

COMMUNICATE



In summer the song sings itself...
- William Carlos Williams

I hope you are all enjoying the summer time gifts of sunshine, warmth, long days, family gatherings, picnics, parades, garage sales, ball games, beach days, hammocks, pontoon rides, great books, travel adventures, time with friends, and long walks along floral pathways. Sit back with some cool lemonade and enjoy this July Mu Chapter Newsletter. Happy summer!

MU CHAPTER NEWS

Website: www.dkgmnmueebly.com

Membership: Please join me in welcoming our five new members: Beata Grantier, Deanna Nichols, Tamra Ragan, Lindsy Shanahan, and Sandra Smith. Please also welcome our newly reinstated former member: Kari Hougard. Congratulations and welcome back! The future of our chapter depends on a strong and dedicated membership.

Dues Reminder: GREAT NEWS! As of today, 70 members have paid their dues. Updated forms are available online and from our chapter treasurer, Deb Rossman. The deadline to submit dues is September 24. They may be submitted anytime 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. Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this request.

Booklet Revisions: After reviewing your personal information in the current booklet, please contact Kim Kusler to either confirm that your information is correct or to provide her with revisions. We will attempt to have the new booklets published in time for our September meeting.

Please check page 26 of the current booklet to see whether you are scheduled to assist with one of the fall meetings. * Make note that Libby Underhill will be filling in for Sue Bruns as Program Chair on September 9th and that Nancy Gallagher will be filling in for Joyce Kleven.

FYI: On July 7th Deb Rossman and I filed our 990-N (e-postcard) with the IRS. On July 17th we cleaned and organized Mu's safety deposit box.

A Thrivent Opportunity: Did you know that Thrivent members can apply for funds to be used for special projects? Perhaps one of these can be used to help us with a chapter activity. Please check with your Thrivent representative for details.

A Time for Celebration: Jewell Mendenhall, our Music Chair for the past 36 years, is passing the baton to her Co-Chair Diane Wahl. Please help us celebrate Jewell at our regularly scheduled chapter meeting on Saturday, September 9th at the Fireside Restaurant in Bagley. Thank you, Jewell, for all the lovely music you have provided our chapter over these many years and for being a marvelous example of a dedicated DKG member.

A Time for Transition: In May of 2018 we will be installing new Mu Chapter officers. This fall, our Nominations Committee will begin efforts to prepare a slate of officers for your consideration. The slate will be presented at the March meeting and voted upon in April. Installation will take place in May.

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!

Summer Fun Night Out: We had such a great time at our summer fun night out last year that we are going to do it again. On Thursday, August 10th, Chi Chapter in Crookston will join us for dinner at the Keg 'n Cork in downtown Bemidji starting at 5:15 followed by the musical "Legally Blonde" at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse at 7:30. Play tickets are \$25 a piece. Please contact me ASAP for tickets and reservations. Currently 20 members are signed up for dinner and the show. Come join us!

MN TAU STATE NEWS

Website: www.dkgmn.weebly.com

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

Summer Retreat: Michelle Dahlby attended the June leadership retreat at St. Ben's in St. Joseph, MN. The theme was "Women Moving Forward: Learning and Laughing".

MN Tau Convention News - Votes

At the April 2017 convention held in St. Cloud, the membership voted to rename our state organization the MN Tau State Organization. They voted to discontinue conferences. Our next convention will be held in 2019.

New MN Tau State Officers:

President - Ann Vanvick
First VP - Michelle Dahlby
Second VP - Julie Stauber
Secretary - Myra Madsen
Nominations Chair - Kathy VanWert
Parliamentarian - Lorraine Traut
Treasurer - TBD

DKG INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Website: 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.

COLLABORATE

DATES TO REMEMBER EVENTS COME AND GONE . . .

Thursday, June 8

Summer Program Planning:

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

Tuesday, July 11

Auditing Committee Meeting:

Members of the Auditing Committee met at JW Smith Elementary School in Bemidji - hosted by Auditing Chair, Pat Welte.

Monday, July 17

Executive Board Meeting:

Executive Board members met for a luncheon meeting at Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge on Lake Bemidji. Policies, projects, and survey results were discussed.

DATES TO REMEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Wednesday, August 2

Finance Committee Meeting: to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at the ISD #31 District Office Building in downtown Bemidji - to be hosted by Finance Chair, Heidi Krause.

Thursday, August 10

Summer Fun Night Out: Members from Chi Chapter in Crookston will join us for dinner at the Keg 'n Cork in downtown Bemidji starting at 5:15 p.m. followed by the musical "Legally Blonde" at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse at 7:30. Please contact Kate Pearson for tickets and reservations.

Chapter Officers' Training: TBA This training is hosted by MN Tau State.

Saturday, September 9

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at the Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley. Barb Whiting, Int'l First VP, will present "Generational Differences". We will also celebrate Jewell Mendenhall's years of service as Mu's Music Chair.

Saturday, October 14

Regular Chapter Meeting: to be held at New Salem Lutheran Church in Turtle River. Kathleen Hotakainen, FBI Community Outreach Specialist, will present "SmartNetz - Social Media and Internet Safety". * Note this change from our previously scheduled program. We will also assemble new teacher supply bags.

COOPERATE

Request for Help: If you or someone you know would like to be our presenter at the Italian Christmas Tea this December, please contact Kate as soon as possible. Grazie!

School Supplies Needed: We will assemble supply bags for new teachers at our meeting October 14th. 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!

Courtesy Cards: Do you have an excess of unused cards and envelopes lying around? Our busy Courtesy Committee could use donations of a variety of styles and types: get well, sympathy, congratulations, thinking of you, and even blank cards. We will provide a card donation box on the registration table at each meeting this year. Questions? Contact Dianne Sizer.

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?



Need a Ride? Other Concerns?

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

Share Your News

Please send me any information you would like printed in our newsletters.

CELEBRATE

CONGRATULATIONS!

. . . **Michelle Dahlby** - for being elected MN Tau State First Vice President for the 2017-2019 biennium

. . . **Marie Blumhardt** - on your marriage to Luke Fernholz; your move to Carver, MN; and your new job as Education MN Field Rep in Edina

. . . **Karly & Jeremiah Ackermann** - on the birth of your first child - Eleanor

. . . **Sharon & Paul Hokuf** - for celebrating your 50th anniversary at a festive party with family and friends at Diamond Point Park, AND for the birth of your newest granddaughter!

. . . **Dianne & Gerry Sizer** - for celebrating your 50th anniversary at a memorable party with family and friends hosted by your daughter

. . . **Delphine & Jack Jacobsen** - who will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 5th

. . . **Marilyn and Peter Gandrud** - who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 19th, from 2:00 - 4:00 at First Lutheran Church in Bemidji

THANK YOU!

. . . to all of my Mu Chapter sisters who have lovingly supported me during this time of illness. Many thanks for your wonderful cards, kind words, and prayers. They mean a great deal to me.

With love, Joyce Kleven

DID YOU KNOW?

. . . that our new member, Tammy Ragan, and her daughter, Maggie, were guest soloists (duet) for the American and Canadian national anthems at the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks game vs Winnipeg in June? They have sung together since Maggie was a Jr. in high school. How cool is that!

. . . that BSU student, Marie Bozovsky, is the recipient of this year's DKG Mu Chapter Hazel Shimmin Scholarship? She will complete her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a Pre-Primary Endorsement this coming year and is scheduled to do her student teaching in the spring of 2018.