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Connecting Across the Border



Maine State Organization hosted DKG NB members in the town of Columbia Falls located in Downeast Maine. They visited several museums and learned about the Wreaths Across America program. This program started in 1992 when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine had a surplus of wreaths and made arrangements to lay them in Arlington National Cemetery in a section that received few visitors. This has now grown beyond Arlington and this one company in Maine but the mission is still the same. *Remember. Honor. Teach.* More photos and details of the Maine-NB event can be found beginning on p.10.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

DKG NB Motto
Shine in DKG

**Light the path to Education
Glow with Friendship
Sparkle with Leadership**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dianne Caron
2023-2025

I am pleased to enter my biennium as State/Provincial President of New Brunswick for 2023-2025. This year our motto is

Shine in DKG...

Light the path to Education,
Glow with friendship
and,
Sparkle with leadership.

DKG NB is looking forward to continuing to address building and sustaining membership during the year. The Executive held a summer meeting and set our strategic plan in action. In order to sustain our Society, we will continue to support our members through opportunities for grants for education, conferences, communication and friendship. We will pro-

mote participation and diversity for all members. We will promote membership by networking with early career educators and student teachers.

On June 3, 2023, we held our first DKG NB Convention since the pandemic. We welcomed guests, former members of Gamma Chapter, and were pleased to have two members transfer into Beta Chapter. More details are in this issue.

This month we were invited to DKG Maine State for a cross-border conference, *Connecting Across the Border*, with our US neighbours.

A new DKG year with in-person and virtual meetings awaits us. Let us all participate in ways that suit our needs. We are all members of a valued, respected team of women who are educators who promote education locally, nationally and internationally.

Respectfully submitted,
President Dianne Caron

News from the ARC Desk



Lorna Berlinguette
2022-2024

Canadian DKG members had an exciting year. Teams from all but two provinces attended the wonderful leadership training event in Dallas. It was great getting to know our own members as well as the executives from so many other countries. This was made even more exciting by seeing some of them again at the international conferences.

I had the opportunity to attend two of them. Detroit's was held in a 23-storey hotel right downtown. Those of us who worked the registration desk were given beautiful hand-quilted bookmarks made by the two organizers. During our time off we walked through the beautiful streets with their many parks and flowers, admired the grand old buildings on the way to the waterfront, and waved at Windsor, right across the river. The theme was wellness and the first breakout session I attended was DKG Alberta/Member at Large Cynthia Moore's yoga

class, appropriately first thing in the morning when we could really benefit from both the information given and the carefully orchestrated moves. Saskatchewan's Dr. Shar McGowan's workshop taught us how to mother ourselves as well as reconnect with our mothers or someone else we loved and lost. Another discussed eight characteristics of extraordinary groups. The grand finale was the "Duelling Pianos" which entertained us for hours and had all the dinner guests up and rocking, including four international presidents, past and present, including a very healthy Carolyn Rants.

Finland was fantastic. Joan Kabotoff, co-president of an Edmonton chapter, her husband and I, went three days early and stayed in Helsinki in a very modernized prison with great food. We hopped on and off around the city, beautifully clean and modern, and the next day took a two hour ferry to Estonia in an eight-storey ship, where we had a fascinating and strenuous walking tour of Tallinn, an ancient walled city glowing in charm. The next day we tried out a beautifully modern tram and train to Tampere, which hosted the conference. Hospitality was paramount, the members so welcoming and friendly. Each morning we had several challenging talks on environment and the like by impressively polished women. The lunches were delicious—soup and sal-

ad and dessert—just enough. Breakout sessions were varied, focusing on educational practices. One night we had a barbeque in the park outside the hotel and watched 12 women energetically dancing on 6-inch springs. They performed the last evening as well. I met warm, friendly members at all three conferences who would love to meet us by pen or zoom in on an inter-country chapter exchange.

Because of the success of the international zoom exchange we had last fall highlighting the eight European countries and the seven Canadian provinces, we plan to do it again, this time different because of the new state presidents and the fact that Alaska will be on the agenda as well.

We had three other cross-Canada zoom meetings featuring presentations from the New Orleans Convention on membership growth, and one on facing change. Our final was a virtual forum attended by over 50 members. We held live forums in Detroit and Finland as well as sharing the first hour of the Detroit forum with American members, where we heard a panel discussion on mental health.

Because there will be only one international conference in 2025, we have been invited to hold a Canadian conference that summer. We need every-

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one behind this endeavour. It’s a wonderful experience meeting fellow DKGers and having fun. We will need help from every province to make it a success.

A major concern of Canadian members, as well as many others, is our name Delta Kappa Gamma. We feel it is not reflective of who we are. When we ask someone to join DKG, they ask, “What is that?” We then explain that it is not a sorority but a society of international women educators from seventeen countries. We particularly like the acronym IWE because as teachers we move from “I” to “WE” as we interact with our students. However, we could certainly keep the initials DKG as part of our title. A suggested name is *A Society of International Women Educators —DKG*. We have the opportunity of making a joint proposal at the International Convention with the European Region, which is also anxious to change the name.

DKG Quebec has a creative response to not finding a state president. Previous provincial presidents will share the responsibility of leading the province for a period of three months each. They can be reached at dkgque@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing with the initiatives of the Administrative Board and hearing the suggestions of Avenue M for the future of DKG. It is the responsibility of **all** of us to help DKG grow. We look forward to our 100th anniversary celebration in Austin in 2029.

Submitted by:

Lorna Berlinguette,

Area Representative Canada 2022-2024



**DKG Provincial Executive
2023-2025**



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Dianne Caron



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Become an Empowered Woman Educator

Membership in DKG International opens unknown possibilities to grow professionally and personally by providing the following benefits:

- Support for early-career educators
- Develop leadership skills
- Network with educators in other countries
- Showcase your creative side
- Access funds for scholarships, grants, educational projects
- Keep current with educational trends through access to educational publications

BETA CHAPTER CHATTER

Beta Executive



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Geri Kilburn



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Dianne Caron



Past President
Diana McCabe

2023-2024 Beta Chapter Meetings

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| September 11, 2023 | Organizational Meeting—all members |
| October 11, 2023 | Montessori Education—Jennifer Tym, teacher Montessori Academy |
| November 2, 2023 | Beaverbrook Art Gallery-Talk and Tour—Roberte Melanson |
| December 6, 2023 | Christmas Social—St. James Gate Restaurant, West Hills Golf Course |
| January 2024 | Executive Meeting—TBA |
| February 7, 2024 | Black History Month—Speaker TBA (likely Zoom) |
| March 2024 | No Meeting |
| April 3, 2024 | Post Retirement Activities—Pat Rogers |
| May 8, 2024 | TBA |
| June 5, 2024 | Pot Luck Picnic at O'Dell Park |

Check Out DKG Sites

International website: <https://www.dkg.org>

New Brunswick website: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NB/>

NB Facebook page: DKG-NewBrunswick, Canada

DKG Podcasts: dkgsi.podbean.com/

DKG Blogs: dkgsi.blogspot.com/

DKG Beta Chapter Luncheon

Members of Beta Chapter shared interesting stories about their up-coming summer events at Sam Snead’s Restaurant, Kingswood Golf Club on June 28, 2023. Cottage life, visits from family members, trips and up-coming new family members were some of the topics of conversation. We also celebrated the work of two dedicated members. Marjorie Sinclair, for her service as Area Representative Canada, was presented with a gift, a beautiful plaque and gorgeous scarf that were both created by former DKG member Indu Varma. Margie Goodin received a very unique necklace and earring set that was created by a local jewellery artist for her 4 years as DKG NB President. Everyone enjoyed spending quality time with DKG friends and are looking forward to the 2023-2024 meetings.

Submitted by Dianne Caron



L to R: VP Geri Kilburn, Past DKG NB President Margie Goodin, Past ARC Marjorie Sinclair, Beta Chapter President, Joan Somerville, Alice Young, Diana McCabe, DKG NB President Dianne Caron



L to R: Past DKG NB President Margie Goodin and Past ARC Marjorie Sinclair showing the gifts presented to them by Beta members for their service to DKG.

Credit: D. Caron

DKG NB SPRING CONFERENCE

A wonderful day of learning and fellowship was enjoyed by members of Beta Chapter and guests from the former DKG NB Gamma Chapter on June 3, 2023 in Fredericton. Regrets were extended from Margie Goodin, Mary Hartt and Marjorie Sinclair.

President Margie Goodin sent a *Thought for the Day* that reflected upon our former Gamma Chapter friends and their valuable qualities that had benefited DKG NB in the past.

Following a Meet and Greet, we held our DKG NB General Meeting. Vice President Dianne Caron was installed as In-coming President 2023-2025.

Our guest speaker from International was ARC 2022-2024 Lorna Berlinguette (AB) who shared DKG International information. Her virtual presentation also included break-out sessions for discussion and sharing relevant topics regarding membership.

We presented our *Influential Woman Award* to Debra Quartermain, a Fredericton entrepreneur who served as the first International Chair of the Designer Section of the Association for Creative Industries. She is the owner of a renowned Bed and Breakfast in Fredericton. Her establishment, Quartermain House, hosts several charity events every year.

We welcomed two transferees Margaret Dryden and Mollie Legere from Gamma Chapter.



Beta President Joan Somerville (R) welcomed Margaret Dryden (L) to Beta Chapter.

Credit: K. Berry

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Our Birthday Ceremony was led by Linda Bell and Kathie Berry presented a thoughtful Grace prior to lunch.



Linda Bell (C) led the birthday celebration assisted by Past President Roberte Melanson (L) and VP Geri Kilburn (R)



In the afternoon we met at Memorial Hall, UNB for an enlightening presentation on the restoration of the stained-glass windows by John Leroux, architect, art historian and Manager of Collections and Exhibitions at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton. We were joined by alumni guests from UNB.



Congratulations to Beta members who enthusiastically worked to make the day a success.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Submitted by President Dianne Caron

Influential Woman Award 2023 Debra Quartermain



L to R: In-coming President Dianne Caron, Award winner Debra Quartermain, Beta President Joan Somerville

Women in Business Network and the Doris E. Sullivan IODE Chapter. She continues her Design and Social Media with American clients. She has created videos for the NB Chapter of Mental Health and hosts Drag Holiday Story Time at Christmas.

Owning the world renown 5 star B&B *Quartermain House*, Debra knows how to anticipate her guest's needs in order to provide excellent service. Her life revolves around the 180 year old family house on the bank of the Saint John River in the picturesque city of Fredericton, NB where guests visit from all over the world.

Quartermain House hosts several charity events each year and has had as many as five hundred tour the house during holidays. The Cinderella Ball by the Kidney Foundation made special memories for a young girl about to undergo a kidney transplant. Her dream was to walk down a grand staircase as Cinderella. The magical moment was made possible by Debra when cameras flashed and the little girl was able to glide down the staircase.

Debra is married to a darling man and with twelve grandlittles from five months old to twenty one years her life is full . She has always believed "Life is simply a Love Story". Live with a young heart, a generous spirit and immense gratitude. Never lose your sense of wonder, joy and magic.

Debra grew up in a family where volunteering in the community was an important aspect of family life. She has fond memories of the many roles she had while her two daughters were growing up and were participating in school activities.

She took on her largest charity role as Event Decorator with the Chalmers Hospital Foundation's Festival of Christmas Magic when her second daughter was a just a baby and she was a recent single Mom. The Festival of Christmas Magic transformed the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex into a Holiday Wonderland which continued each year for some time and was greatly anticipated by the local community.

Through her international design work Debra served as the first Chair of the Designer Section of the AFCI Association for Creative Industries 2017-18 and Chair Emeritus 2018-19. Locally she has been involved with the

*Submitted by Joan Somerville
Photo by K. Berry*

Connecting Across the DKG Maine-New Brunswick Border Conference

Columbia Falls, Maine



Canadian Members

Dt. Lace Marie Brogden, Cheryl Perry, Joan Somerville, Dianne Caron

September 23-24, 2023

Members from DKG NB were welcomed by DKG friends from the Maine State Organization at the cafeteria at the Wreaths Across America Museum on Saturday Sept. 23 for an inspirational two-day conference. Following lunch, we toured three memorable sites: the Wreaths Across America Museum, the Hospitality House for Gold Star Members and the historic Rugles House Museum.

I will share a bit of information about these three special museums.

Wreaths Across America Museum



We were treated to a delightful, enlightening tour by our guide Mrs. Willey, a former teacher and volunteer. She shared several fascinating stories about the military exhibits to honour veterans who had fought for their country's freedom. The 1800 square foot museum showcases thousands of military and personal items that have been donated to the organization. The treasures include military uniforms, helmets, personal awards and relevant memorabilia.

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WAA Hospitality House



The heart-warming house honours Gold Star Military Families by allowing them to stay at the bed and breakfast at no cost. It is a tribute to veterans and each room is dedicated to a special veteran. Items have been donated by families of the veterans and a beautiful stain glass window was donated by the Campbell Family. Students frequently visit the House and are encouraged to learn about several wars (Revolutionary, Civil, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf War). It is an on-hands site for learning.

The Ruggles House



The Ruggles House was built in 1820 by Thomas Ruggles who came to New England to seek his fortune. He built the Federal-styled house for his wife Ruth. The family, including their children and grandchildren, lived in the home for the next 100 years. The Ruggles House features a beautiful flying staircase and the building is a showcase of historic furnishings and antiques. It has been restored and preserved over the years by Mary Ruggles Chandler and volunteers and now serves as an historic site in Columbia Falls.

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Bus Tour of Balsam Valley



Balsam Valley Monument

In mid-afternoon we had a bus tour of the Balsam Valley, visiting Tipland, the Chapel, amphitheatre and other areas of importance.

The Worcester family has farmed balsam for years cultivating and tending acres of forest land. Each wreath is formed by hand with hand-tied bows, each carefully crafted to ensure that it is worthy of the family, the soldier, or the home as a tribute to the person in military service.

The Balsam Valley is a 48,000-acre Medal of Honour Park that has been dedicated by the Worcester Family to honour all American veterans. Over 250 workers use the tips of the balsam fir trees to create wreaths that are distributed and placed on the headstones across the United States and in European countries as a tribute to fallen soldiers. The placement began at the Arlington National Cemetery but has since broadened greatly. Thirteen million pounds of tree branch tips are used for the wreaths and 3.5 pounds of tips are used to create each wreath. The trees are cut at 12 feet high so that workers are able to reach the tips.

Members of family and friends of veterans may purchase dog tags of loved ones and tie them to the branches of trees in honour of their service. The name of the loved one is always announced prior to the placement of the tag.



Tour Director

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The Chapel



The non-denominational Chapel was built by the Worcester family. It has services all year round. It is a beautiful building with several donated stain glass windows and pews that were donated by other churches.

Tiger Flight 739 Monument



One very interesting stop was a monument that had been built to honour those members of the All-Special Forces Unit who were missing during the Vietnam War when their plane Tiger Flight 739 disappeared. Under “Plausible Deniability”, their names were omitted from the Vietnam Wall Monument since they had not died in active combat. When the Worcester family learned of this, they built the monument as a tribute to them and their names are engraved on the plaque.

The Natural amphitheatre was built in less than a month and music lovers came from all over United States to enjoy concerts given by such performers as Lee Greenwood and the Charlie Daniel’s Band.

We passed by a lit Christmas tree that has never been turned off. Even in travelling it was energized by a generator. That tree honours the soldiers who were never able to celebrate the “Christmas That Never Was”.

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The bus tour ended as we passed the four factories where the wreaths are made beginning in mid-October. Over 150,000 wreaths are made each year and are transported by tractor-trailer trucks to military cemeteries. Volunteers announce the name on the veteran's headstone before placing each wreath as an accolade to his or her military service.

The Balsam Valley and the Wreaths Across America are truly remarkable tributes to all members in the American Military Service and DKG members learned interesting stories and enjoyed the total afternoon experience.

Members were given the opportunity to participate in making wreaths with fresh balsam tips. The wreaths were used as door prizes so that they would be placed with respect upon the headstones of vets in the winners' communities.

Women in Leadership



Guest speaker Dr. Lace Marie Brogden (L) with Maine State Past President Mary Hyland

Our guest speaker at dinner was our good DKG friend, Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Dean of Education at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS and an ISF speaker for DKG. She continues to be a member of her DKG chapter in Saskatchewan and attends meetings online.

We enjoyed Lace's presentation on *Women in Leadership* and the roles women play in today's society. In her book, *Glass Ceilings and Marble Thresholds*, she explores the theme through two female caricatures named Pinkie and Blondie. These characters explore how to deal with those who do not perceive and respect women as being serious, capable, and valuable leaders.

She challenged our thinking to reflect upon how we need to move forward as female leaders. Some of these include taking opportunities when leadership positions are available, pursuing academic leadership roles, challenging the male-thinking remarks that reflect sexism, supporting other women to develop and grow personally and professionally, and thinking about how to we need to speak positively about other females who are pursuing leadership opportunities.

The evening's conference event ended with Lace sharing the true story of *Peace by Chocolate* based on the Hadhad Syrian family in her community who came to Canada as refugees from the Syrian civil war. The family established a successful traditional Syrian chocolate shop. The story has been written as book and as a movie. Lace presented a gift of chocolate to Mary Hyland as a thank you.

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Sunday, September 23

Our day began at 9 a.m. following breakfast. We met at the cafeteria for an informative, helpful discussion of what DKG signifies. We shared valuable information about our DKG activities, our concerns and ideas for retention and revitalization.

Our weekend conference was terrific and we appreciate the fellowship and hard work of our DKG Sisters in Maine in hosting such a superb event.

*Dianne Caron
DKGNB Provincial State President*

Photos submitted by Dianne Caron and Joan Somerville



The Book Nook

The Island of Missing Trees

Elif Shafak

Shafak is an accomplished British-Turkish writer whose numerous books have been translated into fifty-five languages.

The novel is about the broken island of Cyprus and its wounded and scarred inhabitants. It's a love story of Kosta and Define, two teenagers from different cultures— one Greek Cypriot and the other Turkish Cypriot—caught in the midst of war.

The story is full of symbolism where the fig tree represents the cultural roots of Cyprus's sacred place between worlds where magic can happen. Define's spirit lives in the tree and through her lens the fig tree narrates the story. In telling the story much of Cyprus's history is revealed along with the richness of its native plants and animals and their contribution to the land.

Annelies—A Novel of Anne Frank

David R. Gillham

This book has an interesting concept in that the author imagines that Anne survived Camp Bergen-Belsen and returned to Amsterdam to reunite with her father. It is historical fiction well-researched by the author who read Holocaust histories, memoirs and transcripts of interviews of people who knew the Frank family. Gillham travelled to the Netherlands and even visited the bookshop where Anne likely picked out her tartan diary.

The fictionalized relationship between Otto Frank and his daughter was not an easy one. Otto refused to dwell on the tragedies of the past, moved on, and looked towards a better future while Anne refused to give up the tragedies and by facing them tried to overcome her anger and guilt. Her sister, Margot, was often a “ghostly” presence.

The theme of the book is “hope” because that was what Anne expressed in her diary but could she overcome the anger and guilt of her survival while her sister and mother perished? Gillham envisions Annelies as a complex young woman grappling with grief and the trauma of war yet determined to fulfill her ambition of becoming a writer.

Submitted by Joan Somerville

International Conferences

Reflections from Detroit, Michigan

July 11-16, 2023.



Credit: C. Moore

Back: ARC Lorna Berlinguette (AB), Helen Lamos-Parker (ON), DKG Alberta President Sherrie MacRae, DKG Saskatchewan President Dr. Shar McGowan, Joan Wolfe (ON), Aggie Moynihan (ON)
Front: Cynthia Moore (AB) International Member-at-Large 2020-2024 (AB), DKG Ontario President Stephanie Allen (ON)

At the 2023 International Conference in Detroit, Michigan, I had the opportunity to experience Monica Eason's [Principal, Vanderberg World Cultures Academy, Southfield, Michigan] inspiring messages at her keynote address, *How Educators Can Build and Sustain Resilience During Complex Times*.

Understanding the current educational landscape has changed and a priority is mental health, I see Eason's "workplace" as our "chapters."

~~Workplace~~ Chapter Mental Health and Well-Being

- **Focus on Connection and Community:**
 - creating cultures of inclusion and belonging
 - cultivating trusted relationships
 - fostering collaboration and teamwork
- **Mattering at Work in our Chapters:**
 - building a culture of gratitude and recognition
 - publicly and privately affirming others
 - taking time to get to know your team – their needs, their interests

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Eason's memorable suggestions for "building and sustaining resilience" include

- affirm, celebrate, and do it often
- find others who are "walking your path" and spend time with them
- be intentional – do things that "recharge your battery"
- give yourself "grace and mercy"
- remind yourself of your "why"
- have PMA: Positive Mental Attitude
- record your "wins"
- remember **what you learned** from mistakes – the "opportunities for growth"

Eason revealed her "most impactful" leadership component – building connections and relationships with others by

- creating team building activities
- getting to **know** your team
- providing ongoing teambuilding opportunities
- providing opportunities for collaboration.

While building and sustaining our chapters, can Monica Eason's suggestions for resilience and well-being be helpful? Will her suggestions appeal to members – active, collegiate, honorary, reserve – and meet their needs and interests? Let's try!

*Cynthia Moore, Beta/Calgary Chapter, Alberta State Organization
International Member-at-Large, 2020-2024*

As the new DKG Alberta President, I wanted to access Detroit conference sessions that would help me expand my knowledge for my new role and to have meaningful information for planning discussions in Alberta. One session I chose to attend was on *Marketing DKG, Strategies for Growth* presented by Pat Bennett-Forman, Washington State Organization, NW representative on the International Communications and Marketing Committee.

Marketing, she indicated, is how we tell our story, our script to educate and welcome educators to decide if they will become part of our DKG world. Pat outlined the A, B, C benefits to educate about DKG.

- A-Attract new members so our organization survives
- B-Build brand recognition to show what we stand for. We are not a "sorority."
- C-Clout and influence

With so many different examples shared, I now have an expanded repertoire of what might we do differently to appeal to younger educators showing our relevancy and for the broader community to learn about our work. We need to consider the following:

- Who gets what and why?
- How are messages delivered?
- Are materials interactive?
- What partnerships might we develop in the broader community?

As DKG members and leaders, we need to become influencers.

*Sherrie MacRae, Beta/Calgary Chapter, Alberta State Organization
President, Alberta State Organization, 2023-2025*

DKG European Conference in Tampere, Finland
July 18-22, 2023



Credit: J. Kabotoff

Front Kneeling: DKG Ontario President Stephanie Allen Seated (L to R): Joan Wolfe (ON), Lennor Stieda (BC), Betty Jordan (ON), Debbie Rodaway (ON) Back (L to R): DKG International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, ARC Lorna Berlinguette (AB), Donna McCormick (BC), Sharon Retallack (AB), Erin Retallack (AB), Joan Kabotoff (AB)

Moving Forward with Relevance, and Sustainability in a Changing World

Fantastic! Welcoming! Educational! Those three words sum up the European DKG Conference in Tampere, Finland.

Delta Ontario members Betty Jordan and Debbie Rodaway made this the centre of their trip to Sweden and Finland. We flew to Stockholm where we visited the ABBA museum, and Vasa , a 1640 ship that sank on her maiden voyage just approximately 1000 meters from splash down. It was raised from the harbour in the mid 1900s, restored, then housed in a purpose-built building so that the masts can go through the roof. And took a boat trip in the Stockholm Archipelago.

Sweden is an almost cash less society. Betty won at the casino, her winnings were in cash so spent the rest of time trying to pay in cash!

We arrived in Tampere via plane and train. What a beautiful city! The venue was superb. There were 12 from Canada including 4 from Ontario.

After we registered, received our name cards with the paid events listed on the back, we met for the opening in the main auditorium. Then we were bussed to the museum plaza for a reception hosted by the mayor of Tampere, and a tour of the Fairy Tale exhibit which highlighted the commonalities of tales around the globe.

The general sessions highlighted the role of neuroscience in learning perceptions, the change from a teacher-lead classroom to that of student orientation and the teacher as a guide. Finland is moving towards all educators having a masters in education.

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Auditorium

The workshop topics ranged from DKG future of the organization, buddy systems in schools, learn some Finnish, personal wellness etc. The workshop venues were meeting rooms, one highly decorated and a solarium.



Breakout Room

Finnish and Scandinavian foods were tasty, plentiful and well presented. The salmon just melted in your mouth. During the Grand Dinner, the Chef joined us wearing his chains of awards. We were entertained by a young gold medal accordionist, his fingers just flew on the buttons.

We then spent a few days in Helsinki. Another beautiful city. Finland as a country was born in 1907. Helsinki was formally a regional capital of Russia. It has wide boulevards, many squares and lots of cobblestones. There is a mix of centuries old buildings and Art Deco ones. A lot of the old formal buildings have wide ramps to accommodate the carriages of the past. We visited the Stone Church which is actually one huge hollowed out rock in the middle of the city. Amazing!

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Stone Church

In general the topography of both Stockholm and Helsinki could be a city in the Canadian Shield. Unfortunately it rained most of our “tourist time”. The *Hop on Hop Off* bus tours gave us some history and the highlights of each city. We are looking forward to the next European conference in 2025.

*Submitted by Past President Debbie Rodaway (ON)
Photos Debbie Rodaway & Betty Jordan*



Canadian Project

The Canadian Project as we are all aware is to support the Indigenous students in the Sew & Sew and Art for Aid programs. During the first six months of 2023 in support of the Canadian Project, there has been a total amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$3147.50) received from the three Western provinces, Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario as well as a few individual donations.

Ontario’s donation amounted to about half of the total amount as Omnicron Chapter held a Virtual Auction to support the Canadian Project and our two Ontario projects.

At the Ontario Convention in May, members donated arts supplies, fabric, sewing supplies and needed implements. The amount collected filled the trunk of a car. Also a DKG member from Oklahoma who saw the video presented on Zoom sent a large box containing fabric and a Calgary member donated her great aunt’s mink stole. The youth are very appreciative.

Thanks to all chapters who have donated and hopefully continue to support this project. You may send your Canadian Project donation either by cheque or e-transfer to DKG Ontario.

*Submitted Mary Margaret Farrow
DKG Ontario Treasurer*

Aboriginal Education in Phoenix, Arizona July 26-29, 2023



Informal Canadian Meeting

Back L to R: Past President (AB) Sheila MacKay, President (SK) Sharlene McGowan
Front L to R: Past President (QC) Dianea Carroll Phillips, Past President (BC) Norma Westrom, President (BC) Helen Ballam

Helen Ballam (New BC Provincial President) and I attended the Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in July. The Conference was held at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Convention Centre located on the traditional territory of the Pima and Maricopa tribes which make up the Gila River Indian Community.

Helen and I went a little early so we could explore and shop a little. The Musical Instruments Museum was amazing. We were given headphones and as you went to each country's display you heard samples of their music. We also attended the Heard Museum specializing in the history and arts of the Arizona Indians.

As part of the Conference we continued our aboriginal education by attending the informative presentation at the Huhugam Cultural Center. This was a modern cultural center highlighting the historic and current cultures of the Gila River Indian Community. In the evening we were treated to a meal which featured their dishes.

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There were excellent keynote speakers as well as interesting breakout sessions. We appreciated the conference facilities as the temperature outside was a consistent 43° C. And the sidewalks were like ovens!

Our Canadian contingent had an informal meeting and we were happy to meet each other in person after only meeting on Zoom.

One singular message that was conveyed was that we all need to work on membership - retaining and recruiting.



Pottery in Huhugam Heritage Centre



Hotel Atrium mural



Basket Dancers

Submitted by: BC Past President Norma Westrom

Celebrating Creative DKG NB Members Kathie Berry

The Autumn Lens—Transitioning from Summer into Fall

Summer has always been my favourite season of the year! Sunshine, ocean breezes, binge reading, fresh garden vegetables and Sunday drives (with an ice cream stop!) are some of what I look forward to starting in March of each new year! I reluctantly transition to fall—its sad beauty, the first chilling frost, removing my leggy hanging basket of *Million Bells*—contrasted with autumn’s magnificent beauty, stunning fall shades, harvest abundance, and the tranquility of earth at rest. I invite you to embrace the “Brrr” months and be at peace.



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