

Message from President Mary Hyland
“Respond, Renew, Relate”

“That it even happened” was one response to the question about a favorite memory from our October 2021 Fall Workshop. I love it. It was my first Fall Workshop as your president, sometimes it did feel like nothing short of a miracle! Other favorite memories include: laughter with the goals committee, Donna in her Zoom crown, having a long conversation with an experienced member about how to maintain an active membership. The responses to Fall Workshop were quite positive. Weren’t the presenters and our keynote Connor Archer quite impressive? Kudos to them!



Thanks also to our hostesses from Theta Chapter and ALL the people who contributed in any way. Many indicated how fabulous it was to once again meet in person.

All of which leads me to ***Spring Convention*** scheduled for **April 29-May 1, 2022** at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn. (See registration enclosed)

We thrive on personal connections, so the majority of the Spring Convention will be in-person. It will be another opportunity to renew what DKG means to us and to share the gift of this wonderful organization. We are planning to hold the Friday evening Executive Board meeting and the Saturday morning General Session via Zoom. This allows us to relate to each other in ways that include all voices and contributions.

Since the Hilton Garden Inn’s technology is not as updated as the Hutchinson Center, the Zoom experience may not be ideal. We will do our very best to make Zooming work for those cannot attend in person.

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For the first President's Message of this biennium, I included a bulleted list of rather cryptic one-liners. Throughout the remainder of 2022 and into 2023, the plan is that you will hear more about those statements. One of them was "Remember that geese formation lesson? It still works." Many of us do remember the lesson about why the geese form in a V. (For a refresher go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgFG-O82h9o>). That lesson has been circulating for many years. I first heard of it long before my DKG days. It still applies!

- ✎ Do we need to travel on trust and lift each other up?
- ✎ Does it pay to share the hard jobs?
- ✎ Do we feel pressure and fatigue?
- ✎ Is it rewarding to be a contributing member?
- ✎ Do we need the power of the flock?

"Yes," times five!"



Please stay in touch and remain committed to responding with a quick email, text or phone call. Acknowledging you received a message from me is helpful. This is especially true when I am facing deadlines.

Please consider joining our state and international Facebook pages. I am fully aware that many of you "do not do Facebook" or other social media. Perhaps you would consider limited use through Facebook, if only to better keep in touch with DKG news and relate to each other. It is a good platform to share pertinent happenings and to share priceless photos of our society.

I just mentioned keeping in touch with DKG news. This brings to mind the publication from International called the DKG News, published six times per year. Prior to spring 2018, we all received this through snail mail; now it is available only online via the International website. Its content is short, sweet, and to the point. Please take time to find it and read it.

The most recent edition https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/DKG_NEWS/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS_Flipbook_Issue.aspx?hkey=5048da13-b654-4db5-9212-adf85e49f2ca has information on the Facebook pages available through International. The **DKG News** also has articles about the **International Convention** in New Orleans July 12-16, saying "yes" to chapter leadership, and elections information including our own **Mary Whitten** of Kappa who has been nominated for the International Finance Committee!

Remember, I am just another member who has said yes to DKG just a few more times. I trust that Y-O-U will continue to say “yes” to DKG, especially as you have an opportunity to say “**yes**” to **Spring Convention**.
See you soon! Destination: Bangor, Maine!

Reasons to Reunite at Spring Convention – Just Say “Yes!”

By Mary Hyland

If you’ve been out to a restaurant, booked a hotel room, or made airline reservations, you know that costs are on the rise. This is true for our **Spring Convention**, too. Meals prices have increased while services have decreased. Staffing is a factor. There are minimum requirements. We are utilizing available resources to bring you a Zoom option. And so it goes...

But all this does not deter us from the most important thing: gathering together around our seven purposes, especially Purpose #1: “To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship.”

If you need reasons for joining us at **Spring Convention**, here you go:

1. The staff at the Hilton is very accommodating.
2. The Hilton Garden Inn is very comfortable and handy to all the amenities of the Queen City.
3. You just might find the Bangor Room after all.
4. You have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast with our International Past State President Cathy Daugherty.
5. The Maine S.O. standing rules need your attention.
6. Your favorite committee chair will provide you with a report.
7. You will get to eat birthday cake.
8. Our distinguished long time members will be recognized.
9. You will be in the room when our Alpha Psi Achievement Award recipient is announced and honored.
10. You could win at least one World Fellowship Basket, maybe more!

11. You will get to participate with or listen to our musically talented members.
12. Cathy Daugherty will help us engage and reconnect.
13. There will be a cash bar before the President's Banquet.
14. There will be a reception after the President's Banquet for all officers who missed their in-person installations in 2020 and 2021 and also for our incoming chapter presidents for 2022-2024.
15. Your state president will be ecstatic to see each and every one of you.
16. You will be ecstatic to see each other.
17. The Sunday morning Necrology service will further remind you why you belong in DKG.
18. It is better to be a "Glad I did" than a "Wish I had."
19. Those who depend on you will better appreciate you when you get back home.
20. Make up your own reason and share it with a friend: _____



**First Vice President
Priscilla McFarland
Maine State Organization**

Message from 1st VP Priscilla McFarland

The 2022 Alpha Psi Achievement Award will be presented during the Birthday Luncheon at Spring Convention. The first award was given to Ruth Wishart of Alpha Chapter in 1989. Who will join the prestigious ranks of the 32 women who have already received this high honor? According to our state organization's bylaws, The prime consideration in the selection shall be the nominee's "continuous distinguished service to the Society at the State level".

Further consideration will be given to distinguished contributions to education outside of Delta Kappa Gamma ONLY where such activities promote the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Stay tuned for the exciting announcement about the 2022 Alpha Psi Achievement Award (APAA) recipient to be coming at the Hilton Gardens Inn on Saturday, **April 30!**



As Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, I would like to remind you of this year's areas of focus. These are all considered equally important, and they are based on the Society's strategic plan.

They are:

1. Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE)
2. Schools for Africa (SFA)
3. Promoting UN activities and the Committee for Teaching about the UN (CTAUN) and
4. Empowering women to take leadership roles.

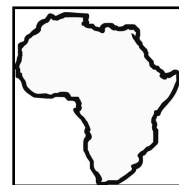


In addition, the EEC is concerned with the Arts, various programs and projects, and being informed about legislation that deals with educational issues. Information and blogs full of ideas concerning all of these EEC topics can be found on the DKG International's website. Be sure to explore these great resources!

Many chapters reach out to new teachers at the beginning of the school year. It would be beneficial to make contact with early career educators throughout the school year. These novices need support and gestures of appreciation to bolster them through the many challenges a school year brings. If your chapter has not given a thoughtful communication or small gift to your area's newest additions, please do so now.

I have previously advocated that chapters participate in a simple fundraising project for SFA Schools for Africa called "Change for Change." Members each keep a collection container at home and deposit loose change in it on a regular basis. Prior to Spring Convention, members should bring their collected funds converted to a check or paper money to a chapter meeting. The chapter could then bring the collected monies to Spring Convention in a check made out to Maine State Organization of DKG International with "Schools for Africa" in the memo line. Each chapter that participates in this activity will be recognized at Spring Convention. Chapter presidents were sent an extensive list of short videos about Schools for Africa last fall. These could be used in a meeting to inform members about the impact of the program.

Schools for Africa



Has your chapter shared information with area teachers about the free curriculum materials from the United Nations on the CTAUN website? Perhaps you could use a chapter meeting to explore the resources first. Visit <https://teachun.org>.

Most chapters have a need for more individuals to take on leadership roles. Be sure to send incoming chapter officers to the state 's leadership training to be held on **May 21st** (see below) but also consider sending additional members to get acquainted with the responsibilities of different roles. Reach out to members to take on a specific task or to do some job shadowing with an officer. Try to grow leaders within your chapter. Invite and empower some of the less involved members to help.



Incorporating art and music into some of your meetings will definitely enrich your programming. Have members share their talents. Find out what education-related legislative issues are of concern to your members. Plan at least part of one or more meetings to become informed about the topic and to discuss it. Creative, varied programming can make your chapter more appealing to prospective members.

If your chapter was not able to touch on each of these areas of focus this year, keep them in mind as you plan next year's programming. Perhaps you could focus on one or two areas and incorporate the others to a lesser degree.



**Second Vice President
Rachelle Tome**

Message from 2nd VP Rachelle Tome

State DKG Membership update

Last fall, President Mary Hyland shared a presentation from International. As the slide show began we were challenged to think about our most cherished and rewarding memories as a DKG member. Everyone had a special moment to share. We were also reminded of the importance of memories and how they connect our thoughts with our feelings, and their impact on how we think and feel about people and things. Creating memories is a vital part of our organization and is critical in building and maintaining a strong membership.

In reading our Facebook page and updates from our chapters, it is heartwarming to see that we have definitely been busy creating special moments, not only for our member, but for others.

“Memories are timeless treasures of the heart”

Here are just a few examples:



- * Sending cards thanking educators in November, and holiday wishes for members and veterans in December,
- * Finding creative ways to meet, celebrate and get together, with in-person, hybrid, and remote gatherings,
- * Holding fund raisers to support our local schools, including the Dr. Levesque School, and scholarships
- * Collecting toys for the Salvation Army and decorating trees for the Festival of Trees fundraiser,
- * Sending special deliveries to school nurses, new, current and former teachers.

This list is by no means complete but highlights the heart and soul of Delta Kappa Gamma. Kudos to every chapter and member who helped create special memories by brightening someone's day and supporting worthwhile causes through your fundraising activities. Your actions deserve to be recognized as they truly helped create "Timeless treasures of the heart."

An Update from Connor

What a privilege it was to have **Connor Archer** of the Courageous Steps Project as our Keynote Speaker at Fall Workshop 2021! Connor presented "The Journey Behind It All," in which he shared his educational pathways from the perspectives of a young man with an autism diagnosis and emphasized the importance of early intervention and services. He also conducted a smaller group workshop that allowed for attendees to learn more about classroom challenges and strategies. Responses to Connor's presentations indicated that we were "very inspired" by such "a phenomenal young man." Here is the latest from Connor:



"The Courageous Steps Project has been off to a busy start in 2022. Connor Archer, Founder & Chairman/CEO, has been working hard to grow the organization and its community programs all based on the growing need of services statewide. The organization has been meeting with stakeholders in the community to develop programming expansion plans including an exciting opportunity coming this Spring. Courageous Steps has also continued its support with schools and organizations through small grants and activities. In addition, CSP's Green House Village Preschool has continued its great work in supporting students ages 3-5 with various abilities and challenges.

According to Archer, the organization is heading into its busiest time ever with big events coming back, and new projects taking shape. To learn more about The Courageous Steps Project, you can visit their website www.thecourageousstepsproject.org. Consider making a donation to support their ongoing efforts to better children and young adults all over Eastern Maine and beyond."

Leadership Development

It's that time for chapters to select their officers for the 2022 - 2024 biennium. According to our bylaws, Maine State DKG is to provide leadership development for incoming chapter President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, treasurer and secretary. As Immediate Past State President, I am scheduling **May 21, 2022** for the meeting. At this time I do not know if we can do it in person or need to do it virtually.

I've contacted Lisa Sawyer from Alpha chapter about using the First United Methodist Church in Bangor. However, at this time they are not letting outside groups use their space. If I cannot find a central location to accommodate about 40, we will need to meet virtually. Please feel free to contact me if you know of a place we could meet. My email is mimiken7@gmail.com or call me at 207-743-3061.

Donna Kennison, Maine DKG Immediate Past State President



INTERNATIONAL GUEST CATHY P. DAUGHERTY

Introducing Cathy P. Daugherty

First, a few personal remarks from your state president – At my first international convention in Nashville 2016, I well remember Cathy's receiving the International Achievement Award. Her address spoke to life beyond one's DKG chapter, which had particular meaning for me at that time. Then, on the Convention floor in Austin 2018, when we had all those amendment proposals to handle, I was wowed by Cathy's knowledge and efficiency – she's a magician! To cap off that Austin experience, Cathy was installed as our International President and gave an impactful acceptance speech on the evolution, momentum, and transparency needed to move forward in DKG. Her "Making My Bed in Austin" session at the International Conference 2019 in Connecticut was personal and informative, giving me a glimpse of the daily challenges and rewards of being the International President.



CATHY P. DAUGHERTY

Over these past several years, Cathy's contributions via publications and emails have supported my own leadership journey. I am "tickled pink" that she will be joining us at our Spring Convention.

Cathy P. Daugherty currently serves DKG as its Immediate Past International President and as a Director on the DKG International Educators Foundation. Daugherty has been member of Alpha Chapter in Virginia since 1989. She is the 2016 recipient of the Achievement Award, the Society's highest honor. She has held leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels serving as Virginia State Organization's editor (1997-2003), president (2003-2005), executive secretary (2005-2008), and parliamentarian (2015-2018). Daugherty serves as Rules Committee chair this biennium and is leading a review of all chapter rules in the state organization.

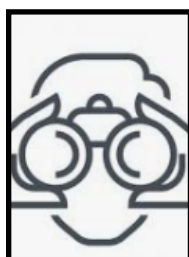
At the international level, Daugherty has served on the Administrative Board in her current position and as International President (2018-2020) during the sale of the Society's HQ in Austin, First Vice President (2014-2016), and Southeast

Regional Director (2008-2010). Earlier she chaired the Educational Excellence (EEC) and Professional Affairs Committees and served as a member of the Program of Work and EEC. Daugherty chaired the Administrative Board sub-committee charged with proposing the Society's first international project. She was point-person for the Schools for Africa project from its official adoption at the 2010 International Convention through July 2014, authoring all issues of the *SFA Newsletter*. During 2016-2018 Daugherty chaired the Constitution Committee and was charged with presenting proposed amendments to the convention membership in 2018. She is a frequent presenter, trainer, and Society representative to state organizations, regions, and chapters.

Daugherty retired from her nine-year position as a part-time Latin instructor and supervisor of Latin student teachers at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia in 2016. She retired earlier in 2007 after a 35-year public school career that included work as both a teacher and a supervisor for World Languages.

She maintained a presence in the public school setting through school year 2014-2015 as mentor to beginning teachers and reader for the Scholarship Committee of the National Latin Exam (NLE). Each Monday she can be found reading to a kindergarten student during lunch at the local elementary school in her neighborhood. Daugherty has written professional articles, contributed to foreign language scholarship as a chapter author, and made numerous presentations on classical subjects, especially those relating to pedagogy and teacher training.

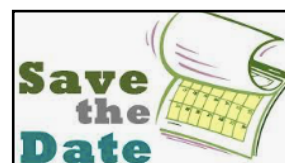
Looking ahead



March 19, 2022 - S-T-R-E-T-C-H workshop, Hutchinson Center, Belfast Please save the date! Invite colleagues too as you will be awarded 5.5 contact hours for attending.

Organizers Donna Kennison and Priscilla McFarland have asked for donations for door prizes. If you have something you would like to donate, please let them know.

April 9, 2022 - Gamma Chapter invites you to an educator workshop featuring Sharon Gallant from 8:30 to noon. See more information under Gamma News.



April 30-May 1st - Spring Convention in Bangor.

October 14-15 - Fall Workshop Gamma is hosting this event. We will need help with a variety of tasks including items for hospitality, favors and items to raffle.



Chapter News

Alpha Chapter News

Another year of Covid-19 has changed the way Alpha Chapter has adapted to make sure our precious members are safe. We planned our meetings for the year with hopes things would be back to normal. We are so fortunate that our sisters are willing to pivot and persevere.

Alpha has also seen much loss this past year. We had four beautiful souls, Florence Smith, Thelma Merritt, Constance Hoksch, and Peggy Sweet pass away. Our saddened hearts will heal, but their love and companionship will live on forever.

These Sisters, quietly and steadfastly, served our chapter as officers and committee members. Their lives outside of DKG were filled with raising families, devotion to their churches, volunteering and teaching full time.

We were able to have a wonderful September meeting with our local Maine author and publisher, Emma G. Rose. She grew up on a small farm in Newport. Today, Emma runs a freelance writing business and the Imperative Press Books publishing house, from her home in Hampden. She has published three novels and a fundraising anthology of writing by Mainers during the pandemic.

Our wonderful MSO President Mary Hyland attended our meeting and auction in November. She spoke of changes in membership in her presentation. We had many laughs, as she shined when it came to out bidding on items. Following the meeting and auction, ten members met at a restaurant for the evening meal. Many of our sisters came together once again for our fun-filled December meeting. Our sisters outdid themselves by participating in our bake sale, read-alouds, card making, caroling, ornament making and story sharing.

Alpha once again is proud to be a member of DKG. We send best wishes for good health here in Maine, and across this wonderful world, we live in!

Delta Chapter News

Delta chapter was able to gather in person for our late September and November meetings, but due to a COVID scare, we did not meet in December. Despite this, we have been busy! Our November meeting was held in Sherri Calhoun's barn to make "Welcome to Teaching Christmas Mugs" for the new lady educators in Aroostook County. The mugs were delivered before Christmas.

Delta members still in the classroom were surprised by a Christmas mug as well! In December, we met at the Aroostook Centre Mall to decorate a black Christmas tree with orange lights for the Festival of Trees to benefit the St. Apollonia Dental Clinic for children in Aroostook County. Our theme was "The Nightmare Before Christmas!" Underneath the web-covered tree were dozens of slightly creepy gifts. In February, we honored the school nurses in Central Aroostook County by delivering each nurse a carnation and thank you note for all of their countless hours caring for our students. Thank you to **Robin Norsworthy**, **Betsy York**, and **Ali Stone** who coordinated the Delta recognition of school nurses. **Rachel Burden** celebrated her 101st birthday in February. **Carolyn Phelps** donated 24 volunteer hours from October to December at the Aroostook Agency on Aging helping seniors evaluate and change their Medicare Prescription coverage. **Elaine Hendrickson** has been guiding school groups on winter nature hikes at the Francis Malcolm Science Center in Easton. **Sherri Calhoun** and her students are very grateful for in-person learning. In Sherri's words, "Although both students and staff are feeling some Covid fatigue, we put one foot in front of the other and find joy in our learning and interactions."

Maine DKG Helps Dr. Levesque Elementary School

Maine State Organization of DKG and our chapters raised \$1664 to donate to the Dr. Levesque Elementary School to help replace materials lost in a fire on July 25, 2021 that completely destroyed the school. In late November, Rena Kearney and Elaine Hendrickson traveled to Fort Kent on behalf of Maine State DKG to present the check to Assistant Superintendent of the Valley Unified Schools, Gisele Dionne. We requested that the money be used to help purchase books and other materials that might be needed for a mobile unit being brought in for PreK and kindergarten classes. In conversation with Gisele, we discovered that she had been a founding member of Rho chapter that was in the Fort Kent area! How appropriate! Eta chapter also contributed \$1000 to the Dr. Levesque Fund in the summer. In early December, Rena and Elaine on behalf of Maine State received a lovely thank you note for our donation from Superintendent Benjamin Sirois. The last sentence of the thank you note reads, "We'd also like thank you for the personal visit in order to make the donation. It is because of people like you that we have light in dark times." Educators helping educators!

Sister Mary O'Donnell Emergency Homeless Shelter

Delta Charity for Spring Convention



The Sister Mary O'Donnell Emergency Homeless Shelter in Presque Isle serves all of Aroostook County. "The County," as it is often called, is geographically the largest county east of the Mississippi, with an area equal to the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. It serves a population of 67,105 (2020 Census). Delta chapter has chosen this non-profit as our charity for Spring Convention. Please help us provide its residents with some of the following items.

For the residents: coffee, creamer, sugar, paper plates, bowls, cups, plastic forks, spoons, knives, paper towels, toilet paper, towels, wash cloths, blankets and pillowcases. You might also consider children's book and toys.

For the shelter: cleaning and laundry supplies, disinfectant spray and wipes, copy paper, batteries AA, AAA, 9v, garbage bags, gift cards to local grocery stores such as Graves', Shop'n Save, Hannaford, Star City IGA, and hardware stores, S.W.Collins, Lowes, and Rathun Lumber Company. There is also a Wish List on Amazon.com. Search for Homeless Services of Aroostook.

Items can be dropped off at the Registration Table at Spring Convention. We truly appreciate your help. Contact Elaine Hendrickson, elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

Rachelle Tome

Let's face it, DKG ladies. The last two years have been HARD from so many perspectives. As I prepared Gamma Chapter's update for the Mainspring, it would be easy to write a couple of paragraphs describing all of the past challenges and difficulties, as well as possible barriers ahead.

Instead, I chose to adopt a positive mindset and celebrate the positive. Let's all celebrate what we were able to accomplish despite the challenges we faced.

- 1) Gamma is still here! AND we have maintained our membership,
- 2) We found ways to gather for meetings and celebrations in ways that gave everyone a chance to participate through Zoom, In-person or hybrid settings,
- 3) We found ways to support our members who are actively "in the trenches" with funds, cards and positive thoughts,
- 4) Gamma continued to provide interesting and informative workshops open to all, including presentations about the Appalachian Trail, Katahdin Woods and Melanie's Teen Woods Expedition,
- 5) Our members continued to support State level initiatives and goals with generous donations for the Frenchville school project and the Spring Convention silent auction,
- 6) Gamma members were able to attend state level workshops and conventions, as well as serve as presenters, such as Melanie's Writers Workshop and Rachelle's presentation at
- 7) S-T-R-E-T-C-H. This is by no means a complete list, but you get the idea.

Gamma was able to stay active and vibrant during a time when it would have been so easy to throw in the towel. As our chapter looks toward the next biennium, I choose to believe that Gamma will continue to flourish and grow. It all depends on our mindset. Let's keep it positive! *"Life is like a camera: Focus on what is important, capture the good times, develop from the negative, and if things don't work out, take another shot!"*
Author Unknown

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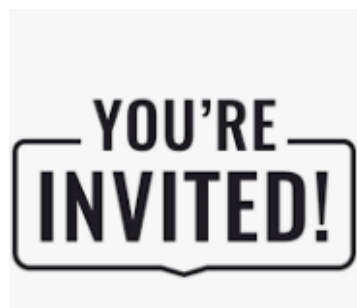
CHAPTER INVITATION



Come join Gamma Chapter of the Augusta area on Saturday, **April 9th**, from 8:30 to noon at the Viles Estate in Augusta for our educator workshop sponsored by Gamma Chapter of Maine State Organization, Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Sharon Gallant, high school Science teacher from Gardiner, will share some hands-on and unique ways for your students to demonstrate their knowledge on all areas of content. Sharon is a dynamic and energetic person who will inspire you to

try out some new ideas for the end of your school year! Sharon has presented previously for us as well as for our Maine Organization in Belfast. You will walk away with some great make-it, take-it ideas to do with your students, your grandchildren, your neighbors, or maybe even just for yourself! Come join us for an exciting, inspiring, and genuinely fun day! Contact Melanie Ruark or any Gamma Chapter member if you are interested or have questions. Open to all!



NU CHAPTER NEWS

Members of Nu Chapter created a “Stress Relief” packet for the staff at the Cushing Community School. Members donated items which were placed in pretty net bags and delivered to the school. Items included: An eraser – so you can make your mistakes disappear; a penny – so you’ll never be broke; an elastic – to stretch beyond your limits; a string – to hold things together; a marble – in case someone says you’ve lost yours; a tissue – to dry your tears away; a kiss – to remind you someone cares; a star – to wish upon.

Susan Vaughan

THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Theta has had a busy year so far. We met monthly from September through December and again in February. We plan to meet monthly from March through May and will do a chapter outing and lunch in June. We also may schedule a planning meeting in the summer to create a blueprint for next year’s programming. That worked well for us last year. Since we have been unable to meet in schools as had been our custom for years, we have been meeting at the General Bryant E. Moore Community and Conference Center in Ellsworth at a low cost because of our nonprofit status.

The fall was a whirlwind of activity as we finalized plans for meeting our responsibilities as host chapter for the Fall Workshop. We actually had started gearing up for this last winter, determining who would create the table decorations, the table favors, and place cards; who would man the registration and hospitality tables, what foods we would provide for the hospitality table, and so on. For our Early Career Educators project, we prepared “welcome mugs” for 30 new teachers in the Ellsworth, M.D.I., and RSU 24 schools. Each mug contained chocolate, a Dairy Queen gift card, and information about DKG. For Schools for Africa, President Priscilla McFarland presented several short videos that showed how this collaboration between the United Nations and DKG is impacting students. She then encouraged members to participate in the “Change for Change” project by collecting coins in a container and bringing them to a spring meeting as a donation for SFA.

Theta has two new community service projects this year. Some of us have been volunteering weekly at the Community Closet, a wonderful organization that provides free or low cost clothing, free food, free items for fire victims, and back to school clothing and supplies. It also distributes Christmas gifts to hundreds of area children.

We also have put together baskets of essential household supplies for the residents of Families First, a transitional home with apartments for six families. Each laundry basket was stuffed with housekeeping items such as detergent, dish towels, soap, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, foil, towels, pot holders, spices, paper goods, and so on. We are considering doing a book collection for the home in the future.

Judy and Bob Bragg opened their home to us for our December holiday gathering. We enjoyed delicious appetizers, some Christmas trivia games, and a Yankee Swap followed by a scrumptious dinner and dessert.

In February we met to work on our Clara Soule project. Traditionally we have done this at Christmas, but we decided to make a change this year. Valentine’s treat boxes were prepared for former educators who are residents of nursing homes in Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, and Milbridge.

Throughout the year so far we have been revisiting, revising, and refining our bylaws. This has been an arduous process since we have not done this in many years. We are resolving to peruse the bylaws each year for any needed changes so the task does not become a daunting one again.

ZETA CHAPTER NEWS

Zeta Chapter continued to meet during the Fall and into December. We will begin our monthly meetings again starting in March. Each member brings something for their supper and the hostesses provide drinks and desserts.

The members are meeting at Deering Community Center which is part of the South Paris Public Library. At our November meeting we were busy making Christmas cards for the residents of the Veteran's Home in South Paris and we sent a donation to Christmas for Teens which serves the eight towns of Oxford Hills. Donations of toiletries were sent to New Beginnings Homeless Shelter serving Androscoggin, Oxford, Kennebec and Franklin counties. Two of our members who work at the Oxford Mill End Store sewed pillowcases that were given to Christmas for Teens, Market Square Health Center, and for the Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

Suzanne Kendrick is working with her quilt chapter in Florida and made placemats for Operation Home Bound. Several members attended Fall Workshop and several are planning on attending the Stretch Workshop in March. We are looking forward to gathering again in March and continuing our work for organizing our Welcome to School and World Fellowship projects.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO COVID-19!

By Kathryn Wilcox

Our state Bylaws and Standing Rules require that the documents need to be reviewed and updated once during each President's biennium. COVID-19 prevented this from happening in the last two years. President Mary Hyland suggested that we split the task into the two years of her biennium. This year we would focus on Standing Rules and 2023 we will review the bylaws as well as update what happens at DKG in the summer. However, the Clara Soule Committee has completed its work and now requires some updating of both Bylaws and Standing Rules, so to honor their work; we are going to update both.

There is no immune therapy for this process, so my committee will try to make it quick and efficient as possible at the Spring Convention. Hopefully, it will be quick, easy and with minimal pain as the vaccines were.

As a member is your responsibility to review the charts provided so that you are knowledgeable of the proposed changes at the Spring Convention as knowing that will help expedite the voting process.

The documents are located on our MaineDKG webpage

<https://dkgmaine.weebly.com/> . for your review as well as printing.

PLEASE BRING A PRINTED COPY OF THE CHARTS FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE AT THE SPRING CONVENTION.

BYLAWS: <https://dkgmaine.weebly.com/by-laws.html>

STANDING RULES: <https://dkgmaine.weebly.com/standing-rules.html>



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE JULY 12-16, 2022

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That's New Orleans, Louisiana

DKG International Convention July 12-16, 2022.

Every single time I attend an international event, I always come away with hopes that more of my sisters will attend Every Single Time!

The Sheraton location is on the edge of the French Quarter with all the culture and cuisine just a stone's throw away. Add the connections and collaboration of DKG, and what's not to love? There are opportunities to visit the Sazerac House and Mardi Gras World.

Go to dkg.org for registration before the prices increase **June 12th**. I want you to have that opportunity. Please save your pennies and make your plans now.

Mary Hyland, Maine S.O. President

Scholarship News from Brenda Sturdivant



Since no one applied for the First Timers to International Scholarship, Bonnie Maguire, who received it but was unable to attend in 2020, will be going this year!

World Fellowship



By Linda Hussey, World Fellowship Chair

It has been over two years of separation and isolation, but Spring is coming and we are hoping to be TOGETHER again!! We did send in our total contribution of \$1,799 to the D.K.G. International World Fellowship!!! We are fulfilling our purpose of supporting and advocating for women to achieve their potential - one learner at a time!! That contribution as well as bequests by D.K.G. members and each of — YOU— determine the number of Fulbright World Fellowship awards given out each year by the committee.

As was written in the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Collegial Exchange 2021, volume 88-2 pg.61. Growing Leaders Worldwide



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Zhanar Tostibayeva is from Kazakhstan and this is her own story of her experience when she was the recipient of a World Fellowship award in 2019-2021.

She tells of her struggles and her wonderful experiences in America. (Her up and down, back and forth struggles) Zhanar was always very positive and now has completed her master's degree. Her favorite courses were : Behavioral Management and Assessment of Special Education. She hopes to implement inclusion practices in her country, which currently has No special school for special students! She wishes to work with the Teacher Development Organization to share what she has learned with other teachers or maybe teach at the University. This great adventure was just a dream come true! She is very grateful for all the cards and notes of encouragement from D.K.G. members. This IS a personal and professional growth that our D.K.G. International World Fellowship and Fulbright award that helped to provide and create an experience of a lifetime!! We do meet our goal of supporting the Advancement of teaching worldwide , yes - one learner at a time!

And we are impacting women, their lives, countries and education Worldwide!!!

So we are looking forward to being TOGETHER!!! We are ready to smile, laugh, cheer for each other, share excitement with each other at the Spring Convention Fabulous Basket Raffle 2022!!!! (What wonderful surprises will we see??)



IT WILL BE A HAPPY TIME TOGETHER!!!!

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