



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS—THE UNITED NATIONS—OUR SCHOOLS

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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July 22-26, 2009 – Northeast Regional Conference, Burlington, VT

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Special Announcement:

It is time to get your new calendars out and mark the dates for the next two years' conventions. We have paid the deposits to reserve the Doubletree in Somerset for March 5-7, 2010 and for March 25-27, 2011. In 2010 we had to take the really early date because Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in March and the 5th was the latest date the hotel could give us the rooms we need. Passover begins March 30th, so this should not conflict with holidays or vacations. In 2011, Ash Wednesday is March 9, so Easter and Passover are really late in April. Your convention Tri-chairs hope that this will be enough advance warning for you to be able to plan to attend!
Jan Paxton, Sue Davis & Carol Schwartz
Alpha Zeta State Convention Tri-chairs

Approximately 800 educators from around the world attended a conference for educators and other concerned citizens at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Friday, January 30, titled "Protecting Human Rights—The United Nations—Our Schools." Among those in attendance were 168 members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, including current International President Dr. Carolyn Rants, past president Dr. Barbara Day, First Vice President Dr. Jeni Souders, Executive Coordinator Corlea Plowman, and International Business Administrator Phyllis Hickey. The chair of CTAUN and chair of the Conference, Anne-Marie Carlson, is a Society member from New York State.

The Conference theme was selected in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was celebrated in December 2008. The morning session focused on some of the current challenges and opportunities related to human rights and how the United Nations works to protect the rights of so many. The focus of the afternoon session was on human rights and education and featured as keynote speaker Greg Mortenson, whose work building schools in the rural mountainous regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan is described in the book *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*.

The Conference opened with welcoming remarks by U.N. Under-Secretary-General Kiyotaka Akasaka. He conveyed a message from Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, who said: "I challenge each of you to do your part in raising awareness among your students and in your schools about the issues the world faces, and the need for international cooperation in addressing them....As educators, you model a concept of global citizenship. Your role is crucial in communicating to global citizens-in-the-making what it means to live in an increasingly interdependent community where we are accountable not just to ourselves and our families, communities and countries, but also to people throughout the world."

The opening speaker was Craig Mokhiber, Deputy Director, NY Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (www.ohchr.org) who has an extensive background as a lawyer and as a specialist and activist in international human rights.

His talk was followed by a panel on "The United Nations and Human Rights," which addressed such human rights issues as the advancement of women and mental health.



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During the lunch break, Dr. Rants met with the Delta Kappa Gamma members who were in attendance.

The afternoon session opened with panel on “Teaching About Human Rights” that featured Charlotte Cole of the Sesame Workshop and Shulamith Koenig, Founding President of the People’s Movement for Human Rights Learning. The audience enjoyed Ms. Cole’s introduction of a puppet of one of the Sesame Street’s “fuzzy friends” as she described how Sesame Workshop adapts its programming regarding human rights to the cultures of the various countries in which the programs are aired. The session also featured videoconferencing with schools in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada; Karachi, Pakistan; and Yaounde, Cameroon. Students and teachers from these schools, who had been viewing the afternoon panel, made comments and interacted with panelists and answered questions from the audience.

The highlight of the day was the presentation by Greg Mortenson and staff members from the Central Asia Institute (www.ikat.org) and Pennies for Peace (www.penniesforpeace.org). On display were copies of the young readers’ version of *Three Cups of Tea* and the picture book, *Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea*, which had just been published. He opened his talk by showing a newly-released DVD in which, while walking through the Pakistan countryside, he described to his daughter, Amira, how he had started his work and showed some of the schools and their students and teachers, followed by scenes of children in the United States participating in the Pennies for Peace program. All those at the conference were given a copy of *Three Cups of Tea* and of the DVD, and Mr. Mortenson delighted attendees by autographing books for all who waited in the long lines.

Among other highlights of the day was the presentation of Best Practices awards by Phyllis Hickey to three educators who developed programs inspired by what they had learned at previous CTAUN conferences. One of these was Society member Dr. Linda Dix from New Jersey, who has organized “twinning” programs between her school and schools in underdeveloped areas, including one in Jamaica. Dr. Dix has previously published an article in the *DKG Bulletin* (Spring 2005) on a similar program with a school in Haiti.

This was the eleventh such conference organized by the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), which is made up of representatives from several non-governmental organizations affiliated with the U.N., one of which is The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. A detailed summary of this and former conferences can be found on the CTAUN website (www.teachUN.org).

From the President

Carmela DeMarco

My sincere thanks to the Alpha Zeta State Past Presidents, Officers, Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents and Gamma Chapter sisters for their cooperation, encouragement, guidance and willingness to support the efforts of this biennium. Not only is this a time for reflection and thanks, it is also a time to recognize with pride the accomplishments of our Alpha Zeta State sisters. We are very proud of Dr. Beth Ann Richey, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo and Dr. Judith Merz who are currently serving Delta Kappa Gamma at the International level. Together we are able to enhance the role of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Alpha Zeta State organization. You have truly been an inspiration!

At the start of my tenure as Alpha Zeta State President, the theme to *Enhance Excellence And...Then... Some...through Professionalism ...Achievement...and Mentoring with Passion* was adopted for the 2007 - 2009 biennium. At that time, International President, Dr. Barbara Day’s theme was: “*Leading with Wisdom and Passion*” and the theme for the Northeast Regional Conference was: “*The Lattice of Leadership: Wisdom to Share - Passion to Care*”. At this conference, we were encouraged, as leaders of our respective states to be creative, to energize and to inspire our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters during our Presidency. Hopefully, this biennium will be remembered for not only enhancing but also motivating and inspiring the excellence in Alpha Zeta State *And ...Then ...Some*



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During the first year of this biennium, our focus was to recommit our energies to the seven purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as well as the Key Initiatives. Our chapters were asked to provide an ongoing orientation for members even after initiation. This effort would allow chapters to both focus on membership and mentoring the newly initiated member at the same time. Thus enhancing the commitment to the Society. This reorientation program/ceremony serves as a reminder to members that they are a part of a society of key women educators, which promotes professional and personal growth as well as excellence in education. Chapters were encouraged to take five or ten minutes during a chapter meeting to focus on one of the seven purposes of the Society or any of other pertinent Society information. This practice is exhibited in some chapters. Another focus was to encourage chapters to cultivate leaders at the chapter level. In so doing, all nineteen chapters now have a complete team of officers for the 2008 - 2010 biennium. We also encouraged chapter leaders and members to step up to the role of leadership in the state. When we began this biennium, a new treasurer, Past State President, Doris Lambert was appointed. Doris is now creating and maintaining records, data and reports electronically.

In June 2008, Immediate Past President and Alpha Zeta State Leadership Development Chair, Dr. Mary Lee Batesko facilitated a leadership development day for all incoming chapter officers. All nineteen chapters participated in the sessions for presidents, vice presidents and treasurers. The training sessions were conducted by: State President, Carmela De Marco, Vice Presidents, Claire Swanson and Barbara Ann Ellert and Treasurer, Doris Lambert. It was a very rewarding experience for all who attended.

During the second year of this biennium, an ad hoc committee was formed to determine specific criteria, timelines, requirements and application for the Margaret F. Abel Scholarship. Margaret was the Alpha Zeta State President during the 1965 - 1967 biennium. Upon her death in 2007, the bequest was given to Alpha Zeta State. The committee consists of: Dr. Mary Lee Batesko, chair along with Dr. Marilyn Gonyo, Claire Swanson, Jan Buck and Carmela De Marco. It is our hope that a Margaret Abel Scholarship will be awarded at the 2010 Alpha Zeta State Convention. Five Alpha Zeta sisters received stipends for educational projects during this biennium. Additionally, Patti Senk, Omicron and Loretta Kachmar-Will, Zeta were awarded Lucille Cornetet Professional Development Awards.

Kudos to Dr. Mary Lee Batesko for facilitating the Annual Women's Leadership Conference held in November! The event entitled, *Vision and Action: Cultivating the Leader Within* was held at Georgian Court University. The conference was sponsored by both Alpha Zeta State and Georgian Court University. The keynote was given by Grace Cirocco an internationally known motivational speaker. In the afternoon, Grace moderated a panel discussion comprised of women leaders in various professions. Alpha Zeta State had members from fourteen chapters in attendance. Dr. Marilyn Gonyo, Patti Rahn, Carmela De Marco and Dr. Mary Lee Batesko, Chair planned this event.

While this year of the biennium has had challenges, beginning with the increase in International dues, we know that together we can be creative and move our Society forward. There will be both challenges and change in the years ahead as we live in an era of change. Our Society is in the process of change ---- will you share your vision? Your plan? Dr. Carolyn Rants is challenging us to share our vision for our Society. Are we able to rise to the occasion? Hopefully, we will share our hope, our dream, our vision so that we can ensure a viable future for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Again thank you for the honor of serving as your Alpha Zeta State President during this 2007 - 2009 biennium. My sisters, you have truly been "The Wind Beneath My Wings".

Thank you,

Carmela



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Women of Valor Submitted by Kathy Coe, Sigma President

On Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Cater-2U in Mt. Laurel, 5 chapters, Beta, Eta, Iota, Nu & Sigma, of DKG-AZS sponsored a "Women of Valor" Program at their annual combined luncheon and meeting. Military women, American Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers were honored for their courage, bravery, commitment and spirit of patriotism.

MSgt. Alecia Judd, MSgt. Claudia Pritchett (sister of Eta member Cynthia Regn), Capt. Rebecca Selby (daughter of Sigma member Joan Selby), and Capt. Michelle Krause shared some of their military experiences with us and the work they have done with families and children in places where they were deployed. Viewing military life through the eyes of a woman gave us all a new insight and appreciation of their dedication.

We were also pleased to have with us the past president of the National American Gold Star Mothers, Judith Young. She spoke to us about this worthy organization, her personal experiences and her future endeavors. We honored another American Gold Star Mother, Maureen Pagano, who lost her son in Iraq in June of 2008. Maureen received a special New Jersey Assembly Resolution presented by another special guest, NJ Assemblyman Jack Connors. Cheryl Betten and Heather Altman, Blue Star Mothers, spoke to us about their work as military family support volunteers.

The AZS sisters who attended this program were united in a genuine spiritual fellowship and strengthened feelings of patriotism that will remain as special memories of this day.

Chapter Highlights

Delta Chapter

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to bring families and communities together with volunteers and resources to build decent and affordable housing, thereby helping to eliminate poverty by providing simple, decent shelter to those in need. This is the second time that members of Delta chapter have worked locally with Habitat for Humanity to provide comfortable and attractive bedrooms for the children of deserving families.

Habitation Day is the day a family takes occupancy of their new home. On February 28, several Delta women had the pleasure of meeting the entire Holly family - Mom, Dad, son and daughter - and actually being part of the Habitation Ceremony. Member Chris Collins was able to acquire a twin mattress set donated by Sleepy's so that the daughter, who formerly had shared a room with her brother, could now have a new bed in her own room. Bedding and curtains were provided for both children's bedrooms and each child received a \$25 gift certificate to purchase books of their choice. Other household items were donated as well. A few days prior to Habitation Day, Delta's chairperson for Habitat for Humanity Suzy Boyer and member Millie Card had the pleasure of going to the home and setting up the bedrooms. That experience, they felt, made the whole effort much more personal than merely delivering the gifts to a Habitat member as had been done in the past. Delta looks forward to its continued work with Cape May County's Habitat for Humanity.

Epsilon Chapter

Epsilon Chapter met on March 7th in the banquet room of the Hampton Diner. The room was decorated with a red theme to honor our 10 new initiates. President Linda Adams called the meeting to order and was thrilled by the large number of members in attendance. The luncheon and cake (decorated for our initiates) was delicious and the presentation by Marge Barrett on the culture and wildlife of northern India was educational and extremely enjoyable.



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Iota Chapter

The Initiates' Tea was held in January. For the benefit of our new members, the program included an introduction to the society and its history. We also had a presentation comparing the 1960's to present times. On March 7th, Iota members participated in the annual joint meeting with Nu, Sigma, Eta and Pi. The moving program included women who were involved with the Armed Services (members themselves, spouses and mothers). A few weeks later, twenty-seven members, including our five new initiates, attended convention.

Kappa Chapter

Kappa and Theta joined together to share a holiday celebration at The Brownstone in Paterson, December 3rd. Kappa members brought unwrapped gifts for Shelter Our Sisters, a program for victims of domestic violence. Both chapters brought gift baskets which were auctioned off and the proceeds divided for our respective philanthropic causes. This joint meeting has become a yearly tradition enjoyed by both chapters.

Pi Chapter

Our holiday meeting in December was another opportunity for us to fundraise so that we could provide supplies to help out one of our local Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Gloucester County. Our treasurer, **Diane Camiolo**, has shopped on two occasions with the money collected to provide that club with paper supplies that makes serving meals to 65 children every day a little easier.

Sigma Chapter

Sigma began the festive season with its annual Holiday Gathering at the Moorestown Community Center in Moorestown. Under the beautifully decorated tree, members placed their gifts for the residents of the Innova Health and Rehabilitation Center and the many donated stuffed animals for Providence House and the Crossroads Program served as centerpieces for our tables. During our business meeting, we unanimously voted to invite 3 new initiates into our chapter. We were filled with the holiday spirit as we enjoyed a delicious dinner while being entertained by the Delanco Middle School Jazz Band and a violin soloist. Our president, Kathy Coe, was very proud of these musicians because many of them were her former second grade students. We were also pleased to have Carmela DeMarco, our AZS President join us for this special evening.

After dinner, three of our members Maria Hall, Peg Madison and Linda Dix were honored as "Women of Distinction." Donations to our Grant-in-Aid Program were made by many of our members in honor of these women. We were all reminded of the dedication, leadership, and service that these women have given to our chapter and DKG. Linda Dix was given a special honor when a motion was made to change the name of our "Woman of Distinction" to the "Linda M. Dix Woman of Distinction Award." Linda initiated this program during her first biennium as president and this was our way of saying thank you for her inspiration.

On December 5th we delivered the gifts to Innova Health and Rehabilitation Center in Mt. Laurel, one of our annual philanthropic projects. Together we sang favorite carols, distributed snacks and presented each resident with a special gift chosen just for him or her. Watching the smiles on their faces and hearing their expression of joy as gifts were opened reminded each of us of the true meaning of the holiday season.

Women of Achievement

Delta Chapter

Mrs. Susan Campbell's preschool class visited Mrs. Millie Card's kindergarten class to compare plants that they were



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growing with their new Grow Labs. The Grow Labs were awarded by the Alpha Zeta State Scholarship Committee through the stipend. Both classes are sharing their plant experiences and hope to have a spring pizza party with home grown herbs and fresh flower centerpieces.

Epsilon Chapter

Janice Sund was named Teacher of the Year for the Newton School District. Janice is a Home Economics teacher at Newton and is highly regarded by faculty and students alike. Congratulations Janice.

Epsilon is both happy and proud to announce Cathy Sirocky as our recipient of the Rose Award. Cathy will be honored at the state convention.

Susan Hebel is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 23 and will have an eight week convalescence period with many hours of physical therapy. We wish her a speedy recovery and wish her good luck going through airport metal detectors.

Nona Calafiore is looking forward to visiting friends in Phoenix for a week and then spending another week at a Dude Ranch in Tuscon. Happy trails, Nona.

Iota Chapter

Lorraine Ganchar has had the distinguished privilege of having a library named in her honor at her school in Bellmawr. Congratulations to Nicole Dunn who received Iota's Rose Award this year. As a member since 2002, Nicole has served on many committees and generously volunteers her time and effort. Two of our Sterling High sisters were honored each as teacher of the month. Nicole Dunn(English) was December's notable teacher while Marcy Stepash (Special Ed) was outstanding teacher for February. Kudos to all ladies!

Omicron Chapter

Congratulations to **Alice Hazeltine**, Omicron's Rose Award recipient and **Nancy Tonneson**, Key Award recipient. We are most grateful for the hard work and effort Alice and Nancy put forth on behalf of our chapter and organization.

Alice Hazeltine, Principal of the Lighthouse Christian Academy in Manahawkin, recently visited Norway. She reports that the architecture is amazing and the food delicious! We look forward to hearing about her experience at our next meeting. In addition, a new chapter in Alice's life will begin when she retires from her position in June.

Pi Chapter

Congratulations to **Mary Conover**, long-time member and two time president of Pi Chapter, who was elected to be the next recording secretary of Alpha Zeta State organization. The members of Pi are proud of her and know that she is deserving of this recognition.

Tau Chapter

Marilyn D'Amelio recently received an award from Project Community Pride, a family therapy agency serving Chatham Borough, Florham Park and Madison, for her work in community literacy and financial assistance programs. Marilyn, who is vice principal of Central Avenue School in Madison, acts as a liaison with Literacy Volunteers of America, as well as a liaison with the Madison Community Pool scholarship program for families in need and the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund.



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Theta Chapter

Congratulations to Elizabeth Vastano on the birth of her second child Stephen Dominic. Alyson Breitwieser has collected over \$600 for Breast Cancer awareness. Kimberly Breitwieser received her Masters Degree from Grand Canyon University. Joyce Breitwieser collected over \$300 for Breast Cancer awareness.

Thirteen members of Theta Chapter attended this year's Convention: Alyson, Kim, and Joyce Breitwieser, Mary Goglio-Vitaletti, Michele Klamerus, Connie Marcus, Deborah Pishna, Susan Relles, Jean Rotert, Linda Rynd, Joanne Vormbrock, Mary Weinstein, and Patt Winn. Congratulations to Mary Weinstein, who received the Key Award, and Jean Rotert, who was given the Rose Award. Also, congratulations go to Alyson Breitwieser, who won two of the large chapter baskets.

Theta sisters are proud of Susan Relles, who was named Teacher of the Month for February at her school. Sue teaches fourth grade at Ronald Reagan Academy in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Congratulations to a deserving educator!

Along with eight students, Joyce Breitwieser, the eighth-grade language arts teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Elizabeth, New Jersey, founded the Community Service Committee this year. As a result, all eighth-grade students are required to perform fifteen hours of community service within the school prior to graduation. Under Joyce's leadership, students have been responsible for collecting money for breast cancer research; holding a food drive for needy families of children who attend the school; sending letters from Santa to the younger children in the school; conducting a Winter Warmth Drive to collect coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the local shelter, and holding a Love Lollipop sale. In addition, the committee recently began a recycling program in the school, which has become a pilot program for all the schools in the district. Also, in February, the children began working on an intergenerational program, where the students learned to make the "Cat in the Hat" out of beads and will turnkey the project for the second graders. Joyce is proud of her students, who are excited about their work and enthusiastically participate whenever possible. Theta sisters are proud of Joyce for all that she has done and continues to do as an educator.

Xi Chapter

Mary Ann Gustafson has been very busy, she co-chaired a project at Olivet School that raised money for hats and wigs for children with cancer. It was called "Heavenly Hats" and they raised over \$400. She also chaired a program at Olivet and Norma Schools to raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses. "Coins For The Heart" is another program at Olivet School she co-chaired which raised money to aide families in the school with certificates from Shoprite and Wal-Mart. She also had time to attend a workshop on Autism by the Autism Association.

Marylyn Stecher is working on a Supervisory Certificate through Rutgers University and one of her classes was Supervision of Instruction that she took last fall.

Sandra Santa Maria, a teacher at the Shaner School in Hamilton Township, is mentoring a new Kindergarten teacher who is going through the alternate route. **Miranda Levi** also a Shaner teacher is co-writing the Kindergarten Social Studies curriculum.

The Hess School in Hamilton Township has had some busy teachers:

Janel Schafer and Natalie **Morris** attended the 2009 CTAUN Conference in New York City. Janel was so inspired by Greg Mortenson at the conference that she had Donor's Choose donate 98 copies of Three Cups of Tea. After completing a study of the book, students created web pages on the theme "Make a Difference". Each child chose a cause and created a web page to persuade readers to get involved and "make a difference." The lesson being, like Greg, one person can make a difference.



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Carol Bennett had organized Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. Three hundred jumpers participated on February 25 at the Hess School in Mays Landing and over \$7,000.00 was raised.

Lila Williams attended a ETTC workshop on creating Learning Centers for the Differentiated Classroom. She also hosted a 3 day Scrapbooking event in Ocean City which raised money and awareness for abused women. The event raised \$2000.00 for the Atlantic City Women's Shelter and 75 cards of Hope were also presented to them. Lila was our Rose Award recipient for 2009.

Judi Marzolino has enrolled in five leadership classes this year. She also presented a wonderful program in April to her XI sisters at their Spring meeting. The program was about Judi's travels to Belarus, a former Soviet Republic, with her church group and the hardships faced by these people. She presented a slide show that gave us some insight into their lives and how her church group has tried to come to their aid.

Winnie Witmer has taken watercolor and mixed media workshops at the Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Atlantic-Cape College Community as well as team leadership seminars.

Janet Yunghans initiated the acquisition of a new web-based library catalog called Destiny and organized training for all Hamilton Twp. Librarians.

Jane Flanagan is taking a graduate course "Teacher as Leader" through Mary Grove College and is enrolled in five courses for this year. She also is a member of the school based Professional Development Committee for 2009-2010 school year.

Patty Carmen is taking courses toward a Master's Degree at Mary Grove College. She has taken "Instructional Design" and "Teaching and Learning" during the 2009 school year.

Rachel Husta is taking 3 graduate professional development courses through Mary Grove College and will be assisting with the Hess School choir in the fall.

Zeta Chapter

Marie Liddicoat judged entries for the N. J. Council of Teachers of English Writing Contest for 2009. She judged contest entries for students in Grades 10-12 in the category for Prose Non-fiction. The entries were scored holistically on a one to six scale. The theme of this year's contest is "The Voices of New Jersey." The purpose of the theme is to celebrate the diversity of voices among us. Artistic merit, the quality and development of ideas, flavor and individuality were all used as criteria. The winning essays are used to recommend students for the Governor's Arts Awards in Education and to produce an anthology that is sent to the high schools. The winning entries are also read at a celebratory Reception.

Still Leading, Achieving and Making a Difference

Epsilon Chapter

Mary Warden retired February 1, 2009 from the Phillipsburg School District as an Early Childhood Librarian. Her years in education totaled 49.5 years. She was considered an expert in her field and will be great missed. Mary will remain active and since December 10, 2008 has been Regent of Peggy Warne Chapter of the DAR.



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Mary Ann Schoetly is currently a pastor for two small faith communities; a spirituality group (Call to Community) and an intentional, inclusive, and Eucharistic community (Catholic Community of Sophia)

Patricia Baily was named Volunteer of the Month for the Pet Therapy Group associated with the Pass-it-along organization. Pat gives all of the credit for this wonderful act of kindness to the Best Dog in the World, Bear. Bear is a rescued flat coated retriever. Congratulations Pat and Bear.

Linda Adams gave a workshop on collecting to the Vernon Cub Scouts at Bob's Collectables. This workshop will enable the scouts to earn their collecting badge. Way to go Linda and Cub Scouts!

Epsilon's Key Award was given to Barbara Henderson, a most worthy recipient. Barbara has graciously hosted the Initiate's Tea in her home in Chester and is a tireless contributor to Epsilon's endeavors. Congratulations and best wishes to Barbara.

Pat Koller serves on the Board of the New Jersey Retired Educators Association and is running for a state office in the organization. The sisters of Epsilon wish her well and know that when elected will serve her members with pride and distinction.

Iota Chapter

Doris Lambert served as Lay Leader and Speaker of the 1st United Methodist Church of Haddon Heights while the congregation's minister was on a leave of absence.

Kappa Chapter

Dr. Eunice Z. Pruitt participated in a book signing for the Second Edition of her book, *Schools as Professional Learning Communities*. This book of collaborative activities and strategies for professional development, co-authored by Sylvia Roberts, is an updated edition of her previous best seller.

Mimi Weis is a tutor at the Henry and Edith Cerullo Learning Assistance Center at Bergen Community college several hours each week.

Lynn Smith has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Bergen-Passaic Arc Foundation.

Dr. Bea Kettlewood spoke to a class of future art educators at Ramapo College this Fall. She also will have a solo show in January at Café Buono, Pequannock and one in March at the Ridgewood Public Library.

Elizabeth MacCulloch is a member of the Board of Trustees for Willing Hands, a program for adults with mental difficulties. She also serves on the editorial staff of *Mountain Matters*, a publication of Cedar Crest, a retirement community in Pompton Plains.

Pi Chapter

On Thursday, December 18, our retiree group, "The Formers," enjoyed not only a holiday luncheon together at a local restaurant, but they had a great time gift wrapping at the Deptford Mall in the morning. Patrons of the Mall who chose to have their packages wrapped for a small fee knew that not only were their presents being nicely wrapped but that all the funds raised for this service was going to the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, NJ. We thank **Babette Wise** for making the arrangements for this fun project.

Xi Chapter

Helen Hudson continues to train Aqua Instructors for the United States Water Fitness Association in the tri-state area.

Lou Schultz continues to teach science in California when she visits her grandchildren in Nov. each year



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“Beat the Clock Race Against Breast Cancer”, sponsored each fall by Delta Chapter, is an annual event that has continued to grow. Participation in this year’s race, a 5K Run/2-Mile Fun Walk along the residential streets of the beach community of Stone Harbor, totaled 126 runners/walkers, including six survivors. More than 25 Delta members, as well as several members of the community, were involved in its planning and execution.

At the December meeting of Delta, a check for \$8,700 was presented to Todd Salerno of the American Cancer Society by race chairperson, Rita Tice. Tice announced that, since the race’s inception in 2003, Delta chapter has donated \$34,500 to the American Cancer Society, which targets more money for breast cancer than any other organization. Proceeds also fund an annual scholarship awarded to a responsible and academically focused graduating high school senior who is planning to further his/her education.