

Welcome to Concord! Concord offers a large variety of shops, restaurants, museums, art galleries, and science centers. Lists of restaurants, shops, and attractions will be available at the conference.

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.**

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.

Field trip locations are within a few minutes of the Grappone Center. We have been granted a private tour of the Concord home of Franklin Pierce –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.

1 Night Package

\$252(single) \$165 (double)

Includes: Friday night guestroom accommodation, continental breakfast Friday & Saturday mornings, Friday and Saturday lunches, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.

2 Night Package

\$425(single) \$252 (double)

Includes Thursday & Friday night guestroom accommodation, hospitality area, continental breakfasts Friday & Saturday morning, Friday and Saturday lunches, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.

Day Package—Friday or Saturday
\$65.00

Includes; lunch, all taxes, gratuities and conference registration fee.



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GRAPPONE
CONFERENCE CENTER
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH

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Saturday, March 8, 2025

11:00 – 12:00: Tracy Bricchi “New Hampshire Education: Status, Trends, and Legislative Bills being considered in Concord”

What are some of the education issues in the state of New Hampshire? What is the status of education since the Pandemic and how have schools adapted and changed? What education bills are being considered by the newly elected New Hampshire State Legislature? What does the future look like?

Tracy is a newly elected NH State Representative from Penacook, a retired educator (35 years); chair of the Merrimack Valley School Board, president of the NH Retired Educators; and a retired representative of the NEA-NH Executive Board.



NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Concord
Past—Present— Future

March 6-8, 2025

Grappone
Conference Center
70 Constitution Ave
Concord, NH

Professional Development Certificates will be available to participants.

Thursday, March 6

7:00 PM: DKG/NH State Executive Board Meeting
Residence Inn

Friday, March 7

7:00-7:30—Breakfast at hotel (guests only)

8:00 - 9:15—Registration & venue set up at
Grappone Center

9:30-10:30 - David Tirrell-Wysocki: “NH
Presidential Primary-A Light Hearted Look at
the Long Shots”

What do Billy Joe Clegg, Vermin Supreme, Russell
Fornwalt and Caroline "The Hemp Lady" Killeen have in
common with Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama
and George W. Bush? They've all been on the New
Hampshire Presidential Primary ballot. They, and hun-
dreds of others!

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. David is a retired news reporter
and former director of the Nackey S. Loeb School of
Communication in Manchester.

10:45-11:45 - James Irving: “New England's
General: Franklin Pierce and the War with Mexico,
1846-1848

New Hampshire's own Franklin Pierce was one of
the most prominent men to volunteer for military
service during the War with Mexico from 1846 to
1848. But what compelled this middle-aged north-
ern politician to leave his home and family for the
field of battle two thousand miles away? And how
well did this future commander-in-chief perform at
the head of his regiment? Join doctoral candidate
James Irving from the University of New Hamp-
shire as he unpacks these questions and, in the pro-
cess, uncovers the wide and tangled network of in-
dividuals - from President James K. Polk to local
friends, foreign foes, and even horses, mules, and
mosquitos - who helped determine the course of
Pierce's wartime experience.

12:00-1:00: Lunch

1:00-1:30: Chapter Presentations

**1:45—2:45—Maurine Henry: The Many Faces
of Quilts**

A look at how quilting has developed through the cen-
turies, starting with the earliest “quilts” to the modern
quilts of today. This talk looks at how history has
impacted the art of quilting and how techniques
changed as newer technology became available.

While the beginning of the discussion focuses on an-
cient times, you will quickly enter colonial times and
move through the decades learning how quilts/quilting
evolved in the US. Viewers will have the opportunity
to see a wide selection of quilts created by the pre-
senter.

Maurine’s skill and knowledge of quilting is well
known throughout NH. She is an avid crafter and
quilter, is a member and officer in the Cheshire Quilt-
ers’ Guild, and has conducted numerous demonstra-
tions, courses, and presentations about quilting history
and techniques.

3:30: Field Trips (entrance fees collected at
destination)

1. Pierce Museum—\$10.00
(\$15 if fewer than 10)
2. The State House - no charge
3. The NH Historical Society Museum - \$7
4. McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center \$12 - \$13

Dinner on your own

Saturday, March 8:

7:00—7:30: Breakfast at hotel (guests only)

Checkout

**8:00 – 9:00: Registration, & Vendors at Grappone
Center**

**9:00– 10:30: Celebration of Life & Business
Meeting**

10:30- 11:00: Chapter Presentations

**11:00 – 12:00: Tracy Bricchi: “Education Up-date
and Legislative Bills”**

**12:15 – 1:30: Founders Award Presentation &
Lunch**

The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International
New Hampshire State
Spring Conference
March 6-8, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Chapter: _____

Field Trip Option: Please select first
choice from field trip list

____ 1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4

Package requested :

1 night _____

2 night _____

Sharing with _____

1 day : Friday ____ Saturday ____

Amount enclosed _____

Dietary concerns _____

Registrations due by February 11, 2025

Please send a check made payable to NH
State DKG with this registration form to:

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15 Osprey Lane
Newmarket, NH 03857

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