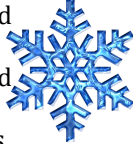


## COMMUNICATE



According to National Geographic: *The "no two snowflakes are alike" adage is likely true for fully developed snowflakes.*

And just like snowflakes, no two members of Mu Chapter are alike. Each of you were designed to be uniquely beautiful. Each of you were designed to have a unique set of qualities, gifts, and talents. And just like snowflakes - Look what **we** can do when **we** stick together!



## MU CHAPTER NEWS

**Website:** [www.dkgmmu.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmmu.weebly.com)

**In Remembrance:** It is with sorrow that we bid farewell to our dear sister and long-time DKG member, Jewell Mendenhall, who passed away on November 2, 2017. It is with joy that we celebrate her life as teacher and friend. Her children, Judy, Jill, Jeff, and Jack extend their appreciation and thanks to the many members who were able to attend her funeral and to all who supported Jewell with cards, calls, visits, prayers, and friendship. Please know that 54 red roses representing DKG members from Mu Chapter, and chapters across the state, were presented at her funeral during the Rose Ceremony. A white rose was placed in her name honoring her membership in DKG. It was a lovely celebration of her life. Jewell was cherished and loved by all who were lucky enough to know her. She will be missed.

### **Jewell Mendenhall Scholarship:**

Jewell's children have plans to form the DKG Mu Chapter Jewell Mendenhall Scholarship for women enrolled in collegiate-level music education programs. I will keep you informed as details are shared.

**Our Sympathies to:** Pat Welte for the loss of her special friend, Tom Runningen, who passed away on January 1, 2018.

**Hurricane Relief:** DKG recognizes that many of our members have been impacted by the recent devastation created by hurricanes in Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico. According to the Jan/Feb 2018 issue of DKG NEWS, \$94,500 of Emergency Fund monies were distributed to 189 DKG members between August 29 and December 1 in 2017. Three of the members receiving financial support were from Mu Chapter. To help with this effort and to come to the aid of our sisters in these areas, we will not collect money for Schools for Africa at our March, April, or May meetings. Rather, we will take donations for Hurricane Relief. Your generous contributions will go towards helping a sister member pay her dues for the year, which I'm sure will be greatly appreciated.

**Membership:** Thank you to everyone who submitted recommendations for potential new members. The Membership Committee, chaired by Delphine Jacobsen, will plan a gathering sometime in February so these potential new members and their sponsors can view "Pride in the Big Picture". The date, time, and place for this meeting will be forthcoming. Please remember that the future growth and health of our chapter and society requires each of us to do our part, as we are able, to build and retain an active membership.

**Correction:** Our March meeting is at the **Evangelical Covenant Church** in Bemidji NOT First Lutheran as I stated incorrectly on my January agenda.

**A Time for Transition:** On May 8, we will install new Mu Chapter officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. Elected officers include President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Appointed positions include Treasurer and Parliamentarian. The President and the Executive Board will make these appointments.

Our Nominations Committee, chaired by Kathy Palm, has begun efforts to prepare a slate of officers for your consideration. They are also preparing a slate of members to serve as the next Nominations Committee. This slate must also be voted upon. Both slates will be announced at our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time, members will have the opportunity to place nominations from the floor. Voting by secret ballot will take place at our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Installation will take place at our meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you are called upon to serve, I ask that you give careful consideration to that request. Working together and stepping up when there is a need will enable us to maintain ourselves as a growing and thriving chapter. Serving as an officer is a great way to build your leadership skills. And - it's fun!

**Jewelry Lost and Found:** A ring of value was found on the floor after our meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley. I have tried numerous times to find the owner. The restaurant owners have been contacted and do not wish to have the ring returned to them. I have spoken with our Finance Chair, Heidi Krause, the Executive Board, and all members present at the January meeting. I have sent two emails to the membership about this matter. It has been decided that we would give everyone one last opportunity to claim the ring. If by our meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> the ring has not been claimed, I will display it along with the estimated value and specs based on two independent appraisals

given by local jewelers. At the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, our members will have a chance to place a silent bid for the ring. If no bids are placed, one jeweler has offered a set price to purchase it and will then increase the cost and sell it in his store. 100% of the proceeds will be split among our Memorial Grant-in-Aid, Presidents' Recruitment Grant, and the Brune-Parker Legacy Scholarship for Special Projects. If you believe you have lost this ring please call Mu President Kate Pearson with a description. (766-9930).

## MN TAU STATE NEWS

**Website:** [www.dkgmn.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmn.weebly.com)

**Summer Leadership Retreat and New Officers' Training:** To be held June 19-20 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. Registration information will follow.

**MN Tau State Executive Committee Go-to-Meeting:** To be held online February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reports are due February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Chair Positions Open:** If you are interested in serving as the Tau State Webmaster or as Chair for either the Legislative or Scholarship Committee, please contact Tau State President Ann Vanvick or Mu President, Kate Pearson.

**Educator Institute:** The Minnesota Humanities Center's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Educator Institute will take place from June 17-22, 2018 at the Humanities Center in St. Paul. The institute immerses participants in the Center's proven approach to increase student engagement through absent narratives – those voices often left out or marginalized. This experience, prepares educators to develop meaningful connections with their students and implement practical classroom strategies to bring absent narratives pedagogy into practice. The application deadline is March 15, 2018. Contact information:  
Minnesota Humanities Center  
987 Ivy Avenue East  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
Elle Lyons Director of Communications  
Ph 651-774-0205 [mnhum.org](http://mnhum.org)

## DKG INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Website:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### 2018 International Convention

To be held July 16-20, 2018 in Austin, Texas. Registration forms can be found in the Jan/Feb 2018 DKG News. For more information, go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

### DKG's Impact on Worldwide

**Education:** 36 women from 27 countries on 5 continents were selected for DKG Int'l World Fellowship Grants from 2017-2018. (DKG NEWS Jan/Feb 2018)

### Constitution and Standing Rules:

There are 130+ proposed amendments to the Society's Constitution and International Standing Rules that will be voted on at the July Convention in Austin, Texas. Be informed. To learn more, go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

## COLLABORATE

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Saturday, January 20

**Regular Chapter Meeting:** to be held at First Lutheran Church in Bemidji. Tabitha Carrigan from the Beltrami County Sheriff's Department will present "File of Life". Because we will be discussing potential new members, this meeting is closed to guests.

#### Saturday, March 10

**Regular Chapter Meeting:** to be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Bemidji. Author Joni Armstrong will present "Duck Therapy".

#### Saturday, April 14

**Regular Chapter Meeting:** to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji. The program "Past, Present, and Future" will include New Member Initiation, Ceremony of Remembrance, Election of Officers, State President's Welcome, and a harp performance.

#### Tuesday, May 8 5:30 p.m.

**Year-End Celebration Banquet:** to be held at the Bemidji Town and Country Club. Kevin Cease will present "The Benefits of Laughter". Plan to celebrate Founders' Day and the Birthday of DKG. We will also install

new officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. \* Note that this is an EVENING meeting.

### Summer Program Planning Meeting

Early June – Date to be determined

### June 19-20

**MN Tau State Summer Leadership Retreat and Chapter Officers' Training:** to be held at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN.

## COOPERATE

**North Star News Request:** February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit photos and articles for publication in the spring edition of the North Star News. Contact Libby Underhill, NSN Editor.

**Mu Chapter News Request:** April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit information for publication in the spring edition of Mu Chapter News. Contact Kate Pearson, Mu Chapter President.

**Courtesy Committee:** Is a Mu Chapter member in need of support by way of a note, phone call, or visit? Is a member in need of a ride to a meeting, ill, in the hospital, or experiencing a loss? Contact any member of our wonderful Courtesy Committee. They are here to help. See Dianne Sizer, Chair.

**Pins, Pins, Pins:** Do you have your DKG keypin, the emblem of membership in our Society? Would you like to collect years of service pins? These are available in 5-year increments. Contact Tami Wesely.

### **What to Do With All Those Pins?**

Contact Tami Wesely for a red-ribbon pin holder.

### **Need a New Nametag**

Contact: Sharon Hokuf

**Christmas Tea 2018:** If you know of someone who is knowledgeable about another country and would be available to be our guest speaker at the 2018 Tea, please contact me soon. Early planning makes the event easier.



**Missing Forks, Found Spoon:** After the Christmas Tea, I discovered I was missing 4 of each of these forks. This gold spoon was left at the Tea. If you have any of these forks or are missing a spoon, please let me know. Thanks.



## CELEBRATE CONGRATULATIONS!



... **Libby Underhill** – for being chosen Mu Chapter's 2017 Woman of Achievement. Libby will be recognized at the 2019 MN Tau State Convention.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

... **Anna Mae Floura** – on your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday February 9<sup>th</sup>. A birthday party in her honor is scheduled for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Blackduck Senior Center from 1:00 – 4:00. Everyone is welcome! Happy Birthday, Ann!

... **Geri Nynas** - on the birth of your new grandson, Leo.

## MOLTE GRAZIE! ITALIAN TEA THANKS

... to Carol Ann Russell for sharing her lovely poetry.

... to Felice Dickey for her beautiful singing.



... to Deb and Megan Rossman for preparing and presenting an amazing and informative program highlighting Megan's trip to Italy.

... to Joyce Siegert for creating gorgeous centerpieces.

... to Nancy Gallagher for bringing the talented Bemidji High School musicians.

... to Pam Murray for capturing memories on film.

... to Geri Nynas for baking the delicious olive bread.

... to Pam Roiger for making the delicious tapenade.

... to Libby Underhill for arranging for and delivering so much of the food.

... to Terry Nelson and Durayne Mitby for making the sweet candy favors.

... to ALL who planned, set up, cleaned, cooked, made Lemoncello, served, made the scholarship box, provided tech support, and brought the beautiful Italian decor. The Tea was lovely. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

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*(Just a few of the committee members)*

## THANK YOU!

... to all DKG members who befriended our mom and were so kind to her. The close sisterhood you share through DKG was amazing to witness and meant the world to her. We appreciated all of your love and support during the difficult days of her stroke, death, and funeral. The Rose Ceremony you hosted at her funeral was truly lovely and meant so much to us. Thank you. Jewell's Children,

Judy, Jill, Jack, and Jeff

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM

... **Joyce Kleven** - who has had great news. Here is her most recent update:

Yesterday I saw my new oncologist in Florida to discuss the results of my recent scan. The very good news is that the tumor itself is gone!!!!!! It's a Christmas miracle for me filled with gratitude for all the prayers on my behalf. What a change from being terminal in June. I will finish 3 more cycles of chemo to get any remaining cells. Prayers were really answered. I still have reduced lung function, which will always need treatment, but hopefully all the cancer will have been killed. Alleluia! Thanks for all the prayers and cards that I received from DKG. It really helped. With love and a Merry Christmas to you.

Joyce

## BECAUSE YOU ASKED

... **Recipe from Geri Nynas for Emeril Lagasse's Black and Green Olive Bread** – Enjoy!

1 Tbls. active dry yeast

2 ½ cups warm water

3 ½ cups whole-wheat flour (*Geri used Gold and White flour - Harmony Foods*)

3 cups plus 1 handful all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons salt

3 turns freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 cups mixed halved black and green olives (*Geri added some Greek olives*)

¼ cup chopped fresh basil

Dissolve the yeast in the water in a bowl, stirring. Add the whole-wheat flour and 3 cups of the all-purpose flour, and mix by hand. Add the salt, pepper, olive oil, olives, and basil. Blend well with your hands. Knead and form into a round ball of dough. Place in a clean bowl, cover with a towel, and place in a warm spot to rise for 30 minutes. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper.

When the dough has risen to double the size, sprinkle with the remaining handful of all-purpose flour. Fold sides of the dough up over the flour, turning the dough and continuing to fold the sides over. About 15 minutes before baking, preheat the oven to 350°F. Place the dough on the baking sheet and bake until firm and crusty, for about 45 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool until just warm before serving.

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