

DKG Spring Conference 2018 – *Communication - The Human Connection*

Beta Chapter celebrated our *62nd DKG – New Brunswick Anniversary* at our spring conference when 29 key women educators met in Fredericton at the Knights of Columbus Hall on May 26 to explore *Communication – The Human Experience*. Members of Beta Chapter welcomed our *Northeast Regional Director Aggie Moynihan*, members of *Gamma Chapter*, and *Phyl Breuer* from Kentucky to share in a day of fellowship and learning.

The day began with meet and greet and an introduction to communication with a humorous skit showing miscommunication. We then settled down to our business meeting chaired by our *Provincial President Roberte Melanson*. During our Nutrition Break, members browsed and purchased books and bought 50/50 tickets with proceeds to our scholarship fund.

Our guest speaker, *CBC Broadcaster Colleen Kitts-Goguen*, spoke about her work as a reporter and radio interviewer and the importance, skills, and awareness of personal connections that one makes when communicating with others. Her animated message included the significance of messages clarifying human relationships in one's career and on a personal level. She presented her ideas with enthusiasm and memorable anecdotes.

Beta Chapter members honoured our past sister *Joy Broad* with a *Celebration of her Life*. Joy was a loyal member of DKG and a prominent music teacher who inspired young musicians to fulfill their dreams. Contralto singer and Beta member *Karon Croll* dedicated her musical selections to Joy and entertained us with her beautiful singing. She was accompanied by guest pianist *Ruth Nieboer*.

Following our *62nd Birthday Celebration* led *Linda Bell* and social interaction during a delicious lunch, we honoured Beta member *Anne Mitton* as our *Influential Woman Award* recipient for 2018. Anne has been instrumental by inspiring and stimulating students and members of the community to broaden their creativity. She has been a leader, an educator, and a mentor to so many throughout the years. Anne indeed fulfills her role as a communicator and has always promoted and encouraged people to convey their experiences through their writing.

Our *NE Regional Director Aggie Moynihan* spoke on two topics during the day. In the morning session, she explained some of the proposed Amendments to the DKG Constitution and the process that would be followed during the DKG International Convention in Austin, TX in July. In the afternoon, Aggie motivated us to become more involved in DKG and strive to advance our leadership abilities as key women educators.

Two Gamma members, *Donna Gaskin* and *Nancy Jonah*, were presented with their 25 Year pins by Aggie. These women have been very active and supportive of our Society during their membership and we as fellow members of DKG are proud of their accomplishments.

We ended our day with door prizes and a message for a "safe trip home" by *Beta President Margie Goodin*.

It certainly was a fulfilling day and it strengthened our bonds of fellowship and communication with one another.

