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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Betty Rose (BETA)



Betty Rose

DKG – Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Greetings Alberta Sisters! As we welcome the month of March, we look forward to spring flowers, sunshine and the outdoors. We also look forward to the many DKG conferences and conventions being planned throughout our Society. As you will note, our Alberta Convention 2017 is just around the corner! I hope that you will mark the dates, April 21-22, and I encourage you to make a commitment to attend our upcoming Convention in Leduc. I can verify that the hardworking, creative ladies from Alpha (host) chapter will ensure a successful, enjoyable convention experience for all.

Our Theme: Celebrating Sisterhood: Reflect, Reconnect and Re-imagine

International Society Representative: Alberta is honoured to welcome Bjorg Nakling from Norway. She will provide a Society update and deliver a keynote address at the convention. Bjorg currently serves as the European Regional Director. You may have met Bjorg, perhaps in Regina, Nashville, or other International events, and are familiar with her friendly, engaging

personality. We look forward to Bjorg's visit with an enthusiastic welcome to Alberta!

Registration: Please plan to attend. Guests are welcome! See the registration form in this newsletter. We hope you will complete and send your registration to Wendy Polhill right away. **March 31 is the 'early' deadline** for registering and making your hotel reservation. Note the excellent group block rate of \$99.00 (plus tax) at the Executive Royal Hotel, Edmonton Airport.

DKG Alberta Executive Board: This issue is packed with news. I hope you will enjoy reading the very informative, interesting reports written by Alberta officers, chapter presidents and committee chairs. Please take time to read the various projects, activities and happenings in all four chapters. Of particular note is the 'membership' explosion with 6 new initiates in Eta – Congratulations Eta! It is also exciting to hear about new member prospects in other chapters.

Joan Wolfe, Area Representative, Canada: A special highlight was the recent visit by Joan Wolfe. Joan attended our January meeting as our special guest. She gave an inspiring, informative message, expressing her pleasure to meet and get to know our members and indicated how impressed she was by the quality of reports presented, with ample evidence of projects and activities relevant to our Society's mission and purposes.

I hope to see you in April. As our theme suggests, Convention '17 will be in celebration of you and us—all of our DKG Alberta sisters. (Continued on Page 9)

You make a difference; we make a difference.

**ZETA STATE FALL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
REPORTS**

**Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide**

Red Deer, Alberta
September 21, 2017

Chapter Presidents' Reports

Alpha – Sylvia Gray.

GREETINGS DKG sisters ~ in the brand new year of 2017!

The Kokopelli Concert ~ what a gorgeously well - staged, well-presented sing-a-thon to see out 2016 and bring in 2017!

Alpha Chapter is off and running: a lunch meeting coming up in Jan.; two of our very own DKGers, Lorna Berlinguette and Bea Ceretzke, presenting info. in Feb., and then learning more about Stephen Lewis' "Grannies" in Mar. before our exciting DKG Convention being held April 22 & 23 in Edmonton.

Of course, Founders Day is always a highlight prior to our Planning undertaking in June.

This Year Will Be The Best Year Of My Life

This year will be the best year of my life.

It will be a return to enjoying the simple things like family & friends.

It will be the year of less complaining & more appreciating.

This year I will dance more, Laugh more & love more.

And be healthier than ever because of it.

I will live more consciously,

Deliberately,

Joyfully.

(Excerpted from poem "This Year" by Steward St. John - presented by Kier Barker)

Beta – Sherrie MacRae.

Diane Cooper-Ponte from the Calgary Seniors' Resource Society spoke with our group in October. This organization provides a depth of support that creates meaningful and effective change in vulnerable seniors' overall well-being and quality of life. Through their volunteer program, social isolation of vulnerable seniors is reduced and support given enables seniors to age in the right place.

Our chapter supports Calgary Servants Anonymous Society by assisting with their annual Fall Fair. All funds raised go to their scholarship program. Thanks to our members, in November, \$1623.00 was raised through baking and donations. The Fair raised approximately \$4500 for the scholarship fund.

Unfortunately, we are dealing with an issue that has arisen with our Study Grant with the U of Calgary. It seems they have changed our terms of reference without consultation.

A most enjoyable Christmas gathering was held at a member's home. Fellowship, caroling, and tasty appetizers and desserts made for a most pleasant afternoon. Our members spoiled two early educators, one elementary and one junior high, with many "goodies" both personal and teaching related.

Our aim for next year for the SEE program is to identify new Senior High teacher. At this time of year, we also support Avenue 15 (an agency for homeless teens) with much needed personal items.

Our chapter has put forth two U of Calgary candidates for

World Fellowship. At our recent meeting, former DKG member Cynthia Prasow spoke to us about her role as Director of Student Experiences with the Werlund School of Education at the U of C.

We look forward to continue to address "making a difference" at our upcoming meetings.

Eta – Bonnie Edgecombe

For Eta's first meeting of the year, twenty-four members and six invited guests met together at Ricky's Grill for supper and a meeting. Elected officers for 2016-2018 were installed, and Eta committee chairs and Eta members serving on the DKG Provincial Executive were acknowledged. Members were given an update on the Canadian Nepalese Education Project and there was an opportunity for people to purchase scarves.

Elaine Whitford presented the 2016 – 2017 budget and after one amendment to \$100 for an Early Education Project, the budget was approved. A committee to look into supporting early educators was formed. The Red Book was presented for information and revisions. Finally, an initiation ceremony was held for three new members. Eta is pleased to now have 49 members.

A planned activity for October was rescheduled due to bad weather, but in November some members took a road trip to Pigeon Lake for hiking, shopping and lunch. Eta members who attended the Joint Breakfast in November gained an increased awareness and appreciation for the Redress

Photography Project and the work Mufty Mathewson and her group are doing to honor the memory of the 1,181 Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. Thank you to Gamma Chapter for planning and hosting the event.

In December, some members attended a performance by the Celtic Tenors at Festival Place. Eta's Christmas function was a great success. Thirty-six members gathered at Jill Usher's home to enjoy food, fellowship and carol singing. Members were very generous in donating toiletries to the Women's Shelter and many scarves, pillow cases, pants and bags were purchased to support the Canadian Nepalese project. A highlight of the event was the initiation of six new members.

In the upcoming year, Eta members look forward to learning together, sharing fellowship and supporting one another at a knitting day, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and a Paint Night. They will support the community by preparing meals at Soup Sisters and attending a High School Music Production. They are also excited about joining together with other Chapter members at Gamma's author's breakfast, the Spring Convention and Founders Day.

Gamma – Sherri Eichhorn.

In October, we shared two more members' profiles, celebrated birthdays and completed plans for the joint breakfast and the Christmas social. We set up a communications committee,

yearbooks were distributed and we started work on updating our chapter rules.

In November, we hosted the joint breakfast for the other chapters in the Edmonton area. Our speaker was Mufty Matheson who explained the Red Redress project and shared her photographs of red dresses to bring awareness to the plight of missing aboriginal women.

At our Christmas social, we enjoyed appetizers and dessert. Nicole Ofosu, the World Fellowship recipient, was a special guest who shared an update on her studies.

Our January meeting saw us visiting the Clothing and Textile Collection at the University of Alberta. This was followed by a dinner at the Faculty Club. We were very pleased to have three guests join us at this meeting.

February will see us hosting our annual Author's breakfast with local author Katerina Edwards. Her latest book is *The Sicilian Wife*. This is a fund raiser for Gamma Chapter.

Currently, our chapter has 12 Active and 2 Reserve members. We hope to add to this number before the end of the year.

Committee Reports – Society Business

Membership – Sylvia Gray

Hopefully all have had a pleasant Christmas Season in whatever manner is meaningful and all are ready for a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Life may not always be the party we hoped for ~ but as long as we're here, LET'S DANCE!

And dance ETA did, welcoming a plethora of new joinees – well done!

All Chapters report that they have ongoing recruitment ideas.

Statistics on Membership:

	Active	Reserve
ALPHA	21	7
BETA	42	4
ETA	49	0
GAMMA	12	2
TOTAL	125	13
ZETA Total Membership =	138	

Standing Rules

Members discussed the changes brought up at Nashville.

The Standing Rules report included the following motions:

Motion 1

That the Standing Rule in Section 8.12 (p.17) be amended to read:

The applicant must have been a member in good standing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for at least three (3) years.

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Motion 2

That in Standing Rule 8.12 (p.17)

The member i.d. number be added to the application forms of Categories 1, 2 and 3. (The additional scholarships include: Category 2 (May 7, 2011) and Category 3 (April 23, 2016).

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Motion 3

That the program committee chair (2nd Vice President) receives, at the fall Executive Board Meeting (10) copies of each chapter's yearbooks to be distributed as follows:

1. Program Committee chair

2. State Organization president
3. State Organization membership chair
4. State Organization editor
5. State Organization treasurer
6. Archivist
7. Four (4) Chapter presidents

Motion 4

That 8.12 Standing Rule (p.17): which reads “The chair will instruct the State Organization treasurer to issue the \$2000.00 scholarship cheque to the recipient.” be changed to:
The chair will instruct the State Organization treasurer to issue the \$2000.00 scholarship cheque to the recipient of Category 1; to issue a scholarship cheque of up to \$2000.00 to the recipient of Category 2; and to issue scholarship cheques of up to \$200.00 each, (within a limit of \$4000.00) to the recipients of Category 3.

Motion 5

Re Change of name for our state organization:
That the name of our state organization be changed from the Greek name, Zeta Province, to our geographical name DKG Alberta.

Motion 6

That in the 2016-2017 Budget, provisions of up to \$300.00 should be made for the expenses of a speaker for the 2017 Leadership Training Session.

PAST PRESIDENT’S Report - Ruth Gleave

1. NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee comprised of Ruth

Gleave (Alpha), Marg Brucker (Beta), Alice Bell (Gamma) and Brenda Smith (Eta) is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2017-2019 Zeta State Organization (Alberta) Executive.

NOMINATIONS:
 2017-2019 Zeta State Organization (Alberta)
 President: Elaine Whitford (Eta)
 1st Vice- President: Phyllis Molyneux (Alpha)
 2nd Vice President: Sylvia Gray (Alpha)
 Secretary: Dolaine Koch (Eta)
 Treasurer: Bea Ceretzke (Alpha)
 Nominations Committee:
 Chair: Betty Rose (Beta)
 Helen Skirrow (Alpha)
 Brenda Smith(Eta)
 Mary O’Neil (Gamma)

2. 2017 ZETA PROVINCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chapter presidents have received the forms for nominations for the 2017 Zeta Province Achievement Award. Nominations are to be received by the committee before February 15th.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
 - Elaine Whitford

This committee promotes programs and projects for excellence in education by identifying long-term and short-term programs and projects that focus upon topics adopted by the Society.

Personal well- being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators are all promoted as is the

encouragement of a focus on the arts at international conventions, regional conferences and state organization conventions.

Developing strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders is of paramount importance.

Goals for 2016 - 2018:

- A. Empowering women through leadership opportunities
- B. Engaging educators in purposeful programs and projects
- C. Creating global involvement.

B. SUPPORTING EARLY EDUCATORS – Janet Jack

As has become a Beta Chapter tradition, at our Christmas social we present gifts of support to an early educator. This year, as we gathered for our Christmas social, we were able to have 2 Early Educators with us, and even one of their moms; both of our Early Educators this year have moms who are teachers

Erin Retallick has been teaching for a few years at the Junior High level for Calgary Public Board. This year she moved to grade five in a school known for having significant numbers of children with complex needs and she really appreciated our help and support.

Dana MacLeod has also been teaching for a couple of years and is presently teaching Language Arts and Social Studies to grade 7, 8 and 9. Her Mom was able to join us and learn more about DKG and what we stand for and do. Dana writes in her thank-you note, not only how much she appreciated



Here are Erin and Dana

all of the extra teaching materials she received and the personal support items (tea, chocolate – the necessities of life when you are a busy teacher) BUT how much her students appreciated the new books to read and the new materials to use when they work.

Helping early educators was the goal of our support, helping students learn is an extra benefit to our support.

C. SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA – Julie Kirsch

The Schools for Africa (SFA) mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners. Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010.

D. The DKG Canadian Nepalese Project – Bonnie Edgcombe

The DKG Canadian Nepalese Project, 2016-2018, continues to help support the education of young girls and their families in Nepal. The generosity of members in purchasing scarves, along with private donations by members and chapter donations truly is making a difference in providing an education for young girls, the ability for their mothers to gain literacy, numeracy and health education, and the ability for older girls to tutor younger girls.

\$710 has been raised on scarf, pillow and bag sales by Alberta DKG members since September. IWEN, with our help, is continuing to make a big difference in lives of the Nepalese people.

IWEN stood very strong with donations and fundraising this year and they would like to send their sincere gratitude to their supporters, Kevin and Linda Edgcombe, who continue to be totally committed to this project. Thanks to Kevin, IWEN was able to give 50 bikes to students 10-12 years old.

IWEN also supports Sungava, which provides basic literacy and life skills education to females with developmental challenges in Kathmandu and is still helping facilitate the UBC Sickle Cell program at no cost to the organization.

The Empowerment Through Education program is IWEN's priority and biggest program. \$83,500 was sent to Nepal to assure their sponsored girls are

educated and have all the support they need to succeed. It is, however, still hoped that there will be more long-term sponsors for the girls.

Much is being done to help improve the education and the lives of young girls and their families in Nepal and it is an honour for us to partner in this worthwhile cause.

Throughout this newsletter are some personal stories told by women who have personally benefitted from IWEN and its partners' assistance.

My name is Jiuni. Six years ago Alina my daughter received one female piglet because she was rescued from illegal bonded labor. IWEN's piglet covered the earnings of her year's labor, which we would not get since she returned home. That female piglet gave birth to three litters. In all Alina's piglet gave us 31 piglets. The sale of our piglets and their mother's meat earned us \$1,200 in all. With this money I bought 2.30 acres of land. I still have one female pig. I am very happy. I am thinking of giving one acre of land to my daughter Alina. This was an impossible dream before starting the mother's group. Alina's piglet changed our lives!

E. DKG AND THE UNITED NATIONS – Marg Brucker

The most interesting happening at the UN for DKG was the 18th Annual CTAUN Conference at UN Head-quarters in January. The topic: Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge.

A brief quote from the Conference Statement: "Refugee

cries are not new in world history. Millions have been uprooted over the centuries, fleeing their homes due to well-founded fears of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.”

By the end of 2015 there were over 65 million victims of conflict and persecution in the world. How many more were added to this list in 2016? What can DKG members, as individuals and educators do to alleviate the suffering of young victims deprived of educational opportunities?

MUSIC Report – Tannis Helmcken

Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents. - Ludwig van Beethoven

We all know how greatly music affects our feelings and energy levels. It is a powerful tool for our personal expression - it helps “set the scene” for many important experiences. Current research supports what we know from personal experience: music enhances our learning and living! It energizes learning activities, changes brain wave states, focuses concentration, increases attention, improves memory, releases tension, stimulates imagination, and develops rapport.

In classroom settings, music activates students of every age mentally, physically, and emotionally to create learning states which enhance understanding. Music stabilizes mental, physical and emotional rhythms to attain a state of deep

concentration and focus in which large amounts of content information can be processed and learned.

Baroque music, such as that composed by Bach or Handel, which is 60-80 beats per minute, creates an atmosphere of focus that leads to deep concentration in the alpha brain wave state. Learning vocabulary and reading to this music is highly effective. On the other hand, energizing Mozart music assists in holding attention and staying alert while working on projects, or after lunch at a DKG Provincial Executive meeting!

Music does something beyond our understanding. We can call it an endorphin release or a distraction, but it goes much deeper than that. Studies show that patients who routinely listen to music exhibit significantly fewer symptoms of depression, pain, fatigue and anxiety. Back in the early days of Delta Kappa Gamma, our Founders did not have the benefit of knowing this latest brain research, yet they understood the importance and value of including music in every meeting.

It is the goal of the Music Chair to ensure that music is given a high priority at every meeting across the province, both at the local and executive level. In Alberta Province, the work of the music chair is to plan and direct musical activities at all provincial executive board meetings, participate in planning of provincial conferences and conventions, communicate with

NW Regional and International Music Directors to keep up to date with Society business and to communicate with chapter presidents and/or chapter music chairs to facilitate continued growth of music in chapter meetings.

My name is Bami and I am 38 years of age. Before I joined the mother’s group my husband and I had a very tough time managing through one day. My family did not have sufficient food to eat and starvation was a real danger. With little food it was also impossible to send our children to school. When I joined my mother’s group, I learned many things. I now understand that it is very important to give girls education as well as boys. It is important to keep our children healthy by using the health post, hand washing before eating and keeping our home clean. The mother’s group explained to me that saving money is very important for my family’s growth financially. I was surprised when I heard the other mothers talk about their business that they started by taking a loan from our common fund. This encouraged me to do the same. Our lives are changing as I continue to learn more and more. Today my family has enough food to eat and we are able to send our daughter to school. There is no bondage in our family. I cannot believe that all of this happened in only four years.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Jolene Marks

The scholarship committee is looking forward to receiving many applications again in 2017. A motion is printed in this newsletter regarding a slight change to the Category 3

Scholarship application. It clarifies the amount of money the recipients of the three different scholarship categories can receive. We will be voting on this motion at the spring convention.

Although our standing rules state that we should be having a fundraiser each year, we do not believe it is necessary since right now our cash on hand will last four years, even if we give the full \$2000 each year. The GIC's total more than \$50,000 right now, and we add 80 cents per person provincially each year.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Co-chairs: Lorna Berlinguette and Debbie Johnston

As we prepare for the DKG Alberta Leadership Seminar in Red Deer on Sat. June 3, 2017 we would like some feedback from both the executive board members and the chapter members. This information will help us develop the program for the day so that we are reaching out to the most members. We would like your feedback to help us prepare for the next Leadership Seminar. Please respond to the questionnaire so that we can begin the process.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Co-Chairs:
(North) Sherri Eichhorn,
(South) Dr. Adriana Bejko

World Fellowship North:

Two applications were received this year from the University of Alberta. Janelle Brooks from Alpha chapter, Jeannie Sargent from Eta chapter and I met on Jan. 12 and reviewed them. One application was forwarded to Austin. In the future it will be important to ensure early in the process that the university contact understands the deadlines and advertises promptly and several times.

World Fellowship South:

I started working with the International Students Office and the Grad Studies since August 2016. They posted the World Fellowship information in their respective websites. Sherri MacCrae and I met with some interested candidates at the university. We introduced them to DKG as a society and specifically explained to them the history and purpose of the World Fellowship.

We share the same experience that Sherri Eichhorn has with the U of A - the number of applicants was lower this year -

only 11 applications.

Lisa Solyom, Susan Fuerbringer, Sherrie MacCrae and I met on January 9 and deliberated on each application. We forwarded two candidates to DKG headquarters:

Candidate # 1 – is working on her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. She is from Nigeria and plans to go back to her country and work in rural areas to open school and set up libraries.

Candidate #2 – is from Iran and she is working on her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering with a specific interest in biological waste water treatment.

DKG EDUCATIONAL

FOUNDATION Liaison Report:
Tannis Helmcken

“Giving to Educate the World”

The DKG Educational Foundation provides funding to DKG members and non-members for individual professional development, seminars and projects. During the 2014-2016 Biennium the Foundation awarded \$310,134.47 USD to successful applicants.

The Educational Foundation offers awards and grants in three ways:

1. The Cornet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Award
2. The Cornet Seminar Professional Development (CSPD) Award

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions and return to

Debbie Johnston - debra.johnston@shaw.ca and or Lorna Berlinguette - lornaber@telus.net

If you are a chapter president we would appreciate you sharing and gathering feedback from your members. Thanks for all you do for DKG.

1. What would you like to see included in the training session for your specific position?
2. Which areas of leadership do we need to work on as an organization - both at the chapter and the provincial levels?

3. Educational Foundation Project Grant

Information and application forms are available at the Foundation website www.dkgef.org or through the Home page of our DKG website www.dkg.org.

ARTS & HUMANITIES:

Liaison Cynthia Clarke

DKG Gallery of Fine Arts: The Arts & Humanities Jury is entrusted with the coordination and fulfillment of The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online publication and display of DKG members' creative works. The online Gallery includes Literary Efforts; Two and Three Dimensional Art; Performance Art; Photography; and Crafts. Be sure to check the DKG website for more information.

WEBMASTER Report – Edna Dach

Congratulations! Our DKG Alberta state organization website is now certified. We are listed and linked with DKG International. Check out our seal of compliance on the website.

HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST: Wendy Polhill

1. Received two boxes of Eta archival material.
2. Two 1941-2 Normal School yearbooks received from Phyllis Molyneux – one belonged to Founder Marion Irwin and the other to Kay Doeling.

My name is Chuya. Before marriage I was in bonded labor as an indentured servant for three years. After my marriage I was again bonded for an additional four years. I do not like to remember those seven years because at that time our lives were unbearable. We could not use our voices at all with the landlord. We felt sad and hopeless. My husband and I were freed from our bondage but we were terrified because we had nothing. We worked very hard to just put daily food on the table. Our life had not changed much but at least we were freed. But our pattern of life has very much changed for the last three years because I joined an IWEN/CP mother's group. This group gave me many different ideas, which are slowly improving our lives. Now I know that I have a voice and I can make my own decisions with my husband. I have two daughters and a son. Anjita, our older daughter, is in grade four and is getting support from IWEN. The good thing that happened for me is that through the mother's group, I am bolder and stronger now. My husband respects me as his equal. I was really happy when my husband wanted to be present when IWEN's field staff came to get my story. We used to live in a mud hut, which was also home to snakes, rats, and frogs. Today our brick house is safer and easier to clean but the best is that I earned every brick in our home with my small business.

3. Phyllis also donated the 2016 International Convention Celebration of Life program

4. Joan Nelson and Pat Young from dissolved Zeta Chapter of Red Deer have passed on materials and chapter paraphernalia for placement in the Provincial Archives.

**AREA REPRESENTATIVE,
CANADA:** Message from Joan Wolfe, ARC 2016-2018

The Spirit of DKG is alive and well in Canada, and visits to Chapters and Provinces across Canada have been amazing! We are small, relative to all of the Society, but we are indeed mighty! I have just returned from visiting British Columbia and Alberta, have congratulated Quebec as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary, and am excited about visiting New Brunswick in June.

The commonality across the country is amazing: the creativity in fundraising; the heartfelt and effective outreach projects; the caring camaraderie; the ingenuity in solving meeting location and geographic challenges for gatherings; the dedication and devotion to making a significant difference for others; the methods of affirming and recognizing achievement; the scholarship and grants provided to assist advancement for recipients; the



Joan and Betty

creative ways the mission of our Society is being achieved; successful membership initiatives; and most significantly, the intelligence, wisdom, creativity, sincerity, caring and devotion of the Sisters in ALL of the chapters and provinces I have visited. It is humbling, and intensifies my awe and joy in being a DKG Sister.

Our Ontario Sisters have been diligently preparing to welcome all to the North East Regional Conference in Windsor. Please come celebrate Canada's 150th by assisting with offering Canadian hospitality to our America Sisters. Take advantage of attending the experience of a Regional DKG event, a chance to be inspired, informed, and enriched by remarkable women, a priceless, memorable event being held here in Canada in Canadian funds.

There is so much to share! These are exciting and important times at International as we look at the challenges of keeping our Society and the purposes and dream of Annie Webb Blanton, still as necessary now as ever, alive in an ever-changing world.

I enjoyed meeting with you in Alberta, sharing updates from International as well as the new insights my experiences as ARC have provided by being a part of this honourable Society of Leading Women Educators Impacting Excellence in Education Worldwide.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Betty Rose (BETA) (con't)

An election of DKG Alberta officers will be held as an item

of business at the Convention Business Meeting on Saturday, April 22. An installation ceremony will be held at the Saturday evening banquet for the newly-elected officers.

Also, among other motions, we will vote for Change of Name for our State Organization: from the Greek name Zeta Province to our geographical name, DKG Alberta.

The DKG Alberta Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The theme is *Leadership, Change and Making a Difference*.

Location: ABC Restaurant – Red Deer, Alberta, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. This leadership workshop is being planned for newly-elected and appointed Alberta officers and committee chairs. Interested chapter and provincial leaders are also encouraged to participate.

We are proud and thrilled to announce that Corlea Plowman, former DKG International Executive Director, was selected by International as our ISF Speaker. Corlea, who lives in Seguin, Texas, will visit Alberta from June 2 – 4. She is excited about her Alberta visit and very happy to participate in leading a workshop for all interested leaders.

Planning for the seminar continues, led by Leadership Development Co-chairs, Lorna Berlinguette and Debbie Johnston. Please mark your calendars for this special leadership opportunity.

DKG SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND ALBERTA CONVENTION 2017: Bjorg Nakling



Bjorg Nakling European Regional Director

Alberta is honoured to welcome an outstanding DKG leader from Norway to our Convention 2017 in April. We look forward to hearing Bjorg's news update on the Society on Saturday, April 22.

Borg is no stranger to DKG Alberta. Members who met Bjorg at the 2015 NW Regional in Regina or at last year's Convention in Nashville, are familiar with her friendly personality and down-to-earth, engaging manner.



Table Centre

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DOREEN E. COHEN EDUCATIONAL GRANT

The intent of the Doreen E. Cohen Educational Grant, Category 3 is to provide DKG Alberta members with the opportunity to request funds for such professional activities as attending conferences. Total Funding Limit: \$4000.00 Grants up to \$100.00 per person

Sixty (60) days* prior to Conference/Convention/Workshop, mail or e-mail application for Delta Kappa Gamma Alberta Educational Grant to: **Doreen E. Cohen Zeta Province Scholarship Chair**: Jolene Marks, 107 Eastgate Way, St. Albert T8N 7B6 E-mail: jqmarks@ualberta.ca

Criteria for Eligibility:

Applicant must be a member in good standing in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for at least three (3) years, be living in Alberta, with membership dues paid, regularly attend chapter meetings and be active at the Society chapter/state levels.

Date: _____ Applicant's Name: _____ Category 3.1 or 3.2 (Circle)

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____ Chapter _____

Tel. No. _____ Email: _____ Date of Initiation DKG: _____

Member ID _____ Position(s) held _____

Name, Address of Reference (a DKG member) _____

Attach copy of Posting and give name of Conference/Convention/Workshop: _____

Rationale for attending this Professional Conference/Convention/Workshop _____

Application Acceptance Date: Applicants will be advised of acceptance.

Tentative Approval based on:

Confirmation of Registration and Attendance: No later than forty (40) days from the date of the end of the Conference/Convention/Workshop, the participant will complete the Attendance Questionnaire and will provide applicable bills to the Delta Kappa Gamma Alberta Treasurer.

Category 3.1. Delta Kappa Gamma Regional Conferences and International Conventions

- The participant must attend one large group session, the Canadian Forum, two meal functions at which there is a speaker, and two breakout sessions.
- The participant must complete the Attendance Questionnaire outlining the sessions attended.
- The participant will provide a 100-word article on any part of the Conference/Convention/Workshop.

Category 3.2. General Professionally-orientated Activities (excluding DKG meetings)

- The participant must complete the Attendance Questionnaire.
- The participant will provide the *Scholarship chair* with a 100-word article on any part of the Conference/Convention/Workshop.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

DOREEN E. COHEN PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP **CATEGORY 1**
 Amount: \$2000
The Applicant is a practicing member of Delta Kappa Gamma International in Alberta.

Applicant's Name _____
 Address: _____ Tel. No. _____
 _____ Email: _____
 Postal Code: _____ DKG Member ID _____
 Date of Initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: _____
 Institution where studies will be pursued: _____
 Degree, diploma or certificate sought: _____
 Applicant's present occupation: _____
 Other scholarships, bursary or financial assistance applicant is currently receiving: _____

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution, must be working toward a postgraduate degree, diploma or certificate in their field of study.
2. Applicant must be a member of good standing in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for at least three (3) years, be living in Alberta, with membership dues paid, regularly attend chapter meetings and must be active at the chapter or provincial levels of the Society.
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 - Professional experience
 - Community experience
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Applicant's signature _____ Date: _____

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DOREEN E. COHEN PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP **CATEGORY 2**
 Amount: Up to \$2,000
The applicant is a practicing member of Delta Kappa Gamma International in Alberta.

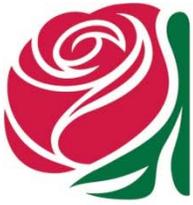
Applicant's Name: _____
 Address: _____ Tel. No. _____
 _____ Email: _____
 Postal Code: _____ DKG Member ID _____
 Date of Initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma International: _____
 Institution where studies will be pursued: _____
 Diploma, certificate, training sought: _____
 Applicant's present occupation: _____
 Other scholarships, bursary or financial assistance applicant is currently receiving: _____

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Applicant is pursuing an area of special interest e.g. early childhood education, language training (ESL and FSL) or technical training (computer courses, publishing, digital photography etc.) at an accredited. Institution.
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Name: _____ Chapter: _____

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Early Registration by March 31, 2017	\$135.00	\$ _____
Registration after April 1, 2017	\$150.00	\$ _____

Meals are included in the cost of registration:
 Friday: Social with appetizers and wine (\$5 a glass)
 Saturday: Breakfast, lunch, banquet (wine at \$5 a glass)

Guest registrations	Number requested _____ x \$100.00	\$ _____
Extra banquet tickets	Number requested _____ x \$ 45.00	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

DIETARY CONCERNS: _____

Cheques are payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chapter

Application for Assistance to new members (0-3 years)
 must be received before March 31, 2017
 \$50.00 toward costs for the first DKG Alberta convention
 Name _____ Chapter _____ Year Initiated _____

Send registration and cheque to:
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 Phone: 780-440-3241 Email: wpolhill@shaw.ca