

## President's Invitation!



**Come one! Come all! Together, let's celebrate our Supreme 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Alpha Psi!** We will commemorate our past by learning more about our founders and what their lives were like, we will honor those members who have supported DKG for the past 40 years and beyond, we will hear all the wonderful things we do currently to promote membership and quality education, and we will begin to chart our future!

I am so excited that DKG International President, Carolyn Pittman, will be joining our celebration! (Her biography can be found in this edition of the *Mainspring*.) President Carolyn will not only bring us greetings from International, but tell us more about her vision for the future of DKG. There are 156 proposed amendments to the Constitution for this year's International Convention in Austin. How will these change how we operate?

I would like to thank Georgene Combs and her 75<sup>th</sup> Supreme Anniversary Committee, as well as members of Epsilon, Delta, and Sigma chapters, for all they have done to make this a PARTY to remember!

We will have handmade jewelry for mementos of this milestone, gorgeous centerpieces to adorn the tables, our very own fashion show, and a skit describing the Alpha Psi founders. At the luncheon, we will honor our 40-year members, special guests who have played a role in Alpha Psi's past, and our 2018 Alpha Psi Achievement Award winner. We will once again support the World Fellowship Fund with our annual raffle and award scholarships to our members. Two Northeast Regional presidents, one from Massachusetts and the other from New Brunswick will join us. (*Please wear your 75<sup>th</sup> tee shirt or sweat shirt to the General Session and Luncheon.*) If you haven't ordered one, a form is available in this *Mainspring*. And of course, we will have birthday cake! At the Banquet we will install and celebrate our new chapter presidents. On Sunday, we will remember and honor those members of Alpha Psi who have passed away in the last year.

You may notice that several new things have been added to Convention this year. Georgene has asked Jean Roy and Alfreda Fournier to be our official photographers. All the members of each chapter in attendance will have a group photograph taken. Jean and Alfreda will also be taking candid photos the entire weekend, as well as the ones we usually take of incoming and outgoing officers, achievement award winners, etc. Under Karen Hawthorne's and Rena Kearney's direction, our Alpha Psi Chorus will perform several songs during the Banquet. Be sure to sign up if you love to sing and attend the scheduled rehearsal. Before the Banquet and Installation, I have arranged for a Cash Bar to be set up. In the fall, I surveyed the Administrative Board and the majority were in favor of adding this to our celebration, as they do at International. Finally, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM four blank greeting cards with roses on the cover, designed and painted by Filomena Irving of Washburn will be on sale at \$12.00 a packet. She has also designed scarves just for us with beautiful roses printed on them. The square scarves will sell for \$20 and the oblong ones will cost \$30. We have ordered a minimal amount, but Filomena is willing to take orders and ship them to you at no extra cost.

With the \$200 provided by Alpha Psi to each chapter, I hope your chapter will have several members from your chapter attending and celebrating Alpha Psi's 75<sup>th</sup> Supreme Anniversary Party! It will certainly be a birthday bash to remember!

### **Come Celebrate Us!**

*Elaine Hendrickson, Alpha Psi President*

### **Meet Carolyn Pittman, Our International Guest**



Carolyn Pittman, 2015-2018 international president, grew up in Texas, the third of six children. She graduated from the University of Arkansas where she was a member of the Student Senate and the president of the Women's Interhall Council and the Association of Women Students where she met her husband. Carolyn received her master's degree in journalism from the University of Mississippi. After college, she taught junior and senior English and journalism in eastern Arkansas and Little Rock before moving on to the Arkansas Department of Education as a curriculum specialist. Her husband is a retired appellate court judge. Together they have two sons and a daughter and seven grandchildren who live in Arkansas and Colorado.

Before becoming president of DKG International, she served as international first vice president, member-at-large, Southeast regional director, and chair or member of several international committees. She was the 2015 recipient of the Society Achievement Award. As president, Carolyn represents the Society at state organization events, chairs the Administrative Board and the Executive Board, and is a participatory member of all international committees except nominations. Her goal is to help state organizations—and individual members—realize their power to impact educators’ awareness of their potential to make a difference with their colleagues and their students.

Carolyn was Arkansas state organization president, first vice president, editor, and executive secretary. She is an Arkansas Achievement Award recipient. She led the collaboration on a project to create and publish an Arkansas literary map, chaired the rules committee that revised the state bylaws, and participated in training state officers, committee chairs, and other leaders. She was president of two chapters and a “dismal” treasurer of one.

She enjoys performance arts, reading, spending time with family and friends, and solving puzzles. Carolyn said that she is not a singer, but has been in community theatre, four musicals and several plays. The one part she always wanted to play and was never cast for was Ousier in *Steel Magnolias!*

Carolyn believes that DKG members are *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.

### **Support Early Career Educators**



As I prepare to write this, I’m glad it’s February and, hopefully, we don’t have too much cold winter weather left. Even though I don’t mind winter, I don’t like the stretches of extreme cold. I have been lucky to escape the flu but the grandkids have had it. I hope most of you have been able to avoid it also. It’s hard to believe that the first year of this biennium is about over. What a busy new year this has been with our Stretch Workshop on March 17 and the Supreme 75th Birthday celebration in April. Everyone has been willing to step up to the plate and help in any way they can. I know our 75th will be an event to remember. To complete the year, some of us are planning to attend the International Convention in Austin this summer.

I received nominations for the Alpha Psi Achievement Award and all the letters have been sent to the past state presidents, chapter presidents and the executive board to select this year's recipient. It will be a delight to present this

prestigious award at convention in April during our 75th Supreme Birthday luncheon.

In the fall I asked chapters to be thinking of ways to reach out to the early career educators in their area. As spring approaches and we start meeting again after our winter break, I hope chapters will once again contact these early career educators. As the school year winds down, many start thinking about their career choice; let's connect with them and support them in any way we can, even if it is only to provide a listening ear. Teacher appreciation week is May 7-11; this would be a great time to do something for them.

Stay well. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our 75th Supreme Celebration April 27-29.

*Donna Kennison, Alpha Psi State  
First Vice President/ EEC chairman*

## April and Beyond



A new blanket of February snow is sparkling, yet much of my attention is centered on April and beyond!

Over the past several weeks, my in-box has been flooded with the many preparation details for our Supreme 75<sup>th</sup>, aka Spring Convention 2018; including new officer training, our memorabilia display, recognizing our 40-year members, and honoring our sisters who have passed. At this very moment, the chairs and floor of my office space are covered with clipboards and papers of every sort imaginable. I am reminded of a column written by current International President Carolyn Pittman (You have the opportunity to meet her at Convention!) in the May/June 2017 issue of

*DKG NEWS*. Ms. Pittman wrote that she learned from one of her college advisors that “I cannot do the work of the people without doing the paperwork,” and that “Good paperwork makes good people work.” Sistahs, these days there is no shortage of paperwork around the Hyland household! I sincerely thank all of you who have helped me with your timely submissions of Form 6, Form 2, memorabilia plans, the 40-year member questionnaires, and the Necrology biographies. At the moment, just names are among the lists on my paperwork; I look forward to matching those names with the actual people at our convention on April 28-30, because that is the most important thing – the people.

All that paperwork mentioned above is just a vehicle for getting to know all of you better and better so that we can live out President Elaine's theme of



**Working Together, Growing Together.** We CAN meet the specific challenges of recruitment and reinstatement – putting those numbers on paper and completing all those forms. All of us can share the gift that is DKG through such strategies as the Membership Recruitment Plan, the STRETCH workshop, and that Supreme 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Then the fun continues! We have the opportunity to enjoy each other’s company while impacting education worldwide. There is no shortage of issues out there in education land that need our attention. I am convinced that our organization has the potential to make a huge difference in a positive, unifying way for all educators and children around the globe.

So, looking to April and beyond, let’s keep the DKG vision alive.

*Mary Hyland, Second Vice President*

### **Congratulations to Mary Hyland**

Mary Hyland, Epsilon chapter, Second Vice President of Alpha Psi State, has been selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas, on the University of Texas campus, July 1-13, 2018. This outstanding leadership training is conducted by the McCombs School of Business Executive Education Department. What an honor for Mary and Alpha Psi! When you see Mary at convention, please congratulate her on this honor!

“From the **Sparkle** of the PAST...to the **Brilliance** of the FUTURE”

For the 2004 DKG International Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, International President 2003- 2005, Jean Gray, chose this very significant phrase as the theme for its Diamond Jubilee celebration. As Alpha Psi State prepares to celebrate in 2018 its 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday, let us be inspired by these words to honor and be enriched by the **sparkle** of OUR PAST, as well as enthusiastically look forward to and support the **brilliance** of OUR FUTURE.

The **sparkle** of the PAST for Alpha Psi State begins with the recognition of Alpha Psi Past State President Roberta Rogers whose legacy and generosity will help make our event most memorable to attendees. We will enjoy a “supreme” fashion show with accompanying nostalgia-inducing music from the PAST seven decades. There will be Alpha Psi State memorabilia on display throughout the weekend for all attendees to peruse and perhaps recall. Convention participants will also be honored as longtime Alpha Psi members with glittery jewelry.

PRESENT state members are currently organizing displays, planning programs, and creating favors and gifts that will be shared with all participants.

At the Luncheon, the PRESENT First Vice-President, Donna Kennison, will be presenting the 2018 Achievement Award, and PRESENT Scholarship Chairman, Rheba Michaud, will be announcing **2018** scholarship recipients' names. PRESENT Delta Chapter members will be honoring Alpha Psi State Founders with a skit that commemorates their PAST service to the purposes of our society.

The **brilliance** of the FUTURE will be on display prior to the evening Banquet. State President Elaine Hendrickson will introduce outgoing chapter presidents and honor their service, while FUTURE (2018-2020) incoming chapter presidents will be challenged and inspired to uphold the ideals of our society. President Elaine will encourage and show support for FUTURE chapter leaders who will be dedicating their time and energy to accomplishing the mission and purposes of the society. FUTURE programs for Alpha Psi State will include: 1)simplifying our bylaws, 2)continuing access to professional development (S-T-R-E-T-C-H Workshop), 3)continuing the transition to electronic forms of communication, while always valuing the genuine fellowship that occurs in our face to face meetings.

To the **Brilliance** of the FUTURE...from the **Sparkle** of the PAST

Georgene Coombs, Chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

### **Bring Your Man to Alpha Psi's 75th! – A Reprise**

If you were at the Alpha Psi Fall Workshop in Belfast, you probably remember me as the person who never learned how to silence or turn off his cell phone. I was there, of course, to introduce the idea of creating a Maine Men's Auxiliary. During the Fall Workshop, I handed out a short description of how a Men's Auxiliary could be formed. I also tried to find out just how much interest there would be among DKG members for its creation. The proposal was to have DKG members from around the state make a special effort to bring "your man" to the 2018 Alpha Psi Spring Convention in Bangor.

The committee that is planning the Spring Convention has included in Saturday's agenda a "meet and greet" session for the men who accompany DKG members to Bangor. It will be an opportunity for the men to gather from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (during a General Session) in the hospitality room and get to know one another. Among the topics to be discussed is how interested the men are for forming an unofficial Maine Men's Auxiliary.

I hope you will "bring your man" to Bangor in April. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [tnruark@aol.com](mailto:tnruark@aol.com).

*Walter (Ted) Ruark*

### Attention Memorabilia Gatherers

Please have your chapter's new officers bring the chapter's Memorabilia Display contributions to the chapter officer training on Friday April 27. Please contact Mary Hyland for more information: [mishyland@gmail.com](mailto:mishyland@gmail.com) OR [\(207\) 322-5407](tel:(207)322-5407)

### Challenge: What will the next 25 years look like?

*"I became and remain a member of DKG and Alpha Psi because of the support we provide for fellow educators both personally and professionally. I have grown and learn more each year through this organization. It stretches me."*  
Anon

Celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Supreme Birthday as a member of Alpha Psi brings with it a sense of pride for Alpha Psi's promotion of education in the State of Maine for the past 75 years. It also makes us reflect upon who we are and what we can become. The above quotation is from those written at Fall Workshop by the Executive Board members to reflect upon the following: Write a statement as to why you either became a member or why you continue to be a DKG member. As I compiled the thoughtful testimonials, I began to realize a few important truths about our organization of key women educators. Here are a few of them for you to consider:

- ⌚ Many of us joined because a family member or a fellow teacher that we held in high esteem were members. We were honored to be part of this amazing organization.
- ⌚ Others of us joined because we believed in the purposes of DKG – to honor women for their contributions to education, to unite and support each other in genuine spiritual fellowship, to stimulate and promote professional and personal growth, to inform members of current issues in education and legislation, and to help teachers further their career paths by awarding scholarships.
- ⌚ We stay members of DKG because of the friendships we have made and the many opportunities that DKG offers for both active and retired teachers. Some of these include the quality professional and personal

growth programs we provide, an opportunity to travel, the networking that our meetings provide, the projects our chapters support, and above all the connections that we have made with other enthusiastic educators.

As I read all of these, I began to think more closely about my own reasons for joining DKG and staying a member. I joined as many of you did because of an educator that I admired. Pam Hallett, who began teaching around the same time I did, got her master's degree, became a principal, and served as Curriculum Director for MSAD #1, invited me. I wasn't too sure in the beginning because I felt it was too much like a sorority with the reciting of the Collect and singing the DKG song. At the time, I joined we had 50-60 members in Delta chapter and the majority were still teaching. I had an opportunity to meet and talk with educators from all around Central Aroostook County. After I became Delta president, I began to attend Fall Workshops and State Conventions. Here I met and have become friends with many other Alpha Psi members around the State. And now as State President, I have traveled to three Northeast Regional Conventions and this summer, I will attend my second International Convention. I can't tell you what a thrill it was for me to be in a room filled with 2000 passionate educators! It felt good to realize I was part of the powerful, strong group of women who love what I do – teaching.

How do we share our love of the organization and its benefits of membership with other educators? This year in Alpha Psi State we have 413 members; last year we had 431 members! What do we want our organization to look like when members celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday? So my challenge to you as we enter our 76<sup>th</sup> year is to think about the following:

1. What are we doing well?
2. What can we improve upon?
3. How can we promote and publicize what we do better? How do we let the public know that we are a professional organization of educators, not a sorority?
4. How do we attract new members? How do we maintain our current members? How can we reach out to former members who might once again join us?

The last question on the Exit Ticket for Spring Convention reads, "What's next?" Come with ideas to answer this question. Let's turn around the declining



numbers and watch them climb again as we march toward the year 2043!  
Working together, we will grow together!

*Elaine Hendrickson, Alpha Psi President*

## World Fellowship Baskets Make a Difference

The D.K.G. World Fellowship program has a vast impact on worldwide education. During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, members contributed \$78,463.66. The program is made possible by donations from state organizations, chapters and members.

Our State Members contributed \$1,026.00 which means WE Make an Impact on worldwide education.

I am hopeful we can create some more of our wonderful collections and baskets for the Spring Convention World Fellowship Gala Raffle! This is a special year to celebrate our 75th Birthday!! Our motto: "We make a difference by fostering and creating the best opportunities to support the advancement of teaching worldwide - one learner at a time."

Thank you for all you do and all you are.

*Linda Hussey  
Alpha Psi World Fellowship Chair*

## Memories from Fall Workshop





**Supreme 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Alpha Psi State Convention**  
 Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor  
 April 27 - 29, 2018  
**Registration**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please Check All That Apply:

_____ State Officer	_____ Incoming Chapter President
_____ State Committee Chair	_____ Chapter President
_____ 40+ Year Member Being Honored	_____ Past State President
_____ First Time Attendee	_____ Guest of Alpha Psi

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

**Registration Fee (due April 6) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday April 27, 2018 Executive Board Dinner Buffet: \$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Please check one entrée

Cranberry Pot Roast	_____
Baked Haddock Asiago	_____
Vegetarian meal	_____

**Saturday April 28, 2018 Birthday Luncheon \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Assorted Sandwich Buffet, Tossed Salad, Soup du Jour,  
 Chef's Choice Salad, Kettle Chips, 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake

**Saturday April 28, 2018 Alpha Psi 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 April 29, 2018 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) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Service charge, tax, and gratuities are paid by the Roberta Rogers Fund**

Special Dietary needs contact Deanna Michaud at 207-262-0099 or

[Deanna.Michaud@Hilton.com](mailto:Deanna.Michaud@Hilton.com)

### **Registration Forms**

Mail registration forms and checks payable to **Alpha Psi State** by **April 6, 2018**  
 to:

Sharon Romanow  
 150 Cedar Street  
 Belfast, ME 04915

Phone: 323-2175  
[sromanow@roadrunner.com](mailto:sromanow@roadrunner.com)

### **Hotel Information**

Hilton Garden Inn  
 250 Haskell Road  
 Bangor, ME 04401  
 207-262-0099

Check in after 3:00 p.m.  
 Check out is by 11:00 a.m.

Ask for a room in the Delta Kappa Gamma Block. The rate is \$140.61 per night including tax.

To receive this price make your reservation by **April 6, 2018**.





**Alpha Psi Maine**  
**Supreme 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Spring Convention Schedule**

Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor

April 27-29, 2018

Hostesses: Epsilon, Delta, Sigma

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

10:00-2:00 PM	Leadership Training, First United Methodist Church
4:00 -7:00 PM	Registration, Conference Center Lobby
4:00-7:00 PM	Hospitality Room, Bangor Room
3:00-5:30 PM	Drop off Memorabilia, Ballroom C
	Drop off World Fellowship Baskets, Ballroom AB
5:30-6:30 PM	Memorabilia Display Grand Opening, Ballroom C
6:00-8:30 PM	<b>Executive Board Dinner and Meeting</b> , Ballroom B

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

7:00-8:45 AM	Registration, Conference Center Lobby
7:00-8:45 AM	Hospitality Room, Bangor Room
7:00-8:45 AM	Drop off World Fellowship Baskets, Ballroom AB
8:00-8:45 AM	Memorabilia Display open, Ballroom C
9:00-11:30 AM	<b>General Session</b> and Supreme Fashion Show brought to you by our very own Alpha Psi Sisters, Ballroom AB ( <i>Please wear your 75<sup>th</sup> shirt or sweatshirt.</i> )
9:00-10:00 AM	Men's Auxiliary Meeting with Ted Ruark, Bangor Room
12:30-2:30 PM	<b>Birthday Luncheon</b> , Ballroom AB ( <i>Please wear your 75<sup>th</sup> shirt or sweatshirt.</i> ) <u>Photo of 40-year Honorees at the end of the luncheon</u>
3:00-5:00 PM	Hospitality Room, Bangor Room Memorabilia Display, Ballroom C Sale of Alpha Psi Rose Cards and Scarves,



	Conference Center Lobby
3:00-4:00 PM	<b>Chapter Group Pictures</b> (Specific times available in Conference folders)
4:00-4:45 PM	Chorus Rehearsal, Ballroom AB
4:45-5:15 PM	Rehearsal for Outgoing and Incoming Chapter Presidents, Ballroom AB
5:15-5:45 PM	<b>Pictures</b> , Ballroom C Past State Presidents, Incoming/Outgoing Chapter Presidents, State Officers, Achievement Award Winners, Scholarship Winners
5:30	Cash Bar opens, Ballroom AB
6:00-6:15 PM	<b>Installation of Chapter Presidents 2018-2020</b>
6:15 PM	<b>Banquet</b> , Ballroom AB Reception for Incoming Chapter Presidents, Hospitality Room
<b>Sunday, April 29, 2018</b>	
8:00 AM	<b>Fellowship Breakfast and Celebration of Life Ceremony</b> , Ballroom A

### *Working Together, Growing Together*

Please remember to return your Spring Convention Exit Ticket before you leave!  
Safe Travels!

### **Epsilon's Special Project for Convention**

The Soap Closet, a nonprofit organization staffed entirely by volunteers, helps low-income Waldo County families by providing the personal care products that cannot be purchased with government food assistance funds. These products include laundry detergent, dish detergent, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoo and toilet paper.

The mission of the Soap Closet is to distribute these products to low income families, children, youth and elderly citizens in Waldo County. The Soap Closet is now also participating in the back-pack programs in area schools by adding personal care items to the back-packs.

Please donate some of the above items at our spring convention to help this worthy cause.

# 75<sup>th</sup> Supreme Anniversary Shirts and Sweatshirts Order Form

Please check both color and size:

**Golf Shirt:** \_\_\_ red \_\_\_ ultramarine \_\_\_ bright lavender

Sizes: \$28.00: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L

\$29.50 \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

**T-shirt:** \_\_\_ red \_\_\_ iris/blue \_\_\_ orchid

**Sweatshirt:** \_\_\_ red \_\_\_ white

Sizes: \$20.00: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L

Sizes: \$25.00 \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M

\_\_\_ L

\$22.00 \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

\$28.00 \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Rena Kearney and mail your order to:

Rena Kearney, P.O. Box 377, Mars Hill, ME 04758 by **April 6, 2018**

**Orders may be picked up at the Registration table Friday afternoon, April 27, or Saturday morning, April 28.**

## Chapter News

### Alpha



At Alpha Chapter's October meeting, four members of the staff from Old Town Elementary School presented a program on the school's garden project and resource center. In the spring, school staff and community members gathered to construct several raised beds on the school property that are used for educational purposes and to grow food for the resource center. The center also includes household and personal items that families and students are able to take as needed. Following the program, some Alpha members and the chapter itself made donations to the project, and they voted to donate the money

from food cupboard donations for the months of September and October. This will allow the school to purchase food from The Good Shepherd Food Distribution Center. Chapter President **Suzanne Gauthier** presented the funds to the school's principal, Dr. Jeanna Tuell, and the community resource coordinator, Jennifer Goodwin.

**Fawn Condon** and several colleagues have just completed a professional book study based on "The Growth Mindset." All acquired skills are being utilized in their classrooms to the benefit of their students.

**Sheila Cochrane** is taking a graduate level class called "Comprehensive Intervention Model," (CIM), to help bring the most effective interventions to young learners at Newport/Plymouth Elementary School.

*Submitted by Donna Magquier*

## Beta

The members of Beta Chapter devoted the program for the October meeting to writing letters to their State legislators. Supplies for this activity were prepared ahead of the meeting and included:

- the names and addresses for each member's 2 state legislators
- a sheet listing suggested sentences and facts to be used as desired in the letters
- stationery
- envelopes
- stamps

The letters urged each legislator to follow through on the Maine voters' ballot of 2004 as passed which stated that 55% of total education costs should be paid by the state.

*Submitted by Sue Williams*



*Linda Hussey presenting check to Lisa Carlson*

This year Beta Chapter voted to suspend its scholarship grant. In its place, grants were offered to classroom teachers wishing to implement an educational experience of their own creation. The selected districts were visited and application forms were left. Very soon we started receiving them back with descriptions of ideas that teachers wanted to use with their students. The application included the age group it was for, when it could start and how much

money was needed. There was a cap of \$500.00 available per applicant. We received so many challenging proposals that it was very difficult to decide. However, three were chosen and they were presented with checks in mid January at their schools by a Beta member. It is clear that classroom teachers

appreciate and need some help. We look forward to hearing how these projects worked next fall at one of our meetings.

*Submitted by Linda Hussey*

## Gamma

In January Thomas Morelli, a self-published Maine author, spoke to **Melanie Ruark's** creative writing class at Ellsworth High School. He talked about the writing process he used in his three books and reportedly was a big hit. The event proved to be a great way to end the semester.

Supporting early-career educators: it's not always easy for a chapter to find the right *niche* to support DKG's major "SEE" goal of supporting beginning teachers. Gamma Chapter has found one way, which it is happy to share with other Alpha Psi members. Please join us at Thomas College in Waterville at 4:30 PM on Thursday March 22 when education assistant professor Dr. Kate Cook Whitt will bring several of her students to meet with us in a program entitled "Developing the Teachers of Today and Tomorrow." Students will each present a project, lesson or unit plan, followed by our joining them in a professional discussion of their work. FMI, contact [dkggamma1@gmail.com](mailto:dkggamma1@gmail.com).

Professional development for active educators: Gamma Chapter will be offering its third annual professional workshop for educators from 8 to Noon on Saturday May 5 at the Viles Estate, Augusta. The theme this year is *BRINGING SOCIAL STUDIES ALIVE!* Following an opening message from Senator Angus King, the keynoter, Dr. Richard Biffle of Thomas College, will weave the tapestry of the academic disciplines that comprise the field of social studies. Participants will then attend one of four breakout sessions. Alpha Psi members are welcome to participate. FMI or to sign up, contact [dkggamma1@gmail.com](mailto:dkggamma1@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Nancy Ruark*

## Delta

Delta chapter is pleased to announce that member **Elaine Hendrickson** has been elected President of Alpha Psi during the 2017-2019 biennium. Former state president **Dottie Martin** is serving as the state parliamentarian.

Attending Fall Workshop were **Dottie Martin, Rena Kearney, Elaine Hendrickson, Londa Brown, Betsy York** and **Melissa Buck**, Delta president. Londa and Betsy presented a workshop entitled *Browse, Borrow and Enjoy*. This session taught attendees about accessing free books on electronic devices.

**Melissa Buck** belongs to Proficiency Partners, a group created by the University of Maine at Presque Isle College of Education to help pre-service teachers understand the concept of Proficiency-Based Education and provide professional development on this topic to area teachers.





In December, Delta members decorated a Christmas tree as part of the Festival of Trees in Presque Isle to raise money for the [St. Apollonia Pediatric Dentistry](#). Members brought in school items such as books, pencils, pens, markers, a backpack, flashcards, erasers, crayons, markers, and many more items that adorned the tree and floor beneath it. This is the second time

Delta has supported the clinic. We also contributed children's books for their lobby.

**Julie Gardner** and **Erin Hoffses** have recently received their Master's Degrees. Both graduated from Southern New Hampshire University earning their degrees in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Educational Leadership.

**Helen McConnell** enjoys volunteering at school; she also volunteers for Hospice. **Jane James** serves on the MSAD #1 school board and also volunteers in the Children's Sewing Lab. Recently elected head of the Washburn Library Board, **Londa Brown** is planning to create and maintain a website and start a book club. She is also planning to offer Show & Tell Sessions to teach what is available through the library.

As part of the Maine MoMentum K-3 Literacy with iPads Program at Limestone Elementary School, **Carrie Reed** is helping her students strengthen their literacy skills by using iPad technology provided by Apple, Inc. As part of the program Carrie is receiving ongoing professional development delivered by trained literacy and technology integration specialists. She is also mentoring an UMPI freshman from Rowanda.

In September, **Rena Kearney** went on a trip to the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce Canyon National Parks. She was fortunate to hear a Navaho Code Talker from WWII. There are only 13 left out of 400. She heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir practice and was there for their radio program. In November, she traveled to Guatemala to help build eco-stoves and water filters as part of a Rotary Foundation project.

Submitted by *Elaine Hendrickson, Alpha Psi President*

## Epsilon

At our October meeting, **Lynn Hoenig** presented a very informative PowerPoint presentation on ticks and answered our questions about the spread of ticks in our area. She also brought samples of ticks to show us what they look like in each of their developmental stages.



**Chris O'Roak** informed us that we have presented 106 Cups of Care to new teachers in the eleven years we have sponsored this project. The coffee cups are filled with small, useful items such as hand sanitizers, tissues, chocolates, post it notes, etc. We hope this project shows that we care and support them!



*Clockwise from left: Melanie Ruark, Claudia Luchetti, Carol Fuller, Kristin Frangoulis, Mary Gilman, and Sharon Goguen*

Our chapter has been busily preparing for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party as a hostess chapter for our state convention. Many of us gathered at **Georgene Coomb's** home on February 21 to work with Melanie Ruark to create wonderful gifts to give to our members at convention.

*Submitted by Sharon Romanow*

## Zeta



*Current and former members of Zeta and a guest*

On May 22, 2017, Zeta Chapter celebrated our 70th Birthday party. This event was held at the South Paris Fire Station. The ladies of the Fire Auxiliary served a delicious dinner.

State First Vice President and Zeta member **Donna Kennison** and State President Elaine Hendrickson also attended. All former members of Zeta were invited to attend as guests of the Chapter. A table of memories with pictures and mementos collected during our 70 year history was shared.

Magnets were given as favors for our 70th Birthday. President **Toni Hamlin** and First Vice President **Alice Deegan** gathered information about events and changes that have occurred since Zeta became a chapter. Attendees shared memories of their Delta Kappa Gamma experiences. It was a most enjoyable evening and fun to share and visit with old friends. It was great to reconnect with former members, some of whom shared that they would like to rejoin the chapter.

*Submitted by Joan Dean*

## Kappa



*Mary Whitten and Betty-Jane Meader*

Members of Kappa Chapter recently donated a variety of items to The Waterville Essentials Closet at the Waterville First Congregational Church on Eustis Parkway, Waterville. They supply the essentials—laundry detergent, toilet paper, dish detergent, shampoo, paper towels, tissues, bath soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, diapers, baby wipes, and toothpaste—items that cannot be purchased with their EBT cards and state assistance

programs.

As founder of Shorthand Writers of Maine, **Kay Grindall** arranged their August meeting in Augusta to celebrate Charlotte Eastman's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. She reads and writes beautiful shorthand. They will be celebrating retired educator Catherine Peckenham's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in October in Bangor. Kay will present a session on print media at the Fall Communications Workshop in Augusta, sponsored by Maine Education Association Retired.

**Lorraine Bowdoin** created a bi-annual memory book for Past State President **Mary Whitten**.

**Nancy Drysdale**, with the help of her Waterville Area Newcomers Crafting Group, made 18 butterfly pillows. They were given to Women's Health Imaging at Maine General Medical Center for women who are undergoing breast cancer surgery. The pillows are designed to protect the woman's breast when using a seat belt in a car.

In June, **Betty-Jane S. Meader** flew to Dallas, where the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences honored her for 50 years of membership. In February, she traveled to Italy with the University of Maine at Farmington alumni and friends of the college.



*Keri Conley, Mary Whitten and Renee Blackstone*

Kappa initiated two new members in May. **Keri Conley** teaches high school science in Oakland and **Renee Blackstone** teaches Grade 3 at Messalonskee in Waterville.

Last year **Rita Lachance-Stevens** brought C. J. to Nashville, home of country music, honky-tonk, and hillbillies. This year he decided to take Rita to a “music city,” too: Vienna, Austria. They spent three weeks touring Austria and Switzerland.

In August, **Kathie Choate** helped with a Day of Caring at Winthrop Elementary School. She worked in a third grade room helping the teacher get her room ready for the new school year.

*Submitted by Kay Grindall*

## Omicron



A HALF CENTURY IN SOCIETY OF WOMEN EDUCATORS — **Judy Gilbert**, right and president of the Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional honorary society of leading women educators — recently presented **Miss Sarah Chipman** with the society’s 50-year membership pin. Chipman

taught English for many years at Dexter Regional High School and at the former Higgins Classical Institute in Charleston. Chapter members recognized Chipman at a luncheon in her honor.

*Submitted by Teresa Brzustowicz*

## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars

- S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Workshop, March 17, 2018, Hutchinson Center, Belfast
- Leadership Training, April 27, 2018, First United Methodist Church, Bangor
- 75<sup>th</sup> Supreme Alpha Psi Spring Convention, April 27-29, 2018, Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor
- DKG International Convention, July 16-20, 2018, JW Marriott, Austin, Texas
- Administrative Board Meeting, August 9, 2018, Viles Center, Augusta
- Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Tour, Summer, details to be announced
- Fall Workshop, October 19-20, 2018, Hutchinson Center, Belfast
- Spring Convention, April 26-28, 2019, Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor
- 2019 Northeast Regional Convention, July 30-August 1, 2019, Mashantucket, CT, Foxwood Resort and Casino.



## News from International

Does DKG International have **your up-to-date contact information**? If not, please update your information in "My DKG" Account at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).



All United States DKG members attending the 2018 International Convention are eligible to vote on the proposed Operational Guidelines at the Forum. The Forum will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Friday, July 20, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Austin, Texas. Amendments will be considered during deliberation of the proposed guidelines during the Forum. Members can find the proposed guidelines on the US Forum website:

<http://www.usforumdkg.org/operational-guidelines.html>



*Judith Banionis and Elaine Graviett welcome us to Workshop.*

## Let's Get Ready to Celebrate!



*Epsilon's "Supreme" invitation to Spring Convention; From left, Bonnie Maguire, Mary Gilman, Jenny Kirchoff, Kristin Frangoulis, and Karen Craig Foley*



*75th Birthday Celebration committee hard at work*



