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1 Intl. Achievement Award App.

2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshop

On August 7, sixty-eight Wisconsin State Organization DKG members arrived in Portage for the 2018 Executive Board Meeting and Workshop. Leadership teams met from 8 to 9 a.m. to network and evaluate the GTM training they participated in earlier in the summer.

Kathy Harrison welcomed all members to a day focused on membership. Everyone was pleased that Carolyn Barnhart was able to attend. Kathy presented her with the 2018 Lorraine Missling Achievement Award. Carolyn shared her journey to recovery with us. Another very pleasant surprise was Linda Dubaniewicz was also able to join us. She too spoke to us about her long road to recovery. Welcome back Carolyn and Linda! You were missed.

Gerry Nelson turned our attention to the Action Grant exhibits and encouraged chapters to apply for Action Grants. Shari Eberhart announced that the Rules Committee would like more members. Kathy Clouthier told us the Nominations Committee is looking for state officer candidates and also Finance Committee and Nomination Committee members.

Tour Guide Leslie Bakkum welcomed presenter Janet Drews, a 2018 Golden Gift Recipient and DKG NEXT Think Tank Member. Janet’s presentation and thoughtful questions helped us reflect on who we are, what we want to be and how we get there. We participated in small group activities to prioritize the 7 Purposes and discuss what we do as a chapter to implement these priorities.

Fifty percent of DKG members are 66 years or older. How do we attract younger members? We paired up with someone from a different generation and discussed: Why did you join DKG? Why do you stay? What would you like to do differently?

Janet lead a discussion on the value of simplifying. How can we do it? What are the benefits?

After a lunch break with time to socialize, it was time for the afternoon breakout sessions. Leslie reviewed the ratified amendments from the International Convention that will have the greatest effect on the state and chapters.

Members who attended the International Convention each presented information on a session she attended that was of particular interest to her. Pat Premo discussed bullying. Jonnie Dvorak presented a session at the convention on online learning and gave us the highlights. Chris Shewczyk discussed Chapter Programming. Margaret Bussone talked about the European Forum. Bev Hess attended a session about leadership through team building, which she shared with us. All were very interesting.

Janet Drews and Brigitte Musallam teamed up to talk about membership and recruitment.

At the end of the day, everyone felt it was a very informative and uplifting day. We had time to learn, ask questions and visit with friends, old and new. We left feeling encouraged about the future of DKG and challenged to increase membership.

You can view Janet Drews’ PowerPoint presentation at http://www.deltakappagamma.org/WI/2018JanetDrewsPresentationatFallWorkshop.pdf

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Do you remember the excitement you felt the first time you rode a two-wheel bicycle, read your first book, experienced your first kiss? If you do, you know exactly how I felt when I walked into the welcoming ceremony at the 2018 International Convention. The auditorium sparkled with bright lights highlighting the stage where the President addressed thousands of DKG members who traveled to Austin from around the world to participate in convention activities designed for professional and personal growth. I stood alone in the back of the hall wondering, “Where am I going to sit?” Then Leslie caught my eye, and I saw Bev, Pat, Mary and Margaret, who all sat together with a vacant chair waiting just for me.

In winter when I made plans to attend the Convention, I contemplated visiting the Society Headquarters, sampling the cuisine and gathering information from others on how Chi Chapter could increase its membership and what our ad hoc Educational Excellence Committee should focus on. However as I sat and listened that morning, I realized the Society I had been a member of for eight years was much greater than I had ever imagined. That evening, I paged through the 128-page program refiguring the most valuable ways to spend my time. After collaborating with our Chi Chapter President Jonnie and my Sigma State sisters, I made a plan which strengthened my goals and included time for enjoying Austin with my sisters.

The Breakout Sessions and 10-Minute Takeaways addressed issues that faced members personally and professionally. Exciting, new ideas for identifying and planning programs and projects that would draw key educators to our chapter and meet Society Purposes were shared. I gathered valuable information from the many sessions I attended. I studied DKG survival and was encouraged to seriously consider changes in the Society for women educators. I reviewed and discussed proposals to amend the Constitution. I also attended sessions that focused on topics that would interest teachers, such as the effects of digital devices on children and books to read with students that would improve interpersonal relationships. I filled every minute of the day with ideas to share with my chapter members.

The 2018 International Convention was quite memorable. Now I understand why JoAnn, Mary and Marcia were so excited for me to attend. I made professional contacts, built friendships and ate brisket that melted in my mouth. What I learned at the Convention, I will carry with me forever. I know that no matter how many times one repeats an experience, there is nothing like doing it the first time and now I have another first time. I wish all of you who haven’t attended an International Convention will try it. It will be an experience that will stay with you forever.
Hello DKG Friends!

I enjoyed a television interview recently with Brené Brown about her latest book *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.* I was intrigued by the interview and ordered the book, my first by that author. Four pages in, I found this quote: “I define a leader as anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential.”¹ I was immediately hooked! Here was possibility thinking and shared leadership, all rolled into one powerful quote.

Responsibility.

Finding the potential in people and processes.

Courage to develop.

From our humble beginning on May 14, 1936, our state organization has embraced Brené Brown’s definition of leadership. We have accepted the responsibility of membership by sharing the mission, vision and purposes of DKG for 82 years. We have found the potential in our colleagues and invited them to become members of our Society. We have been courageous and forward-thinking in developing opportunities and processes to support our members: C. Lorena Reichert scholarships, Hazel Duling scholarships, Founders scholarships, Grants-in-Aid for Educational Publications, The Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition, Sigma State Foundation, Inc., Action Grants and Foundation Give-Back awards. Through a bequest from the estate of Ernella Hunziker, we award international study scholarships to members of DKG-Wisconsin. Indeed, our state organization has been responsible and courageous in finding and developing potential!

Our 2017-2019 State of Possibility Tour emphasizes Dr. Benjamin Zander’s concept of possibility thinking and challenges us to consider the idea of shared leadership. Many local chapters and state committees have embraced a shared leadership model, recognizing that WE is stronger than ME. The Possibility Bus is moving! Will our forward progress continue? It is time for each of us individually to engage in some serious possibility thinking. Who will embrace Brené Brown’s definition of leadership and have the courage to lead our state organization and our state committees in the next biennium?

The state Nominations Committee is preparing the slate of 2019-2021 State Organization officers and elected committee members. Perhaps you received a phone call inviting you to serve. Most positions are filled. Five of the eleven nominees will serve at the state level for the first time. They ventured out of their comfort zones to serve our state organization in a new capacity. They will experience the empowering effect of shared leadership as they begin their new roles. They will be mentored. They will be encouraged. They will grow as leaders in our unique Society. Their courageous leadership will move DKG-Wisconsin forward!

> “Someone noticed your work. Someone noted your standards. Someone believed in your potential. Someone sought your association. Someone sponsored your invitation. Someone honored you. Remember that person’s confidence in you.”²

Only one position on the 2019-2021 slate remains unfilled. Only two state committees are seeking 2019-2021 committee chairs. Only three state committees are actively seeking additional committee members. Thank you to the many women who have accepted the invitation to lead. What about you? Recognize that YOU are a “Brené Brown” leader! YOU have the courage and ability to lead! YOU are the key women educators who can lead DKG-Wisconsin in the next biennium!

Looking for more visibility for your chapter? Now is the time for your chapter to get the Literary Competition information into the local schools.

The Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition is open to students in grades 3-12. This competition recognizes creativity and excellence in writing, illustrating and presenting. Again this year, students may enter their writing under Enhanced Personal Narrative. Realizing that much non-fiction writing is being required of students, this category has been added. The competition has been expanded to include a Bilingual Spanish category. Zeta Chapter has successfully implemented this and perhaps other communities have Spanish-speaking students who might be encouraged to participate. We can rely on Donnell Bonetti and Roberta Gale, Zeta, for assistance in this new adventure.

We continue to strive to get information about the contest out to our local educators. Copies of the 2019 information were handed out at the Executive Board Meeting. The handbook and useful information can be viewed and downloaded from our Sigma State page of the Delta Kappa Gamma website http://www.deltakappagamma.org/WI/. Thanks to Barb Cody!

The awards this year will continue to be cash, ribbons, medals, trophies and certificates. The first-place state winners and their parents will be invited to the luncheon at the 2019 State Convention in Tomah, thanks to our two anonymous donors! These young authors will be reading their books during an afternoon break-out session. All of the state winners are invited to view the display, and we had many authors and their families travel to Madison last year. It was wonderful to see and talk with them!

Over 1,400 books were submitted last year to the local chapters, with 122 books sent to the state judges. Let's work together and top that number in 2019! Again this year your chapter may send up to 10 entries. This will eliminate only having one tie and leaving some wonderful entries out. Just choose your top 10 books and send them by March 11, 2019, to:  
Pat Brabazon  
10501 Ellendale Road  
Edgerton, WI 53534-8439

Please keep up the good work encouraging our young authors. If we can be of any assistance, contact the co-chairs:  
Pat Brabazon 608-868-7239 brab@charter.net  
Judy Snyder 608-754-5295 judy.a.snyder7@gmail.com

March 11, 2019 Book entries are due to Pat Brabazon  
March 23, 2019 State Literary Competition judging. We need judges, so please let us know if you are interested in helping us in Beaver Dam.  
April 27, 2019 Display of winning books will be at the Wisconsin State Convention.

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**Book Corner**

Wisconsin State Chapters are reading:

**Theta** *Educated* by Tara Westover  
**Phi** *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan  
**Chi** *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Ross  
*The Lady in Gold* by Anne Marie O’Connor  
**Nu** *Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage from America’s Leaders* by Capt. Chelsey “Sully” Sullenberger

Here’s what our officers are reading:

**Leslie Bakkum** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate  
**Kathy Harrison** *Relationships 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know* by John C. Maxwell  
**Barb Millerman** *Angels in Disguise (When God Sends Animals to Comfort Us)* by Phyllis Hobe  
**Ruth Scholze** *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes

What are you reading? Send your book suggestions to Sharon Storms (dkgsseditor@gmail.com)
State winners of the Nettesheim Literary Competition read their books at the historic Sterling North barn in Edgerton on October 27. This is the third year that young future authors have been included in the festival. This year’s readers were Kate Ricks (Alpha Iota), Ellie Moen (Mu), Kimberly Beans (Delta), Amanda Billerbeck (Pi) and Samantha Holterman (Alpha Iota).

The young authors were treated to presentations by Alpha Iota’s new member and UWW-Rock County professor, Tricia Clasen, with her young adult book *The Haunted House Project* and Kathleen Ernst, author of the *American Girl Doll* books. These authors talked about their books, life experiences and the writing process. They also answered questions from the audience.

Kathleen Ernst held a drawing for the student authors, awarding them with American Girl dolls or sets of American Girl books. What a great way to reward student writers.

It was wonderful that Leslie Bakkum, Kathy Harrison and Mary Kenne came to hear the young authors. It meant a lot, especially since Leslie was just recovering from hip replacement surgery.

The Sterling North Book Festival offers opportunities to interact with a variety of adult and student authors. We hope to see more members come next year, as the festival celebrates its 14th year in 2019.

![Ellie Moen, Kate Ricks, Amanda Billerbeck, Samantha Holterman, Kimberly Beans](image)

**Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees**

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**White Roses In Remembrance of Member Deaths**

| ALPHA IOTA | Norma Mackey | 4/2/18 |

*Reinstated*
Dear Wisconsin State DKG Members:

Here is a recipe for success. Begin by attending the 2019 State Convention in Tomah, Wisconsin:

- Add 1 cup of coffee, tea or water
- Add 1 business meeting
- Add 1 Necrology Service
- Add 2 Keynote Speakers (Misty Lown and International Representative, Immediate Past President Carolyn H. Pittman)
- Sprinkle with 6 workshops that will Educate, Inspire, Engage
  - The Enduring Families Project
  - Judge Ann Walsh Bradley: “Inspiring Women to Be All They Can Be”
  - Hannah Scholze: “Kid Tested and Teacher Approved: Engaging Local History Programs for All Ages”
  - International Representative, Immediate Past President Carolyn H. Pittman
  - Barb Cody: “Learn How to Get Started with Creating a Chapter Webpage or Facebook Page”
  - Deb Andries, Alli Karrels, Dianne Dummer: “Achieving Goals with DKG Funds”
- Listen to young writers share their stories
- Mix all together with plenty of food, fellowship and fun

**LEADING THE WAY: Educating, Inspiring, Engaging**

2019 Wisconsin State Organization Convention April 27, 2018
Cranberry Country Lodge ~ Tomah, Wisconsin

I hope you are enjoying the longer, cooler days of the season. If you need a little help, try a new cranberry drink: [https://www.oceanspray.com/en/Recipes/By-Course/Drinks-and-Cocktails/Hot-Buttered-Cranberry](https://www.oceanspray.com/en/Recipes/By-Course/Drinks-and-Cocktails/Hot-Buttered-Cranberry)

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**Call for Nominations!**

2019 Lorraine Missling Sigma State Achievement Award

The Wisconsin State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is comprised of hundreds of key women educators. Many of our members have served in leadership roles in their local chapters. They have also given distinguished and outstanding service to Sigma State, as well as DKG Regional and International activities. They deserve to be recognized! The purpose of the Lorraine Missling Sigma State Achievement Award, established in 1989, is to recognize and honor these women.

Each local chapter has the opportunity to nominate one member for this prestigious award. The 2019 guidelines and nomination forms are available for download on the Sigma State website. If you cannot access the website, please contact Kathy Harrison (dkgss2vp@gmail.com) and she will forward the forms to you. Nominations must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than January 15, 2019, to be considered for the 2019 Award.

Once the completed Nomination forms are received, they will be reviewed by the Sigma State Missling Award Committee to determine the 2019 recipient. The award will be presented at the 2019 Sigma State Convention in Tomah.

Thank you for nominating an outstanding leader from your chapter for state recognition!
Greetings from Sigma State Foundation!

Because we work hand in glove with Wisconsin State Organization, we feel the energy radiating from our state organization and trust that your chapter has also been energized and is pursuing the mission and purposes of DKG. Perhaps your ideas and projects have “bottom lines” that exceed the funds available in your treasury. If that is the case, we hope you remember that Foundation may be able to help you reach your goals through its **Give Back** initiative.

Through **Give Back**, Foundation offers your chapter the opportunity to apply for money for pursuits for which financial aid from Wisconsin State Organization is not available. For example, if your chapter has a project, activity or service compatible with the mission and purposes of DKG but lacks the literacy component needed to qualify for an Action Grant, it may be eligible for funding through **Give Back**. The application and additional details are available on the state website, [www.deltakappagamma.org/WI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/WI). Go to the link for Sigma State Foundation, scroll to the bottom, and click on **Give Back** box. The deadline for applying is January 3, 2019. What a great resource to help you implement your ideas! Go for it!

Also... a reminder for the occasions you order online: When you order on AmazonSmile, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items to Sigma State Foundation. Making this happen is easy. Go to the link for AmazonSmile on the state website. Click on the link for Sigma State Foundation, scroll to the bottom of the page, select the AmazonSmile box, and indicate Sigma State Foundation as the organization you want to receive the donation. Doing this costs you nothing and helps Foundation grow so it can provide support to you. Thanks!

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**Gift Circle Donors 2017-2018**

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**Thank You**

Thank you to the many DKG members and chapters who sent birthday cards and birthday wishes for my 90th birthday. I even heard from the International President and a chapter in Ohio.

A special thank you to my Alpha Xi sisters, who presented me with a plaque that read:

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My membership in DKG has given me such wonderful experiences and I have worked with so many exceptional people. Thank you all for making my birthday so special.

Marj Margelowsky
Northeast Area Region Meeting
by Mary Dettmering

On a very blustery Saturday, October 20, Alpha Eta Chapter hosted the Northeast Area Region meeting at the Rosholt Lions Camp. Twenty members and/or guests were in attendance from Alpha Eta, Delta, Gamma, Nu and Zeta Chapters. Andrea Yenter, the Lions Camp Director, shared with us information regarding how the Lions Camp started and how it has evolved over the years. We were given tours of the dining hall, a cabin, health lodge and eye glass recycling center. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow for the wagon ride to see the vastness of the 400 plus acres that blind, deaf/hard of hearing, diabetic, and disabled children are able to attend each summer free of charge–just by filling out an application.

We chose this site for our Region meeting because Lions Clubs in various communities (Antigo, Crandon, Eagle River, Elcho, Deerbrook, Hurley, Mercer, Rhinelander, Summit Lake, Three Lakes, and Wabeno, to name a few) financially support our 'Food For The Mind' project. Alpha Eta Chapter supplies books to children whose parent(s) utilize the various community food pantries because of financial need. We as educators know it is very important for all children to have access to reading materials and even more so to say that the book they take with them on their visit with parent(s) is theirs to keep, read or pass on to someone else when they finish with it.

Despite the weather, a good time was had by all with a culminating buffet meal at Flume Creek Restaurant in Rosholt with goodie bags, love bugs and door prizes taken home from the gathering. We look forward to Gamma hosting the gathering next year.

Action Grant Committee
by Gerry Nelson, Chair

At this time of the year the Action Grant Committee is awaiting your applications which must be submitted to President Leslie Bakkum by December 1, 2018. Just thought I would review how the Action Grant process works.

After the President receives the applications, she sends me copies via the internet. The cover sheet is not included, so our Action Grant Committee does not know which chapters have submitted an application. I make hard copies for the committee members and they evaluate each application individually using the rubric.

Then in February we meet via Go-To-Meeting to judge the grants. We combine our individual rubrics to help us decide on the quality and the literacy significance of each grant application. Then we allocate our funds to the grants.

Next, the President sends the cover pages for the grants and I formulate letters to the chapters about their grant requests. This is always completed before the Spring Convention and an announcement is made at the Convention detailing the chapter winners and their projects.

The funds for the grants are not available until after July 1, 2019, when our new fiscal year begins. Please understand that even though grants are written at the end of 2018, they are really for upcoming projects in 2019-2020.
Chapter News Around Wisconsin State

LAMBDA–Richland Center welcomed three new members at their October meeting. Susan Sadler is a retired kindergarten teacher from River Valley, Sarah Bailey is currently teaching at Ithaca and Jackie Lins is semi-retired and substitutes in the Richland Schools.

At our November meeting Keti Bazghadze, foreign exchange student from the country of Georgia; Samuel Mock, foreign exchange student from Germany; and Trinh Nguyen, UWP-Richland student from Viet Nam gave a presentation on each of their countries. We were entertained and enlightened as these three extraordinary young people proudly talked about their countries, education, food and economics. After their presentation, we enjoyed refreshments and were able to socialize with our guests. Kay Ziegahn pleasantly surprised Samuel by starting a conversation with him in German.

CHI—Cedarburg hosted two educational speakers, one focusing on students and the other on teachers, at their September and October meetings. In September, Susan Lubar Solvang, founder and president of Growing Minds, Inc. presented “Mindfulness: Growing Minds”. The mission of Growing Minds is to empower us to build safe and trusting relationships and create communities with better learning environments. Solvang helped integrate Growing Minds into Milwaukee Public Schools, many Milwaukee suburban schools and the West Bend Public School District.

“Using mindfulness-based practices, participants learn to quiet their minds and bodies, focus better, learn and flourish...whatever the circumstances,” she said. More information about Growing Minds can be found at www.growingsmindstoday.com

Her non-profit has also created the Take 5ive mindfulness exercises in partnership with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin as a part of their e-learning Educator Resources, which can be found at www.HealthyKidsLearnMore.com

In October, Kirstin Anglea, Ed.D., provided insights on finding our passion to teach based on her training with well-known Madison-based educator, Parker Palmer. Palmer founded the Center for Courage and Renewal and is author of many books including Courage to Teach, Let Your Life Speak and On the Brink of Everything.

Kirstin is a Courage and Renewal facilitator/coach, with over 30 years of experience in education as a public-school teacher, leader, mentor/coach, university professor and administrator. She now runs her own coaching and consulting business, Nourish Courage (www.nourishcourage.com) for local organizations and individuals interested in professional and personal renewal.

In her program, A Teacher’s Heart, we delved into the core of who we are as teachers and participated in “Circles of Trust” based on principles and mentorship practices developed at their centers. We highly recommend both speakers!

PSI—Northwest Wisconsin spent a day this fall with the Cumberland Elementary teachers as they prepared for the 2018-2019 school year. This volunteer day called Ready, Set, Go involves 36 hours of member time helping the dedicated staff prepare for the new year by working on bulletin boards, classroom centers and other projects.

While at Cumberland Elementary, we took the opportunity to showcase and inform the membership about the International DKG Foundation grant written by Debra Andries, which covered the cost of $10,000 worth of materials and books to be checked out from the District Media Center and used by the district’s kindergarten through 4th grade teachers in their classroom reading instruction.

We also inducted Lori Petzel into our chapter. Lori is a retired elementary teacher who taught for 34 years in Minnesota. Lori and her husband moved to Wisconsin to be closer to their family.

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Those attending the October meeting met at Lick’s Apple Orchard for an informational meeting about the owner’s experiences with his development of an apple orchard from scratch. He is now pursuing an expansion into raising grapes to make and sell wine.

During the business portion of our meeting, Jeanette Rydberg was installed as our new chapter president. Wendy Hoffman gave an overview of the 2018-2019 Action Grant entitled “Island City Academy STEAM Grant”. The grant request from Sigma State was for $1200 with a total of $2250 needed for the project.

At our November meeting, our chapter attended a Gallery Walk at the Cumberland Middle School/High School which highlights the student projects that were completed thanks to the monies that came from Sigma State, Psi Chapter-Northwest Wisconsin and outside contributions. Members then met at Nezzy's in Cumberland for a chapter meeting including grant updates, timeline for our spring fundraiser and general updates from members. Dinner followed with laughter and warm fellowship

**ALPHA ETA – Rhinelander** inducted four new members at our September monthly meeting. The three new members present include from left to right: Elizabeth Schomisch (Three Lakes), Judith Manzelmann (Eagle River), and Kari Welzien (Eagle River). Jacqueline Coghlan was unable to attend. We look forward to having more educators join our professional honorary society.

**ALPHA IOTA – Janesville** is starting the year off with a bang. Each month brings new and exciting events. September’s meeting was arranged by member, Marie Hudziak, a resident of Cedar Crest. The community room was perfect for our chili supper, silent auction and collection for ECHO (the local food pantry). Members welcomed Tricia Clasen after her induction. Tricia is a UWW-Rock County communications professor and has offered to be in charge of the chapter website and Facebook page.

In October, Cathy Engel became Alpha Iota’s newest member. She is a retired FACE teacher (Family and Consumer Education) and loves crafting and reading. Members donated feminine products, personal care items, socks, underwear and money for bus tokens for the two high school closets in Janesville. Members also donated $50 along with $200 from an Action Grant for bus tokens to help needy students get to school. Items were presented to the schools by Pat Brabazon, Jean Schollmeier, Kris Kroening and Bev Stalsberg.

October’s program, by Allison DeGraaf and Peggy Muehenkamp, provided information about the new Early Literacy Task Force being partnered by the Janesville School District and community organizations. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library (a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth until they begin school) and donations will provide books for children. Alpha Iota member Linda Edwards is our representative on the task force. We are planning ways to help provide Brain Bags to be given to mothers at the birth of a child and book bags to families working with Rock County Human Services. Mothers will also be given information on how to read with their child.

**ALPHA UPSILON SIGMA – Sparta** featured speakers from the Spanish-speaking community in Sparta at their September meeting. Arlene Quinoes, Nidia Alcanta and Cecilia Kress are teachers and community leaders in the Sparta School District and community. They shared how many ESL families value the education their children are receiving, celebrate the different cultures and dialects that these families have, and honor their holidays and traditions. These ladies gave us insight into the importance of the Spanish-speaking families and their contributions to the agricultural and industrial livelihood of Sparta.

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Members of Alpha Upsilon Sigma continued to be educated and inspired at our October meeting. Our speaker Anna Moorhead, the daughter of one of our members, talked with us about her time in South Africa working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ECLA). Anna stayed with a host family just east of Johannesburg. Her mission work involved working with the HIV and AIDS prevention program. We also inducted a new member, Julie Beyer. Unfortunately our second member to induct was ill and could not join us. We look forward to three inductions at our next meeting!

BETA ALPHA—Waukesha/Pewaukee has been able to offer, for the past three years, a Teacher Literacy Project Grant as a result of receiving a state grant. We feel fortunate to be able to help teachers promote student literacy in their classes with extra funds for necessary resources. Hopefully we can continue to do this on an annual basis.

At our June 21 summer work meeting, we invited our 2018 Teacher Literacy Project Grant recipient, Michele Heinze, to share her project with us. Michele is a kindergarten teacher at Hartland Fine Arts Leadership Academy in Hartland. This year’s school theme was “We are all Wonders”. The students worked on kindness and being a contributing and positive member of their classroom, school and community. In Michele’s classroom, students become “HEROES” by working on their leadership skills of being respectful, responsible and kind. In order to facilitate the topics in the books she purchased, she uses a variety of drama strategies to keep the students engaged.

This unit will be used throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Her ultimate goal is to build social skills such as teamwork, trust and compassion for others. One of her favorite books is My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook. Michele has offered this unit to other teachers, and the guidance counselor has found the books useful in working with students.

Editor’s Notes

Thank you for the tremendous response to my September request for photo permissions and electronic delivery of the newsletter. We now have 62 percent of the membership receiving their newsletter electronically. In addition to helping the environment, each person receiving her newsletter electronically saves the State approximately $5 per year.

If you currently receive a print copy of the newsletter, contact me (dkgsseditor@gmail.com) at any time to request electronic delivery of your newsletter.

Did you notice our new name in the masthead, revised by Barb Cody? The newsletter will now be called Wisconsin State News (WSN) to reflect Sigma State’s new name, Wisconsin State Organization.

Do you have suggestions for the newsletter? Please send them to me. I’m always happy to hear from you.

Sharon Storms

Newsletter Deadlines

| January 15 for February newsletter |
| May 15 for June newsletter |
| August 15 for September newsletter |
| November 15 for December newsletter |
Deb Andries, DKG Education Foundation Grant Recipient, Develops Resource Bookroom

Psi Chapter-Northwest Wisconsin is blessed with 14 unique and talented members. Deb Andries is one of them. She has been a member of our chapter since 2015 and is the first member to receive an International grant from the DKG Education Foundation. Her grant of $10,000, the maximum amount given by the International Society, was used to develop a resource bookroom for the kindergarten through 4th grade teachers in the Cumberland School District for the 2018-2019 school year. These supplemental resources will be used for small group reading instruction.

Deb graduated from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and is certified as a preschool through 6th grade teacher. She received her master’s degree from Grand Canyon University in Curriculum Instruction. Her career began as an elementary teacher and progressed as Deb became a Minnesota Reading First instructor for two larger rural school districts in west central Minnesota. She ended her teaching career in the Minneapolis Public Schools as a literacy coach and a member of the District Literacy Team.

When Debra and her husband Mike retired, they moved to Cumberland to be closer to their family. Debra read an article in the local paper, Cumberland Advocate, about Psi Chapter-Northwest Wisconsin and decided to become a member. Debra continues to work part time as a National Literacy Consultant on reading curriculum in school districts across the nation.

Knitted Knockers are Janice Stuntebeck’s Passion

Janice Stuntebeck, Alpha Upsilon Sigma, has been knitting knockers since 2013. So, what are Knitted Knockers? According to the website knittedknockers.org: “Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prostheses for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty and uncomfortable. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets and can’t be worn for weeks after surgery. Knitted Knockers on the other hand are soft, comfortable, beautiful and when placed in a regular bra they take the shape and feel of a real breast.”

Janice’s interest in Knitted Knockers came when a friend and former teaching colleague gave her a magazine article about Knitted Knockers. As Janice had recently lost a very dear friend and DKG sister, Deb MacCallum, she knew this was what she wanted to do. Janice contacted Gundersen Health System in La Crosse and spoke with a breast cancer support group to see if there was local interest in the Knockers. The response was overwhelmingly positive, so she recruited some other people to knit Knockers as well. About 12 months later, she also started to deliver Knockers to Mayo in La Crosse.

When Alpha Upsilon Sigma became aware of this project, they passed the hat to raise money for Janice to buy yarn. Over $100 was collected, and Janice was astounded by their generosity. That buys a lot of yarn, especially when the local yarn shop in Sparta, Yarnstash, enthusiastically supports this project by selling the recommended cotton yarn to Knocker Knitters at a 40 percent discount. Most of the yarn purchased is from donations. Then, Janice distributes the yarn to her knitting buddies.

Two years ago, Viroqua Memorial also signed up as a local distributor of the Knockers. Janice delivers the Knockers as needed to Viroqua and to the Gundersen Clinic in Sparta.

About three years ago, Janice decided to affiliate with knittedknockers.org to become a State Provider. That means she has access to all the Wisconsin orders. She checks the orders on a weekly basis and typically sends out two to four (continued on page 13)
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pair of Knockers a week. Janice does not have a knitting group that gets together to knit, but she drops off yarn or knitters come to her to get the yarn needed for the Knockers.

Knitters from all over the world work to provide Knitted Knockers free of charge to breast cancer survivors. Anyone interested in receiving free Knitted Knockers can order them online at the website.

Tech Tips:
Join the Wisconsin State Group Facebook Page by Barb Cody

Have you looked at the Wisconsin DKG Group Facebook Page yet? If not, please take the time to check it out. You need to have a Facebook account to be able to view our Group Facebook Page. If you do not have an account on Facebook, go to the Facebook website at www.facebook.com and create your own account. You can do as much or as little to your account as you want, depending on whether you are going to use your account for your own personal use.

Becoming a member (joining) of the Wisconsin DKG Group Facebook Page will allow you to Comment, Like, Share and Post. We encourage Group Facebook members to post what is happening in their chapters. We would love to know about your chapter’s community involvement, special events, member recognitions or any other newsworthy information. Log into your own Facebook page and then click in the search section at the top of the page just left of the magnifying glass and type Wisconsin Sigma State DKG or click on this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/WISigmaStateDKG/

How to Join Our DKG Group Facebook Page

To join the DKG Group Facebook page, log into your Facebook page, click in the space to the left of the magnifying glass at the top of the page and type Wisconsin Sigma State DKG. This will take you to another Facebook page. There should be one Group listed and under that Wisconsin Sigma State DKG. Click on those words. Now you are on our group page. You may view all posts to our group page, but you cannot add anything to the page until you are a member of (have joined) the group page.

To become a member, click on the blue box labeled “+Join Group”. There are two questions to answer and then click “Send to Admins”. One of the Administrators will approve your request. Facebook will send you an email that you have been approved, which means you are now a member of the group.

How to Post to a Facebook Page

Now that you have become a member of the Wisconsin Sigma State DKG Facebook Page, you may want to post something. Here are some simple directions: To add text, there is a place not too far below the word “Joined” labeled “Write Something”. Type your text here or you can copy and paste from another location. If you have a photo, click on the “Add Photo/Video” just above where you placed your text. Then click on “Upload Photo/Video”. You will then be asked to upload your photo or video. Be sure you know where you placed the photo or video on your computer, because you will have to click on that file name and then click “Open”. More photos can be added by clicking on the plus sign next to the first photo and following the same procedure for uploading the next photo. A PDF document can be added by clicking “More” and following the directions for uploading the document. The last thing to do is scroll down towards the bottom and click on “Post”. If you need to edit or delete the post for some reason, there is a little down arrow at the top right of your post, click on that and then you can choose “Edit Post” or “Delete Post”. You will see other options available also.

How to Share a Post from a Different Facebook Page

Sometimes you may want to share a post from your Facebook page (posted by anyone) to the Wisconsin Sigma State DKG Group Page. From your Facebook page, click “Share”. Click on the “Share in a Group”. Type the name of our (continued on page 14)
group, Wisconsin Sigma State DKG, where you see “Group Name”. The name will probably show up before you finish typing. Click on the name and click on “Post”.

If you have any questions about Facebook or if there is another topic you would like discussed in future newsletters, contact Barb Cody dgssweb@gmail.com.

**Congratulations!**

**Carreno Named Wisconsin “Master Educator” Assessor**

Dr. Tony Evers, Superintendent of the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, has appointed Mary Jane Carreno for a three-year term as Wisconsin Master Educator Assessment Assessor.

The appointment involves evaluating educators who want to pursue an advanced license in teaching called “Master Educator.” An educator who selects the “Master Educator” license must demonstrate an advanced level of proficiency on challenging and rigorous portfolio entries built on the framework of the Wisconsin Teaching, Pupil Services and Administrative Standards. In addition, some school districts in Wisconsin recognize the “Master Educator” license with additional pay to the educator. The state of Wisconsin has been the first state in the United States to offer the “Master Educator” license.

This fall, Mary Jane will be entering her forty-ninth consecutive, rewarding year in teaching along with being a Delta Kappa Gamma (Pi Chapter Racine) member since 2000.

Susan Grosse for her article “Enhancing Curriculum to Promote an Active Lifestyle”. It has been selected for inclusion in the 2018, Volume 84-4 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange. You can find the article at: https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin/Magazine/84-4/Enhancing%20Curriculum%20to%20Promote%20an%20Active%20Lifestyle.aspx

Bev Mantey-VanChronkhite (Madame Butterfly) was recently appointed Chair of the International Nominations Committee.

Would you like the type and pictures to be larger when you read the newsletter on your computer? For instructions on doing that, click on this link: www.deltakappagamma.org/WI/Zooming.pdf

Save the Date!

**April 27, 2018**

**2019 Wisconsin State Convention**

**at the Cranberry Lodge in Tomah**

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Sigma State sent a sympathy note to Dr. Rhonda Anderson, DKG Northwest Regional Director, on the loss of her mother. We received this response:

Dear WI State,

Thank you DKG members of Wisconsin for keeping Audrey Irene Anderson (Mom), her family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Your support and kindness are comforting. Blessings to DKG families in Wisconsin.

Love you, Rhonda R Anderson & the Anderson Family.