

With the arrival of the new year, my inbox started to notice a change from a trickle to a steady stream of breakout session proposals. Thanks to all of you for indicating a willingness to share your ideas, knowledge and expertise at the conference next summer. Thanks, too, to those who recruited more reticent members. I received numerous comments in the emails that the person had been encouraged by other members to make this presentation. I wish I could attend them all; there are proposals in all four strands. Membership is the most prevalent topic and one of great concern to us all.

Showcase your chapter projects!!

There is a new display at Society Headquarters with a focus on YOU. Visitors (members and non-members) will see what members are doing to support children, women and education at the chapter level within their communities, as well as outreach to "promote professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education" around the world.

Send a digital picture (jpeg file requested) to societypoper@dkg.org. Provide a one-line caption for the picture, your name, chapter name and state organization (geographical name).

This is just another way to recognize and celebrate the achievements of DKG members for the past 85 years, today and beyond

Dates to Remember

In January submit creative works to DKG Fine Arts Gallery--information at DKG website.

February 1:

Lucille Cornetet Award for Profession Development International Scholarship application deadline.

Chapter president's report chapter necrology report due to persons listed on top of the form.



courtesy of Ron Garnett

Regina has no tour agency, but DKG members have prepared a list of exciting tours so that you may explore the city and surrounding area via coach buses. For Canadians, prices are the daily prices. For others, paying with US dollars, the tours are a bargain--the US dollar is stronger and that means even more savings at the NW Regional. Information will be in the next issue of the *DKG News*, on the NW link on the International Webpage and in the upcoming newsletters. Experiential learning packed with fun for all guaranteed.

I recall well the excitement that you chapter leaders are experiencing now--the excitement of your state convention and the deadlines before you. As you remind your members to attend the state convention, please recruit them to attend a regional conference this summer. Everyone who attends a regional says that it is a wonderful experience that defies description.

While you may not download or embed the opening night festivities from Indianapolis last July or Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's acceptance speech, you may stream them from www.dkg.org and bring the convention to your state convention. What a marvelous way to link your state organization members with an international convention--bring it to them.

Remind your successor of the pre-conference training in Regina starting on Monday evening, July 27 in the conference hotel.

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