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Greetings from the State President

As the new DKG New Hampshire State president, I look forward to the challenges presented to me with this honor. I hope this is a year to “Reconnect, Rebuild, and Renew” our commitment to each other and to the education of our communities, the state of New Hampshire, and the larger international community.

Two years ago, Anne Nutte asked me if I was ready to take over as president. Not feeling particularly secure about the prospect of taking over, I asked her to continue as president for one more term. She gracefully accepted. Who could have possibly predicted the emergence of COVID-19 and the impact that would have on us all. Thank you, Anne, for leading us through the past 18 months. You have kept us informed, connected, and introduced many of us to the world of virtual meetings. Also, I would like to thank Maurine Henry for setting up the meetings and doing some much of the behind-the-scenes work.

During the next few months, there are several DKG events scheduled at the state and international levels. Two International conferences are scheduled in the month of July: one in Portland, Oregon and the other in San Antonio, Texas. I will not be attending either of these conferences; however, I would encourage you to visit the DKG website for information about them and their follow-up summaries. I will be attending the Leadership Conference in Atlanta for new officers and will give you a full report at our fall business meeting. We, also, have a DKG NH State board meeting scheduled on August 10th to discuss how we will proceed over the next two years.

Our New Hampshire State Fall meeting will be in Keene on Saturday, September 18th. I hope many of you will be able to attend. It will be an opportunity to reconnect with your DKG sisters and to view a collection of beautiful murals scattered throughout the city. The registration forms will be sent out in August. Prior to the scheduled program, we will have our business meeting. I encourage each chapter to prepare a brief up-date (2-3 minutes) describing your activities during the pandemic and a mention of one or two events you have planned for the future. We will share these at the end of our business meeting.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you in September.
Terry Thompson

DKG International Conferences and Training Session

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend either of the DKG International conferences in Portland, or San Antonio. There was smaller than usual attendance at both conferences; however, those DKG sisters who attended felt it was a very positive experience. There will be highlights from the conferences on the DKG International website shortly.

I did attend the DKG Training weekend in Atlanta, July 31- August 1. Brenda Walker, Anne Nute and Maurine Henry attended virtually. My experience was excellent. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement; I left with an extensive amount of new and useful information, as well as a feeling of support and comradery from the DKG International team. We shared program ideas, ways to attract new members and keep current ones, and strategies for moving forward. Most important, I was able to connect with the folks from Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts. The Vermont and Maine groups are particularly interested in attending our spring conferences.

You may want to consider attending the 2022 DKG International Convention in New Orleans, July 12 – 16. Remember there are scholarships available through New Hampshire State to help fund your trip. DKG International has a great deal to offer to both active and retired educators.

Mark your calendar for:

State Fall Workshop

September 18, 2021

Cheshire County Historical Society, Main St. Keene, NH

Walldogs Murals Presentation 10:00 AM

State Spring Conference

March 31, April 1 and 2 (Thursday – Saturday)

Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside, Portsmouth, NH

Book Recommendations

Trauma Does Not Stop at the School Door by Karen Gross (2020 winner of the DKG Book Award) Provides insights on the stress and trauma experienced by students during the pandemic and their needs when returning to in-person learning. Highly recommended for those who are actively teaching.

A Schoolteacher in Old Alaska, the Story of Hannah Breece, copyright 1995, Introduction by Jane Jacobs (Hannah Breece's great-niece): A memoir describing 17 years of teaching in rural Alaska during the early 1900's.

Look to the Mountain by LeGrand Cannon, Jr, copyright 1942: An epic tale of a pioneer couple taming the New Hampshire wilderness just prior to the American Revolution. A classic worth rereading.

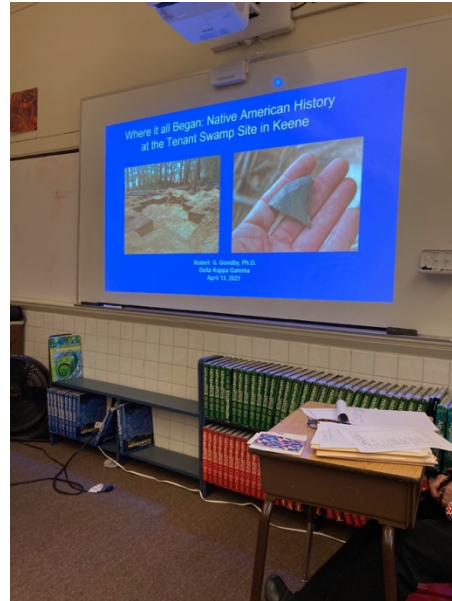
Chapter News

-----Alpha-----

Joanne Stroshine received training as a CASA Peer Coordinator, so she will soon be appointed to work with a new CASA as he/she begins the work of advocating in court for the best interests of children exposed to abuse and neglect. Anyone interested in finding out more about CASA can contact the office in Manchester for information at 626-4600 or casanh.org. It's a challenging but rewarding experience.



Peggy Saunders spent a week with her siblings in Pennsylvania near the Delaware Water Gap. The waterfalls were beautiful.



Alpha chapter was able to have spring



meeting, hybrid in Bernadette Kuhn's classroom and in person at Ashuelot Park in Keene.

-----Beta-----

Jane Abbott Sweatt enjoyed reading many books and discussing them virtually. Walking became a daily and enjoyable activity for her, including a visit with a goat nearby. She also did a little subbing and sharing fun learning activities with two little people in Ohio. Their grandmother is a great friend of hers. The girls spent 9 months with their grandmother in Ohio.

Susan Mellow was able to attend several OSHER classes on ZOOM. She read several Shakespeare plays and the poetry of Sir Philip Sianey. The teacher was terrific and kept things lively. It was a delightful class and she learned so much.

Ann Cattabriga spent lots of time outdoors – walking, hiking, boating, gardening and making improvements on her property with her husband. She also knitted an afghan and made a queen-size old-fashioned patchwork quilt that has 550 four-inch squares. In May, Ann and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary in mid coast Maine. In June her family has 2 graduations. Her daughter graduates from nursing school and embarks on her second career. Her granddaughter graduates from high school and heads to college on a track scholarship. She is currently the fastest female Division III sprinter in the state. What makes this even more remarkable is that a year ago, she was in a hiking accident where a huge rock fell on her, fracturing her pelvis in 5 places and breaking bones in her foot. She worked incredibly hard and made a remarkable recovery. We were all very sad to hear the news of Lin Thompson’s death. It is always hard to lose a vibrant chapter member.

Kathy Tucker and her husband are spending the summer in “down east” Milbridge, Maine. Her dog, Cooper, loves to dig in the sand and bark at the water!



-----Gamma-----

As Gamma members sent in the annual dues, they were asked to share a little of what they had been doing over the past COVID-19 months. Here is a summary of those responses.

Sheila Knight sent three articles that she had written about her passion for the Concord Coach. She has written about the routes the coaches have traveled including Yellowstone and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. She even spent time this past winter writing about two mice that would watch the construction of the coaches which would be perfect for children.

Penny Bodwell stayed in New Hampshire all during the winter months instead of heading to Florida. After having the vaccine, she and her husband drove down for six weeks of sunshine. With the extra time inside in NH, Penny has been working on her genealogy for her family and her husband’s family with some amazing results.

Helen Gettelman writes that she has enjoyed singing with the Seacoast Community Chorus virtually along with attending church virtually. The computer has been a source of connection with emails, ZOOM meetings and watching television programs. Of course, she says eating too much was part of most days, too.

Ann Douglas worked once a week at her church's library to catalogue on the computer new and donated books. In addition, she has tutored three neighborhood immigrant children; helping them to learn English just by holding conversations during their free time. As a result, the grandparents who live in the same household are learning English, too. Tutoring chats will continue all summer long!

Priscilla Jenness reports that much of her time has been spent at home after serving many years on the Rye Board of Selectman. With the free time she has been able to turn her attention to getting back into good health.

Lynn Young enjoyed going to Mousin Lake until colder weather required her to have the water shut off. Days there returned with the summer of 2021. She remained involved with small group church activities which continued to meet throughout the winter. This spring, Lynn drove with Sheila Knight to Vermont to celebrate her grandson's high school graduation.

Myrt Moore turned 90 in September 2020 and celebrated with reading the many cards she received and enjoying a sign on her front lawn from Gamma with bouncing balloons, all of which she was most grateful to receive. She has been reading, completing a 550-piece puzzle and many crossword puzzles. She is also working on a baby blanket, although she didn't say who was having a baby!! St. John's has had to close the shop that Myrt and so many others worked at due to Portsmouth fire laws.

Joyce Griffin celebrated with her father as he was honored for his many contributions to the town of Exeter. Like many of us, Joyce has been home making the best of each day.

Jacki Hinton has continued her love for sewing quilts. She listed several that have been completed and given to family members as well as those that will be on display. She is involved in, well more accurately is a lead person in preparation for a quilt show. The creativity that she has with fabric is amazing.

Ann Smith spent her year in Memphis TN. Through phone conversations we learned that she has made friends with the church secretary and would often go to help with church related projects. We not surprised that being new in town didn't stop her at all.

Barbara Cowan continues her art work without missing a beat. She is involved with work for Exeter's Christmas decorations. She is planning on spending a week this summer on the Isle of Shoals getting some fresh sea air and painting.

Betty Gilman had stopped volunteering for many organizations that by the end of summer the walls were looking a little boring. In September 2020 she had a Red Cross job getting volunteers to work at blood drives. Her fancy title is Volunteer Scheduling Specialist! With five counties on the western half of New Hampshire from Coos to Cheshire, time is spent on the computer and telephone nearly every day.

-----**Delta**-----

Nora Beaton has retired from Lebanon Middle School! She recently spent a week in Arlington, Virginia visiting her grandson, Cooper. He will be two in August.

Marsha Biron
Is enjoying lots of summer adventures and making very special memories with my grandchildren-Clark's Trained Bears, Santa's

Village, Storyland, and a week at Jackson's Lodge.

Also I am coordinating our Colebrook Got Lunch program for the tenth year. We provide weekly bags of food for students in SAU #7, providing them with 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and a family dinner.

My husband and I are also planning a trip in our Miata convertible to visit every covered bridge in NH. Just waiting for a few days of sunny weather!

Karen Locke

Good Morning.... It's official, I have chosen to retire from teaching after 37 years! I'm told that it will not hit me until September rolls around and I have a different schedule... one to include my husband, my grandchildren and my gardens... I hope to offer some basic sewing and catch up on some of my UFP's (unfinished projects 😊)

Christine Smith

Late May and early June, Mike and I took a two week trip out west. We went to Vegas for a few days and came out \$115 ahead. The first day, I put 26,000 steps on my Fitbit in 92-degree temperatures. While there we took in a show, Extravaganza. We took a side trip to Hoover Dam. The water levels there were low. Since we came home, the news shows them even lower. We left Vegas and visited the Valley of Fire, which is Nevada's first state park. The red colors were spectacular. We also saw petroglyphs. Then we went to Zion National Park in Utah. Again, spectacular scenery. We spent some time in Kingman, Arizona and ate at Mr. D's a retro diner. We went to a Route 66 museum and drove some of Route 66 on the way to Williams. One of the most interesting sections was on the way to Oatman, a ghost town, where we saw cowboy shows and I

got bit by a burro. The drive there was something akin to the Mt. Washington Auto Road - 91 curves in 8 miles of steep cliffs with burros here and there. It was wild! From there we went to the Grand Canyon West, the Sky Walk. This place is awesome. But, not for the faint of heart. Of course, we went to the Grand Canyon. We stayed a couple of nights at the Grand Canyon Hotel and took the train. Cowboys robbed us on the train, different ones entertained us with songs, and we got to see some wild mustangs and a herd of elk. Altogether great fun and spectacular scenery. On our way back to Vegas, we took a riverboat ride on the Colorado River. By now the temperature had risen to 112 degrees. The East is green and lush, which is why we love it. The West is more reds, yellows, and browns, full of deep canyons and high mountains. Quite different, but wonderful!

Teri Cote has retired after teaching 21 years at Errol Consolidated School. She has always enjoyed teaching and learning in the multi-grade classrooms. Now she has time (hopefully) to enjoy and work on her home and garden in Gorham, while taking care of her family, friends and pets. Hope to see all of you and my Delta sisters soon!

Susan Ackerman

My time has been very productive and full, filled with Astrological Counseling Readings, walking, taking photos for my daily Messages and writing to give people hope and peace, as well as daily singing and playing songs on my mandolin and piano. My music partner Ed and I have bi-weekly rehearsals in preparation for concerts wherever our work will be needed.

Here's a sample of my daily writings.
We are every flower in my photo and they are reminding each of us to Shine our Light. Especially on cloudy days where doubt and fear are creating clouds, our Light is needed more than ever. Remember the flower that you are and Shine your Light!
With Love, Susan

Heidi Mathieu
This past spring has been a time of healing. In March I broke my wrist in many places while skiing. I suppose when you do an activity or sport enough you are eventually will get a setback. I got a plate and seven screws holding my wrist together. I spent most of May and June in therapy trying to get my strength and range of motion better. I heard in one year it will feel a lot better. The heating pad is my friend. I'm also able to drive now.
I've returned to hiking wearing a brace and I will be back on the ski slopes in early winter.
I have taken a few short trips to my home state of Maine to visit my parents. My mom is 90 and my dad just celebrated his 95th birthday with many of my siblings there. I have been enjoying live outdoor music this past month, free concerts and paying ones. Nothing like dancing on a summer day or night while listening to all kinds of music. It is great to be around friends again.

In July Pat McLean spent a week in Bar Harbor with a group of 13 family members and friends enjoying the beauty of the area. She has begun working part time at the Morrison Nursing Home as one of their visitor facilitators. This opportunity has enabled Pat to support residents in their visits with family and friends. Pat and her black lab, Rocket, will soon be welcoming a

new puppy, Bagpiper McLean, into their home. Piper is a sweet black Cockapoo.

Judy Erickson

Bob and I purchased a small travel trailer last fall and are preparing to make a long-awaited cross-country road trip the end of August. We will meet up with our sons Jacob and Zak in Oregon.

Our pre-road trip adventure began on June 24th with our first trial run to a nearby campground only ten minutes from home.

It included 3 days of my packing as if I was headed to the Rockies for a week. We finally headed out of the yard.

Bob drove the truck pulling the 21' travel trailer, with me following. I noticed he spent a lot of time over the yellow line. Then there was that black wire hanging down close to the road. And the bunk window unlatched flying up as he bumped along. I gave him a call and his response to my concerns were: "As far as being over the yellow line, get over that." The window and wire can wait, there's not that far to go."

A bit further and he pulled over to fix both. As for me, I began to smell alcohol? It was the bottle of whiskey I packed for Bob in a paper bag on the back seat. The cover had loosened and 1/2 the bottle poured out into those little areas that the seat belt come out of. Keep in mind that at this point we are still only halfway there (5 minutes!). For a week my car smelled like Whiskey Willie's Western Bar and I don't even like whiskey. Why couldn't it have been my Moscato? Don't judge me.

By now we had arrived at our campsite and Bob does a nice job backing in; me not so much. It's all good.

As we carry and dump everything into our cozy home away from home it dawns on me that we will be spending 6 or 7 long weeks together in this tiny tin can on wheels.

Thinking more positively I remember that unlike tenting, I have access to a double sink, hot & cold running water, 3 burner stove top with oven, a microwave, fridge & freezer and most important, a flush toilet and a shower. Of course, most of these 'goodies' only work with full hookup sites.

While "boon docking"(so many new terms to learn) we will be roughing it on some back woods site far off the beaten path and I will have to poop in the woods far away from the trailer so as not to call in the meat eaters. Bless me please.

The next day Bob went to work. I had the day to myself and went for a walk, had fresh muffins delivered to my site, read, and tried to organize the camper. Not a bad day overall.

Late afternoon I sat out on the picnic table waiting for my dear hubby to return.

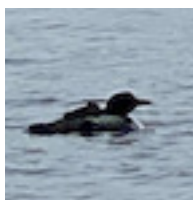
I had gotten a bag of ice and carried two bundles of "cured" wood from the camp store. Gone are the days we can carry in our own firewood or chop some down from around our site. C'est la vie.

It is now 3:40 pm and Bob finally arrived. After work he stopped home to take a shower and he says, to check up on our trio of cats. I can tell by his sleepy eyes he had himself a relaxing nap in his comfy recliner while I have been sitting outside in the shade on this freakin' hard picnic table waiting for him. He sat for a minute then wandered into the camper to finish his nap. Stamina, women have lots more than men, right?

I'm tempted to jump in the truck and head to the nearest casino for the night. Now THERE'S an adventure!

Note* There is a red squirrel and a chipmunk sitting on nearby stumps staring at me. I wish I had a BB gun.

Hello from Tammy Gerald,



After being with SAU7 for 19 years and teaching as a special's teacher for 15 years. I have taken a new position in Canaan Vermont, teaching 1st and 2nd

grade. When I began my journey in Pittsburg I set goals for myself. I met and exceeded those goals. I also had set having my own classroom as a goal. I am so excited to begin this new journey!



Tammy

Pam Read
A Fish Tail

My husband Ted and I had a fishing adventure. Last July we ordered a rather expensive tandem fishing kayak, but because of COVID-19 there was quite a delay in getting it and by the time we did, it was too late. So it sat in our storage unit until June when we decided to take it up to Long Pond.

We got all ready with all the fishing poles and tackle and took our brand new 'heavier than hell' kayak to Long Pond. On the way, the poles got all tangled up together so that took quite awhile to get them straightened out.

Then we opened up the worms and they were all dead! So we paddled around the pond and did not fish at all.

When we got home we decided the kayak was too heavy for us and we ordered two

single kayaks and we are STILL waiting for them. Oh! they are ones with pedals!!

We are going to Maine for a few days at the end of the month to visit with our New York friends that will be staying at the campground which we used to camp at before we sold our camper. But that's another story...

The Delta Chapter Literacy Committee (Pam Read, Judy Erickson, Dianne Mumley and Kay Moren) is pleased to announce that Delta Chapter has received another \$3,000 grant for the continuation of our 'For-Get-Me Not' Early Literacy Project from International for 2021! This project was named in honor of our Delta sister Marna Ingerson. Although COVID-19 prevented us from delivering books and stuffies in bags to children in local Head Starts and Schools, we hope to get back into the classrooms this fall!

-----Eta-----



Most of Eta members have been busy with outdoor fun including camping, hiking, swimming and boating. Thanks to vaccinations and lessening restrictions, family and friends can rejoin many beloved activities and traditions. Sue Dexter and Dianne Mros earned [Our Towns Recreation Take a Hike](#) stickers. They completed hikes in the following six towns: Wakefield,

Wolfeboro, Alton, Rochester, Ossipee, and New Durham. They also saw, "You're a good man, Charlie Brown" at Prescott Park.

Sightseeing and history was another "theme" for activities this summer. Ruth Ashley and Dianne Mros took a tour through the Whaling

Museum in New Bedford, Mass with one of the docents, "Uncle Charlie" - a relative of fellow educator Sue



Bailey. We learned the phrase: "Her chimney's afire!" and we learned that



sperm whales can compress their rib cage to take deep dives for feeding on giant

squid. Ruth also visited the Fairbanks Museum and Homestead, the oldest standing wood-frame home in America, which was settled and built in Dedham, Massachusetts by Jonathan Fairbanks in 1636. Ruth is descended from the Fairbanks on her mother's side and has lineage tracing back to England and Scotland. There, she learned the origin of "pop goes the weasel" and that stinky shoes in the wall keep witches away! In keeping with the historical theme, Ruth also visited Strawberry Banke. There, she toured the Blacksmith's building which was donated and moved from Dundee, NH from the Dinsmore property. Ruth's husband, John, is a cousin to the Dinsmore family and remembers when his

Uncle Dan used the blacksmiths shop up on the mountain at the farm.

Dianne Mros will get to enjoy this fall season FULLY retired from teaching and has a trip with Sue Dexter to Web Pond in Eastbrook Maine and a lake house rental planned. She is keeping busy teaching Tai Chi classes for Adult Education programs. Her grandchildren are all in college now, and she will be able to visit Plymouth, Keene and UNH for performances, sports or just take them out to eat!

Caroline Butler hosted our spring chapter meeting at her beautiful lake house in Alton



Bay. We elected new officers and planned our meetings for the rest of the year.

Ruth Ashley will start her 28th school year as a school-based COTA this August. She looks forward to another year and hopes for in-person learning to continue for her students. She is an active member of the Wellness Committee at her work and enjoys providing Tai Chi and Mindfulness presentations to staff and students.

Continue to keep those of us who are still working with children in your thoughts as we may face further challenges with the pandemic.

-----Epsilon-----

Connie Lanseigne-Case learned to quill five years ago. It is the craft of cutting and curling narrow strips of colored papers. Recently she volunteered to co-ordinate a weekly, two-hour program at the community center in her hometown. The oil paint and quilling picture, “Robby Rabbit” is an example.



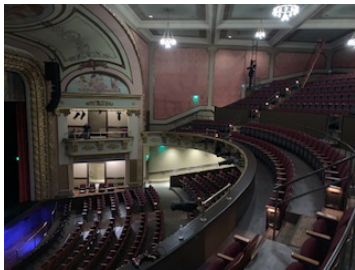
In January she began to write her memoir with a focus on her travel, study and teaching on six continents following the pleasure derived a year ago from illustrating the book, When A Woman Takes A Walk.

-----Theta-----



Our chapter met for the first time in-person this past May. Many smiles were exchanged as it was so wonderful to see each other unmasked!

All had been vaccinated. We also toured the newly renovated Colonial Theater in Laconia NH.



We are planning to view "A Christmas Carol" as a social in December.

In July, Karen Goss and Donna-Marie Gamlin visited Sedona, AZ, the Grand Canyon and Jerome. If you have never heard of Jerome, let us tell you about it because no brochure ever will. In order to get there, you need to climb a 26-mile-long, narrow, winding road, bordering steep cliffs. Harrowing! Then the tour guide explains that this was the first area the railroad accessed in AZ and was the sight of huge mines. There were two stone hospitals built in the late 1800s. Due to the deaths caused by cave-ins, and the deaths due to the Spanish flu it is common for locals to see apparitions of miners and hospital workers. Add to that, half a road caved in unexpectedly and later a road. No need to worry though, the restaurants and shops

were great.



Membership Milestones

10 Years

Karen Leduc	Alpha
Joan Butler	Beta
Donna-Marie Gamlin	Theta

15 years

Teri Cote	Delta
Kathleen Urso	Delta
Karen Locke	Delta
Christine Smith	Delta
Ann Gaffney	Epsilon

20 Years

Angela Seaver	Alpha
Joan Coates	Delta
Sharon Lane	Delta
Anne Nix	Theta
Rachel Young	Theta

25 Years

Marsha Biron	Delta
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30 Years

35 Years

Barbara Baker	Delta
Pamela Read	Delta
Narma Taatjes	Eta
Helen Gettelman	Gamma
Jacqueline Hinton	Gamma

40 Years

Yvonne Crocker	Beta
Macia Terkow	Delta
Carolyn Currier	Epsilon
Anne Nute	Eta
Joyce Griffin	Gamma
Lynn Young	Gamma
Sheila Mable	Theta

45 Years

Ann Ayotte	Alpha
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50 Years

Carole Plaisted	Alpha
Myrtle Moore	Gamma

*NH Delta Kappa Gamma
Fall Meeting*

Saturday, September 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Cheshire County Historical Society

246 Main St, Keene, NH

Business Meeting & Walldogs Mural Presentation

Learn the stories behind the many beautiful Wall Dogs murals in downtown Keene. Hear about some of the amazing stories of the people, places and businesses that have contributed to Keene's rich history and character. A walking /riding tour will be available after the meeting. Parking is free in the lot behind the Historical Society Building.

Cost: \$15.00

Lunch – \$10.00 - Choice of ham, turkey, tuna, or vegetarian sandwich served with chips, drink and dessert.



Name: _____

Chapter _____

e-mail _____ Phone _____

Meeting only: \$15.00

Meeting & lunch: \$25.00 Please indicate lunch choice –

Ham _____ Chicken _____ Tuna _____ Vegetarian _____

Please send your check made out to New Hampshire State DKG with the registration form by September 10 to:

*Maurine Henry
118 Old Walpole Rd.
Keene, NH 03431*



Figure 1. View of Historical Society Building

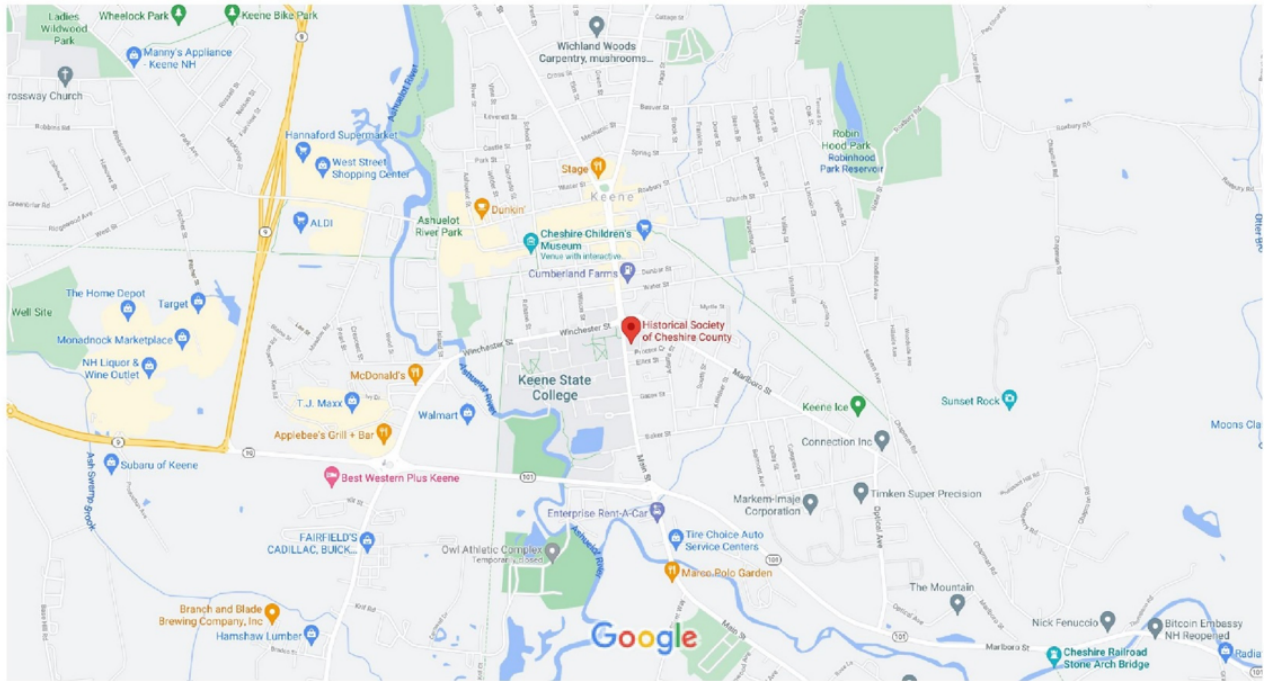


Figure 2 Map (or use your favorite map app)

