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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 Woman of Distinction award is presented at our spring conference. Due to the need to cancel the conference this year, we are presenting the award recipients through this special edition.

Alpha Honors Judy Durand

The Alpha chapter's 2020 nomination for the Woman of Distinction award goes to **Judy Durand**. Judy joined Alpha chapter in 1998, and has been very active in the chapter. She has been the second Vice President and the recording Secretary, as well as serving on many other committees. Judy chairs the Scholarship committee, and painstakingly reviews all of the applications for our book award grant. She has also hosted a yard sale fund raiser at her home. She was honored by Beta Alpha State when she was awarded a state scholarship to help toward her graduate study expenses.

Judy has taught in the Fall Mountain district and in Bellows Falls, Vermont. For several summers she and her husband taught at the Perkins School for the Blind. In 2000, she was named Outstanding Teacher in Vermont.

Judy has graciously volunteered to be one of the executive officers for the 2020-22 term of our Alpha chapter.

Judy Durand is truly a Woman of Distinction!

Who Is Beta's 2020 Woman of Distinction?

Beta's 2020 woman of Distinction attended Radford College and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1972. Most of her career was spent teaching third grade at Canaan Elementary School for 23 years. She began her experience there teaching in a store-front for three years while the school was being renovated after a fire destroyed most of the building.

She joined DKG in 1988 and has served Beta Chapter as secretary, co-president and president. She wrote the original Beta bylaws and has rewritten them several times. She has also been on numerous committees for Beta and NH State. In addition, for several decades she has given her support and guidance to the Beta presidents and other officers. We are pleased to present **Kathy Tucker** with Beta's 2020 Woman of Distinction Award.

GAMMA CHAPTER HONORS BARBARA COWAN

We of Gamma Chapter are pleased to present **Barbara Cowan** as our Woman of Distinction for 2020. Barbara is a most sharing, talented artist who taught many years as an elementary art teacher in the Portsmouth school system.

A graduate of Keene State College with graduate work at UNH, she has been active in a variety of art groups—as a student and teacher on the Isles of Shoals, Nantucket, and Coast Maine. She also has done much for the town of Exeter, creating beautiful posters and cards for different art groups and galleries. In addition, she has served on many Gamma Chapter committees and has shared her work with Gamma members.

Barbara has two children and four grandchildren. Her sense of fun and her positive attitude have always been appreciated by her fellow sisters.
Congratulations, Barbara

Delta Names Judy Erickson as Their Woman of Distinction

Delta is pleased to announce **Judy Ellen Erickson** as their Woman of Distinction.

She received her BS from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts and her MA in Reading and Writing from Plymouth State University.

Over the years Judy has held many positions in the Whitefield School. She has worked as a Special Needs-Reading Recovery teacher, Title 1 teacher, Kindergarten and Grade 1-2 classroom teacher, and Reading Specialist.

Judy has met with much success. She received the Millie Morse Teacher Achievement Award in 2011. Judy's articles on Reading Recovery in Grades 1-2 were published in The Reading Recovery Booklet. Also, she is our Delta News editor for the state newsletter, *Chips of Granite*. In addition, she attended NH State Conferences and is an Ad Hoc member of the Vendor Committee. She participated as a vendor in Meredith and will display her jewelry in Portsmouth. Judy has served as Delta Second Vice President, First Vice President, and acting President. She is currently First Vice President. Judy participates on the Literacy Committee, which received a \$3,000.00 grant for 2019-2020. Her many travels include a trip to Scotland, which she shared at a recent meeting.

Epsilon Chapter Honors Jane Fowler
By Barbara Mee, Epsilon President

Epsilon Chapter named **Jane Fowler** for our chapter's 2020 Woman of Distinction. Jane is a native New Englander and attended college in Maine. Due to her husband Dale's job, she spent many years in Texas, beloved home of DKG, and was inducted when she was a teacher there.

Jane moved back to NH in 2001. She needed a chapter to transfer into, and Epsilon was lucky enough to be the right chapter for this Chester resident. She got a job teaching at Chester Academy and is still actively teaching to this day.

Jane happened to arrive on the Epsilon scene shortly after I had returned from the then named Golden Gift/Management /Leadership Seminar. We bonded immediately because Jane understood what my time in Texas meant...and that DKG members truly do "bleed rose red."

Jane stepped up and immediately helped with chapter duties, leadership roles, state and regional/international conference attendance... all while juggling the many family responsibilities and full-time teaching. In addition, she has graciously opened her beautifully decorated home for our holiday gathering and auction for several years now.

I could go on and on as Jane is always there, always willing to lend a hand, and epitomizes Delta Kappa Gamma's seven purposes.

ETA CHAPTER HONORS JEAN GARZILLO

Eta Chapter has chosen **Jean Garzillo** to be the 2020 recipient of the Woman of Distinction Chapter Achievement Award. Jean joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 1983 and served as the state's chair of the Founders Award committee.

Jean received her B.A. degree from Montclair State Teaching College in 1959. She graduated with two majors, one in Speech Pathology and the other in Theater, and two minors. Her two minors were in High School English and Elementary Education. Jean received her M.Ed. from UNH in 1976.

Jean taught remedial reading in the elementary school in Rochester, NH. She collaborated with the principal to write a grant for computers and established an honors program. At the junior high school, she taught English and College Prep., worked with the Honors Program, and taught Honors English. Also, she was a chair/coordinator of the English Department. In addition, she was the Spaulding High School drama coach for 12 years.

We thank Jean especially for her lifelong commitment to educating children.

THETA CHAPTER HONORS ANNE NIX

This year Theta Chapter names **Anne Nix** as the well-deserved recipient of the 2020 Woman of Distinction Award. Anne has been an educator for more than 25 years and a valued Delta Kappa Gamma member since 2001.

Anne has dedicated her career to families and the belief that listening is often the means to healing and learning. In a school setting, emotional crisis cannot be planned. At any given time, there are students dealing with loss, anger and pain. There are families awaiting calls in hopes of seeking answers. Individuals who have found their way to Anne's care have been met with acceptance, calm, and reassurance that their feelings are valid and help is available.

Anne believes strong trusting bonds build character for both the trusted and the trustee. She initiated a ropes course at Elm Street School in Laconia to offer this experience to the students.

Since then, her own battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) has made her a daily role model. The many people who love her have seen firsthand her determination to make each day count. She is tireless in her dedication to be and do all that she can, despite the challenges posed.