

# DKG

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DKG flourishes upon you.

DKG has as one of its goals excellence. Nature exhibits excellence beyond compare. This is an example of a Seven Sisters Rose where the roses are in clusters of seven or even ten roses in the shape of a corsage. These rose bushes are around a hundred years old, and are climbers. We have one in our yard that was my grandmother's from two generations ago. It is truly my wish that you are all enjoying nature this summer, the excellence of its bounty, and the excellence that

Deborah Bedard, our new Pi State President for the 2015 to 2017 biennium, through her efforts invites us to "celebrate the invitation of our membership in Delta Kappa Gamma International." She invites us to solve problems across the spectrum especially those involving Common Core issues, and those issues involving APPR Evaluations. Through Pi State seminars and conferences she intends to provide workshops and programs plus professional credit hours that satisfy what is needed by our membership.

Our monetary funding of our member scholarships has always been and will continue to be \$100. This was started about 5 years ago and still consists of the following criteria:

1. These scholarships support a member's professional and personal growth.
2. Supports the education of children or adults.
3. Supports the advancement of women's rights.

The scholarship forms will be available at our next meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Eileen Bates has been accepted in our chapter by a unanimous vote. She will attend orientation sometime in early September. Her initiation will take place at our October meeting. Congratulations to her on her acceptance.

Our future meetings cover both 2015 and 2016. They are:

**Summer Picnic.** Our summer picnic will be held at Diane Pabes's house in Little Falls on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M.

**Idea and Resource Exchange:** Sharing resources and ideas that work and support the common core curriculum. It will be held October 7 at the Trenton Municipal Building in Barnevald at 4:30 P.M.

**Pi State North Central Conference.** This conference will be held Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Cazenovia. This conference will feature many programs including a workshop by Terri Palmiero and Barb Quinn. We will visit the Cazenovia Museum and tour the Lorenzo Historic House. Lunch will be served at the Brae Loch Inn. Make plans to join us. Details and a registration form will follow as the time grows nearer.

**Common Core - Testing and teacher evaluations.** This program will be held on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. in the Trenton Municipal Building. Our member administrators will give an informal presentation.

**Holiday Social Event** – “A touch of England in Central New York.” This will be held Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M. at the Oak and Ivy Bed and Breakfast in Rome.

**Dinosaur Artifacts** – How Do We Know What We Have Learned about the Dinosaurs. This will take place on March 3, 2016 at Oneida County BOCES. The time will be announced.

**Talent Sale and Auction.** The date is Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. It will probably be held at the Radisson.

**May Birthday Dinner.** Our dinner will be held on May 5 at Alee's Restaurant. Cocktails will be at 5:00 P.M., and initiation of new members and installation of officers will occur at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00 followed by our speaker.

**Summer 2015 Outing Report.** Our chapter participated in a Summer Outing to the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Some of the artists that were featured were Winslow Homer, George Inness, John Singer Sargent and Andrew Wyeth.

Our next activity began in Sharon Springs where we ate a delicious lunch at the Black Cat Café. Then we traveled down to the Roseboro which dates back to the 1850s. Ron Ketelsen purchased the hotel as late as October of 2014. He has great plans to restore it.

After our tour of the Roseboro we visited the Historical Society and a one room school house.

We finished our day long excursion at the Beekman Mercantile.

**Jervis Library** – Have you ever been to Rome’s historic Jervis Library? Stop in next time and check out the Children’s Room where you will find Alpha Chi’s name in three places! We have been participating in the library’s Adopt a Shelf Program for over 5 years, and are proud to help maintain 3 shelves of junior fiction books. This small, but important, ongoing service project requires a constant stream of volunteers, so contact Cindy if you’d like to help out.

**Service/Fundraising** – Know of a needy organization or program? Have an idea for a worthwhile community service activity? The Service/Fundraising Committee always welcomes ideas for potential chapter projects, whether they are large or small in scope. If you have a suggestion or would like to participate in our committee’s planning, contact chairperson Cindy Killian.

**Membership** – Have you ever sponsored a new Alpha Chi member? You don’t have to be actively working to come in contact with prospective DKG members; exemplary women educators can be found among newly retired teachers and educators working for corporations or hospitals. They may be college instructors, therapists, or school administrators who attend your gym, your church, or your neighborhood get-togethers. Consider inviting a key woman educator to an upcoming meeting to see what Alpha Chi is all about.

## **Chapter News**

Congratulations to Janet Lascurettes who was married on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish her many happy years.

Laura Dutton received her doctoral degree in education from Russell Sage College. Congratulations to Laura for all of her hard work.

Our Recording Secretary, Andrea Rounds and her husband welcomed their second grand-Child, Evan David Saccocci who was born May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Birthdays (summer)**

Janet Lascuertes	June 4
Elizabeth Bottini	June 7
Nancie Cooney	June 17
Gail Spadafora	August 9
Dorene Clarkin	August 12

**“Did you know only 1 in 10 figures in modern American history books is a woman?”**

This quote is taken from a pamphlet published by the National Women’s History Museum.  
(No date given)

