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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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As we near the end of the 2011-2013 biennium for state organizations, Delta Kappa Gamma's NGO representatives at the United Nations would like to thank the women who hold the position of UN Liaison in the state organizations throughout the Society for the work they do in disseminating our newsletter and other UN-related material to the chapters in their states. During the workshops at this summer's regional conferences, each incoming president will be asked to provide the name and contact information of her state's UN Liaison for the 2013-2015 biennium. The lists compiled in the various regions are used by the newsletter editor and UN Liaison network facilitator to compile the email list for our mailings. We appreciate the cooperation of all who are involved in these activities. Many thanks and best wishes.

This is being designed as a "special issue" of the newsletter because it opens with a very special focus on the member of Delta Kappa Gamma who was first responsible for the Society's being granted the status of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) affiliated with the United Nations. That person is Anne-Marie Carlson (NY), and it has just been announced that she is one of four nominees for the office of Chair of the NGO/DPI* Executive Committee at the UN. The nomination in itself is a great honor, and it brings further honor and recognition to the Society as well. We open this issue with an article about Anne-Marie's nomination that includes her biography as posted on the NGO/DPI Executive Committee website and provides further background information about her work at the UN. We then broaden the focus to consider additional instances in which our members' involvement at the United Nations draws attention to Delta Kappa Gamma in other ways. *(DPI stands for the Department of Public Information.)

ANNE-MARIE CARLSON NOMINATED TO THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE NGO/DPI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations for the Executive Committee 2013-2015 are posted on the NGO/DPI Executive Committee website, and those who wish to see the bios and pictures of nominees as posted there will find them at <http://ngodpiexecom.org>. The text in italics below is quoted from this website:

Anne-Marie Carlson

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Anne-Marie has served as Vice-Chair (2009-2012) and as a NGO/DPI Executive Committee Director for 7 years. She has chaired the Bylaws, Nominations and Resource Centre sub-committees and been a member of Outreach, Future Conferences and Fundraising. She attends all the annual conferences and most of the briefings.

Her NGO is The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG)—the professional honorary organization of 90,000 educators worldwide for which she has held many of the highest

international and state (NY) elected and appointed positions. She initiated its projects with UNICEF assisting youth in African, Asian and Central American countries.

Anne-Marie currently chairs the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), comprised of representatives from several NGOs. She has led its 14 major conferences at UN Headquarters plus those in Atlanta (6), Austin (2), and Indianapolis (1). These conferences have focused on social justice, human rights, the MDGs, environment, literacy, etc. (See www.teachun.org).

In August of 1993 Anne-Marie proposed that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International apply for NGO status with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations (UN/DPI) especially to help advance the Society Purpose #7: “To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.” This proposal was supported by the Professional Affairs Committee, in September 1993 it was approved by the Program Committee, and an amendment to the International Standing Rules was submitted to the Constitution Committee. At the International Convention in July 1994, the membership in attendance approved that this amendment be added to *International Standing Rules—Part 1. Affiliations*. In June of 1995, Delta Kappa Gamma was granted NGO status with UN/DPI. Anne-Marie was appointed as the Society’s first primary representative, followed by Doris Salagi of New Jersey (1998-2000); Phyllis Hickey, then of Connecticut (2000-2006); and Dr. Rita King, New York (2006-2010). The current primary rep is Grace Murphy of New York, who also serves on the International Educational Excellence Committee (EEC).

PARTICIPATION AT THE UN PUBLICIZES DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The activities of the NGO representatives from Delta Kappa Gamma bring the Society to the attention of people from all over the world who might otherwise never hear of it. For example, the information in Anne-Marie’s bio quoted above will be read by representatives of the over 1300 non-governmental organizations currently affiliated with the UN who will visit the website to vote in this election, to say nothing of unknown others who might visit the website out of general interest. Below are some of the other instances in which DKG has been publicized.

[Conferences and Briefings.](#) In 2009, while serving as Vice-Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, Anne-Marie attended the NGO/DPI Conference that was held in September of that year in Mexico City. She then had the opportunity, as Vice-Chair, to include in her introductory remarks at a particular meeting a brief description of her NGO, Delta Kappa Gamma. When attending another such conference, our current primary representative, Grace Murphy, related to some of us interesting conversations she had with other attendees who were curious to know about the NGO she was representing. Members of our rep group frequently attend the weekly briefings at the UN Headquarters held by the DPI on a wide variety of UN-related topics. There, again, our members mingle with representatives of many other NGOs and are in a position to engage in conversation with them.

[Work with CTAUN.](#) Members of the other NGOs who are active with CTAUN soon become well acquainted with Delta Kappa Gamma. And persons who attend the CTAUN conferences held at the UN are aware that Delta Kappa Gamma is the organization that often has the largest number of members in attendance. CTAUN conferences held in other locations have often been co-sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma, and Society members are often part of the planning committees.

[Schools for Africa](#). Fundraising for this official Society project is channeled through the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, and Delta Kappa Gamma is included as a supporter on that organization's website. Go to unicefusa.org, click on People and Partners, then click on NGO Supporters and scroll down to Delta Kappa Gamma to see the attractive page that describes the Society and the support we have given to UNICEF projects since 1996, most recently to Schools for Africa.

As a result of activities like these, our Delta Kappa Gamma members at the UN are not only having an impact on education as well as issues related to peace, social justice and human rights worldwide, they are also spreading the word about their NGO that encourages and supports them.

**DKG MEMBERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVE
CTAUN BEST PRACTICES AWARD
By Karen Ball (PA)**

One of the two CTAUN Best Practices Awards presented at the CTAUN UN Conference held on January 18, 2013, went to Louann Schrader, State President, and Karen Ball, Projects Chair, of the Pennsylvania state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is all about "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," and in line with that vision statement, as a state organization of the Society, our state project is International's Schools for Africa project. In conjunction with Schools for Africa, we were looking for an activity that would raise members' awareness and involvement beyond monetary donations.

Education is a human right, and many young women in African countries must skip school during their monthly cycles and often fall behind in their studies. Many will drop out of education altogether because of lack of hygienic means. We challenged our Pennsylvania members "to spare a pair" of new briefs that would be collected at our statewide convention and shipped to an organization of women known as "Project Patricia," in Kansas City, Missouri, whose ongoing activity is making kits with reusable panty liners and the briefs to hold them. These are then sent to missionary groups and individual missionaries traveling to Africa for further distribution to women and young girls of menstruating age.

We collected and shipped over 3800 pairs of panties to Project Patricia (projectpatricia.org), and these were then used as part of the kits that were to be sent to different locations in Africa. Education is an **achievable** universal human right, and it became a reality for some young women in Africa who received these packages and were given the ability to complete their studies in a timely fashion and fulfill their dreams.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE—SEPTEMBER 21

This newsletter has frequently reminded our readers of the International Day of Peace in years past, and we are happy to do so again this year. The following material in italics is quoted from the "United Nations Academic Impact Newsletter" for June 2013.

UNAI invites its members to consider activities—within the classroom and beyond—to celebrate this year's International Day of Peace. The theme chosen for his year's observance is Education for Peace, in support of the Secretary General's Global Education First Initiative and will focus on fostering global citizenship through education. As part of its observance, the UN Department

of Public Information, through its Educational Outreach Programme, will organize a student conference on 18 September, which will be attended by a number of United Nations Messengers of Peace and Goodwill Ambassadors. The Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Ahmad Alhendawi, is also expected to attend.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

We know that many educators throughout the Society commemorate this day in their schools and classrooms, and many will already be making plans for the International Day of Peace during the summer. The Resources for Educators list below includes suggestions for peace education.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, a newsletter published by the DKG Connecticut state organization, is available on the state website (deltakappagamma.org/CT). Scroll down the side menu to Publications and then to Curriculum of Hope. Each issue contains many resources and suggestions applicable to peace education.

The Hague Appeal for Peace (haguepeace.org). This website provides "Peace Lessons from Around the World" and other educational resources for educators.

The National Peace Academy (nationalpeaceacademy.us) contains a wealth of information for those interested in workshops for peace education and in educational material for different levels.

The CTAUN website (teachun.org) has recently posted a notice that the UN is now offering tours for children, specifically geared for the elementary grades. A link is provided for those who would like more information and to book a tour. Also watch the CTAUN website for information about future conferences.

Model United Nations Workshops (outreach.un.org/mun/). Two Model UN (MUN) workshops are being organized by the UN DPI for this coming summer. The first will be held in Vienna from 8-11 July 2013, and the second at the UN Headquarters in NY, 26-29 August 2013. Applications are now being accepted for students or faculty advisors who are eligible to attend the MUN workshops at the website listed above.

YOUR UN REPRESENTATIVES

The members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International listed below are your official representatives at the United Nations Department of Public Information and the Economic and Social Council. Most of them also work with CTAUN. You can email us for further information.

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