 7 – 11, 2020

If you have ever considered attending a DKG International Conference, the 2020 convention in Philadelphia may be the one to attend. It certainly will be one of the closest locations in the near future.

A visit to the DKG.org website site will provide you with speakers, schedule, special events, registration forms, and hotel accommodations. The main speakers for this event range from the Director Mural Arts of Philadelphia to an award-winning rocket scientist. There will be workshops and activities covering a wide range of topics including: trends in education, diversity in the classroom, history of Philadelphia, and much more.

I have looked into several modes of transportation to get there. You may want to consider joining some of us who plan to take the Amtrak Vermonter. It is an 8 ½ hour trip from White River Junction to Philadelphia. There are a number of stops within VT and MA where you can pick it up. The round-trip cost is approximately \$160. Visit the Amtrak—Vermont website for more information. There will be more information available at our NH conference in Portsmouth.

Registration fees for the DKG conference are listed below:

Early-bird (before Mar. 6) \$180

Regular (between Mar. 7 and Jun. 8) \$200

Late registration (after Jun. 8) \$300



Need funding? Apply for a grant from the NH State Scholarship Fund to help defray your costs. The form is available in your DKG binder. The due date for your application is March 1. Submit your application to the NH State Scholarship committee listed in your binder.

Article submitted by: Terry Thompson, NH State First Vice president



Chapter News

-----Alpha-----

Norma Norris: An Alpha Chapter member since the 1980's, she had been a Reserve Member since her move to Columbia, CT. Even though a distant Alpha sister, she maintained contact by paying dues and donating to the annual raffle fund raiser. One memorable contribution was lovely notecards with a drawing of the Bardwell Farm barn, a local landmark which was razed.

Norma was born in 1931. She died on May 27, 2019. She and her husband taught at Bacon Academy, Colchester, CT, for many years. The *Hartford Courant* memorial page contained many comments from former students and their parents. Several said that she was "strict but caring" and "she challenged and inspired me" as she pushed students to learn. An honest, caring and great teacher, Norma will be missed. "She and her husband made school a fun place to be" was a common theme.

Alpha Chapter's **Mary Parker** passed away at home in Sullivan on May 31, 2019. Since joining DKG in 1978 she had been very active. She personified the meaning of service as she was a town treasurer and a trustee and friend of the Sullivan Public Library. She had recently completed a book cataloging the history of the Sullivan Congregational Church. Always a supporter of Alpha, Mary had attended monthly meetings, even in the month that she died. She participated in a recent meeting with the flannel board symbol presentation, explaining the meaning of each item in the DKG key. Mary always led the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song at the conclusion of each meeting. She was our go-to person whenever we had questions about membership, awards, and the history of Alpha. She had been twice chapter president, served as recording secretary, and held the position of treasurer for several years. At the state level, she was Beta Alpha State's corresponding secretary. Mary was surprised to receive the 2011 Founders' award and humbly said, "I am very honored by this award."

Among other professional activities, Mary served on the Executive Board of the NH School Nurses' Association, was active in Home Health Care and Community Services, was school nurse at Keene's elementary, junior high and high schools, and was the School Nurse Teacher Supervisor for SAU 29 from 1973-1990. During this time she promoted elementary health education and wellness programs for the staff. Mary was honored by the American Cancer Society for an anti-smoking program and for writing *The History of School Health in Keene*. In 1988 she was named New Hampshire's School Nurse of the Year.

Mary's daughter, son, and grandson spoke fondly of her at her June memorial service. She died where she had always lived, surrounded by her books, handicrafts, and family. All who knew Mary will miss her.

Alpha is pleased to welcome a new member, **Laurine Parker**, from Chesterfield, NH. A mother of three grown children, Laurine had been a PE teacher, Health teacher, and an Adventure Ed Educator. She has taught at Chesterfield Elementary School and Keene High School.

She is a quilter, a gardener, and an excellent cook. "Laur" (as she is fondly called) is an amazing friend who stays in touch with others often. She likes to travel and this past summer travelled from coast to coast with her husband via an RV.

Alpha treasurer **Bernadette Kuhn** also did some travelling last summer. She and her husband Jerry went to Texas. While there, they visited Delta Kappa Gamma's main office where they were warmly welcomed and given a tour.

Helen Anne Kelly is the new coordinator of readers for Cheshire County Retired Educators Association. Members of CCREA volunteer to visit every second-grade classroom in the county. There, they read a book to students and donate the hardcover book to the classroom. This is the twelfth year that the program has been in existence. The Elm City Rotary donates books for this program.

Those of you who attended last spring's conference in Meredith will remember **Jeannine Leclerc**, who led us in chair yoga exercises. Jeannine was selected as an Extraordinary Woman for 2019 by *The Keene Sentinel* and its

readers. The headline for her selection was *Jeannine Leclerc, A Life Proudly Rooted in Learning*. Colleagues describe her as a “dynamo,” and “a force to be reckoned with,” a “tireless champion,” and a person who approaches everything that she does with kindness and a desire to help others. She is the wellness coordinator and integration specialist at Monadnock Regional Middle/High School in Swanzey Center. She has been in education for 25 years and holds a bachelor’s degree in science and a master’s in educational leadership from Keene State College.

She claims that she is not extraordinary, that she just wants to help people and help others as they have helped her. She says this (Keene) is a great place to live... a great community. She hopes to give back a little of what she has received from it. Her life has been challenging: a failed first marriage, a nontraditional path in education, accidents that resulted in separate serious head injuries for both her sons, and a diagnosis and recovery from breast cancer. Now engaged to her partner Frank Romeo, Jr., her personal life is going well. She has discovered yoga and completed a comprehensive 200-hour certification program at Kripala, a health and yoga retreat in Stockbridge, MA. The focus was on yoga, anatomy, and diet and finding a balance in life. She is passing this knowledge on to her students as a certified Yoga Kids instructor. She was nominated for Extraordinary Women recognition by Robin Christopherson, executive director of MCVP: Crisis & Prevention Center, who noted Jeannine’s efforts in raising awareness about the center’s prevention program to her students. Jeannine says her school-based work revolves “around healthy relationships for the whole school, giving everybody a place in the dialogue.”

Alpha sisters are proud of Jeannine for her good work and ability to overcome adversity by doing good for others.

-----Beta-----

We have a creative collage card workshop at Linnea’s home once a month. This is an educational awareness for Moms with school-age kids. It is enlightenment for a retired teacher. As we work on developing our collage on the cards, we listen and advise each other. A great experience.

Food supply to Haven. After my explaining about Beta's assistance and mission to my friends and why I had a food basket in my front room, each brought more to share. My friends were impressed with our societies' motivation and caring.

I would like to share that there are many ways to connect and use our education after retirement. I know Beta sisters do not sit idle.

-----Gamma-----

We of Gamma chapter have lost one of our special sisters – our dear **Ruth C. Tuttle**. She touched us all with her grace, kindness, constant delight in DKG, her love of music, and her deep faith. She was a creative educator who gave so many children their first introduction to a lifetime of learning. We remember her dedication to Gamma Chapter, NH State, and DKG International.

Our chapter gave children’s books in beautiful handmade cloth bags (made by Bobbi Lippemeier and Jackie Hinton) to the neonatal unit of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover. Jacki’s beautiful granddaughter was aided by that unit as a newborn, and she and her mother delivered the books. A local children’s center also received the reading materials.

We collected supplies for the “Peace Greeters” to be used when troops come and go through Pease.

-----Delta-----

Ann and Lindsey Gray enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family again this year though it was a bit different since it was the first time in 39 years that not at least one of their children woke up in their house on Christmas morning. Thankfully, their son, Seth, and his wife Jamie and their children live right across the stream so Ann and Lindsey were able to spend much of Christmas day with them later. Their three daughters and their families arrived on the weekend for a belated Christmas celebration and packed the house full of love.

Recently, Ann has taken on the role of lay leader for the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church and is currently learning the ropes and filling out annual reports in her "spare" time. She continues to work part-time in the library at Pittsburg School and has been planning the annual Read-Across-America events which will take place in early March.

Susan Ackerman has begun a new chapter of her life, singing and playing music with her partner Ed Mulhall and bringing joy to all who hear. They've given several concerts and plan to keep right on going!



Heidi Mathieu: I retired June 2019 after 28 1/2 Years of Teaching. I spend my time hiking when there is no snow on the ground. I am currently volunteering at Bretton Woods Ski Resort. I teach the school kids that come to the mountain to learn to ski or improve their skills. When I am not teaching the kids, I can be found free skiing at the mountain most days. I also travel whenever my husband gets vacation time. This past year I have been down to Hilton Head SC twice to visit my daughter who moved there this last August. Life is good.

Karen LaRoche: What an amazing year, I got married over the summer. We took a short holiday to visit castles in the 1000 island area of New York. I had my oldest granddaughter for three weeks this past summer and have also made the rounds to visit all six grandchildren over these past months. The newest was born in November. My youngest son Matthew has been recognized for his work as manager in the NH Liquor Commission's magazine; pick one up and take a look, and my oldest will be deploying to Afghanistan for another nine months this February.



Judy Erickson spent a wonderful week in the Azores just before Christmas. These are nine island 900 miles off the coast of Portugal. She and her husband Bob, son Zak and his girlfriend Kellie stayed on the island of Terceira. It is one of nine islands in this mid- Atlantic Ocean region. The archipelago is known as the Hawaiian Islands of Europe and only takes about 4 hours to get to from Boston. The entire place is covered with many shades of Hydrangeas as well as Cala lillies, Poinsettia trees, Norfolk Pines and Birds of paradise.

So much to explore there from volcanic beaches to rainforests and lava tube caves. The people and culture are amazing and friendly. Judy highly recommends checking out Azore Getaways. She plans to visit the Azores again before too long and brought back many pieces of seaglass and tidal treasures to create her jewelry with. Watch for these new pieces at her vendor table at the state conference in Portsmouth.



Delta Chapter just submitted their mid-year report to The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation of DKG Society International. Our chapter was awarded \$3000 for our project: Forget-Me-Not Early Literacy in honor of our Delta sister Marna Ingerson. To date we have delivered over 150 books, book buddy (stuffies) in handmade

coordinated bookbags. Chapter members have visited Kindergartens and First grades within our area reading to students and encouraging life long reading and reading at home. Within the second half of the year we will continue to visit local schools as well as Headstart programs.

The response from administration, teachers and parents has been very positive and we hope to keep this project going next year as well. Many thanks to our Literacy Committee and our chapter members for their encouragement and support.



-----Epsilon-----

Barbara Mee is enjoying retirement with enough travel to keep her head spinning. She and her husband Bill have used their timeshare weeks and Wyndham points (and even a few other things) to travel on their second Viking River cruise last summer on the Danube (with 14 of our close friends), and then Santa Fe and the Albuquerque balloon festival, NYC, New Orleans, Stowe, VT and Williamsburg, VA! It's awesome! We've had too many life events that have made us embrace the "life is too short" and "one never knows" philosophy and we realize we are very lucky! We have more planned and look forward with much anticipation to 2020 and the future. Barbara even traveled to Austin for a long weekend with a girlfriend, but there was no time to get together with Austin DKG friends.

Linda Robillard's granddaughter Meredith is married to a Marine and living at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. She has started her own dance school, the Lejeune Dance School for the Marine Bass children. She is working with 18 month to one year olds and their moms, 3 - 13 year olds to dance, and all ages for hip hop, and lyrical. She is also doing a class for the special needs children. Every single class is full and the families on the base are thrilled to have this opportunity for the children to learn how to dance. Epsilon's Linda is very proud and grateful for what her granddaughter is doing.

-----Eta-----

ETA Chapter is busily planning their host duties for the Beta Alpha State Conference April 2-4, 2020. Hope to see you all there to say, "Hello" at registration and to buy your raffle tickets for some great items!

ETA members spent some time together in December to see the play *A Christmas Carol* at the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth. Last year, the group went to see *Annie* and have been following this tradition for a few years now.

ETA has been planning some upcoming membership outreach activities including teacher baskets, with DKG information and treats, to be displayed at area schools. Also, members who work in these schools have encouraged some educators to "sit in" for some of our chapter meetings to see if they would like to join us.

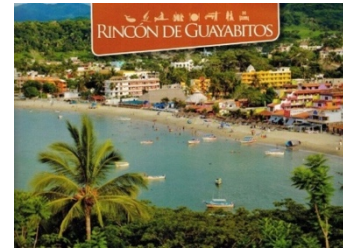
Ruth Ashley and Dianne Mros presented SAVE the Day with Mindful Moments workshop to the New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference in October 2019. They shared knowledge of healing arts, meditative movement and relaxation-based mindful techniques to therapists and therapy students. Ruth has also implemented a Mindful Cart program for students in her school programs to incorporate self-regulation and relaxation skills into classrooms.



On the Road again...
“Hey y’all!” **Ruth Ashley** spent a

Christmas vacation week travelling through Tennessee with her sister. Highlights included Pigeon Forge Opry show attractions, Nashville Country Hall of Fame Museum, and Graceland tours. Thank you, thank you very much.

Dianne Mros and Susan Dexter will be heading to Rincon De Guayabitos, Mexico this June for a two week fiesta and visit with Sue’s cousin whom she hasn’t seen in years. Can’t wait to see the sun-drenched pictures. Buen Viaje!



Caroline Butler attended the National ESEA Conference the first week in February in Atlanta. This conference provides training in each of the federal grants that schools and states receive such as Title I, Title II, Title III, and others. Caroline always finds this conference to be helpful in her work as the Federal Grant Manager for SAU 56 in Somersworth and Rollinsford.

March 12, 2020 there is a Chapter collaboration and book share with Gamma at the Granite Steak and Grill, in Rochester. More details to come.

-----Theta-----

"We had an amazing time at the nursing home in January as always. One resident even got up from her chair and started doing *YMCA* with me," **Tiffany Dube** said. "And Theta Chapter bought the cutest little stuffed teddy bears for the residents. They were thrilled with their early Valentine’s Day gifts.!"

For the 3rd year, several Theta members met at the Brick Front to share a social gathering at the end of January. While our programs are well received and meetings important, we decided the stretch between November and March was too long without connecting with our sisters. This social offers the opportunity to visit and stay informed about the many happenings in each other’s lives.

Sheila Mable was awarded the Founders Award at the spring conference 2019 in Meredith.

“We want to thank **Sheila Knight** of Gamma Chapter for transporting and accompanying Sheila Mable to several Theta and state meetings,” writes **Brenda Walker**.

“I miss being able to be more active in DKG but am glad I can help care for my ailing husband, despite my struggle with Parkinson’s disease,” reported **Sheila Mable**. “Our neighbors on Peaceful Lane have offered much support by plowing the driveway, giving us meals, delivering our mail, and taking us to our many doctors’ appointments.”

If anyone is interested, I have been attending the NHSTE (New Hampshire Society for Technology in Education) board meetings monthly in Concord, NH,” announced **Tiffany Dube** of Plymouth State University. Becoming a basic member is "free" and any member is encouraged to attend these meetings. There are many low-cost professional development opportunities available for members to assist them in staying current on what is going on with technology in education. Check out <https://nhste.org/events> At the moment, there is much discussion on New Hampshire's HB 1612 <https://www.education.nh.gov/data/index.htm> and how districts are finding ways to comply with it—not an easy thing to do when there are so many technology tools available to educators.

Portsmouth has a rich history that spans over 300 years. There are many historic homes and museums open to the public; however, most of them are only open to visitors from June to October. For an overview, there is a self-guided tour of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail. Maps and locations will be available at our conference.

Also, while you are in Portsmouth, you may want to visit Prescott Park, a 10-acre waterfront park with walking trails open throughout the year. In addition, a visit to the Memorial Bridge, a WWI vertical-lift bridge over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth and Badger's Island in Kittery, Maine, is worth your time.

Portsmouth is also well known for its many eateries offering a wide variety of food choices and options. Only a few recommendations are listed below:
 Portsmouth Gaslight (American, fast food). The building was built in 1837. \$
 Jumpin' Jays Fish Café (Seafood) \$\$\$
 Martingale Wharf (American) \$\$\$
 River House (Seafood, American) \$\$
 Portsmouth Brewery (American, Bar) \$\$
 Franklin Oyster House (seafood, pasta) \$\$
 Mombos (American) \$\$\$
 Tuscan Kitchen (Italian, recently relocated to the center of town) \$\$\$

**1 Night Package
\$260 (single) \$195 (double)**

Includes: Friday night guestroom accommodation, continental breakfast Friday & Saturday mornings, Friday and Saturday lunches, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.

**2 Night Package
\$390 (single) \$260 (double)**

Includes Thursday & Friday night guestroom accommodation, hospitality area, continental breakfasts Friday & Saturday morning, Friday and Saturday lunches, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.

**Day Package—Friday or Saturday
\$75.00**

Includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.

Self parking: \$10.00/day paid on arrival
 Valet parking: \$25.00/day paid on arrival



Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel
250 Market Street
Portsmouth, NH
<http://www.sheratonportsmouth.com/>

Directions:

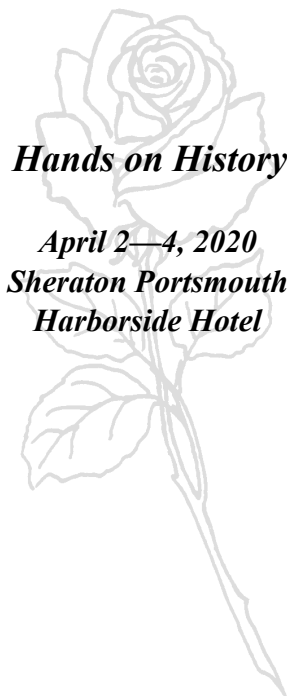
From Manchester
 Take Route 101 East to Interstate 95 North to Exit 7. Turn right off the exit and proceed for approximately 1/2 mile. Bear right at the blinking light and the hotel entrance is approximately 50 yards on the left.

From North:
 Take Exit 7 off I-95 (Downtown Portsmouth). Turn left off the exit and 1/2 mile ahead bear right at the blinking light. The hotel entrance is on the left.

From Concord
 Take RT. 4 to I-95 N. take exit 7. Turn right off the exit and proceed for approximately 1/2 mile. Bear right at the blinking light and the hotel entrance is approximately 50 yards on the left.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
 NEW HAMPSHIRE



Hands On History

7:30—8:45—Breakfast
 8:00 - 9:30—Registration

9:30-10:30 - Richard Hayes, UNH Associate Director of Administrations, for Diversity, winner of the 2018 Presidential Award. The presentation will include his diversity work at UNH as well as his art, speaking on community-focused art projects aimed at fostering racial unity. Richard's message is one of love, hope, and optimism. He says, "Struggles are good for you. They bring about perseverance. Endurance. Character. And at the end, you lack

10:45-11:45 - Jack McGee, attended Yale and William and Mary. A lawyer and historian, will talk on the rich history of the north end of Portsmouth, where the Sheraton Hotel is located. Jack and his family have been long time supporters of preserving and archiving the history of Portsmouth. In 2018, he sold his law office building, which had housed his law offices for 33 years, to the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. The building, 222 Court Street, now houses the offices and information center for BHTNH.

11:45 - 1:00: Vendors & Lunch



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES
 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS.

1:15—2:15 - Carol White from Fort Stark State Historic Site, Division of Parks and Recreation. Volunteer and caretaker at the state historic Fort Stark in New Castle, NH, will tell tales of the Fort, the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth during World War II. Fort Stark, which looks over the Piscataqua River, was named in honor of John Stark, Commander of the NH forces at the Battle of Bennington (1777).

2:30—3:30:
 Becky Coppola (or someone else): from Strawberry Banke. Becky will give an overview of Strawberry Banke: its history and educational opportunities for students & teachers. "Strawberry Banke is a ten-acre outdoor history museum dedicated to bringing 300+ years of American history to life." Open from May 1 – Oct. 31, it offers multiple gardens, 32 historic homes, traditional crafts, and more.

Friday evening—dinner and socializing

Saturday
 8:00 – 9:30 Registration, Continental Breakfast, & Vendors

9:30 – 10:30: Celebration of Life & Business Meeting

10:30 – 11:00: Check Out, Vendors

11:00 – 12:00: Business Meeting

12:00 - 1:15: Women of Distinction Awards & Lunch & Vendors

1:30 – 2:30: Speaker:
 Representative from the NH Retired Educators Association

The Delta Kappa Gamma
 Society International
 Beta Alpha State
 Spring Conference

Hands On History

April 2 to 4, 2020
 Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel
 250 Market St., Portsmouth, NH

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Chapter: _____

Package requested :

1 night single double

2 night single double

1 day : Friday , Saturday

Amount enclosed _____

Dietary concerns _____

Sharing a room with _____

I plan to use Valet parking _____

I plan to use across the street parking _____

Registrations due by February 28, 2020

Please send a check made payable to NH State DKG with this registration form to:

Mrs. Flora Sapsin
 15 Osprey Lane
 Newmarket, NH 03857

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Flora Sapsin @ 603-292-5980 or 603-566-4196.
 E-mail: fsapsin@gmail.com

Delta Kappa Gamma: New Hampshire State Spring Conference
Vendor Application and Agreement
Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside, Portsmouth, NH
April 2 - 4, 2020

Send to:

Terry Thompson
720 Vermont Route 12
Hartland, VT 05048

Postmarked by: March 20, 2020

Please provide the following:

Vendor's name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Items to be sold: _____

Check # _____ enclosed (for \$20 table fee), payable to "New Hampshire State"

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Vendor Information:

- A vendor must be a DKG member from NH State and must be registered for the 2020 NH State Spring Conference.
- An individual NH State chapter may secure one table for multiple artists.
- All items sold must be hand-made or written by original authors.
- Applications must be sent via US mail (not email).
- A check for \$20, payable to "New Hampshire State", must accompany the application. There will be no refunds for cancellations made 2 weeks or less prior to the conference.
- A confirmation will be sent via email.
- Vendors will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.
- Vendors will be provided with one 8' table and 2 chairs. No additional furniture may be brought in.
- No wall space or electricity will be available.
- Vendors will provide their own table coverings.
- Vendors may set up Thursday evening or during registration on Friday morning.
- Vendor tables will be open during morning registration, breaks, lunch, and evening (time to be determined) on Friday and on Saturday morning.
- Vendors are responsible for their own security.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION TO BE HONORED

by Sheila Knight, Gamma & Sheila Mable, Theta

NH-DKG is blessed with so many dedicated, creative and loyal women in our chapters that we will recognize a Woman of Distinction in each chapter. These Chapter Achievement Awards will be presented to a member from each chapter on the even years at the NH-DKG State Spring Conference.

The distinguished member may be chosen by the chapter president, the chapter executive board, or by other methods the chapter may use. The recipients' names will be kept confidential until the presentations on April 4, 2020.

Each chapter will select a member to be recognized and submit her contributions in a paragraph by March 1, 2020, to Sheila Knight, 11 Wildemere Terrace, Concord, NH 03301 and/or to Sheila Mable at smable@comcast.net.

Note: The paragraph should be between 80 and 130 words.

A Note from Brenda Walker to NH-DKG's Membership

Please think about sending in some of our chapters' Ladies of Distinction to answer this plea from International:

We need your help. We need submissions for inclusion on the Membership Spotlight on the International website. Please encourage your chapters and/or state to nominate a member, a group of members or a chapter for this honor. The criteria we use to acknowledge members for this honor include: DKG involvement and promotion of society, community involvement, innovative/creative action, leadership and overall impact on education. We know each state organization has many people who would meet these criteria! Please help us recognize them. It is as easy as filling out the form on the website in the Membership Spotlight area or just by accessing it directly at this URL, <https://tinyurl.com/v4fjrdy>. We hope to have more submissions than we know what to do with!

Brenda Walker
NH-DKG Membership Chair

NH-DKG Honors Sheila Mable

Sheila Mable was named the NH-DKG's Founders' Award winner for New Hampshire in March 2019. Here are several messages she received:

"We salute you as an outstanding member of our Society. You have demonstrated a complete understanding of the Purposes of our Society and have enriched New Hampshire State—DKG with your many accomplishments. You



have a rich educational background and a keen interest in the education of children and have brought honor to our profession. By recognizing you today, we honor the memories of the founders of Beta Alpha State and provide a continuing awareness of the history of Delta Kappa Gamma Society." ~ On the Award Certificate

"We are so proud to have her in our chapter. She brings joy to Theta's heart each time we see her at a meeting. She gives her all for us and has helped to hold us together as group over the years. As chapter president two terms, for example, she provided the leadership that was lost with the deaths of Lois Plimpton and Taffy McGuigan. Her knowledge of how the chapter works, as well as how the state and international

work, is invaluable to us. In addition, Sheila has made many presentations at the chapter, state, regional and international levels since her initiation in 1981 in Vermont. Sheila remains the most caring person I know. We love you!" ~ Brenda Walker, Theta Chapter.

"Ten years as CHIPS editor...Wow!" ~Anne Nute, Eta Chapter

"Congratulations on being selected for the 2019 Founders' Award. It is an honor well deserved." ~Maurine Henry, Alpha Chapter

"Sorry to learn you no longer will edit *CHIPS*. You have done yeoman service for the organization. Thank you." ~Connie Lanseigne-Case, Epsilon Chapter.

In response, Sheila wrote the following:

As part of the Founders' Award, I received 200 dollars to give to an educational group of my choice. I donated it to the Future Business Leaders of America Club at Merrimack Valley High School, where my granddaughter is a sophomore. I hope that money will be used to help fund the members to attend the state conference.

I loved every minute of collecting, editing, and laying out of *CHIPS*, our state newsletter, from 2009 to 2019. I give special thanks to Flora Sapsin for asking me to be the state editor to begin with, to Sheila Knight for the many photos of our meetings and conferences, and to the state membership who generously sent me professional and personal news for each issue. I wish Peggy Saunders, our new editor, the best.

Most of all, I am thankful for the friendships I have made after moving to New Hampshire from Vermont at age 66, not knowing any one other than my husband, two children, four grandchildren and two friends. I lucked out when Lois Plimpton asked me to join Theta Chapter after talking with Alice Carrier of Vermont. I finally felt I belonged in New Hampshire!