

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



Newswheel



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

October 2017

Initiation - Sunday, September 24



Dr. Paula Barbel, Nursing Professor, The College at Brockport, Heidi R. Macpherson, Ph.D., President, The College at Brockport, Linda Schoeffler Wetherell, Lead Teacher, H.S. Crossroads alternative

The ceremony was planned by Membership co-chairs Linda Kotwas and Donna Noble.



Seamless Transitioning - Thursday, October 5



Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Educational Excellence Committee Co-Chair, introducing program and presenters.



Donna Noble offering strategies for recruiting and responding.



Program presenters Dr. Lesli Myers and Dr. Cecilia Griffin-Golden with Dr. Edwardine Weaver, RSM (center)

From our President



Judy Wadsworth

A warm welcome to our three newest members: Dr. Paula Barbel, Nursing Professor, The College at Brockport; Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport; and Linda Wetherell, Lead Teacher, High School Crossroads Alternative Program, Gates Chili CSD.

A special thank you to:

- Membership Co-Chairs Linda Kotwas and Donna Noble for organizing our new initiation format which we used for the first time on September 24;
- All the committee chairs who described the work of their committees at the initiation;
- Dr. Cecilia Griffin-Golden, Dr. Lesli Myers, and Donna Noble who led a discussion on October 5 about leadership transition;
- Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott and Dr. Faith Prather, Co-Chairs of the Educational Excellence Committee, and their committee members, who organized the October 5 session on leadership transition.



The discussion of leadership transition was particularly important for our chapter since we will need a full slate of new officers for the 2018-2020 biennium coming soon. Lesli Myers noted that we all have skills worth sharing and that assuming leadership positions allows us to learn new skills, in a safe environment, that can be applied elsewhere. Cecelia reminded us that assuming leadership positions allows us to promote our own values and to help determine the goals of the group. Donna shared strategies for identifying and nurturing leadership abilities in one another. All presenters emphasized the importance of supporting the organization by helping to lead it. **SO PLEASE, IF ASKED, CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP LEAD ALPHA ALPHA. OR DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED: IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE LET ME KNOW!!**

Please make every attempt to attend our November 8 program which will focus on what educators need to know about poverty. Data clearly indicate that poverty affects brain development and learning, and we know that large numbers of our students in Monroe County—urban, suburban, and rural—now live in poverty. To register, use the form on page 13.

Judy

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 pm	Educational Excellence Committee	Irondequoit Library
Sunday, December 10, 2:00 pm	Around the World Food Tasting	Judy Wadsworth's home
Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am	Legislative Breakfast	St. John Fisher College
March 28, 4:30 pm	Helen Quinn Award Dinner Book Raffle	Ridgmont Country Club
May ? (TBA), 4:30 pm	Founder's Day/Orientation Recognition, Election of Officers	Lakeshore CC
June 2, 8:30 am	Awards Breakfast	College at Brockport

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer reminds teachers that the money they pay out of pocket for school supplies and snacks are tax deductible up to \$250.

**TO THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE:
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT
ON 10/5
AT BROOK-LEA COUNTRY CLUB**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
DYNAMIC SPEAKERS, AND TO MARY LOU
GALASSO FOR HOSTING US YET, ANOTHER
YEAR, AND YOUR COOKIE TRAY DONATION
WAS MOST APPRECIATED.



Initiation - Sunday, September 24



Bridget Bishop, Betsy Balzano, Eileen Wuethrich, Lori Burch

Seamless Transitioning - Thursday, October 5



Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey (standing) with Pam Eberhardt and Pam Quamo



Lynne Keefer and Dawn Jones.



Dr. Cecilia Golden speaking to members and guests.



Dr. Lesli Myers (standing) collecting input from table discussions during her portion of the program.



Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey, Dr. Rosemary Callard-Szulgit, and Sheila Brady-Root.



Attendance:

B.Balzano, P.Barbel, B.Bishop, E.Blackman, L.Burch, R.Callard-Szulgit, M.Cosgrove, P.Eberhardt, Judy Fuller, R.Freedman-Baum, M.Geonie, G.Hughes, D.Jones, L.Keefer, L.Kotwas, E.Leshnowar, M.Lovett-Scott, LMyers, A.Mance, D.Noble, P.Quamo, J.Seifert-Dudley, B.Svitavsky, J.Wadsworth, W.Ward, Sr.E.Weaver, L.Wetherell, E.Wuethrich, S.Zoghlin

Guests: Pi State President Mary Martha Harvey, Linda Schaffer, Jie Zhang and Janka Syilagyi

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

President Judy Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Margie Lovett-Scott was thanked for planning tonight's program as were the presenters. The three presenters Dr. Cecilia Griffin-Golden, Dr. Lesli Myers and Ms. Donna Noble each gave an awesome inspiring presentation on Leadership: Accepting The Challenge. The simple message to our members is to look inward reflect and see if you can accept a leadership position in Alpha Alpha.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION to accept the agenda for the business meeting was Moved By: Roz Freedman-Baum Seconded By: Donna Noble, MOTION: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION to accept the May 3, 2017 minutes was Moved By: Sr. Edwardine Weaver, Seconded By: Pam Quamo, MOTION: APPROVED

Corrections to the minutes: the date at the top should read May 3, not May 5, 2017 and Jutta Siefert-Dudley was present.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Annie Tran Flesch)

	June 30, 2017	July 31, 2017	August 31, 2017	September 30, 2017
Checkbook Balance	\$8,105.33	** \$2,505.33	\$2,505.33	** \$5,325.33
Operating Fund Balance	\$7,429.29	\$1,829.29	\$1,829.29	** \$4,649.29

** Deposit of \$5,600.00 from year-end balance into FLACE
 ** Deposit of \$2,855.00, including dues & initiation fees

SCHOLAR AWARD FUNDS:
 Brockport Endowment Funds Sur \$178,186.41 as of July 1, 2016
 FLACE Funds Summary: \$38,726.11 as of September 30, 2017

A MOTION to accept the Treasurers Report was Moved By: Donna Noble, Seconded By: Betsy Balzano, MOTION: APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Arts and Music - Bridget Bishop reported that she is working on having RPO Music Director Ward Stare present at one of our meetings next year.

Historical Records & Scrapbook - Pam Eberhardt invited members to help put the pages in archival protective envelopes. Once this process is complete the records will also be saved in digital form.

Legislative - Betsy Balzano reported that the plans for January's meeting on trauma in children will be quite informing. She also reminded members that on Election Day, November 7, the ballot for the Constitution will be on the back. More info will be in the Newsletter.

Membership- Linda Kotwas reported that the new format for Orientation and Initiation had a good start at the May and September meetings. She also stated that new member nominations need to be submitted before the March meeting.

Standing Rules - Bridget asked that the committee chairs please look through the rules to see if there is something that needs to be changed and let her know. The most recent copy will be emailed to all.

World Fellowship - Bridget reported for Sue Genthner that the pound auction will be held at the December meeting; more details will be coming.

Educational Excellence - Margie Lovett-Scott reminded members to attend Nov 8th program, and encourage others to attend, **What Educators Need to Know about Children in Poverty**. Venue is The Irondequoit Public Library, catered meal.

BUSINESS:

Resignations:

A MOTION to accept the resignations of the following members: Dr. Leah Barrett, Kory Hart and Tammy Reddinger, was Moved By: Donna Noble, Seconded By: Bridget Bishop, MOTION: APPROVED

Recipient of Holiday Letter Donation: Come prepared next meeting to vote on recipients of funds raised by the annual chapter holiday letter. So far FLACE & the Emergency Relief Fund have been recommended. Members were asked to bring any other ideas to the November 8 meeting when recipients will be determined.

Pi State Education Foundation Grants: Sheila Brady-Root asked members to please consider joining the Foundation for a one-time fee of \$25, and noted that donations are accepted even after the one-time fee. There are grants available. The directions to apply for a grant or become a member will be posted in the Newswheel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2017 Irondequoit Town Library

ADJOURNMENT: President Wadsworth adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully yours,

Mary Ann Geonie

Secretary, October 7, 2017





Alpha Alpha Members with responsibilities at the Pi State Level

Two Alpha Alpha members are serving Pi State as Committee Chairs for the 2017-2019 biennium:

Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott is Co-Chair of the Leadership Development Committee;

Judy Wadsworth is Chair of the Communications and Publicity Committee.



Other chapter members serve on Pi State committees:

Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees;

Judy Fuller, Personnel Committee;

Sue Genthner, World Fellowship Committee;

Dr. Faith Prather, Leadership Development Committee;

Sheila Brady Root, Pi State Education Foundation Board of Directors;

Judy Wadsworth, ex officio, Awards Committee;

Wanda Ward, Travel & Study Stipend Committee (former Pi State President).

These members are pictured from left to right above.

Accessing information about the Pi State Educational Foundation

To learn more about the Pi State Educational Foundation—how to join, how to support, and how to apply for foundation grants—go to <http://www.dkgnystate.org/pi-state-educational-foundation.html>.

The page has hot links to its application form, a contribution form, and a grant application form.

The West Central Area Council of Pi State chapters has made it a goal to involve as many members of its chapters as possible active members and supporters and users of the Educational Foundation. We are all asked to go to the website, learn more, and join or contribute. Then we should also consider what projects we are currently involved with or what new initiatives would benefit from Foundation support and complete a grant application form.

PLUS, while you're already at the Pi State website, take a few minutes to learn more about all the information to be found there. Go to the home page at <http://www.dkgnystate.org/>, then explore.

Looking back . . .

Former scholar award recipients as chapter members



First Reichel Scholar Linda Schoeffler (later Wetherell) receiving her award from Alpha Alpha President Lorraine Sherwood in June 1985.



Second Reichel Scholar Judy Fuller receiving her award from Alpha Alpha President Dr. Lorraine Sherwood in June 1986. Jeanette Banker is on the left.



Seen on the right is a group of Alpha Alpha's scholar award recipients in 2011 are chapter members Annie Tran (later Flesch) on the left and Erin St. James on the right.

Pi State on Facebook

[Delta Kappa Gamma/Pi State](https://www.facebook.com/Delta-Kappa-Gamma-Pi-State-1496027187363910/?hc_ref=ARQguuxY7_RKLMxKrIQx5ecy5Lqm1ESRTapIzHF5gJNowYUY2F-LHyg3sE_ulyekH8Y&fref=nf) has a Facebook presence that reports on Pi State events and involvement of Pi State members at the DKG International and Area Council levels. If you'd like to follow it, go to https://www.facebook.com/Delta-Kappa-Gamma-Pi-State-1496027187363910/?hc_ref=ARQguuxY7_RKLMxKrIQx5ecy5Lqm1ESRTapIzHF5gJNowYUY2F-LHyg3sE_ulyekH8Y&fref=nf.

Then, if you'd like others to learn about the page, note that near the top of the page, below the cover photo, is the link "Community." Tap or click on that to reach a page that says "Invite Friends." Tap or click on that to invite DKG members and other women educators.



Remembering Wyoma Best

Wyoma Best, Honorary DKG/Alpha Alpha Member since 1973, died August 25 at age 74.



Wyoma was a well-known broadcast news anchor in our region who was the first African-American woman to serve on the city school board and to be a television reporter when she joined WHEC in 1972. She was also among the first African-American female managers at the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Best championed other reporters, and several years ago the Rochester Association of Black Journalists established a scholarship in her name. Those wishing may contribute to the Wyoma Best Scholarship for Future Journalist Fund c/o Rochester Association of Black Journalists, c/o The Treasurer P.O. Box 60210, Rochester, NY 14606.

Input for holiday letter

One of our Alpha Alpha traditions is to have the chapter president send a letter to members in advance of the December holidays seeking financial support for chapter initiatives or other agencies which are identified by members during the November chapter meeting.

This year the Executive Committee is recommending that the holiday letter include a request for donations to support the Rochester Strand of our scholar awards.

If you have another recommendation please bring it up during the discussion of this item at the November meeting.

IN ADDITION –

Your Executive Committee recommends that we consider making contributions to support our scholar awards programs whenever we want to honor or memorialize someone. Those who do so plus the person being remembered are listed in the program distributed at the June Awards Breakfast.

Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grants-in-Aid

DEADLINE FOR PI STATE NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2018

Title	Description	Send Applications to
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in Pi State Standing Rules (SR 14.72): "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in NYS...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in NYS and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years." http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/DKG%20Application%20Frederica%20Hollister.pdf	Jennifer Lee-Alden 227 Fayville Road Galway12074 teachmusic@nycap.rr.com
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	Established in 1975 to honor past Pi State President Gladys L. Mersereau (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_glm.pdf	Mary-Martha Harvey 185 Park Street Canandaigua 14424 mharvey@frontiernet.net
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_verna_mulholland.pdf	Emilie Stris 41 Parkwold Drive East Valley Stream 11580-2152 ejstris@hotmail.com
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_native_amer.pdf	Arlene Ida 3 Sherwood Park Drive Burnt Hills 12027 aiddski@gmail.com
Pi State Achievement Award	The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to Delta Kappa Gamma at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_ps_achievement_award.pdf	Agnes Becker 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 ambecker13@gmail.com
Bea Small Award	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of Omega, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_bea_small_award.pdf	Ellie Robinson 6 Park View Drive Grand Island 14072 ejb67r@gmail.com
Travel & Study Stipend	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the Pi State Standing Rules. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at Convention, Seminar for Purposeful Living, CTAUN Conference or travel/study of your choice. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_travel_study.pdf	Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 tunes14@yahoo.com
Scholarships	Pi State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum. http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_scholarships.pdf . DKG International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org .	Rosemary Van Wart 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 rvw20@optonline.net

DKG International Scholarship Applications Available Online

The international scholarship (\$6,000 toward earning an advanced degree and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree) application is online for awards to be presented for the 2018-2019 academic year. Go to www.dkg.org, click on **Forms**, go to the **Application** link, and find the application link at the bottom of the page. Deadline is **February 1, 2018**.

NYS Constitutional Convention- FAQ

(Frequently referred to as the Con Con)

Note : MCSBA has no formal position on the Con Con but will provide factual information about the process for BOE members to use at their discretion.



1) Q. Why are we having a Constitutional Convention in NYS?

A. Every 20 years the NYS Constitution provides for citizens to revise or amend the Constitution as they see fit so as to check the power of state government. (See attached timeline on reverse side).

Unlike the U.S. Constitution the NYS Constitution is a very wordy and archaic document containing 20 articles and more than 200 amendments.

2) Q. Outside a Constitutional Convention, what other methods exist for amending or changing the Constitution?

A. Currently the Legislature can forward any number of amendments to the NYS Constitution.

Each amendment must be approved by the following 3 step process:

1. Amendments (any # of them) are approved by the Legislature.
2. Amendments are approved a second time by the Legislature AFTER a legislative election.
3. Amendments are submitted to the NYS voters for approval.

Recent examples include, casinos, and ethics reform measures (on the 2017 fall ballot).

3) Q. What could be included in the Con Con?

A. A “yes” vote on the November ballot would open the entire Constitution for debate and revision, including anything related to public education. A “no” vote means that the current method the legislature uses to make amendments is the only option for change over the next 20 years.

4) Q. How have delegates been selected historically?

A. Currently NYS voters must choose 204 delegates for a convention, (3 from each senate district and 15 at large candidates), by the general election process. Incumbent legislators may be delegates. The legislature sets the process for delegate selection however if the process from 1967 is used it may be subject to a legal challenge. Delegates begin their work the April following their election.

5) Q. If the Con Con is approved, who is likely to become a delegate?

A. Delegates could be:

- Public figures who have the money, inclination and time to devote to the work.
- At the 1967 Constitutional Convention, delegates included 24 judges and 13 incumbent legislators, comprising approximately 20% of the total delegates.

6) Q. What does the NYS Constitution say about education?

A. Article XI addresses educational issues:

- NYS’s responsibility to “support a system of free common schools”.
- How our SUNY System (Board of Regents, SED) is to be set up and governed.
- What is commonly referred to as the “Blaine amendment” which denies funding for religious education except for testing, inspections and transportation.

7) Q. What would be the primary interest of the delegates?

A. The elected delegates will be charged with making changes on behalf of all the citizens of NYS. The delegates will most likely be approached by lobbyists or special interest groups, from within and outside the state, to protect or change specific language in the constitution.

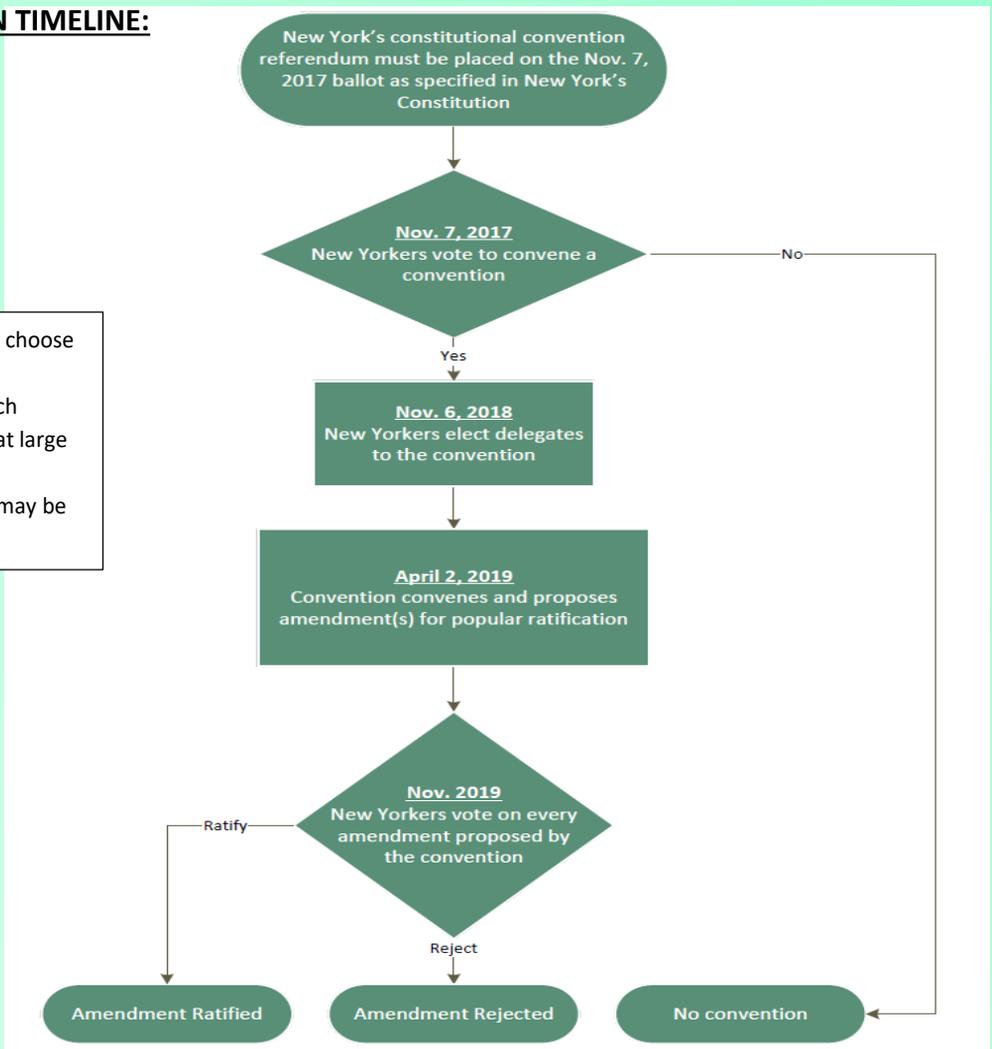
8) Q. How will citizens vote on the final amendments when the delegates have completed their work?

A. Delegates may submit any number of amendments, separately or as a single ballot question to the voters for their approval.

9) Q. What could the Con Con cost?

A. Based on the cost of the 1967 Con Con corrected for inflation, convention costs now are estimated to exceed \$47 million. Costs primarily arise from compensation paid to delegates and their staff, including actual travel expenses, until their work is completed. No timeline to finish their work is defined, although about one year is the norm.

NYS CONVENTION TIMELINE:



Note: NYS voters must choose 204 delegates for a convention, 3 from each senate district and 15 at large candidates. Currently incumbent legislators may be delegates.

For more information go to:
New York State Constitutional Convention Clearinghouse at www.newyorkconcon.info/



Alpha Alpha 2017-2018 Dues Form



Pi State (NYS)
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Chapter/regional/international dues for 2017-2018 are 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**. Dues for reserve members are \$26.

Please make checks payable to **Alpha Alpha**.

Please send your dues and this form to:

Chapter Finance Committee Chair Elaine Leshnowar, 216 Village Lane, Rochester, NY 14610.

Contact Chapter Treasurer Annie Tran Flesch 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 _____

My level of membership is: ____ Active ____ Reserve ____ Honorary

(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? _____



Debunking Myths: What Educators Need to Know About Poverty



Nov. 8, 2017
4:30 p.m.

Irondequoit Public Library
1290 Titus Ave.
(corner of Kings Highway)

Presented by

Dr. Lesli C. Myers, Brockport Central School District Superintendent
Susan Hasenauer-Curtis, Assistant to the Superintendent for
Elementary Instruction

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register, please complete and send this form with your payment by **Oct. 30.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest _____

Send form with a check payable to **Alpha Alpha Chapter** to:

Mrs. Pam Eberhardt, Registrar, 591 Scottsville-Chili Rd.,
Scottsville, NY 14546

For more information, contact Pam at 889-2754 or pamlynn@frontiernet.net.

***\$10 per person includes a
pasta buffet, salad, bread
and dessert***

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2016-2018 Alpha Alpha Officers :

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Parliamentarian	Roz Freedman-Baum	442-6769
Past President	Pamela Eberhardt	889-2754

NEXT NEWSWHEEL DEADLINE: November 8

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

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October and November Birthdays

October

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

November

- 1 Eileen Wuethrich
- 6 Joy Kinz
- 9 Judy Wadsworth
- 10 Mary Ingersoll
- 15 Sue Genthner
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