



**Moving Forward, Preserving DKG  
Spring Virtual Event  
April 30 -May 1, 2021**

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

Sign Into Zoom beginning at 6:30

7:00 P.M. General Session

\* This is the business part of the convention. It is combining the Executive Board meeting usually held Friday evening and the Saturday General Session.

Recognize State officers and committee chair persons for the 2019-2021 biennium.

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Sign into Zoom: 8:30- 9:00 A.M.

9:00 -Zoom etiquette reminder

9:05- President's greeting Donna Kennison

9:20 -10:30 -Committee chairmen will give a brief description of their work

\*10 minute break—get that cup of coffee, go to the bathroom (just think no lines)

\*About 10:30 - Marjorie Sinclair our International Guest

\*Approximately 11:00 -12:00 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mary Hyland

\* presents our Alpha Psi Achievement Award

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Priscilla McFarland

\* recognizes our 40 & 50 year members

*Break for about 60 minutes- Grab lunch, Be ready to go at time announced*

Approximately 1:00

\*Recognize 2018-2020 outgoing chapter officers & 2020-2022 incoming officers

\* Install the 2021-2023 State Officers

\* Celebration of Life for our members who have passed including Sandra Barry past State President.

\* Announce World Fellowship Raffle winners

*This is a tentative schedule. A final one will be sent out two weeks before the convention with the agenda for the Friday night general session*

**2021 Maine State DKG, Spring Convention  
Virtual Zoom Connection  
Moving Forward, Preserving DKG**

**I'm asking that you register for all or parts of the convention as you are able to attend. This will give us an idea of the number to expect to Zoom in. By having your email, I can directly send you the Zoom invitation. I will also be sending it to chapter presidents to share.**

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_ Maine State Officer

\_\_\_\_ Chapter President

\_\_\_\_ Maine State Committee Chair

\_\_\_\_ Past State President

Donations accepted. Registration Fee: \$0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations may be sent to Kathy Sticht 106 Morrill Rd, Belmont., ME 04952.**

**Please make the check out to Alpha Psi indicating it is for the Scholarship Fund, Founder's Fund or the Clara Soule Fund .**

**Executive Board/ General Session- Friday, 7:00 P.M. April 30,2021**

**Recognize 2019-2021 State officer and committee chairs. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday May 1, 2021 9:00 A.M. Presidents greeting \_\_\_\_\_**

**9:20-10:30 Committee chair information \_\_\_\_\_**

10:30 Marjorie Sinclair, International guest \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 - 12:00 Achievement Award presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Recognizing 40 & 50 year members \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 P.M. Recognize the 2020 -2022 outgoing and incoming chapter presidents \_\_\_\_\_

Install the 2021- 2023 State officers

Celebration of Life ceremony

**Announce World Fellowship raffle winners**

Please email this form to [mimiken7@gmail.com](mailto:mimiken7@gmail.com) or snail mail to **Donna Kennison, 3 Forbes Road, West Paris, ME 04289.** Please join us even if you don't have the time to send this back or have a change in plans. Thank you.

**Maine State Organization DKG  
Spring World Fellowship Silent Auction**

**We had such good luck with our Silent Auction to support World Fellowship in the Fall I want to do it again  
Winners announced during the Virtual Event May 1,2021**

**The Process:**

- ☀ Members or Chapters may donate an item to be auctioned off at the Fall Virtual event.
- ☀ Size of the item might want to be a consideration as the item might need to be mailed to the winner.
- ☀ Please send a picture and description of your item to me at [mimiken7@gmail.com](mailto:mimiken7@gmail.com) by April 2,2021.
- ☀ The winner and the person who donated the item will make arrangements for delivery of the item.
- ☀ I will compile all items and a minimum bid into a list and send it out to all Chapter Presidents by April 7,2021, who will distribute it to their members. I'll also send it to the Administrative Board and past State Presidents.
- ☀ Bids are to be submitted to me at the above email with subject Silent Auction by April 19-27, 2021.
- ☀ Winners will send their check to Kathy Sticht at 106 Morrill Rd, Belmont, ME 04952 with the MEMO : World Fellowship.

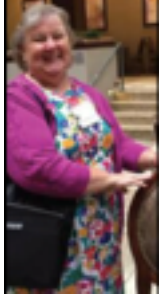
**Let's all support World Fellowship by donating items and bidding on those items.**

Donna Kennison

Maine SO DKG President

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## Message from President



### Donna Kennison

It seems that I have just been installed as your president and now it's almost over. It has been an honor to serve Maine State DKG. At times I have felt like I was treading water or swimming upstream. I appreciate all the support I have received from the officers, committee chairmen and members in general of Maine DKG. It has made this job enjoyable in spite of all that is going on. Having to cancel in person meetings has been hard on us all. However, we were able to hold a very successful fall convention using Zoom. The World Fellowship raffle brought in over \$700.00. Chapters have continued to stay in touch with their members and even hold meetings with Zoom. I have been able to join nine of these wonderful chapter meetings either in person or via Zoom. I know it has been hard on those teaching everyday with so much of it on Zoom and then being asked to fit in a DKG meeting on Zoom. For many of our older members technology has been a challenge. Thank you to clever thinking chapter presidents and other members that have found ways to include them.

I have been meeting bi-monthly on Zoom with Debbie LeBlanc and other Northeast Regional Presidents (NERPs). Debbie is our Northeast Regional Director, who replaced Jane Tanner when her term expired last July. We have discussed issues relating to the pandemic and restrictions. Some states have held several statewide workshops and conventions, often spread over several days. We have shared how we use Zoom and help each other with features we were not familiar with or comfortable using.

I am also on the communication and marketing committee for the International conference in San Antonio July 21 - 24, 2021. At this time it is still going to be in person. I have been following the comments on the International website and many are expressing reluctance at attending in person. So it is a wait and see at this point. The hotel reservations are open but I have not made any yet.

Leadership training for our incoming State officers will be July 30 - August 1, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia. On the website it also lists it as virtual. There will be more information as time gets closer. I want to congratulate all that have stepped up to serve Maine State DKG for the next biennium. You will have my support as you assume your office.

## INTERNATIONAL GUEST

I'm please to announce that Marjorie Sinclair of New Brunswick will be our Society representative for our Virtual Spring Convention. She is presently serving



on the DKG International Administrative Board as Area Representative Canada 2020-2022. She is also a member of the International Speakers Fund Committee and the International Issues Task Force. She is a member of DKG NB, Beta Chapter, co-editor of the DKG New Brunswick newsletter, *Chickadee Chatter*, a member of the Membership Committee, and one of the administrators of the DKG-New Brunswick Facebook page.

As Area Representative she is dedicated to uniting the Canadian members in a shared sense of purpose and an awareness of the educational issues in Canada and fully supports the DKG

Canadian project, ArtsCan Circle, as it connects creative artists with Aboriginal youth at risk in remote northern communities. Marjorie is currently researching ways to keep members connected in these challenging times and identifying mentors to assist our future leaders.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of New Brunswick and a Master of Library and Information Science from Western University in London, Ontario. She is Chair of the Chatham Public Library Board, Miramichi, and a member of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association. Prior to becoming Area Representative Canada, she served on the Friends of Beaubears Board and is presently part of their Speakers Series program.

## About those Achievement Award medallions...

When Maine S. O. annually awards our Alpha Psi Achievement Award, the recipient is presented with a gold medallion. As with much of our DKG jewelry, what happens when we pass on? Often, our jewelry is shared with “the next generation,” and some of us even have that little card that instructs our families as such. That gold medallion is no exception.



What follows is a summary of an Executive Board vote taken late in 2011: 1) have the medallion be on loan, and upon the recipient’s death, be returned to the state First Vice President, 2) have the name of the previous recipient “scrubbed” from the back and replaced with her initials, 3) have only the initials of the new recipient added, 4) reissue the medallions for as long as they can be used. All of this represents a financial savings AND the opportunity to honor the legacy of our recipients.

Over the course of the last ten years, there has been some confusion over this practice, and fortunately, I was able to find the original intentions outlined above. For the sake of clarity for all involved, the outcome of the 2011 vote will be proposed as a standing rule when we next address the updates of our documents.

Mary Hyland, First VP

## Scholarship News

The recipient of the Maine State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship for 2020 was Christina Jackson of Zeta Chapter. Christina has been in education for 21 years and has been a member of Zeta Chapter for 12 years. Currently she is in a Masters in Educational Leadership program at Saint Joseph College of Maine. This program will enhance her leadership skills and aid her in mentoring others. This welcomed scholarship all help defray some of the many



## World Fellowship

Linda Hussey World Fellowship Chair



Yes!! This has been such an upsetting year for everyone.

Our lives and our world have been shaken to the core. But we are strong and we do not give in or give up.

We have very caring and creative Sisters and a President (Donna) who can do the undo able task of finding a way to reach the goal to raise funds for The World Fellowship Program. (With the added support of caring Chapters who also raised added funds!)

Altogether totaling over a thousand dollars!!

Our Sisters truly live up to the vision of being — “Leading Women Educators” You who are impacting women, their lives and their countries and education worldwide!

We do make a difference and should feel proud of who we are and what we can do together!

*Thank you again for all you do and all you give!*

### **Request from our State Historian**

Chapter Histories were due in last spring, and again in April 2022. However, I will accept them at anytime via email [grit46backrd@gmail.com](mailto:grit46backrd@gmail.com) or through regular mail: Judy Gilbert 46 Back Rd Abbot, Me 04406.

I re-sent suggested guidelines for chapter histories today to all chapter presidents through a google doc - I hope it went.

*I hope you are all staying healthy right now!*

*Judy Gilbert*

## 2020 Alpha Psi Achievement Award Presentation Oct. 2020

By Mary Hyland, First VP

To begin, I would like to share a quote that I believe sums up the Alpha Psi Achievement Award and the 2020 recipient: **“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.”** Aristotle (Or was it Will Durant?)

In the opinion of her DKG sisters around the state, this awardee has diligently and devotedly assisted our state organization, remains positive and organized, creates enthusiasm in people, serves as a valuable mentor, and continues to work for the betterment of our state organization.

Before I hone in on the more obvious merits for this year’s recipient, I will share a few aspects of her career that you may not know. She has been a chair for the Young Author’s Institute, a scorer for the MEA’s, and an advisory committee member for the Southwestern Publishing Company.

I first met our award winner at our 2013 Northeast Regional Conference in Portland. She was in charge of table hostesses, and the email she sent to her hostesses was over-the-top in clarifying details. It included not only our specific duties but also what she would be wearing, so that just in case we did not yet know her, we would be able to identify her! I was impressed!



More recently, our award winner has been instrumental in the Cross Border event with New Brunswick chapters, served as founding coordinator of our STRETCH workshop, played an integral part in the formation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and served as our Maine S.O. Immediate Past President.

*Yes, dear Elaine Hendrickson, our 2020 Achievement Award winner is Y-O-U!*

*Congratulations from all of your DKG sisters!*



## **Tribute to Past State President Sandra Berry**

**Mary Hyland, 1VP**

To honor the passing of Past State President Sandra Berry on January 27, 2021, Epsilon Chapter members shared remembrances at Sandra's recent service. Chris O'Roak, who was nominated for membership by Sandra in 1984, read our Collect and spoke of Sandra's being wise and just, kind and understanding, good and true. How fitting for such an occasion! Mary Hyland read the remembrance written by Sharon Romanow, who was nominated for membership by Sandra in 1977. Sharon recalls that as well as being a dear friend, Sandra was a wonderful, gracious, and creative leader who encouraged Sharon to attend many conferences and conventions. Ilona Dubois honored her dear mother by sharing the many ways in which Sandra loved, learned, and led throughout her entire lifetime all under the guidance of her first love, Jesus. All three Epsilon sisters included gratitude for Sandra's always inspiring others to be better members and people. We invite you to celebrate her life with us at our virtual Spring Convention.

## **News from Second Vice President Priscilla McFarland**

Marketing DKG and our Chapters

I am more than ready for spring! We have been teased by the intermittent warmer temperatures in the 30s and 40s only to get our hopes dashed by plunging subzero temperatures after a day or two. I plan to celebrate the actual arrival of spring by going for longer, more frequent hikes.

Spring is a time of renewal and revitalization, and what better way to do this for DKG and our chapters than to develop a comprehensive marketing plan? Marketing consists of all the actions taken to promote, advertise, or sell a product. It is a worthy and necessary endeavor to promote DKG and our individual chapters in order to grow and sustain ourselves.

I recently revisited the 2019 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* (Volume 86-2) and the article "Exchanging Publicity for Marketing" from the DKG Communications and Marketing Committee. This committee changed the word "Publicity" in its name to "Marketing" in 2018 to "...expand...the purposes of communications about DKG and enhance... the Society's exposure, going beyond publicizing what we are doing to creating multiple impressions for a wider audience." Instead of only publicizing events and activities of your chapter after the fact, marketing is taking a proactive approach. You would market, or advertise, your event ahead of time to create increased interest and participation in it. You would then publicize how the event turned out soon after the fact. Publicity is a subset of marketing. But marketing DKG is not just about creating a buzz for our chapters' projects. We also need to get the word out about what DKG is.

The goal is name recognition for our organization and a positive impression of who we are and what we do. When DKG is more widely known to the general public, we should be able to get more support for our projects and more women interested in joining us.

The International website is a starting place for creating a plan to market DKG and your chapter. Go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and sign in. Click on *Resources* and then *C & M Tools*. Then Click on *Marketing Graphics*. There you will see a printable bookmark or graphic that sums up DKG's mission and vision and who the women of DKG are. Click on *Marketing Ideas* and you will find many ways to improve your publicity efforts and to market our Society.

Under "Practices for Improving Publicity," it is suggested that you request to be put on the agenda of a school board meeting to award a scholarship from your chapter to a student. You could also create displays about DKG with brochures available and place them in libraries or other public places. Periodically, place a snack basket or tray of cookies with DKG brochures and chapter contact information in teachers' lounges in local schools.

Under "How is your chapter marketing the Society?" it is suggested that members visit schools and talk about DKG, spread DKG brochures around, talk about DKG to other organizations, hold ceremonies to honor outstanding educators, offer free professional development with contact hours, and invite guests (prospective members) to meetings. Many other ideas for publicity and marketing can be found in this resource.

The DKG brochure "A Journey for Life" may be printed off the International website ([dkg.org](http://dkg.org)) from the *Resources* tab or can be obtained for free from the DKG store on the website. You may also contact President Donna Kennison who may have a supply of these to give to you.

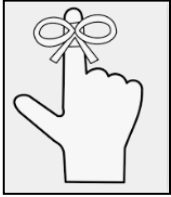
External marketing is making the world at large, or a specific, smaller target audience such as a Parent-Teacher group, aware of who and what DKG is. External marketing could be a concerted effort to have DKG and your chapter in the news on a regular basis. Publicize projects, scholarship opportunities, and your chapter's activities monthly, if possible. This could be done in newspapers, on social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc., and on radio or tv announcements. Don't forget about the tried and true use of elevator speeches. "*The Go-To Guide* (on the *Resources* tab of the International website) has a good sample elevator speech, or write your own based on your experiences as a DKG member." Each member in your chapter could make it a goal to give an elevator speech to a woman in education or any member of the public as a means of marketing, and perhaps recruiting.

Internal marketing is an effort to enlighten DKG members on the "...many benefits and opportunities..." available through our organization. The Emergency Fund, Scholarships, financial support for special projects, leadership training, conventions, Speakers Fund, and Schools for Africa are just a few topics about which your chapter's members may need more information. Members should also be educated about the bigger picture of DKG, including the 7 Purposes. A good resource to help in this effort is an article in the 2020 (Volume 87-2) issue of *Collegial Exchange* entitled "Exploring DKG Core Values." At a meeting of the 2019 DKGNext group, participants matched up the 7 Purposes of DKG and its mission statement to five core values: Collegiality, Philanthropy, Global Emphasis, Leadership, and Professional and Personal Growth. The article provides a description of each of these values which would be helpful in allowing members to formulate a deeper understanding of the 7 Purposes. The article could be used as a discussion starter at a chapter meeting and could serve as a means of assisting your chapter in planning activities that reflect the 7 Purposes.

All of the *Collegial Exchange* issues may be accessed on the International website under the *Publications* tab. It may be helpful to print out specific articles so each member has a copy to use in a chapter discussion.

I hope that individuals and chapters will step up your marketing efforts in the coming year.

## A Reminder for Chapter Presidents:



Report of the Death of a Member (Form 6) should be prepared by the chapter president or membership chair immediately upon the death of a member.

Copies are to be sent to:

International ([mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org))

State Treasurer Kathleen Sticht ([cashkatstate@gmail.com](mailto:cashkatstate@gmail.com))

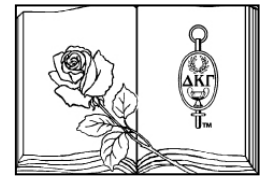
State Membership Chair Priscilla McFarland ([pmcfarland1227@gmail.com](mailto:pmcfarland1227@gmail.com))

It would also be helpful if chapters would send a copy of the obituary and information about the member's service to DKG and her career in education to the state membership chair as soon as possible so that there is material to use in the Celebration of Life booklet and for the Service of Remembrance (White Rose Ceremony.)

## In Memory of Our Sisters Who Recently Passed

### Gamma

**Priscilla Jean Allen** died on April 1, 2020. Priscilla was a member of DKG for 49 years. During her career in the Augusta schools, she taught second and fifth grades and worked as a speech therapist/clinician for K-12.



### Epsilon

Past State President **Sandra Ilona Berry** passed away on January 27, 2021. Sandra was a member of DKG for 52 years and served as state president from 1983-1985. During her career, she taught English, Math, Business, Typing, and Shorthand. She was a recipient of the Alpha Psi Achievement Award in 1992. Sandra has requested that any monetary gifts given in her memory go to Epsilon Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

### Mu

**Adele Silverman** departed this world on October 28, 2020. Adele was a member of DKG for 40 years. She taught elementary grades in Lewiston during her career. Mu remembers her dedication to their Read to Me Committee for which she raised substantial amounts of money and was instrumental in updating. She won the Yellow School Bus Award for her work with reading programs in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

## Alpha News:

Thanks to the initiative and creativity of our chapter co-presidents, Lisa Sawyer and Fawn Condon, Alpha sisters have been staying connected through a phone "calling tree". Following this well organized list, each of the dozen or so volunteers reaches out to 3 different members every month. In this way, each member gets a phone call from a different volunteer each month from December - May. We're actually learning a great deal about each other by chatting one-on-one and asking specific questions: favorite song? personal goal? It's FUN! It may not be quite the same as seeing each other face to face, but it has really helped us stay connected, supported, and engaged with each other as Alpha sisters!

The other wonderful thing that our co-presidents have initiated this year is a newsletter "Happenings in the Lives of our DKG Sisters". This includes responses shared during "calling tree" phone calls and is sent to all Alpha sisters via email every month. In this way, we all get a sense of what our friends are doing during this challenging time. As more and more of us get vaccinated, we hope we will be able to meet together before long; even at a 6' social distance it will be a treat! Until then, we're thankful for the efforts of our co-presidents, who work hard to keep us connected.

A special "shout-out" to our leadership at the state level as well. Donna Kennison has done a terrific job communicating and organizing virtual events! Thank you, Donna!

Behind the scenes, Alpha committees continue to be hard at work on recurring responsibilities and programs: Grant-in-Aid applications, Clara Soule outreach to shut-ins, etc. Covid-19 can't slow us down when there's work to be done and special milestone birthdays and memberships to acknowledge!

*Alpha sends out best wishes for good health to ALL our DKG sisters, here in Maine, across our own country and throughout the world!*

## **Epsilon News:**

During the Covid-19 winter, the Epsilon Chapter became a partner organization, along with about a dozen other local groups, in the Waldo Reads Together Project. This “One Book” concept was to choose a book and encourage many people in a geographic area to read and discuss it. In our case, the geographic area was Waldo County and the book was the 2020 Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. The project had a variety of goals: to combat social isolation in these Covid time, to conduct public discussions relating to diversity and race, and to bring attention to literacy and the importance of reading. One of our Epsilon members (Claudia Luchetti) joined the organizing committee for the project, helping to organize and lead discussion groups. Several other Epsilon sisters participated in reading the book and joining the discussions. Our involvement in the Waldo Reads Together Project not only helped us stay connected during these challenging times, but also helped us work on our Maine State Organization goal of becoming more visible in our community.

## **Gamma News:                      pivot and adjust**

If there are any words that most aptly describe the past year for the Gamma Chapter, it would be “pivot and adjust”. When COVID first hit and all in-person meetings were halted, we decided to pivot and adjust to meeting with ZOOM. This was a new experience for many, but our members were willing to step out of their comfort zone and gave this new program a try. As a result, we were able to continue with our business meetings throughout the year, using a combination of Zoom and in-person whenever possible. In September, with a pivot and adjustment, we were able to hold our Installation of Officers in-person, providing handmade masks for everyone and goodie bags with tea and treats to go. In December, we met via Zoom for our holiday gathering and enjoyed several fun activities, including seasonal show and tell, and a sing along. Looking ahead to spring, Gamma Chapter typically provides a “hands-on” workshop in April, but since that could not happen, we did one more pivot and adjust and will now be offering an exciting virtual trip to the Appalachian Trail. It’s been an interesting year, to say the least, but the resilience of our members has made the difference. We’re all looking forward to meeting with friends and enjoying a hug, but we also know that no matter what life throws at us, we will pivot and adjust!

## Lambda News:

Lambda has managed to meet each month during these difficult times. We are a small group, so we were able to distance ourselves during meetings. We focused on government during these meetings. We had guest speakers for town, Mary-Alice Look, county, Elizabeth Fitzgerald and state, Will Tuell, government. All three did a wonderful job and answered a lot of questions. Later we initiated Elizabeth Fitzgerald into Lambda, as she is a retired teacher. We had our last meeting of the year at the Bluebird Restaurant, in lieu of Christmas gifts, we donated to the Giving Tree, a local entity that helps families at Christmas time.

## Nu Chapter News:



Nu Chapter honored member **Jeanette Achorn** on October 15 with a pin commemorating her 55 years of membership. She was initiated into membership in Eta Chapter in 1965 and transferred to Nu Chapter in 2011, where she completed two terms as president. She also served as DKG State Research Chair. She taught for 33 years in three different MSAD 40 schools: Friendship Street, Miller Elementary and Prescott Memorial before retiring in 1988. She has volunteered at the Waldoboro Public Library and the Waldoborough Historical Society. At 90 years of age, she keeps busy with her current project of knitting 52 pairs of mittens for local children.

In December, members of Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma collected new toys to be donated to the Salvation Army in Rockland, ME for Christmas gifts for area children. We filled a grocery cart with toys! Pictured is Beth Chamberlin with Keith Davis, Salvation Army Captain.



**MU News:**

MU Chapter had its Executive Board outside at Maureen Downs' yard, in August, to discuss the upcoming year's activities. It was held in combination of social distancing, phone conferencing and zoom. Since then, we have had zoom meetings every month.

Our READ to ME project is still in full swing with Joyce Bucciantini assisting with purchasing and gathering books for schools in Androscoggin County. Teachers are so grateful for the amount and collection of books received.

We did not participate in the annual FEZTIVAL of TREES this year due to the pandemic. Our tree is usually decorated by our members with school supplies, backpacks, gift cards, etc. Our place is still reserved for next November.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Holiday Fair whereby we raise money for scholarships to be awarded to Androscoggin County seniors in the field of education. Mary Ryder held a raffle and donated money to our chapter...

Since we do a Christmas Project for needy families in the area, we decided to donate food gift cards to the families, instead. Sue Cornelius was in charge of the project and collected \$1620 gift donations. Needless to say, we were excited with the generosity of our members.

A special Holiday Zoom meeting was held in December organized by Crystal Ward, Rachel Nadeau and Joyce Bucciantini. It included exchanging of gifts, singing of Christmas carols, and the ever so popular Christmas trivia game. Members celebrated by sharing drinks and desserts as we enjoyed the spirit of Christmas.

We are taking a break from our February meeting and will return in March to decide how to honor our members' years of participation in DKG, our past chapter presidents and those who have unfortunately passed away this past year.

*Looking forward to reuniting with our fellow sisters of DKG in person. In the meantime, be safe and help each other.*

Maureen Downs MU chapter treasurer

**Omicron News:**

Omicron member Lisa Quatrone was named the 2020 Maine High School Teacher of Excellence by the National Council of Teachers of English. NCTE annually recognizes outstanding teachers of English language arts and literacy. Lisa was nominated for this well-deserved recognition by Dexter Regional High School librarian and fellow Omicron member Jayne Lello.



**Theta News:**

Despite the Pandemic, Theta was able to have 2 in-person meetings and 2 virtual meetings in the fall. We were pleased that our member Jackie Thurber, who currently resides in Michigan, was able to Zoom with us in December. We enjoyed hearing about her experiences with hybrid teaching.

We have been focused on updating our chapter's Bylaws, and it is still a work in progress. We will continue tackling this momentous task in the spring.

It has become our custom to collaborate with two other women's groups, BPW and AAUW, on a March meeting that features a presentation on an aspect of women's history. This year, due to Covid 19 concerns, we are instead encouraging members to access some relevant video presentations that are available on the Maine Women's Lobby website. The PBS documentary "Women's Labor: Then and Now" was one of the interesting programs available.

Theta plans to have an in-person meeting in April during which we will celebrate Theta's birthday, recognize members for various milestone years of membership, continue work on our Bylaws, and make plans for the rest of the year.

**Here is what **ETA** has been doing since last spring...**

Elaine Graviett, President

Due to Covid-19 and restrictions ETA has not meet in person since December of 2019. We were due to have our spring social gathering when the national shut down was instituted. Due to health concerns our members voted..by email...to only hold meetings virtually. One of our meetings included Donna Kennison. Any business, i.e. voting, was done by email. We decided to not give our annual Early Educator Scholarship this year. We did give our annual Bernice Colby Scholarship to a woman graduate from Morse High School who is pursuing a career in education. Sadly we lost a member this past fall.

Members have been trying to keep in contact with former teacher friends, lending an ear and being a patient listener to the frustrations of teachers this year. A few of us are teaching this year, some in the classroom and some at home with our grandchildren when they are not able to attend school.

As many of us are able to become vaccinated we are looking forward to having REAL meetings again.



## Delta News:

In Central Aroostook County, March has blown in like a lion! It didn't dampen our spirits though, we held our first ZOOM meeting of the new year enjoying a business meeting, as well as playing ZOOM games. We certainly enjoyed seeing Delta members we haven't seen since September. To stay in touch in the months in between, we played **Secret Card Santa** where those who played sent two anonymous Christmas cards to members, and then on the third card revealed who they were! We didn't forget our other members who didn't play; each received cards from an anonymous source, as well. In February, retired **Delta Valentine Cupids** mailed Valentine Cards of support to all our teaching members. A box of Valentine Candy appeared in school or home mailboxes. In

February, **Rachel Burden**, a long-time member of Delta turned 100 years old.

**Rena Kearney** was recently named one of three Community Service Volunteers for making a positive impact on her community through volunteerism and selfless acts.

**Elaine Hendrickson** is coordinating the Virtual S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Workshop for Maine DKG. **Ali Stone** will be presenting a workshop for STRETCH entitled "How to Design a STEM Project that Leaves Spaghetti and Marshmallows in the Dust." Last year's **Early Educator Grant** Recipient, Bobbi McCrum, a teacher at Central Aroostook High School in Mars Hill, updated us on how she used the grant to support her struggling students during the Pandemic. Delta is offering another grant this year that may help another teacher and her students. Delta members are looking forward to hopefully meeting in person in June after the wind and snow have disappeared!



## **Kappa News:**

### **Betty-Jane Stanhope Meader of Kappa Chapter Maine Women's Hall of Fame to honor 2020 & 2021 Inductees**

As an educator, Betty-Jane Stanhope Meader impacted and inspired young women and girls every day for 44 years, 41 of them at Thomas College. When she retired in 2012 she served a two-year term as state president of the American Association of University Women, an organization that has supported women and girls since 1881. Presently, she is the first diversity and inclusion chair on the AAUW of Maine board.

For the first six years of her retirement, Betty-Jane was a member of the Board of Visitors at the University of Maine at Farmington, her alma mater, and where she met her husband, Dick, the men's basketball coach at UMF. They have two sons, Lance, and Daren, and four grandchildren. Betty-Jane is a past state president and a present board member of the Maine Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and is currently the membership chair of the Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for key women educators. For seven years, Betty-Jane was a member of the Coalition/Alliance for Maine Women. Annually, she serves as a mentor at Girl's Day at the State House.

In addition, Betty-Jane has never forgotten her roots in Dover-Foxcroft. A 1964 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, she later served on the board of trustees for five years. In 2014, she received the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award "presented by the alumni and trustees in recognition of her many personal and professional achievements, which serve inspiration and encouragement to the students and graduates of Foxcroft Academy." Betty-Jane continues to support and Academy and its students, as well as other young people in Maine and beyond.

## **Nominations Committee Report**

Elaine Hendrickson

It is the charge of the Nominations Committee to present to the General Session at Spring Convention qualified nominees to serve as officers of Maine State Organization. The members of the Nominations Committee include Elaine Hendrickson-chair, Delta; Sharon Romanow, Epsilon; Beth Chamberlin, Nu; Janet Buck, Beta; and Toni Hamlin, Zeta. We are pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Mary Hyland, President - Epsilon  
Priscilla McFarland, First Vice President – Theta  
Rachelle Tome, Second Vice President – Gamma  
Venice Philbrick, Recording Secretary - Mu  
Rheba Michaud, Corresponding Secretary – Omicron

Thalia Webb, Alpha; Susan Stinchfield-Plaisted, Sigma; Mary Hammond, Lambda for a four-year term on the Nominations Committee

I would like to recognize **Janet Buck** and **Toni Hamlin** for their last four years of service.

*Thank you for your support of the Maine State Organization of DKG!*

## **The Nominations Committee is pleased to present...**



### **President: Mary Hyland, Epsilon**

Mary Hyland was initiated into Epsilon chapter in October 1996 and, in addition to other roles throughout the years, served as its president from 2006-2008. At the state level, Mary has served as Maine State Organization's scholarship chair, recording secretary, second vice president, and first vice president. One of the highlights of her DKG life is the incredible experience she had at the 2018 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin - two weeks of joyful camaraderie, intense learning, and even more intense heat! Mary was the recipient of the Alpha Psi State Scholarship in 2004 and 2005, which assisted her in completing her Master's Degree in literacy in 2006. While in public education, she taught grades K-8 in various positions including: teacher assistant in special education, Title I tutor, classroom teacher of grades 3-5, middle school language arts teacher, and teacher/consultant for gifted and talented educational services before "retiring" in 2012. Since "retirement," Mary worked as a Developmental Therapist for Discovering Kids of Bremen for eight years with preschoolers who exhibit behaviors on the autism spectrum. In January 2021, she accepted a position at Hope Elementary School as an Ed. Tech. III. She continues to serve as a one-on-one with children on the spectrum.

Mary received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from University of Maine at Farmington in 1982. She received her Master's Degree in Literacy from the University of Maine in 2006.

Mary has two married adult children and a grand-dog. She is a member of MEA-R and Chestnut St. Baptist Church in Camden where she serves as church clerk. Grateful to be a Farmington native and graduate of UMF, Mary and her husband now reside on Appleton Ridge in Searsmont, where life is relatively tranquil as they only talk about real retirement!



**First Vice President: Priscilla McFarland, Theta**

It has been Priscilla's honor to serve as the second vice-president on our state organization's Executive Board for this biennium following her stint as corresponding secretary. As she approaches her 11<sup>th</sup> year of membership in DKG, she has already served twice as president and as second and first vice-president of Theta chapter in the Ellsworth area. She enjoyed the education, stimulation, and fellowship during her attendance at the International Convention in Des Moines, Iowa in 2019 and at the Northeast Regionals in Portland and

Baltimore. The many Fall Workshops, Stretch Workshops, and State Conventions she attended over the last decade provided her with many enriching experiences. She had fun participating in the cross-border event in New Brunswick in the fall of 2019. In addition, it was exciting to be a presenter at two Fall Workshops and at a Stretch Workshop.

Priscilla holds a B.S. in Childhood Education from Florida International University and an M.S. in Educational Leadership from the University of Maine. Over the years she has taken on a number of leadership roles at both the school and district levels, including providing a number of staff development activities, participating on curriculum development and assessment committees, and facilitating her professional learning community. She was a presenter at an ATOMIM (Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Maine) workshop and co-led a series of math workshops in eastern Maine after training through Maine Math and Science Alliance. In addition, she was active in the local teachers' union, serving as both co-president and secretary over the years. She also was a delegate to the annual Representative Assembly of the MEA for several years.

After 39 years of teaching elementary school, Priscilla is enjoying her new life as a retiree. During her career, she served as a classroom teacher in grades 2-8, tutored, and worked in after-school programs. Nowadays she has more time to enjoy her favorite activities which include hiking with friends, swimming, trying out new recipes, researching her family's genealogy, reading, and listening to music. For the time being, she is relishing her life without a rigid schedule. Eventually, she plans to volunteer with a community nonprofit agency. When it is safe to do so, she would like to have some travel adventures!

**Nominations Committee: Thalia N. Webb, Alpha**

Thalia N. Webb became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chapter in 1995. She has been an active member of Alpha serving as Co-President, Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, and Parliamentarian. She has also served on the following chapter committees, History, Anniversaries, Ceremonies, Archiving and Chapter Rules. At the state level, Thalia has on the Clara Soule Committee (member, then Chairwoman) and was a member of the Nominations Committee. Thalia has consistently participated in serving her community by working at the local food bank, by being a member of the Kiwanis Club, and participating in the process of creating a cultural community center for her town. She is also an active member of Penobscot Retired Education Association, formally serving as Secretary and is now a member of the Scholarship Committee. Thalia received the MEA-R Leadership Award for Penobscot County. She has been married for 43 years and has three grand girls. Thalia and her husband love to travel.

**Nominations Committee: Mary Hammond, Lambda**

Mary joined Lambda Chapter in the fall of 2003. She has been President of Lambda for three terms and has held several other offices in her chapter. Mary is also the president of her local teachers' association, having held that office for a number of years. She received her teaching degree in 1976 from the University of Maine at Machias and a Master's in Education in 2000 from the University of Maine. She is still teaching in classroom teaching a combined of grades 1 and 2. Having taught for over 32 years, Mary hopes to retire next year. She and her husband, William, live in East Machias. They have two daughters who also live in the area, allowing them to see their 5 grandchildren often and enjoy the activities in which they are involved.



**Nominations Committee: Susan Stinchfield-Plaisted, Sigma**

Susan received her K-12 education in Winthrop, Maine. She started her degree program in Biological Sciences at the College of Education at UMO, graduating in 1968. Returning to Orono, she earned a Master's Degree in Education in 1977.

Susan began teaching in 1968 at Crosby Junior High School in Belfast, staying for 12 years. In 1980, she moved to Lake Region Junior/Middle Schools where she taught for 20 years. After retirement, she spent 3 years as a Mentor Coordinator for Northern New Hampshire Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Returning to Maine, Susan earned a Certification in Risk Management Assurance working in this field for three years. From 2005-2009 she taught high school chemistry in Rockport and Waldoboro.

During her career, Susan served as Team Leader at Lake Region, co-chaired many science fairs, and organized a solar car competition. She introduced National Junior Honor Society to Lake Region and received two recognitions of service in the district.

As a member of five different chapters, her service has included many committees and she twice followed the sequence of positions to become chapter president. Her state positions included: Professional Affairs Chair, Expansion Chair, and Nominations Committee; second, first, and finally State President from 2008-2011.

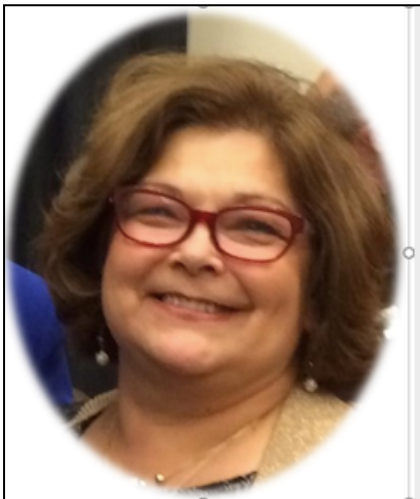
Her Maine State honors include: State scholarship recipient, recognition at the Portland, Maine NE Regional for starting the process of bringing the conference to Maine, and the best award of all, the Alpha Psi Achievement Award.

Susan is married to Rev. Robert Plaisted. She had two children with her first husband, Dr. Chad King. Her son, Tyler King, an educator for Jobs for Maine Graduates and his wife, Adria, make up her immediate family.

At present, her renewed hobby is sewing. So far, she has made 100+ COVID masks and two quilts for family and friends.

**Recording Secretary: Venise Philbrick, Mu**

Venise Philbrick is a 40-year resident of Greene and has taught special education in Mechanic Falls, Lewiston and Turner, Maine. She is a graduate of Lisbon High School and the University of Maine at Farmington with a dual degree in general education and K-8 special education. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University and has earned her National Board Certification in Special Education! Venise continues to be an active member of Mu Chapter where she has enjoyed serving as Chapter President and has been on numerous committees. During the 2018-2020 biennium of Elaine Hendrickson, she served as Assistant Treasurer. Venise has attended state conventions and workshops, as well as DKG International conventions. In her spare time, Venise enjoys spending time with her mother and siblings, as well as her two sons, their wives, and four grandchildren who range in age from 6-18. She loves walking on the beach looking for those treasures of sea glass, shells, sand dollars, and wish rocks the sea leaves behind. As many of us do, she also enjoys reading.

**Second Vice President: Rachelle Tome, Gamma**

Rachelle originally joined Gamma Chapter in 1988. After an extended hiatus, she rejoined in 2015. She has served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for her chapter and is currently serving as President. In addition to her contributions at the chapter level, Rachelle served as the Keynote for the 2014 State Convention and will be presenting at the 2021 March Stretch workshop.

Rachelle graduated from Brunswick High School in 1972 and USM in 1976. She later received her M.Ed. from USM in 1991 and her C.A.S from UMO in 2001.

She taught at the Marcia Buker School in Richmond for 18 years before moving on to MSAD #11 as an administrator for 7 years. In 2003, she joined the Maine Department of Education and served in various roles including Chief Academic Officer and for a short time as Acting Commissioner and Acting Deputy Commissioner until she retired 2017.

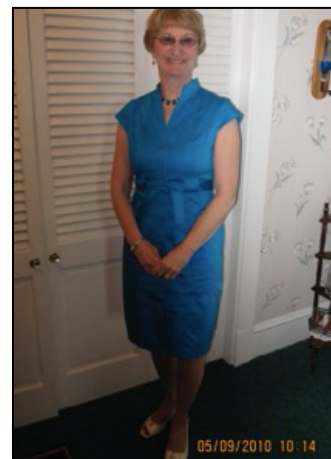
Throughout her career, Rachelle has been involved in numerous educational committees at the national, state and local levels, focusing on standards and curriculum, educator support and evaluation, technology, student support and school improvement, and assessment. She currently serves on the MSAD #75 School Board, is a supervisor for teaching interns at USM, and is involved with Count Me In and the Maine Teacher of the Year initiative.

Rachelle and her husband live in Bowdoinham. They have two children and five grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family and exploring walking trails with friends. She loves to sew and sing. Rachelle also enjoys volunteering and currently delivers food for the community's Backpack Program. As with many of us, she hopes to travel when things return to normal, including a family trip to Disney World that had to be postponed.

### **Corresponding Secretary: Rheba Michaud, Omicron**

Rheba has been a member of Omicron since 1984. She has served as vice president and president twice, as well as the chair of many committees. At the state level, Rheba chaired the History, Scholarship, and World Fellowship Committees. She and Dawn McPherson-Allen introduced the World Fellowship Baskets that have become so popular today.

Graduating from Gardiner Area High School, Rheba went on to receive her Bachelor of Science from Aroostook State College (now the University of Maine at Presque Isle) in 1969. She received her Master's Degree in 1990 and Certificate of Advanced Study in 1995 from the University of Maine. Her teaching career began at Charleston Elementary School, grades 5-8, from 1969-1974. This was followed by 39 years at SeDoCha Middle School in grades 6, 8. While teaching, Rheba presented at a number of Middle Level Conferences and wrote articles for Middle Level Magazine. She was honored as the Teacher of the Year at SeDoCha Middle School in 1990 and as the Middle Level Teacher of the Year in 2020. She retired in 2013.





Rheba and her husband, David of 52 years reside in Dover-Foxcroft. Since retiring they have travelled to Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand. She loves to dance, read, and do puzzles. In the summer she enjoys being outside in her gardens, walking, and visiting with her friends and family. Rheba has three daughters and five grandchildren.

In her spare time, Rheba volunteers for her church and local Food Cupboard. She has been president of the Piscataquis County Retired Teachers and the MEA-Retired Teachers Convention chair for the past two years. As with many others, she hopes that all of us will stay in good health, especially during COVID.

## United Nations

Nancy Grover, Liaison to the United Nations for Alpha Psi Maine

Last year, February 28, 2020, Friday , I was attending the CTAUN conference **War No More** at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC leaving New York for my home in Maine , I would be learning about COVID 19 that is changing New York and the World and our lives.



For more information about the Delta Kappa Gamma at the United Nations: Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Next CLICK: About us. SELECT: DKG/UN relationships.

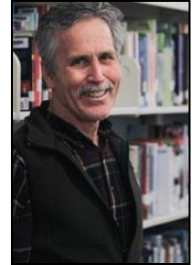
Peace and Hope to each of you at this time in the World

**2021 Virtual S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Workshop  
Teachers Rock**

**March 20, 2021, 9:00-3:15**

**March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, 2021, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Please join us to S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Teaching Strategies at this year's professional development workshop offered by Maine State Organization. The event will be virtual to ensure everyone's continued safety. The format has changed to be able to offer eight quality presentations. March 20<sup>th</sup> will begin with Teacher/Author, Tom Wells. Tom is a retired educator who has authored the book, [Dear Mr. Wells, His Students Speak](#). He will share with us why teachers play such a valuable role in our students' lives. During his presentation, he will be gathering your stories about teaching during the Pandemic for his second book.



Tom's keynote address will be followed immediately by Ruby Parker from the Maine Resilience Building Network who will present science-informed techniques to help your students who have suffered trauma to flourish. Jim Moulton, an Educational Technology and Project Based Learning Consultant, will share how you can implement project-based or challenge-based learning in your classroom. Rachelle Tome of Gamma and her colleague, Susan Lieberman from Count ME In will tackle the problem of absenteeism in our schools.

Four more opportunities to S-T-R-E-T-C-H will be available on the next four consecutive Wednesday evenings. On the first Wednesday, Melanie Ruark, former Maine State DKG president, will share with you how she has restructured her Reading and Writing Workshop in a virtual environment. Winner of the Apple Distinguished Educator, Dan Ryder, on the following Wednesday will share how he engages his students in critical thinking and problem-solving using content knowledge in exciting ways. Delta member, Ali Stone, the Project Manager for Kessler Science, will show you how to create a STEM project that is "better than spaghetti" on the third Wednesday. Finally, on the Wednesday before April vacation, Melanie Ruark, will provide you with recipes and tips to make your own home cleansers and remedies.

What better way to reenergize and bring new ideas back to your classroom! The best part is you can attend for FREE and earn 1.5 contact hours for each session you attend. Pick one or two or pick them all! The registration packet can be found on our Maine State Organization Website: <https://dkgmaine.weebly.com/pd-opportunities.html> Please feel free to email me ([elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com)) with any questions or for the registration packet. Be sure to encourage other educators you know to attend!



## News from DKG New Brunswick, Canada

Members of DKG NB have focussed on membership during the winter months. Thanks to an idea from Maine, we have a DKG Secret Pal Card Project that encourages members to contact another with a monthly secret card or note. The big reveal is planned for later in the spring.

We have created a Facebook Page under the name DKG-New Brunswick, Canada. Members have been posting testimonials about how DKG has impacted their lives both professionally and personally. You are welcome to join our Facebook group by posting a request for admission on the page.

**We welcome all our DKG Maine Sisters to join us for our virtual Spring Convention.** Please email President Margie Goodin [goodin1265@rogers.com](mailto:goodin1265@rogers.com) to register and receive the agenda. You will be sent a Zoom invitation link. There is no cost.

### DKG New Brunswick - Spring Convention

#### *Preserving NB's Heritage*

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

DKG International Guest: Nita Scott

Influential Woman Award Recipient: Kate Rogers

Guest Speaker: Robin Hanson

Robin Hanson is a painter, sculptor, carver, poet, playwright, author, and environmental activist. He has won several awards including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award. His museum in French Lake, NB includes artifacts and paintings relating to the history and culture of NB.