



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

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

# Newswheel

April 2020



## Alpha Alpha Adjusts to the Pandemic

To keep ourselves, our families, and others safe in this time of pandemic, we are all learning to cope with social distancing and the need for relative physical isolation. Because of the importance of quarantine, Alpha Alpha has cancelled our two spring meetings—the Quinn Award Dinner and the Founders Day meeting. So far, our annual Awards Breakfast for our scholars is still on the calendar for June 6, but that could also be cancelled if conditions do not improve. When it’s safe for us to gather in groups once again, your officers and committee chairs will plan a meeting to install our new 2020-2022 officers, present our Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award, and present our (newly renamed) Jeanette D. Banker Outstanding Service Award. And if necessary, this session could include the presentation of the scholar awards to our student recipients. But **all of this planning must wait for a few months.**



### Our 2020-2022 Officers

President Mary Ann Geonie, Vice President Lucy Smassanow, Secretary Linda Wetherell, and Past President Bridget Bishop who will be inducted when meetings are possible.

### Alpha Alpha elects 2020-2022 officers electronically

Meanwhile, our chapter is adapting so we can conduct the business required by our Standing Rules. Your officers are grateful to our 38 members who participated electronically in our March 25 business meeting to elect our 2020-2022 officers, to approve a new member, to increase the value of the Reichel award for the 2020-2021 school year, and to receive the budget proposal for the 2020-2021 program year. See the meeting minutes on pages 5 - 6 for details.

Our May 7 meeting will also be held electronically so we can approved our budget for the coming year and deal with other items that may arise before then. Until we can meet again, please take steps needed to stay safe and stay well.



Hello everyone,

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to participate in our on-line business meeting. Even though it was a poor replacement for our annual Quinn Dinner, it did give us a chance to stay up to date on the business that was necessary. I would like to thank the Quinn Award committee for their continued dedication to this wonderful event—the planning and preparation involved and their patience with our having to cancel this event. Those dedicated members are: Rosemary Callard-Szulgit-chair, Anita Mance, Jan Marchetti, Donna Noble, and Judy Wadsworth. I would also like to thank our secretary Diane Maurer for doing all of the vote calculations and for her flexibility in this difficult situation that we find ourselves in.

When you read through the minutes of this meeting you will see that all is well and good with our chapter. We have a new slate of officers thanks to Eileen Wuethrich's persistence in finding leaders for the next biennium. I look forward to working with this awesome group of women. We will be inducting two new members next September! I appreciate so much our members who are willing to bring us new people who will move with us into the future. Linda Wetherell and Joan Fenton, thank you so much.

This past February we lost our dear Jeanette Banker. She served our chapter well for 55 years and we will be honoring her memory with the renaming of our Outstanding Service Award. One of the things I remember about Jeanette was her love of our chapter and every single chapter member.

In closing, as you know, I am writing this as we all stay close to our homes amid this corona virus pandemic. Please take the time to stay in touch with people- a simple phone call can help so much. Remember, this social distancing will be worth it in the end!!! If you don't know someone with the virus, then it is working!!!

I miss seeing all of you and look forward to when we can enjoy each other's company once more.

Love to all of you

*Bridget*



# Remembering Jeanette Banker



Jeanette D'Agostino Banker was inducted into DKG/Alpha Alpha Chapter in 1964 and remained an active member until her death on February 11. She served terms as Vice President (1968 – 1971), as Chair of the Awards and Scholarships Committee, and as a longtime member of the Communications and Helen E. Quinn Award Committee.

She was always a friend and mentor to chapter members, as well as to probably thousands of others during and after her career.

Jeanette earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education at SUNY Brockport. She began her career as a teacher in the Rochester City School District, and later served 31 years as an associate professor of education at the College. She served the College as a demonstration teacher and student teacher supervisor, and founder and director for American International Schools Overseas.

Until her retirement, she also directed a teaching center she developed in the Greece Central School District. SUNY Brockport's Volunteer of the Year Award is named in her honor. She has influenced the creation of more than a quarter of the scholarships created by the Brockport Foundation, and two of them bear her name.

**TOP:** Jeanette (center) with Lois Bird at the first Reichel Scholar Award Breakfast, June 4, 1985.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Jeanette holding Frederica Hollister Award she received at April 2011 Pi State Convention, with Bridget Bishop.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Dr. Frances Moroney Whited and Jeanette, November 2001.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Helen Quinn Dinner Committee (Donna Noble, Jeanette Banker, Anita Mance, Jan Marchetti, and Rosemary Callard-Szulgit), March 2017.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Pam Quamo and Jeanette Banker, at Awards Breakfast, June 2008.

**INSET:** Jeanette with SUNY Brockport President and Alpha Alpha Member Heidi Macpherson as Jeanette was honored by the SUNY Brockport Class of 1964 in 2018.

# Our Electronic March Meeting

Thank you to all chapter members who participated in the March meeting held electronically:



**TOP:** B.Balzano, B.Bishop, E.Blackman, S.Brady-Root, M.Cosgrove, J.Dudley, M.Duryea, P.Eberhardt, J.Fenton, A.Tran Flesch, J.Fuller, S.Genthner, M.Geonie, S.Hasenauer.

**MIDDLE:** D.Hoeft, S.Johnson, L.Keefer, L.Kotwas, E.Leshnower, M.Lovett-Scott, J.Marchetti, D.Maurer, M. Duryea Merle, B.Mitrano, L.Montanaro, D.Noble.

**BOTTOM:** F.Prather, P.Quamo, S.Ross, C. St.George, A.Seneway, L.Smassanow, R.Swiskey, J.Wadsworth, W.Ward, Sr. E.Weaver, L.Wetherell, E.Wuethrich, A.Young.

## April and May Birthdays

April  
22 Linda Muto  
24 Mary Ann Geonie

May  
15 Lesli Myers  
21 Carol St. George  
24 Joan Fenton  
28 Monica Cosgrove  
29 Betsy Balzano



# NYSO DKG April Meeting Cancelled

**From:** Sue Kenoyer <[suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com](mailto:suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com)>

**Date:** March 16, 2020 at 8:29:41 PM EDT

**Subject:** NYSO DKG April Meeting

March 16, 2020

Dear Chapter Presidents and NYSO DKG members:

As you all know, we are faced with an unprecedented health crisis. States, communities, and organizations across the nation are forced to take steps to safeguard our citizenry. We as an organization must consider what is best for our members, and so we are announcing some changes in the calendar.

The Executive Committee has been conversing frequently about plans for upcoming events. In particular, our Spring Executive Board/Seminar Meeting scheduled for April 24 – 25, 2020, has been a major topic of discussion. We have not rushed into a decision because the meeting is at the end of April, rather than the March to mid-April dates that seemed to be the focus of so many changes. Not only did we have concerns about our members' health, but we also have a fiscal responsibility to our organization to consider.

With all of this in mind, and in consultation with the Executive Committee and Past Presidents, I have decided to cancel our April 24 – 25 meeting in Syracuse. There are some items of business that must be addressed. Here is the plan.

1. The Executive Board must vote on the proposed budget. Our governing documents allow for this vote to be electronic. Once the details are ironed out, members of the Executive Board will receive a ballot by email to return to both Lisa Huyck (NYSO DKG Secretary) and me. Look for details in forthcoming emails.
2. The Standing Rules changes which have been proposed are more a matter of cleaning up language and can easily wait until our Fall meeting (October 16 – 17 at the Delta Hotel in Utica).
3. Appointment of personnel: Executive Secretary, Webmaster, and FDF Sales. According to our acting Parliamentarian, the current Executive Secretary and FDF Sales can continue in these roles until the Fall meeting. The President can temporarily appoint an Interim Webmaster as of July 1, 2020 until we can vote in October.
4. Our NYSO DKG State Chairs will each write a Board Report that will be placed on our State webpage.
5. Those receiving awards will be notified and receive any monetary amounts at the designated times. Our Saturday luncheon at the Fall meeting will become our Awards Luncheon, where we can honor the awardees and our 25- and 50-year members.
6. The April 25 Leadership Training session for new presidents will not take place. The Leadership Development Committee will have to consider if they intend to do anything to replace this session. The three "On The Road" sessions will still take place in July.
7. **Karen Crumley is checking with the hotel to see how they want to handle the cancellation of hotel rooms. An email regarding this will follow as soon as the information is available.**

Those are the items that seem most pressing. The Executive Committee will continue to review the situation and keep you informed. As always, if you have thoughts or questions you wish to share with the Executive Committee, feel free to contact us.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Sue Kenoyer, President



# Alpha Alpha Chapter

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## Business Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2020

Electronic Voting Due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 Restrictions

**Meeting Statement:** Due to concern about our members staying healthy during this unprecedented threat to our health, the business meeting was conducted via email and by US Mail. Members were asked to check YES or NO to each motion presented, made and seconded by an officer or committee chair who reviewed the agenda in advance. Responses were returned to and tallied by the Chapter Secretary. We are grateful that a total of 38 chapter members participated in this process.

### Meeting attachments included:

1. Agenda with voting
2. Minutes from January 25, 2020 Business Meeting at St. John Fisher College
3. Financial Reports: January and February 2020
4. Nomination for membership
5. Scholarship and Awards Report
6. Proposed 2021 Budget

**ATTENDANCE:** B.Balzano, B.Bishop, E.Blackman, S.Brady-Root, M.Cosgrove, J.Dudley-Siefert, M.Duryea, P.Eberhardt, J.Fenton, J.Fuller, S.Genthner, M.Geonie, S.Hasenauer, D.Hoeft, S.Johnson, L.Keefer, L.Kotwas, E.Leshnower, M.Lovett-Scott, J.Marchetti, D.Maurer, B.Mitrano, L.Montanaro, D.Noble, F.Prather, P.Quamo, S.Ross, C. St.George, A.Seneway, L.Smasthanow, R.Swiskey, A.Tran Flesch, J.Wadsworth, W.Ward, Sr. E.Weaver, L.Wetherell, E.Wuethrich, A.Young

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** APPROVED unanimously with a vote of 38-YES and 0-NO votes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** APPROVED with no corrections or additions stated.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** D. Maurer—A thank you letter from Margaret Home was received.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** No issues were raised so reports were filed as presented.

	As of January 31, 2020	As of February 29, 2020
Checkbook Balance	\$4,871.84	\$4,879.84
Operating Fund Balance	\$4,360.00	\$4,360.00
Brockport Endowment Funds Summary	\$208,497.24	\$208,497.24
FLACE Funds Summary	\$52,569.66	\$52,569.66
Reichel: \$3,3350		
Foster: \$1500		
Whited: \$1500		
Luskey: \$1150		

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP: L. Kotwas and D. Noble

Dr. Pamela Beach was recommended for membership by Joan Fenton. Information about Dr. Beach was included as an attachment.

### GOOD WILL: P. Quamo

Condolences were sent to the family of Jeanette Banker. During this difficult time, it is important for us to stay in close communication, so Pam asked that we contact her at 585-352-1336 or [pquamo@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pquamo@rochester.rr.com) with information about anyone who would benefit from a card or phone call.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:** A report from L. Keefer was included as an attachment.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Vote on Alice Young's Request for Reserve Status - MOTION** by M. Lovett-Scott, seconded by Judy Wadsworth to grant reserve status to Alice Young. **MOTION APPROVED.**
2. **Approval of New Member - MOTION** by J. Fenton, seconded by L. Keefer to accept Pamela Beach as a member of DKG/Alpha/Alpha Chapter. **MOTION APPROVED.**
3. **Presentation of Budget for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021** was presented by S. Johnson as an attachment. Please read before voting in May.
4. **Recognition Award Name Change - MOTION** by S. Johnson seconded by M. Lovett-Scott to rename the "Outstanding Service Award" to the "Jeanette D'Agostino Banker Outstanding Service Award". **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Presentation of New Slate of Officers for the 2020-2022 Biennium:** President, Mary Ann Geonie; Vice President, Lucy Smassanow; Secretary, Linda Wetherell - **MOTION** by Nominations Chair, E. Wuethrich, seconded by P. Eberhardt, to elect this slate of officers for the 2020-2022 Biennium. **MOTION APPROVED.**
6. **Vote on Proposal to Change Amount of the Reichel Award - MOTION** by L. Keefer, seconded by J. Marchetti, to change the amount of the Reichel Award to \$2000 for the 2020-21 school year. **MOTION APPROVED.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The April 24-25 NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION has been cancelled. To learn more, visit the DKG-NYSO website at <https://www.dkgnystate.org/>.
2. The DKG International Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. starts July 7. See the DKG website to learn more: <https://www.dkg.org/>.
3. Planning Meeting for the 2020-2021 Chapter Year-M. Geonie This annual meeting of chapter officers and committee chairs **has been cancelled** and will be rescheduled for a future date.

Submitted,  
Diane Maurer, Secretary  
March 28, 2020



# Alpha Alpha 2020-2021 Dues Form



New York State Organization  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Chapter/regional/international dues for 2020-2021 are due by **APRIL 30** to meet the DKG/NY 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.

Dues for active members 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

**(IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A RESERVE MEMBER, AND WISH TO BE SO IDENTIFIED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT SO YOUR REQUEST CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.)**

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

**My emergency contact, should anything happen to me while at a meeting:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**A family contact, should I become unable to communicate via phone or email about Alpha Alpha matters:**

Check this box if the person listed above should be contacted.

**OTHER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



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Ass't. Treasurer	Sherry Johnson	594-2520
Parliamentarian	Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum	865-2822
Past President	Judy Wadsworth	442-4737

**NEXT NEWSWHEEL DEADLINE: May 8**

*At any time, please forward items you'd like included  
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