

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

Alpha Alpha Chapter, New York State  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



# Newswheel

August 2018



On August 20, Chapter members gathered at the home of Pam Eberhardt to celebrate Pam's return to good health and to enjoy summer fun with good friends.

Fun  
in the sun  
at Pam's

ABOVE: Seen helping themselves to delicious home-made food are Bridget Bishop, Donna Noble, Linda Kotwas, Sue Genthner, hostess Pam Eberhardt (partially hidden), and Mary Ann Geonie.

RIGHT: Mary Ann Geonie, hostess Pam Eberhardt, and Elaine Leshnowar enjoying Pam's garden.



# From our President

Dear Alpha Alpha Members,

As in all areas of education, we know that teachers are always thinking about their next class, next unit, next objective. Over the past couple of months, many of our chapter members were doing much the same.

Since our Awards Breakfast in June, our members have attended the International Conference in Austin, Texas; the Pi State Leadership conference closer to home in Victor, NY; held committee meetings, guided members into their new positions, met in small groups to talk about new ideas, planned an initiation tea, and again gathered on Pam Eberhardt's lawn to enjoy our annual picnic.

A special thank you to Monica Cosgrove and the Scholarship and Awards Committee. As always, the Awards Breakfast was a wonderful morning with an amazing speaker and enjoyable acceptance speeches from our award recipients. This event serves to put closure on a year of friendship, fun, and working to support our future educators. Put this on your calendars NOW! It will be held the first Saturday in June (2019).



Bridget Bishop

I would also like to thank those committee chairs who faithfully keep Alpha Alpha in mind over the summer and schedule meetings. This of course results in a professional and rewarding year for our chapter.

The Executive Board met for the first time this biennium in August. This group of dedicated officers is already working to oversee the workings of the chapter and to discuss issues that they feel should be brought to the membership. Thank you to Past President Judy Wadsworth, Vice President Mary Ann Geonie, Secretary Diane Maurer, Treasurers Betsy Balzano and Sherry Johnson, and Parliamentarian Roz Freedman-Baum. Being a member of the board is a great way to really get involved and to understand and take advantage of all DKG has to offer.

I am already feeling very fortunate to be leading such an awesome group of women. It reminds me of something the Mary Bastian speaker Chris Albrecht said at our awards breakfast. "If everyone does her part-this chapter of DKG will be here for years to come."

I plan to end my letters with a quote—so here is the first one:  
 "Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness"  
*Jane Austin*

Enjoy the rest of our warm weather everyone.

*Bridget*

## REMAINING 2018 – 2019 ALPHA ALPHA MEETINGS

- September 16, 2018 Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony, Irondequoit Library, 2:00 P.M.
- October 17, 2018 Educational Excellence, Brook Lea CC, 4:30 P.M.
- November 13 or 14 Educational Excellence and Music and Arts Committees,  
 Valley Manor, East Avenue, Rochester, 4:30 P.M.
- December 9, 2018 Holiday Gathering, Home of Judy Wadsworth, 2:00 P.M.
- January 26, 2019 Legislative Breakfast, St. John Fisher College, 9:30 P.M.
- March 27, 2019 Helen E. Quinn Award Dinner/Book Raffle, Ridgemont CC, 4:30 P.M.
- May 2, 2019 Founder's Day Orientation/Recognition, Lakeshore CC , 4:30 P.M.
- June 1 or 8, 2019 Awards Breakfast, NY Room, Cooper Hall, College at Brockport, 8:30 P.M.

More precise information will be distributed as it becomes known.



### Birthdays

Say "Happy Birthday" to these Alpha Alpha members:

- September
- 21 Heidi Macpherson
- 25 Pam Quamo
- 28 Lynne Keefer
- October
- 6 Marjorie Emler
- 7 Diane Maurer
- 12 Sr. Edwardine Weaver
- 16 Judy Fuller
- 16 Dawn Jones
- 20 Sherry Johnson
- 29 Jean Fuller

# Member Update

## Paula Barbal receives 2018 Chancellor's Award



The College at Brockport in May recognized Alpha Alpha member Paula Barbal, Ph.D., as a recipient of the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes consistently superior teaching at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional level in keeping with the State University's commitment to providing its students with instruction of the highest quality.

The primary criterion is skill in teaching. Consideration is also given to sound scholarship, out-standing service to students, as well as service to the State University and to the campus.

Dr. Barbal is Associate Professor, Department of Nursing, at The College at Brockport.

Paula Barbal is seen above wearing her Chancellor's Award presented to her in May.

## Alpha Alpha's communications team



ABOVE: Erin St. James, Linda Wetherell, Janet Winter, and Judy Wadsworth

Alpha Alpha provides four major ways for members to stay current about chapter events and to share information -

Our website (<http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org>) being managed by our new webmaster, Erin St. James, who has assumed responsibility from outgoing webmaster and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lori Burch, who created and maintained the website for its first six years;

Our Facebook presence (Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma) which Linda Wetherell launched this past school year and will continue to maintain;

Our *Newswheel* newsletter which is published nine times each year by editor Janet Winter;

Our day-to-day email communications about current events and notifications which will be handled by Communications Committee Chair Judy Wadsworth.

Please contact any or all of them with information you'd like shared.

## Remembering Rosalie Gabbert

Alpha Alpha Charter Member Rosalie Gabbert died on August 16. Rosalie was an outstanding Brockport Campus School teacher in the early 1950s, after which she served as Professor of Education at Oneonta State Teachers College. She helped to establish the Macedon Public Library and became a librarian there. During her 15 years as librarian she became a puppeteer performing for groups of children. A number of years ago she made a presentation to Alpha Alpha about a book she had written: *Mr. Bee Man: Story of Lorenzo Langstroth, Father of American Beekeeping*.



Contributions in Rosalie's memory may be directed to the First Baptist Church of Macedon, 58 W. Main St., Macedon, NY 14502, or the Macedon Public Library Attn: Director, 30 Main Street, Macedon, NY 14502. To leave the family an online condolence, please visit [www.murphyfuneralservices.com](http://www.murphyfuneralservices.com).

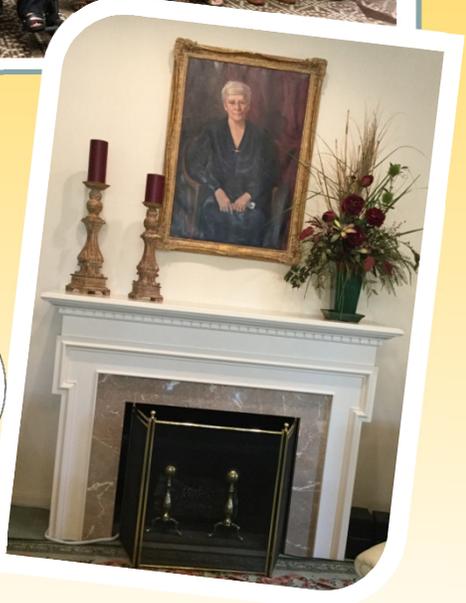


# 100<sup>th</sup> DKG Convention Album

The pictures and recollections in the top half of this page were provided by Alpha Alpha Member Sheila Brady-Root who attended the 100<sup>th</sup> DKG Convention in Austin, Texas this past July. The Convention included several general sessions with keynote presenters, a wide variety of seminars, and special programs. At the Celebration of Life ceremony during the Convention to memorialize DKG members who died recently, Alpha Alpha members Wyoma Best and Mary McCadden Welch were remembered.

RIGHT: Some of the Presidents of states and territories in the Northeast Region of DKG who attended the region's meeting during the Convention. NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey is shown seated.

BELOW: New Northeast Region Director Jane Tanner (Former DKG/NY State President) introducing the DKG Education Foundation Board.



ABOVE: Central American Dancers who performed as part of the DKG Education Foundation Educational Experience.

ABOVE: Portrait of DKG Founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, hanging in the DKG International headquarters building. All DKG members are encouraged to visit the headquarters building.



LEFT: New York State DKG members at the 2018 Convention included two Alpha Alpha members—Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum (2<sup>nd</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left), and Sheila Brady Root (2<sup>nd</sup> row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right)—as well as DKG-NYS President Mary-Martha Harvey in the front row 3<sup>rd</sup> from right. Photo courtesy of Mary-Martha Harvey, President, DKG/NYS.



# DKG Convention amends by-laws



DKG members attending the July 2018 International DKG Convention in Austin, Texas considered 79 Proposed Amendments to the International Constitution and 43 Proposed Amendments to the International Standing Rules. Of this number, 96 Amendments were adopted.

The following are a few highlights that affect us at the Chapter level:

- \* The Society name remains the same: Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG.
- \* Membership remains by “invitation,” not application. “An individual becomes a member when her dues are paid.”
- \* A candidate for active membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter’s rules.
- \* “Initiation” was changed to “Induction,” a more professional term.
- \* Candidates for active membership are selected by the method established by the Chapter.
- \* Chapters may vote electronically.
- \* The membership and fiscal years will be July 1 to June 30. In 2018-2019, dues will be collected in the fall as usual. In 2019-2020 dues will be collected in June and due to State Treasurer July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow Chapters and the State an accurate income projection on which to develop their budgets. It is important to note that this is two separate dues years. Currently members have had 4 months of benefits of membership prior to dues payment.
- \* For membership or reinstatement commencing between July 1 and December 31, the member shall pay induction fee (new member only), dues, and scholarship fee for the current year. For membership commencing on or after January 1, the member shall pay one-half the international membership dues. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as the chapter/ state organization determines.
- \* A member who fails to complete payment of international dues shall be dropped as of October 1. The chapter shall record in the chapter minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination.
- \* The International portion of induction fees was eliminated. The Chapter keeps \$7.00 and sends the State \$2.50.
- \* The International portion of the scholarship fees was eliminated. If a Chapter has a Scholarship Fund, 80% is to be retained by Chapter. If the Chapter does not have a Scholarship Fund, 100% of the scholarship fee is sent to the State.
- \* Regular meetings of chapters shall be held at least four (4) times per year.
- \* All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face-to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.
- \* All members being notified, matters requiring immediate chapter action may be voted upon by mail (postal or electronic) that provides a valid receipt of each responding chapter member’s vote. A majority vote of chapter members shall be required for action.
- \* Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next face-to-face meeting of the chapter. There shall be no proxy voting.
- \* State Organizations will now be named by geographic region e.g., ‘New York’, not ‘Pi’ State.
- \* A new classification for membership is “Collegiate.” This membership is open to graduate and undergraduate education students in approved colleges or universities who meet specific qualifications. Dues will be \$20.00 to International. Collegiate Members cannot hold Chapter or State offices.



ABOVE: New DKG International President Carolyn Pittman welcoming Convention delegates  
RIGHT: DKG Convention opening ceremonies in Austin. The flags represent all the countries in which DKG chapters are found.



SOURCES:  
Mary-Martha Harvey. “NY State President’s News & Notes.” August 2018 – Part One  
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<http://www.dkgnystate.org/pi-state-presidents-news-and-notes.html>.  
“Constitutional Amendments Adopted by the 2018 DKG Convention.” DKG, August 2018.  
“ISR Amendments Adopted by the 2018 DKG Convention.” DKG, August 2018





# Alpha Alpha 2018-2019 Dues Form



Pi State (NYS)  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Chapter/regional/international dues for 2018-2019 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 **\$28.50**.

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

Please send your dues and this form to:

**Chapter Treasurer Betsy Balzano, 106 Norwich Drive, Rochester, NY 14624.**

Contact her with questions at [bbalzano@brockport.edu](mailto:bbalzano@brockport.edu) or 585-594-0314.

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.)

My level of membership is: \_\_\_\_ Active \_\_\_\_ Reserve \_\_\_\_ Honorary

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note ANY new or changed information!**

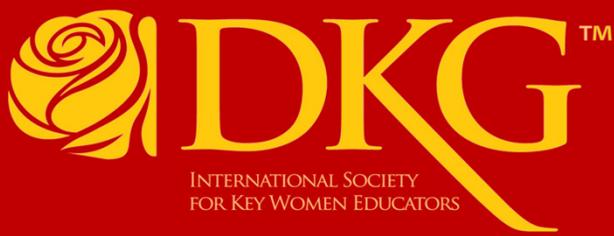
Current job title/position \_\_\_\_\_

Or, retired from what position? \_\_\_\_\_





Alpha Alpha Chapter  
New York State



Let's welcome  
the new academic year  
by celebrating the  
induction of our newest  
Chapter Member  
and  
by enjoying some  
social time together.

Please join us to honor  
**SUSAN ROSS**  
as she is inducted in DKG  
and our Chapter.

Chapter committee chairs  
will give a brief review of  
their committees' goals  
and responsibilities.

# Induction and Recommitment Ceremony

Sunday, September 16, 2018  
2:00 – 3:45 P.M.

Irondequoit Library

Lake Ontario Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
1290 Titus Ave, Irondequoit  
(Titus Avenue at Kings Highway)

Mix, mingle,  
and enjoy light  
refreshments  
as we get to know  
one another better  
following the  
induction ceremony.

Those present  
will be eligible  
for a small door prize  
drawing, too!

**THERE IS NO COST  
FOR THIS EVENT.**

## DIRECTIONS

**From the West:** Take the Route 104 expressway east to Goodman Street. Turn left onto Goodman Street. Take Goodman Street north to Titus Avenue to reach the Irondequoit Town Hall and Library complex.

**From the South:** Take Route 590 north to Route 104 West. Take Exit 10A right onto Goodman Street. Take Goodman Street north to Titus Avenue to reach the Irondequoit Town Hall and Library complex.



RSVP by September 9 to

Linda Kotwas (lmkotwas@aol.com), 585-6564-7509)  
or Donna Noble (dnoble@rochester.rr.com, 585-377-0715).

# Newswheel

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## 2018-2020 Alpha Alpha Officers

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## Alpha Alpha questions?

Visit <http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org>

 Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

DKG-NYS <https://www.dkgnystate.org/>

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**DEADLINE: September 18**

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

## Pam Quamo helps guide canal museum

Alpha Alpha member Pam Quamo is a Board member of the Spencerport Depot and Canal Museum/Chair Person of its Education Committee. The museum, located at 16 East Avenue, Spencerport, houses collections related to the Erie Canal, transportation, communications, and local history; provides services to boaters, cyclists and other visitors; and hosts a number of activities for the community. To learn more about the museum, visit <https://www.spencerportdepot.com/>.

Shown below are Museum Director Simon Devenish and Pam Quamo standing just outside the museum. Visible in the background is the Erie Canal and towpath.

