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Upcoming Events

**Fall Executive
Board Meeting**

September 14, 2019

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 2019 State Convention

Opening
speaker,
Heidi Heitkamp
spoke on
**Empowering
Women
Leaders.**



Keynote speaker,
Patricia Woodley
gave an overview of
the
**State of the
Society.**

Patricia serves as liaison for International Membership, Expansion, Educational Excellence, Educators' Book Award and International Speaker Fund Committees.

President's Ponderings

Alpha Omicron State President, Ann Braaten



Our organization is filled with talented women educators like you who are making a difference in our communities, state and world. I am honored to serve as president of North Dakota State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for the next two years.

Many thanks to President Brenda Seehafer for leading us in the 2017-2019 biennium and for working with Chapters Xi and Sigma to put together an inspiring convention in Mandan this year and to Pi and Tau for the wonderful state conference in Wahpeton last year. Each day of both gatherings was filled with interesting presentations and activities. This past June we inducted former U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp as an honorary member, learned how photographer Deb Kates overcame personal challenges to become a national award-winning photographer, and became more aware of human trafficking in North Dakota from Amy Jacobson and efforts to prevent it. In service we assembled care bags for kids that were sent home with us to give to an entity in our own chapter's community to distribute. Thank you to Lisa Quintus and Kristi Paris for coordinating this service project. Gamma Chapter is coordinating next year's state conference June 2-3, 2020 at Bismarck State College. Mark your calendars and be prepared to have fun and to learn!

We will gather for our Fall meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, via video conferencing. Members can gather together at an IVN (Interactive Video Network) classroom at NDSU or another IVN classroom in your area, or by calling or logging-in to the class from your own computer. Instructions will be provided in advance for linking up via personal computer and

connecting to the digital conference site. Could you let me know if you are affiliated with Bismarck State College, Minot State University, University of North Dakota or another educational facility with an IVN classroom and are willing to serve as a point of contact for that campus (annbraaten1@gmail.com)? This will be ND-DKG's maiden voyage with an IVN meeting, so feel free to share your expertise if you are willing. We will try this long-distance meeting format to determine whether it is beneficial to DKG or a hinderance to progress. Watch for more information in the near future. Do let me know if you can help.



ND-DKG Members: Lisa Olson, Norma Theis, Sandy Starr, Faye Miller, and I, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa for the International Meeting hosted by Northwest Region. The quality of the speakers and the energy of the members who were present was motivating. My pre-conference training brought together DKG's State Organization Presidents from the United States and Canada for leadership training. I was honored to meet them, to learn from them and about their states and their membership and will do my best to implement the good suggestions into our organization.

All meeting attendees took part in Leadership Bootcamp conducted by motivational speaker, Susan Leahy. Her message emphasized that we all are

President's Ponderings cont.

leaders in our classes, training programs, and educational practices, so give ourselves permission to lead in other situations including chapter and state levels. She was impressed by the way DKG encourages its members to be leaders, to inspire each other to work together as a team and to make a difference in our communities. DKG develops leadership in a safe supporting environment. This is a very important benefit that makes DKG relevant to today's women educators of all ages.

On the to-do list this year is to update individual chapter rules to reflect state bylaws and policy and procedure changes that have already incorporated the 2018 DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules changes. The DKG.org site has guidelines available to make it easier to update them which will be shared. Immediate Past President Brenda Seehafer has agreed to serve on the Rules Committee, so she will help guide the process.

As I write this, I am working to finalize state committee membership and will be reaching out to you to ask whether you are available to serve in some capacity. ND State Organization members are amazing. Let's broaden our reach by encouraging more women educators to become members in our DKG family. Together we serve our communities, our state and our world to make it a better place.

Brenda Seehafer has been elected NEA Director for a three year term and will represent North Dakota on the NEA Board



of Directors. Seehafer will start her position Sept. 1 with an Orientation training taking place on Aug. 23-26 in Washington, DC. She will continue serving on the state NDU board as well.

Brenda also attended the NEA Representative Assembly in Houston July 1st-8th. She served as the Resolutions chair from ND, while she was there and spend two days working on the NEA Resolutions. This was her fifth year of serving on this committee for NEA, and she will continue to be a part of the state committee, but she will no longer be the chair from ND with her new position as director. She helped conduct the other business of the national association, where 160 New Business items were brought before the assembly of over 6,000 people. She was one of 22 delegates that attended from ND. Brenda also attended the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) TEACH Conference in Washington, DC from July 10-13th. The AFT TEACH Conference is a professional development conference focusing on different strands of topics that pertain to educators and takes place every two years in Washington, DC.

Brenda also was elected as the Vice-President for the ND Literacy Association earlier this spring. She attended the ND Literacy Association Summer Institute on June 3rd in Minot and chaired the Silent Auction for that event.

2019-21 State Officers

State President - Ann Braaten

Dr. Braaten is from Fargo, and teaches in the Apparel, Retail Merchandising and Design program at NDSU, where she also is curator of the Historic Costume Collection. She received her PhD from the U of MN. She is a member of Beta Chapter.

State First Vice President- Kim Weismann

Kim teaches at Williston State College, is Arts & Human Sciences Department Chair, and Faculty Senate President. She joined Theta Chapter, Williston, in 2013 and served as chapter president. When Theta Chapter ended in 2018, she transferred her membership to Gamma in Minot. She has been a recipient of the International DKG \$10,000 Scholarship for advanced graduate study.

State Second Vice President- Sherry Heaton

Sherry has been Principal at Horizon Middle School, Assistant Principal at Simle Middle School, and taught science for 21 years in Bismarck, Dickinson, and Lakota. She is a member of Delta Chapter in Bismarck.

State Secretary- Tami McNally

Tami has taught elementary grades for 30 years. She currently teaches 4th grade at Lewis & Clark Elementary in Minot. She is 4th grade representative on the district ELA Curriculum Committee, is a member of MEA/ND United/NEA, and a member of NCRA and state Reading Association (NDRA). She is a member of Nu Chapter.

Other state officers include: Sandra Starr, Nu, has been appointed State Parliamentarian. LaVone Mongeon, Nu, will continue as State Treasurer. Judy Walter, Gamma, continues as State Editor, and Jennifer Wallender, Xi, continues as State Webmaster. Three members elected to the Nominations Committee were Wanda Mehlhoff (Phi), Joanne Beckman (Xi), and Lisa Olson (Gamma).



2019 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention

The 2019 North Dakota State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention kicked off with the Opening Ceremonies on June 4, 2019 in Mandan at HIT, Inc. Host chapters for the conference were Xi and Sigma Chapters. State President Brenda Seehafer and International Membership Director, Patricia Woodley from Austin, Texas led the presentation of flags along with the executive board and chapter presidents. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Vicki Roehl, Sigma Chapter welcomed the members to the convention and the introduced Kami Bauer, Jeanne House's (Sigma) daughter, to sing the National Anthem. Dennis Rohr, Mandan City Commissioner welcomed us to the City of Mandan. Also, Mike Remboldt from HIT Inc. welcomed us to the facility and gave us a brief history and purpose of HIT. "HIT" has no meaning, it is an agency committed to services for disabled adults. HIT was easy to get to, very convenient, had a good layout and was close to our hotel (Comfort Inn) and the banquet site (Baymont Inn).

The staff at HIT, Inc. served us a nice boxed lunch, and the convention continued with two dynamic women giving us words of encouragement. Senator Heidi Heitkamp was our Opening Speaker and Distinguished Guest. She spoke on Empowering Women Leaders. The Senator told us of her experiences at the state and national government levels, especially working to provide aid to disadvantaged children. Her speech was inspirational and reminded us that as women and especially educators, we have such an impact on children's lives throughout the state. DKG Keynote Speaker: Patricia Woodley, our International Membership Director, all the way from headquarters in Austin Texas spoke next. Patricia spoke on the 90th Birthday of DKG, and how our heritage as a society influences the organization today.

For the remainder of the afternoon, members listened to four breakout sessions. Amy Jacobsen educated members on Human Trafficking in ND. Amy Neal spoke on Chinese Immersion and Global Learning in China. Candace Brannan gave a presentation on books that she enjoys and uses in her high school English classroom. Kat Haux inspired us to focus on Wellness at Any Age. After the breakout sessions, members had a break to get ready for the banquet.

Tuesday evening's banquet at the Baymont Inn began with entertainment from the Keller Sisters. They sang various traditional tunes and modern country songs while members had a chance to socialize. Prior to our delicious meal, State 1st Vice President, Ann Braaten, (Beta) read an inspiration and the State Music Committee consisting of Sue German (Pi), Maria Carpenter (Nu), and Kathie Hay (Pi) lead us in a table prayer. Throughout the meal, Mistress of Ceremonies Esther Eustice (Xi) with the help of Paulette Whitmeyer (Sigma) tried to pick our brains with a fun trivia game that had members second guessing their knowledge. Keynote speaker at the Banquet was Deb Kates, a professional photographer from Mandan. She spoke about getting her life back together after living through a nightmare relationship and changing careers three times. Her presentation, "It's Never Too Late," was so very inspiring.

2019 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention (Continued)

The banquet continued with Patricia Woodley's slide show presentation of the history of the DKG International Headquarters in Austin, TX and past International Presidents. Patricia Woodley then assisted State President, Brenda Seehafer with installation of the 2019-21 State Officers. The state officers for the next biennium are as follows: President: Ann Braaten (Beta); First Vice President: Kim Weismann (Gamma); Second Vice President: Sherry Heaton (Delta), State Secretary: Tami McNally (Nu), State Treasurer: LaVone Mongeon (Nu), and Sandra Starr (Nu) has been appointed State Parliamentarian. The banquet concluded with the much anticipated initiation of Senator Heidi Heitkamp into Delta Kappa Gamma as a State Honorary member. It is an honor and a privilege to have the Senator as a member of DKG.

The second day of the convention began with a roundtable discussion and a treasurer's training. After that Wanda Follman (Lambda) read "God Created the Teacher," and Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) presented the New State President, Ann Braaten (Beta), with the locket given to ND First State President Hazel B. Nielson by Annie Webb Blanton.

Also on Wednesday morning, a new aspect of the convention was added, a service project. Jeanne House and Lisa Quintus introduced fellow Sigma member Kristi Paris who organized the state service project. Kristi received a \$2,500 grant from her husband's company. She proceeded to make 170 nylon backpacks with the logo DKG Cares on them. She also collected enough materials, including: stuffed animals, coloring books/notepads with crayons and markers, and games to fill them. We all pitched in filling the backpacks. Thirteen bags went home with every chapter in the state. To whom they go to in the community is to be decided and distributed by each chapter.

After the service project, DKG members paused to remember four sisters during the Hour of Remembrance Ceremony. Kristi Nordstvad (Tau) presided over the ceremony. Tribute was paid to these DKG members: Beverly Nelson and Jeanne Perius (Delta), Barbara Danner (Epsilon Mu), and Esther Gordon (Tau). We honored these members with lighting of candles, a song, and a responsive reading.

The Birthday Luncheon was to follow. Members from Phi Chapter gave the International Founders Program this year. They added a more personal touch to the slideshow by inviting members to connect to the founders on a more personal level and share some information about themselves. Then, Vicki Boehnke (Lambda) called chapters to contribute to the Hazel B. Neilson scholarship at the birthday luncheon, and members sang "This is the Birthday" song.

Next on the agenda were the State DKG awards. Rochelle Feldner, chair of the Golden Grant

2019 ND Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention (Continued)

Committee, presented grants to the applicants this year. Since both were so exemplary, both received a Golden Grant. Bonnie Joxewski of Pi Chapter along with Jean Salter and Kathie Hay accepted the Golden Grant award for their Buddy Packs Project. Kathy Ashe from the Epsilon Mu Chapter also accepted a Golden Grant for the "All 4 Learning" Childcare Center in their community.

Wanda Follman (Lambda) of the Scholarship Committee presented Pamela Baker (Delta) with the Hazel B. Neilson Scholarship. Pam has 21 years of teaching experience. She is currently a third grade teacher at Will-Moore Elementary School in Bismarck. She is working on her graduate degree in Educational Leadership - Teacher Leader through North Dakota State University. Pam's references wrote that she has a growth mindset and is student-focused in her work. Her dedication to ensuring each student reaches his/her full potential is evident in the time spent reflecting on student and teacher learning behaviors needed to increase learning for all students.

Diana Schnieder (Delta) from the State Citation Award Committee presented Sandra Starr (Nu) with the 2019 Citation Award. Sandra Starr taught in the field of music education at Minot State University for forty-one years. Sandra was the chair of the Division of Music from 2005-2008, being the interim chair 2000-2001. She has the ability to combine a successful career with the nurturing of her family. Sandra founded and directed Western Plains Children's Choir and sang in the Minot Chamber Chorale and was director from 1989-1995. Sandra Starr served as DKG state president, 2013-2015 as well as many state committees. Sandra's dedication and commitment to DKG is overwhelming.

The conference concluded with Past State President, Brenda Seehafer (Lambda) thanking members of the executive committee, Patricia Woodley encouraging us to attend the Regional Conventions around the United States this summer, and Emily Schaefer (Gamma) inviting us to the 2020 ND DKG Conference. In the future, convention/conferences hosts will rotate through all chapters in the state, but always held in the Bismarck/Mandan area. The 2020 State Conference will be hosted by Gamma of Minot. Birthday Luncheon host will be Nu of Minot, with Beta of Fargo, honoring State Founders. For more information, check the new ND State Policies and Procedures for the full cycle of chapters.

A huge thank you to Sigma and Xi chapters for hosting a wonderful convention in Mandan. Xi Members in attendance: Joanne Beckman, Jennifer Wallender, Esther Eustice, and Charlotte Rhode. Members of Sigma Chapter in attendance: Benita Saur, Kristi Paris, Vicki Roehl, Jeanne House, Corby Rachel, Gail Mayer, Paulette Whitmore, Lisa Quintus, and Maxine Rugland.

Scholarship and Grants Awarded

Pamela Baker of Delta Chapter is the recipient of the Hazel B. Nielsen \$1,500 scholarship for 2019!



Pam has 21 years of teaching experience. She is currently a third grade teacher at Will-Moore Elementary School in Bismarck. Mrs. Baker has her elementary education degree from Western Oregon State University and a degree in Special Education and Reading Specialist and Special Education Strategist and reading certificate from Minot State University. She is now working on her graduate degree in Educational Leadership-Teacher Leader through North Dakota State University. Upon completion of this degree, she intends to pursue the field of teacher mentoring and college observations of practicum students.

Pam's references wrote that she has a growth mindset and is student-focused in her work. Her dedication to ensuring each student reaches his/her full potential is evident in the time spent reflecting on student and teacher learning behaviors needed to increase learning for all students. She is frequently chosen to mentor new teachers. Pam consistently

displays leadership and collaborative skills as she participates in grade level professional learning communities, as a facilitator of professional development sessions at Will-Moore, and also as a model teacher for math instruction within the district. Many additional positive comments were made, as well.



Rochelle Feldner, chair, presented two Golden Grant awards. Kathie Hay (President of Pi chapter) and Pi members and Kathy Ashe (President of Epsilon Mu) are pictured receiving the Golden Grant monies.



More State Convention



Members at the Head Table: Mistress of Ceremony Vicki Roehl (Sigma), Mandan City Commissioner-Dennis Rohr, State President-Brenda Seehafer (Lambda), State Parliamentarian- Faye Miller (Epsilon Mu), State 1st Vice-Ann Braaten (Beta), State Secretary- Sherry Heaton (Delta), and International Membership Director- Patricia Woodley.



Vicki Roehl (Sigma) Mistress of Ceremonies.



Breakout Speaker - Amy Jacobsen educated members on Human Trafficking in ND.



Members listening to Amy Jacobsen.



Senator Heidi Heitkamp was our Opening Speaker and Distinguished Guest. She spoke on Empowering Women Leaders.



Mistress of Ceremonies, Ester Eustice (Xi) introduces the evening's keynote speaker.



Breakout Speaker- Kat Haux inspires us to focus on Wellness at Any Age.



Candace Brannan gives a presentation on books that she enjoys and uses in her classroom.



Members of Epsilon Mu – Linda Simmons, Faye Miller, Mary Mitchell, and Kathy Ashe.

More State Convention



Keynote Speaker, Deb Kates, spoke about her life and how "It's Never Too Late."



Brenda Seehafer (Lambda), Ann Braaten (Beta), Wanda Mehlhoff (Phi), Sherry Heaton (Delta), Tami McNally (Nu), Faye Miller (Epsilon Mu), Sandra Starr (Nu), Patricia Woodley (International)



Brenda Seehafer passing the gavel to Ann Braaten.



Members of Gamma Chapter: Tonya Hunskor, Norma Theis, Lisa Olson, Emily Schaefer, Apryl Davenport, and Mary Carlson.



Members congratulate new state officers.



Members of Tau Chapter - Kristi Nordick, Peggy Donahe, Linda Johnson



Kristi Paris (Sigma) explains the service project.



Members work together to fill 170 DKG Cares Bags to be given throughout the state to children in need.



More from State Convention



Members of Sigma Chapter – Benita Saur, Kristi Paris, Vicki Roehl, Jeanne House, Senator Heitkamp, Corby Rachel, Gail Mayer, Paulette Whitmore, and Lisa Quintus.



Host Chapter Xi Members: Joanne Beckman, Jennifer Wallender, Esther Eustice. (in attendance but not pictured: Charlotte Rohde)



Members of the State Music Committee Sue German (Pi), Maria Carpenter (Nu), Kathie Hay (Pi) getting ready to involve all at the Convention.



Sandy Starr, Nu; International DKG Guest, Trish Woodley, TX; new ND State honorary member, Senator Heidi Heitkamp; outgoing State President, Brenda Seehafer, Lambda.



Silent Auction Items.



Rochelle Feldner with Distinguished guest Patricia Woodley from DKG Headquarters in Dallas.

2019 International Conference: Leadership



A new name and some changes for what many of us knew as the Northwest Regional Conference. This conference in Des Moines, Iowa was attended by almost 300 members. It started with Iowa night on Wednesday with a pork sandwich, corn on the cob, chips, and rice krispie treats. That was a fun way to see who had arrived for the conference, search out friends and make new friends.



President Ann had leadership training on Tuesday and Wednesday while the rest of us did a little touring of the capitol city. My tour time included the PapaJohn sculpture park, the Salisbury house and the World Food Prize-Hall of Laureates. Lots to see and do



in the city and many restaurants were within walking distance of the hotel. The North Dakota ladies did their Thursday dinner at the Iowa Tap Room.

The focus of this International Conference was leadership. The general sessions were on time and very well attended. General sessions were focused on leadership for anyone not just officers.

Lisa Olson, Gamma member, is a member of the International Excellence Committee and was responsible for the training of state organization EEC Chairs. She had two sessions for her presentation. Faye Miller, Epsilon Mu member, attended the Editors, Webmasters and Marketers workshop. The other workshops were numerous and the 10 minute takeaways allowed for a fast discussion of various topics. The marketplace was on Thursday for one day and had many varieties of items for purchase from clothing to nails to DKG items.

Also on Thursday was the “We are Leaders” luncheon. The Emergency Fund collection was over \$5000 with credit card donations to be added to that sum.

The closing banquet was a nice formal event featuring the conference chorus that performed two numbers written by Janice Moen and one by Arlene Ydistie. You may recall Janice is originally from ND and has been a Washington member for many years. Sandra Starr and Faye Miller both participated in the chorus.



The highlight of the evening was to watch Dr. Judith Mertz become speechless when she was announced as the International Achievement award winner by International President Cathy Daugherty.





Get Connected!

CTOG Input

Overseeing communications and marketing for DKG is a big job. It is a good thing it does not fall to just one person! CTOG helps spread the communications and technology work and share the responsibility of keeping information current, accurate, and easily accessible.

Executive Director Nita Scott added that it is not only Headquarters' job. "A big takeaway for members that I would encourage is to emphasize that members have a voice in this organization and their leaders want to hear them," she said. "We welcome feedback and always take it seriously – and when it pertains to communication and technology, CTOG always considers carefully the feedback received."

You can use the ["Contact Us"](#) link on the website if you have comments.

Does Your Chapter or State Have a CTOG?

The DKG website is our Society's most consistent and obvious technical method of communications and marketing, and CTOG continually ensures it is up-to-date.

Your chapter and state websites are one of your biggest marketing tools also. It is your face to the public. It is constantly there.

Are you updating your website regularly? Who determines what goes on



it? Do you have a Communications and Technology Oversight Group helping determine what your face to the public looks like?

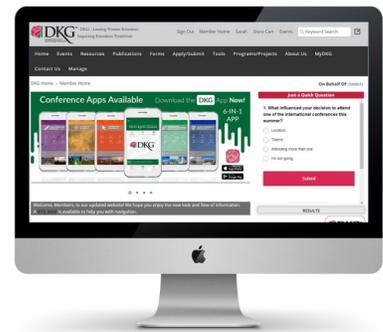
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CTOG—What It Is

Communications and marketing DKG are everyone's business, and the most effective strategies result from including key stakeholders' input to ensure relevance. Maintaining relevance, ensuring accuracy, and managing diverse information sources are not easy tasks. Thus, the Communications & Technology Oversight Group (CTOG) emerged from the need to oversee the many aspects of communications with members and the use of technology in providing that communication with the desire to include diverse and multiple perspectives.

CTOG includes the International President, the Executive Director, the Business Director, the Technology Director and the Membership Director as well as the Technology Assistant/Webmaster, Graphics Design Specialist, and Technology Relations Specialist. Using the joint knowledge of a multi-disciplinary group to discuss new ideas and suggestions allows broader perspectives of what and how to communicate. To enlarge the perspectives, CTOG also can invite ad hoc key persons, like the Educational Foundation Specialist, for extra knowledge when needed.



Examples of the tasks of CTOG are to focus on the website and app updates, to highlight, in a timely manner, the upcoming events in the Society, like conventions and the thematic conferences, and to develop specific aspects of the website, such as the "who we are" and "how to become a member" pages. Another important task is to consider questions and feedback from members, as the Society is a dynamic network. The group also discusses copyright and marketing issues, which is important due to the differences among the member countries.

Benefits of CTOG Work for Members

When the "big picture" people, such as the president, the directors, and executive director, bring to the table an understanding of the important issues in DKG and work with the technicians who shape the communication through design and implementation, members benefit with a stronger presence to market DKG. Members can find the latest news, such as the Administrative Board actions or conference schedules, on the website or app. Items on the rotator are discussed and changed to keep the most current notices front and center on the homepage. CTOG helps keep the Society Facebook page fresh and considers changes to promote the blogs. Discussions on how to help members find answers to questions easier led to the addition of the invaluable chat feature on the website. The variety of information, such as benefits of membership and leadership opportunities, on the non-member side of the website provides members strong marketing materials for recruiting prospective members.

Message from Curriculum of Hope

To All Friends,
Our back-to-school issue of The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Newsletter focuses on plastics. We have become dependent on plastics, but they are having an impact on our environment. Some states are now banning some plastic items. We are offering suggestions on classroom ideas and projects as well as informational conferences on plastics education. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each one of us could try for a plastic free school through plastic education. If we cannot become plastic free, maybe we can be plastic clever. Please read the Newsletter for more information here.

<http://bit.ly/COHplastics>

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Important Websites



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

Alpha Omicron - ND website

<http://northdakotadkg.weebly.com>



*Remembering
Barbara Danner, Esther Gordon,
& Dr. Beverly Nelson*

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Chapter Communications

Lambda



Lambda members Jeannie Orke, Vicki Boehnke, Brenda Seehafer, Jan Repnow, and Wanda Follman attended the 2019 DKG State Convention in Mandan in June.



Deb Zavada and Brenda Seehafer, Lambda members had their summer outing as a work day at Metigoshe Ministries at the Christian Center.



Jan Repnow was recognized as the 2019 Minot State University Student Government Faculty Advisor of the Year in May.



Lambda member, Vicki Boehnke, delivered the bags to the Bottineau Family Crisis Center that were filled at the state convention.

Many Lambda members over the years were blessed for the opportunity to teach at the Wolford Public School. The school closed at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. We are sad to see this exceptional school close but rejoice that many faculty and students called the Wolford School home.



Chapter Communications

Nu

Joyce and Joe Alme took a Cruise to Spain with stops in Cartagena, (Roman theater built in the 1st Century), Malaga (two citadels built by the Moors), Gibralfaro, (a 14th Century Moorish Castle and the Bull Ring, the birth place of Pablo Picasso and the Cathedral de la Encarnacion), Gibraltar (the Rock houses an ape sanctuary of 300+ apes who live in the caves) and Barcelona, (Benedictine monastery, which is a boys' school and is famous for its Boy Choir in the mountains above Montserrat. The Basilica also houses the "Black Madonna").

Nancy Pearson, Minot State University Professor in the Broadcasting & Professional Communication Department, chaired and delivered three panel presentations at the Central States Communication Association conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dawn Freeman, Joyce Alme, Sandy Starr and Rochelle Feldner judged Class A and B Regional Music contests throughout North Dakota. Sandy (Class A & B) and Rochelle (Class B) also judged at the State level. Sandy served as the Manager for the Region VIII Solo and Ensemble contest.

Jackie Geiger, Washington Elementary School counselor, presented the Social Emotional Learning curriculum which implements teachers teaching social and emotional skills to students. Jackie presents to all Minot Public elementary schools.



Cheryl Nilsen judged several Speech contests and also served as the Manager for the Regional Speech contest held at Minot State University.



Jazmine Schultz spearheaded the "Gurlz Rip Grip Fest" which celebrated Women in The Arts, at 62 Doors Gallery & Studios in downtown Minot. Original compositions were performed by Jazmine's band and the Nu Notes also perform



Jazmine Schultz with her band, performing an original composition. Her husband Zach played the drums.



Nu Notes performing "Accentuate the Positive."

Chapter Communications

Nu continued

Alyssa Palmer, choir director at Jim Hill Middle School, attended the NDACDA convention in Fargo. She also had a student that was chosen as a member of the North Dakota Junior high Honor Choir, which performed at the Convention.

Leslie Barney, band director at Jim Hill Middle School, attended the NDNBA Jr. High All-State festival in Mandan as one of her students was chosen as a member of the band.

Joan Braun, 7th grade Math teacher at Erik Ramstad Middle School, had her students working toward improving their performance on Math facts and Math literacy in a program entitled "Let's Taco 'Bout Math," challenging them to answer questions about Math in order to earn an entire Taco in a Bag.

Sara Medalen, Title I Math and Reading teacher at Sunnyside School, was nominated for the LifeChanger of the Year award, which is a national program which honors K-12 public school teachers who make a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Co-president Dawn Freeman visited Arizona Snowbirds Sue Johnson and Gloria Lokken and presented them their 40 year membership pins. The coffee and conversation was wonderful!



Teresa Hargrove's Velva High School band and choir attended the Region VIII music contest

and received 5 out of 6 Outstanding Awards for their performances. Teresa has moved to Texas where she is closer to family. We will miss her!



Leslie Barney's Jim Hill Middle School Band was chosen as the 2019 Governor's Band. They performed at the State Capitol for Governor Doug Bergum and other state dignitaries. After their performance they took a tour of the ND State Capitol and the ND Heritage Center on the Capital grounds. The band was made up of 90 7th and 8th grade students. Congratulations to the students and to Leslie for such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to showcase students.

Leslie Barney, conductor of the 2019 Governor's Band, with the official plaque from Governor Doug Burgum.



Chapter Communications

Nu continued



Rochelle Feldner received the North Dakota National Band Association's Distinguished Service award at the ND Music Educators Conference. She retired from Minot Public School after 36 years of teaching 5-12 band at many buildings throughout the district.

The Community Service project for our chapter was to support the Backpack Buddies food program and support students at Souris River Campus donating food and hygiene products. Much fun was had as many members assisted the United Way by filling bags and tubs that were distributed to area schools. Honorary helpers were husbands Myron Feist and Jerry Walker.



Kathy & Terry Thiel are working with Mission Builders at Lake Metigoshe to help construct an addition to the Metigoshe Christian Center.

The Ward County Historical Society held "The Great Gatsby" fund raiser to help defray moving costs for the Pioneer Village. Nu members and their spouses had a fun time dressed in period styles.



Great Gatsby Kathy Fimreite, Larry & Holly Eidsness, Bob and Brenda Demke, Teresa Hargrove, Colleen Schwan, Jeannie Sovak, and Pam Hopkins.

Holly Eidsness was involved with the Missoula Children's Traveling Theatre Troupe. that came to Minot to work with local children interested in performing in a revised version of "Gulliver's Travels." Eighteen actors from the Mouse River Players and Minot area were chosen for the performance.

The Minot Chamber Chorale presented their Spring Choral Extravaganza & Ice Cream Social concert. Nu members in the group are Brenda Demke, Cheryl Nilsen, Terri Rubbert, Teresa Hargrove, Pam Hopkins and Jeannie Sovak.

Chapter Communications

Nu continued

The “14th Annual Swing into Spring” social sponsored by the Minot Public School Foundation, was held at the Sleep Inn & Suites with a performance by the Nu Notes. Paula Simonson judged the Swing Dance competition.

Nu members performed in Minot Community Concert Band were: Kathy Thiel, flute; Colleen Schwan, clarinet; Leslie Barney, alto saxophone; and Jeannie Sovak, French horn. Teresa Hargrove and Colleen Schwan performed a few selections with the Swing Band of Minot at the annual dance.



Bandgirls: Seated: Leslie Barney; Standing: Colleen Schwan & Jeannie Sovak.



Kathy Thiel performed on flute.



NuNotes front: Paula Simonson, Cheryl Nilsen, Teresa Hargrove, Colleen Schwan & Pam Hopkins. Back: Rochelle Feldner, Brenda Demke, Dawn Freeman, Joy Shirek, Alyssa Palmer, & Jeannie Sovak.



Board of Directors: Laurel Weigelt & Jeannie Sovak with the Golden donation hats.



Leslie Barney & Teresa Hargrove at the Swing into Spring social.

Lowell Latimer dancing with his lovely wife Ann dancing to “New York, New York!”



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Many Nu members attended world-renowned Egyptologist Mark Lehner’s lecture at Minot State University’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall May 2. A Minot High School graduate, Lehner is the director and president of Ancient Egypt Research Associates, Inc. He has appeared on television in National Geographic's Explorer program and on the WGBH NOVA series. He gave an hour long presentation and signed books in the lobby of Old Main at a reception in his honor, sponsored by Nu Chapter.



Paula Simonson, Pam Hopkins, Rochelle Feldner, Jeannie Sovak, Sandy Starr & Dawn Freeman attending the lecture.



Paula Simonson, Pam Hopkins and Jeannie Sovak at the reception.



Nu members, Bonny Berryman, Barb Boyeff, Brenda Demke, Dawn Freeman and Pam Hopkins volunteered at Washington Elementary school for the mission of “Samaritan’s Feet.” All students in grades K-5 had their feet washed and a pair of athletic socks and new shoes was placed upon their feet. They also received words of encouragement.



Brenda Demke, Nancy Pearson, Joy Shirek, Barb Matteson & Holly Eidsness served as ushers, attended the Lecture & book signing.

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Nu members Maria Carpenter, Rochelle Feldner, Tami McNally, Sandy Starr, Dawn Freeman and Amy Neal (not pictured) attended the State DKG Convention in Mandan.



Tami McNally was elected State DKG secretary and Sandy Starr received the DKG Distinguished Citation. Both are being congratulated by Patricia Woodley.

Amy Neal presented “Chinese Immersion” at the State Convention.



At the State Convention, Diana Schneider presented Sandy Starr the highest honor of DKG in North Dakota, the prestigious Distinguished Citation of Alpha Omicron State award. We are so very proud of Sandy. She has been involved in every aspect of DKG at local and State levels. When one describes Delta Kappa Gamma, she is the true being of our organization! Congratulations!



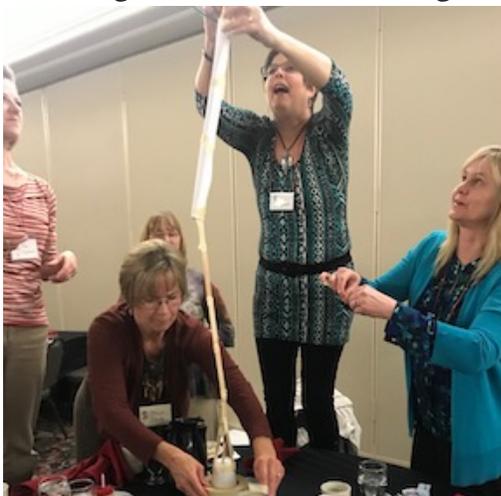
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At the May meeting, Melissa Stanley presented the STEM program which Minot Public Schools offers to girls in elementary school. She incorporated many hands on activities that involved cooperative learning.



Joan Braun & Barb Boyeff concentrating as Bonny Berryman & Lynette Wold look on as they are using collaborative learning.



Project is almost completed as Polly Sivertson, Brenda Demke, Kathy Fimreite, Eileen Dolan-Gillund support Anna Hansen (standing) for the finished product.



Sharon Dufner, Geraldine Larson, Julianne Bonner, Tami McNally & Melessa Bosch are looking forward to the completion of their project.

Each Sunday the Minot City Band performed two concerts at Minot's Oak Park and also in the ND State Fair parade. Joyce Alme plays flute and her husband Joe is the director.

Congratulations to Julie Benson, Ramstad Middle School, and Maria Carpenter, Magic City Campus, on their retirement from Minot Public Schools!

Epsilon Mu

Mary Mitchell is pictured with the Nora Serbo recipient, Megan Bohlman. Megan is a junior in education at UND.



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Gamma

What a wonderful “family” DKG Summer Gathering! Thank You to our PrOur Gamma sisters gathered for a Summer Concert and Burgers in the Park at Oak Park in Minot. The wonderful music was provided by Voices of Note. What a wonderful “family” DKG Summer Gathering! Thank You to President Emily for planning the outing!



Mary Carlson and Apryl Davenport enjoy the music.



From L to R: Paulette Vetter, Apryl Davenport, Mary Carlson, Lisa Olson, Emily Schaefer, ???, Tonya Hunskor, and Deb Eraas.



At the State DKG Conference we had a service project. We made Trauma Bags for young people in our area if they are taken to foster care, experience the loss of a parent or loved one, or are faced with other life changing events. The bags will be available at one of our fall meetings.



The wonderful music was provided by Voices of Note.

Heidi Heitkamp with Tonya Biberdorf Hunskor (L) and Lisa Olson (R) at the State DKG Conference.



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Delta

Pamela Baker of Delta Chapter is the recipient of the Hazel B. Nielsen \$1,500 scholarship for 2019!

Pam has 21 years of teaching experience. She is currently a third grade teacher at Will-Moore Elementary School in Bismarck. Mrs. Baker has her elementary education degree from Western Oregon State University and a degree in Special Education and Reading Specialist and Special Education Strategist and reading certificate from Minot State University. She is now working on her graduate degree in Educational Leadership-Teacher Leader through North Dakota State University. Upon completion of this degree, she intends to pursue the field of teacher mentoring and college observations of practicum students.

Pam's references wrote that she has a growth mindset and is student-focused in her work. Her dedication to ensuring each student reaches his/her full potential is evident in the time spent reflecting on student and teacher learning behaviors needed to increase learning for all students. She is frequently chosen to mentor new teachers. Pam consistently displays leadership and collaborative skills as she participates in grade level professional learning communities, as a facilitator of professional development sessions at Will-Moore, and also as a model teacher for math instruction within the district. Many additional positive comments were made, as well.

Congratulations, Pam, on this very well-deserved scholarship award! We wish you all the best in the completion of your graduate studies.

Delta Chapter also installed co-presidents for 2019-2020. They are Pam Baker and Beth Romfo. The present chapter president, Elicia Hofmann is leaving Bismarck.

Beta

On June 25, five Beta members traveled to Guelph, North Dakota, to visit Off the Shuelph in Guelph, a community center, museum and funky junk shop set-up in the old Guelph school building. Pi sister Susan German, co-chair of the Music Committee, invited North Dakota State Organization members to visit this enterprise in Guelph at the 2018 Wahpeton conference. Beta member Jolene Beckman was intrigued by the idea of local women creating a resource like this in a small rural community, and our road trip resulted.

When we arrived at Off the Shuelph in Guelph, Sue showed us their gymnasium paneled with polished honey-colored wood. It's stage, permanent two-tier bleachers and



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handicap accessible restrooms, make it a popular place for wedding receptions. The museum highlights the school and local area. Off the Shuelph in Guelph is a great place to visit and shop.



Beta members traveling to Guelph were Jolene Beckman, Jennet Dittman, Jeanne Orke, Betty Patterson, and Ann Braaten. Each of us carried home great memories and treasures from their shop from our beautiful drive across the prairie.