

The Maine State Organization Of DKG
Honors
Our 40 Year Members

October 17, 2020



Shirley Ellis

Alpha

- B.S. - 1966, M.S. - 1970, and C.A.S. - 1982, all in Mathematics - UMO
- Taught High School Math for 38 years

Shirley Ellis - Alpha

- Inducted into Alpha in 1980
- Has served on several committees; was recording secretary 1 year and treasurer for 21 years since 1999
- Memorable teachers - Hope Gilchrist, her first department chair, her mother Charlotte Wilson, an Epsilon member, and Carrie Rowe, a charter member of Alpha
- Memories - Working with her sisters on projects; Attending workshops and conventions where she has enjoyed getting to know members from many generations
- Other Professional Organizations - Has been involved with ATOMIM, OTA, and the Eastern Maine Math League for whom she served as secretary
- Retirement - Retired in 2004; Enjoys hiking, kayaking, cross country skiing, travel, gardening, and crafting

Shirley Ellis - Alpha

- Advice for current teachers - “Keep at it and find as much joy in the teaching profession as you can because when you least expect it, someone will tell you that you made a difference in their lives.”



Roberta "Bobbie" Fowler

Alpha

- B.S. - 1965 and M.S. - 1966; both in Education at UMO
- Taught P.E. and Health at Orono High School for 37 years

Bobbie Fowler - Alpha

- A pioneer of women's athletics in Orono in the late 60s through the 70s
- Coached Women's Varsity basketball, softball, and volleyball and was a cheering advisor
- Director of High School intramural programs
- Advocate for at risk students
- Recommended by Diana Oberg, a dear friend
- Inducted in 1980
- Has served as the chapter's president and served on many committees; Currently assists in welcoming and registering and taking money for dinners; Has helped to raise lots of money through Alpha's Fall Auctions
- Memories - Meetings and the fellowship with the inspirational women of her chapter
- Memorable Women - Arlene Peakes and Hester Huff

Bobbie Fowler - Alpha

- Honors - 1970 Penobscot Valley Coach of the Year; Inducted into the Orono High School Hall of Fame on 9/15/15; Had her picture displayed on the Cyr bus in honor of being one of the people who has made a significant impact on Old Town
- Accomplishments - Served on Old Town's School Board for 6 years and the Old Town City Council for 9 years; First woman accepted into the Old Town/Orono Kiwanis; Took over the Old Town/Orono Animal Shelter and helped start a no kill shelter; Volunteered at the Folk Festival for many years



Virginia Skelk

Beta

- B.S., M.S., and C.A.S.
- Taught Spanish and Reading

Virginia Skelk - Beta

- Taught in Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, and New York before coming to Maine. Here she taught at Lincoln Middle School and USM as an adjunct professor.
- Inducted in 1980
- Served as president of her New York chapter
- Received a DKG scholarship to study in Costa Rica
- Beta enjoys her special performances with her musical ensemble.
- Memory - When asked what she most remembers about DKG, she replied, “The wonderful women you can respect and have fun with. We are all friends.”



Bonnie Maguire

Epsilon

- B.S. in K-2 Education from Gorham State College
- Taught for 39 years in kindergarten, third and fourth grades, and K-2 Title I

Bonnie Maguire - Epsilon

- Recommended by Harleth Davis, Marietta Packard, and New Blood Thompson; Inducted in 1980
- Served as second and first vice president and then president of her chapter; Served on many Epsilon committees, including Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid, Bylaws, and Music; She is still a very active member.
- Served on the state Finance Committee, the Achievement Award Committee, and as a state convention hostess
- Memorable Women - Sandra Berry, Marietta Packard, Georgene Coombs, Sharon Romanow, Ruth Homes, and Linda Brier
- Memories - Traveling with members to conferences, state conventions and to Vermont and Portland attending the Northeast Regionals. Kathy Stitch, Jen Kirchoff and Bonnie all traveled to Burlington, Vt. to Northeast Regionals. The three of them shared a room that had one king bed and a couch. Kris O'Roak and Bonnie roomed together at a state conventions in Presque Isle. They were woken up in the night by people coming to the door and trying to get in their room. Bonnie just loves spending time with members and interacting and having fun with them.

Bonnie Maguire - Epsilon

- Retirement - Retired in 2012 after 39 years
- Current Activities - Knitting, traveling, playing bridge, being with her family, including 5 grandchildren
- Advice - “Take care of yourself in these very challenging times, so that you can be your best teacher-self for your students. Celebrate your students’ achievements throughout the year. Remember, they may be struggling at this time, as well.”
- Other Thoughts - Bonnie is proud to be a member of the Epsilon Chapter and the Maine State Organization!



Suzanne Kendrick

Zeta

- B.S. - Texas University; M.Ed. - UMO; qualifications for assistant principalship - USM
- Taught Home Economics at the high schools in Harrington, Millinocket, and Lubec, and at Oxford Hills Middle School in South Paris.

Suzanne Kendrick - Zeta

- Worked as an assistant principal for 9 years
- Recommended by Gloria Ferland
- Inducted in Millinocket in 1980
- Has held all officer jobs, except secretary and treasurer. Served on several committees, including World Fellowship, Clara Soule, and Scholarship
- Memory - “The year I was inducted because I received Kay Poland’s pin.”
- Retirement - Retired in 2006 after 32 years of teaching
- Current activities - Spending time with grandchildren, golfing, quilting and sewing
- Advice - “Listen to the kids. Take advantage of any professional development.”



Lora Downing

Kappa

- B.S. - UMF 1970; M.Ed. 1989
- Taught High School Family and Consumer Science and Health for 21 years; Was a high school assistant principal for 8 years; Served as Director of Career and Technical Education for the State of Maine for 9 years

Lora Downing - Kappa

- Recommended by Gail Smith
- Inducted in 1980
- Served as second and first vice president and president of Kappa
- Memory - Working with Katie Yando as we moved through the chairs; attending several national and regional conventions
- Memorable women - her mother Caroline Sturtevant, who was also a member of Kappa Chapter, and Katie Yando, a member of Kappa Chapter. Memorable women from teaching were Dr. Carlene Hillman, Dr. Elizabeth Marks, who served as a mentor as she moved to administration, and her colleague and fellow Kappa sister, Nancy Drysdale.
- Retired in 2011
- Served 11 years as a member of the RSU 18 school board, chairing the curriculum/educational program committee.

Lora Downing - Kappa

- Current Activities - Reading, gardening, volunteering, and spending time with grandchildren
- Advice - “ Treat every child with love and respect and make them feel like they are the only one in the classroom. The rewards of teaching and being a school administrator come to me every day. I have former students who I see and they remember me and the fun we had in the classroom and school.”



Nancy Rico Drysdale

Kappa

- B.S. Home Economics
- Taught Family and Consumer Science for 31 and 1/2 years

Unity and liberty-
Our watchwords will be-
Understanding each other-
Will be the key!

Nancy Drysdale - Kappa

- Recommended by Carol Sturtevant
- Inducted in 1980
- Served on Kappa's Auction Committee; helped with the Fall and Christmas auctions; hosted the Fall auction at her home for many years
- Favorite memory - Spending time with Kappa sisters
- Memorable women - Lorraine Bowden and Lora Downing
- Retired in 2001
- Before and after retiring, she and her husband owned and operated Fairfield Kennels, a grooming and boarding facility, for 27 years.
- Current Activities - Garden Club, Organizing a Craft Group, Knitting Group, Waterville Area Newcomers, boating, and swimming
- Advice - "The best interest of the child comes first."



Eileen Bowie

Mu

- B.A. in English and a minor in Spanish
- Taught English at Lewiston High School for 37 years
- Advisor to National Honor Society at LHS

Eileen Bowie

Mu

- Recommended by Glenys Ryder
- Inducted into Mu in 1980
- Served as corresponding secretary, second and first vice president, and president; helped with the Festival of Trees; chairman of the Nominating Committee
- Memories - Working at our annual Teddy Bear Fair, attending Northeast Regional Convention in Hershey, Pa., attending our yearly banquets, and meeting and getting to know so many respected, honorable women in the teaching profession
- Memorable Women - Barbara Randall, Glenys Ryder, and Madelyn Linscott – All professional and inspiring women who were wonderful mentors to her and others; Ruth Carsley – Role model who had the best sense of humor of anyone she has ever met. “I missed her every day following her retirement.”
- Retired in 2005

Eileen Bowie - Mu

- Current Activities - Being with family, rug hooking, crocheting, gardening, reading, cooking/baking, and all sort of crafts
- Advice - “It’s what I tell my daughters, who are teachers: Do the best you can every day and try not to let the stress of your career wear you down. Try to enjoy every day despite how exhausted you might be.”
- Other Thoughts - She has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

“Several members of my family have also been in education:

David, my husband, - 51 years at Lewiston HS
Daughter, Jennifer Merrill – 25 years at Richmond, ME
Daughter, Barbara Stiles – 22 years in Falmouth, ME
Son in law, Todd Stiles – Westbrook (18 years) and
Yarmouth (2 years”)



Kathryn Cutter

Mu

- B.S. in Home Economics from UMF
- Taught at Lewiston Middle School
- Worked with the Student Council, served as the chair of the City Side Professional Development Committee, and was the team leader for the Unified Arts Program

Kathryn Cutter - Mu

- Recommended by Diane Bleakney
- Inducted into Mu in 1980
- Served on the Clara Soule Committee
- Memories - Collecting books for Clara Soule and working with my sisters at our Teddy Bear Fair
- Memorable Women - From Teaching: Barbara Matthews, who taught Home Economics with her, and Diane Bleakney, who also worked with the student council. Both were inspirational and dedicated educators. Edie Jordan was a fabulous teacher and was actually her daughter's supervising teacher when she started teaching. Chris Cook and Barbara Randall were also teachers that served as models. Lastly, Madelyn Givens, who not only was inspirational as a teacher, is still inspiring everyone with her many adventures during her retirement.
- Retired in 2000 from Lewiston after 30 years of teaching (but has not yet retired from education)
- After retiring, opened a Preschool with her Daughter (2000-2005)

Kathryn Cutter - Mu

- Current Activities - Rug braiding, knitting, quilting, and finally taking piano lessons; Volunteers at Norlands Living History Center; Dresses in period costumes and travels the state doing school programs; President of the Auburn Art Club; Raising money for students going into the arts; Researching little known ladies from Maine and what they have accomplished; Most rewarding is her volunteer work in the kitchens at the Calgary Methodist Church, a city mission to help the needy.
- Advice -
 - “Continue in your retirement doing service to others. That is the most rewarding in your life.
 - Find things that give you pleasure.
 - I met a homeless family at one of my volunteer centers. Everything that they owned they carried in black garbage bags. I went home that night and looked at my house. I wondered what I would carry in my bag if I had to. That is why I still volunteer – to help the needy.
 - Looks are an accident of birth. It’s up to you to be a good person.”

Kathryn Cutter - Mu

- Other Thoughts -

2 children, 3 grandchildren

Love to be with my grandchildren

Proud to be a role model for them. My daughter once stated that it is my job to keep us humble.

Other family members in education are my daughter, my mother, and my granddaughter.

My granddaughter teaches in a Charter School for underprivileged children in Washington D.C. Following in her grandmother's steps, she could only see herself helping those that need help the most.



Phyllis Gamache

Mu

- B.S. - UMO
- Selected by her Education professor to do her student teaching in Trieste, Italy

Phyllis Gamache - Mu

- Recommended by Barbara Harrison
- Inducted into Mu in 1980
- Served as second and first vice president and president; worked on several committees, including Personal Growth and Service, Membership, Clara Soule, Finance, and Nominations.
- Was a Master Teacher for 3 years
- Served as a mentor teacher for many years
- Served on the school steering committee for many years
- Memories - She enjoyed being Mu president and meeting many people at the local and state level. She always loved and still loves working at Mu's Fall Teddy Bear Fair.
- Memorable Women - Glenys Ryder, Madelyn Linscott, and Edie Jordan were all an inspiration to her with Mu chapter. Brenna Thorton was her inspiration at the state level. As colleagues, Corinne Darby, Libby Hopping, and Carol Hathorne need to be mentioned.

Phyllis Gamache - Mu

- Retired in 2005
- Current Activities - Has always enjoyed watching sporting events, especially when her children/grandchildren are participating and scrapbooking for her family
- Advice - “My advice to other teachers is to always try to make time for yourself in each day. Teaching can consume us. We need to try to leave issues at school and maintain a healthy private life..... easier said than done if you truly care for your students. Also, enjoy the teaching part and do not let the ‘STUFF’ bog you down.”
- Other Thoughts -
 - 2 children, 4 grandchildren
 - Several family members were also in education, including an aunt, brother, daughter, and niece



Loretta Hamann

Mu

- Valedictorian at Livermore Falls H.S.
- B.S. - UMO
- M.Ed. - Lesley University

Loretta Hamann - Mu

- Recommended by Ellie Gove
- Inducted in 1980
- Served on a number of committees, including Clara Soule, Orientation Tea, Professional Affairs, Membership, Hostess, and Scholarship
- Memories - Sharing ideas, crafts, and the social time with special teachers and friends; enjoyed being a Math Club advisor and a 7th grade team leader
- Taught at Livermore Falls JHS and in Walpole, MA ; then taught Mathematics and Computer Tech at Lewiston Junior HS for forty years (actually teaching for 37 years in the same room - 204 – LJHS)
- School Teacher Leader - Maine Learning Technology Initiative
- Enjoyed being a Math Club advisor and a 7th grade team leader
- Retired in 2013 after 45 years in Education

Loretta Hamann - Mu

- Current Activities - Traveling, spending time with family, doing puzzles of all kinds, spending time in the The Villages, Florida learning new activities
- Advice - “Make education fun for your students and concentrate on useful living skills.”
- Other Thoughts -
 - First one in her family to attend college
 - 3 children, 6 grandchildren ; All very successful at work and in sports
 - 3 children all live in the Marlborough, MA area and are all outstanding professionals in the area.
 - Daughter-in-law is teaching in MA
 - Uncle was a principal and role model – her inspiration to enter education as a profession
 - Loretta and her husband Richard were dedicated hockey parents when their children were in high school.
 - Loretta now enjoys watching her 4 older grandchildren play hockey and the youngest ones practicing to compete in Olympic gymnastics.



Marcia Joliceour

Mu

- B.S.
- Taught 4th and 5th grades in Lisbon, Me. for 37 years

Marcia Joliceour - Mu

- Recommended by Barbara Harrison
- Inducted into Mu in 1980
- Has served as second and first vice president, president, and corresponding secretary; has served on many committees, including World Fellowship, Scholarship, Finance, Clara Soule, and Rules and Bylaws
- Memories - So Many:

“All the wonderful ladies I have met and became friends with from the chapter and state; The years as chapter President; The International Convention in Toronto; The Northeast Regional Convention in Boston; The memory of Connie McPherson, President of Alpha Psi, pinning me at Initiation.”

Marcia Joliceour - Mu

•Memorable Women -

Barbara Randall, Madelyn Linscott.... Both for their friendship and positive contributions and involvement in DKG on both chapter and state levels.

Susie Mains – President when I was initiated

Edie Jordan – first person, other than my sponsor, that I met in DKG. We met at the Orientation tea

Edith Norris –a fellow 5th grade teacher who was a DKG member when I was initiated.

Leona Roberts - one of my mentors during a long term sub position the year before I got a classroom

Carol Hathorne – Principal -Positive, cared about me as a person as well as a teacher, willing to listen to ideas and let me try new ideas.

Joan Mitchell Smith – curriculum supervisor - positive, gave encouraging feedback

Marcia Joliceour - Mu

- Retired in 2011
- Current Activities - Playing cards, board games, baking, cooking, watching sports and being at camp in Weld, Me.
- Advice - “Be positive; see the talents, abilities, and good in every student. Let students know you care and believe in them. Take time for and care for yourself.
- Other Thoughts -

She has one child and three grandchildren. Other family in education include her father, brother, three cousins and their spouses, and an uncle.

“It’s an honor to be part of an organization that has women that were teaching when I was in school (some were my teachers,) women I taught with or networked with and ones that are in the beginning stages of their careers.

Let’s not forget Delta Kappa Gamma’s history!”



Pat McCluskey

Mu

- B.A. in Mathematics - UMO
- Taught math at Edward Little High School for 36 years and in Kezar Falls for one year; especially enjoyed teaching calculus

Pat McCluskey - Mu

- Recommended by Barbara Randall
- Inducted in 1980
- Served as recording secretary and worked on several committees, including Scholarship and World Fellowship; Chair of the Book Table for Mu's Christmas Fair
- Memories - Enjoyed meeting all the wonderful and inspirational ladies and working at Mu's fair with fellow sisters
- Memorable Women - Barbara Randall, Mildred Bickford, Marjorie Jordan, and Libby Goldman
- Taught reading club
- Served many years as a swim coach
- Coached Tri-Hi-Y Club for girls
- Enjoyed chairing retirement parties for teachers and staff at Edward Little

Pat McCluskey - Mu

- Retired in 1999
- Current Activities - Enjoys many varied activities; Lives on a lake and enjoys swimming; Enjoys skiing, kayaking, reading, and volunteering in different activities; Enjoys volunteering at SeniorPlus, The Area Agency of Aging, and State MEA-R membership committee
- Advice - “Stay positive, do not get discouraged, and ask for help! Patience and humor are the key.”
- Other Thoughts - “Relax and enjoy life.”

Her sister and grandmother were also teachers.

AWARDS:

MEA-R Androscoggin County Leadership Award - 2010

Margaret Ross SeniorsPlus Volunteer Award - 2016

SeniorsPlus Board of Directors Service Award - 2002-2020



Adele Silverman

Mu

- Taught at Jordan School and 2nd grade at Longley Elementary School in Lewiston
- One of the first Master Teachers in Mu Chapter

Adele Silverman - Mu

- Inducted in 1980
- Served on several committees, including Read to Me, Clara Soule, and Retirement Tea
- Adele's biggest gift to our Chapter is her dedication to our Read to Me Committee. She wrote several grants and won award money from the Rotary, The Tabitha and Stephen King Foundation, and the Cornetet (DKG) International Foundation. All these monies were for our DKG Read to Me project.

Nancy Mahar fondly remembers Adele to be the person instrumental in really updating the Read to Me program.

Kim Ryder mentioned that Adele and her husband were very generous during the cold weather for her children that needed items. Kim remembers Adele for her caring and generous nature.

Adele Silverman - Mu

- Memories - Personal Growth and Service, Retirement Tea, World Affairs, Read to Me committee – 15 years, many as chair
- Activities - Has always been active in the her temple, Temple Shalom in Auburn
- Other thoughts - Adele won the “Yellow School Bus Award” for her effort in working with establishing reading programs in her community.
“**Ready....Read!** “ was one of those outstanding programs – a combined effort with the Lewiston and Auburn Public Schools, The Lewiston Library, Head Start, and other community organizations.



Sue Tymoczko

Mu

- B.S. - UMO; M.Ed. - USM
- Taught Mathematics at Edward Little High School for 32 years

Sue Tymoczko - Mu

- Recommended by Barbara Randall
- Inducted in 1980
- Active on the Scholarship committee (20 years), Well Wishes Committee, Festival of Trees, and works at the Fall Teddy Bear Fair
- Memories - Christmas parties, working with her sisters at the Fall Teddy Bear Fair, and meeting new friends
- Memorable Women - Barbara Randall, a wonderful teacher and friend; Claire Bolduc, her cousin and mentor; Amy Ashton, a wonderful and caring person
- Coach for Pi Cone Math Team
- Helped with Yearbook Sales

Sue Tymoczko - Mu

- Retired in 2002
- Current Activities - Organizing teams to participate in charity 5K events, photography, card making, volunteering for AARP Tax Preparation, and weekly walks with The Walkabouts Maine.
- Advice - “Socialize and learn from teachers in your department and other departments.”
- Other Thoughts - Given the Leadership Award for Androscoggin Retired Educators in 2019



Marilyn Hylan

Xi

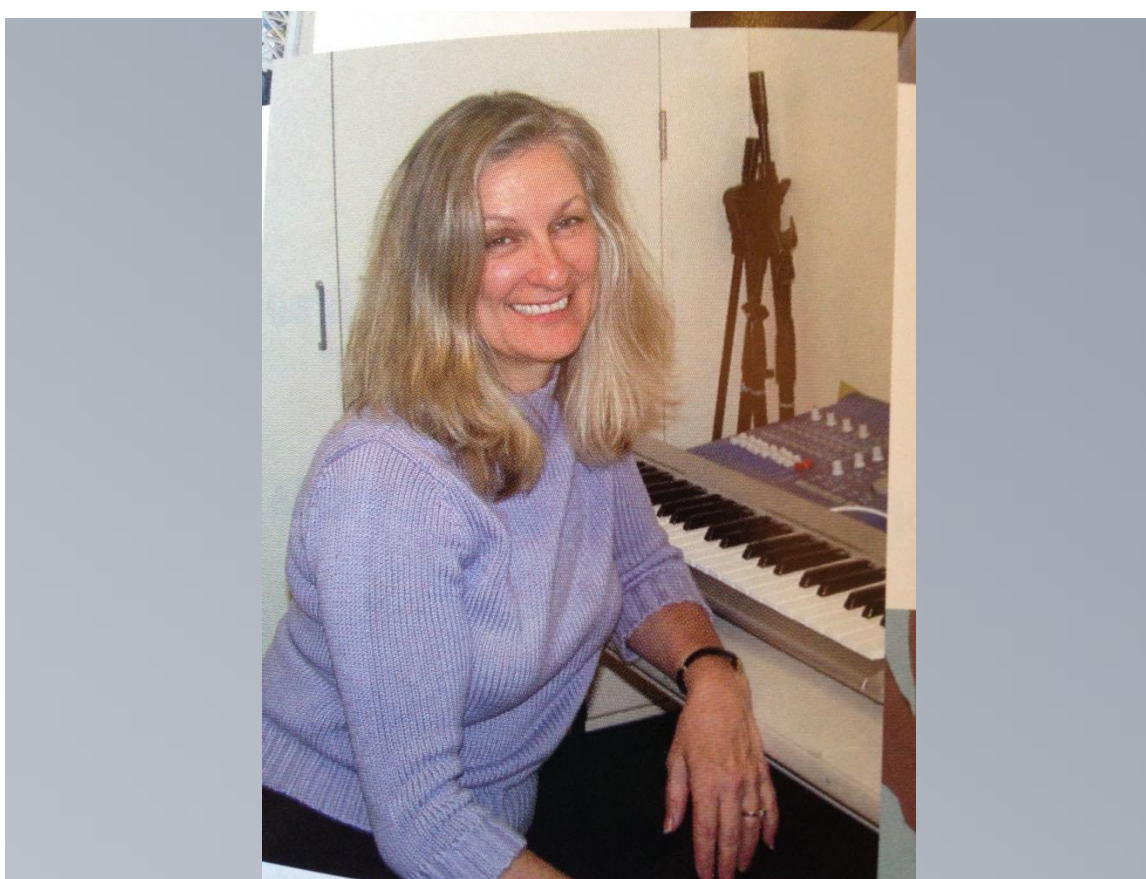
- Valedictorian, Class of 1961, Farmington High School
- B.S. in Home Economics, minor in Language Arts, UMO
- Coursework for elementary certification at UMF

Marilyn Hylan - Xi

- Recommended by Sharon Cram and Beverly Bisbee
- Inducted in 1980
- Served as second and first vice president, president, corresponding secretary for Xi; worked as chair and/or member on a number of committees, including Membership, Initiation, Finance, Professional Affairs, Legislative, Program, and Friendly Services
- Served as Recording Secretary for Alpha Psi
- Memorable Women - Enid Currier and Sharon Cram, a wonderful friend
- Taught Home Economics at Brewer High School, was the Librarian at Brewer Junior High, Taught grades 5 and 6 Language Arts at Dixfield Grammar School, elementary subjects and home economics to grades 7 and 8 at the Wilton Academy, and computer skills and Family and Consumer Sciences at Mount Blue Middle School

Marilyn Hylan - Xi

- Served on the Teacher Certification Committee for MSAD 9
- Member of the Affirmative Action Committee for MSAD 9
- Current Activities - Member of AAUW, local teachers' association, and the Old South Congregational church; serves as secretary of MEA-Retired; volunteers at her local food cupboard; loves to read and spending time at her place in Pemaquid



Lee Martel Bearse

Sigma

- B.S. in Music Education - D'Angelo School of Music, Mercyhurst University, Erie, Pa. and M.A. in Music Education
- Taught Music for 2 Junior High Schools in MSAD 61 and at Lake Region Middle School

Lee Martel Bearse - Sigma

- Recommended by Eleanor Parker
- Inducted into Zeta in 1980
- Worked on the establishment of Sigma Chapter; served on Music and History committees
- Encouraged Sigma Chapter to start Read to Me, providing books and information to mothers at the hospital; This program was presented at the Northeast Regional Conference, and now many similar programs exist around new England and across the country.
- Memorable Women - Inspirational and influential members included Marge Kimball, Elaine Ambrose, and Eleanor Parker
- Lead the Creative and Fine Arts team at LRMS for 29 years
- Encouraged young singers each year to use their talents in the very professional productions she chose for their abilities

Lee Martel Bearse - Sigma

- Retired in 2014 after 37.5 years of classes, concerts, musicals, and leadership
- Current Activities - Skiing and hiking with Lily the dog and Bill; plans to resume traveling as soon as the pandemic allows them to go “on the road again;” She has already been to France, the Alps, and Scotland.
- Advice - “Laugh often. Don’t be too serious; these kids come from different, sometimes terrible environments. Be kind, do your job well, and keep your principles when challenged. Beware - your friends can make you a write-in candidate for school board!” (She currently holds a seat on the MSAD 61 School Board.)

**Congratulations
to our 40 Year members!**

**And thank you for your loyalty, contributions,
and service to Alpha Psi Maine!**