

Alpha Alpha Chapter, PI State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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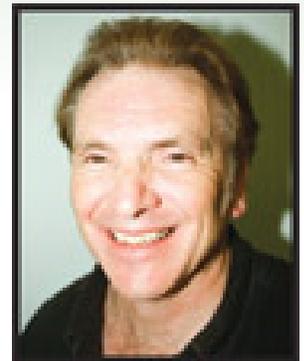
Alpha Alpha Awards Benefit to feature 'Schmitt Happens'

**The "SCHMITT HAPPENS" CABARET SHOW....
FEATURING THE TWIN KEYBOARD SOUNDS
AND VOCAL STYLINGS OF JIM & DEBBIE SCHMITT...
will entertain participants at the September 25 Alpha Alpha Awards
Benefit at Mayer's Lake Ontario Winery near Hilton.**

"Schmitt Happens" is a musical nostalgic look back at the 1970s featuring songs by Neil Diamond, Barbara Streisand, Stevie Wonder, ABBA, Neil Sedaka, The Captain and Tenille, Roberta Flack, and many others.

With a repertoire of over 400 songs, JIM & DEBBIE SCHMITT have performed together for more than 30 years across Western New York State. They have collaborated on several musicals, including: *GETTYSBURG: THE TRUE AND FREE*, *THIS MAN*, *KING DAVID*, *THE LAST MUSKETEER*, and *SCHMITT HAPPENS*, their autobiographical Cabaret show.

Debbie, an accomplished Organist and Vocalist, has also worked as Stage Manager and Artist for many Rochester area professional and community theatres. In addition to their music, Jim & Debbie are both Adjudicators for the Rochester Broadway Theatre League's "Stars of Tomorrow" program, and are recipients of the Genesee/Orleans Regional Arts Council Community Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts, the AMCA "AVA Gold Medal" Awards, and TANY Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Composition & Writing, Music Direction, and Orchestra.



The Alpha Alpha Awards Benefit is the last event in a year-long campaign to raise funds for the chapter's scholar awards program. The "60th Anniversary \$6,000 for our 60th campaign" has already exceeded the goal of raising \$6,000 to support the chapter's Rochester Strand of awards for young women graduates of the Rochester City School District who are pursuing a career in education. The Awards Benefit is an opportunity to celebrate our fund-raising success and to contribute even more to our scholar awards for Rochester graduates.

PLAN NOW TO ENJOY "SCHMITT HAPPENS" ON SEPTEMBER 25! AND INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND WITH YOU.

Registration form on p.7.

From our President

Dear Alpha Alpha Members,

I was so disappointed that we had to cancel the picnic due to our bee invasion. They were a nasty, very aggressive lot. We'll try to find out what kind they were through the Cooperative Extension Office since we didn't have any luck with Google. After pouring a gallon of unhealthy liquid in and around the holes we found in the ground, we think they are no more! We'll just have to look forward to the picnic for next year and make sure there are no unwelcome surprises!



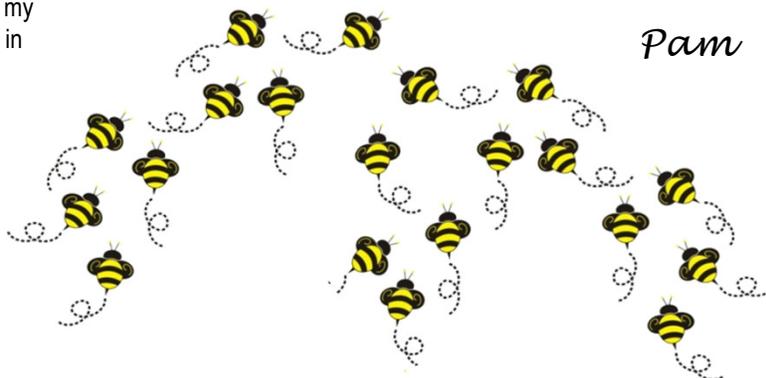
Pam Eberhardt

Many of you attended the service for Betty Vary who was one of the charter members of Alpha Alpha. She gave so much to the field of education and to our Chapter. Betty delighted in her association with Alpha Alpha and thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with our activities. We remain grateful for all her contributions and we will miss her.

The award benefit September 25 at Mayers Lake Ontario Winery should be a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to it and seeing all of you... and I hope you and your friends, family, and acquaintances are, too!

Be healthy, safe and enjoy this beautiful season!

We still have half of summer to enjoy (I prefer to have my glass half-full!) and many projects for Alpha Alpha are in the works. The Educational Excellence Committee is hard at work making sure we are up to speed with the expectations of Pi State, the Standing Rules are being reviewed to make sure we are in line with the reorganization from DKG, and the fundraising for our awards for future educators continues.



Eunice Chesnut update

Honorary Alpha Alpha Member Eunice Chesnut moved to New York City in late July to be near her children. She now lives in a rehabilitation center and nursing home in Jackson Heights, Queens. If you'd like to visit her, she's a seven-minute walk from five different subway lines, and just 10 minutes by taxi from LaGuardia airport. If you can't visit her, she would love to hear from you. She can be reached at :

Regal Heights Rehabilitation
70-05 35th Avenue,
Jackson Heights NY 11372,
or 1-718-565-2567.

Birthdays

Say "Happy Birthday" to these Alpha Alpha members:

August

- 13 Katie Andriatch
- 14 Louise Slaughter
- 22 Rose Swiskey
- 29 Susan Hildenbrand

September

- 25 Pam Quamo
- 28 Lynne Keefer

October

- 6 Marjorie Emler
- 7 Diane Maurer
- 12 Sr. Edwardine Weaver
- 16 Judy Fuller
- 16 Dawn Jones
- 29 Jean Fuller

REMAINING 2015 – 2016 ALPHA ALPHA MEETINGS

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| September 25, 2015 | Alpha Alpha Award Benefit, Mayers Lake Ontario Winery |
| October 22, 2015 | Professional Affairs/Personal Development, Brook Lea CC |
| November 16, 2015 | Educational Excellence/World Fellowship, Home of Dr. Lesli Myers |
| December 6, 2015 | Social Gathering, Home of Dr. Rosemary Callard-Szulgit |
| January 23, 2016 | Legislative Breakfast, St. John Fisher College |
| March 23, 2016 | Helen E. Quinn Award Dinner/Book Raffle, Ridgemont CC |
| April 16, 2016 | New Member Orientation, Home of Elaine Leshnowar |
| May 4, 2016 | Founder's Day/Initiation/Installation/Recognition, Lakeshore CC |
| June 4, 2016 | Awards Breakfast, NY Room, Cooper Hall, College at Brockport |

More precise information will be distributed as it becomes known.



60th Anniversary 1955 - 2015

\$6,000 for our 60th Campaign

Congratulations to US! We did it & we're not done yet

Our grand total now is \$6,576.00
(almost 10% MORE THAN our goal).
AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET!!!

**Be sure to participate in our last
two events (described here).**

Thank you for your continuing support of our fundraising effort.
To learn more, contact us at:
Bridget Bishop (585 637-2422, meanmom5@rochester.rr.com)
Linda Kotwas (585-755-8778, lmkotwas@aol.com).

Bridget & Linda,
Co-Chairs, \$6,000 for our 60th Campaign



Extra steps

Our "Extra Steps" campaign is winding down.
If you haven't already, sign up to walk extra steps to improve
your health and support our scholarship campaign.

All participants will be celebrated at our October
chapter meeting and each participant will be
entered into a special gift drawing courtesy of Joan Fenton.

A pledge form and more information is available on our chapter
website or contact

Joan Fenton, 585-637-4929, rfenton@rochester.rr.com or
Mary Lou Galasso, 585-865-3133, mgalass1@rochester.rr.com.

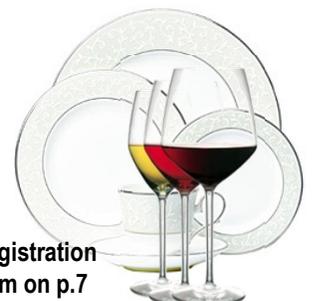
Alpha Alpha Awards Benefit

With
**Buffet Dinner, Two Drink Tickets,
Entertainment, & Silent Auction**

September 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm
Mayers Lake Ontario Winery
1593 Hamlin Parma T.L. Road,
Hilton 14468

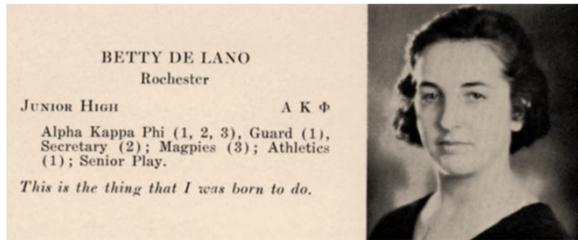
Entertainment :
Schmitt Happens Cabaret Show
with Jim & Debbie Schmitt
providing a music nostalgic
Look Back at the '70s.

**Plan now
to attend
this
celebratory
event!**



Registration
form on p.7

Remembering Betty Vary



ABOVE: Founding member Betty DeLano (later Vary) as it appeared in the 1936 edition of the College at Brockport yearbook, SAGA.

Founding Alpha Alpha Member Betty Vary died on July 14 at age 99 after devoting her life to education.

Betty taught 18 years in the West Irondequoit CSD and 5 years in the Hilton CSD before becoming an administrator. She taught every grade in elementary school and every subject in junior high school. She was appointed as Hilton's Curriculum Director in 1962, then as Principal of the district's new Northwood School, which she helped to design, in 1967. In that role she was credited with being a county leader in developing a modern elementary program.



Betty Vary, September 29, 2006

Betty was a Founding Member of Alpha Alpha Chapter in May 1955 and served as the chapter's first corresponding secretary. After retirement she moved to Florida but continued to support Alpha Alpha Chapter and participate in its activities when she was visiting in the area. In 2013 she helped to establish an Alpha Alpha scholar award for a Rochester CSD graduate pursuing a career in education.

Betty earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the College at Brockport.



ABOVE LEFT: Founding Members Dr. Frances Moroney Whited and Betty Vary at the first Reichel Scholar Award Breakfast on June 4, 1985.



LEFT: Three founding members at First Helen E. Quinn award dinner, March 1993—Dr. Frances Moroney Whited, Clara Bishop, and Betty Vary.



BELOW LEFT: Founding Members Betty Vary & Dr. Frances Moroney Whited at the Alpha Alpha 50th Anniversary celebration in May 2005



ABOVE: Betty Vary in 2007 at the 40th Anniversary of the opening of Hilton's Northwood School with current principal Kirk Ashton. Betty was the school's first principal.



ABOVE: The June 2011 Alpha Alpha Awards Breakfast included a surprise 95th birthday cake to surprise Betty

RIGHT: A tree on the south lawn of the Alumni House at the College at Brockport commemorates the accomplishments of Betty Vary in the field of education and, in particular, her contributions to the College at Brockport and the college's Alumni Association.



Sponsored by CWS



Alpha Alpha members help plan annual Science Education Days



Sheila Brady-Root & Jutta Siefert-Dudley

This past May 14-15, about 1690 students participated in the Science Exploration Days, a two-day event sponsored by Central Western Section of the Science Teachers Association of NYS and held for the 44th year at St. John Fisher College with input from 46 presenters and exhibitors. Science Exploration Days offers hands-on activities, demonstrations, and exhibits in science, technology, and engineering.

An evening session open for free to the entire community involves exhibits and activities—provided by regional industries, agencies, and colleges—that allow students and their families to explore a variety of STEM topics.

The following full-day session for students in grades 7-12, includes more than 45 seminars and hands-on activities on a wide variety of topics. Students select 3 seminars to attend plus visit the exhibits. Area scientific leaders representing industry, research, education, and professional organizations share their expertise with the students. Exhibitors and presenters include representatives from several colleges, industries, professional organizations, science groups, and governmental agencies.

Participating students in 2015 represented 13 schools in 8 MCSBA districts as well as public schools in five surrounding counties and private schools and home-schools.

The first Science Exploration Days event was held in 1972 and came about as the brain child of several science teachers active in CWS-STANYS. Arrangements were made with St John Fisher College to host the event and it's been there ever since. Planning for each SED in May begins in September with notifying teachers in all schools in our 6-county region.

The Science Exploration Day Committee includes Alpha Alpha members Sheila Brady-Root, who serves as the liaison with St. John Fisher College, and Jutta Siefert-Dudley, who serves as Speaker Coordinator and Scheduler. Jutta became involved in 1973 contacting people to be presenters for the classroom sessions and has continued with recruiting presenters and scheduling the sessions ever since. She also prepares the seminar topic program and some years she has also presented a seminar. Sheila started out with SED as a presenter when she was a bio lab technician/instructor at SJFC. Years later she became the liaison between the committee and the college. She has involved the Fisher football team to cook and sell hot dogs during the seminar, Fisher faculty as monitors and mentors, and Fisher students to assist presenters and help with events set-up.

For more information, contact Sheila Brady-Root at (585) 218-9642, sroot@sjfc.edu, or visit the SED website at <http://www.ggw.org/~cws/sed.htm>.



Photos by Jutta Siefert-Dudley





Alpha Alpha 2015-2016 Dues Form



Pi State (NYS)
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Chapter/regional/international renewal for 2015-2016 is due by **OCTOBER 15** to meet the Pi State deadline. Your officers hope that you have found your membership in our chapter to be a worthy use of your time and resources, and that you will continue sharing yourself with the rest of us as a member.

Whether you are an **ACTIVE, RESERVE, or HONORARY** member, please complete the form below so that we have contact information for the Alpha Alpha directory.

There will be a drawing at our November meeting for a thank-you gift. To be eligible for the drawing, your dues AND this completed form must be received by October 15.

Dues for active members this year are **\$90**. Please make checks payable to **Alpha Alpha**.

Please send your dues and this form to:

Chapter Treasurer Annie Tran Flesch, 103 Southend Square, West Henrietta NY 14586.

Contact Annie with questions at atra0116@gmail.com or 585-406-3706.

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

_____ Birth month & day _____

Email address _____

School district in which you live _____

Educational institution wherein you are employed, or from which you retired _____

(This information helps to determine eligibility for some of our scholarship awards. Reichel awards recipients must graduate from a Monroe County high school or from a high school outside of Monroe County where a chapter member lives or works, or from which she has retired.)

On which Alpha Alpha committee/s do you serve, or would you like to serve?

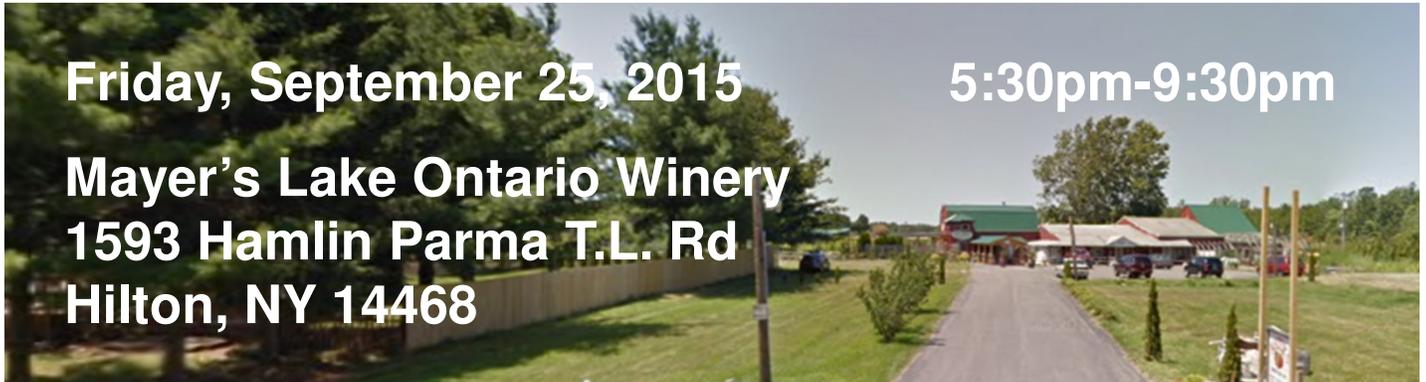
Please note ANY new or changed information!

Current job title/position _____

Or, retired from what position?



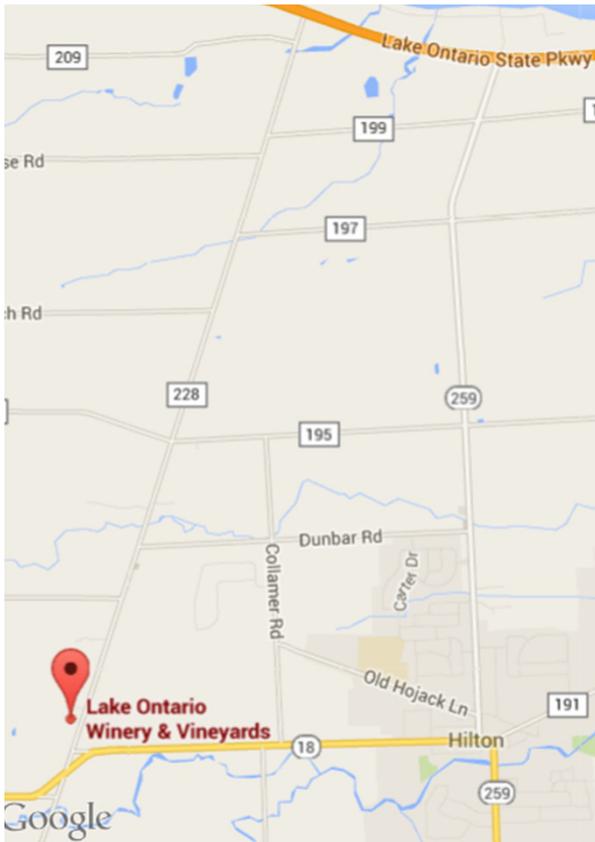
Alpha Alpha Awards Benefit



Friday, September 25, 2015

5:30pm-9:30pm

**Mayer's Lake Ontario Winery
1593 Hamlin Parma T.L. Rd
Hilton, NY 14468**



\$30 per person includes Entertainment, Buffet Dinner, and Two Drink Tickets.

The drink tickets are for wine, beer, and soft drinks. Water, tea, and coffee are included with dinner. **There will not be a separate wine tasting.**

Activities include a **SILENT AUCTION & ENTERTAINMENT.**

Entertainment will be provided by the **Schmitt Happens Cabaret Show**

which features the music and vocal stylings of **Jim & Debbie Schmitt** in a musical nostalgic **Look Back at the '70s.**



TICKETS ARE FOR SALE!

Tickets must be purchased by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Complete and return this form by September 16 to
Bridget Bishop, 115 Sherwood Drive, Brockport, NY 14420.

Please mail the tickets I'm purchasing to me at:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, ZIP _____

____ Number of tickets at \$30.00 per person = \$ _____ (total enclosed).

____ I'm unable to attend but wish to make a contribution of _____.

**** Make checks payable to Alpha Alpha Chapter. ****

All proceeds go toward scholarships for Rochester City School District students pursuing a career in education.

To learn more, contact Bridget Bishop, 637-2422, or Linda Kotwas, 654-7509. Bridget can also be contacted at meanmom5@rochester.rr.com



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2014-2016 Alpha Alpha Officers

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| Parliamentarian | Gretchen Hughes | 865-2822 |
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**Alpha Alpha questions?
Seek answers at
<http://WWW.dkgalphaalpha.org>**

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REGISTRATION Form

**NEXT NEWSWHEEL
DEADLINE: September 28**

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

Pam Quamo presents at Brockport reunion

During the Hartwell Luncheon at the College at Brockport 2015 Reunion, Alpha Alpha member Pam Quamo shared the history of the Hartwell Society with those at the luncheon. Pam is a member of Brockport's Class of 1965.



Cathy Craft photo