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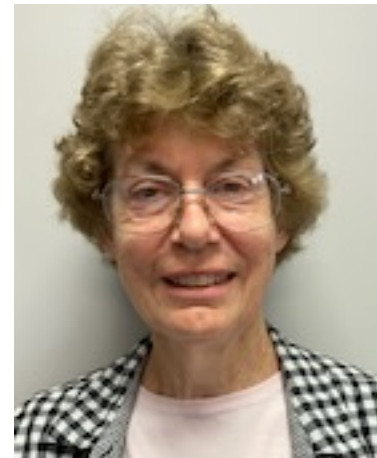
Dear DKG New Hampshire State Sisters,

President's Letter

Pondering the last four years

By: Terry Thompson, DKG/NH State President

In July of 2021, when I started my first biennium as DKG/NH State president, I had no idea what lay ahead. Anne Nute had worked very hard to keep us informed and together during the Pandemic and we had not had a state meeting for a year. As it turned out, we had to cancel the following two NH State meetings. I remember the excitement, enthusiasm, and relief when we finally got back together in Portsmouth at our 2022 NH State Conference. That meeting set the stage for the next three years.



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your NH State President. Over the past four years, I have learned many things from you and from my experience as president.

--Our DKG/NH State membership is a group of talented, caring, and dedicated educators with diverse backgrounds and experiences. We have much to learn and gain from each other. All of us have knowledge and talents to share. Sharing ideas and listening to differing opinions gives us strength and helps us join together to make a difference in our communities, schools and in our personal lives.

--The Covid 19 pandemic had a large impact on our operation. In response to concerns about in-person meetings, many in-person meetings were cancelled. Virtual and/or hybrid meetings became the norm. This change has affected

the attendance at our chapter and state meetings. However, we accepted this challenge and have found ways to gather together safely and we are slowly recovering.

--DKG International Society is also working hard to adjust and accommodate change. The DKG.org website has been upgraded to make it more user friendly. More resources, courses, and meeting summaries have been posted on the DKG.org website. Most meetings are now virtual and/or hybrid. Virtual monthly regional meetings are offered to state presidents and interested parties. The DKG.org website is worth visiting and exploring.

--Communication, networking, and reaching out to individual members is paramount in a successful organization. We, as individuals, have so much to gain from the contact with each other. We may differ in our opinions and interests; however, getting to know each other and making connections is rewarding, comforting, empowering, and promotes understanding and friendships. Connecting with you on a personal level has been the most rewarding part of my presidency.

In the past four years, my world has opened up, become richer, and produced new and hopefully long-term friendships. I look forward to continuing as a DKG/NH member, attending meetings, and learning from you.

**Concord: Past, Present, & Future
March 6 – 8, 2025**

Please Join us at our 2025 DKG/NH State Spring Conference in Concord.

The venue this year involves two locations. The Friday and Saturday presentations, lunches, vendors, and meetings are being held in a conference room at the Grappone Center (70 Constitution Ave.). **No food or beverages will be permitted in the conference Room.** Please make arrangements for your breakfast and coffee before you come to the conference center.

Housing for those of you spending the night(s) and the Thursday evening DKG/NH State Executive Board meeting will occur at the Residence Inn (91 Hall Street). Friday and Saturday breakfasts will be at the Residence Inn and are only open to the hotel guests staying at the Inn. There is a 7–8-minute drive between the two venues.

Brochure. <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NH/meetings.html>

Field trip locations are within a few minutes of the Grappone Center. We have been granted a private tour of the Pierce Manse for an entrance fee of \$10 (\$15 each, if our group is less than 10.) If you plan to visit the Pierce Manse, please list it as your first choice on the registration form. Other field trip options do not require a reservation. The State House is free. The NH Historical Society Museum has a \$7 entrance fee. The entrance fee for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is \$12 - \$13. Maps will be available at the conference.

We are pleased to announce we have arranged for four talented and knowledgeable speakers who will cover a variety of topics related to Concord, politics, and education. The two Friday morning presenters were both lecturers at the New Hampshire Historical Society in 2024. David Tirrell-Wysocki, a retired journalist and former director of the Loeb School of Journalism, will regale us with some of the more humorous and unusual aspects of the NH Primary. James Irving, a University of New Hampshire doctoral candidate in history, will focus on Franklin Pierce, our only New Hampshire US president.

Friday afternoon Maurine Henry, our DKG/NH State treasurer and webmaster, who is also an award-winning quilter and crafter, will discuss the history of quilts and how quilting techniques have changed over the centuries. Following our “Celebration of Life” ceremony and the membership meeting on Saturday, we will hear from Tracy Bricchi, NH State representative from Merrimack area. Tracy will give us an up-date on the status of NH education and discuss the education bills being considered in the NH State Legislature.

While voters in the rest of the country choose between two or three candidates in their presidential primaries, New Hampshire voters see ballots that list dozens of candidates. Those candidates push a social cause, feel a religious calling, promote a personal comedy career or just want people to listen to their ideas on how to run (or not run) the country.



As an award-winning news reporter at two NH radio stations and The Associated Press, **David Tirrell-Wysocki** covered nine NH Primaries and closely watched four others. He interviewed virtually all of the primary winners and many candidates who knew they stood no chance to win but paid the \$1,000 filing fee and added to the primary's mystique with their antics, hand-written news releases, novel ideas and heartfelt dreams.

David Tirrell-Wysocki had a front-row seat for decades of New Hampshire history, including nine presidential primary campaigns. He reported the news for 35 years at two NH radio stations and The Associated Press, before directing a communications school and becoming a freelance writer. He has been recognized with awards from the NH Association of Broadcasters, the NH Press Association, The Associated Press, Franklin Pierce University and the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications.

David's presentation includes a robust display of 50 years of NH Primary campaign memorabilia, including campaign buttons (including one with a candidate's name misspelled), news releases (including one scribbled in his notebook by a candidate), campaign hats, press passes and photos.

Maurine Henry received her B.Ed. and M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Keene State College. She earned 30 credits beyond her master's degree with a focus on Behavior Management. In the 1980's, she was a parent trainer working with families with special needs students. In 1987, Maurine Joined the faculty at Gilsum Elementary School in Keene as a kindergarten teacher. In 2006, she added K-6 Art to her teaching responsibilities.



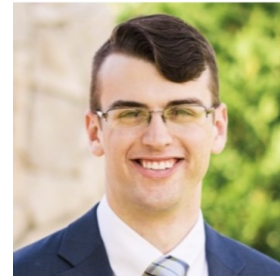
Maurine used her training in Brain Based Education in her teaching experience as well as conducting multiple district workshops. She published "Skills Development with Mother Goose", an activity guide for kindergarten skills development. Most recently, Maurine volunteered to teach sewing skills to students in her son's STEM class in Farmington, NH.

In addition to her many educational and DKG activities, Maurine is very active in the community. She has been an active member of Special Olympics and US Jaycee Women. She is a member and officer of the Cheshire Quilters guild, an officer in the Cheshire County Retired Teachers Association, and has conducted workshops on stamping and quilting.

Maurine joined Delta Kappa International in 1997. As a member of Alpha Chapter, she served as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and Chapter President (2006-2008). On the state level, she joined the Communications & Publicity Committee in 2008, became the NH State Webmaster in 2008, is on the Finance Committee, and has been State Treasurer since 2013.

Besides her generous gift of time to DKG/NH State, Maurine has also donated the proceeds from the sales of her quilting creations at DKG State and National conferences. In addition, her design and publication of our DKG cards has been a huge money maker for the state.

James Irving is a New Hampshire native, born and raised in Manchester where he attended public schools through high school. He received a BA in history with a minor in Spanish from Gordon College in 2017, after which he moved to Atlanta, GA and worked primarily in the mortgage industry. James returned to the Granite State in 2020 to begin a PhD program in the history department at UNH. During the past five years, he has taught undergraduate courses on modern United States history and the history of the Cold War and specialized in U.S. foreign relations with Latin America. He is in the final stages of writing a dissertation on U.S. diplomacy with Costa Rica in the 1940s, a project that has been supported by the Truman Library Institute. James lives in Concord with his wife and three pets.



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Tracy Bricchi earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of New Hampshire in Mathematics Teacher Education (1983) and completed her MBA at the New Hampshire College Business School (1987). She received a Certificate in advanced graduate studies: Educational Leadership and Administration in 2015 from Plymouth State University.

In addition to 35 years as an educator, Tracy is a school board member, President of the NH Retired Educators Organization, and is a retired representative of the NEA-NH Executive Board. Tracy was instrumental in establishing the new food pantry at the CSI Charter School, ensuring that no child goes hungry. As the chair of the Merrimack Valley School Board and Penacook Representative, she has consistently fought for better resources, support for teachers, and improved educational outcomes for children.



In the November 2024 election, Tracy won her bid to represent the Merrimack 15 District as a NH State Representative. Tracy will be sharing with us the education bills being considered in the 2025 NH State Legislature as well as a summary of some of the issues and changes in New Hampshire education since the Pandemic.

Brochure; <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NH/> Society meetings. Publications

DKG: Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire State Organizations Collaborate

On September 28, 2024, Terry Thompson hosted a gathering of the NH, VT, and Maine DKG State board members at her home in Meredith.



Terry Thompson, Flora Sapsin, and Anne Nute represented New Hampshire State. Maine's State president, Priscilla McFarland attended. Nancy James and Mary Ann Riggie, Vermont's Co-presidents along with Claire Molner, Vermont's vice president were also in attendance.

We shared information about our state meetings and up-coming activities, ideas for DKG state and chapter brochures, and discussed ideas for sharing and connecting with each other and our memberships. We plan to connect again at the DKG International Conference in New Orleans at the end of July.

DKG/NH members participate in the DKG/VT Arts Day

For the past several years, the DKG/VT State Organization has invited their DKG/NH sisters to participate in their annual Arts Day. This is a full day event held in Rutland, VT that offers multiple workshops within three blocks of time. For the second year Maurine Henry, our illustrious treasurer and web master, has been a presenter at the Vermont Arts Day.

Maurine is well known for her quilting and crafting skills. Her workshop this year was a "Thankful Banner". Her workshop participants made a garland-type banner with ribbons, felt, fabric, and cardstock.



Terry Thompson also attended Arts Day. Besides making a pumpkin felt ornament and being introduced to wood block printing, she made a snowman in the "Wooden Block Snowman" workshop.



Maurine was also a participant in one of the other workshops: "Fall Ribbon Wreath". This 10" wreath is made with wired ribbon on a metal wreath form.



Terry introduced this craft to her Beta sisters. In turn, Beta Chapter sold "Snowman DYI Kits" at their fundraiser booth at Frosty's World, a holiday craft fair held at the Enfield Elementary School in December. Crafting seems to be a favorite activity for many.

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

Let the good times roll! The **2025 DKG International Conference** in New Orleans is just around the corner! Register now and book your hotel room to experience exciting speakers, insightful sessions, and the unique charm of the Big Easy.

Scheduled for **July 31 – August 2, 2025**, the conference will provide a unique opportunity to network with women from around the world while soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of New Orleans. The city is brimming with exciting attractions, including the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, the National World War II Museum, a scenic steamboat ride along the Mississippi, and the Sazerac House. Don't miss a stroll through Jackson Square and a taste of fresh beignets. For an unforgettable experience, take a tour of Mardi Gras World to see the iconic floats and costumes up close. Register today to connect with inspiring women, explore historic sites, and savor delicious cuisine!

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Sheraton New Orleans

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MERLYNA VALENTINE

Merlyna Valentine is a highly sought-after international speaker, author, and consultant. She was a highly accomplished educator who made a significant impact in the field of education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and executive director. With a career spanning over **30 years**, Ms. Valentine was recognized for her outstanding leadership and dedication to educational excellence. Her transformational leadership as a school principal enhanced the school's climate and culture, which resulted in increased student achievement.

Despite facing a significant medical tragedy, Ms. Valentine unleashed a remarkable inner strength that enabled her to **lead by example**. She has learned some valuable lessons since 2007, when her life was forever changed, and she experienced the closest call to death imaginable. Harnessing her personal journey, Merlyna embarked on a new mission as an international speaker, captivating audiences worldwide with her authentic storytelling and profound insights. Her speeches not only highlight her triumphant victory over adversity but also *inspire individuals to overcome their own challenges and embrace resilience as a pathway to success.*

Chapter News

Alpha

Our October program was “ Where Is Our Public School Future Headed? Will Teachers Even Be Needed?” It was provided by Anne Marie Banfield, NH Educator Activist. Banfield focused on how public school teaching has been made difficult because work force preparation is replacing liberal arts education. Time has been taken away from core courses. Thus, specific skills are mandated which slows down comprehension. This change in programs began in 2016-2017 with the work force model. Private schools and home schooled students are not practicing comprehensive basic education skills. Under current standards, academic content is missing. For example, in 2010 in NH, the Common Core was defunded. Algebra I was taught in 9th grade. Calculus was needed to participate in better programs. This does not happen today. Thus, students miss necessary concepts.

Some states (California, for example) pushed standards back too far. Student brains were not ready for the advanced work of college. Content based learning has proved to be better.

This is a political issue in NH. Ms. Banfield spends much time in the NH Legislature as she battles for better programs. Federal standards must be followed or funding will be lost.

A recent Atlantic magazine article was recommended...students “can’t read books.” Banfield said, “Education must be reimagined.” There is a profit motive at work as well in the form of educational technology. She says “Legislators should be informed about the money behind this plot.” The State Board of Education needs to be informed.” Discussion of what is happening in our public schools followed. Some members commented that as test scores are emphasized, negative behaviors are evident, and bullying is another result. Staffing is an issue in all areas.

Beta

Red Roses:

Beta welcomes two new members, **Trish Guitar** and **Nichole Boynton**

Trish was the Special Educator for fifth grade at Indian River School for 5 years before she retired. Before that she was Special Educator Director for three smaller school districts. She also taught high school in Louisiana. Trish has taught prisoners and English as a second language. Trish has taught all over the world including Saudi Arabia.

Nichole is currently the Student Services Coordinator at the Disnard Elementary School in Claremont, NH, where she has been for 9 years. From 2013-2015 she worked as a teacher in the alternative education program at Mascoma High School. Nichole also taught 7-12 Family and Consumer Science in Windsor, VT for 10 years and Health Education at Hartford Elementary School. She received her BS degree from the UVM and her MA in Education Administration from Castleton. Nichole was introduced to DKG through the delivery of Beta Chapter's teacher appreciation baskets.

Beta Chapter looks forward to getting to know our 2 new members.

Beta Chapter held 3 meetings this fall. In September, we met at the Indian River Middle School and had an introduction session. New potential members were introduced, a brief history of DKG was discussed, as well as agendas for upcoming meetings. In October, we met at Terry Thompson's home in Hartland, VT. The group worked on a few projects for our upcoming fund raiser at the craft fair, Frosty's World in December at the Enfield Village School. We put together soups

in a jar, and wrapped “mystery” books. Our third meeting was in December. Jan Kulig’s daughter made an interesting presentation about sleep. We then had a pot luck brunch, followed by a sock swap. It was a great way to start the holiday season.

Member contributions:

Lisa Torres spent several days visiting transcendentalist’s sites including playing Where’s Waldo, on Author’s Ridge, in the cemetery. She also visited Revolutionary War sites.

Anne Cragin had fun playing in two shows at the Lebanon Opera House. The Music Man and The Sound of Music. She played flute and piccolo.

Trish Guitar spent the year renovating a home. She also traveled to Wales to see her daughter. Then she visited Hawaii with her partner and grandson. They snorkeled, hiked, went para sailing, and visited Pearl Harbor.

Diane De Wolfe had a wonderful trip to Newfoundland, Canada with her daughter. They camped on Bonnie Bay and went kayaking on the bay from their campsite.

Jani Barrett went to the Tournament of Roses Parade – can’t wait to hear about all the fun she had!!

Beta member, **Jan Kulig**, and her husband, Ray, had the good fortune to take a cruise on the Rhine in late October. They enjoyed tours along stops in the Netherlands, Germany and France, relaxation on the boat, as well as wonderful food and drink!

President Jan Kulig’s daughter, Sarah, who is a therapist specializing in sleep concerns, recently did a presentation for Beta. Sarah’s summary of her talk is as follows:

I enjoyed presenting on sleep health to the Beta chapter in December. We managed to explore quite a number of topics within the world of sleep during a short period of time. First, I shared a very basic summary of the processes at play during a night of sleep, including sleep drive and sleep-wake circadian rhythm. We then took a look at the stages of sleep, which include light sleep, REM and deep sleep. I then talked a bit about common sleep disorders, including insomnia. I finished by sharing some sleep health tips, based on principles from cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia. Sleep well, everyone, and if you don't, I hope you feel more prepared to talk to a health professional to get the relief you deserve!

“Erosion Control” with Fourth Graders at the Cornish Elementary School -Ros Seidel, Beta Chapter



This year’s main theme of the Four Winds Nature Program at the Cornish Elementary School consists of topics related to the “Earth.” Students began with a study of “Sunlight and Shadow,” followed by a lesson about “Rocks and Minerals.” The final lesson of the fall season focused on “Erosion.”

Having learned that the surface of the Earth is an active place with rocks moving and changing depending on heat and pressure, my fourth grade students were now ready to explore why the land around us looks the way it does.

What are some of the powerful forces that shape and form our landscape?

Through several hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the primary “agents of erosion,” wind, water and gravity, students experienced how each agent affected movement in soil and sand. As a final challenge, students worked in teams to design a system for erosion control on a bare hillside.

For the design challenge, each team received a basin of soil mounded to simulate a “hillside.” The team’s job was to stabilize the hillside using materials from the immediate environment of their “outdoor classroom,” bark, sticks, pine needles, acorns, etc. They would be asked to explain why they thought their design would be the best for controlling the loss of soil on their bare hillside.

Each design would be tested by pouring a quart of water on it using a watering can. The main criterion for success would be *for the water that collected in the basin to be clear, or nearly so.*

I was very impressed at how well the teams worked. Competition between teams was not stressed, because the challenge was presented as an exploration of different methods of control. Students listened to each others’ ideas and actively participated in the work. Even on this very cold November day, no one complained.

Reflecting on the success of this day, I wrote the following poem:

Erosion Control by Ros Seidel

Today I watched students
fortify hillsides.
In designs
intricate as fabric,
built to withstand the pull of gravity
and water,
resulting in runoff
as potable and clear as
molecules.

Ideas flow back and forth
without tumble or struggle,
like the clean water that falls
from skies
and through nearby streams.
They work in teams,
their energy fueled by youth,
a clean and bright sound
without filters.

We ignore the boy who cannot focus.
He offers brilliant engineering
but finds more passion
in the catapult of his arm,
the ping of acorns on the roof,
the hurl of sticks into trees.

I have delivered the soil and prepared
the templates.
I stand over the stage.
I am the bank around the drama,
guarding the slippery slopes,
the watering can aloft
in my steady hand
ready to deliver rain.

And then a surprise.

The boy returns to his team,
his body holding tension.
The rain washes over his hillside,
and slowly pools.
There is a pause as he studies it.
We hear the pines creak,
and then he bends
to take a sip.



Terry Thompson and her husband, Roger, are known for doing projects. This fall they repurposed their daughter's 30-year-old playhouse. Roger moved it out of the woods closer to the garage, their contractor spent a few days with them and added a porch and cupola, and Roger topped it off with electricity so Terry could light it up and decorate it for the holidays.



Terry will eventually use it for a garden shed. However, their grandson, Lou, has claimed it for his playhouse for the immediate future. He hopes to camp out in it this coming spring.

Janie Sweatt went to some plays at the New London Barn Theater. Her son was in a couple of plays which was exciting for her to see. She was on a committee planning for the 250th birthday celebration for the town of Errol, NH. The committee had Zoom meetings and worked hard. The event was held Labor Day weekend and was a fun time for all. A few books that she recommends are Maria: A Novel of Maria von Trapp by Michelle Moran, The Women by Kristin Hannah, The Housemaid by Freida McFadden, and Nightwork by Nora Robberts.

Gamma

Gamma members gathered twice over a potluck luncheon this fall. During our conversations we share updates of daily living. Several members have been working through health issues within their families and/or themselves. Thus, it has limited the amount of time and activities when they are able to be active. President Sheila Knight provides updates from the State level along with photographs that she has used for displays. She always hands out a group photo to each member taken at the previous meeting or conference. Of course, there are memories that are generated as the conversations expand to our teaching days. Gamma has carried on the tradition of giving. A \$500 scholarship was given to a Portsmouth High School graduate entering college with teaching as a goal. In December the chapter donated \$200.00 to New Generation in Greenland to help women connect to employment and learn life skills as well as child development. Another \$200.00 was donated to Chase Home of Portsmouth to help them provide programs to at risk youth and family support services. Gamma continues to explore what is next for the Chapter and what the future will bring.

Delta

The Literacy Project continues to bring books and book buddies in homemade bags to children in the north country! Deliveries were made to the two Kindergarten classes at the Colebrook school and to the preschool at the Whitefield School! We welcome a new member to our chapter! Amelia who some refer to as Amazing Amelia while others call her Amelia Bedelia has already taken on the office of recording secretary and is emailing the minutes to all members so they don't miss what's happening! It's so nice to have a new young person in our chapter!

Delta Chapter held their Christmas Party on Dec.7th Pam Read made the table centerpieces of small village buildings, Christmas trees and characters under glass domes and everything lit up beautifully. These were given as door prizes at the end of our meeting.

We enjoyed a yummy lunch with Christmas punch. A dessert of Rainbow sherbert with poutine sticks followed. We then had a few good laughs playing Yankee Swap and Susan Ackerman led us in a sing along of traditional holiday songs. We sent food pantry items to the Dalton community, hats and mittens to the local elementary school, and over 400 Christmas cards to the four nursing homes in our chapter areas.



Susan

Ackerman

Will be singing and playing on her electric piano to the residents of the local rehab center. She saw how much they needed some joyful sound in their lives.



Epsilon



Epsilon gathered in December for our holiday meeting, some crafty fun and community service. Members enjoyed a potluck brunch while creating festive Christmas tree centerpieces out of wooden Jenga blocks. The creativity was really fun to witness as some members pushed beyond their comfort zones and each created a truly unique

piece to take home. In addition, we collected children's books to donate to the Upper Room in Derry for their annual TIPS holiday party. The TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success)

program provides education and support to young parents and their

children. Supporting the Upper Room has become a tradition for Epsilon that we hope to continue for a long time



Barbara Mee has had an interesting year. As some of you know, she tripped on a box in her family room on December 1, 2023 and had a calcaneal fracture. She split her right heel in half. No split skin, just a pacman like break. After 100 days of no weight bearing, two surgeries, and screws and a washer in her heel, walker and transport wheelchair, she started to move forward with PT and weight bearing. Her husband Bill had to do virtually everything. They had friends who stopped over frequently and she did not lack for visitors. On March 11 she was released to "outside PT" by her orthopedic expert in foot and ankle, Dr. Jake Summers at Elliot orthopedics, (Fyzical in Londonderry is amazing)! On April 8th she got the ok to drive and then to fly at the end of the month. Travel resumed, they are doing as much as possible, and she is ever grateful that she feels back to about 98%. It's a good thing that we can't see into the future... For more than six months she read a lot, crocheted a lot to donate to the Upper Room in Derry, and counted the days.

Eta

ETA chapter news

Learning never exhausts the mind – Leonardo Da Vinci

Our Eta chapter started the 24-25 year with a meeting in October at Johnson's in New Durham where we planned the year's events and made chapter decisions on future endeavors. We quickly set up our first outreach for donating pumpkins to the Second Graders at Gilmanton Elementary School. Educator, Lauren Dow supplied pumpkins from a local farm and used the book **How many seeds in a pumpkin?** to teach a variety of STEM skills to her students.

Then they got to carve the pumpkins for fun of course!



Our next event was both for charity and for cheer! In early December, we stamped over 50 homemade cards for the residents of Riverside Nursing Home in Dover NH and then set out to see “A Tuna Christmas” - set in the town of Tuna, Texas, the play is both a fun-filled commentary and satire of small town, Southern life and attitudes. We laughed at the accents, silliness and crazy costumes!



For professional development, members Ruth Ashley and Dianne Mros taught Tai Chi ball II at the

NHAHPERD conference in Waterville Valley in

November. Then they headed down to Mason NH for a fun fall feast at Pickety Place – The quaint cottage was



chosen by Elizabeth Orton Jones as the model for her illustrations in Little Red Riding Hood (Little Golden Books, 1948).



One chilly, dark night, Ruth and Dianne enjoyed a haunted history tour through Wiscasset Maine in late October. They walked the leaf-strewn

sidewalks and listened to ghostly tales of the past led by lantern light. There was even a legend about Marie Antoinette's belongings making it to the Maine coast aboard a ship and possibly hiding in corners of antique and treasure shops in the area.

During the summer Caroline Butler and her daughter hosted a celebration of "100 Years of Camp!" Camp was a family retreat on Lake Winnepesaukee for many years enjoyed by five generations. In 2010 Caroline built a new "camp" and lives there year round. The celebration was enjoyed by many family members and friends.

We have a March meetup planned with Gamma as well as more outreach ideas including Summer bridge bags. Hope to see you at the Spring Conference!

April 2025 Eta celebrates our 50th anniversary. It has become a tradition for ETA to hold its May meeting at Caroline's house at the lake. This year the meeting falls on Cinco de Mayo! Tacos anyone?!

Theta

Pam Clark is looking forward to a trip to Las Vegas in February. It will be her first time staying on the strip at the Bellagio. She will be spending her Valentine's Day this year watching a live performance of Barry Manilow. She'll be in the front row so is hoping to shake his hand. She is also hoping to win big at the slot machines. So wish her luck!

