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2020 Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

ND State Conference

June 2-3, 2020
Bismarck, ND

International Convention

July 7-11, 2020
Philadelphia, PA

New York City Getaway

July 12-16, 2020
New York City, NY

North Dakota State Organization Executive Board Meeting

“Enriching Our Lives and Communities Through DKG”

The meeting was held October 8, 7-9 pm. A new method of collaborating was used. Members could connect by IVN (Interactive Video Network) classrooms, personal computer, or via telephone.

North Dakota Delta Kappa Gamma The seven purposes of the society are:

- to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
- to honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
- to advance the professional interest and position of women in education;
- to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators;
- to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators;
- to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action; and
- to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

President's Ponderings



North Dakota State
President, Ann Braaten

As our calendar year winds down and the days get shorter, I want to thank all of you for your contributions to education and to North Dakota State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. I

must also thank you for the opportunity of serving as the president of the North Dakota State Organization and apologize for my slow start with getting committees set. In June my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, began treatment in July, and died in mid-August. It has been challenging for me to get everything done and to get to know the rules, responsibilities, and details.

My goals for the 2019-2021 biennium are to support and strengthen DKG-ND membership, to develop women leaders in education, and to position DKG-ND for success in the future. The theme I am working with is "Supporting and celebrating women in education."

ND-DKG has had its first successful electronic Executive Board meeting on Oct. 8, 2019. After technology glitch on Sept. 14, it came through on the second try. There are bugs to work out, including how to give the floor to a person to speak and then return to the original screen, but with practice, it will improve. The electronic meeting format is especially suitable for small groups meetings like committee meetings. Thank you to everyone for being willing to participate.

My favorite responsibility has been visiting chapters and getting to meet their members. So far I visited Nu and Gamma Chapters in

Minot, Epsilon-Mu and Zeta in Grand Forks, and Beta in Fargo. At the joint Nu and Gamma meeting, the Nu Notes entertained us with their beautiful voices, and several members shared their take-aways from State and Regional meetings this past summer. Gamma is planning next year's State Conference and it was fun to learn about their plans. At Epsilon-Mu and Zeta, they shared how they identified a childcare center's need for safe playground equipment and told how their successful Golden Grant application helped to provide it. At my home chapter, Beta, we examined DKG's Seven Purposes and decided that the sixth purpose: to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action, is the most important purpose, as it incorporates all of the other purposes within it. I look forward to visiting all of the other chapters in North Dakota in the near future.

Our next state-wide gathering is the ND-DKG State Conference - June 2 - 3, 2020 in Bismarck, ND. Emily Schaefer (Gamma) is our Conference Chair. She has secured the beautiful National Center for Energy Excellence on the campus of Bismarck State College for our meeting. Two presentations will include Kim Weisman, 1st Vice President and the Educational Excellence Committee is planning a workshop on pivoting DKG-ND to appeal to and provide space for younger women teachers, advancing excellence in education, empowering women, and increasing global awareness, and Jan Nerum, member - DKG 2019 Next committee will update us on their work to establish five Core Values: collegiality, professional/personal growth, leadership, philanthropy/service, and international diversity. I come away from our state meetings inspired by the thoughtful presentations and programs. I encourage all of you to make plans join us June 2 and 3, 2020 to continue our support and celebration of women in education.

International Convention Presentation Formats: What Fits Your Style?

Convention presenters and attendees will have six (6) different presentation formats from which to choose at the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia. Traditional breakout and take-a-way sessions have given way to accommodate a variety of presentation/learning styles and time frames for both presenters and their audiences. Here's what to expect:

- *POLICY FORUM* (60 minutes): AV available upon request. A diverse and focused discussion around critical policy issues in education. The presenter presents the issue and the audience not only discusses the issue but shares experiences, considers solutions/next steps, etc.
- *PANEL* (60 minutes): AV available upon request. A discussion around a particular topic led by a panel of up to three people organized by a moderator who poses the initial round of questions. The audience is given time to ask questions.
- *CAMPFIRE* (45 minutes): AV available upon request. An open conversation by a speaker who has set the topic ahead of time and brings research-based information to the discussion she leads. All attendees participate in the conversation around the topic.
- *WORKSHOPS* (45 minutes): AV available upon request. An in-depth, instructional program in keeping with the traditional workshop format used at previous international events.
- *LEARNING LOUNGES* (20 minutes): No AV provided.
- An informal talk highlighting trends and insights regarding a topic chosen by the presenter(s).
- *SHOW & TELL* (20 minutes): No AV provided. A Society-based presentation designed to showcase ideas that are making a difference for DKG.

Presentations will be scheduled in 2- to 3-hour blocks of time from Wednesday through Friday of the convention. Those interested in submitting a proposal to share their expertise and/or organize a session based on one of these six formats will find the Google application form on the DKG website in early November. ALL PROPOSALS are due by 11:59 p.m. CST, January 6, 2020. AV needs, where presentation format permits, must be indicated on the submitted form. [PROPOSALS DUE JAN. 6, 2020. SUBMIT HERE](#)

Meet Your Updated ND Chapter Presidents

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Announcement: Doctoral Recognition in Philadelphia

Members who have completed their doctoral degrees between July 1, 2018 and June 3, 2020, will be recognized and honored at the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia. To be recognized, members must submit the following documentation by April 30, 2020:

1. A copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures.
2. A copy of inside cover page with the name of the author, title of the dissertation, particular degree earned, and date it was confirmed.

The information may be sent in any of the three following ways:

1. An electronic file source such as ProQuest.
2. An email attachment sent to lishf@dkg.org.
3. Printed copies sent to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, attn: Phyllis Hickey, 416 W 12th Street, Austin, TX 78701

North Dakota State **DKG** Convention

Informational Meeting, General Session, and State Executive Board Meeting Minutes June 4-5, 2019

Updated Bylaws and Policies and Informational Meeting - Society Business on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 10:00 - 11:30 AM; Opening Ceremonies and Luncheon 11:45 - 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order-President Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Convention Rules-Parliamentarian Faye Miller (Epsilon Mu) reviewed the convention rules.
3. Roll Call-Secretary Sherry Heaton (Delta) called roll call. Please see 2017-2019 Roll Call list.
4. Review of Agenda-President Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) reported there were no additional items for the agenda.
5. Rules Updates Discussion-Lisa Olson (Gamma) and Esther Eustice (Xi) reported on three changes: Collegiate membership, dues collection, and options to amend the Constitution every two years.
6. Nominations Committee-Rosemary Hanson (Phi) introduced the candidates for state office. President: Ann Braaten (Beta); First Vice President Kim Weismann (Gamma); Second Vice President Sherry Heaton (Delta) and Secretary Tami McNally (Nu). Sandra Starr (Nu) moved for a unanimous ballot for the 2019-2021 biennium slate of officers. Lisa Olson (Gamma) seconded. Motion carried. Candidates for the 2019-2021 Nominations Committee were introduced. Wanda Melhoff (Phi), Karen Walz (Gamma), Brenda Seehafer (Lambda), Joanne Beckman (Xi), and Lisa Olson (Gamma). Members were given a ballot for the election to the Nominations Committee.

Opening Speaker: Distinguished Guest, Heidi Heitkamp "Empowering Women Leaders" DKG Keynote
Speaker: Patricia Woodley "DKG Society Information"

7. Election Results-Rosemary Hanson (Phi) announced the three members elected to the Nominations Committee: Wanda Melhoff (Phi), Lisa Olson (Gamma), and Joanne Beckman (Xi). They will set their own chairperson for the committee.
8. Suspension of Society Business-President Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) suspended the session until 8:30 am on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Members participated in the silent auction, breakout sessions, and social. The banquet keynote speakers were Deb Kates, professional photographer and Patricia Woodley, DKG International Guest. Officers were installed and Heidi Heitkamp was initiated as an honorary member of North Dakota State DKG.

Roundtable Discussion for Chapter Presidents and Past State Presidents; Treasurer's Training for Dues Collection - Society Business on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 8:30 - 10:00 AM

General Session 10:00-11:30 AM

9. Roll Call-Secretary Sherry Heaton (Delta) called roll call. Please see 2017-219 Roll Call list.
10. Historian's Report-Second Vice President Wanda Melhoff reported note cards have been printed and are available for sale.

11. Secretary's Minutes-Secretary Sherry Heaton (Delta) presented the Fall Executive Board meeting (Rugby) minutes from 9/15/2018. Tonya Hunskor (Gamma) moved to approve the minutes as printed. Sandra Starr seconded. Motion passed. Sherry presented the General Sessions and State Executive Board meeting (Wahpeton) minutes from 6/20-21/2018. Vicki Roehl (Sigma) moved to approve the minutes as printed. Rosemary Hanson (Phi) seconded. Motion passed.

12. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer LaVone Mongeon (Nu), in her absence, assigned Tami McNally (Nu) to review the financial reports. There are changes in the dues collection process which all chapter treasurers should follow. A review of CD rates will be completed. There are DKG pins for sale. The financial report stands approved as printed and will be filed.

13. Committee Reports - Please see 2019 State Convention Report for written committee reports.

- Finance Committee-Deanna Klein/Mary Mitchell/Marcia Liuska. Norma Theis (Gamma) moved to accept the proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Peggy Donahe (Tau) seconded. Motion carried.
- Leadership Development-Debbie Boyer/Pat Herbel/Lisa Quintus. No discussion.
- Membership Committee-Kristi Nordick/Jan Repnow/Jeannie Sovak. Chapters are reminded to submit Form 6 upon the death of a member so we may honor them during the Hour of Remembrance.
- Rules-Kristi Berg/Lisa Olson/Esther Eustice. Based on the International Constitution, new rules regarding updated policy and procedures were printed in the latest edition of NoDak news.
- Financial Review-Elaine Larson/Melissa Deckert Vollmer/Cindy Neuharth. There was a financial review complete June 2019. The audit showed all DKG financial records are in order.
- Communication and Publicity-Holly Eidness/Wanda Melhoff/Sherleen Lang. No discussion.
- Educational Excellence-Ann Braaten/Corby Rachel/Tonya Hunskor/Melissa Naslund/Deb Rasmuson/Peggy Donahe/Deb Schultz. No discussion.
- Music-Kathie Hay/Susan German/ Maria Carpenter. They led the members in inspirational music during the convention.
- Scholarship-Deb Zavada/Wanda Follman/Carol Braaten. Pam Baker (Delta) received the Hazel B. Nielson scholarship of \$1500 to advance her education for a master's degree in Education from NDSU.
- Citation-Diana Schneider/Trish Braeger/Vicki Boehnke. Diana presented Sandra Starr (Nu) with the Citation Award. This recognition is based on Sandra's outstanding service to Delta Kappa Gamma North Dakota State Organization.
- Golden Grant-Rochelle Feldner/Joanne Beckman/Leslie Barney. Two awards were presented: "Buddy Packs"- Pi Chapter and "All 4 Learning Childcare Center" - Epsilon Mu Chapter.

14. Unfinished Business-none.
15. New Business
 - Acceptance of Election Results-Rosemary Hanson reported on the slate of officers and Nominations Committee. President: Ann Braaten (Beta); First Vice President Kim Weismann (Gamma); Second Vice President Sherry Heaton (Delta) Secretary Tami McNally (Nu). Appointments were made for the following positions: Treasurer-LaVone Mongeon; State Webmaster-Jennifer Wallender; DKG ND State Editor-Judy Walter; Parliamentarian-Sandra Starr.
 - Adoption of 2019-2020 Budget- Mary Mitchell, Finance Committee. The budget was adopted during committee reports.
 - Adoption of Bylaws and Policies and Procedures-Lisa Olson/Esther Eustice. Lisa Olson (Gamma) moved the adoption of three rules as presented by the Rules Committee. 1. Adoption of the new North Dakota State DKG bylaws. 2. Collegiate membership dues will be offered at the International rate of \$20 with no state dues collected. 3. Bismarck/Mandan will be the centralized location for state conferences and state conventions as printed in the updated calendar through 2026.
 - Dissolution of Iota Chapter-Brenda Seehafer (Lambda). Lisa Olson (Gamma) moved to accept the Iota Chapter vote to dissolve the chapter dated April 30, 2019. Sandra Starr (Nu) seconded. Motion carried.
 - Passing of Gavel and Necklace-Brenda Seehafer (Lambda). Outgoing President Brenda Seehafer presented Incoming President Ann Braaten with the gavel and the necklace given by Annie Webb Blanton. Lisa Olson (Gamma) presented Brenda with a gift of appreciation for her leadership as State President.
 - Business Meeting Adjourned.

Service Project - Lisa Quintus/Kristi Paris 11:30 - 12:00 PM; Hour of Remembrance 12:00-12:30 PM; Birthday Luncheon 12:30-2:30 PM

16. Hour of Remembrance - In Memory of Beverly Nelson (Delta), Barbara Danner (Epsilon Mu), Esther Gordon (Tau) and Jeanne Perius (Delta).
17. President's Report-President Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) thanked International guest, Patricia Woodley, for providing inspiration and official information during the convention. Sigma and Xi, host chapters, did a wonderful job with hospitality and the service project. President Brenda Seehafer extended her thank you to the State Executive Board.
18. Invitations-2019 Regional Leadership Conference, July 9 - 12, 2019, Des Moines IA; Fall Executive Board Meeting, September 14, 2019 at 10:00 am; 2020 North Dakota State DKG Conference, June 2-3, 2020, Bismarck at the National Center for Energy at Bismarck State College; DKG International Convention, July 7-11, 2020, Philadelphia, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Heaton (Delta)
North Dakota State DKG Secretary

AVAILABLE FUNDS -- SAVINGS			
Balance as of July 1, 2018		CD	\$ 15,463.91
		Savings	5,054.79
		Permanent	<u>(2,500.00)</u>
			\$ 18,018.70
Add:	Interest earned on CD		262.75
	Interest earned on Savings		<u>2.50</u>
			18,283.95
Balance as of July 1, 2019		CD	\$ 15,726.66
		Savings	5,057.29
		Permanent	<u>(2,500.00)</u>
			\$ 18,283.95
PERMANENT FUND		Balance as of July 1, 2019	\$ 2,500.00
HAZEL B. NIELSEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND			
Balance as of July 1, 2018		CD	\$ 15,463.67
		Savings	<u>4,987.28</u>
			\$ 20,450.95
Add:	Scholarship Fees		\$ 146.80
	Gifts		515.00
	Interest on Savings		2.41
	Interest on CD		262.75
			<u>926.96</u>
			21,377.91
Less:	Scholarship Awards		<u>-1500.00</u>
			(1,500.00)
			19,877.91
Balance as of July 1, 2019		CD	\$ 15,726.42
		Savings	<u>4,151.49</u>
			\$ 19,877.91
Capital balance to be maintained:			\$ 15,000.00
Available for scholarships			<u>4,877.91</u>
			\$ 19,877.91
GOLDEN GRANT FUND			
Balance as of July 1, 2018		CD	\$ 20,617.98
		Savings	<u>4,070.47</u>
			\$ 24,688.45
Add:	Gifts		\$ 310.00
	Interest on Savings		1.99
	Interest on CD		350.34
			<u>662.33</u>
			25,350.78
Less:	Grant Payments		<u>-1000</u>
			(1,000.00)
			24,350.78
Balance as of July 1, 2019		CD	20968.32
		Savings	<u>3382.46</u>
			\$ 24,350.78
Capital balance to be maintained			\$ 20,000.00
Available for grants			<u>4,350.78</u>
			\$ 24,350.78

Gifts to HBN:				
	From Gamma Chapter/Birthday Contribution			
	From Zeta Chapter			
	From 12 Chapters 2019 Birthday Luncheon			
	From Iota Chapter Dissolution			
Gifts to Golden Grants:				
	From Delta in Memory of Mary Zander mother of Peggy Hoge			
	From Delta in Memory of Father of Donna L Knutson			
	From Delta in Memory of Beverly Nelson			
	From Delta in Memory of Jeannie Perius			
	From Faye Miller in Memory of Barbara Danner			
	From Iota Chapter Dissolution			
Prepared by LaVone Mongeon, State Treasurer, 7-22-2019				

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DKG International website

is up-to-date and full of information. Please refer to the website for answers to many questions you may have.

<http://www.dkg.org>

North Dakota website

<http://northdakotadkg.weebly.com>



Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

Deadlines: February 1, 2020

***For more information and applications refer to the State DKG website:
northdakotadkg.weebly.com.***

Golden Grants (\$100-\$1000) are available to eligible ND DKG members for the purpose of enhancing educational activities. Such activities include school or classroom projects, seminar or conference attendance, school visitations, & funding for educational research. It is time for to check out the Golden Grants information on the state website. We are very proud to offer this opportunity to any member who has paid Society dues for three years. Here are a few of the guidelines for Grant disbursement: A grant may be in any amount between \$100 and \$1000 when funds are available, if several worthy projects are proposed, the Golden Grants Committee may decide to give partial grants; Grant applicants must predict the educational benefits they expect to result for themselves, their chapters, schools, communities, the state organization, and/or the profession. Grant recipients must evaluate the extent of those actual benefits in their final reports which will be sent to the Golden Grants Committee 30 days after the completion of the activity.

The Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship (\$1500) is available to DKG members who are pursuing advanced degrees in academic areas and have been members for at least two years. **See more about the Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship on the next page.

The Adeline Stevenson Nurse Scholarship is administered by Beta Chapter, Fargo. The scholarship is available to *members pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education (not just nurses)*. Application materials may also be obtained from the Beta Chapter president or the state website.

Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship

\$1500



Who should apply?

Delta Kappa Gamma members who are pursuing graduate studies, an endorsement, or credential.

How do you apply?

- Log on to the DKG website @ northdakotadkg.weebly.com
- Click on “Documents and Forms” and then on “Hazel B. Nielson.”
- Complete the forms and recommendations and mail to:

Wanda Follman

4941 67th St. NE

York, ND 58386

OR: wanda.follman@k12.nd.us

Deadline is February 1, 2020

Chapter Communications

Delta

The members of the chapter met at the Bismarck Public Library for the October meeting. After a short business meeting, members sorted through the scrap books of the chapter's history. Some of these scrap books may have been organized by Beverly Nelson. Historical materials will be delivered to the State Archives.

At the November meeting, members met at the Kids in Motion Pediatric Therapy and Wellness in Mandan. Two women started this business to provide physical and occupational therapy for children. Members received a tour of their facility and a description of the therapy provided.

Phi

Madeline Heer celebrated her 80th Birthday this past September. Over 100 of her closest friends and family members celebrated with her and enjoyed cupcakes and punch.



The Phi Chapter had their annual Summer Outing. We once again took in some activities in downtown Minot. Rebecca Severson, Phi member who lives in Minot, set up the day for her fellow members. We had lunch at the infamous Charlie's Restaurant and then proceed to Taube Museum and Art Gallery for a painting class. Our talents really showed through. We rounded out the day with some

sweets at Cookies For You. Such a fun outing for all of us.



Back: Sherleen Lang, Madeline Heer, Rosemary Hanson, Marcia Liuska, Rebecca Severson, Gladys Gerr, Front: June Kraft, Emma Berg, Wanda Mehlhoff, and Grace Mehlhoff.



Phi's very own, Emma Berg, was nominated and selected as the 2019 ND Adult Education Teacher of the Year at the ND Association for Lifelong Learning Conference. Emma has taught at the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for six years. Emma says she feels pretty thankful for the recognition and is grateful for the awesome team of teachers that she gets to work with each day, and is also thankful to the mentors who have inspired her and shaped her into the educator that she is today.

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Nu

Melissa Stanley and Sara Medalen attended the “Governor’s Summit on Innovative Education,” held in Jamestown in August. Melissa presented a session on “Personalized Professional Development,” and Sara presented “Do You Have an Innovative Mindset?” in a breakout session.

Rochelle Feldner was a Staff member on the 2019 Northern Ambassadors of Music 18 day tour of Europe. The concert band, jazz band, and choir comprised of North Dakota and Montana students performed at Windsor Castle, England; Fountainbleau, France; Crans-Montana, Switzerland; on the Olympic Medal stage in Seefeld, Austria and in Rothenburg on the Tauber, Germany.

The annual DKG Nu/Gamma Joint meeting was held at Minot's Moose Lodge on a cold and rainy day in September with State President, Ann Braaten as our special guest. Ann shared information from the State Convention, held in Mandan and the Northwest Regional Conference, held in Des Moines, Iowa. Co-president Dawn Freeman awarded membership pins honoring Ann Latimer, for 60 years and Sandy Starr, for 45 years. The Nu Notes performed “Singing in the Rain” and “What a Wonderful World.”



The Annual Nu Scholarship Grant Fundraiser & Wine Social was held at Lavone Mongeon’s beautiful home. Past presidents brought hors d’oeuvres to share, attendees were asked to bring their favorite wine glass and share a story about that glass and prizes were given away.

Chapter Communications

Nu continued

Many members and prospective members attended.



her 7th grade math students. Braun is a member and past president of the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Math and is also a member of the organization Delta Kappa Gamma, which provides scholarships for education majors and also helps fund charitable projects such as Backpack Buddies and programs for homeless students.



Dr. Cheryl Nilsen received the Golden Award, which is the highest award bestowed by the Minot State University Alumni Association, for her outstanding service to the University. Nilsen

is a mathematics professor with a focus on mathematics education, teaches the

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Nu continued

secondary mathematics teaching methods and mathematics for elementary teachers. In the past, she developed and taught most of the coursework in the elementary/middle school mathematics concentration for the Masters of Education degree at Minot State. A native of Minot, Nilsen has 19 years of teaching experience at the secondary level and 27 years in higher education.



Many Nu members volunteered at the Norsk Hostfest in various capacities during the four day Norwegian celebration. Dawn Freeman and Nancy Person were the chairperson's of Elsa's Bookstore. Several Nu members enjoyed being backup singers for the Neil Diamond Tribute Show, which performed two shows a day.



Paula Simonson and Holly Eidsness are co-directing "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" for the Mouse River Players. Performances were held in November.

Sara Medalen, Sunnyside Elementary reading and math interventionist, has been named North Dakota Teacher of the Year for 2020. Medalen oversees S T E A M Saturdays (Science, Technology,



Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics), which encourages students to collaborate, use critical thinking and problem-solving skills, take risks, and learn from failure. She also founded Strides for Sunnyside, a running group for students, to promote physical activity and help students learn about healthy habits. Other activities she has founded are Books and Braids, in which young girls sign up for appointments for Medalen to braid their hair before school while they read aloud from a book and Girl Power, which she teaches a group of young students who do charitable projects and hear presentations from female role models, including public officials, first responders, business people and athletes. Sara says, "One of the goals for Girl Power is to empower girls to make a positive difference in our lives and in the lives of others."

Chapter Communications

Nu continued



Community Service Co-chair, Barb Boyeff, introduced Victoria Vadala, 6th grader at Memorial Middle School, MAFB, to explain her project entitled "Project Code Red." She began this project to distribute bags with hygiene products into the hands of girls who need them at school. Nu chapter will support this project.

Kathy Feist has organized a volunteer opportunity for Nu chapter members to help Minot's United Way to bag food items for Backpack Buddies. Another ongoing project in Community Service is to support Souris River Campus students who are in need of hoodies for winter wear.

Nu members, Brenda Demke, Pam Hopkins, Cheryl Nilsen and Jeannie Sovak, performed in Minot Chamber Chorale's presentation of "Heroine," a celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. This was a premier performance held in Minot's newly remodeled venue named "The Depot."

Nu Chapter's Ceremony of Induction welcomed seven Inductees in our chapter on November 21st.



Inductees: L to R: Linda Anderson, Indra Baron, Becky Esades, Janet Parton, Tammy Fisher, Judy Krause & Kate Borden-King.

Chapter members celebrated Nu member, Ann Latimer with a 60 year membership pin! Ann joined Delta Gamma Chapter in December of 1959. Ann spoke to the membership and took us all back in time of all the changes she has seen in our Sisterhood, throughout her 60 years!



Nu Co-President Dawn Freeman, 60 Yr. member Ann Latimer and Co-President Sandy Starr.

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Epsilon Mu

Epsilon Mu and Zeta chapters hosted the visit from State President Ann Braaten in October. There was also special recognition of Marian Kinzler, a fifty year member of DKG. President Braaten gave Marian a 50 year member pin and President Kathy Ashe read some history about Marian.



President Kathy Ashe, Marian Kinzler and State President Ann Braaten.



Zeta and Epsilon Mu members

Shari Jerde attended the CTE Professional Development Conference in August in Bismarck, ND.



The local Ethiopia Reads held a book sale in the garage of Yvonne Hanley, \$600 was raised. This money is used to help support training for librarians in Ethiopia and to help publish books written in local languages.



Sue Fristad and Yvonne Hanley are pictured at a presentation at a chapter meeting.



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Epsilon Mu continued

Mary Mitchell and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going on a trip to Alaska in July.

Faye Miller attended the International Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.



Epsilon Mu welcomed a new member in September. Pictured here is Stefanie Okroi and President Kathy Ashe. Stefanie is the director of the All 4 learning day care center and was the recipient of the Golden Grant awarded to Epsilon Mu chapter.

Beta

Beta Chapter kicked off its new year by celebrating The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's 90th Birthday. We were honored to have Ruth E. Hoglund, retired teacher of the visually impaired, present at our celebration. Ruth has been a member of DKG since 1963. Ruth said that DKG provided financial support for her specialized

teacher training early in her career and she has been a member ever since.



In October, Betty Patterson, retired professor of pharmacy, gave an account of her travel to Tanzania in Africa with Global Volunteers to support a rural community's efforts to improve nutrition and health through education for mothers and children, family gardens, and access to health services. Betty presented practical math lessons for school children, helping them calculate fencing materials needed for pastures. Global Volunteer connects people with skill sets with communities which need them throughout the world.

Beta Chapter member, Jan Flack, successfully defended her dissertation, "Factors Influencing Program Impact Evaluation in Cooperative Extension" on Oct. 29, 2019. Her research used a systems approach to study interrelated individual and organizational factors that impact the practice of evaluating the impact of educational programs in Extension. Congratulations to Jan!

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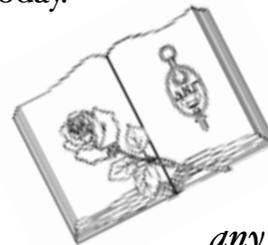
Beta continued

In November, Ginger Dietz encouraged Beta members to volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Jolyn Krabbenhoft and Jennette Dittmann did their ringing during Thanksgiving week. It is a fun way to get into the holiday spirit!!



In November, Ann Braaten, associate professor of apparel, retail merchandising and design, took part in a symposium honoring the 150th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Wyoming. She presented "Kate Selby Wilder: Clubwoman, Suffragist, Temperance Activist, and City Commissioner," who was the first woman city commissioner in North Dakota, elected in Fargo in 1919. Authors with essays in the book "Equality at the Ballot Box:

Woman Suffrage on the Great Plains," and others, presented at the Laramie, Wyoming symposium. Women suffragists worked for 72 years to secure the vote for women in 1920 with the passing of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. Thanks to them for their part in making life better for us today.



**Please remember to send a notice to The NoDak News editor with the names and write-up of any sisters who pass, so we can honor and remember them.*

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-Judy Walter

PS Please send any corrections of names, emails, officers, rules, etc., so I can be sure to correct them in my contact list or notes. I don't always hear of changes and want to be accurate.