



News from the Gamma Epsilon Chapter

Greetings Ladies of DKG Gamma Epsilon,

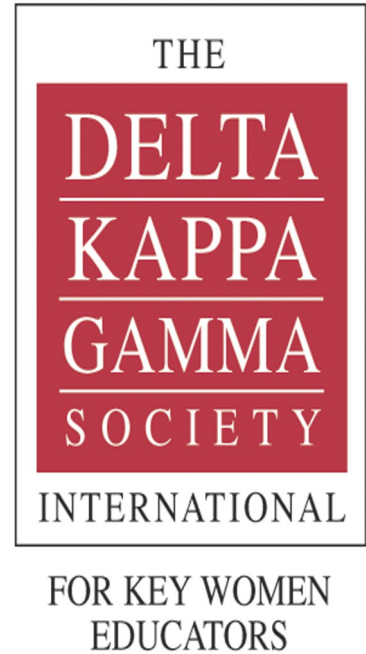
As a new school year begins, Gamma Epsilon welcomes our newest members. Along with our new membership, we begin a new budget with many exciting plans for the coming year.

- ⇒ We enjoyed a dual chapter dinner with our friends from Lambda and a tour of the new Children's Museum in Potsdam as well as dinner at Sergi's Restaurant in Potsdam.
- ⇒ We will hold our Holiday Auction at Cheel Arena in November, thanks to the generosity of Joyce Yianoukos and her time and efforts to arrange this wonderful Holiday Brunch.
- ⇒ Jen and Cindy invite one or two of you to consider attending the meeting in April 2019. More information is forthcoming.
- ⇒ As always, we continue to strive and give back to our communities. The Professional Growth & Services Committee did a fantastic job shopping for our area schools and supplies were delivered after our induction ceremony.

The recipient of the Red Rose this year, as voted by the membership, was State Senator Patty Ritchie for all the support and work she has offered children and families in education and aid. Mrs. Ritchie continues to look out for our North Country Schools and families pushing for legislation that benefits children and education. Although we were not able to present the award to Mrs. Ritchie at our induction ceremony, we will present this award to her at a later date.

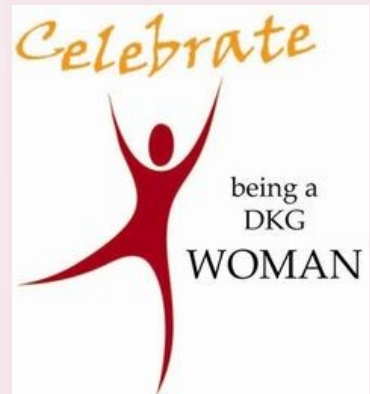
We would like to take this opportunity to present our new members to you with a short biography on each member inducted on September 18, 2018 for those who could not make the meeting at the Dobisky Center. Our new members are, Christine Becker, Deanna Romanowski Mendoza, Sarah Platt, Sara Rothwell, and Lisa Sargent.

Christine Becker has retired from teaching after holding many jobs, such as Adjunct English Instructor at SUNY Canton, K-12 Librarian in Morristown, and Elementary Librarian at Kennedy Elementary School in Ogdensburg. Christine has three wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren.
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Connecting Across the Miles



Connect!
Collaborate!
Communicate! ---and
the Communications
and Publicity
Committee of DKG-
NY State is helping us
all to do just that!!

Last Spring, at the DKG Convention, it was decided that the name “Pi State” would no longer be used but instead be replaced by the new name “DKG –NY State”. That name will certainly take some time to adapt to for those that have been in Gamma Epsilon and members of DKG for years. But we can do it ladies!! Change is a part of our future. All brochures, websites and materials relating to our DKG NY State Council will now reflect the new name.

The state Communications and Publicity Committee’s job is to make recommendations regarding communication and publicity for DKG -NY State. The Committee is also responsible for assembling and preserving materials essential to the continuation of the history of DKG-NY State and for encouraging the writing and updating of Chapter histories, primarily through biennial Chapter Presidents’ reports.

Last year we discussed ways to promote communications within and beyond DKG NY State. Committee members from across the state have been working together to accomplish the following:

- make sure the Communications and Publicity Committee description is updated on the state website
- set priorities for the next couple of years
- review and update the old version of the Pi State brochure
- create recruiting tools that all Chapters can use

The new brochure is completed and printed for Chapter use. Cindy Burns-McDonald and Jennifer Smith have copies for anyone who would like one. Presently, the recruiting tools are being developed. They should be available to each Chapter sometime this year. If any of you have questions about document information or would like to make suggestions for the DKG-NY State Communications and Publicity Committee to consider, please let me know. I am glad to take your information back to the group.

Joyce Yianoukos
DKG-NY State
Communications Committee Member
Gamma Epsilon Member

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New initiates welcomed to Gamma Epsilon on September 18 by Co-Presidents Jennifer Smith and Cindy Burns-McDonald.



Co-treasurers Brenda Trivilino and Cheryl Seymour welcome members and collect dues at the September meeting.

Letter from the Co-Presidents—continued

Deanna Romanowski Mendoza is a School Counselor at Hammond Central School and is involved with many committees connecting the school and community. This summer she celebrated her wedding.

Sarah Platt is the K-12 Art Teacher at Hermon-DeKalb Central School and was awarded Hermon-DeKalb Central School Teacher of the Year in 2004. Sarah was unable to join us for the initiation ceremony and we look forward to welcoming her at a later meeting.

Sara Rothwell taught for nine and a half years in Missouri before moving to New York. She has been working at Madill School in Ogdensburg for the last 13 years as a Resource Room Teacher.

Lisa Sargent worked at Lisbon Central School for seventeen years before moving to Ogdensburg Free Academy where she has taught Special Education for the past two years. Lisa has many accomplishments, such as Senator Pattie Ritchie’s Golden Apple Award in 2014.

Congratulations and welcome to our new members!

The initiation included the opportunity to partake in some of the finest desserts you could imagine—not the “run of the mill” desserts. We have some very creative and talented bakers. We would like to thank our hostesses for the evening, Morgan Fee, Karen Lockwood, and Katrina Putman. The table settings were exquisite, and the ambiance was ceremonial.

We are looking forward to our next meeting and we’re hoping that you will make it as well!

Sincerely,
Jen Smith and Cindy Burns-McDonald
Co-Presidents DKG – Gamma Epsilon



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Sarah Platt will be inducted at a later meeting.



Red Rose Tea honoree, Patti Richie is recognized by Gamma Epsilon for her support offered to local children and families through education aid.

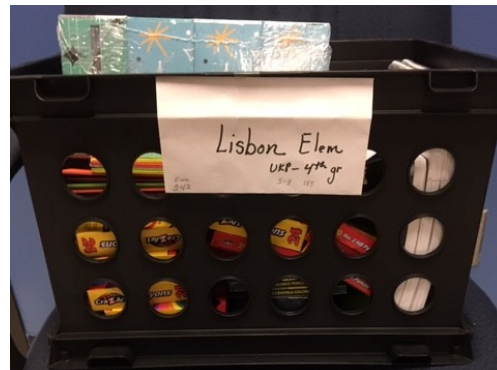


News from Personal Growth and Services By Ann Groome

The service portion of the **Personal Growth and Services Committee** consists of reaching out to our neighborhoods and communities to assist where needed. This past year we donated school supplies to eight elementary schools - two in Ogdensburg, two in Gouverneur and to the central schools of Lisbon, Morristown, Heuvelton, and Hermon-Dekalb.

Also at each meeting we have our members contribute to different charitable organizations or programs. We contribute new children's books to clinics, libraries and literacy centers, food items to neighborhood

food pantries, children's clothing to the Gabriel Project, items to fill baskets to raise money for breast cancer research, and toiletries to Renewal House, a refuge for abused women.



School supplies donated to area schools



Gamma Epsilon Officers:

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Smith &
Cindy Burns-McDonald
Vice President: Haley Baker
Secretary: Barre Hall
Co-Treasurers: Brenda Trivilino &
Cheryl Seymour

Upcoming Gamma Epsilon Events

- 11/17/18 - Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction - 9:30 am at Cheel Arena, Potsdam - Donations: Children's Books
- 2/7/19 - Winter Meeting - 5:30 pm at Lisa Smither's Home, 160 Wardell Rd, Heuvelton, NY
- 4/24/19 - North Country Public Radio Presentation - 5:30 pm at Mullins Restaurant, Gouverneur - Donations: Breast Cancer Basket
- 5/23/19 - Scholarships/D.A. Gary Pasqua - 5:30 pm at 1844 House, Potsdam - Donations: Ogdensburg Food Pantry