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Day Receives Achievement Award

For the past 76 years The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has recognized a member for distinguished service to the Society. From recommendations submitted by members, chapters, and state organizations, the International Executive Board selected Dr. Barbara Day

to receive the 77th International Achievement Award. In making the announcement, Dr. Carolyn Rants, international president, noted, "She is a scholar, a leader, a communicator, and an advocate for women." 2006-2008 International Society President, Dr. Day has traveled to more than 40 states as a speaker and workshop presenter.

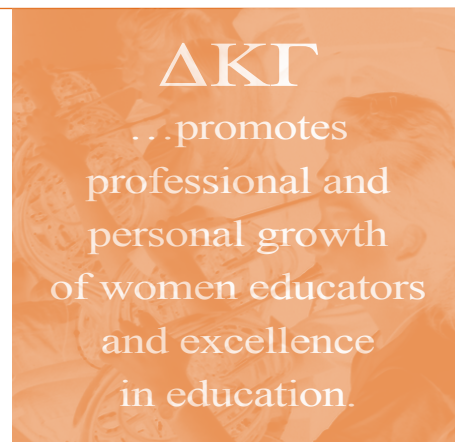
Her varied career includes teacher, principal and assistant superintendent of schools. As a university professor, she chaired early childhood education, elementary education, teaching and learning, and curriculum and instruction. Her textbooks are used at major universities and are translated into several foreign languages. An international lecturer and traveler, she has studied education in many parts of the world and received leadership awards from several professional organizations and societies.

Initiated in North Carolina, Dr. Day has been a member or chair of the profes-

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Congratulations! Dr. Carolyn Rants congratulates Dr. Barbara Day as the 77th recipient of the Society Achievement Award.



Nominations Due

Nominations submitted for elected positions for 2010-2012 and beyond must be postmarked no later than Oct. 15, 2009. Forms may be downloaded from the website (www.deltakappagamma.net, Downloads, Forms/Applications, Forms with deadlines, Official Recommendation Form ...).

Nomination Forms are divided into categories: 1) International Officers, 2)

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Linda Eller Begins Communication Duties in Austin

"Taking the job in Austin is one of the most exciting things which has happened to me. I am so looking forward to the new challenge!" The words spilled forth as Linda S. Eller, Cordova, TN, talked about accepting the position as Communications Services Administrator (CSA) at International Headquarters. Interviewed at the May Administrative Board meeting, Linda began her duties in

Austin, Texas, September 10.

As CSA she will manage the operations of the Communications Services Department, which includes development and distribution of Society publications. Her technical skills will assist her work with the Society's website and other networking efforts planned for introduction in the near future.

For the past eight years, Linda has

served as professional development coordinator for instructional technology in the Memphis (TN) City Schools. In this capacity, she collaborated with project team members, as well as curriculum and technology specialists, in creating course content for professional development offerings. She also designed training materials, presented at conferences, worked with teachers from a variety of skills

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Things I Learned from Regional Conferences

By Carolyn Rants, Ed.D., 2008-2010 International President

This summer I had a distinct privilege to participate in all five regional conferences.....SW in Reno, SE in Little Rock, NE in Burlington, NW in Portland, EU in Oslo. What a fantastic opportunity to meet and interact with so many of our members!

I would like to share with you some of the things that I learned on this five-week journey.

- If it is Sunday, I fly.
- Weather does not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of “real” DKG members. (I am borrowing this idea from Corlea Plowman who shared characteristics of a “real” Delta Kappa Gamma member at several sessions along the way.) Our members certainly were not fazed by the extraordinary heat hot enough to melt chocolate in Portland, the pouring rain as Night-on-the-Town attendees disembarked following a cruise on Lake Champlain, or false fire alarms that required members to exit the hotel in night clothes.
- Technology is at use in the world today. In an American Airlines Admirals Club lounge more travelers were using iPhones or computers than reading. Only three of the 27 individuals seated in the lounge were reading a book or newspaper.
- Technology works! Training on how to use some of the new technology tools was provided for all incoming state presidents by Dr. Judy Merz, from her home in Florida. She was connected electronically to each conference by using Go To Meeting. Even when she was in attendance at the NE conference, she conducted the session from her hotel room, showing up for the Q and A in a bathrobe.
- The new membership brochures were well received by the attendees and they are anxious to use them in contacting prospective members and energizing current members. You, too, can order these materials on the Society website.
- Genuine spiritual fellowship is alive and well among our members. When the incoming Mississippi state president

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suffered a severe ankle sprain, her fellow presidents presented her a pair of “duck slippers” (Remember we were at the Peabody Hotel with the daily duck parade to the lobby fountain.) which she wore beneath her formal gown to the banquet. Love surrounded Sally Spooner, the outgoing Wyoming president, who shared her inspiration about moving on after a tragic personal accident. Our first purpose, “To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship” was demonstrated in many different ways during our meetings.

- Generation X attendees shared their vision for the Society and gave me many ideas to incorporate as I plan the 2010 International Convention in Spokane. They are anxious to embrace the new Society Social Network which is being installed this fall and should be ready for use by December. These early adopters will be able to share their knowledge and skills with the rest of us as they are already using most of these tools. Be sure to ask the Gen X members of your chapter to teach you how to use these new Web 2.0 tools.
- My reading list has been expanded to include *Engaging the Disengaged: How Schools Can Help Struggling Students*

Succeed by Lois Brown Easton, See Jane Not Run by Gwen Simmons, Carrying Linda's Stones by Ilvi Joe Cannon, and Letters from Katrina by Mark Hoog.

- Green is not only a beautiful color, but it is a way of living. During SE Green Moments, I learned about water conservation, wind energy, recycling, and the story of *Beatrice's Goat* which describes the activities of Heifer Project International. All of the conference speakers



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Constitution Revision Process Moves Forward

Sandy Whitney, Constitution Revision Team Chair, notes, "This has been an exciting summer for members of the Society. Constitution discussions at regional conferences and state organization meetings have been lively, positive and meaningful! The Revision Team expresses its thanks to each member of the Society who has contributed input and given us direction and focus."

A five-member planning committee (Catherine Davis, Jean Gray, Corlea Plowman, Dr. Carolyn Rants, Sandy Whitney) will meet electronically twice in September to establish submission format and deadlines for the sub-committees. The group also plans to discuss legal/parliamentary details, document organization and the meeting agenda.

Catherine Davis, Constitution Committee Chair, said, "Recommendations

are coming in steadily. I have been able to chart and send forms to the revision team committee electronically on a regular basis."

The combined group of Constitution Committee and Ad Hoc Constitution Revision Committee (Revision Team) will meet Nov. 14-18 in Austin, TX. When this group completes its work, the planning committee will finalize the document for examination by Ardith Inman, professional registered parliamentarian and past Society parliamentarian. Specific items will also be sent to the Society's legal advisors. Following this examination for clarity and appropriateness, the document will be presented to the Administrative Board at its January 2010 meeting.

After the board's consideration, the document will be printed to send to members with the March/April issue of the

NEWS. This schedule will allow members to discuss changes, ask questions and prepare for discussion during the 2010 Spokane Convention.

"As we move forward to generate a Constitutional Revision that reflects a bright, professional future for the Society, we know that your participation and willingness to assist in this revision will insure that our revised document will serve us well," Sandy said.

A "constitutional revision" allows for all items in the *Constitution* to be examined and considered. The Revision Team worked to make the process as transparent as possible to the members of the Society. The numerous Q & A sessions at the regional conferences revealed insightful questions and an understanding of the need to update language and practice that reflects the professional changes which presently exist.

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received small stuffed animals which symbolized a gift to Heifer International; mine was a flock of ducks.

- Members love to shop! The vendors at each conference were doing a brisk business. And of course, your president just had to purchase something at each conference.
- From the many outstanding speakers I learned how to work for a national security agency and still have a message to share (Dr. Patricia Taylor, Chief Intelligence Community EEO and Diversity Office of Director of National Intelligence), how women can go after their goal by finding a NEW way to accomplish it (Margie Boule, columnist for *Oregonian*), about the 400th anniversary of the explorations of Samuel de Champlain in the New World (Caro Thompson, Emmy-award winning documentary filmmaker), ideas for ways to market/brand the Society (Helaine Jesse, Vice President Western Nevada College), and how gender equity gives a competitive edge to women in Norway (Arni Hole, Director General, Ministry of Children and Equality). I always take away new informa-

tion from the fantastic speakers who are featured at the conferences. The Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund provided \$1,000 for a non-Society speaker at each conference.

- Society members are excited about revising the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*. Workshops sessions on this topic were well attended, and members had numerous opportunities to make their voices heard.
- News anchor Craig O'Neill, the face and voice of Today's THV in Arkansas, in accepting the SE Education Advocacy Award, "created a buzz" by featuring the award on his evening news cast.
- New state officers are enthusiastic about assuming their new leadership roles. The Society is in good hands for the coming biennium!
- Ideas are underway for the interna-



Dr. Carolyn Rants explains the Society's new brochures to market Delta Kappa Gamma to members and prospective members.

tional convention to be held in Spokane, Washington, July 20-24, 2010. Be there to be inspired and experience what happens when 2,000 DKG members converge to learn, share, talk, and vote. It will be another great experience!



New CSA: Linda Eller speaks to First Timers at the Southeast Regional Conference.

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sets, developed flyers and brochures for training sessions, designed a blog, and managed online instructional websites.

Previously Linda was a school-based technology instructor and an elementary classroom teacher. She has also been an adjunct instructor in educational technology at the University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University.

Linda loves “techie” gadgets of all kinds. She says, “I enjoy helping people use blogs, Facebook, twitter and all electronics.”

Linda earned her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee Tech University; her Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the

University of Memphis; and is currently working on her doctoral dissertation in educational technology at Pepperdine University with a projected completion date of 2010.

Linda’s Delta Kappa Gamma experience includes chapter president, member of the state technology and leadership development committees, two years as state webmaster, and Xi State editor since 2004.

In her spare time, Linda loves to travel and read fantasy titles. She also loves the company of her two dogs; Scarlett, a five-year-old boxer and Midnight, an 11-year-old black lab.

Regional Task Forces Hear Members

Relying heavily on the advice of its five regional Task Forces, the International Committee on Committee Structure is finalizing its recommendations to send to the Constitution Revision Team by October 1.

The regional Task Forces on Committee Restructuring conferred with members in their respective states and met at the 2008 international convention and at all five regional conferences this summer. The Task Forces concur that

- Each international committee should do the research pertaining to its work, and other research should be handled by ad hoc committees appointed only when such research is needed; therefore, the Research Committee should be discontinued.
- The Personal Growth and Services Committee can effectively emphasize the fine arts in the Society’s program of work; therefore, a separate Fine Arts Committee is not needed.
- The Insurance Committee should continue; however, its responsibilities should be broadened to include consideration of all forms of non-dues revenue, and it should be renamed to reflect these broader responsibilities.

- The Administrative Board should assume the full responsibility for hiring, evaluating, and discontinuing the employment of the Headquarters professional staff; therefore, the Personnel Committee should be discontinued.

Task Force representatives forwarded several suggestions for structuring the remaining Program of Work committees to the international Committee on Committee Structure for further consideration.

In addition, the Task Forces concur that

- Each Region should be represented on most committees.
- Most committees should have at least one face-to-face meeting each biennium; but, when feasible, the committees’ work should be done electronically.
- Committees should more actively communicate with and assist state organizations and chapters.
- There should be more biennium-to-biennium continuity in the Society’s program of work.
- The Communications Committee should more heavily emphasize marketing.



Committee Task: Helen Popovich reports to Northeast members about Task Force comments.

Dr. Helen Popovich, Committee on Committee Structure member, said, “These meetings have yielded some very interesting discussions, cooperative ideas, and enlightening information. We have been fortunate to have interested participants, who took time to study the documents and current practices when making their suggestions. As a result, our final recommendations to the Revision Team will have been thoughtfully considered and will reflect the views of our members.”



Burning Bright: "Emergency Fund Fireman" Ramona Jeffries, Kentucky, helps Southeast fill the boot for the Society's Emergency Fund. SE chapters had been asked to send Emergency Fund donations to state treasurers prior to the conference. State organization checks were added to the boot during general sessions. As the boot filled, the thermometer tracking donations rose and blew its top the last day.

Five Regional Conferences Collect Record Amount For Society's Emergency Fund

More than 180 members received \$500 checks from the Emergency Fund this past fiscal year. From flooding in Iowa to storms and tornadoes in Arkansas and Kentucky or Hurricane Ike in Texas, members suffering from losses due to natural disasters received assistance from the Society in record time. Most checks were mailed within two days of receipt of the request and received by the member within the week.

Donations received to replenish the fund during the 2009 regional conferences reached an all-time high of nearly \$46,000. Executive Coordinator Corlea Plowman said, "This is truly a gift for our members in need. Not

only the money but also the support of Delta Kappa Gamma members makes the Emergency Fund very special."

Members who suffer major losses due to a natural disaster should contact their chapter president, who will then contact the state organization president. State organization presidents should complete an interactive form (www.deltakappagamma.net, Downloads, General Society Forms). Presidents should attach this form to an email to terrim@deltakappagamma.org and include any additional information they feel is necessary to process the request.

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sional affairs, research, program of work, and expansion committees, a regional director, a member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, first vice-president and international president. Dr. Rants said, "In each of these positions she brought new ideas and new projects to the organization. A visionary interested in promoting the Society in new arenas, she worked for the installation of two new state organizations, Denmark and Estonia."

Her nomination form stated, "She is gracious, positive, encouraging and empowers women educators. She is a visionary; leading with wisdom and passion, promoting new key initiatives and inspiring us to significant change."

Dr. Rants presented Dr. Day an Achievement Award medallion first presented in 1991 to International President Marjorie Allen from Florida. The symbol of this honor, a gold medallion, was first given in 1933 to Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

Nominations

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Member-at-Large or Area Representative, 3) Elected Committees, and 4) Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. The Endorsement Form is listed last.

Jean Fairbairn, International Nominations Committee Chair, reminds members that the committee will not open envelopes with postmark dates after October 15. Instructions for completing the forms and requirements for each position are included in the downloadable information. Mail forms to International Headquarters, clearly marked to the attention of Jean Fairbairn, Nominations Chair.

Nominations are being accepted for 2010-2012 Administrative Board members, as follows: president, first vice-president, second vice-president, regional directors from members within the respective regions, one member-at-large, and area representatives from members within the respective areas. Elected committee openings for four-year terms are Finance, Nominations and Personnel. The

Educational Foundation Board of Trustee positions are for six-year terms.

During workshop sessions held in each regional conference this summer, committee members reviewed forms, qualifications and deadlines. Several members noted that endorsement forms were not considered on volume but on quality of content.

Did you miss your July/August NEWS?

It is posted online
www.deltakappagamma.net
 Downloads, Publications

The 2006 convention body approved printing and mailing five issues of the NEWS and posting the July/August issue online in an effort to save money.

Special Moments Fill Northeast

Record numbers gathered in scenic Burlington, Vermont, for the Northeast Regional Conference that mixed tradition and innovation to meet the varied needs and interests of members. Consistently challenged to “Activate Your Vision,” attendees selected from 60 workshops designed to hone skills, enhance understanding, and inspire action. Topics ranged from technology and educational innovation to personal health and professional growth, allowing each member to tailor her choices.

Special evening workshops emphasized stress reduction after a busy day. Sessions related to the revision of the *Constitution* and *international* committee restructuring provided valuable venues for member input, as did several “Chat with the International President” sessions.

A wide array of speakers provided clear models of vision-into-action for members, from an Emmy-award-winning documentarian to a local businesswoman reflecting on how positive action can evolve from personal setbacks. Colleagues from Pennsylvania filled in to deliver a speech from Past International President Dr. Irene Murphy, unable to attend because of an injury; attendees were inspired by Dr. Murphy’s visionary comments. Michigan member Nancy Everett earned a standing ovation when she shared personal health struggles and concluded by singing the moving and meaningful “You’ll Never Walk Alone.”

The various threads of the conference theme were pulled together at Saturday’s “Sharing Our Visions” Breakfast. Dr. Gwen Simmons led attendees in an exercise to clarify personal visions on



NE Booty? Pirates Judy Cody (CT) and Pam Wamester (RI) get a helping hand from International President Carolyn Rants to select the door prize winner.

preprinted “Vision” cards that were taken home as accountability reminders. Focused on passion, mission, and vision, this work provided members an opportunity to process the week’s activities into meaningful action for the future.

Of course, the conference was packed with many special moments! Attendees enjoyed not only buying items at the craft fair but also winning door prizes at the general sessions! Even a rainstorm at the end of a Night-on-the-Town cruise couldn’t dampen the genuine spiritual fellowship that pervaded this entire conference, where members were challenged to create visions . . . and define actions to fulfill them successfully!



NE Agrees: Members are actively engaged in a general session as they enjoy a quick lesson in hearty laughter led by Donna Brown (MA).

Left, NE Tea Party: Marion Thorpe (VT) celebrates her 61 years of DKG membership with Northeast Regional Director Beth Ann Richey at a special tea honoring long-time members.



Northwest Region Turns Up the Heat For Conference

Portland, Oregon, welcomed members to the Red Lion on the Columbia where the skies were blue, the sun hot, the river cool and smiles abounded during the Northwest Regional Conference. Record heat did not daunt the fun and laughter that prevailed as participants shared in workshops, heard speakers, traveled on tours, renewed friendships, met new friends and ate. As one participant stated, “It was a terrific week and I am anxious to go again. The Oregon ladies set the bar high for future NW conferences with their organization, helpfulness and friendly smiles.”

From Society leaders to authors and government relations consultants, speakers received outstanding reviews from their audiences and brought laughter, provoking thoughts and wisdom to the northwest. Workshops choices numbered 50 and varied from educational activities, information, and care giving to mask making and technology.

The Market Place with varied items to purchase pleased participants as did the music, time to visit and the Info Fair Buzz. Another highlight, Stories of Action, allowed everyone to learn about the various activities and projects of each state organization to promote Delta Kappa

'Green' Southeast Creates Buzz



NW Leaders: 2009-2011 Presidents, executive secretaries and session leaders display their sparkly bits during their pre-conference Leadership Development.



NW H3: Dr. Connie Hoag and Odelia Schrunk (IA) detail the items for Our Heritage III to be delivered at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, WA.

Gamma activities in their state and around the world.

The enthusiasm that was generated during the pre-conference training of 2009-2011 officers was felt throughout the conference as incoming presidents, executive secretaries, webmasters, editors, treasurers and program/membership chairs began their leadership. Their "sparkle" was seen throughout the week.

Closing on a high note of good food, good music, good speakers, lessons learned, and friendships made, Northwest Regional Conference 2009 received successful ratings from all involved. One participant noted that turning up the heat didn't increase the pressure; it enhanced the experience.

"Everyone needs to take the opportunity to attend a regional conference just to get a complete understanding of the valuable things we do. It has helped me get the broad picture, encouraged me and inspired me. It's been a wonderful experience. I am very proud!" So wrote an attendee evaluating the 2009 Southeast Regional Conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas. From the opening parade of the Peabody Ducks to the closing bars of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song, the conference program provided enlightenment, inspiration and entertainment.

Conference participants became fully acquainted with the Society's vision and ways to activate that vision through remarks shared by Society leaders, INFO Fair exhibits, and workshops. Likewise, speakers from Randolph-Macon College, Arkansas State Senate, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence impressed audiences.

Musicians and workshop presenters representing many interests and fields of study inspired participants with their wide range of talent and expertise. Inspirational moments centered around the collection of a record amount for the Emergency Fund. States collected donations from all



SE Parade: The March of the Peabody Ducks marks the official opening of the SERC.



SE Senator: Joyce Elliott, AR State Assembly Senator, greets SERC attendees during the opening general session.

members across the region prior to the conference. As representatives from the states delivered their checks, excitement and enthusiasm was palpable throughout the audience!

"GREEN" Moments presented during the conference focused on different topics, so members left not only with a "green" conference bag, but also with a basic understanding of the issues and a bibliography useful in preparing programs. In keeping with the "green" focus, contributions in the name of each speaker were made to Heifer International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting care for the earth.

The first Southeast Education Advocacy Award, acknowledging a person from the host state who has made a significant contribution to education, was presented to news anchor Craig O'Neill of Today's THV in Little Rock. O'Neill set up the THV Golden Apple Award Program which honors both a student and educator each month.

If you did not attend, take these words to heart from one who did . . . "So inspiring! Glad I could go - sorry you couldn't enjoy it firsthand, but I'm glad I can report about it to you and then you can go with me next time!"

Southwest Sessions Sing in Reno

From the ‘family-run’ charm of John Ascuaga’s Nugget to the sunny skies of Reno, Nevada, the Southwest Regional Conference provided even more than members expected. Outstanding speakers, beautiful music, “genuine spiritual fellowship,” challenging training sessions, interesting workshops and fascinating tours created a cheerful atmosphere for shared experiences.

Speakers included authors, an environmental educator, marketing specialists and society leaders. They informed, challenged and entertained their audiences, who bought copies of books and asked for scripts. Some information from these presentations will be made available on the society website. Each session also featured members “Sharing A Vision.”

Incoming and outgoing state organization presidents presented banners, flags were carried to the stage, head tables processed and audiences danced. A Southwest Choir sang, individual members sang, special groups sang and the entire audience sang. Music made participants sway, smile and tap their toes. Special musical numbers highlighted the conference.

A two-day collection and challenge to become a \$100 contributor netted extra dollars for the International Emergency Fund. Six different times for workshops



SW Naturally: Dressed in her native costume Valerie Boer, environmental educator, explains ways members can recycle, reuse and save.

and special interest sessions gave members opportunities for professional growth, discussion groups, personal growth, the arts, and society information.

From opening night with poets and singers from the past and present in the Celebrity Showroom to the closing banquet featuring state organization presidents, Southwest Regional Conference captivated participants.



SW Autographs: Mark Hoog, Children’s Leadership Institute and Growing Field Books, personalizes books for members.



SW Buzzes: Dr. Beverly Helms, Communications Committee Chair, creates a buzz during the Info Fair.

Traditional, Modern Combine For Cutting Edge Technology In Europe’s Oslo Conference

Flags fluttered, members sang national hymns and welcoming speeches greeted participants as the Europe Regional Conference began with a traditional presentation. Several flag bearers wore traditional costumes. Norwegian members in national attire led the group from Oslo University College to Oslo City Hall, to meet the Mayor of Oslo for a private reception and guided tour of the historic building where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded each year. Music helped set the pace and continued throughout the conference.

A seminar and general sessions featured a Constitution panel, Women of Vision from Finland and Germany, and “Visions” of Norwegian folklore through poetry and music. Keynote speakers from Norway and Estonia took advantage of the room’s audio-visual capabilities to discuss gender equality’s competitive edge, Henrik Ibsen and his women, and *Carrying Linda’s Stone*, background for comments about Estonia’s women earning 25% less than men.



EU Learns: Arni Hole, Director General, Ministry of Children and Equality, explains how “Gender Equality Gives a Competitive Edge.”

All photos are courtesy of Jim Miller of Photographs by Jim

Regional Conferences



EU Travels: Members enjoy an evening cruise and dinner on the Oslo fjord aboard Lady Mack, built in Storbritania in 1944 and now part of the Troll Cruises.

Pre-conference Leadership Development and training sessions enjoyed the AV built into the classrooms for their Power Point presentations and other technology. The web masters particularly benefited from the computer lab. Informative workshops covered a variety of topics. The European Forum discussed technology, voted on rules, and made plans. Coffee breaks, an Info Fair and vendors tables also kept members busy talking, learning and buying.

Three Norwegian members who were among the first Delta Kappa Gamma members in Europe were honored at the banquet. Christina Linqvist, first Europe Regional Director, was honored at the luncheon. Both occasions featured piano concerts. Everyone celebrated having nine countries in the region, with the addition of Estonia in 2008.



EU connects: State organization web masters and editors enjoy using the latest technology for their session.



New York, New York: Pi State invites members to join them in New York City for the 2012 International Convention.

International Committees To Meet Face-to-Face, Electronically in 2009

The 2008-2010 international committees began their meetings for 2009-2010 with the Finance Committee meeting the end of August.

The group reviewed expenditures and revenues, received the annual audit and prepared an Adjusted Available Fund Budget for approval by the Executive Board.

The complete schedule is posted on the society website under Future Events. Committee meetings scheduled at International Headquarters in Austin, Texas, unless noted otherwise, are as follows:

Sept. 3: Ad Hoc Online Leadership Committee, Dr. Judy Merz, chair (meeting electronically)

Sept. 11-12: Membership Committee, June Bowers, chair

Sept. 21-22: Personnel Committee, Dr. Vicki Davis, chair (meeting electronically)

Oct. 15-17: Program Committee, Jonnie Ghetti, chair

Oct. 16-17: Personal Growth & Services Committee, Judy Foster, chair
Professional Affairs Committee, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo, chair
Research Committee, Jonnie Ghetti, chair

Oct. 30-31: Communications Committee, Dr. Beverly Helms, chair

Nov. 9-10: Leadership Development Committee, Barbara Whiting, chair

Nov. 14-18: Constitution Committee, Catherine Davis, chair, and Ad Hoc Revision Committee, Sandy Whitney, Revision Team chair

Nov. 19-20: Revision Planning Team

Nov. 19-21: Nominations Committee, Jean Fairbairn, chair (meeting at Hilton Hotel)

Dec. 1-2: International Speakers Fund, Morag Gundy, chair, (meeting electronically)

Dec. 4-5: Expansion Committee, Mary Lee Makinen, chair

Reap Benefits, Support DKG With Society Credit Card

Non-dues revenue extends member benefits while reducing some costs for the Society.

One area of non-dues revenue is the Bank of America credit card. Through a partnership with Bank of America, this “affinity” credit card provides low financing and enables members to collect reward points for merchandise or travel. There is no annual fee.

How does it work? When a member calls and is approved for the credit card, keeps it for at least 90 days, and uses it at least once; Bank of America will pay Delta Kappa Gamma \$50. Delta Kappa Gamma will also receive a small percentage of the purchases charged to the card (a royalty from Bank of America). Each year a card is renewed, the Society

receives \$1 plus a continued royalty.

This is a win-win for everyone! This form of non-dues revenue benefits every member. In a report for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Society received \$2,700 in royalties from Bank of America, based on 22 cards that had been active for 90 days for that year. Imagine what this could do to add to the financial stability for the future of Delta Kappa Gamma if every member used this card?

To apply for the card call 1-866-438-6262 and provide the code FACCQB or apply at www.deltakappagamma.net (the Society’s website). Don’t miss out on this opportunity! For more information, contact Phyllis Hickey, Business Services Administrator, at 1-888-762-4685, ext. 115.



GG Fund Seeks Future Leaders

Do you have potential as a leader? If so, the Golden Gift Fund Committee is looking for you! The 2010 Leadership/Management Seminar will be held at the prestigious McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin from Sunday, June 27, through Saturday, July 10. The committee will select 30 members to attend this intense educational seminar, which includes instruction from world-renowned experts in the fields of leadership and management.

You can be among those chosen if you have been a DKG member for at least three years, you apply using the online Leadership/Management Seminar Application form and you demonstrate that you will benefit from this kind of a seminar. Your DKG experience should be commensurate with the number of years you have been a member. You will not be awarded this opportunity if you don’t apply!

The Leadership/Management Seminar is paid for by the generous donations from members and investments of the Golden Gift Fund. For successful applicants the only out-of-pocket expense will be the US \$500 registration fee. Other than that, most expenses, including round-trip travel and lodging, are a gift to participants. According to the committee’s research, similar programs cost \$8,000-10,000.

Chapters and state organizations are encouraged to help successful Leadership/Management Seminar applicants pay the registration fee. The committee’s recent survey shows that members attending the Leadership/Management Seminar bring back new knowledge and skills that benefit their profession, their community and the Society.

Do you know a member in your chapter who would benefit from attending the Leadership/Management Seminar in 2010? Mentor her – tell her about the seminar – and help her to find the online application form at www.deltakappagamma.net, download, forms with deadlines. Applications are due December 1.

Afghanistan Donations Hit Top

Through a special donation to the Afghanistan Project, Southeast Regional Conference members recognized their personal Women of Vision. Proceeds collected helped push the total donations of the Society for this international effort over the \$200,000 mark.

Many of the more than \$25,000 donations for 2008-2009 reached the U.S. Fund for UNICEF office before the effective end date of June 30, 2009. This brought the Society’s total donations to the Afghanistan Project (July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2009) to \$201,843.10. Phyllis Hickey, Business Services Administrator,

helped begin this project in her role as United Nations/Non-Governmental Organization Representative. She said, “It is so wonderful to see the efforts of our members impacting education worldwide with their dedication to this project. We all need to celebrate this success!”

Dr. Carolyn Rants, international president, has appointed Cathy Daugherty, Morag Gundy, Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir, and Phyllis Hickey to investigate possible projects to replace this effort. Send your recommendations to Ms. Hickey by September 15 at phyllish@deltakappagamma.org.”

Coming Deadlines...

1. International Speakers Application – Received by September 15
2. State Organization Request for International Speaker—Received by November 10
3. Constitution and International Standing Rules Amendments – October 1
4. Nominations for 2010-2012 elected positions—October 15
5. Educational Foundation Coronet Professional Development Seminar Awards—November 1
6. Golden Gift Special Stipend Application—December 1
7. Leadership/Management Seminar Application – December 1
8. Educational Project Grants—January 2

SHOE-IN Challenge Set for Spokane

The International Membership Committee believes that EVERY chapter and state organization can receive the Shoe-In Recognition.

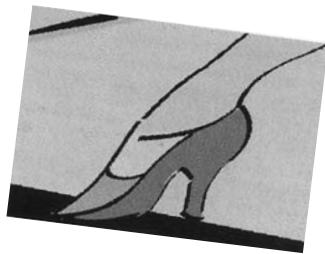
All chapters have the opportunity to be recognized at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane for achieving one, two or all three of the following goals:

1. The chapter maintains its number of members from January 2009 through May 2010.
2. The chapter increases its number of members from January 2009 through May 2010.
3. The chapter adds a member from an educational environment not currently represented in the chapter.

All state organizations can earn recognition by installing a new chapter or reinstating a dissolved chapter.

Some suggestions for the chapter challenge are as follows:

1. To maintain the number of chapter members: Pay attention to current members by finding ways to demonstrate their value to the chapter: highlighting one or two per meeting; using the chapter newsletter to recognize all sorts of achievements; making meetings fun and full of energy with door prizes; providing time for socializing; presenting great professional and personal growth programs, and so many other ways. However, if the chapter should lose a member, it must either initiate or reinstate another.
2. To increase the number of members: Listen to colleagues who express an interest when you talk about chapter activities; create a chapter brochure that describes projects and programs; wear your keypin on a designated day each month and respond to questions with your "elevator speech;" invite prospective members to meetings to share in the program and fellowship; mentor new professionals. Take time in a chapter meeting to brainstorm ideas about possible new members.
3. To add a member from an educational environment not currently represented in the chapter: Think outside the traditional public school classroom; possibilities include one-on-one music or sports instructors, hospitals, corporations, district offices, recreation centers, private schools, public libraries, museums and zoos, colleges and universities, professional devel-



opment courses. You are limited only by your imagination.

For the State Organization Challenge to install or reinstate a chapter, here state organization leaders may try some of the following ideas:

- Identify a member who is passionate about the Society and lives in the targeted area; she may identify herself! Nearby chapters and the state organization can provide every sort of support for this cause.
- Utilize contacts from other organizations or from professional development meetings to start the process.
- Host a professional development activity for area educators with an "after-session" for prospective members to discuss the Society and its benefits.
- Contact administrators in the area and ask them to identify key women educators in their district/school; then call those outstanding women. The power of the personal touch cannot be overstated.

With these and other strategies in mind, chapter and state organizations has- the tools to achieve the Shoe-In Challenge.

New Membership Cards Fill Requests

Chapter and state organization treasurers asked for three membership cards to a sheet, because they would be easier to fold for envelopes. They said that printing three to a page would also be more cost effective than two to a page.

When Durbin Studios reworked the 2009-2010 membership cards to showcase the new logos, staff members asked for three on a page. The finished cards combine utility, savings and style. The Membership Department, with the help of other headquarters staff members, has



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International President Carolyn Rants encourages you to attend this important meeting, which will be held entirely in the Spokane Convention Center. Located in the heart of the city and on the river, the convention center provides an excellent venue for general sessions, workshops and banquets. This location offers a perfect backdrop for outstanding speakers, a Market Place, the Cyber Café, small groups, large groups and more!

Near Nature • Near Perfect! Spokane has something for everyone...spectacular views of the mountains and the Spokane River Falls, epicurean delights, biking and walking trails, river rafting, shopping and the 2010 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention!

Latin American countries represented at Forum

Latin American countries representatives in the Southwest Regional Conference in Reno, Nevada, were Jalisco, Costa Rica, Baja California, Nuevo Leon and Mexico D.F. They all participated in the Leadership Training for new State Presidents and Executive Secretaries, sharing their visions and starting to activate them in their planning for the biennium.

During the Latin American Forum Costa Rica presented the research about synergy done by all the Latin American countries. The interesting results gave an outlook about what should be done to activate visions and enhance states and chapters in Latin America. The discussion included working better as teams and having good communication not only within our State Organizations but also among all of the Latin American countries. Julieta from Costa Rica presented research that she and another teacher did in a Costa Rican village. This was a great example of how

synergy can help the communities of the Latin American nations.

Planning the Latin American Forum online was a new experience for everyone with some initial problems but good results. Participation was great with everyone on her computer talking with members from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Mexico D.F. sharing ideas. Members believe that more experience will make it work even better.

Baja California members talked about their plans for the Third Latin American Conference in Ensenada October 30-31. The leadership training program will be in Spanish and include a visit to the vineyard, where some of the best Mexican wines are produced.

Because of the date, participants will be able to visit an exposition with the Dead's Altars, a Mexican tradition, and honor the Delta Kappa Gamma Founders. Laura Sil and other researchers from the

University Anahuac, Mexico City, presented a book they had written. Laura will take some books to Ensenada.

Jeannette Zuniga explained that work to expand into Panama is going well. She has been working with women in Panama for three years.

Maria Elena Alcala, El Salvador, 2006-2008 Latin American Representative, has begun an aggressive cancer treatment. Members are sending her warm wishes of recovery and hope to see her in Spokane.

Members have started proposals for the Latin America Forum in Spokane. Interesting ideas have started coming already and sharing in much work will present a good Forum.

This column is submitted on a rotating basis by the Europe regional director and the area representatives for Canada and Latin America.



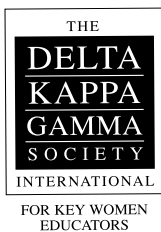
Q: My chapter is shrinking in numbers. To staff the required commit-

tees with at least three members, members must serve on two or three committees. Is international considering reducing the number of required committees?

A: Committees listed in the Constitution are international committees. Some of the duties of the Finance, Membership, Program of Work, Communications, and

Scholarships Committees apply to states and chapters. Examples: chapters are required to have a budget for its available fund; follow international rules related to selecting members; maintain long planned program strategies for accomplishing the Purposes; and, maintain communications with members.

How the chapter organizes to accomplish these duties is left up to the chapter. Some chapters establish committees; some chapters assign tasks to individual members under the supervision of the chapter executive board; some chapter executive boards organize to accomplish the duties. Each chapter must decide how it will organize in order to fulfill all of its responsibilities. All relevant chapter decisions should be included in the chapter standing rules, i.e. each chapter is to document its "organizational structure" in the chapter standing rules.



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