

COMMUNICATE



Greetings! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the first few days of 2016. I'm

looking forward to working with you to make this year one of the best for our chapter. This year, look for joy and be thankful for the blessings of each new day. I find joy in my membership and count my friendship with all of you as one of my many blessings.

MU CHAPTER NEWS

Website: www.dkgmmu.weebly.com

Membership: The Membership Committee, chaired by Sharon Hokuf, is gearing up for the initiation of new members. Sharon requests that all new-member nomination forms are submitted to her by Monday, January 18th. This will allow her time to prepare materials for our January 23rd meeting. Please note that because we will be discussing the list and voting, the January meeting is closed to guests. To access the *Recommendation for Membership Form 11*, go to the Tau State website at dkgmn.weebly.com and look under, RESOURCES. On the section of the form that requests type of membership, just write in "active." 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.

We accept, with regrets, the resignations of Julie Fairchild, Alice Knutson, and Janelle Saiger.

Bylaws Revisions: The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Shirley Deno, met to consider revisions proposed by the Executive Board. They have been reviewed and accepted by the Bylaws Committee, Executive Board, and Tau State's Immediate Past President, Kathy Patton. I am sending, via email, the bylaws with revisions printed in red. Please read them before our January 23rd chapter meeting. We will discuss them then and vote on them in March. Questions? Contact Shirley.

Booklet Update:

Pg. 47 Jacqueline Olson's new address: Good Samaritan Society Senior Living 152 Margaret Avenue NW, Apt. 114 Blackduck, MN 56630

Technology Request: The Technology Committee, chaired by Deb Rossman, has submitted a proposal to purchase technology equipment including a projector, screen, and accessories. These are items we use at every meeting, but have to borrow or rely on the meeting venue to provide. The estimated cost is \$662. We are looking for ways to fund this request. Donations and suggestions for fundraising are welcome.

Upcoming State Survey: Tau State president, Sally Nyhus, has established an ad hoc committee whose task it is to gather input from members regarding the future of state conferences and conventions. They will propose recommendations based on this data. If they are approved by the state Executive Board, the general membership will have an opportunity to review these recommendations prior to voting at the 2017 State Convention. Please check your email before our January meeting for a letter I am sending you from the ad hoc committee. Following our meeting, you will receive a brief survey, which is due back to me by February 19th.

A Repeat of 2 Important Messages

1.) Opportunity Knocks: After 22 years of service as chapter treasurer, Bonnie Bredenberg will retire from this position in May. In order for our chapter to continue, we must have a treasurer. Please give thoughtful consideration to taking on this role. Bonnie has assured me that you don't need an accounting degree. She has graciously offered to mentor the new treasurer throughout this year. If you are interested in this position, please let me know as soon as possible.

2.) Opportunity Knocks . . . Again: Our Nominations Committee has a two-fold task this year:

1) Secure a slate of elected officers &
2) Secure a nominations committee for the 2016-2018 biennium: Both slates will be presented in March and voted upon in April. Installation will take place in May. According to our bylaws, elected officials include: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. The committee will be seeking members interested in serving in these positions. The Executive Board appoints the treasurer and the president appoints the parliamentarian.

Check Your Email for the Following:

1.) New-Member Recruitment Process
2.) Proposed Revisions to Mu Bylaws
3.) Tau State Convention/Conference Information Sheet

TAU STATE NEWS

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Important Dates:

January 15

Applications and Nominations Due
- Outstanding Service Award
- Education Grant and Honoree
- Bernice Gestie/World Fellowship

February 6

Tau State Officers' Executive Board "gotomeeting"

April 15-17

Tau State Conference to be held at the Mankato City Center Hotel. Info on registration will be available soon.

Chair Positions Open: Tau State is in need of Chairs for the following committees: Finance, Membership, Scholarship, and Music. Contact Tau State President, Sally Nyhus, if interested.

Photo Greeting Cards: Tau State will host a booth at the Int'l Convention in Nashville, July 5-7, 2016. Photo cards made and donated by chapters within our state will be sold to earn money for one of Tau State's special projects. If you are interested in making cards or donating original nature photos, please contact me. I will be collecting these cards in May. Linda Frost will make cards, but needs photos.

DKG INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Website: www.dkg.org

Important Dates:

July 5-7, 2016

DKG Int'l Convention to be held in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

June 26 - July 1, 2017

Northwest Regional Conference to be held in Spearfish, SD.

Welcome New Chapter!

Beta Chapter in Panama was installed August 22, 2015.

Opportunities to Publish

DKG Int'l offers opportunities for members to be published in the *Collegial Exchange* and/or the *International Journal for Professional Educators*. For more information, go to www.dkg.org.

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

Be sure to check out the many scholarships, project grants, and professional development awards offered to members through DKG Int'l. The deadlines to apply for these are coming soon. Having access to these funds is one of the great benefits of membership.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1 - August 31

Available: Application forms for Brune-Parker Scholarship Funds for Special Projects (See Lois Falk)

Monday, January 18

Deadline: Last day to submit new-member recommendation forms to Membership Chair, Sharon Hokuf.

Saturday, January 23

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation in Bemidji. Jenn Anderson and Jennifer Kovach will speak on *The Least of These - Social Justice*. Clock hours will be available. We will serve a light fare, so plan accordingly. Please note that this meeting is closed to guests and visitors.

January

Coffee with the President: TBD

February

Regular Chapter Meeting: None

Meeting with New Initiates: TBD

Deadline to return Tau surveys: 19th

Saturday, March 12

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Bemidji. Tammy Schotzko from "We Love Messes" will present *Organize, De-Clutter, De-Stress!*

Saturday, April 9

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji. We will install new members and honor those who have passed away. Tau State President, Sally Nyhus, will be our guest speaker.

Tuesday, May 10

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at Lesnoe Ozero Russian Concordia Language Village, 11380 Turtle River Lake Road NE, Bemidji. Program: *Founders' Day and DKG Birthday celebration*. We will install new officers for the 2016-2018 biennium.

Late May / Early June

Program Planning Meeting: TBD

COOPERATE

NEED A NEW NAMETAG?

Contact Deb Millar or Sharon Hokuf

PINS, PINS, PINS

Do you have your DKG keypin? The keypin is the emblem of membership in our Society. Would you like to collect "Years of Service Pins?" These are available in 5-year increments for years 5 - 70. Contact Tami Wesely to place an order. Go to dkg.org to see a photo under the dropdown menu FORMS. Then go to Jewelry Order Forms.

WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE PINS?

Contact Tami Wesely for a red-ribbon pin holder.



NEED A RIDE? OTHER CONCERNS?

Contact a member of the Courtesy Committee. (Dianne Sizer - Chair)

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to be an e-penpal with a DKG sister from another chapter within our state, country, or a foreign country? If so, contact Karen Berg, Chair of our Research Committee. She will seek out e-penpals to match with our members.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

If you invite a potential new member to a meeting as your guest, please introduce her to me, in advance, so I may welcome her by name.

CELEBRATE

CONGRATULATIONS!

... 40 Mu chapter members submitted over 75 pieces for the collection of teaching memories being compiled by Sue Bruns and Jewell Mendenhall.

THANK YOU!

... to all DKG sisters who hosted the 2015 Scottish Christmas Tea at Beltrami Electric. It was an amazing event and very much appreciated by all. We set a new record for attendance! Emilie Kusler Moravec's presentation was exceptional and our live musicians added to the festive Scottish atmosphere with a violin, fiddle, guitar, bagpipe, and kilt.

... to Joyce Kleven, Linda Frost, Joyce Siegert, Carol Steigauf, and Kathleen Sonsteng for offering to work on photo greeting cards for Tau State to sell at the upcoming international convention.

DID YOU KNOW?

... that Caara Holmstrom, former teacher and current owner of Bemidji's Animal Land, raises red kangaroos and that she will bring them to your school and teach a lesson on marsupials? Give her a call. These happy hoppers have been to my classroom twice!

