

# Alpha Chi of Pi State

## Musings from your President



Our newly elected President's first official business meeting



The President acknowledges summer birthdays with some Peruvian puppets!



### Pi State Educ. Foundation

One tax-deductible \$25 donation and you're good for life!



### Programs and Service

Please visit our website: <http://alphachiny.weebly.com/>



**Chapter Growth**  
Tell a friend, invite a colleague, share the wealth. DKG is something special!

## Alpha Chi

Notes from Vicky in beautiful downtown Stittville . . .

Whether well into an exciting school year or a rousing retirement, as clocks fall back and all fly forward with the first hints of woodsmoke, frosted cars, and snow-capped mums, please squeeze-in a moment to consider our goals:

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### PI STATE EDUC. FOUNDATION

Goal: 100% participation

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### PROGRAMS AND SERVICE

We can, and do, make a difference.

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### CHAPTER GROWTH

Great people!  
Great programs!  
Great opportunities!

## Alpha Chi out and about

Presentations, planning sessions, a super-successful garage sale, lots of learning, and just plain fun!

Candy and Coffee sales are booming! Special thanks to our chairs Andrea Rounds and Colleen Jackson, respectively.

Our double-donation\* September 10th Garage Sale netted \$1,379.55 for scholarships and service. *\*member-donated items and \*shopper-donated payments!*



Another amazed garage-saler calling in a hot tip on yet one more great find!



On October 26th, Dr. Andy Lopez-Williams, a clinical and forensic neuropsychologist, addressed a packed house of 60+ area educators at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES in New Hartford. Founder of *ADHD & Autism Psychological Services and Advocacy*, Dr. Lopez-Williams presented an excellent overview of the many facets of Autism. You may reach him at [www.AAPSA.net](http://www.AAPSA.net) and 315.732.3431.

A big thank-you to Heidi and her family for providing, setting-up, and taking down our most elegant garage sale tent!

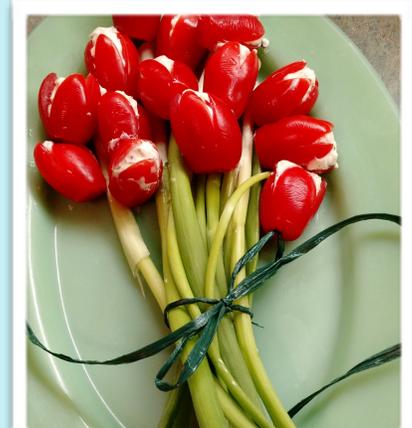
*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.* Sydney J. Harris

## AN INVITATION

I am honored, humbled, and green at being your President. Already I have had wonderfully delightful assistance and guidance, the most recent of which included a gently mindful nudge toward contacting you all on a somewhat regular basis via a newsletter. (Ta-Da!) In turn, I ask that you please contact me with your thoughts, ideas, complaints, critiques, suggestions, hot stock tips, and cool candy recipes at [vicky@dreamscape.com](mailto:vicky@dreamscape.com) anytime. You may also find me at 315.865.8285 (home with Mr. Jim, Rudy, and ~ when back east from Seattle ~ Kerkira) and at 315.525.2779 (voice/text most anywhere else).

I thank-you, Sisters all!

*Vicky*



## Petals

*A section for member honors, thoughts, thanks, get-well wishes, memories, and more. Everyone is part of this celebration. Please send your ideas to me at [vicky@dreamscape.com](mailto:vicky@dreamscape.com).*

Special get-well wishes to Char as she recovers from surgery. You may send cards and treats (no small animals, please) to Charlene Castelletti at home at 119 Clarion Drive, Whitesboro, NY 13492

Welcome to Janis Fiore, our newest member, inducted at our summer picnic ~ and special thanks to our summer hostess, Diane Pabes!

Jean and I represented our chapter at the Pi State Executive Board meeting in Fairport (Rochester area) October 14-15. With so much to learn and know, this is the place to be! Jean presented as Chair of Standing Rules and By-Laws; I found myself playing the piano and flute (successively). Together with Terri, we three attended the North Central Area Council



meeting August 25th where great plans are underway for an exciting fall 2017 program.

Upcoming Alpha Chi projects include providing holiday cheer for seniors at area nursing homes. You may drop off your gifts and treats at the Trenton Town Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 November 19th so seven sister elves may prepare these Christmas bundles!

Cold, dreary, wintry days ahead? Sounds like a great time to visit our chapter website (link on page 1) for a bit of sunshine! You'll enjoy photos (including the great composites in this newsletter), facts, history, our calendar, and events past, present, & to come! Many thanks to Mary Sundberg, our webmaster extraordinaire!

## IN MEMORIAM

Our colleague, mentor, sister, and friend, Wanda Goodrow, passed on to her next great assignment November 10th, 2016. Wanda joined Alpha Chi in 1966, recently being recognized, honored, and thanked for her fifty years of faithful membership and dedicated service. Wanda's acerbic insight, straight talk, sharp mind, and caring heart will be missed by all. As of this writing, Wanda's family is planning a spring 2017 memorial service. I imagine Miss Wanda is already organizing the inter-stellar community of book lovers, deep thinkers, caring teachers, gentle activists, and straight talkers in ways they have yet to experience...

## ... a few more Petals

Mystery picture: Be the first one to send me an email with the story of the page 1 mystery photo subject & win a Peruvian finger-puppet!

Special thanks to Joanne Truman for hosting a delightful summer gathering on her island in the south Pacific...oh, the north St. Lawrence!



Alpha Chi will be sending a much-needed financial gift to support *Centro de Education Basica Alternativa*, the school for the deaf near Arequipa I visited while participating in a five-week Fulbright-Hayes Seminar touring and studying pre-K through university educational centers throughout Peru.

Nu chapter invited Alpha Chi to attend a delicious dinner buffet at the Franklin Hotel in Rome, featuring speaker Karen Winters Schwartz, an author whose novels focus on mental illness. Ms. Schwartz is the president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Syracuse.



Look forward to a special Christmas gathering December 29th at *The Oak and Ivy* in Rome for high tea or dinner during the holidays!

## Reaching our goal:

A lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is yours for a single \$25 tax deductible donation. Through this foundation, chapters may apply for grants to support literacy and learning projects. Donations may also be made in honor and in memory of friends and colleagues. Please visit <http://www.dkgnystate.org/pi-state-educational-foundation.html> for more information.

**NU CHAPTER LAUNCHED ALPHA CHI AS A PARALLEL CHAPTER ON JUNE 15TH, 1962.**

*This coming spring (2017),  
we'll be celebrating Alpha Chi's 55th anniversary ~  
Let's make this our best year ever!*