



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



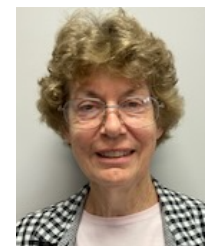
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Greetings To all!

I hope your summer has been enjoyable despite the lengthy heat waves and dry weather. Apparently, this weather is the new normal!

In July, I attended the Delta Kappa Gamma International Conference in New Orleans. Peggy Saunders and I were the only DKG members representing New Hampshire. The highlight of the conference is always meeting DKG sisters from other states and countries. We spent time with the Vermont members as well as a group from Minnesota. Exchanging ideas and networking is a major benefit when attending the conference in person. The folks from Vermont were particularly interested in getting to know us and hope we will be able to have a joint event sometime in 2023. I highly recommend attending an DKG International conference, particularly if you have not done so in the past. Remember, you can apply for partial funding for the conference through our DKG NH State Scholarship program.



The bulk of the conference was spent voting on the 120 proposed amendments. This was the first in-person conference in two years, so there were many issues and amendments to discuss. I also was able to attend several workshops and take-away sessions. “Generating Great Grants” presented by Barbara Clausen from Washington State was particularly worthwhile. You can access her tips, ideas, and success stories on the DKG website. Non-profit grants are an excellent resource to support your chapter’s community projects.

In addition, Pat Graff from New Mexico discussed the benefits and procedures for attaining National Board Certification. There are many educational, professional, and financial benefits when you have National Board Certification. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website ([www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)) provides you with information, contacts, resources, and procedures. There are currently 41 educators from eleven school districts in New Hampshire with a National Board Certification. Michael Seidel at the New Hampshire Department of Education ([Michael.Seidel@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.Seidel@doe.nh.gov)) is the contact person in New Hampshire to help you get started on your journey.

I look forward to our NH State Fall meeting in Keene on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to attend and reconnect with your DKG sisters from throughout the state.

Terry Thompson, DKG New Hampshire State President

**Advancing Accomplished Teaching**

The research is clear: Teaching is the most important school-related factor that determines student success. More than a decade of [research](#) confirms that National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) positively impact student learning. That’s why we’ve developed a wide range of [advocacy resources](#) to help bring accomplished teaching – and by extension, improved student learning – to scale using National Board Certification as a foundation for job-embedded, relevant and engaging professional learning.

With collaboration and commitment from school districts, states, unions and higher education institutions, a growing numbers of teachers, many of whom are organized in collaborative cohorts, are using the National Board certification process to examine and strengthen their teaching practice. This work is critical to the long-term success of our schools and to elevating the teaching profession.

*“Our work at the National Board is based on the belief that every child across the country deserves to be taught by an accomplished teacher. When accomplished practice becomes the norm, the advantage will be significant, spreading beyond students and teachers to be felt by their communities, employers and society at-large.”*

**Peggy Brookins, NBCT, National Board President and CEO**

**Statistics for New Hampshire**

Teachers Achieving and Pursuing National Board Certification*				
	New NBCTs in 2020-21**	Renewed/Maintained NBCTs in 2020-21**	Total NBCTs	Total Currently Pursuing Certification***
NH	1	1	38	6
<b>Total</b>	2,073	5,304	130,630	21,641

Top School Districts	
By total number certified	By current candidates***
School Administrative Unit #60 (6)	School Administrative Unit #6 (1)
School Administrative Unit #16 (3)	School Administrative Unit #30 (1)
School Administrative Unit #26 (2)	School Administrative Unit #45 (1)
School Administrative Unit #47 (2)	School Administrative Unit #55 (1)
School Administrative Unit #88 (2)	School Administrative Unit #60 (1)
	School Administrative Unit #88 (1)

\* Source: Data reflects teachers' place of employment as self-reported in the National Board database as of January 24, 2022.

\*\* Total NBCTs certified in December 2021

\*\*\* Candidate total reflects all National Board candidates in progress and all first-time applicants who have paid the registration fee in the current assessment cycle as of January 24, 2022.

## DKG International Website Redesign

### The New Mantra: User Focused & User Friendly

The website design team (a CTOG subcommittee) began the redesign process by asking questions that led to two key concepts that drove organizational decisions.

#### **USER FOCUSED**

The first key driver relates to the **who** and **why** of the website:

Who is coming to the site?

Why is she coming?

#### **USER FRIENDLY**

The second key driver relates to the **how** of moving around the website. This relates to two factors:

A logical progression of topics: How do members think about finding information?

A fewer number of clicks: How many clicks are required to get to the desired information?

## Organizational Dilemmas

The Website Design Team discovered organizational dilemmas that lead to creative solutions. The organizational dilemmas included:

1. How to align **DKGIEF** info with the website redesign as it is a major source of funding for DKG activities and programs? **Solution– DKGIEF Tab**
2. How to align **The DKG Art Gallery** info with the website redesign as it is technically a **publication** of works by the members? **Solution- Art Gallery Icon and listed in Publications/Documents**
3. How to align **leadership resources** with the website redesign as these resources address DKG leadership and leadership as a whole? **Solution- Leadership Tab** \*currently named Leadership Lab

For further information on the website redesign for the member and non- member sites, visit [DKG Website Redesign](#).



The DKG New Hampshire Spring Conference was held from March 31-April 2 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Portsmouth following a late site change from the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside. Flora Sapsin handled the change with her usual grace and organizational skills. ETA Chapter served as hostesses and all went smoothly. Excellent speakers included Richard Haynes, UNH Associate Director of Administration for Diversity; Jack McGee, Attorney & Portsmouth Historian; Carol White, Fort Stark State Historic Site representative; and Bekki Coppola, Strawberry Banke historian. Following lunch on Saturday, attendees were given time to visit vendors and to purchase raffle tickets. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Founders' Award; it was presented to a stunned Flora Sapsin following a unanimous vote of the presidents committee.

*NH Delta Kappa Gamma*

*Fall Meeting*

*Saturday, September 17, 2022*

*10:00 AM*

*The Pub*

*131 Winchester 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.*



*Cost: \$20.00*

*Plated Breakfast with eggs, bacon/sausage, home fries, coffee, juice*

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

*e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*Meeting & Breakfast: \$20.00*

*Please send your check made out to New Hampshire State DKG with the registration form by September 9 to:*

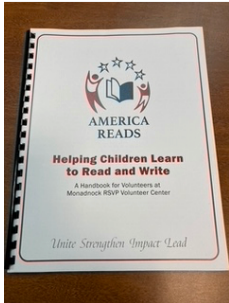
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# Chapter News

## Alpha

**Helen Ann Kelly** has been working with the RSVP Volunteer Center on Main Street in Keene for many years—as a ‘classroom teacher’ at Chesterfield School. After retiring over four years ago, she began working As a ‘volunteer’ with the America Reads Program. It is an RSVP Program that has people going into classrooms on a weekly



basis to assist young students with the literacy skills of reading, phonics, spelling, and writing. Recently, Helen Ann helped to update the manual for Literacy Coaches(as the volunteers are called)and she conducted a training session for 10 new volunteers at the center. The Covid Pandemic has prevented several people from going into schools, but hopefully 2022 will be better for the AR Program because it certainly has a positive impact on all who are involved—including teachers, students, and volunteers!

**Joanne Stroshine** is finally fully retired from school. She is keeping busy with two CASA cases. She is also trying new recipes and working with the Swanzey Preservation Society to restore the Golden Rod Grange Hall. All “grands” are out of high school, so no more games to attend. **Bernadette Kuhn** and her husband Jerry took a Destination Team from Monadnock Regional High School to the Global Finals in Kansas City in May. They have been managing teams for more than 20 years and have had the privilege of taking more than 15 teams to this yearly event. The current team competed in the Engineering Challenge with 20 other teams in their secondary division, and was awarded 3rd place for their solution."

**Peggy Saunders** went to Star Island in the Isles of Shoals for Natural History Week and later for a family week. She also attended the DKG International Convention in New Orleans, traveling by train.

Several Alpha members now retired from education are involved with Cheshire County classrooms in a unique way. Recently, all 46 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade classes in the county received copies of *The Good Egg*, by Jory John. Alpha's Helen Ann Kelly is Cheshire County Retired Educators' Association "book chair". Keene's Elm City Rotary Club provides grant funding for the project, which is aided by a CCREA discount on purchase of the books. Helen Ann connects with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and librarians in the region. In non-pandemic years, CCRE members visited classrooms in person to read the book to students. Hopefully, the program will continue once the pandemic ends. Another book, "Wild Symphony" by New Hampshire's Dan Brown, was donated to 29 music teachers in Cheshire County. Those DKG members interested in learning more about CCREA and the book program can contact: [cheshirecountyretirededucatorsassociation.com](http://cheshirecountyretirededucatorsassociation.com).

## -----Beta-----

**Lisa Torres** traveled to Marathon, TX to visit her nomad son, Andy. Marathon is designated a Dark Skies area and, in addition to doing maintenance in the Marathon RV Park, Andy is hosting Star Parties every evening. They spent their evenings star gazing and their days exploring Big Bend National Park and the surrounding areas.

**Susan Mellow** spent two months visiting her daughter and family in Tahoe, CA. The skiing was wonderful. Her three grandchildren all ski faster than she can!

**Jan Kulig's** daughter, Sarah, and family have returned to live in Canaan. Her grandson, Milo, who is 3 years old, has become an enthusiastic patron of the Canaan Town Library, visiting 3 consecutive days in one week. His younger brother, Bert, was born on Jan's 70th birthday.

**Kathy Tucker's** grandson, Gabe, graduated from high school at the end of June. He has been accepted at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, and has been guaranteed a position on their men's volleyball team. Everyone is very proud of this young man.

**Janie Abbot Sweatt** has learned about a few volunteer opportunities in and around New London, which have been wonderful ways to fill an hour or two during the week. She is learning about mending books at the library. She also has been helping with the pet pantry. She helps organize the shelves and fill Ziploc bags with loose dog food, small cans of cat food, and biscuits for hungry pets. She has enjoyed watching the change of seasons from her porch.

All of Beta Chapter members have enjoyed reading and in book clubs, either in person or by Zoom. Here a a bit of a list of Beta Book recommendations:

Downeast: Five Maine Girls and the Unseen Story of Rural America by Gigi Georges  
The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Emerson Wood  
Mary Jane, Jessica Blau, and Not Our Kind by Kitty Zeldis  
Solar Storms by Linda Hogan

A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki  
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by VE Schwab  
How I killed Pluto and Why it Had it Coming by Mike Brown

Beta would also like to thank **Midge Jorgensen** for steering us through the last 4 years and a few of those have been quite challenging. We look forward to **Jan Kulig** taking over the helm.

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The sisters of Gamma have done many summer things.

**Ann Smith** celebrated a new granddaughter

**Myrt Moore** and **Barbara Cowan** both celebrated “historic” birthdays. Barbara headed to the Isles of Shoals for a week of painting. Myrt went up to Canada for a wonderful family visit.

**Betty Gilman** went to Maine for a family gathering.

**Lynn Young** went to her camp on Wilson Pond, way up in Maine, and was the hostess for many family visitors.

**Myrt, Barbara, Lynn, and Sheila** had a “cool spot” at New Castle common on one of our hottest days



Gamma presented a scholarship to a Portsmouth H.S. graduate this spring and also supported two groups that are aiding people from Afghanistan

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**Pam Read** and her husband Ted were thrilled to attend the wedding of their grandson Kyle Bouchard and Meghan Bellettes. They were married in Keene on St Patrick's Day. Kyle is in the Army and stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky. His wife is a 5th-grade teacher in Hinsdale, but will move to Kentucky with Kyle.

**Susan Ackerman** has been writing and recording positive messages on her YouTube channel " Angel Messages". She also writes daily messages and sends them out both via email and Facebook. Susan has also written eight songs for Healing and is looking for places to perform these with her music partner Ed Mulhill.

**Ann Gray** and her husband were thrilled to have all four of their children, along with their spouses, plus all four grandchildren together in Pittsburg for an early June weekend. Everyone had gathered to celebrate the baptism of their youngest grandchild Angelo. He was baptized in the church in Pittsburg which made it extra special.

**Karen Pariseau** and her husband enjoyed a Wonderful Father's Day at Santa's Village in Jefferson. They were there with their two daughters and two granddaughters. It was a cold day, but it warmed their hearts to see the fun everyone was having.

**Tammy Jeralds** and her husband are looking forward to moving to their new home in September. Their other homestead was destroyed by fire. Along with a move in homes, Tammy is also moving back to Pittsburg School from Canaan. She is thrilled to be teaching Art and a college course at the High School. New beginnings all around.

**Sharon Lane** and her husband Butch are excited about having all three grown children and their families visit over the July 4th of July!

**Kathy Urso** and her husband Wayne visited their son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters in April in Richmond, Virginia. There were lots of snuggles and playtime with the grandgirls!

**Wanda McGuire** and her husband Chris vacationed in the Catskill Mts. in NY during April vacation. They visited the House Caverns, the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival, and saw many beautiful waterfalls as they trekked on their various hikes. Wanda has also been enjoying time with all her grandchildren. She has attended many ball games watching her older grandchildren play. She is looking forward to her annual beach trip to Ogunquit, Maine with Kaye Morin and Karen Pariseau in July. Wanda will take an Advanced Responsive Classroom course in August.

**Chris Smith** and her husband Michael just returned from Yellowstone Park and Cody, Wyoming. They also visited the Grand Tetons. Chris and Mike were able to visit the upper and lower loops of Yellowstone (in the rain) just before the park was closed due to the terrible flooding.

**Judy Erickson** has enjoyed gardening this summer. Her husband Bob has a large vegetable garden and she has flowers and herbs on her deck area. They have enjoyed some camping and visits to the seashore hunting for sea glass. Judy has been able to resume selling her tidal treasures jewelry at artisan fairs again. She is also teaching sea glass jewelry workshops at local venues. In May she and Bob flew to Ohio to attend their nephew's high school graduation.

Delta Chapter welcomes **Kathy Urso** as our new President and **Teri Cote** as our First-Vice President. Congratulations!

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## Eta

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Eta ladies Anne, **Caroline and Ruth** had a lovely time hosting the Spring Conference in Portsmouth, NH. We loved to see everyone and also enjoyed shopping at vendor tables and the camaraderie of other chapters. We got some great member outreach ideas and are hopeful to add to our group this year.



We had our meeting in May on Alton Bay at **Caroline Butler**'s house and elected new officers. We enjoyed a lovely Cinco de Mayo spread and delicious brownies homemade by **Norma**. In the

fall we will be meeting for dinner October 17 Johnson's 5:30 for Chapter business.

**Caroline Butler** has recently retired from many years of teaching and serving in education. We congratulate and thank her for her continued service to our chapter and also for her on-going friendship. At the end of June she went on a much deserved trip to the Caribbean, leaving from Sint Maarten (Dutch side) then sailing throughout the Caribbean. How tropical and adventurous!



**Martha Sheehy** and her husband John enjoyed a summer trip to Newicks Restaurant with her two daughters visiting from Texas and Maine, and niece **Caroline Butler**. They had a great time catching up with each other! Lots of funny stories and shared memories!

Keeping with the boat theme: **Dianne** went to Boston for a tour of public gardens in Boston Commons, lunch at the Cheesecake factory, and took the narrated tour on Duck boats!



**Anne Nute** and her husband Jon went to Europe for a river cruise. She explains: We left in early April and flew to Basel Switzerland. We spent 4 days exploring Basel and the surrounding Alps. It was lovely. We boarded our Viking cruise ship to go down the Rhine on Sunday. We enjoyed day trips ashore and had lovely meals and conversation. We took daily Covid tests. On day 4 we were informed that Jon tested positive and we had to leave. So the next day (Friday) we were offloaded to a hotel in Cologne, Germany. As I still

was negative I was sent home the next day, but Jon stayed for 10 days hoping to test negative. He did not but finally was judged non transmissible and was sent home. So my 3 week trip was shortened to 10 days!

**Ruth and Dianne** recently enjoyed lunch at Etagere in Amherst for high tea – so fancy! We also strolled through the lavender gardens at Laromay Farm in Hollis. Perfect summer adventures had by all!



## -----Theta-----

Ruth Puleo and Rick sold their house in Gilmanton last October and are still busy unpacking too many boxes at their smaller home in Wakefield, NH. They did head south for most of the winter, so that also slowed them down a bit. Just after the house sold, they went to a fun wedding in Arlington, Virginia, and did some sightseeing in Washington, DC. They hadn't seen the Martin Luther King Memorial before, and were amazed at its beauty. In mid-May, they were invited by friends to go fishing for Alaskan salmon on their fishing boat based in Juneau. The term 'boat' is used loosely, as it had two good sized bedrooms, and two and a half bathrooms! Most of the fishing was after they motored from Juneau to

the port of Sitka. What fun! And what yummy seafood and amazing sights!

Kathy Lacroix enjoyed her two-week tour of Spain and Portugal this spring, first visiting Barcelona and seeing Gaudi's the LaSagrada Familia, a cathedral that was started in 1882 and hopes to be finished by 2026. Then on to Valencia, then to Albufera where paella originated (there took a boat ride along a canal where rice was being grown, had paella where it was cooked outside in a HUGE pan and discovered sangria. In Granada we visited the Alhambra (UNESCO), an example of Islamic architecture. In Madrid visited two museums, the Prada to view Rubens, Goya, Titian, and El Greco paintings. A highlight was visiting the Queen Sofia Art Museum and seeing Picasso' Guernica that took up almost the whole wall and on the opposite wall seeing his first , and then his secondary sketches. It was painted to show his outrage that German planes had destroyed a whole village of civilians in northern Spain, a first in history. Finished up by touring Seville, Madrid, Toledo, and ending in Lisbon. She gained an appreciation for Moorish architecture and their way of life-Moors, Christians, and Jews live peacefully together. She is planning a four day trip to Quebec City in late August and a trip to Philadelphia in September.

Donna-Marie Gamlin from Theta confirms that the past 2 years have witnessed noticeable gaps in learning due to the pandemic. "Both years, 1/3 of my second graders were learning letters, 1/3 were learning to read and 1/3 were ready for the second grade curriculum. After a full year of in person learning, this year's students are entering my classroom with the expected knowledge! Added to that, they have learned the skills necessary to learn. Skills that cannot be taught remotely." This will be Donna-Marie's final year teaching in NH.