

Chapter News

DELTA

Sherry Heaton participated in the PAGE program this year along with three other Bismarck Public School educators. Bismarck was accepted to the Science Museum of Minnesota's Peer Alliance for Gender Equity (PAGE) program for the 2014-2015 academic year. The program works to build relationships and community and to collectively improve gender, race, and class equity in STEM learning. Meetings were held in July and October of 2014 and January and May of 2015.

Sherry Heaton retired from the Bismarck Public School system this Spring. Sherry was the principal of Horizon Middle School. Prior to this position Sherry taught and was in the administration at Simle Middle School

Eleven Delta Chapter sisters attended the North Dakota State DKG convention in June at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Dotti Schmeling served as co-chair of the state convention.



Pictures: 1 - Back row (left to right) Bev Zink, Dotti Schmeling, Bev Patch-Larson, Marilyn Johnson, Sherry Heaton, Letha Lewis; Front row (left to right) Fay Bergley, Irene Hoffman, Diana Schneider, Jane Beauclair, Donna Knutson

2 - First Lady Betsy Dalrymple and Dotti Schmeling



3 - Jane Beauclair and Irene Hoffman at the registration table for the state convention



ZETA

Carol Enger was re-elected as Region 8 Representative on the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Board.



Zeta chapter recently celebrated the initiation of five new members. Our newest members are: **Rebecca Edland, Rebecca Ellefson, Laree Misk, Jeanne Hoyt and Rhonda Nelson**. We are also anticipating an additional initiation ceremony in the fall to accommodate additional prospective members.

Pictured left to right: **Trish Brager, Membership Chair; Laree Misk, Rebecca Ellefson, Rhonda Nelson, Rebecca Edland and Jeanne Hoyt**

LAMBDA

Ten members of our Lambda Chapter enjoyed a wonderfully fun and interesting day in the Lake Metigoshe area on June 24, 2015. The day began with a tour of Annie's House at the Bottineau Winter Park. This is North Dakota's first adaptive ski facility to teach disabled children, young adults, and wounded warriors how to ski, while also providing a year-round facility to accommodate other adaptive sports. This was built in honor of Ann Nelson, a resident of Stanley, ND who was the only resident of North Dakota to perish in the World Trade Center attacks on New York City on 9/11. Members also went on a nature hike; one of our members was able to utilize the adaptive chair to facilitate her walk.



The group also went to Mystical Horizons which is along Highway 43. Mystical Horizons, the "Stonehenge" of the prairie, has a breathtaking view overlooking farmland west of the Turtle Mountains. Stone and cement structures are designed to view the summer and winter solstices and the equinox. There is also a working sundial.

The next stop was a guided tour of the wild flowers in a few areas of lake Metigoshe State park. Park Ranger Allison discussed how wild flowers were used for eating and for medicinal purposes. Members were then treated to a pontoon ride on Lake Metigoshe by Lambda member, **Wanda Follman**, near her cabin.

LAMBDA news continued...

Six Lambda members, **Brenda Seehafer, Carol Braaten, Vicki Boehnke, Jeannie Orke and Jan Repnow**, attended the 2015 DKG State Convention in Bismarck. **Brenda Seehafer** was elected First Vice President and **Jan Repnow** was elected Second Vice President for the next biennium. **Carol Braaten**, State Scholarship Chair, presented the scholarship at the Birthday Luncheon.



Brenda Seehafer has taken over the duties of being president of the North Dakota Reading Association for the next year. Her term started on April 26 when the state reading conference was held in Minot.

Jan Repnow coordinated the written testing at the Future Business Leaders of America conference held in Fargo in April. Over 1,300 students from across the state competed in various written and performance events.

Jan also attended the 2015 National Business Education Association Convention held in Chicago in April where she facilitated a session on business communications. Later in April she traveled to Denver for the CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) Conference in preparation for an upcoming accreditation visit to Minot State.

PI

Pi Chapter had a busy spring! Our Membership Committee held an orientation and informational meeting at the Ellendale school in March. Two teachers there expressed an interest in our chapter and so we continue to communicate with them.

Our Educational Excellence Committee presented a wonderful program, “Founders Day”, at our April meeting. They not only informed us about our international founders but also shared facts about three charter members who are still active in our chapter. Thank you to **Jean Falter, Lorraine Fomes and Lydia Olson** for your leadership and wisdom. We also celebrated our chapter’s 32nd birthday that night with cupcakes.

In May we were very fortunate to initiate three of our four new members and we want to give a warm welcome to **Judy Pesek, Chelsey Pederson and Vickie Kelly** (pictured at the right)! **Lindsey Courtney** was ill and unable to attend the initiation but we are excited to officially initiate her at our August meeting.

Bonnie Josewski and Carol Smith, our “Scholarship, Citation, Golden Grant and Grant-in-Aid Committee” were informed their application for the ND Golden Grant was approved and awarded at the state convention. We are excited to begin work on this project “Backpacks for Literacy”. We will donate small backpacks to all of our area preschool. Each backpack will contain a themed book along with a laminated sheet of activities that the parents will do with their child. The students will check out the backpack from their preschool and return it when done, just like a library book.



Our chapter president, **Sue German**, enjoyed attending the 75 state convention in June. Pi chapter would like to thank volunteers, **Kathy DeBolt and Cheryl Fredenburg**, for creating our beautiful basket for the silent auction.

EPSILON MU

Epsilon Mu awarded their Nora Serbo Grant-in-Aid at the May meeting. Kirstyn Scholin, a UND student was recommended by member **Kathy Ashe**.

Epsilon Mu members were treated to a tour of All Seasons Garden Center in Grand Forks before their meeting in May. Members enjoyed the tour and learned a lot about plants, flowers and the center's business.



Members pictured are: **Lois Moore, Cindy Nelson, Mary Mitchell, Robbie Zick, Kathy Ashe, Barb Danner, Faye Miller.**

Cindy Nelson was awarded the Presidential Award for Outstanding Mathematics and Science Teachers for 2015. Cindy is a Mathematics teacher at Grand Forks Central. The award is given annually to outstanding teachers across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, educators and mathematicians following an initial selection process done at the state level. This year the awardees teach 7th through 12th grades. Winners receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They are also invited to Washington, DC, for an awards ceremony, as well as educational and celebratory events and visits with members of the Administration. Congratulations Cindy!

STATE HONORARY MEMBER HONORED

Marijo Shide, state honorary member of ND DKG, was honored on July 12 at the International Peace Gardens. Two benches were dedicated in her honor for her leadership throughout her career in ND and Internationally in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). Shide served as president of the North Dakota club and as International President in 1980. During her term she traveled to 46 countries and lived in Washington DC to carry out her duties. Marijo Shide was initiated into DKG during the Golden Anniversary celebration in 1991.