



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

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## ETA Chapter News Links

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SISTERHOOD FOR PEACE

### Happy Holidays Sisters!

We hope everyone enjoyed November 22 filled with family, friends, fun and food. Now that we have given Thanks, let's move on to the season of Giving! Over the summer I experienced several moments that reminded me there are kind, giving individuals wherever you travel.

Returning from Maine the car in front of me paid my highway toll into New Hampshire. While shopping one day I reached in my pocket for my debit card. The cashier said they didn't accept credit for purchases less than \$10.00. I didn't have any cash on me. I was about to return the item, go to an ATM and come back to the store when the lady behind me offered to pay. I tried to tell her she didn't need to, but she insisted. I thanked her and she said, "Just pay it forward." I promised her I would. Very often in Aldi's the customer returning a shopping cart has passed it off to me and I haven't had to insert a quarter.

All of these have been small amounts but far from insignificant to me. In our world full of negative words and actions these little kindnesses make a huge difference. It warms my heart every time someone shows this kind of thoughtful generosity. I have "paid it forward" as promised and felt the gratefulness of the recipients.

Our **THEME** for this year is **Encouraging Thoughtful Action**. Give, share, donate whenever you can. The amount is not important. It is the thoughtfulness that is of real value. Our December tea offers you the chance to give. We will collect mittens, gloves, hats or scarves for our local school children and the Homeless Shelter. We will also raffle three great baskets prepared by Norma McShane. Be kind, be mindful and be well. See you next Tuesday!



Sincerely from  
Cheryl King, News Link Editor  
And Your ETA Team

# September Meeting Highlights:



ETA Sisters shared a skit **E**ncouraging chapter members to **S**TEP UP and volunteer.



Chapter members received Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service to DKG.



Dale Matuski shared her summer travel experiences in Alaska.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious, filling pot luck dinner provided by the retired teachers.



Sue Green shared her experiences at the National Convention in Austin, Texas. She was presented with a red rose for her participation as our representative and State Membership Chairman.



## DONATION TO ETA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

What a nice surprise for ETA Chapter upon receiving a fifty-dollar donation for our Scholarship Fund. This is a perfect example of what the sisterhood of Delta Kappa Gamma is all about. Jan Hughes from Alpha Chapter certainly fulfilled Purpose #5: "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries."

Jan had friends who had lost their children to suicide, as I also had. After our second loss, my daughter, Colleen Haskins, had found a wonderful book on Amazon dealing with suicide titled [Dying to Be Free, A Healing Guide for Families After a Suicide](#), co-authored by Beverly Cobain and Jean Larch.

Jan knew that after reading this book Colleen and I finally experienced a sense of peace, so needed, after such a tragedy. She called me to get information about the book. Since Colleen and I had had such a good experience, we bought several copies to have on hand. As a result, I was able to just send some to Jan, who was very appreciative.

To thank me she made that very generous donation to ETA Chapter to honor me and my work in Vermont DKG. To say I was humbled and deeply grateful does not adequately express the warmth I felt for such a recognition.

With Gratitude,  
Barbara O'Neil

P.S. If anyone ever has a need for such a book, please get in touch with me. My family is always willing to help anyone suffering from such a loss.

# PUERTO RICO PROJECT II

Thank you to Nicky Forest for ordering and sending \$200 worth of school supplies from ETA Chapter to Puerto Rico. Nicky selected both practical and creative materials hoping to boost the kids' spirits:

Markers	Crayons	Foam Stickers
#2 Pencils	Blank Flash Cards	Index Cards
Pencil Top Erasers	Colored Pencils	

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## GUESS WHO'S IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



**# 1 – I am Mom to a 2019 Senior who plays football. In August I spent two weeks on a trip to Spain. I traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia to visit my two brothers. I am on my school's leadership team, school data team, math team, and the district data team. Who am I?**

**#2 – I enjoyed visits from my family and two great-grandsons, ages one and nearly three. I attended my brother Jack's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party in Norwich in April. June 23 was my Fraser family reunion in Norwich with all of my Kentucky family here for the week. (So very special!) I attended my sister and brother-in-law's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party overnight at the Lake Morey Resort on August 11 and 12. My family had a Battle Day cookout at my nephew's home for a huge gathering of 60 or 70 relatives and friends. My hobby is caring for my flower beds and window boxes of geraniums, dahlias, snapdragons, iris, impatiens, gladiolas, hostas, clematis, sedum, portulaca, and roses. I enjoy swimming and reading by my pool. On October 2, my daughter, Debby came from Kentucky to see the fall foliage. She has missed this for the past twenty-five years. Who am I?**

# Planning Ahead

You are invited to attend!

## Alpha Lambda State Spring Convention:

Theme – “Change and Growth”

Symbolized by the Butterfly

Hosted by Delta Chapter, Barre Area

Date TBD

## Northeast Regional Conference:

July 30 – August 1, 2019

Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Mashantucket, CT

ETA Chapter will participate in the “Marketplace” selling VT photo note cards, quilted microwave bowl pot holders, quilted casserole carriers, pin cushions, and other sewn objects. We may even sell some handmade ornaments. If you would like to help or sell items, let Donna or Cheryl know. Profits go to our local chapter.

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# DKG / ETA CHAPTER MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DECEMBER 4, 2018      3:45PM Social      Meeting: 4:00PM

OLD FIRST CHURCH BARN, MONUMENT CIRCLE      BENNINGTON, VT

## HOLIDAY TEA      BASKET RAFFLE



\*Please bring mittens, a hat, and/or a scarf  
for donations to local school children  
and the Homeless Shelter.



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MARCH 26, 2019      3:45PM Social      Meeting: 4:00PM

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER      BENNINGTON, VT

MAY 23, 2019      3:45PM Social      Meeting: 4:00PM

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH      BENNINGTON, VT

## BRIGHT SPOTS IN EDUCATION



## **REQUEST:**

If you have 4"x 6" photos of VT landscape please bring them to our March General Membership Meeting. The ETA TEAM will be working together to produce the note cards to sell at the Northeast Regional Conference at the end of July, 2019.

## **STEP UP AND JUMP IN**



- Please think about how you might help as we add to the team and committee chairs.
  - Volunteer to be Secretary for one meeting of the year.
  - Bring a guest to our meetings. Encourage them to join our organization.
- Keep in touch with our local schools and their staff members. Send holiday and vacations wishes.
  - Check out the updated state website.  
<https://alphalambdavn.weebly.com/>
  - Call another member – offer a ride to our meetings.
  - Prepare some items to sell to benefit our chapter at the Northeast Regional Conference next summer.
  - Attend the State Spring Convention in Barre.
  - Attend the Northeast Regional Conference next July – August.
  - Sing in the chorus with our state music leader, Rita Corey.

**Answers to Guess Who - #1 Gabrielle Watson, a new ETA member!  
#2 Betty White, a long time ETA member!**