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## Upcoming Events

### Fall Executive Board Meeting

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### ND State Convention

June 4-5, 2019  
 Mandan, ND

### NW Regional Conference

July 10-12, 2019,  
 Des Moines, Iowa

### International DKG Convention

July 7-10, 2020  
 Philadelphia, PA

Dear DKG member,

Dr. Dotson and I are faculty members at East Carolina University in the Department of Interdisciplinary Professions. We are conducting a study entitled "Women Educators' Leadership: Experience and Perceptions of Delta Kappa Gamma Members".

The purpose of this research is to gain a better understanding of the leadership development process of women educator's DKG members. Additionally, it aims to identify strategies to better mentor and support future women educators in their leadership development.

You are being invited as a DKG member to participate in the study. Your participation is completely voluntary and anonymous. It will consist in completing a brief online survey that will take between 15 to 20 minutes.

If you agree to participate in the study please following the link below to access a full consent letter and the link to the survey. This will give your consent to participate in the study.

Link: [https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eP6P9NoF2dMCQvP](https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eP6P9NoF2dMCQvP)

If you have any questions about the study, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dietzsi6@ecu.edu](mailto:dietzsi6@ecu.edu)

Sincerely,  
 Syntia Santos Dietz  
 Principal Investigator

## President's Ponderings

Alpha Omicron State President, Brenda Seehafer



Summer is flying by and again I don't know where it has gone. My professional side of things has been very productive, but not a lot of time for relaxing. I started out the summer by helping North Dakota United (NDU) with a Professional Growth Institute in Grand Forks on June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. (I did take time on the 5<sup>th</sup> to see the Beach Boys in concert there.) The next week for

two days, I spent time teaching an Educator Ethics class in Bismarck for NDU. There were also some other meetings that I attended for NDU in those first two weeks of June.

Then we get into the week where our very own DKG State Conference was held. It was a fun and exciting conference in the city of Wahpeton! Tau and Pi chapters did an excellent job with the planning, the venue, the tours, etc. We started out the conference on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 on the campus of the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS). I presented a powerpoint from Jan Nerem of Montana, who was a member of the DKG Next ThinkTank; Jan used to be from North Dakota and is planning to move back, so we can hopefully get her to be a ND member again. After a great buffet lunch, we had our first general session and then headed out to get a small view of Wahpeton. I will not go into detail about the tour stops, because that is being covered in another article. At each tour stop, the college was referenced as a connection in some way to each of those businesses. The banquet was excellent and our NW Regional Director, Dr. Rhonda Anderson, did a fabulous job explaining DKG, as well as getting people out of their seats to meet new people in the room. Then we had fabulous entertainment by Tillford Kroshus and his band; everyone enjoyed them and could have listened to them all night. Thursday was a learning experience for presidents, treasurers, and

members themselves; then there was a chance to learn about a literacy program for children at a hospital and about farming in Africa. There were many more events at the conference, but they are covered in another article. We had some insightful discussions about ND DKG. I want to give a huge "THANKS" to the host chapters of Tau and Pi for all of their work and time in making this a very successful conference!

Our guest speaker, Dr. Rhonda Anderson, must have talked to every attendee at the conference. She also noticed many people who are making changes in our society and shared butterflies with them. She gave us so much inspiration and made everyone feel connected to their members. The members are a big part of everything that she focused on; her thoughts come from the heart, and she is a very important part of the DKG Society. She gave us things to think about and focus on for the future. One thing that she suggested is that the seven purposes get recited at every meeting at your chapter level, so that we don't forget about our focus. She also gave us insight on how to get members involved. Dr. Rhonda Anderson helped to make this conference a very special event!

As I am writing this, I am thinking about the DKG International Convention in Austin and also on my previous trip to the National Education Association Representative Assembly in Minneapolis, that I returned from on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I have a very busy schedule while I am in Austin and am planning to see the Headquarters. I am hoping to have a little bit of time to enjoy the city of Austin itself. It seems that I am getting information daily about the conference or something that I need to know about it. I am hoping to spend some sharing time with the other nine people, who plan on attending from North Dakota. I will hope to write about my ventures in Austin in my next article. As I return from Austin, I will be involved in more professional events. I am also doing professional book studies, so it seems my focus is continually on education. I am looking forward to leading ND DKG for another year!

***I THINK THAT OUR FALL MEETING WILL BE IN EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER ON A SATURDAY, AS AUGUST IS LOOKING TO BE BUSY.***

## Available for Purchase at the Fall Executive Board Meeting

**Delta Kappa Gamma Rose Cards**  
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(standard half size piece of paper)

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## 2018 National Legislative Seminar

Northwest Region members who attended.



left to right: Cindy Garlock/IA; Dana Murphy/OR; Diane Wippler/MN; Kate Kelleher/OR; Ann Vanvick/MN; Pat Bennett-Forman/WA; Keitha Bryson/WA; Carolyn Linscott/WA; Sally Nyhus/MN; Dr. Ellen Kennedy/MN; Darlene Cook/OR

## GUIDELINES FOR A CITATION AWARD

### Eligibility of Candidates

- (1) The award shall be given from time to time in recognition of outstanding leadership, contributions, and/or services rendered beyond the call of duty to chapter, state, and/or International by furthering and promoting the purposes of DKG.
- (2) The nominees shall be residents of North Dakota and members in good standing of DKG for at least five years.
- (3) Members of the same chapter may not receive the Citation Award in two successive years.
- (4) No person may receive the Citation Award a second time.
- (5) No state president is eligible for the award during her term of office.
- (6) When warranted, more than one award may be given in one year.

The application form may be found on the State webpage under 'Documents, Forms, Links.'  
Send applications to: Diana Schneider, 119 Burgundy Circle, Bismarck, ND 58503



*Vicki Boehnke, Citation Committee Chair, Lambda Chapter presents Peggy Donabe, Conf. Co-chair Tau Chapter with the Citation Award.*



*Vicki Boehnke, Citation Committee Chair, Lambda Chapter presents Charlotte McMullen, Zeta Chapter with the Citation Award.*



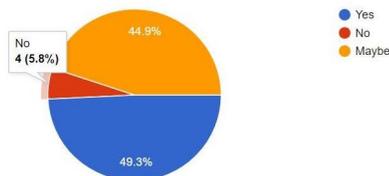
# Get Connected!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

July/August 2018

## Editor/Webmaster Survey

In September 2017, the Communications and Publicity Committee sent out a survey to approximately 150 current state organization webmasters and editors. This was done to see if members in these roles would support a new type of training.



Survey question: *Would you like to see state organization editor and webmaster training offered in a format other than a half-day pre-conference workshop during regionals? conferences?*

Sixty-nine members responded, and their answers supported the idea of offering training in new ways. An overwhelming 94% said *yes* or *maybe* to considering a new training format, while only 6% said *no*. For this reason, the C&P Committee wrote a proposal to discontinue regional training and pursue new ways to support editors and webmasters in their roles.

## Ideas for Future Training

From the survey mentioned above, members noted the top two ways they would like to receive training: (1) have training videos (47%); (2) use a shared folder with resources (46%). Currently, an electronic, hyperlinked manual is discussed at the half-day regional training sessions. This manual can easily be placed in a folder with a link sent to all state organization editors and webmasters. A networking breakout session—recommended by 40%—will be piloted in Austin this summer and can be the basis of face-to-face training at future events.

## Simplifying for Future Flexibility

Several proposals related to the Communications and Publicity (C&P) Committee are among those to be considered at the International Convention in July. Most notable among the changes would be a renaming of the committee to *Communications and Marketing* and a simplifying of duties. Exchanging the word *publicity* for *marketing* expands the purposes of communications about DKG and enhances the Society's exposure, going beyond publicizing what we are doing to creating multiple impressions for a wider audience.

The other proposals related to C&P are part of the "Simplify Story"—simplifying the duties assigned to the committee and simplifying structures to fulfill a leadership role. Most proposals related to C&P eliminate verbiage or duties repeated elsewhere or tasks done by another entity, such as the reviewing of publications. All proposals aim to give members more flexibility, such as the one to add options for webinars, training videos, tutorials, or convention sessions for state organization newsletter editors and webmasters instead of imposing on those leaders the costs of travel, registration, and hotel at a regional conference. By simplifying that language, we are opening the door for more involvement by editors and webmasters who cannot attend regional conferences and are providing the materials in a variety of styles.

Learn more about the goals to simplify the governing documents and committee work by watching the videos [Simplify Story](#) and the [Regional/Conference Training Story](#) or reading the [feature article in the Collegial Exchange](#), Volume 84-4. A review of the Communications and Publicity proposals was expertly provided in the [March/April issue of Get Connected!](#) Our committee will be in Austin, ready to take part in the discussions and voting. We hope to see you there!

## Tech Tip: New Tools Page an Exciting Addition to DKG International's Website

A new feature on the DKG International Website includes resources grouped under a heading called "Tools." On this page, resources are sorted by topics, and icons to linked pages help you find what you need faster. This is a great example of simplicity and finding information visually and quickly. Would your state organization benefit from such a streamlined feature?



## U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #174, JUNE 2018

This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you.

This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 80,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this **FREE** newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at [Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com](mailto:Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com). We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

### IN THIS ISSUE

**RIGHT TO TRY ACT, UNUSUAL VOTING METHODS, NET NEUTRALITY TAKES EFFECT, VOTER SUPPRESSION, NEW MEDICARE CARDS, CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR, FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK, FORUM WEB SITE**

#### RIGHT TO TRY ACT

The Right To Try Act (H.R.2368) would allow terminally ill patients to access pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and experimental treatments which have not totally completed certification by the Food And Drug Administration (FDA). The patient and either a medical or legal representative of the patient would have to provide evidence to support the dire need of the patient for the treatment. The pharmaceutical device or pharmaceutical drug/s would have had to successfully passed several clinical trials in order to be considered for use before official, final approval. The manufacturer would have no liability.

#### UNUSUAL VOTING METHODS

In this year's primary elections, there were two unusual voting methods employed.

This year's California primary had what is called a "jungle primary" which has also been referred to as a "qualifying primary" or "top two primary." The candidates are not categorized by party. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be on the November ballot. This method could result in both candidates being from the same party. Mississippi plans to employ this method of voting in its November election to determine who will fill the rest of Senator Thad Cochran's senate term. Presumably if no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election would be held in December between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

The second unusual voting method was employed this year in Maine. This method is called the "ranked choice" system of voting. In this system each voter ranks all candidates for a given office in order of the voter's preference. Candidates for each party would still be handled separately. If no Republican candidate got a majority of the Republican votes cast, the Republican candidate with the fewest votes would be eliminated. The votes for this candidate would then be apportioned among the remaining candidates using the ranked votes from ballots for the candidate who received the least votes. Their second place votes would be considered first place votes and counted as votes for other candidates. The same method would be used for the Democratic candidates. In the Maine system, there are no runoff elections. The system was on the 2018 ballot to determine whether it would be used in future elections. The result was 54.2% to 45.8% to keep this voting method for this year's November ballot. For a more detailed description of how this method works go to <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/06/12/us/elections/results-maine-primary-elections.html>. One advantage of this system is there are no runoff elections thus saving tax payers money.

## **U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #174, JUNE 2018**

### **NET NEUTRALITY TAKES EFFECT**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently approved rules which would allow Internet providers to give Internet access at different speeds to subscribers. This could result in slower Internet speeds for individuals while business subscribers could get higher Internet speeds. How much this change in rules will affect individuals remains to be seen. It has been predicted that individuals might see their Internet speed decrease substantially while large corporations could get faster Internet speeds. This ruling is now in effect. Net neutrality can be restored either by Presidential Executive Order or by Congress passing a law. The Senate passed a joint resolution (S.J.Res.52) which, if passed, would restore net neutrality. (A joint resolution is handled in the same manner as a bill. The difference between a bill and a joint resolution is that a joint resolution is used for emergency situations to move legislation more rapidly.) S.J.Res.52 was sent to the House where it has not been brought to the floor for consideration.

### **VOTER SUPPRESSION**

The Supreme Court recently ruled to allow Ohio to vigorously purge its voter rolls. The result of this is that the name of anyone not voting in an election could be removed from the voter rolls. Thus anyone who fails to vote in an election would need to reregister in order to vote in subsequent elections. Although this ruling applies to Ohio other states may choose to adopt this strategy to control voting. You need to keep up with what is going on in your state to make sure that you are not removed from the voter roll and therefore are unable to vote.

### **NEW MEDICARE CARDS**

New Medicare cards along with new non Social Security numbers are being issued. The new cards are similar to but not identical to the old cards.

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### **FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK**

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

**FORUM WEB SITE:** <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

### **CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR**

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at [https://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

### **Email access and addresses**

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

**FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.**

## 2018 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Conference

submitted by Wanda Mehlhoff



The 2018 North Dakota State Delta Kappa Gamma Conference kicked off its Opening Ceremonies on June 20, 2018 in Wahpeton at the ND State College of Science. Host chapters for the conference were Pi and Tau, and conference co-chairs were Peggy Donahue from Tau Chapter and Sue German and Kathie Hay from Pi Chapter. State President Brenda Seehafer and NW Regional Director, Dr. Rhonda Anderson from Sioux Falls, SD led the presentation of flags along with the executive board and chapter presidents. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Norma Nosek, Tau Chapter welcomed the sixty plus members to the conference and introduced NDSCS representatives, Chris DeVerves, and City of Wahpeton representative, Dennis Grandalen, who welcomed us to their campus and city. Following the welcome, State Pres.

Brenda Seehafer gave a DKG Next Think Tank Presentation.

After a lovely lunch, Pi Chapter invited members on a bus tour of Wahpeton. "Sargent" Linda Holm-Peterson along with recruits Sue German, Kathie Hay, Bonnie Joxewski commanded us all to board the 1950s Double Decker Bus awaiting outside. Driver Keith Peschel used a lot of man power to steer and some creative coaxing to get the bus into gear, but members were off to see the sites of Wahpeton. Our first stop was ComDel Innovations, which stands for "commitment to deliver." ComDel manufactures medical syringes, 3-M paint gun equipment, Boeing airline parts, and various plastic and metal equipment for other companies. They also design and manufacture the machines and robots

that make the products themselves. From there, the bus swung by the "Whopper of Wahpeton" for a quick photo. Then we were off to the Chahinkapa Zoo. Director, Tom and Head Keeper, Addy explained about the two white rhinos that recently arrived at the zoo, and the difficulties the rhinos had being transported. We were happy to hear that the rhinos are doing well now. Right next to the zoo is the beautifully restored 1926 Carousel and the whimsical Sculpture Park. Members enjoyed rides on the carousel and a stroll through the park. The final bus stop was the Red Door Art Gallery and Museum in downtown Wahpeton. Then everyone returned to NDSCS to prepare for the banquet.



*The Wednesday evening banquet. Guest speaker is Dr. Rhonda Anderson, NW Regional Director, Sioux Falls. Seated on the left is Susan German, Pi, convention co-chair and state music committee member.*



## 2018 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Conference cont.

Wednesday evening's banquet began with Ann Braaten, State 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Beta Chapter) reading an inspirational message called the "Button Box." The NDSCS staff served a lovely meal of roast beef and mashed potatoes while Dr. Rhonda Anderson, NW Regional Director, spoke about the importance of DKG membership. Members were encouraged to meet a new face at the banquet and recognize the commitment of each member to DKG. Madeline Heer, Phi Chapter, was recognized as the longest state DKG member at the banquet, and Elicia Hofman, Delta Chapter, was acknowledged as the newest member at the banquet. After the meal, guests were in for a musical treat. Tillford Kroshus and his band performed a variety of songs and shared their enthusiasm for music. Tillford was a ball of energy despite turning 83 this summer.

The conference began again on Thursday morning with breakfast and a continuation of the business meeting. To round out the morning, Pi and Tau chapters coordinated several breakout speakers for Thursday morning. Breakout presenters for the conference were as follows: Verna LaBounty, Beta Chapter, "So You're the President;" Dr. Rhonda Anderson, NW Reg. Dir., "Strengthening the Chapter;" Lavone Mongeon, Nu Chapter, "What's in your Cashbox for Chapter Treasurers?;" Vonda Dahl, Sigma Chapter, "Project Armchair" (the use of literature to brighten the day of a child in crisis); and Wally Hardie, "Agricultural Farming in Africa."

After the breakout sessions, DKG members paused to remember eight sisters during the Hour of Remembrance Ceremony. Vicki Roehl-Sigma Chapter presided over the ceremony. Tribute was paid to these DKG members: Evelyn Johnson, Gamma Chapter; Linda Novak, Theta Chapter; Arlene Cline and Janice Henning, Iota Chapter; Bonie Livedalen, Lambda Chapter; Evelyn Conitz, Xi Chapter; Rene' Moen, Tau Chapter; and Marijo Shide, State Chapter. We honored these members with lighting of candles, singing of "Hymn of Praise" and a responsive reading given by Maxine Rugland, Sigma Chapter.

The Birthday Luncheon was to follow. A variety of entertainment and merriment was enjoyed. First off, the Wahpeton High School Girls Trio sang several songs. These talented young ladies included: Cassie Boelke, Kailee Klein, Joncy Mastel. Joncy also played the guitar. Their most memorable song was an a cappella version of "Children Go Where I Send Thee." Then, Melissa Deckert- Lambda Chapter read the ever heartwarming piece "God Created the Teacher." Undoubtedly the most anticipated part of the conference was to follow our meal-the Silent Auction Announcements. Kathie Hay, State Conv. Co-Chair - Pi Chapter read off the winners, and there were many excited ladies after hearing their names. After that, Jeannie House- Sigma Chapter quizzed members about the state founders.

Next on the agenda was the State DKG awards. Melissa Deckert, Lambda Chapter presented Elicia Hofmann from Delta Chapter with the Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship. Congratulations Elicia and welcome to DKG. Vicki Boehnke, from Lambda Chapter and Citation Committee Chair presented two members with the Citation Award. Peggy Donahe, a member of Tau Chapter and member since 1986 was honored for her dedication at the state and chapter level. The other recipient was Charlotte McMullen from Zeta Chapter. Charlotte has been a member since 1976, and she thanked members for the honor and privilege to be a part of Alpha Omicron State.

Last but not least, Dr. Rhonda Anderson encouraged us all to attend the International Convention in Austin, Texas this July, and stated that it was not too late to join other members from around the world. Then, "Conductor" Vicki Roehl-Sigma Chapter called "All-Aboard" to the "1929 Express" to Mandan, ND for the 2019 State Convention.

## 2018 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Conference cont.

Other members from the host chapters, Vonda Dahl -Sigma Chapter, Esther Eustice-Xi Chapter, Jeannie House and Maxine Rugland-Sigma Chapter, were already onboard portraying international founders and enticing us get on board.

The conference concluded with members joining hands and singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. It is safe to say that the Pi and Tau chapters did a fantastic job orchestrating a wonderful conference. Thank you to Pi Chapter: Jean Salter, Linda Holm-Peterson, Kathie Hay, Judy Peterson, Deanna Dagen, Bonnie Joxewski, Lydia Olson, Jackie Peterson, Kathy Debolt, Sue German, Diane Jolin, and Cheryl Fredenburg. Also thanks to Tau Chapter: Kristi Nordick, Linda Johnson, Brenda Mormon, Peggy Donahe, Yolana Luick, Vonda Lee Grandalen and Norma Nosek.

State President Brenda Seehafer, Lambda, at the opening meeting, showing Jan Narum's presentation, (International Board member from Montana) who had planned on coming but at last minute was not able to attend.



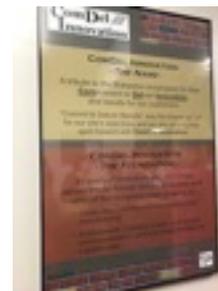
*Seated in front of Brenda at head table (from L to R): Faye Miller, State Parliamentarian; LaVone Mongeon, State Treasurer; Sherry Heaton, State Secretary*

Wednesday afternoon, June 20, Wahpeton Double Decker tour bus around town.



*Far left- Kristi Nordick, Tau, Wahpeton; behind her, Wanda Mehlhoff, Phi, Wing. Center: Sandy Starr, Rochelle Feldner, Tami McNally, Jeannie Sovak, and LaVone Mongeon, Nu, Minot.*

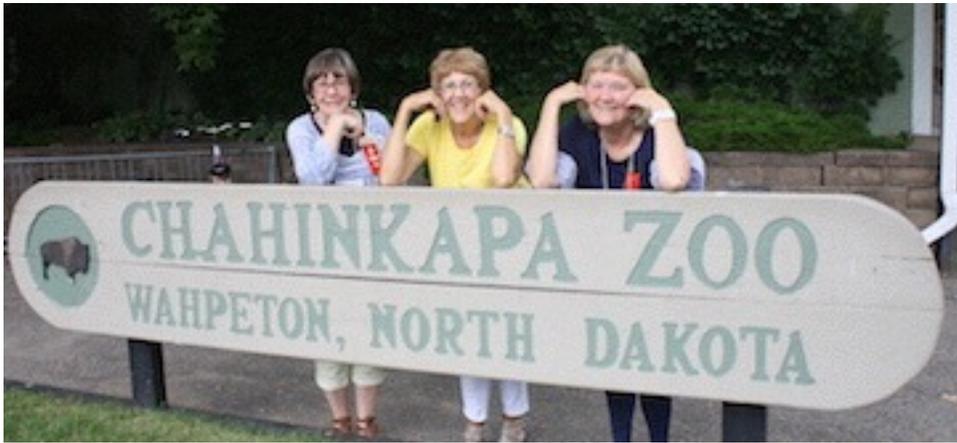
A guided tour through ComDel Innovations. They make things from EpiPen components to large 3M machines and parts. They have some 300 clients. This was a really interesting site to visit in ND!



*Minot Nu chapter members- Tami McNally, LaVone Mongeon, Rochelle Feldner, and Jeannie Sovak listening to the Manufacturing Engineer tour guide.*



Conference attendees on the bus tour, grouped in front of the Wahpeton Whopper fish stature!















\*Thank You to all that submitted pictures from the State Conference: Wanda Mehlhoff, Sandra Starr, Dr. Rhonda Anderson, and Faye Miller.

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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>**

***Alpha Omicron - ND website***

**<http://northdakotadkg.weebly.com>**

# Chapter Communications

## Nu

Marj Bubach's son, Jonas was the winner of the school-wide Geography Bee at Ramstad Middle School.

Brenda Demke, Teresa Hargrove, Cheryl Nielsen, Terri Ruppert, and Jeannie Sovak, performed in the the Minot Chamber Chorale's performance of "Carmina Burana."

Congratulations to RobbiJo Morgan who received the 2017-2018 "Linda Feldner Outstanding Cooperating Teacher Award."

Joyce Alme, Rochelle Feldner, Dawn Freeman, and Sandy Starr judged at several Class 'B' regional vocal and instrumental contests in small and large group ensembles.

Sandy Starr judged vocal ensembles at the State Class 'A' contest at Jamestown University and at the State Class 'B' contest at Bismarck State College. Rochelle Feldner judged instrumental solos at the State Class 'B' contest at Bismarck State College.



In May, Teresa Hargrove received her Masters degree in Music Education from Minot State University. She also performed in MSU's Summer Theatre production of "Sister Act," where she starred in the lead role as Deloris Van Cartier.

Jasmine Schultz played the role of Marian, and a State Fair Singer and Teresa Hargrove served as the Musical director for MSU's Summer Theatre production of "Bridges of Madison County."

Holly Eidsness performed in Minot State University's Summer Theatre production of "Seussical." She was able to perform along side her granddaughter in the production.

Joyce Alme, flutist, performed in the Minot City Band. The band performed two concerts each Thursday in the Oak Park Bandshell. Joyce's husband, Joe is the director of the band. They also traveled to Spokane, WA to tour the Manhasset music stand factory.

Linda Kumpf was seriously injured in a boating accident and has had many surgeries on her leg and shoulder. She has returned to her home in Minot. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to Ann and Lowell Latimer who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family in Bellingham, WA. They also attended their youngest grandchild's high school commencement.

Tami McNally, Jeannie Sovak, Sandy Starr, LaVone Mongeon, and Rochelle Feldner attended the 2018 DKG State Conference in Wahpeton.

Cheryl Nielsen and Sandy Starr served as region managers for Speech and Music contests respectively.

# Chapter Communications

## Nu continued

Sidnee Nelson was the recipient of the Minot State University Grant sponsored by Nu Chapter. Sidnee is an Elementary Education major.

The Nu Notes performed at First Western Bank's Picnic "Without the Ants" at the Grand. Paula Simonson is the choreographer director and Sandy Starr is the musical director.



Congratulations to Brenda Demke, Kathy Feist, and Joy Shirek, Rochelle Feldner, and Barb Matteson, on their retirement this past Spring. We wish them the best in their next adventures. (Not pictured is Barb Matteson)



Kathy Thiel (flute) and Rochelle Feldner (trombone) performed with the Minot Community Band at the 13th Annual "Swing into Spring" Concert. Also performing that evening were the Nu Notes. Rochelle also played trombone with The Swing Band of Minot and Colleen Schwan and Teresa Hargrove accompanied the Swing Band with vocal selections.

Joyce Alme (flute) and Leslie Barney (alto and tenor saxophone) taught Summer Band lessons at Magic City Campus for the Minot Public Schools' Summer Band program.

Melissa Stanley helped organize a Girl's STEM event which was held at Minot State University.



# Chapter Communications

## Beta

The Beta chapter of DKG is continuing our emphasis on “Impacting Education Worldwide” through our programs and service projects. We have had the opportunity to visit the Fargo Moorhead Islamic Society and discuss Islam with one of the members of the society. We learned about teaching Chinese at the high school level from WeiWei Ojan, language teacher at Moorhead Senior High School. (I left that meeting wanting to be a student in her class!) Our most recent program featured Fowzia Adde, the executive director of the Immigrant Development Center in Fargo Moorhead. The mission of the Immigrant Development Center is “to build capacity of business and economic skills within the immigrant population, ultimately leading to economic self-sufficiency.” One of their projects is the International Market Plaza which features products and services from around the world. It might be a fun place to stop if you are in Fargo.

Besides our global emphasis, we continued recruitment efforts by using the material and advice from DKG International. In the fall we had a chance to visit the Human Performance lab at NDSU, and in December our Christmas party was a good way to get to know each other better.



*At the mosque*



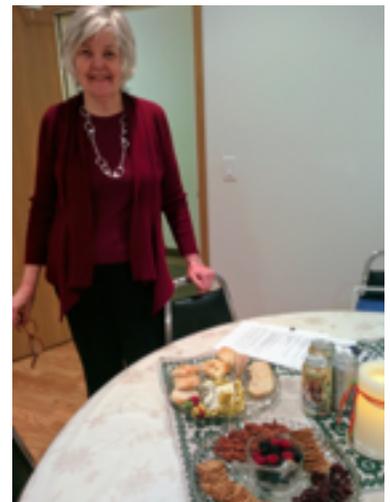
*Ann and WeiWei, our program presenter*



*Prize winners at the Christmas party!*



*Fowzia Adde,  
Immigrant Development Center*



*Getting ready for a  
recruitment gathering*

# Chapter Communications

## Gamma

We welcomed Libby Ridley as a new member and Kim Weismann as a transfer from the Williston chapter, which is closing. Kim was unable to attend the meeting.

### Installation of Officers:

Kylie Gamas and Emily Schaefer as Co-Presidents

Amy Larson as 1st Vice President

Cindy Neuharth and Paulette Vetter as Co-2nd Vice Presidents

Tawyna Bernsdorf as Recording Secretary

Tonya Hunskor as Corresponding Secretary

Lisa Olson as Parliamentarian

Nicole Wald as Treasurer

Kristi Berg as Past President

For Founder's Day we celebrated the history of the organization.

We collected money for Backpack Buddies. Proceeds from our silent auction today will go to the DKG International Initiative for Schools in Africa. We also collected women's items for donation to the Lord's Cupboard.

Congratulations to Nicole Wald who earned her master's degree and Kristi Berg and Kathy Hintz who earned the rank of full professor at MSU. Kathy also announced that she will be the Field Placement Director at MSU starting in August.



*Lisa Olson and Norma Theis attended the International Convention, July 16-20, 2018 in Austin, TX.*

## Adventures in Austin

By Lisa Olson

It was my pleasure to attend the 2018 DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas. I was there with approximately 2000 other DKG members. We stayed at the beautiful JW Marriot, which was a short distance from DKG Headquarters. My week began with a tour of "our" headquarters building. Hearing the history of how DKG members planned and saved to make this building a reality was very interesting. It was definitely an occasion where I wished the walls could talk! Texas Night, sponsored by the 800+ Texas members gave everyone the opportunity to learn about updates and enhancements that DKG staff are providing to our 68,000 members worldwide. To say the least, we are in very good hands.

## Adventures in Austin cont.

The 2018 Convention was filled with proposed amendments to our DKG Constitution. All of the proposed amendments were offered up by our members. Many proposed amendments dealt with housekeeping details, but there was no shortage of intensely debated ideas. It is my belief that the majority of the proposed amendments were suggested in an attempt to re-vitalize our society and make it better and stronger for generations to come. One such amendment dealt with a name change to our society. Following a long debate, a name change was not adopted. However, I firmly believe we will see this come before us in the future. Historically, our constitution has only been able to be amended every four years. Going forward, it can be amended every two years. I urge everyone, particularly chapter officers, to review the changes, so that everyone is on the same page. Flexibility was and is a concept being embraced at all levels of DKG.

A new slate of International officers was elected. Cathy Daughtery will lead us during the next biennium. She will be assisted by First Vice President, Becky Sadowski and Second Vice President, Lace Marie Brogden. I am personally impressed with the fine leadership skills of all these women. Once again, we are in good hands!

With each Regional or International event that I attend, I learn more about DKG and best of all I meet more people. I was able to spend time with my sisters from The Netherlands, Iceland, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Montana, Hawaii and the list goes on. I cannot encourage you enough to attend one of these incredible

events. Mark your calendars for the next Northwest Regional Conference in Des Moines, Iowa from July 10-12, 2019. Our next International DKG Convention will be in Philadelphia, July 7-10, 2020.

## A reading given by Ann Braaten during Birthday Luncheon

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

There is none greater,  
Than a woman of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She empowers her community,  
She understands the importance of  
unity.

Her mission is to serve.

She does this all with love.

She is sugar and spice.

She is all that is nice.

Extraordinary, excellent, and educated.  
Magnificent, marvelous, and motivated.

There is none greater,  
Than a woman of Delta Kappa Gamma!

*Adapted from Joshua T. Dickerson*