



**THE CHIPS OF GRANITE**  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE CHAPTER**



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**Greetings from the State President**

Terry Thompson

Now that we are past the holidays and winter in upon us, it is time to look forward to spring and summer. The good news is days are getting longer, albeit very slowly.

DKG International continues to move ahead and provides a wide variety of programs, articles, and general information on the website, DKG.com, for all members to use. The DKG International Conference will be an in-person meeting in New Orleans, July 12 – 16. Check out the DKG website for more program information and registration. Our New Hampshire Scholarship program offers partial funding for conferences. The application form is in the back of your binder. Scholarship applications are to be sent to Pam Clark, our Scholarship Committee chairman by March 1. I hope you will consider attending the DKG International Conference; it is an opportunity to meet many talented educators from across the country and the world and to set up valuable networks.

The New Hampshire State Executive Board has been busy behind the scenes. At our Zoom board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, MLK day, we discussed future NH State meetings, protocols to use at those meetings, and ways to move forward through the pandemic. Some chapters have had several successful meetings this year and others are struggling a bit. We understand and appreciate the concerns we all have as we weigh our desire to connect with our DKG sisters and our worries about the spread of Covid. With that in mind, our goal is to provide an environment at our meetings where members feel welcome and safe.

The Board has decided to move ahead with our New Hampshire State Spring Conference as an in-person event. Masks will be required, and we will follow Covid protocols as defined by the CDC and the venue. The New Hampshire State Spring Conference will be March 31 – April 2, 2022, in Portsmouth at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel. For our “Hands on History” theme, we have speakers from the Fort Stark State Historic Site, Strawberry Banke, and the Black Heritage Trail organization. Check out the brochure for additional information. On the final day, we will have our business meeting, the Celebration of Life ceremony, the presentation of the 2022 Founders’ Award, and a speaker from the NH Retired Educators Association. Besides offering a snapshot of the rich history of the Portsmouth area, it will be a time to reconnect with your DKG sisters.

I would also like to encourage you to attend the Tri-chapter Meeting on April 23rd in Meredith. Although, this meeting has traditionally only included members from the northern three chapters, all of you are invited. See the separate article for a more complete description.

I look forward to seeing you at the spring conference. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with your DKG questions and concerns.

Terry Thompson, NH State President



Anne Nute presenting quilt to new state president, Terry Thompson

State Spring Conference  
March 31, April 1 and 2 (Thursday – Saturday)  
Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside, Portsmouth, NH  
(Brochure at end of newsletter)

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.

**Vendor Application  
NH State Spring Conference**

Below is the Vendor Application. We hope chapters and individual members will take advantage of this opportunity to showcase, share, and sell their creations. I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Erickson, NH State First Vice President

**Delta Kappa Gamma: New Hampshire State Spring Conference  
Vendor Application and Agreement  
Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside, Portsmouth  
NH March 31 - April 1 & 2, 2022**

**Send to:**

Judy Erickson  
261 Whitefield Road  
Dalton, NH 03598

**Postmarked by: March 24, 2022**

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 2022 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.

**Delta Kappa Gamma: New Hampshire State  
Calendar, 2022**

**March 1, 2022:** Nominations for NH Founders' Award Due.

Please email these to Jane Sweatt ([jasweatt@hotmail.com](mailto:jasweatt@hotmail.com))

**March 31, 2022:** NH State Executive Board Meeting

7:00 pm, Sheraton Harborside, Portsmouth

**March 31 – April 2, 2022:** NH State Spring Conference; Portsmouth

See brochure for more details

**April 23, 2022:** Tri-Chapter Meeting; Meredith

See article and registration form for details

**June 15, 2022:** Chapter dues and up-dated fillers due

Please send to Maurine Henry ([moheny@ne.rr.com](mailto:moheny@ne.rr.com))

**July 12 – 16, 2022:** DKG International Conference, New Orleans

Check out the DKG.org website for details and registration material

## 2022 Founders' Award

### 2022 Founders' Award to Be Presented at the Spring Conference in Portsmouth

The Founders' Award was established to honor the founders of New Hampshire State. The first recipient of the New Hampshire Founders' Award was Elizabeth Yates in 1983. In odd-numbered years, this prestigious award is presented to a New Hampshire State DKG member who has shown an understanding of the Society's purpose and has made significant contributions and accomplishments within DKG International, as well as New Hampshire State. She also must exhibit a sustained interest in the education of children and have a rich educational background. The recipient must have been a member of DKG International for at least five years.

Each NH State chapter may nominate one candidate for this award. The description and form for the Founders' Award in our New Hampshire 2021-2022 Yearbook, may be used as a guide. The nominee does not have to be a member of that chapter. Nominations must be sent to the NH State Awards Committee Chair, Jane Sweatt, by March 1, 2022. The Chapter Presidents will meet with Jane at the spring conference to make the choice. The Founders' Award will be presented to the 2022 recipient Saturday, April 2, at our New Hampshire State Spring Conference in Portsmouth.

## Tri-Chapter Meeting

Come join us at the Tri-Chapter Meeting in April. Traditionally, the Tri-Chapter Meeting has included only members from Beta, Delta, and Theta chapters; however, all DKG members are invited. This year's meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Meredith Community Center. Harry Vogel, director of the Loon Center in Moultonborough will be out speaker. In addition, we have scheduled time for chapter meetings. Lunch is provided, along with a "Everything Birds" Raffle, and a "Book for Bucks & Puzzles for a Pittance" table.

The space is large, so we will be able to spread out. Masks are required, except when you are eating. Please come join us; it will be a rich program and an opportunity for some quality social time. You are welcome to bring guests; Tri-Chapter is a great opportunity to introduce potential new members to DKG.

By: Terry Thompson

Please join us at the

### Tri-Chapter Meeting

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Meredith Community Center**

1 Circle Drive, Meredith, NH

**Registration Fee:** \$18

10:00 - 10:15: **Sign-In and Coffee & Muffins**

10:15 - 11:15: **Presentation**

Topic: "The Common Loon"

Presenter: Harry Vogel, Executive Director of the Loon Center, Moultonborough

11:15 - 11:45: **Chapter Meetings**

11:45 - 12:30: **Lunch** prepared by your Beta Chapter sisters

Raffle: "Everything Birds" basket (\$1 per ticket; 6 tickets for \$5)

Books for Bucks & Puzzles for a Pittance: a wide range of books (novels, non-fiction, cookbooks, etc.) and jigsaw puzzles sold for \$1 each; to raise money for Clif (Children's Literacy Foundation)

Directions: The Meredith Community Center, at 1 Center Street, is just off route 3, one half mile north of the Meredith traffic light.

For further information, contact: Terry Thompson at [ter.thomp@gmail.com](mailto:ter.thomp@gmail.com)

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### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like a Certificate of Attendance

Write checks to: Beta Chapter for \$18

Please send in your registration form and fee by April 18th, to:

Terry Thompson, 720 Vermont Route 12, Hartland, Vermont 05048

Our State Committees at work:  
DKG NH State Bylaws

Finance Committee

This committee consists of the state treasurer, state finance chairman, and two other members appointed by the state president. They submit the proposed annual budget to the state executive board for approval. The proposed budget is then presented by the treasurer to the membership at the spring state conference for a vote.

The committee reviews the treasurer's records annually, following the close of the fiscal year on June 30. The results of the financial review are reported at the first executive board meeting after August 1.

The committee follows the recommendations in the booklet, "Finance Committee Guidelines," from DKG International for the financial review process.

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**Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) – Anne Nute - NH State EEC Chair**

What does DKG want from an Educational Excellence Committee? Well, this is a very broad committee which hopes to affect all DKG members and promote teamwork. The purpose is to recognize excellent teaching, excellent programs, and excellent projects. The hope is that by providing quality programming on a local, state, and international level we will establish a global presence and attract and retain members.

WOW! How can we, NH state and our chapters, do that! Well, there are many ways we already do this. Today I am going to highlight one of them.

The World Fellowship fund is a project of International that each chapter and state can support. What do they do with this money? DKG International, in conjunction with the Fulbright Commission and the Institute to International Education, provides monetary awards for women educators to study in the United States or Canada. The names of these women is announced in the DKG News. During the 2020 -2022 biennium we, DKG International, made 25 awards totaling \$83,500 to women from 23 countries. You fund this great work with your contributions to the World Fellowship fund. Has your chapter contributed this biennium? The World Fellowship Fund - providing educational opportunities worldwide, making a global impact on women, their lives, and their countries.

## Chapter News

### -----Alpha-----

Following best Covid practices, Alpha Chapter held three meetings this fall. Our programs included presentations from Monadnock Family Services on the need for therapists, Cindi Hodgdon on the Seal of Biliteracy, and by Kelly Ballou of "Rock Kindness." Each presentation was informative and/or engaging and was followed by our business meetings. The fellowship of being together was very much appreciated. We were happy to initiate one new member, Ginny McManus. However, we were saddened by the passing of Deborah Snyder. We look forward to meeting again in the spring, with hopes of good health and warmer weather!

**Laurine Parker** reports,

"I have an 8 month old granddaughter whom we will visit for Christmas in Montana! Also we will go to Colorado to see our son, David, and to hear his wife, Emma, sing the Messiah! We are feeling blessed.

From **Jeannine LeClerc**:

I am embarking on a new journey this year in my 26th year in the Monadnock Regional School District as the Wellness Integrationist. Being an integrationist allows me to work throughout our five elementary,

middle and high schools. Four years ago our district developed Wellness Competencies through a district wide committee. This work is from K-12 with our Health curriculum, K-12 scope and sequence, K-6 teacher checklist and resources. I have the pleasure of working with each level to embed these competencies.



Along with our competencies, I am working with each building to create healthy opportunities for students, families and staff

I have both my Bachelor's degree and my Masters in Educational Leadership from Keene State College. At New England College I completed my certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Curriculum and Instruction.

My most recent endeavor is beginning my doctoral work through Plymouth State University. My research will be focusing on self-care for Educators. This is an exciting chapter in my life.

-----**Beta**-----

**Kristen Pinto** retired six years ago after teaching middle school for 35 years in the Boston Public School system. She recently moved to Andover, NH, to be closer to her grandchildren. Kristen is looking forward to continuing her DKG involvement with Beta Chapter.

**Helen Benham** has renewed her membership in our chapter. Previously, Helen taught at the elementary level in Franklin for 10 years and at Canaan Elementary School for 7 years. She retired last year after 13 years as a Reading Specialist at Canaan Elementary.

New to Beta are:

**Ros Seidel**, whose background includes being a Special Education Teacher, an Elementary School teacher in Plainfield and Cornish, NH, an Intern Supervisor and Mentor Teacher for the Upper Valley Educators Institute, and a Title 1 Math Teacher and the Enfield, NH Elementary School.

**Jane Abbott Sweatt** was most recently a Reading Specialist in Lebanon, NH. Jane grew up in the Upper Valley and has become an active member of DKG. She recently accepted the Chairmanship of the NH State Awards Committee.

**Jan Kulig** is thoroughly enjoying her new role as a grandmother. Charlotte Alice was born September 6<sup>th</sup> and despite COVID, she and her husband have been able to visit her on three occasions. Her grandson, Milo turned three in December and he will welcome a

baby brother in late February. He and his parents visited for a few days over Christmas and they spent many hours reading, often the same book numerous times!

**Jane Abbott Sweat** enjoyed working on lots of outdoor projects including expanding her veggie garden. She loves working in the dirt, so any gardening brings a smile to her face! She has perennials and beautiful colored annual flowers for little gardens, little pots and larger pots here and there at her house. She joined a local gardening club at her library, which was delightful after spending many hours of solitude. Meeting new people and learning more about gardening and playing in the dirt was great. She and a friend were in charge of several gardens in the town where she grew up. She and her son took a week long trip to Downeast Maine to visit some of the places her grandparents and parents visited as children. She went to Eastport, and Machias and also saw some new places like Cutler and Abbot, Maine. It was a wonderful trip for both of them. She then came home to enjoy the last of the fall plants and gardens before putting them to bed.

This fall, **Rod Seidel**, was asked to be a Four Winds volunteer at the Cornish School. She happily accepted. Four Winds is an interactive nature program out of VT that is available to elementary schools throughout the Upper Valley of NH. Ros had volunteered for several years as a teacher in this program when it was operating at the Enfield Village School. The pandemic has temporarily put an end to the program there. The Cornish program, which is run by a retired teacher, is very vigorous, and is protected from the natural attrition that happens when children, whose parents volunteer, move on to middle



school. All of the lessons were taught outside this fall and they were lucky to have great weather. Of course the kids love any chance to have an outdoor classroom in which to explore concepts related to the natural world. There is a break for the winter, but the program will resume in March.

**Ann Silverstein** has a new granddaughter, Lily Elaina, who was born in May. She and her husband were able to see their kids and grandkids throughout the summer and are staying COVID free!!

**Kathy Tucker**, her husband, and their dog drove to the Northern Neck of Virginia to visit Kathy's sister and brother-in-law. It had been two and a half years, and that is way too long for sisters to be apart. It was a wonderful visit, but the drives down and back were long, with a ton of traffic, so next time they are going to fly and it might be a while before that happens.

From **Terry Thompson**:

Most of my family activities these past few months have been close to home and in small groups. However, we were able to have an in-person family Thompson Thanksgiving, with an afternoon Zoom gathering for those who were unable to attend. Although our attendance was about half of what it was in 2019, we were pleased to at least "see" everyone.

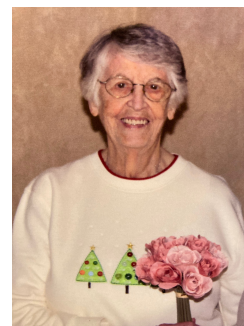
I was pleased that Beta chapter was able to have our three scheduled fall meetings in-person. Our numbers were a little smaller than usual; however, we followed Covid protocols, and all went well. We welcomed several new, returning, and transfer members to our chapter this year who have brought new energy and enthusiasm to our group.

#### -----Gamma-----

Gamma chapter members have remained faithful to the cause, keeping in touch with one another through emails.

From **Betty Gilman**: In December we gathered for a pot lunch meeting at **Lynn Young's**. **Ann Smith** from North Carolina and **Jacki Hinton** from

Greenland, NH, joined us via Betty's Zoom phone hook-up. We honored **Myrt Moore** for over fifty years of dedicated service to DKG both at the chapter and state levels. She is our North Star.



**Helen Gettleman**, **Sheila Knight**, and **Barbara Cowan** also enjoyed the fun. Barbara gave all lovely cards that she creates. **Penny Bodwell** (in Florida)

#### -----Delta-----

**Judy Erickson** got to check an item off her bucket list on Jan 18th. Under the full Wolf Moon, at a 20 below zero windchill, she went for a sleigh ride at Nestlenook Resort in Jackson, NH. Judy and Bob are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year and the sleigh ride for two was a Christmas gift from him. It was a magical journey through a forest of twinkling trees ending with hot cider near a bonfire.

Judy will be having shoulder replacement surgery at the beginning of February. She is looking forward to spring and summer and getting on with things. Judy also reports that The Literacy Committee sent in the mid-year

report for the Forget-Me-Not Project so we can receive the second half of our funds. Our chapter project is mentioned in the DKG Bulletin Collegial Exchange in the “Leaving A Legacy” article on page 7. This is quite the honor for us.

**Pam Read and Dianne Mumley** delivered Book Bags with stuffies to two classes at the Headstart in Littleton. We are making arrangements to visit the Whitefield Elementary School. Many holiday themed Book Bags were ready for delivery in December. Our school visits were canceled because of the variant spread. So we have them ready for the 2022 season,

Pam and her family are also excited to announce that Kyle, her grandson, asked his girlfriend, Meghan, to marry him. Kyle will be home on leave from the Army in March, and a wedding is planned. Meghan is a 5th grade teacher in the Keene area. She will go with him after her year is up. I am so happy for him.

**Ann Gray** and her husband, Lindsey, enjoyed visits with all four of their children and their four grandchildren over the week after Christmas. It was especially fun to introduce their youngest grandson, Angelo, to fun in the snow. He and his parents live in New Jersey, and he hadn't yet had a chance to experience the snow at the time of their visit. He was very excited and giggled and wiggled in the snow.

-----**Eta**-----

*We are celebrating these members  
for outstanding years of service:  
Martha Sheehy 49 years; Anne Nute,  
Jean Garzillo and Caroline Butler  
40+years;*

*Dianne Mros 30+ years*



ETA Chapter would like to recognize **Martha Sheehy** for her work and commitment to the Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma for 49 years! Martha was installed as a member of GAMMA Chapter on April 1, 1973. That's one year before our newest chapter member (**Ruth Ashley**) was born! Two years later, she was a Charter Member of ETA Chapter when it was organized April 10, 1975. Martha is currently the Corresponding Secretary for ETA. She is a past ETA president and has served in several other chapter and state roles as well. Martha is also celebrating another big milestone - her 94th birthday in February! She is such treasure to our group. She and her husband, John, reside in Concord. Thank you Martha for making ETA chapter possible!

We held our October meeting in person and made our yearly plans, but sadly our Holiday adventure to Rosa's in Portsmouth and the Music Hall for White Christmas was cancelled. Luckily for her, Dianne Mros went to the Laconia Colonial Theater to see A *Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story* at

the newly restored theater which originally opened in 1914.

Our **Sue Dexter** is retiring from being the Preschool Special Needs Coordinator/ Educator after 26 years at *The Children's Center* in Wolfeboro & 5 years in Farmington. She is moving to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to get out of unpredictable, New England weather (yes, PA does get snow, but less of it and spring comes sooner) and to be closer to her middle daughter and son-in-law. She will definitely be back in NH to visit since her oldest daughter who continues to live here, along with her sister and nephew.

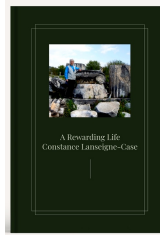
Former Farmington educator friends took her to Patrick's in Gilford for a going away celebration. She is last on the right in the photo below. We wish her well and hope to visit her new area (close to Hershey) soon!



-----**Epsilon**-----

**Linda Robillard** and her husband, Jack, will be driving down to North Carolina in April to visit their three great-grandchildren ages 10, 8

and 3. They are looking forward to a wonderful time.



**Connie Lanseigne-Case.** Last Christmas I received a gift to write my memoir over the year using an online company. The book, "A Rewarding Life" has 46 brief chapters with illustrations. The cover picture is The Temple of Aphrodite in Aphrodisia taken while I toured Turkey in 2012.

-----**Theta**-----

For the 9th year, Theta members helped set up and run the ESSence of Giving event held at Elm Street School in Laconia. On December 3rd, students arrived at the school where they were assigned a personal shopper who helped them choose gifts for loved ones from the many used donations collected by community members throughout the year. The students then went to the wrapping center to wrap gifts before happily leaving with an armful of gifts to surprise their loved ones for the holiday.



\$114.00 was collected from donations for the food pantry as there is no fee to participate in this event.

## Recommended Reading

Beta Chapter has some books to recommend – Beta Books, if you will...

Any Agatha Christie books for those who try to figure out “who done it”

The World Below by Sue Miller

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez

Trains and Lovers by Alexander McCall Smith

Maid by Stephanie Land

Varuna by Charles Frazier

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Carnegie’s Maid by Marie Benedict

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Claws for Alarm by Rita Mae Brown

Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson

The Mountains Wild by Sara Taylor Stewart

Tisha as told by Robert Specht (biography of Anne Hobbs Purdy teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Chicken, Alaska, in 1927)

The Last Million by David Nasaw (Non-fiction: the resettling of Europe’s displaced persons between WWII and the Cold War)

Damnation Spring by Ash Davidson (historical novel, 1970’s, northwest harvest of redwoods vs saving the red woods)

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead (historical novel, Civil War)

The Indomitable Florence Finch by Robert J. Mrazek (biography of a Pilipino-American resistance member in the Philippines during WWII)

The Husband Hunters by Anne DeCourcy (non-fiction; stories of American heiresses who married British and European aristocracy in late 1800’s and early 1900’s)

