



# Maine State Organization Mainspring

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## Donna Kennison Moving Forward... Preserving DKG



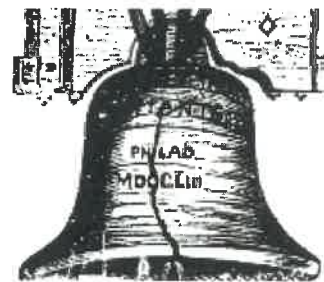
Here we are in the middle of January and plans for Spring Convention, May 1-3, 2020 at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn are under way. Many of you have asked if there would be a craft bazaar again this year. The answer is, Yes. The registration is on the Maine DKG website:

<https://dkgmaine.weebly.com/> .

There are a few slight changes from last year. This year you need to donate your item at convention for the

fall silent auction or you can pay to have a table. Elaine Hendrickson is willing to help organize this.

However, she does need some help on Friday and Saturday.



Are you thinking about going to the

International Convention in Philadelphia July 7-11. The information is on the DKG website: [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) under events. Registration is now open and if you register by March 6 you save \$20. Hotel reservations are also open. I have reserved a room and 3 others from my chapter are planning on going at this time. I've visited Kappa and Theta chapters this fall and Sigma joined Zeta. I look forward to spring and visiting Epsilon, Alpha, Omicron, Mu, Gamma, Beta and Eta chapters. This is a reminder that Elaine Hendrickson will be holding Leadership training May 30, 2020 for new chapter officers.

May all chapters have members willing to step up to the plate and take a leadership role. Your State officers are always ready to help.

## The New DKG App - Yep, There's an App for That!

- Download and Log in instructions: First, please delete the old app!
  - The new app is free to download and is password protected. Once you have accessed the app, you will be prompted to log in. Please use the email that the DKG has on file for you, then push the "Email Password" button.
  - You will receive an email walking you through how to establish the password of your choosing.
  - Once completed, login to the app with your email address and new password and explore! Navigate using the MENU button (3 horizontal lines) in the upper left corner.
- To get the Delta Kappa Gamma 365 mobile app:
    - iPhone and iPad users - search "DKG 365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Apple App Store.
    - Android users - search "DKG365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Google Play Store.
    - Blackberry, Windows, laptops - go to this address on your smartphones or computer browsers: (omit www)
      - [dkg.gatherdigital.com](http://dkg.gatherdigital.com)



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International Society For Key Women Educators



*Dutch, Hudson and Megan Hills*

## Epsilon News

Retired members provided a pot luck dinner for our September meeting. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of getting together to catch up after our summer hiatus. We also discussed upcoming plans and projects.

**Georgene Coombs, Mary Hyland, Mary Gilman and Sharon Romanow** started our October meeting by sharing books they have enjoyed. Members offered to deliver “Cups of Care” to new teachers in our area as a way of thanking them for choosing teaching as a profession and to let them know that we support them.

At our November meeting, Charlene Ferris, a local historian, gave a very

interesting presentation on Rum Runners in Waldo County. Megan Hills, our first vice president, announced that her family had decided to ask people to donate money for our **Books for Babes** project instead of buying presents to celebrate Hudson's second birthday. People generously donated \$700 in addition to a bag of books.

On November 22-23, 2019, Elizabeth Haynes attended this year's Maine STEM Partnership Fall Summit entitled “Strengthening Research-Guided STEM Teaching and Learning for Maine Students: Targeted Initiatives in the Maine STEM Partnership” as a member of the Maine STEM Partnership Leadership Team and came away very inspired about the what's new in Maine STEM education. This year's summit highlighted the multi-year communities that are currently working with the Maine STEM Partnership. It focused on middle school computer science integration being done in the STEM+C study, pre-service teacher preparation and retention within the new NSF Teaching Fellow program, evidence-guided course modifications at the University, and building capacity for elementary science using the new FOSS Next Gen science resources. Besides this the Maine's Deputy Commissioner of Education, Dan Chuhta was their keynote speaker. Deputy Chuhta stated that the department has decided not to have any new initiatives plus they are looking at other ways to assess the learning of Maine's students by something besides or instead of our spring high stake tests.

**Epsilon** - continued

The department feels that one test is a poor way of evaluating a student's learning plus a teacher's teaching success. This was a very inspirational experience with over 100 participants all looking forward to exciting changes in STEM education at all levels. Two items were especially exciting: 1) Dr Franziska Peterson's, a University of Maine mathematics professor, work with quantitative reasoning in science was the most interesting workshop. Along with this she has written and been granted a three year "Green Collar Career" Grant This grant will help recruit and train students in the fields of agriculture, fisheries and forestry – all careers that are important to Maine's economy. 2). The other high point was a workshop by the University of Maine's Mathematics & Statistics Department on non-cognitive factors in mathematics' learning. They are working on teaching practices to address these obstacles.

when she designed in needlework the seal that was adopted and is still used on all state documents and our flag.

**Susan Vaughan and her husband** took a two-week road trip to Gettysburg, PA and Nashville, TN. Susan's book, Hidden Obsession was published in October. This is her fifteenth romantic suspense novel.

### Cross Border Conference Fall of 2019



## News from NU

Nu Chapter **Susan Jones** had three granddaughters born in the span of one year. Her youngest daughter, A.L. Jones, published her first young adult novel on Amazon, titled N.A.A.N.O.

**Monique Moreau's son and daughter-in-law** opened a veterinary practice in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Jean Lawrence** had an article published in the magazine Memories of Maine. "The Story of the Maine Seal" explains the role that Bertha Smouse, a young woman of Waldoboro, played in 1820

New Brunswick and Maine Chapters met in Fredericton, NB at The Acorn Restaurant on the Trans Canada Highway followed by a step back in time tour at King's Landing, a living history museum depicting rural life in the early 19th century. We were treated also to a Sunday morning tour of the School Days Museum in downtown Fredericton viewing classroom memorabilia from the past. It was no surprise how familiar we were with this walk back in time.

# Alpha News

**Judy Dolley** submitted her retirement papers effective Feb. 1 2020 after 25 years as an Educational Technician in Special Education.

Last February and March, **Sandra Bailey-Bowen** worked at Westat doing NAEP for 4th and 8th graders in area schools.

**Sheila Cochrane** is enrolled in a Dyslexia Studies class at the University of Maine.

**Donna Megquier** volunteered helping former colleagues with math inventories for 3rd-5th graders. These will provide individual running records for classroom teachers to use for instructional purposes.

Alpha Chapter recently honored **Julie Milliken** and **Linda Morris** with roses for their 40th DKG anniversary.

**Beth Kingsbury** and **Diane Landean** attended a 2 day coaching training at Thomas College called "Coaching for Change".

Alpha Chapter inducted **Dottie Palmer** on October 7th, 2019. The candlelight ceremony was held in the the church sanctuary. Previously inducted at our May meeting were

**Alison Chapman** and **Beth Surette**.  
Alpha Chapter is thriving!

At the October meeting, we heard a presentation by Brian Harris, who was representing a company called MedRhythms Music Therapy. This Portland company uses music to regenerate the brain in cases of stroke, autism and head trauma. Fascinating! In February, we enjoyed a wonderful program on "Railroad History in Maine", presented by Dick Gluech, a former teacher from Orono. Presentations on Human Trafficking, StoryTelling, and Music will round out the year. Alpha sisters are always excited to learn something new!



In this issue find the following pages for:

**The S-T-R-E-T-C-H Workshop** information and session offerings and registration form  
March 21 at the Hutchinson Center, Belfast

**Craft Bazaar Registration Form**  
For Saturday May 2nd

**Spring Convention** May 1-3, 2020  
At the Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor  
Agenda  
Registration Form

Reminder of the **International Convention** in  
**Philadelphia** July 7-11th



## Lorraine Grace Libby Bowdoin Maine State Organization

Susie Bock of the University of South Maine Archives of Special Collection has interviewed and recorded Lorraine as she represents the community contributions of a University of Southern Maine, aka Gorham State Teacher's College, makes during their lifetime. Undergraduates can access these interviews to help realize the amazing possibilities of a USM graduate.

"Lorraine Grace Libby Bowdoin, Gorham State Teacher's College '59. A Portland native, she attended King Middle School and Portland High School. Mrs. Bowdoin taught for several school districts during her long teaching career and advocated tirelessly for mental health and elder issues.

Lorraine Grace Libby Bowdoin's physical papers are expansive and cover her entire life and career, including items from her attendance at Camp Laughing Loon as a child and young teen, her school assignments from elementary through graduate school, photos of her family and friends, items from her run as a Maine house representative, and several meticulously organized scrapbooks logging her personal and family history." For more information and to see the interviews, go to:

<https://digialcommons.usm.maine.edu/lglbowdoin/1>

**Publication Date: 06-11-2018**  
**Publisher: University of Southern Maine Special Collections**

### Zeta News

Zeta met with Sigma in September where President Donna Kennison gave us a challenge. In October, Crystal Ward gave us all the news from Augusta during our meeting.

Members of Zeta held their Christmas meeting at the Deering Center in South Paris. Christmas cards were made and sent to our past members with a message to rejoin DKG.



**S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Strategies**  
**March 21, 2020**  
**Hutchinson Center**  
**Belfast, Maine**



**8:30-9:00 Registration, Coffee, and Snacks**

**9:00-10:15 Keynote: Teachers Rock by Tom Wells**

Because of the complications involved in today's educational world, it is not uncommon for teachers to be unaware of the fact that they impact kids' lives. With the myriad distractions (all intended to improve education) we lose sight of the most important element of all: our students. It was not until my retirement that I realized the integral role I played their lives. I now must share my "findings" with today's teachers so they may move forward and not let the "movement of the day" distract them from their goal: to connect with kids and help them move forward in their complicated lives. Using their own writing, it is the message of my recently published book, *Dear Mr. Wells – His Students Speak*, to show today's world that teachers play a leading part in a young person's success and happiness. *Tom is a retired teacher and author who resides in Augusta.*

**10:30-11:45 Session #1**

1. **Sensory Smarts in the Classroom** by Tiffany Kennison

Sensory challenges can be present in any student, across many different environments. Learn how to identify children who may be having sensory challenges and how your school's occupational therapist can help you have a sensory smart classroom. (For all levels) *Tiffany is an occupational therapist.*

2. **Best Practices in Mathematics** by Elizabeth Haynes

Today, teachers are looking to improve their teaching techniques and adopt routines that improve their student learning. During this session, I will demonstrate and then have participants try some of the practices that have been shown to make greater improvements than others. We will look at quantitative reasoning, problem solving routines, and number talks. Materials will be provided. (Upper elementary and middle school) *Beth is a retired math and science teacher for grades 6-8.*

3. **Flourishing with Relationship-Based Resilience** by Joyce Morrissette

In this presentation, we'll go from research to the power of relationships and resilience. A brief overview of brain development will be provided including the impacts of toxic stress, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and adverse environments. Science-informed, bottom-up approaches to behavior and calming the nervous system will be shared along

with protective factors that promote safe relationships and environments. We'll explore the science of compassion and the benefits of mindful awareness including the need for self-care and avoiding secondary traumatic stress. Strategies and resources will be shared to support flourishing—even in the midst of adversity. (All levels) *Joyce is the Engagement and Training Director of the Maine Resilience Building Network.*

**4. School Attendance – Count ME In!** by Rachele Tome and Susan Lieberman

Chronic absenteeism, missing 18 days or 10% of the school year, can be a critical warning sign that students are academically at-risk. This interactive presentation focuses on strategies to increase student attendance and engagement through staff and family involvement. We will highlight how rural and urban Maine school districts, community teams, and parents have incorporated effective strategies to decrease absenteeism by creating a positive school climate and increasing family engagement in their students' educational program. (All levels) *Rachele is on the MSAD 75 School Board and part of the Count ME In leadership. Susan is the director of Count ME In.*

**5. Rethinking 180 Days** by Melanie Ruark

For years, I have been learning from Penny Kittle of NH and Kelly Gallagher of CA. Now I am into the second year of using their plan outlined in their recent collaborative work, *180 Days: Two Teachers and the Quest to Engage and Empower Adolescents*. If you are familiar with reading and writing workshop and want some new innovative ways to rethink teaching using this model, come by and see what is happening in my classroom. Come learn more about the Book Love Foundation and the Book Love grant if you are looking for a way to enhance your classroom library! (For upper elementary, middle, high school) *Melanie teaches English and Outdoor Education for grades 10-12 at Penquis Valley High School in Milo.*

**11:45-12:45 Lunch and sale and autographing of *Dear Mr. Wells – His Students Speak*.**

Lunch to include soup, sandwiches, and salad buffet prepared and served by the students at the Waldo County Technical Center is included in your registration fee.

A special luncheon opportunity with Tom Wells is available below for those of you who want more.

**11:45-12:45 Lunch with Tom:** After hearing Tom's keynote address, do you have more questions you'd like to ask him? If you would like to chat in a roundtable forum with Tom, register to sit with him. Please check off the box on the registration form. (The table will be filled on a first come, first basis.)

**12:45 Door prize drawings** provided by Maine State DKG chapters and members



**1:00 - 2:15 Session #2**

**6. Applied Behavior Analysis: Discerning Fact from Fiction** by Allen Tomasello, BCBA

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has been utilized with learners in educational settings for a number of decades. Many consumers of ABA have a good understanding of what it is, while others may have no understanding or even misconceptions about the approach. This presentation will inform the participant of the basic tenants of ABA, as well as what it is not. Additionally, specific information will be presented about how young children especially on the autism spectrum learn the important attending skills necessary to begin their public-school experience. This information will help a receiving public school teacher better understand a learner's history and the importance of that history to their future success. (For all levels) *Allen is the director of Discovering Kids with over thirty years in the field of autism.*

**7. Building Connections, Building Confidence** by Julie Gardner and Michelle Tardif

Good teachers know that building positive, healthy relationships is essential for improving academic achievement. Why is that? Students' confidence in him/herself makes a huge difference. In this session, participants will learn, explore, and discuss techniques and activities that help students build confidence which leads to becoming more engaged learners. (For all levels) *Julie teaches ELA and Science at Presque Isle Middle School and Michelle teaches grade 3 at Zippel Elementary School in Presque Isle.*

**8. How to Design a STEM Project that Leaves Spaghetti and Marshmallows in the Dust** by Ali Stone

In this session, we'll identify the key components of a STEM project that not only reinforces science and engineering concepts but is also fun and exciting for students, and we'll overcome the challenges you might face as you create your own "better than spaghetti" experience. (For upper and middle school) *Ali teaches at Greater Houlton Christian Academy and is the Project Manager for Kesler Science.*

**9. Critical Creativity in the Classroom** by Dan Ryder

How might we transform doodling and dancing, poetry and emoji, Oreos and LEGOs into pathways for students to demonstrate content knowledge, critical thinking, and the problem solving? Learn how explanation, rationale, and intentionality might elevate all of our classrooms into places where students shift from passive riders to active adventurers. (All levels) *Dan is the Director of the Success and Innovation Center on the Mt. Blue Campus in Farmington.*

**2:15 - 2:30 – Certificates of Participation for 5.5 hours** available at the Registration Table.



**S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Strategies**  
**March 21, 2020**  
**Hutchinson Center, Belfast, Maine**



**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write your first and second choices workshop choses using the numbers provided.**

Session 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> choice, \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice

Session 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> choice, \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lunch with Tom:** Please check here if you would like to be part of the roundtable luncheon discussion with Keynote, Tom Wells. First come, first served until full.

Send your registration to: Elaine Hendrickson  
66 Lombard Street  
Presque Isle, ME 04769

Or via email to: [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com)

**Please check and pay the registration fee that is applicable:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration fee before February 14, 2020: \$30.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee after February 14, 2020: \$40

\_\_\_\_\_ DKG members: \$20.00 Chapter name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Preservice Teacher: \$10 College name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Presenter: No fee

**Registration:** Please let us know if you are planning to attend by March 12 to be assured of lunch. You can do this by sending your registration form via email and pay at the Workshop, or you can mail it to the above address. Walk-ins are also welcome the day of the event.

Checks may be made payable to Alpha Psi State.

Please contact Elaine Hendrickson at [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**Spring Convention  
Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor  
May 1 -3, 2020**

**Grow your seeds, Share your talent**

**Friday May 1, 2020.**

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

6:30- 8:30 P. M.

**Hostess: Delta, Xi, Nu**

Registration and Hospitality Room, Bangor Room

Set up Craft for Craft Bazaar, Ballroom C

Drop off World Fellowship Baskets, Ballroom AB

Executive Board Dinner and Meeting Ballroom B

**Saturday May 2, 2020**

7:00- 8:45 A. M.

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8:00- 8:45 A.M.

9:00- 11:30 A.M.

12:30- 2:30 P.M.

2:30 P.M.

Registration, Conference Center Lobby

Hospitality Room, Bangor Room

Set up World Fellowship Baskets Conference Center Lobby

Browse Craft Bazaar, Ballroom C

General Session, Ballroom AB

Birthday Luncheon, Ballroom AB

Photo of 40 Year Honorees, Achievement Award and Founder's Fund recipients

3:00- 5:00 P.M.

Shop Craft Bazaar from our local crafters

Hospitality Room, Bangor Room

3:00- 4:00 P.M.

Goals 2025 , Ballroom AB

3:30- 4:30 P.M.

Round Table Discussion of proposed International Constitutional changes,  
Bangor Room

4:15- 4:45 P.M.

Rehearsal for Outgoing/Incoming Chapter Presidents 2020- 2022,  
Ballroom AB

5:15- 5:45 P.M.

Photos, Lobby

Past State Presidents, Outgoing/Incoming Chapter Presidents,  
State officers

5:30 P.M.

Cash Bar Open, Ballroom AB

6:00 - 6:15 P.M.

Recognition of Chapter Presidents 2020- 2022

6:15P.M.

Banquet, Ballroom AB

**Sunday May 3, 2020**

8:00 A.M.

Fellowship Breakfast and Celebration Life Ceremony Ballroom A

*Please remember to return your Exit Ticket so we know what's working and what isn't. Thank you and safe travels!*



Maine State Organization

2020 Spring Convention

Grow Your Seeds, Share Your Talents

Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor

May 1-3, 2020

Registration

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check All That Apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ State Committee Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ 40+ Year Member Being Honored \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_ Past State President \_\_\_\_\_ Guest of Maine DKG

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT give permission for my photo to be used in the Mainspring or website.

Registration Fee (due April 15) \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday May 1, 2020 Executive Board Dinner Buffet: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

All selections include salad, rolls, vegetable, and Double Layer Chocolate Cake.

Please check one entrée.

Chicken ala Normandy: \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Haddock Asiago: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meal: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 2, 2020. Birthday Luncheon \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Assorted Sandwich Buffet, Tossed Salad, Soup du Jour, Chef's Choice Salad, Kettle Chips, Birthday Cake

Saturday, May 2, 2020 Maine State Banquet \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

All selections served with House Salad, Rolls, Vegetable, and Fruit Parfait.

Please check one entrée.

Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Boursin Stuffed Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Napoleon \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday May 3, 2020. Celebration of Life Breakfast \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dublin Breakfast Buffet

Pastries, scrambled eggs, seasoned potatoes, bacon, French toast, and fresh fruit.

Total Registration (registration and meals) \_\_\_\_\_

# Craft Bazaar Registration Form

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 8:00-8:45 AM and 3:00-5:00 PM  
Ballroom C**

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

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

Please register below for a table by indicating which type of display you will be sharing:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Table display of crafts from a variety of members of your chapter  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Individual crafter display with items for sale\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Other:

\*If you are a commercial crafter, it is your responsibility to abide by the Maine State Tax laws.

Tables are all 6x2 1/2 feet. Please check here if you need electricity. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to host a half hour Take-a-Way Session for Maine State members?

\_\_\_\_\_ to talk to members how you do your craft?

\_\_\_\_\_ to do a mini-craft session with attendees? (If you decide to do this, you are responsible for providing materials at your own cost)

If you checked yes to do a Take-a-Way Session, please indicate the time frame you would prefer:

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00-3:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00-4:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:30-5:00

Registration Fee: At least one craft item needs to be donated for the Silent Auction at Fall Workshop or instead of donating an item pay a table fee of \$20 . Proceeds of the Auction to benefit the Founders' Fund. This item is to be given to Elaine Hendrickson during the Craft Bazaar with your name and suggested starting price on a card.

Please sign here to indicate your understanding of the Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form due Friday, April 17, 2020.**

Send to Elaine Hendrickson, 66 Lombard Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769 Questions:  
Contact Elaine at [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com) or 207-551-7706