

On June 3, 2017, Gamma Chapter held our Spring Convention, at Holy Family Parish in Moncton. The theme of this convention was "Yearn to Learn". Approximately 30 members from Beta and Gamma Chapters attended. Special guests included Joan Wolfe, our Canadian Area Representative, from London, Ontario, and Isabel Wildfong Martin, a past Canadian Area Representative. Also in attendance were Phyl Breuer, DKG member visiting from Kentucky and Susan Edgett, Moncton City Councillor for Ward 4 representing Her Worship Moncton Mayor Dawn Arnold.

Our DKG Canadian Representative Joan Wolfe was our guest speaker. She passionately encouraged all members to rise to the challenge of accepting leadership positions in our society. She also outlined the hard work being done by our staff at International office. Joan explained in detail the problems associated with converting the payment of membership dues from American currency to that of the various member countries of our worldwide organization. Joan's final remarks were to remind us of the generous funding that has been awarded to both chapters in the form of Education Foundation Grants.

Her Worship Moncton Mayor Dawn Arnold was the recipient of our Influential Woman Award. As Her Worship was attending a conference in Ottawa on this date, she was represented by City Councillor Susan Edgett. The presentation of the award had been videotaped and was shared with the attendees. Ms. Edgett expressed Her Worship's appreciation for this honour and stressed the importance of empowering women in our communities.

We were treated to a lively interactive presentation by the authors and illustrator of Chocolate River Publishing's newest book Take Off to Tantramar. This series of books is the brainchild of Odette Barr, Colleen Landry and Beth Weatherbee, all teachers in the Anglophone School District East. The books are published by Chocolate River Publishing. Kate Hanson, a DKG member, established this company to help raise the profile of NB in children's literature

While we were planning this convention our committee decided to examine how teaching as evolved over the past number of years. We sought input from three different teachers from three different eras. In keeping with our chosen theme, our program for this event was entitled "A Day in the Life" which featured presentations by three speakers who shared their memories of life in the classroom. Nereene Russel retired 33 years ago, Karen Nelson, 7 years previous, and Dacia Robertson is in the fifth year of her teaching career. This trip down Memory Lane was thoroughly enjoyed by our attendees.

A delicious lunch and nutrition break were prepared by Lorraine Macleod, Karen Mills and their helpers. Jeannine Mabey and her organizing committee are to be commended for a job well done.