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Winter Meetings

The Ogdensburg and Gouverneur Area winter meetings were held on February 3 and February 5 respectively. We had a great turn out of members from both areas and the ensuing meetings were very productive.

One of our major agenda items discussed was the Tote Bag Project that Gamma Epsilon is undertaking as community outreach under the Personal Growth Committee. Lisa Smithers, Chairperson of this project, has done a wonderful job connecting with area nursing homes to work with their activity directors to make the bags available to clients and their families. Many ideas have been brought forth as to how to work with the theme "Then and Now". Members have been brainstorming how to stimulate conversation and sensory response to pictures and items from the past. There will be meetings at Madill School in Ogdensburg on Tuesdays and Thursdays on an alternating basis—please see the attached calendar on page 4 of this newsletter for specific dates. All meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m. We are hoping our involvement in this project will also help promote our organization in the neighboring communities.

Another item discussed was the raffle basket that is being put together to fund raise for Pi State. The proceeds from this raffle will be combined with other chapters from around the state to fund the hospitality effort at the upcoming International Delta Kappa Gamma Convention being held in New York City in July of 2012. It was decided to have the basket assembled prior to our March meeting and the drawing will be held at our April meeting. The basket will be promoted as the perfect Mother's Day Gift—items included in the basket will be the Delta Kappa Gamma "signature scarf", wine, wine glasses, wine glass charms, napkins, a cheese cutting board, a wine chiller, chocolates, gift certificates and more! The tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets will be printed and available for members at the March meeting. Members not in attendance at the meeting will be mailed tickets to help with our sales.

We also discussed women to invite to upcoming events as potential new members. Both Ogdensburg and Gouverneur members had some suggestions and will follow up on this.



Our membership is proud to be involved in a new endeavor as part of our community outreach.

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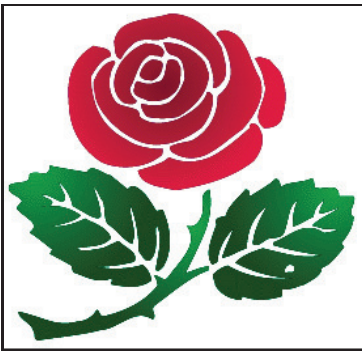
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**  
**4:30 PM—THE CLUB\*\***  
 (Please note change in location)  
**CANTON, NEW YORK**  
**PAM MARCH—TAI CHI**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011
5:30 PM—TBA,
CANTON, NEW YORK
TAUNY PRESENTATION

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**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011**  
**5:30 PM—METHODIST CHURCH,**  
**GOUVERNEUR, NY**  
**"COOKING WITH JOYCE"**



## Congratulations Mary Jo!

Mary Jo Whalen will be honored for her Delta Kappa Gamma 50 year anniversary this year! We are privileged to have such a distinguished member in our ranks!! Congratulations, Mary Jo - this is a wonderful tribute!



*Invite a guest to our Tai Chi with Pam March in March, TAUNY Presentation in April or "Cooking with Joyce" in May to cultivate interest in joining our group of women educators!*

## Scholarship Winner Follow-Up


In a discussion about Delta Kappa Gamma mentoring new educators, the idea of following up on our Scholarship Winners was brought up. This idea has been discussed in the past, as we have little information as to how our scholarship recipients end up doing as they continue their education and enter the work force. We would like to have a member, preferably from the district from which our scholarship winner graduates, to keep in touch with the recipient and possibly serve as a mentor during college and beyond. This is an idea that has often been brought up - maybe we can start this practice with this year's scholarship beneficiary!



## Newly Revised Standing Rules

Remember, when considering women to nominate as new members for Gamma Epsilon that they can be a first year teacher or retiree of up to five years. These new accommodations were discussed at the International DKG Conference in Spokane, Washington this past fall and it was left up to local chapters to decide how they would respond. Our chapter voted to consider both new teachers and retirees for up to five years post-retirement as new member nominees.





**GAMMA EPSILON  
INVITES YOU TO  
TAI CHI WITH PAM MARCH  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011 AT 4:30 P.M.**

**THE CLUB  
COURT STREET, CANTON, NEW YORK**

**DINNER CHOICES (INCLUDES SALAD, BEVERAGE & DESSERT):  
VEGETABLE NAPOLEON W/RICE  
SALMON W/MASHED POTATOES & VEGETABLES  
NY STRIP STEAK W/MASHED POTATOES & VEGETABLES  
ALL DINNERS \$20.00 (INCLUDES TAX & GRATUITY)**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING:  
A BOOK DONATION (IF YOU DIDN'T BRING  
ONE TO THE HOLIDAY BRUNCH)  
AND TOILETRIES FOR  
RENEWAL HOUSE  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## DKG-Tote Bag Project 2/17 Meeting Highlights



- ❖ The 50's decade will be the focus of the first Tote Bag in lieu of the 80's.
- ❖ Weekly works sessions will be held on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. (see schedule below)
- ❖ Larry Worden, United Helpers Activity Director is very excited about the project.
- ❖ A meeting to discuss the Tote Project with the Activity Director and Nurse Manager at the Kinney Nursing Home in Gouverneur has been scheduled.

| March 2011 |    |                                                                                                                       |    |                                                                                                                        |    |    |
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|            |    | 1                                                                                                                     | 2  | 3<br>Tote Bag<br>Work Session<br>  | 4  | 5  |
| 6          | 7  | 8<br>Tote Bag<br>Work Session<br>  | 9  | 10                                                                                                                     | 11 | 12 |
| 13         | 14 | 15                                                                                                                    | 16 | 17<br>Tote Bag<br>Work Session<br> | 18 | 19 |
| 20         | 21 | 22<br>Tote Bag<br>Work Session<br> | 23 | 24<br>DKG<br>March Meeting                                                                                             | 25 | 26 |
| 27         | 28 | 29                                                                                                                    | 30 | 31<br>Tote Bag<br>Work Session<br> |    |    |

Work Sessions will be held at 3:30 p.m ~ Madill School ~800 Jefferson Ave~ Ogdensburg

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Gamma Epsilon members  
brainstorm how to make the  
Tote Bag Project  
meaningful and memorable  
for nursing home residents.

