



**THE CHIPS OF GRANITE
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE CHAPTER**

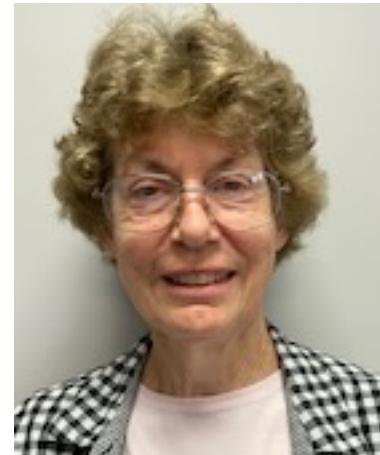
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Dear DKG New Hampshire State Sisters,

Welcome to 2024! I hope this year brings you happiness and good health.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our DKG New Hampshire State 80th Anniversary celebration in September. Experiencing the excitement and enthusiasm within our group was uplifting. I look forward to this energy level in 2024, hoping for a large turnout at our spring conference in Meredith in April. Check out the bios of our speakers and the additional activities planned for our annual event.



There is a new initiative at DKG International called “Chapter to Chapter”. It encourages state chapters, local chapters and individual DKG members to connect with each other across borders. Here in northern New England, we have already begun this process. During the past two years, several of our DKG Vermont sisters have attended our state conferences and local chapter meetings. In addition, DKG NH sisters attended the DKG Vermont Arts day in Rutland, VT. In 2023, Maurine Henry, our NH State treasurer, was a presenter at the Vermont Arts Day. Also, for many years, DKG Maine State has hosted a “Meet and Greet” for their neighbors across the border in New Brunswick. In opposite years, the New Brunswick chapter hosts an event for their Maine State sisters. There are additional opportunities for exchange

programs through DKG International with other states and countries. More information can be found on DKG.org.

In 2024, you will have several opportunities to make connections with your DKG sisters within New Hampshire, as well as across other states and countries. Besides our NH State meeting April 11 – 13, in Meredith, Theta chapter will be hosting the Tri-chapter meeting Saturday, April 27, at the Meredith Community Center. Also, for the first time in many years, the DKG International Convention is being held on the East Coast, July 9 – 13, at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, MD. The schedule, registration, and hotel information can be found on the DKG.org website.

Connecting with others and learning from each other is what DKG is all about. At our January NH State Executive Board meeting, chapter presidents shared some of their goals, events, and accomplishments. It struck me at the time, how different each chapter is and how much we could learn from each other. Chapter members may be interested in knowing more about how other chapters function, their fundraising events, the organizations they support, social events they enjoy, etc. The NH State Directory provides you with the meeting schedules for all NH chapters. All DKG chapter meetings are open to all DKG members. Chapters might consider inviting other chapters to join them for a particular event or meeting. Also, as a member, you might want to contact another state chapter and ask if you can attend a particular event. Taking a small step can sometimes lead to great rewards and lifelong friendships.

Sincerely, Terry Thompson, DKG NH State President

DKG International and NH State Calendar and Due Dates

February 28, 2024: End of Membership Challenge with DKG Vermont State (send all new membership information to Maurine Henry (moheny@ne.rr.com) and Brenda Walker (bwalker_03220@yahoo.com))

March 1, 2024:

--Women of Distinction Award Nominations from each chapter due (Send nomination summary to Jane Sweatt (jasweatt@hotmail.com))

--Applications for DKG NH State Scholarships due (send application form to Pam Clark (p2pclark@yahoo.com))

March 10 – 13, 2024: U.S. Forum/National Legislative Seminar; Arlington, VA (see dkgusforum.org)

April 11 - 14, 2024: DKG NH State Conference; Inn at Mill Falls, Meredith (see Spring Conference brochure)

April 27, 2024: Tri-chapter Meeting; Meredith Community Center, Meredith, NH.

June 30, 2023: Annual Dues due: All NH State members submit dues to chapter treasurers.

July 1, 2023: Biennium for chapter officers begin.

July 9 – 13, 2024: DKG International Convention; Gaylord National Resort, National Harbor, MD (see DKG.org)

July 15, 2024: Up-dated fillers for the DKG/NH State 2024-2025 Directory due

August 1, 2024: Articles for Fall edition of CHIPS due

August 2024: DKG NH State Executive Board Meeting; Health Trust Building, Concord, date TBA

September 2024: DKG NH State Meeting; date and location TBA

World Fellowship News from Ros Seidel

Chapters should be aware that "The Schools for Africa" program has been discontinued in its former form and restructured into a program with several initiatives, now overseen by UNICEF USA. Donations should now be made to UNICEF USA and earmarked for "Education in Africa." Rest assured that any donated funds will continue to build on the success of "Schools for Africa" and the focus supported by DKG members.

Also, I'd like to alert DKG chapters to a new initiative that will be supporting girls education in AFGHANISTAN. The program is called "Education Within Boundaries: Afghan girls creating their future" and will be run within the women's center, Kandahar Treasure, in Kandahar, Afghanistan beginning in the fall of 2024.

Kandahar Treasure was founded by the former Minister of Education in Afghanistan, Rangina Hamidi. It is a place where Afghan women (mostly widows, as 80 % of Afghan women are widows and have no means of support) can gather safely and create beautiful embroidery using the ancient art of Khamak, which is then sold internationally.

Rangina has created a curriculum for girls to become educated in business and design and to learn the craft of khamak embroidery alongside the women artisans who have been creating khamak embroidery for generations. Through participating in the program, Afghan girls can learn to become independent from within the cultural boundaries set in place by traditions. They will be afforded an opportunity to build a better future for themselves and their country. The program will help to alleviate those feelings of isolation, loneliness, abandonment and a lack of confidence due to the restrictions on the education of girls beyond 6th grade put in place by the Taliban in August 2021.

The four year program is expected to cost \$20,000. Any amount donated would be immensely appreciated.

Inquiries can be directed to me, Ros Seidel <ros.seidel@gmail.com> and I will forward them on to Rangina. Thank you!

Ros



Meet our new DKG NH State Vice President

Carol Hines, a Keene resident, and member of Alpha Chapter joined DKG in 2018. Carol served two terms as co-president of Alpha Chapter from 2020 to 2024 with Judy Durand. She gracefully volunteered to accept the NH State Vice President's position in September of 2023 after Judy Erickson stepped down for health reasons. We inducted Carol as the NH State Vice President at our NH State Fall Meeting in Meredith. Welcome, Carol.

Carol received her Bachelor's degree in K – Primary Education from Glassboro State College in New Jersey, her Master's degree in education at Yeshiva University, and a certificate of Advanced Studies in Administration at SUNY-New Paltz, NY. She spent her entire 34-year teaching career in the East Ramapo School District in Spring Valley, NY. During her teaching career, Carol received two New York State PTA awards for exemplary service to children and as an Instructor at the East Ramapo Teachers' Center. Following retirement, Carol worked at the St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY; first as a mentor to learning disabled students and then as the Testing Coordinator.

In retirement, Carol is active in the Cheshire County Retired Educators Association, enjoys reading, needlework, and Mah Jongg. Her children and grandchildren are a major part of Carol's life as well as her continued involvement in Alpha Chapter meetings and activities, encouraging new ideas and activities. I look forward to working with Carol over the next two years.

Submitted by: Terry Thompson, DKG NH State President

News from DKG International:

DKG International Membership: Avenue M Report

By: Terry Thompson, DKG/NH State President

In 2023, the DKG International Executive Board hired an outside firm, Avenue M Research Group, to help the DKG Board determine the causes and issues surrounding the rapid drop in DKG membership. Avenue M is a global consulting organization that helps organizations with membership growth, revenue building, and brand strengthening. A survey was conducted between May 3, 2023 – June 1, 2023, via email. Close to 60,000 email surveys were sent out to members; 10,879 were completed and returned. The 100+ page final report is available on the DKG website. Listed below is the executive summary of their findings.

The report is worth reading. Besides pointing out the causes of the downturn in DKG membership, it also gives suggestions and a timeline for reversing the trend. Many of our New Hampshire chapters have brought up the difficulties with keeping members and attracting new members. What has your chapter been doing to encourage membership?

Executive Summary

Overview: The Executive Summary highlights some of the top findings from the Key Findings section. It is meant to provide a **very brief** summation of the Survey Key Findings and Avenue M's interpretation of the research. Additional details on differences between important respondent segments in the survey can be found on the following pages and in the Excel file cross-tabulations provided as an appendix to this report.

1. Educator burnout/resignations (62%) and a shortage of educators entering the profession (60%) are the top challenges or trends that women educators believe will negatively impact the profession in the future. Educator burnout/resignations is of particular concern to women educators who are 54 or younger.
2. Increasing expectations of teachers (50%) and having to deal with issues affecting students outside the classroom (42%) are the top challenges and issues that are currently impacting women educators. Younger women educators (54 or younger) are more likely to report they are struggling with burnout/lack of work-life balance.
3. Nearly four in five (79%) DKG members and former members say they accepted DKG membership because they knew a friend or colleague who

was a DKG member. Community/connections with other women educators (65%) is the other top reason that these individuals chose to accept membership.

4. Over four in five DKG members are likely (21%) or extremely likely (66%) to renew their DKG membership. The proportion of members who are extremely likely to renew membership (66%) is higher than the industry benchmark of 55% tracked in Avenue M's database of professional membership organizations.
5. Affiliation with DKG is stronger at the chapter level than at the international level, as members are more satisfied with their chapter membership than with their DKG international membership and are more likely to recommend chapter membership. They also tend to view Chapter membership as more valuable.
6. Providing updates on state/federal policies affecting education (35%) and improving communications about member benefits, activities, and events (34%) are ways that DKG could improve the value of membership for members. Younger DKG members (54 or younger) are more likely to feel the society could increase the value of membership through attracting more members that reflect their demographics and providing more opportunities for leadership development training.
7. Nonmembers are most likely to not be a member of DKG because they are retired/retiring (28%) or because they don't have enough time to use DKG benefits/attend events (24%).
8. State organization conventions (84%) and scholarships (75%) are the DKG offerings respondents are most likely to be aware of. The state organization conventions (42%), and *Collegial Exchange* (33%) are the most highly utilized benefits.
9. While respondents 65 and older are most likely to believe there are no barriers to engaging with DKG, those 64 or younger are more likely to feel a lack of time is a barrier to engagement.
10. When respondents engage with DKG, their number one goal is to connect with other women educators (59%). Those who are 64 or younger are more likely to engage with DKG to get information or resources to help them do their job better, find opportunities for training/education, and find opportunities for financial assistance.
11. In the future, Women educators feel DKG should be focusing on attracting/recruiting educators to become DKG members (54%) and attracting/recruiting educators to the profession (46%).

Come join us at the 2024 DKG New Hampshire State Conference
Theme: Lake Winnepesaukee: Past and Present
April 11 – 13, 2024
Inn at Mill Falls
Meredith, NH

The DKG NH State Executive Board is pleased to announce that we have scheduled four presenters for our NH State Conference: three for Friday, April 12th and one on Saturday, April 13th following our Celebration of Life and business meeting. See their bios below.

There will also be a block of time for field trips on Friday afternoon. The Meredith Historical Society Museum has agreed to open their doors for us. Throughout the conference, vendor tables will be set up for your perusal. In addition, several DKG members have volunteered to conduct craft workshops starting at 7:00 pm on Friday.

We hope you can join us. You are also welcome to bring a non-member guest. The state conference is an excellent opportunity to introduce potential new members to DKG and what we have to offer them.

Why you should consider becoming a vendor.

- Vendors seem to get to meet everyone who attends the conference.
- Chapters can use this as a fundraiser.
- DKG sisters are very supportive of other sisters and use the conference as an opportunity to support their sisters from around the state.
- Chapters and individuals can showcase their talents.
- It is just one of many ways to enjoy the conference.

DKG New Hampshire State Spring Conference
Vendor Application and Agreement
Mill Falls Inn, Meredith, NH
April 11 - 14, 2024

Send to:

Carol Hines
11 South View Drive
Keene, NH 03431

Postmarked by: April 5, 2024

Please provide the following:

Vendor's name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Items to be sold: _____

_____ Check # _____ enclosed (for \$20 table fee), payable to "DKG/NH State"

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Vendor restrictions and requirements:

--A vendor must be a DKG member from Beta Alpha State and must be registered for the 2024 NH State Spring Conference.

--All items sold must be hand-made or written by original authors.

--Applications must be sent via US mail (not email).

--A check for \$20, payable to "DKG New Hampshire State", must accompany the application. There will be no refunds for cancellations made 2 weeks or less prior to the conference. A confirmation will be sent via email.

--Vendors will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.

--Vendors will be provided with one 8' table. No additional furniture may be brought in.

--No wall space or electricity will be available.

--Vendors will provide their own table coverings.

--Vendors may set up during registration in the morning or between the morning and afternoon sessions on Friday.

--Vendor tables will be open during breaks, lunch, and after the last speaker on Friday and from 8:00 - 9:30 am on Saturday.

--Vendors are responsible for their own security.

Speakers for DKG State Conference

Rudy VanVeghten:

Born and raised in Manchester, Vermont, Rudy VanVeghten began his career as a journalist at the Meredith News in 1973. He spent over a quarter century at the News, most of that time as editor. After leaving Meredith in 2001, he worked in publications and website management at his



alma mater, Northeastern University in Boston. He and his wife, Cheryl, moved back to Meredith following his retirement in 2020. VanVeghten is the author of four books on Meredith history: *Filling the Void: History of the Meredith Public Library* in 1988, *The History of Meredith Bay* in 2015 and *Class of Cultures: The Story of the Penacooks, the Winnepesaukee, and Chiefs Passaconaway, Wonalancet and Kancamagus* in 2022, and “*These Sons of Liberty*”: *Meredith in the American Revolution* in 2023. He contributed several chapters in the Meredith Historical’s recent publication *Morsels of Meredith*

History. Over the past decade and a half, he has also researched and published a series of articles in *de Halve Maen (The Half Moon)*, a research journal published by the Holland Society of New York dedicated to “illuminating the Dutch contribution to American history.” He currently serves as copy editor of the publication.

Mr. VanVeghten’s presentation’ “Indigenous Peoples of New Hampshire” will focus on his research of the native cultures and his subsequent book, *Class of Cultures*. As he concluded in his book: “Native American nations underwent many clashes of culture even before invaders arrived from across the ocean.....the Native populations of our area, after an existence spanning over 12 millennia, were doomed by three concurrent forces in the 17th century.” This eye-opening history gives us plenty of food for thought.

Dr. John Hopper:

Dr. Hopper received is BA in US History at Wake Forest University, his MA in African History at Ohio University, and his PhD in South African History from Yale University. Although John’s professional career was in banking; he has always kept his interest in history.

Bear Island in Meredith has been a longtime summer residence for the Hopper family. After retiring from his position at Bank of America, he moved his family to their permanent home in Center Harbor, NH. In retirement, John has become a prominent member of the Meredith Historical Society and is the current president. He



has written two books: *The History of Bear Island* and *The Bear Island Chapel*.

Dr. Hopper’s presentation will cover the history of the town of Meredith from its 1740s roots, when it was simply an idea, to its emergence as a first-class tourist and retirement community in the 21st century. The presentation will proceed chronologically beginning with a brief overview of the development of the New Hampshire colony in the early 1600s. It will move quickly to the granting of the town in 1748, followed by the first phases of actual settlement. The focus will then shift primarily to the evolution of Meredith Village and its mill yard during the 19th century and 20th centuries. The evolution of the tourism/vacation era will be overlaid on those periods. The most recent phase of Meredith’s evolution, beginning the 1980s, will conclude the presentation.

Bree Rossiter

As Conservation Program Manager for the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), Bree's role is to develop, manage, and implement, new and existing programs designed to carry out LWA's mission. She leads the water quality monitoring, cyanobacteria, and Winni Blue/LakeSmart program as well as several critical nutrient mitigation projects. She participates in the NH LAKES advocacy group to track legislation and is an appointed member of the Wolfeboro Waters committee. Her experience comes from previous employment with NH Department of



Environmental Services and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, working with the Volunteer Assessment Programs, Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (a gasoline additive used to increase octane and oxygen levels and reduce pollution emissions), source water protection, and water restoration programs. Bree has a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy with a minor in sustainability from Plymouth State University. A resident of Gilford, Bree enjoys gardening, cooking, and spending time on the lake.

Ms. Rossiter’s presentation is entitled: “From Rocks to Waves: Exploring Lake Winnepesaukee’s Geology, Water Quality, and Protective Programs”. The Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) is the leading nonprofit dedicated to protecting the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnepesaukee and its watershed for present and future generations. Dive into the world beneath Lake Winnepesaukee as we present its geological history, review the current state of water quality, and explore LWA’s initiatives focused on preserving and protecting the lake.

Dave Anderson

Dave Anderson is Senior Director of Education for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. He joined the Forest Society in 1990. Anderson is responsible for design, development and delivery of conservation education programs including field trips, workshops and presentations for Forest Society members, conservation partners, schools and the general public.

Anderson is well known as a naturalist, guiding field trip tours on the Society's Forest



Reservations statewide while teaching about forest ecology, wildlife habitats, stewardship of forest resources and land conservation to introduce life-long residents and visitors alike to the protection and wise use of New Hampshire forests, conservation land and open space.

Anderson is a co-author of the “Forest Journal” column in the statewide New Hampshire Sunday News. His quarterly “Nature’s View” columns are a long-time regular feature in the Forest Society’s quarterly Forest Notes magazine. Anderson is a writer and co-host of “Something Wild,” the natural history and forest-related Friday radio feature and podcast on New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR).

Anderson received the prestigious 2014 Fred E. Beane Award for effective, fair and balanced Statewide communications on issues affecting agriculture and forestry in New Hampshire. Anderson is the 2022 recipient of the NH Timberland Owners Annual President's Award for forest-related communication and public relations. He lives on a 48-acre certified NH Tree Farm in South Sutton, NH.

Mr. Anderson’s presentation about NH forests and history – “A Century of Forest Conservation” is applicable to Lakes Region and will focus on the work to protect the Sandwich Range and Belknap Range, locally adjacent to Lake Winnepesaukee and the entire Lakes Region.

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**Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention
July 9 – 13, 2024
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland**

Take advantage of an east coast DKG International Convention. Come join us to experience more of what DKG has to offer to you. Become involved at the national level and vote for constitution changes, attend workshops and breakout sessions, cruise through the marketplace and hear from the main speakers. There will also be opportunities to visit our nation's capital and the surrounding area.

Some members are planning to travel to Washington, DC by train as a group, joined by members of DKG/VT. Please contact Peggy Saunders (redfoxnh@gmail.com) if you would like to learn more about traveling by train. Other members will travel by plane or car. The closest airport is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (7 miles from the convention center).



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The 2024 International Convention will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. The Gaylord National Resort overlooks the Potomac River with waterfront terraces at its back door and the bustling town of National Harbor at its front. From malls to boutiques, live entertainment to casinos, wine bars to restaurants, and ferry terminals to Ferris Wheels, National Harbor has whatever might be your interest. And, if you desire, take the short trip over the river to Washington D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Of course, the convention will also offer all the excitement you have come to expect and more: enjoying keynote speakers, engaging in breakout sessions, networking with members, connecting with old friends, and using your member voice when you vote on proposed amendments to the Society's governing documents.

Save the date! July 9 – 13, 2024.



Margot Shetterly

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR | RESEARCHER |
ENTREPRENEUR

Keynote Speaker | Wednesday, July 10 Luncheon

Margot Lee Shetterly is the Author of the #1 New York Times best-selling book *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians: Who helped win the space race.*



Andre Bradford

AWARD-WINNING SLAM POET | AUTHOR

Keynote Speaker | Friday, July 12 Luncheon

Andre Bradford, a.k.a. S.C. Says, is an Austin based slam poet who has been performing slam poetry since 2013. He's toured and featured at venues and universities across the country, and his work has been featured in the Huffington Post, Write About Now, The Edge radio, The Culture Trip, and Blavity. He is a two-time Austin Poetry Slam Champion, the 2022 Texas Grand Slam Champion, and is the author of the poetry collection Golden Brown Skin. He also once popped a bag of popcorn without burning a single kernel, which is arguably one of his greatest achievements.

His poetry covers a gamut of topics ranging from being mixed race, to social justice, to mental health awareness, to never settling in relationships. Slam poetry is an art form he loves due to its raw vulnerability and its ability to cultivate transparency and dialogues into many different walks of life.

From Alpha



Alpha chapter co-presidents Judy Durand and Carol Hines presented Alicia Deaver, Executive Director of Rise for baby and families with a check for \$350.00 which would cover the cost of a professional training program for their staff. This program will enhance the communication

between staff and parents on methods for helping children at home. Rise is an organization that helps to meet the developmental needs of children 3 and younger. Alicia Deaver will be the speaker at our March program to give us an update on the program.



Alpha Chapter has had an active year so far. Our fundraisers, the Hannaford's Book Bin and a group yard sale, were both very successful. As a result, we were able to fund \$500 scholarships to two Keene State College education majors.

A member of the KSC education department attended one of our meetings to present the successes and challenges of teacher education in today's climate. We have enjoyed gathering once a month at Maurine's home to work together on various crafts that we will sell at the spring conference. Eight of us helped to spread holiday cheer by caroling at two local nursing homes,

followed by a social gathering at Bernadette's home. We look forward to spring events and happenings!

Bernadette Kuhn and her husband Jerry entertained visitors from Keene's sister city, Einbeck, Germany, in September and October of 2023. The first visit was from the city delegation, and they were a father and son visiting together. They enjoyed visits to Hampton Beach, Portsmouth, riding the Cog Railway, and enjoying Keene's walkability. The second visit was connected to an Einbeck school's connection to Keene's Making Community Connections charter school. They had one of the teachers stay with them. It was remarkable how much of their education system is similar to America. Bernadette and her husband hope to go to Einbeck in the fall with Keene's delegation.

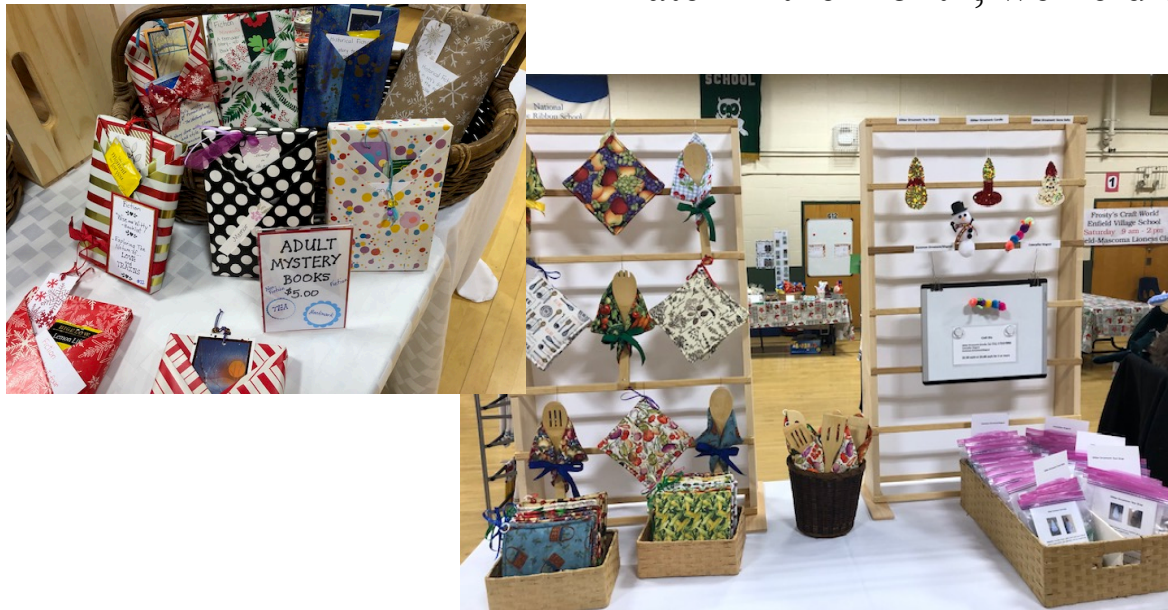
From Beta

September began in grand style as 13 members of Beta took part in NH DKG's 80 birthday celebration. Eleven members "set sail" on the MV Mount Washington, where we enjoyed meeting many other chapters' members on board and renewing old friendships and making new ones. We had a wonderful luncheon after hosted by Terry Thompson at her lovely lake house. A good time was certainly



had by all! Sincere thanks to Terry and Roger for hosting.

Later in the month, we held our



September Chapter Meeting, focused on membership, at which we welcomed three guests. We are in hopes that some of our guests will decide to join us.

Our October meeting was devoted to preparing for a crafts sale to be held in November. “Soups in a Jar” were organized and other crafts priced. At this meeting, we collected 90 pounds of food and 20 pounds of personal care items for the Haven. A potluck luncheon and business meeting followed.

In November, we had a very successful sale at “Frosty’s World,” a crafts sale sponsored by the area Lioness. Three of our members put their talents to work and wrapped gently-used books in a very fancy fashion. The books were a huge hit and profits will help to support organizations that we fund. Some of those organizations include: Children’s Literacy Fund, a

classroom through Epilogos, Teacher Appreciation baskets, and Friends of Mascoma.

We are looking forward to further chapter meetings in the upcoming year as well as the NH Spring Conference and the Tri-Chapter Meeting in April!

From Gamma

Starting off the fall by looking forward to the new year while making plans for the spring conference tells the story of Gamma

Chapter. We began with the

celebration of another entering student that we provided a scholarship in support of becoming a future elementary teacher. Her thank you note shared her excitement and hopes as well as appreciation for the financial support. In addition to supporting a graduating high school student we also continued our support for local food and fuel causes.

The other topics of ongoing discussion, were making plans for Gamma to host the spring conference. It didn't take us long to settle into the art work of Barbara Cowen as our focal point. We hope that you will be as excited as we are to share her talents.

Whenever Gamma gathers, we are sure to have food and photos! Lynn Young is our go to host and home to gather. Thanks to her, we have time



to chat, catch up and even relax with goodies all around. Although several members were not available to join us, we sent greeting and wishes to everyone for a healthy 2024 in our chapter and all New Hampshire Chapters.

From Delta

Barry Kelly, owner of the White Mountain Lumber Company, was the guest speaker at our October meeting; his presentation was on the history of logging in the North Country . Barry came with photos, maps, books and personal stories from both his own experiences and those of family members who have been involved in logging for many generations. Barry was knowledgeable and entertaining and members in attendance really enjoyed his visit!

We have two new fundraising opportunities for our Above the Notch Literacy Project. This program began in 2015 and promotes the concept of reading as a fun activity to young children. Our goal is to encourage children to become lifelong readers. Mary Jolles and Kristen Brooks made a beautiful maroon, navy and cream colored quilt to be raffled off at our May meeting. And we have been chosen to be a

“partner of the month” at the Littleton Food Coop in June of this year. The Littleton Food Co-op Partner of the Month program gives shoppers the opportunity to donate their spare change to local organizations every time they shop. One Hundred per cent of all donations collected will go directly to our literacy program.

From Epsilon

The 2023 EDies Awards was held June 3, 2023 at DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown. Chester Academy was proud to accept the 2023 K-8 School of Excellence Award.



Congratulations to the [NH Edies 2023 K-8 School of Excellence Chester Academy!](#) 🎉👏

The EDies bell and banner are displayed at Chester Academy. The EDies committee members along with Sean MacDonald of WMUR announced the award in a full school assembly in May.

Epsilon teachers at Chester Academy include Katie Murphy, Kim Kilpatrick, and Jane Fowler.



From Eta



Eta chapter met in October to organize our roles and plan ideas for increasing membership and for educator outreach.

Four of our members enjoyed the Mt. Washington Cruise and Fall meeting at Terry's in Meredith. The food and company was great - Loved the party atmosphere! Caroline and Dianne were thrilled to win a door prize!

Caroline Butler judged the New Hampshire Farm Museum's annual Pie Festival in October. It was so much fun and the pies were delicious. There were lots of great entries; one could gain a few pounds when judging! The New Hampshire Farm Museum is located in Milton on Plummer's Ridge. If you have never visited the museum, it is a great place to see New Hampshire's agricultural and rural heritage. They are open spring through late fall.

Caroline also enjoyed several holiday events including the beautiful decorations at Castle in the Clouds, the light display at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, ME., and Crane Castle in Ipswich, MA. What fun!



Ruth Ashley spent weekend time RV'ing in Maine and in Connecticut including visiting the Nautilus Historic Site and Submarine Museum in Groton. She continued a busy handbell ringing season around the holidays and will soon be practicing for Easter programs. Her holidays were spent with family and friends and some travel to North Conway for fun.

Dianne Mros, Ruth and Ruth's sister rented an Air BnB right on the water in Old Orchard Maine. They enjoyed a nice weekend of driving along the coast, sampling ice cream flavors and even visited an old jailhouse in Wiscasset Maine. Pictured right is an example of a cell that would have two people sharing ample space!

If interested in historical books, a facsimile edition of Susannah Carter's "The Frugal Housewife," first published in Boston by Edes and Gill in 1772 is on sale. Find it here at the website:



[Lincoln County Historical Association | Lincoln County Historical Association \(lincolncountyhistory.org\)](http://lincolncountyhistory.org)

Eta members had a lovely Christmas outing in

December to Newick's on Dover Point and another show at the Pontine Theatre, Portsmouth.

Each season, Pontine's artistic directors ring in the holidays with a selection of stories and poems by New England authors. This past December, Pontine staged an original adaptation of Frank Stockton's "Captain Eli's Best Ear", the story of a widowed sea captain who cleverly engineers his Christmas celebration to obtain his heart's desire – a new family! Also included in the program was music by Ellen Carlson, founder and leader of the New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble.



L to R: Betty Gilman, Norma Taatjes, Anne Nute, Caroline Butler, Dianne Mros, Ruth Ashley

Diane Grey shares the latest from the great North Woods. Up at Round Pond there is 20+ inches of snow. She will be visiting York, Maine at the end of January for a trip away with her husband, John. Their family in Key West and NYC are all well.

Her granddaughter, Marta, will be married in the coming year. Her son, Craig, is creating five granite benches for the Whitlock Elementary School in Washington, DC after being awarded this great honor from the General Service Administration.



Here is her great-granddaughter, Rosie. What a cutie-pie!

Norma Taatjes has gone to Florida for her annual winter stay. She will return in March and hopefully bring us Spring weather!

Meanwhile, **Jean Garzillo** enjoys her cozy home reading and sharing books and articles with family and friends.



Anne Nute continues her Trustee position for the Milton Free Public Library in Milton Mills. This is an elected position. She is also a Trustee of the Nute Library in Milton. Both libraries are open to the public and very fortunate to have Anne's expertise and support! Anne is an active member of the Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild in Wolfeboro. Her quilt creations are absolutely beautiful heirlooms and make treasured gifts.

Anne and her husband plan to tap a few trees in March for maple syrup production. They look forward to the planting and gardening plans of Spring. Anne is always busy at the end of the summer canning and freezing their garden bounty!

Upcoming Eta Events:

- Saturday March 2nd, 2024 at 1pm Dianne and Jean will host our book share with Gamma and Betty Gilman; Granite Steak and Grill, Rochester
- NH State Spring Conference: Thursday – Saturday, April 11 – 13, 2024; Mill Falls, Meredith hosted by Gamma.
- May 6th, 2024 5:30 pm Cinco De Mayo party at Caroline's house, Alton Bay.

From Theta

Pam Clark of Theta Chapter had a major house remodel done during the second half of 2023. She is very pleased with the results.
Party time!

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**DKG/NH 80th Birthday Celebration
M/S Mt. Washington Cruise
September 9, 2023**

There was no better way to celebrate our 80th anniversary than heading out on the lake on the M/S Mt Washington on a sunny, warm, light breezy fall day for a two hour cruise with friends from other chapters.

The cruise was time for members to relax and enjoy each other's company while taking in the spectacular fall beauty. This was a wonderful precursor to more opportunity for members to visit with others and take in more for NH's fall beauty at Terry's home on Meredith Neck.

Chapter members spoke about their commonalities in activities and interests with each other. Our State President Terry and the Beta Chapter provided a variety of tasty food for our pleasure. Every who attended this event left rested, full and reinvigorated and extremely grateful to all who provided this day.