



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



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**Please join us at our DKG/NH State 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
Saturday, September 9, 2023  
Experience the historic M/S Mt. Washington Cruise from 10:00 -12:30.  
Followed by a buffet luncheon at 8 Harris Road, Meredith  
from 1:00 – 4:00, hosted by Beta Chapter.**

**Revisiting DKG Mission and Purposes**

**Food for Thought:**

As we celebrate our DKG/NH State 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, perhaps this is a good time to revisit the goals and mission for the DKG Society International and to think about how we, as individuals, have benefitted from the Society. It might also be an appropriate time to review how as an individual, a chapter, and/or a state we offer experiences to our members that help us pursue these goals. Are there additional activities, programs, and/or speakers that can aid us in pursuing our purposes? Change is often difficult. Sometimes stepping out of our comfort zone to make that phone call, set up an activity, or encourage a colleague to join DKG can bring new energy and meaning to our DKG experience. What are your thoughts and ideas?

By: Terry Thompson, DKG/NH State President

**A little history:**

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. What was the state of public education in 1929? Why did our founders believe DKG International Society would be a significant asset for educators?

The Depression began in 1929; however, most schools were not impacted until the early 1930's. By then many citizens were out of work and could not pay their property taxes. School budgets were cut as well as school hours.

There were decreases in teachers' salaries and class sizes increased. Many poorer schools in rural areas closed their doors. Minority students, particularly blacks were impacted the most.

The Depression greatly impacted teachers' working conditions. There was a deterioration of school programs which teachers had spent years building up. Many children were undernourished and starving making it difficult for them to learn. Teachers realized they needed to take charge to improve the situation. In the early 1940's there was a significant increase in the membership of teachers' organizations. Teachers called for a redistributing of wealth. Experimental schools sprang up. Organizations formed that supported teachers, schools, and students. DKG Society International was one of those organizations.

DKG New Hampshire State (Beta Alpha State) was organized September 18, 1943. In the 1940's schools changed radically; they became better funded, more organized, and added more standardization. The onset of World War II exposed significant issues in American Education. During the war, the army rejected 5 million recruits; some due to poor health, but most were rejected because they could not read or write. Colleges and universities recognized the need for more courses in the social sciences, math, science, and foreign languages. This soon filtered down to public schools. DKG New Hampshire State formed and offered support for New Hampshire teachers. Although, our needs may be different today, DKG/NH State continues to offer support, recognition, and funding for scholarships for New Hampshire educators.

For more information: Research "American Education, 1030 – 1940's". For more details about the formation and history of DKG International visit [DKG.org](http://DKG.org).

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

## **PURPOSES**

The purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma shall be:

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.
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## **Calendar**

**NH State Fall Meeting:** Saturday, September 9; 10:00 – 4:00; Mt. Washington Cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee followed by lunch at 8 Harris Road, Meredith

**NH State Executive Board Meeting:** Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 10:00 am – noon; Virtual

**Applications for Scholarships due:** March 1, 2024

**NH State Spring Conference:** Thursday – Saturday, April 11 – 13, 2024; Mill Falls, Meredith

**Tri-chapter Meeting:** Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am, Meredith Community Center, Meredith

**DKG International Convention:** National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, DC area), July 9 – 13, 2024

**DKG International Convention:** Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies), June 30 – July 4, 2026

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**Funding is now Available to Attend DKG International and DKG/NH State Conferences**

At the 2023 Spring DKG/NH State Conference at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, the DKG/NH State membership voted to accept the proposed changes to our NH State Scholarship Fund. DKG/NH State offers two types of funding. The Keene Founders Endowment Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship to be used for advanced degree work in education.

The New Hampshire State Scholarship now provides up to \$1,000.00 in scholarships annually. An applicant may apply for up to \$500.00. These scholarships can be used for educational travel, course work, conferences, Elderhostel, or other educational endeavors acceptable to the State Scholarship Committee. This money is available to you to help defray the costs for attending the annual DKG/NH State Spring Conferences or the DKG International conferences. We encourage you to use it.

The application for the Keene Founders Endowment Scholarship and the New Hampshire State Scholarship can be found in the back of your 2023 -2024 directory or on the DKG/NH State website. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

Please consider attending the following:

**DKG New Hampshire State Spring Conference:** April 11-13, 2024; Mill Falls on the Lake, Meredith; Program: “Lake Winnepesaukee: “Past and Present”



**DKG International Convention:** July 9 – 13, 2024; National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, DC area)

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Our DKG sisters from the state of Vermont are challenging us to participate in a membership challenge.

Rules are as follows:



1. Keep records from July 1 to February 28, 2024.
2. Compute percentage improvement (or not)



**AT STAKE: A representative from the winning state will attend the spring convention of the other state and present a red rose, a certificate and confer bragging rights.**

**DKG Green and White Competition is on!**

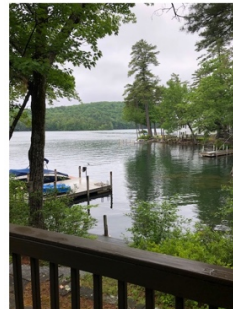
**Come Join us for the DKG/NH State 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
Saturday, September 9, 2023**



**M/S Mount Washington Cruise**

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Join your DKG/NH sisters on a narrated 2 ½ hour cruise on the historic M/S Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee. Pre-registration is required (no later than August 18, 2023). **Please arrive at the Mt. Washington Dock by 9:45.**



**Buffet Lunch, Celebration, and Fun on the lake**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Terry and Roger Thompson's home

8 Harris Road, Meredith

Lake Winnepesaukee raffle basket, favors, birthday cake, and lots of shared memories & frivolity.

**A vote will be called at the DKG/NH State Fall Meeting, September 9, 2023**

At our DKG/NH State Executive Board meeting on August 3, 2023, we discussed the increasing venue costs for our NH State Spring conferences. Many venues charge a facilities fee (or resort fee). This fee covers the rental of the meeting room, audiovisual equipment, Wi-Fi, and/or other items associated with the use of the building. In the past, these fees have been distributed among the attendees and included in their registration cost.

Because all attendees benefit from the use of the facility and it is necessary to pay this fee to use the facility, the board voted to pay the facility fee out of the interest generated in the Keene Founders account. This amount will vary each year; therefore, there is no set amount. For the 2024 Spring Conference to be held at the Mill Falls Inn in Meredith, the facilities fee will be \$542.72. Several years ago, the membership voted to set aside monies in that same account to fund our speakers for the Spring Conference.

At the NH State fall meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will ask the membership to vote on the following proposal:

“Beginning in 2024, the facility fee for the DKG/NH State Spring Conference venue will be funded by the interest generated in the Keene Founders account.”

By: Terry Thompson & Flora Sapsin

**Directions:** The **M/S Mt. Washington dock** is at Weirs Beach off route 3 in Weirs, NH.

The **Thompson home** is 25 minutes north of Weirs. Take route 3 north to downtown Meredith. At the traffic light (Mills Falls & Lago Restaurant), turn right (east) onto route 25. Bear right on Pleasant St (a “Y”). Pleasant St. blends into Meredith Neck Rd. which becomes Cattle Landing Rd, and then Harris Rd. Follow the paved road to the end. There is a gated house (4 Harris Rd.) just before our driveway. You may park in either our upper or lower driveway.

**Registration form on last page.**

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## VT /DKG State Meeting By Carol Hines

On April 29, Maurine Henry, Peggy Saunders, and Carol Hines of the Alpha chapter were joined by Jane Sweat from Beta in attending the Vermont annual state meeting held in Brattleboro. Also pictured are Carol Barbagallo, VT state President, and Rita Corey, Vermont Beta Chapter president. The day started with an informal continental breakfast and was followed by a review of the year.



Each chapter reviewed what they had accomplished and supplemented their presentation with a trifold display. This pictorial presentation of the year was very impactful. It seemed that each of these chapters had made a great difference in their own lives as well as in the lives of their communities.

A catered lunch of salads, sandwiches and desserts was enjoyed by everyone before the afternoon keynote speaker. Edna Thayer, a humorist, brought lots of laughter with her presentation on the importance of joy and mirth in life. She made it seem so simple to turn any situation into one where the positive is accentuated.

It was very interesting to be with this group of women. The day was well attended with many participants traveling great distances to be there. While the purpose of the day was state and chapter business it was punctuated with laughter and joy. Maurine won one of the many raffles and Peggy was the winner of the drawing for the table flowers. I think we all came away with some good ideas to bring back to our chapters but most of all we laughed and enjoyed the good company.



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## Chapter News

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### From Alpha



On Friday, April 21, 2023, Norma Walker was honored at a reception held by Keene State College. Norma was recognized for the far-reaching impact of her support of alumni engagement. She has been organizing Golden Circle luncheons for KSC alumni who have graduated 50 or more years ago since 1997. Her dedication and commitment to this program has brightened the lives of many KSC alumni over the years. Fellow DKG sisters Carol Hines, Joanne Stroshine, and Peggy Saunders all attended Norma's

special celebration.

Bernadette Kuhn coached a Destination Imagination middle school team this year for ST. Joseph School. The team won first place in the Engineering Challenge “”thrill ride” which earned them an invitation to Global Finals in Kansas City in May

Joanne Stroshine is finally fully retired from school, keeping busy with 2 CASA cases, trying new recipes, and working with the Swanzey Preservation Society to restore the Golden Rod Grange Hall. All her grandchildren are out of high school so there are no more games to attend.

Jeannette Gardner is very proud to report that her granddaughter, Maia, graduated from UNH last year and then received her Master's degree. Maia has already secured a job teaching 4th grade in Rochester, NH

Angela Seaver is very proud to have attended her granddaughter Emily's graduation from the Ohio State University. She finished the pre-med program in 3 years, graduating Magna Cum Laude

From Beta

Ross Seidel and a friend sponsored Rangina Hamidi, former Minister of Education in Afghanistan, to give two presentations in the Upper Valley about her work with girls and women in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Rangina founded Kandahar Treasure about 20 years ago with the intention of providing a safe place for women to create beautiful embroidery using the traditional art of Khamak. She has a goal of expanding the business to include a school for Afghan girls to learn business skills and a shelter for widowed and at risk Afghan women. Ross and her friend wanted to garner support for Kandahar treasure and its promise for a future for Afghan women and girls.

Anne Cragin played in two concerts in June with the Upper Valley Community Band and the Upper Valley Chamber Orchestra. Both were held at a new venue, the Woodstock Town Hall Theater. The orchestra played Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland and Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss. Chiho Kancho was the soprano soloist. Anne played the flute and the piccolo in both presentations.

Lisa Torres traveled to Pleasant Hill Shaker Village in Kentucky in May. It is an amazing place with many original buildings and a full working farm. Evangelists traveled to this site from Massachusetts in 1805, starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. While she drove west, she was amazed by the challenging journey they must have had. On her way east, she stopped to visit family in NC and then camped along the Blue Ridge Parkway, which had spectacular vistas in both directions, and lots of wildlife.

After an appendectomy in April, Francine Lozeau attended the high school graduations of two grandsons. In May, she traveled to Midland, TX for the first graduation and then in June went to Long Island, NY for the second. She reports being a proud Granny!

Kathy Tucker is also a proud grandmother. Her youngest grandson, Jake graduated and will be attending Emmanuel in Boston. He's very excited to be so close to Fenway Park. His high school baseball team won the Class A baseball finals and are NY State Champions!!

Heather Oliver traveled to Kansas City, Missouri with her Destination Imagination team this May. The team of 5 students, 6-8th grade, presented their solution to the "Fine Arts Challenge" at the Global Finals. Destination Imagination is a program that encourages independence and creative problem solving-- the entire solution has to be designed and built by the team. The kids wrote a skit which included an original song, created costumes out of unusual materials, like duct tape, and also learned to sew princess gowns-- with pockets! The team placed 27th overall, which is outstanding for a first-year team. The trip was only possible thanks to the support from the Mascoma community, including DKG; only about 14 New Hampshire teams were able to raise funds between states in late-March and the competition in order to travel and spend a week half-way across the country. In addition to meeting teams from all over the world (favorites were the Ukraine, China, Mexico, and Korea) they also explored the history of the local area. The group rode in a covered wagon along a portion of the Oregon Trail and enjoyed ice creams in the soda shop where Harry S. Truman worked. The group has already begun work on next year's challenge, which asks them to make a puppet and a story about archaeology.



From Eta



*Taken by Ruth Ashley at Fuller Gardens*

*“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day.*

*Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear” - Unknown*

ETA is very sad to announce the passing of our 50-year member, **Martha Plummer Verville Sheehy**. Martha died peacefully on June 17, 2023 at age 95. Martha was a charter member of ETA when it was organized in April 1975. She initially belonged to GAMMA. Martha loved the organization holding both local and

state positions. She also attended most state and local meetings until her health prevented her from doing so. Members will remember her for the beautiful hats and crazy socks that she often wore. Martha also attended several International and Indiana, where she visited her alma mata Indiana University. Martha was outgoing, loved people, and leaves a legacy of love in the hearts of many. We will miss her dearly.

**Caroline Butler** went on another great family trip during July, this time to the British Virgin Islands. The week was spent on a catamaran swimming, snorkeling, and diving. She read lots of books, too! The perfect way to relax.

**Dianne Mros** has been traveling and teaching Tai Chi. She has recently been to two IndyCar races, both in Indiana: the Indy Grand Prix and the Indy 500. We have lost count, but we think this is at least 10 races she has attended with Ruth Ashley. Dianne also went on a trip to Vermont in July and rented a house on Winnisquam for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

### **Eta Celebrating Years of Membership**

**Martha had celebrated 50 years before her passing. Caroline is a 44-year member. Anne is at 42. Dianne M and Jean G are at 40 years. Norma is at 37 years. Diane G is at 36. Ruth has met her five-year mark.**

### *Anne Nute Netherlands Tulips*

Our experiences with COVID notwithstanding, the **Nute** family has been traveling. During the last week in April Anne and her daughter Sarah went to the Netherlands to see the tulips. They are even better than you can imagine. We enjoyed a wonderful day at Keukenhof Gardens. Anne and her husband Jon also spent a May weekend in New York City and saw the Broadway show “Shucked” which contained many jokes that a third grader would appreciate. They then boarded the Viking ship Polaris and cruised from New York City all the way down the St. Lawrence Seaway to Toronto,



Canada. This expedition was very educational with opportunities to learn about plastic in the oceans and birds during the spring bird migration.



**Diane Gray** continues to enjoy the beauty of the Great North Woods where she resides with her husband in Pittsburg. Her son Craig and his family are coming up from Key West to visit NH this summer. These popsicles are an example of his sculptural work in Texas. Her grandson John Robert and Amanda are expecting for Diane's great grandchild! At the end of July, they will travel to Concord for their granddaughter's engagement party.

**Ruth Ashley** has been working and when on vacation, camping in her RV, starting in April for a birthday trip to Cape Cod. Her and her husband, John visited the Plimoth Pawtuxet Museum and enjoyed the ocean air and lovely tulips in bloom. She went to the Indy races with Dianne in May and in June she completed her 29<sup>th</sup> school year as a COTA. Ruth continues working for Strafford Learning Center and after July summer program is complete, she will spend all of August in the White Mountains RVing with family and friends. Other summer adventures included a Haunted History Cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee and visits to the NH and Maine coasts.

### From Theta

This June *Donna Marie Gamlin* joined most of her DKG friends when she retired. She is relocating to Prescott Valley, AZ. She has her AZ teacher certification, intends to learn how to speak Spanish, and is curious to find out what a phenetic school and what a BASIS education is. Once she knows she will determine if she truly is retired from education. Donna Marie will remain Theta's secretary and will Zoom in to join meetings during the coming year.

*Kathy Lacroix* enjoyed viewing the sand sculptures at Hampton Beach with her Taylor Community friends and also enjoyed her lobster roll. Another trip she took that was arranged by the Taylor Community was to the Isabel Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and the JFK Library.

*Kathy van Engelen* spent a lovely, quiet week away at Lake Champlain and Lake Placid during Motorcycle Week (Kathy lives in Weirs Beach where much of the motorcycle "activity" takes place!) Time in NY was spent ferrying across Lake Champlain to visit the

city of Burlington which has great restaurants and things to see and do. A boat tour of Lake Placid, which is a great place to spend time if you enjoy hiking or being in nature.

**DKG/NH State 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Registration Form**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2023**  
**M/S Mount Washington Cruise and Birthday Celebration**

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

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please choose from the following:

**Option 1:** Mt. Washington Cruise **only** (10:00 – 12:30) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fee:** \$35 (DKG/NH State group rate)

**Option 2:** Lunch & Celebration at 8 Harris Rd., Meredith **only** (1:00 – 4:00)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Fee:** \$5

**Option 3:** Mt. Washington Cruise **and** Lunch/Celebration (10:00 - 4:00)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Fee:** \$40

Please send the registration form and a check payable to DKG/NH State to:

Mrs. Flora Sapsin  
15 Osprey Lane  
Newmarket, NH 03857

**Registrations for the Mt. Washington Cruise must be received by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Registrations for only the birthday celebration at the Thompson's are due September 1.**

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