

## COMMUNICATE

"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."

~Indian Proverb

Have you planted seeds?

- - Seeds to grow strong family ties and lifelong friendships; seeds for personal, professional, or spiritual growth; seeds to grow your hopes and dreams?

My wish for you this summer is that you are enjoying a bouquet of blessings from the seeds you planted yesterday, and that you will continue to plant seeds for a beautiful tomorrow. I am grateful for all of the DKG sisters who came before us and planted the seeds that allow us to enjoy the beauty of membership today.



## MU CHAPTER NEWS

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

### Membership

Welcome to our nine new members: Stacy Bahr, Kathleen Conger, Susan Eichstadt, Julie Ann Kerrigan, Pam Roiger, Julia Simons, Kathleen Sloan, Terri Strandlien, and Cindi Wiebe. The future of our chapter depends on a strong and dedicated membership.

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

### Leadership 2016-2018

Congratulations to our new officers:  
Kate Pearson – President  
Libby Underhill – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Paula Brown - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kathy Van Wert – Recording Secretary  
Linda Frost – Corresponding Secretary  
Deb Rossman – Treasurer  
Delphine Jacobsen – Parliamentarian

### Booklet Revisions

We are in the process of updating the booklet. After reviewing your personal information in the current booklet,

please send an email to Kim Kusler either confirming that your information is correct or providing her with revisions. Please check page 28 to see whether you are scheduled to assist with one of the fall meetings.

### Dues Reminder

GREAT NEWS! As of today, 70 members have paid their dues. This year we provided revised dues forms in hardcopy and electronically via our website and email. This gave us a great early return. The deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>, but dues may be submitted prior to that date. It is important that our treasurer receives dues promptly, so she can pay our state and international dues on time. In addition, she will avoid having to make unnecessary phone calls to remind members.

### A Time of Transition

Bonnie Bredenberg, our treasurer for 22 years, has passed the "ledger" to Deb Rossman. On July 6<sup>th</sup>, we met at First National Bank to transfer signatures and update the safety deposit box. Deb and Bonnie will work together this year to ensure a smooth transition for our chapter.

### A Focus on Financial Strength

This year, we will focus on building our chapter's financial strength. Look in future publications for ways you can help with this important effort.

### Summer Fun Night Out

Many of you have requested that we do something just for fun, so on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Chi Chapter in Crookston will join us for dinner at Tutto Bene in downtown Bemidji starting at 5:30 followed by the musical "9 to 5" at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse at 7:30. Play tickets are \$25 a piece. Please contact me ASAP for tickets and reservations.



**FYI** – On July 6<sup>th</sup>, I filed our 990-N (e-postcard) with the IRS.

### True to Our DKG Purposes

Results of our chapter survey indicate that we need to do a better job of communicating our purpose and goals. The executive board and committee chairs compiled a list of the activities we do, or have recently done, to fulfill the Seven Purposes that form the foundation of DKG. We arranged for programming in the coming year that is aligned with those purposes. The document will be sent to members via email and/or US post.

### DKG's Seven Purposes

**How is Mu Chapter doing in reference to these purposes?**

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

### Food for Thought

Please give thought to these two critical questions: 1.) What are we doing as a chapter that is truly making a difference in education today?  
2.) What more could we be doing?

## MN TAU STATE NEWS

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

**Check Out the MN Tau State Website**  
State technology chair, Angie Kalthoff, has started a blog, which can be found under the "News" tab. You will also find a new feature – "Google Calendar" located under the "Important Dates" tab. Thank you Angie!

### June Leadership Retreat

Michelle Dahlby and I attended the June leadership retreat at St. Ben's in St. Joseph, MN. The theme was "Communication Styles". It was a great event. I encourage everyone to consider attending next summer. You won't be disappointed.

### Chair Positions Open

MN Tau State continues to be in need of Chairs for the following committees: Finance, Membership, Scholarship, and Music. Contact Tau State President, Sally Nyhus, if interested.

### Important Events

**Chapter Officers' Training:** to be held from 9:00 – 2:00 on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sartell High School. This training is hosted by MN Tau State. All chapter officers are encouraged to attend.

**MN Tau State Convention:** to be held April 14-16, 2017 in St. Cloud. Mark your calendar today. Let's have a great showing of Mu Chapter members.

## DKG INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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

### 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](http://www.dkg.org).

### Important Events

**Northwest Regional Conference:** to be held June 26-July 1, 2017 in Spearfish, South Dakota.



## COLLABORATE

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Monday, June 13

##### **Summer Program Planning**

Committee Chairs and the Executive Board met at the Northwest MN Foundation in Bemidji to plan this year's "Program of Work".

#### Tuesday, July 19

**Auditing Committee Meeting:** to be held at JW Smith Elementary School in Bemidji at 1:00 - hosted by Pat Welte.

#### Wednesday, July 20

**Executive Board Meeting:** to be held at Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge on Lake Bemidji with lunch and a meeting followed by dessert and pontoon ride.

#### August - Time/Date TBD

**Finance Committee Meeting:** to be arranged by Heidi Krause, Chair, who will contact her committee members regarding the date and venue.

#### Friday, August 5

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#### Thursday, August 11

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#### Saturday, September 10

**Regular Chapter Meeting:** to be held at the Evangelical Free Church in Blackduck. Angie Lauderbaugh, homeless liaison for Bemidji Area Schools, will speak on homelessness and its effects on learners.

#### Saturday, October 8

**Regular Chapter Meeting:** to be held at the Walker Community Church UCC, Hwy 371 in Walker. Marie Blumhardt, representative from Education MN, will speak on issues facing education today.

## COOPERATE

### School Supplies Needed

We will assemble supply bags for new teachers at our meeting October 8th. Last year we prepared 70 bags! This year we anticipate making even more. Your generous contributions of school supplies are needed help to make this project to support new teachers possible. Time to go shopping!

### International Students Wanted

Do you know a female international student in our chapter area studying to be a teacher? Please invite her to one of our meetings. Let's plant the seed for some cross-cultural connections.

### Need a New Nametag?

Contact: Sharon Hokuf

### 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 to place an order. Go to [dkg.org](http://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)

## CELEBRATE

### CONGRATULATIONS!

... Sharon Hokuf – Mu Chapter's 2016 Woman of Achievement! Sharon will be recognized at the MN Tau State convention in St. Cloud next April.  
... Judy Dvorak who was recently named a "Someone Special Volunteer". Way to go, Judy!

### THANK YOU!

... to Bonnie Bredenberg for 22 years of service to Mu Chapter as our chapter treasurer.

### DID YOU KNOW?

... that Mu Chapter sister Deb Millar is getting married this September? We wish you love and joy, Debbie! ♥