



A Slice of Pi

Northern Area Meeting

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Lunch at Inn on the Greens

The Northern Area Meeting proved to be a success despite the rain. We were honored that so many of our neighboring members from Lamda, Psi and Beta Mu were able to join us. Forty-seven members were in attendance. The event began with a short business meeting. Sue Kenoyer from Psi chapter in the Plattsburg area was nominated to serve on the Pi State Nominations Committee to replace Ruth Mowry whose term has expired. Gamma Epsilon member Cindy Wilson was recognized with a framed certificate for twenty-five years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Betty Mallott.

The group then moved to Pickens Hall where members listened to an interesting, informative and timely talk by Karen Johnson-Wiener, associate professor of anthropology at SUNY Potsdam. Afterward those present were informed of the background behind the restoration of the building by the president of the local historical society, Dave Kingsley.



Members engaged in talk



Karen Johnson-Wiener
Amish Author



Mug Mats made by Diane Daily

During refreshments, each member received a handmade, beautifully crafted Amish quilt coaster square made by Gamma Epsilon member Diane Daily. Shopping downstairs at Pickens General Store and local Amish roadside stands completed the meeting.

Cindy Wilson, 25 Years of Membership

Cindy was surprised when she received her invitation to join Delta Kappa Gamma. She had not filled out a background sheet or spoken with anyone that would have given her a hint that she was being asked to join a distinguished group of outstanding women educators that were actively involved in their communities. Cindy shared that she gets chills thinking about her Initiation Ceremony conducted at Trinity Church in Potsdam. Cindy and Nancy Siegel were inducted at the same time. Other than Betty Mallott, they did not know or have prior friendships with the members. The wonder and awe of the unknown made the ceremony and acceptance even more special. Cindy is an original member of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter. Gamma Epsilon split from Lambda in 1994. Cindy has been an active contributor to Gamma Epsilon. Besides attending meetings, she served on the Scholarship Committee for many years and continues to serve on the Personal Growth and Music Committees. Cindy taught Kindergarten and/or Developmental Kindergarten for thirty-four years in the Ogdensburg City School District. She served on numerous professional committees including



curriculum development, Middle States and committees to develop Pre-first, Developmental Kindergarten and the After School program. Cindy also served as a mentor and sponsor teacher. Despite her professional demands Cindy found the time and energy to be involved in her community. She began the Children's Liturgy program at St. Mary's Cathedral, which expanded to other churches and communities. Cindy was involved with Hospice of Northern NY. She was instrumental in reorganization of the Ogdensburg Community Players in 1989, which is now Ogdensburg Command Performance (OCP) and the development of Youth Theatre.

Cindy held many offices in OCP, including President. Cindy is a devoted wife and mother to her husband Richard and her daughters Elizabeth, Meaghan and Aimee. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren and is looking forward to being a proud grandmother for the fifth time. Cindy is a true friend to education and her community. We congratulate Cindy on her twenty-five years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

In Memory of Betty Mallott



We are saddened by the passing of our Gamma Epsilon sister Betty J. Mallott. Betty passed away on June 14, 2014. She was an active member of Gamma Epsilon. Betty served as president, participated on many committees and often played the piano for meetings. Betty continued to chair the Scholarship Committee even when she had given up so many other commitments due to failing health. Betty was a true friend to education. She was the owner and operator of The Mother Goose Nursery School (25 years), and teacher and principal in the Ogdensburg City School District (40 years). She

envisioned and initiated the Advantage After School Program and continued to be involved in the monitoring of the program until her passing. Betty served on the Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education for many years. Tim Vernsey, Superintendent of Ogdensburg City schools announced at her funeral that the newly constructed cafetorium and playground at Kennedy School will be named in her honor. He also proclaimed that the Advantage After School Program will be changed to the Betty J. Mallott After School Program. Betty Mallott will be missed, but not forgotten.

A New Beginnings

Gamma Epsilon sisters, Aimee Flynn and Jennifer Smith, received word last spring that their beloved St. Marguerite's Catholic School in Ogdensburg will be closing and they would need to find new employment. Despite the current climate where schools are cutting positions and few teachers are being hired, both Aimee and Jennifer have secured

jobs. Aimee will be teaching third grade in the Potsdam Central School District. Jennifer will be the Head Start teacher for the Gouverneur program. Congratulations on your new beginnings and wishing you both a smooth start and a professionally gratifying school year.

Pi State Updates



Strategic Action Plan:

Dr. Joyce Tang, Pi State President, requested all 59 chapter presidents to complete a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) Survey by August 31st. The Ad Hoc SAP Committee will propose a Pi State Strategic Action Plan and prepare a Report for presentation at the General Session (Friday, October 17) for consideration and approval at the Fall

Pi State Awards Raffle:

Raffle tickets will be available at the Red Rose Tea meeting for members to purchase or sell. A challenge to support the Pi State Awards Benefit began last year. President Joyce Tang set the bar at \$6,100 (a \$1 ticket purchase from each Pi State member). That goal was met and exceeded by members--\$6,333 was

2014 Executive Board Meeting (Saturday, October 18) at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Results of the survey will be analyzed and used for the preparation of a report with recommendations. The goal is to "Invigorate Pi State" by growing membership, enhancing the efficiency of our organization and enriching the content of our programs.

contributed! Therefore, President Tang has again challenged members to meet and exceed the goal of \$6,334! The money from each and every ticket sold comes back to Pi State in the form of Awards, Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid that are available to all members and non-members alike (<http://deltakappagamma.org/NY/>).

Dues

DKG dues will remain the same as last year - ninety dollars. Members will be able to pay at the Red Rose Tea meeting. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, mail your checks made out to Delta Kappa Gamma to: Mary Dixon at 11 Barnes Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642. If you have any questions you can email Mary at madixon@twcny.rr.com.



Upcoming Events

Date and Time of Event	Event/Presenter	Venue	Hostesses
September 28, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Red Rose Tea honoring: Tom Luckie: Boys and Girls Club Valerie White: Children's Library	Dobisky Center Ogdensburg, NY	Cindy Wells Nancy Love Dot Farrell
October 29, 2014 5:30 p.m. registration	Literacy Center Tour and dinner	Sheard Literacy Center Potsdam, NY	Joyce Yianoukos Pat Washburn Janet Cline
November 22, 2014 9:30 a.m. auction preview	Silent Auction & Brunch	Cheel Arena, Clarkson Campus Potsdam, NY	Hostesses: Charlotte Garofalo Roxann Finley Lyn Swafford Silent Auction Organizers: Jennifer Smith Sandy Plimpton Ann Groome
TBA	Area Winter Meetings	Ogdensburg Area Gouverneur Area	Hostess: Sandy Plimpton Hostess: Charlotte Garofalo
April 14, 2015 4:30 registration	Cecily Morris	1844 House Potsdam, NY	Ann Adams Lisa Smithers Morgan Fee
May 20, 2015 5:00 registration	Scholarship Presentation	Mullin's Restaurant, Gouverneur	Kris Hurst Jennifer Haynes Brenda Trivilino

Gamma Epsilon Chapter Planned Events 2014-2015

Pi State: Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar

October 17-18, 2014

The Queensbury Hotel & Conference Center, Glens Falls

Red Rose Tea Invitation will be coming soon!