



News wheel



*"Each of us can be compared to a spoke in a wheel.
Without each spoke functioning well, our wheel won't turn."*

Effects of Technology:

Students demonstrate how they use technology to learn

A talented group of Hilton elementary students met with Alpha Alpha Chapter members on November 4 to demonstrate how they were using their iPads in class and for homework assignments. The youngsters are participating in the district's "1:1 iPad Project," which provides each student in grades 5-12 with an iPad for his/her use, in school and out, 24/7. The project is being implemented two grade levels at a time, and this year is up to grades 5-9.

In her introduction, Alpha Alpha 2nd Vice President Lori Burch described the professional development provided for teachers to support the

project, and shared a video message about the program from Hilton Superintendent of Schools David Dimbleby. Lori serves as Hilton's Instructional Technology Specialist.

To lead the discussion, the students were seated one or two per table, so that during the presentation and discussion segment, Alpha Alpha members and guests could listen to them, ask questions, and learn how this technology is changing instruction, home practice, class work, and research. One observer noted, "We had the BEST and most enthusiastic teachers!"

RIGHT: Joy Kinz listens to a young presenter explain how he uses his iPad. Presenters and adults were able to informally discuss how technology is changing the teaching/learning process.

LOWER RIGHT: One of our 'teachers' for the iPad session.

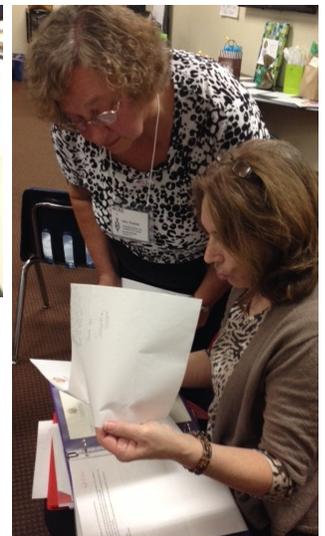
BELOW: A fifth grader is very pleased to show us all his iPad can do.

Photos by Donna Noble



Right: Alpha Alpha Secretary Mary Ann Geonie (seated) and Eileen Wuethrich consulting.

BELOW: The silent auction, held during the November 4 session to raise funds for the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowships fund, was also fun. The one-pound mystery packages donated by members helped to raise almost \$200,000 for the fund.



From our President

Dear Alpha Alpha Members,



Pam Eberhardt

And a good time was had by all who attended our meeting at Hilton High School on November 4. The session included small-group demonstrations by 5th & 6th grade students who are enjoying and benefiting from their personal iPads provided by the school district.

It was great to see students and their parents so enthusiastic about learning through technology. They will certainly be prepared to deal in this new world of ours! Thank you to Lori Burch and everyone who pitched in and helped with this meeting.

Congratulations and thanks to Annie Tran for her first solo Treasurer's Report!

Also at the November meeting, \$195 was raised by the Pound Auction for the World Fellowships Fund. If there are any other contributions, please send them to Annie Tran as soon as possible.

The West Central meeting at the Avon Inn was a great success with over 60 DKG members in attendance. Look for the Postcard History Series book by John & Sue Babbitt, Genesee River.

If you are not yet on the list to receive weekly updates on issues in the field of education, please let Judy Wadsworth know. She puts together a well-done summary of current concerns and events and is happy to add your email address to her distribution list.

Let me know if you would like to have a Pi State Directory on disk. They will be made as needed and will be \$3.00 to cover cost and materials.

Plans are moving forward for our 60th year campaign for raising \$6000 for our scholarship funds. An update on this effort appears on page 3. An evening of wine, food, and entertainment is in the works along with a walking program – stay tuned! If you would like to be on this committee, please let co-chairs Bridget Bishop and Linda Kotwas know.

Our December meeting at the MAG and Rosemary Callard-Szulgit's home promises to be something really special and I hope to see you there.

Pam



<http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org>

Remaining 2014-15 Alpha Alpha Meetings

Sunday, December 14 1:30 pm	Holiday Organ Recital, Tour, & Social Event (Arts & Music) – Memorial Art Gallery & Home of Rosemary Callard-Szulgit
Saturday, January 24 9:30 am	How social media have impacted politics (Legislative Committees of Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta) - Wilson Formal Commons, St. John Fisher College
Wednesday, March 25 5:30 pm	Helen E. Quinn Award Dinner Ridgmont Country Club
Wednesday, May 6 5:30 pm	Founders' Day, 60 th Anniversary, Member Initiation (History & Membership) - Lakeshore Country Club
Saturday, May 30 9:00 am	Annual Alpha Alpha Awards Breakfast (Awards & Scholarships) - New York Room, Cooper Hall, College at Brockport

2014-2015 *Newswheel* deadlines

Publication of *Newswheel* is related to the chapter meeting schedule, to promote upcoming events and to report on those that have just occurred. The remaining *Newswheel* deadlines for this program year are:
December 15, January 31, March 29, May 9, June 14.

A message from Betty Vary

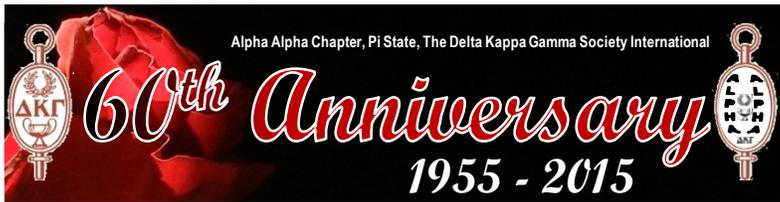
Dear Alpha Alpha sisters,
What a great caring message you sent me from the first meeting of the new year! What a joy it would be to be able to travel to attend such a meeting! But I felt my spirit there among you. I am so grateful that you remember me, and so grateful that my daughter is taking this dictation. With loving thoughts and loving memories,
Betty

Birthdays

Say "Happy Birthday" to these Alpha Alpha members in the near future:

- November
- 1 Eileen Wuethrich
 - 6 Joy Kinz
 - 6 Eunice Chesnut
 - 9 Judy Wadsworth
 - 10 Mary Ingersoll
 - 15 Sue Genthner
 - 19 Christine Murray
 - 20 Faith Prather
 - 21 Janet Winter
 - 25 Dina D'Aiuto

- December
- 8 Frances Moroney Whited
 - 19 Aggie Seneway
 - 22 Debbie Koster
 - 29 Lori Burch



\$6,000 for our 60th Campaign News

We received a very generous donation from Betty Vary in the amount of \$360. We also collected \$165 from our October pumpkin raffle. So we are on our way!!!

At the November 4th meeting, a motion was passed to have our annual Holiday giving go toward our campaign this year. In President Pam Eberhardt's December holiday letter she will suggest contributions be made in support of our Bishop, Sherwood, Vary awards. Donations are tax deductible if checks are made payable to FLACE. A form in support

of these contributions will be included in the mailing. Other fundraisers that are in the planning stages are: "Steps for Scholars" and a wine tasting event to be held next September.

The committee will meet at noon on December 3rd at Brook Lea Country Club. If you would like to join this committee please get in touch with Bridget Bishop (585 637-2422 or meanmom5@rochester.rr.com) or Linda Kotwas (585-755-8778 or lmkotwas@aol.com).

West Central Area chapters meet in Avon

Delta Kappa Gamma members from six chapters in our region gathered at the Avon Inn on October 25 for networking and a review of Pi State initiatives. Featured speakers were John and Sue Babbitt, co-authors of *Genesee River*, which features old postcards depicting the history of the land and development along the full length of the

Genesee. They hosted a virtual trip on the Genesee River by sharing personal narratives and readings from their book. For nine months, the Babbitts followed the river from its source in Gold, PA, to its mouth in the Charlotte area of Rochester, as they put together this history of the Genesee River.



Photo by Donna Noble

LEFT: Shown at the registration table are Bridget Bishop, Dr. Jane Hogan, Jeanette Banker, and Elaine Leshnow. Dr. Hogan handled introductions during the meeting; the other three pictured are members of Alpha Alpha Chapter.



Photo by Bridget Bishop

RIGHT: Presenters John and Sue Babbitt (left and right) with Pi State First Vice President Deborah Bedard with copy of the Babbitts' book which they presented to her.

BELOW : Sue Genthner, Pi State Communications Chair; Former Pi State Presidents Jeanne Schenk and Wanda Ward; Gretchen Hughes and Sheila Brady-Root raising funds for Pi State scholarships.



Photo by Bridget Bishop



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America's **myth** vs **FACT** public schools:

Public schools have long been seen as the great equalizer and bastion of democracy. Media coverage would have Americans believe that their public schools are failing and need to be replaced. This column will present the other side of the story—to look at the successes of our public schools, the real issues they face, and the untruths being used to smear them.
- Judy Wadsworth, Editor

A survey conducted earlier this year found that support for the Common Core State Standards is slipping nationwide. The survey was conducted by **Education Next**, a magazine that supports the current regime of education reform via the Common Core, evaluating teachers by student test scores, standardized testing to be done electronically in the near future, closing schools, and supporting charters and vouchers.

The graph seen at the right shows that the support is diminishing among diverse populations. This loss of support is largest among teachers, whose approval rating dropped from 76% to 46% in just one year as teachers became exposed to Common Core implementation. The report also found that among teachers there was a huge increase in opposition, from 12% to 40% in the same time period.

The dwindling support for CCSS does not mean that respondents don't want any national education standards. When asked about the notion of common national education standards without mentioning the Common Core, support was at 68%.

SOURCE:
Michael Henderson, Paul E. Peterson, and Martin R. West.
"Program on Education Policy And Governance Survey 2014."
Education Next. 2014.
<http://educationnext.org/files/2014ednextpoll.pdf>

Pi State awards deadline coming

Pi State offers a number of Awards, Grants-in-Aid, Scholarships, and Stipends.

You or a project of yours may be eligible for Pi State support or recognition.

The deadline for nominating recipients or applying for support this year is March 1, 2015.

To learn more go to

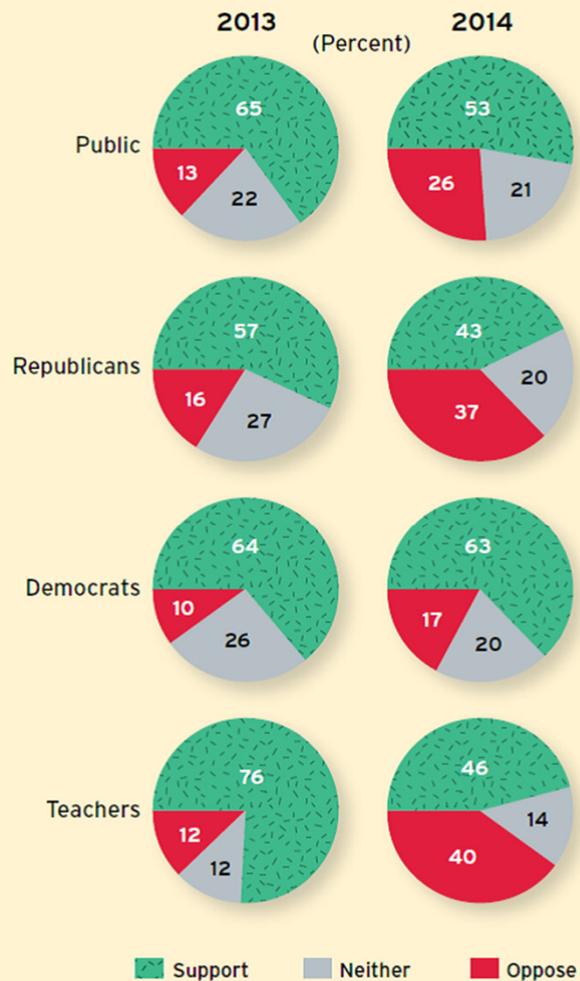
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Reformers claimed that Common Core was universally supported, but...

Support for Common Core has dropped in past year

While Common Core Support Slipped, a Majority of the Public Remains Favorable (Figure 1)

Opposition is growing among Republicans and among teachers.



Question: As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

SOURCE: The 2014 EdNext Survey

Helen E. Quinn



Service to Education Award

Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award

Alpha Alpha Charter Member Helen E. Quinn was the chapter's second president.

She taught West Irondequoit elementary and junior high students before becoming a counselor and guidance coordinator for the district.

This award was established in her memory.

The Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award honors a woman who has a record of service to education in a professional and/or volunteer capacity, and who is not a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

Presentation of this award will be at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 5:30 PM at the Ridgemont Country Club. Nominee must attend the dinner to receive the award.

If you know someone who fits this description and deserves this recognition, please complete and return the nomination form below, with your rationale on a separate page, by **DECEMBER 6, 2014** to: Committee Chair Sarisa Zoghlin at [Sarisa@rochester.rr.com](mailto: Sarisa@rochester.rr.com) or 1132 West Avenue, Hilton, NY 14468



Nomination Form

Name of Candidate _____ Phone _____

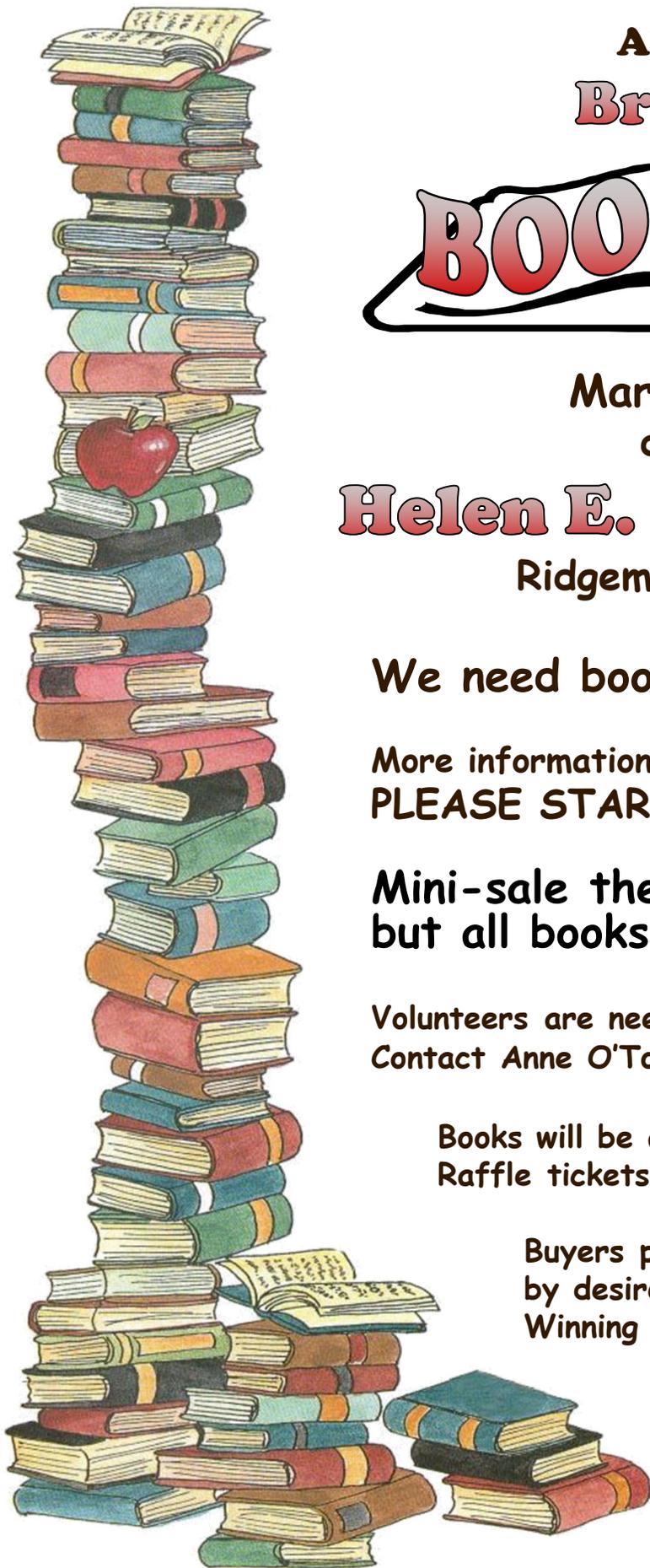
Address _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

On a separate page, please provide rationale for your recommendation. Include information regarding professional and volunteer contributions and in what capacity. Include a descriptive statement as to how the candidate has demonstrated service to education.

Decisions will be made on information you supply, by members of the Helen E. Quinn Award Committee, chaired by Sarisa Zoghlin, after the December 6 deadline. Nominee must attend the March 25 dinner to receive the award.

Nominated by _____ Phone _____





Alpha Alpha
Bring & Buy

BOOK SALE

March 26, 2015

during our

Helen E. Quinn Dinner

Ridgemont Country Club

We need books, lots of books!!!

More information to follow, but...

PLEASE START SAVING BOOKS NOW.

**Mini-sale theme: bios/memoirs,
but all books appreciated**

Volunteers are needed to help during the sale.

Contact Anne O'Toole at aotoole0613@gmail.com

Books will be available by raffle.

Raffle tickets will be sold 6 for \$5.00.

Buyers place raffle tickets in bags
by desired books.

Winning tickets are drawn from the bags.

Proceeds benefit the Rochester
strand of the Alpha Alpha
Awards Fund.

Additional \$\$\$ contributions
are appreciated.



Performance at the MAG
Italian baroque organ

Alpha Alpha Art & Music Committee presents –

ART, MUSIC, & FUN

A social gathering not to be missed

Start at the MAG
1:00 – 1:30 pm:
Italian Baroque
Organ Concert
 2nd Floor Fountain Court
 (repeated at 3:00 pm)

Sunday, December 14, 2014
Memorial Art Gallery (MAG)
& Home of Rosemary
Callard-Szulgit

1:30 – 2:15 pm:
Tools for a Lifetime
of Looking
Presented by Susan Daiss

Susan Dodge-Peters Daiss is a Senior Associate holding a joint appointment in the University of Rochester's School of Medicine Division of Medical Humanities and Bioethics and the school's Memorial Art Gallery. Previous to her current appointment early in 2014, she served 26 years as Director of Education at the MAG. She is also an honorary member of Alpha Alpha Chapter.



Susan Dodge-Peters Daiss leading a discussion of art with a group of medical professionals at the U of R.

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Open House & Refreshments

at the home of

Rosemary Callard-Szulgit

79 Nunda Blvd., Rochester, 14610
 (off of Winton Rd. South of 490E)

Donation of Holiday
Cookies Welcome.

Call Judy Cantleberry
 225-9066 or
 Rosemary Callard-Szulgit
 201-1505 if you plan to
 attend this get together.

While at the MAG, you can also view

Golden Legacy

65 years of Golden Books

Reservation Form for MAG Portion of Event

Registration is required. To register, complete and send this form with your **payment of \$5** with **additional \$5 for Gallery Admission if not a MAG member by December 10, 2014.** Send this form with check payable to **Alpha Alpha** (see below).

Name _____ Phone _____

I plan on attending the MAG Tour on Dec. 14, 2014 at 1:30 pm and Open House 3:00

I am a member of the Memorial Art Gallery with free **admission** _____ (**\$0**) **OR**

I am **enclosing \$5 for the special admission cost** to the gallery. _____ (**\$5 each**)

Registration cost for the event _____ (**\$5 each**)

Guest _____

Total enclosed _____

Send to: Valerie Clark, 174 Hazelwood Terrace, Rochester, 14609.

For more information, contact Valerie at vdjphilly@gmail.com or 288-8753.



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November 2014

Judy Wadsworth, Editor
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**Alpha Alpha questions?
Seek answers at
<http://WWW.dkgalphaalpha.org>**

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Thank you from RCSD School of Inquiry

Principal Sheela Webster and English Teacher Shelly Davis of Rochester's School of Inquiry (#58) attended the West Central Area Conference on October 25 in Avon to thank us (especially the members of the former Alpha Xi chapter, who "adopted" the school). They shared that their school had received a Delta Kappa Gamma Education Foundation 50th Anniversary Grant, and described how it was being used to "...bridge the gap in literacy and assist students in becoming college ready." The grant has been used to purchase books for students and teachers; field trips to campuses and colleges; outward bound-type experiences; and writing personal narratives. They shared examples of student writing as well.



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NEXT NEWSWHEEL DEADLINE: December 15

At any time, please forward items you'd like included in the *Newswheel* to the editor at the email address listed above.



Winter clothes for immigrant families

Students and families at the **Rochester International Academy** are going to experience their **FIRST WINTER** very soon! Please help by donating any gently used **hats, scarves, gloves, boots, jackets, etc.** for these well-deserving and needy families! Donations can be brought to the next meeting, or dropped off or picked up by Annie Tran! For more information, please contact Annie Tran at 585-406-3706. Thank you!