As SD State Organization President, DKG, (that is how it is suggested we new state presidents identify ourselves) **The Rush is on** to ask each chapter in South Dakota this question: How can I help you know that I appreciate you? We Northwest Regional presidents were reminded that the strength of DKG resides in the chapters. The chapter is where members can most influence education for the better. That is where nurturing each other as society sisters can really take place, and that is where new members and good ideas can emerge.

Congratulations to chapters taking home certificates from the 2009 convention. Each of our 14 South Dakota Chapters is unique. No one has the “secret of success” for DKG in our state. They need to be appreciated individually, and only after doing that can we see if Alpha Pi State is successful.

Chapters that are working to nurture each member, especially as a leader; to be attractive to new members; or to be of service in the community will find satisfaction. Is your chapter finding a need of educators and fulfilling that need? If so, your chapter will find success measured by good attendance and new members. Remember when seeking members, DKG interprets the word educator broadly.

Each member needs to think about identifying what her chapter can do, and yes, what it can not do. Despairing over what can not be done does not help any situation. A meeting where ideas are offered by members is the time to **Reflect, Renew, Rejoice and Recharge**. Then inspire one member to act on one idea, new or renewed. Encourage and help her and see where it goes. There can be surprising results. When ready, tackle another idea that nurtures members or benefits educators.

Whenever you have questions, you may ask a state officer or past state president. As teachers, you know no question is wrong. If you need contact information for these people, check with your chapter president or me. Also, keep in touch with society change by going to the website, [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net).

Lastly, remember that the chapter is responsible for membership records. Who has held office and who has accomplished deeds need to be recorded. There will come a time when you will want this information at hand. State Historian Marjorie Bohn is asking for a history of your chapter from 2001 to 2010 due sometime soon after Christmas.

Let me know what can help you be **Recharged** as needed, and I look forward to getting to know your chapter and each member more personally during these two years.

LaRee Mayes  
SD State Organization President, DKG
A Message from the Past State President:

“A Laugh a Day Puts Wrinkles in the Right Places”

I want to personally thank you sisters for all my new wrinkles. I have a wrinkle that has appeared by my right eye, and I know it has come from greeting and enjoying time with you. Thank you for all the times you greeted me when we would meet.

I have a wrinkle over my left eyebrow, which popped out as I handed over the gavel to our new Alpha Pi State President LaRee Mayes. I wish LaRee the best of luck during her biennium.

Then I have a deep wrinkle between my eyebrows from all the time spent in a car with one of my friends or family members escorting me from chapter meeting to chapter meeting. Thank you to all of you for being so supportive of this fun adventure that I was able to experience because of YOU.

My forehead is peppered with wrinkles from all the phone calls, conversations, and foolishness with my own Kappa Chapter sisters. Thank you to all the gals of my chapter for being so supportive and helpful in all the things I asked if they could help me with as I was completing my time as state president. I could have not done this without your help.

Alpha State Sisters thanks for the deep, laugh lines on each side of my mouth. Wow!!!!! So many helpful sisters populate South Dakota from state line to state line.

And then to all my DKG Sisters, thanks for my new dimples. I just love them.

Last, but certainly not least, my dear husband, Fred, and my wonderful daughter, Heidi, who were so worried about all my new wrinkles. So they went out and bought me a huge bottle of Oil of Olay Wrinkle Reducing formula. But I am NOT going to use it!!!!! WHY????

Because I love my new wrinkles!!!!

Thank you to all of you for the wonderful memories as your 2007-2009 South Dakota State President!!!!

Mary Kay Black
Dr. Rhonda Anderson was initiated into Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society in 1998. She has served in positions of leadership at chapter, state, regional, and international levels. She has served as Mu Chapter recording secretary, parliamentarian, second vice president, and president. She served as Alpha Pi State corresponding secretary 2001-2003, first vice president 2003-2005, and Alpha Pi president from 2005-2007. She has served as chairperson of the Alpha Pi State Leadership, Expansion, and Order of the Rose Committees. Dr. Anderson was invited by International President Dr. Barbara Day to be a member of the International Elections Committee at the International Convention in Chicago, IL. She has attended many Northwest Regional Conferences and International Conventions during her terms of office at the chapter and state levels.

Dr. Anderson received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in German and English from Augustana College, Master of Arts in Education from SDSU in Brookings, and her Educational Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Counseling and Psychology from USD in Vermillion.

She taught German and English at Washington High School in Sioux Falls from 1976-1979, English at Lincoln High School from 1979-2007, and currently serves as associate professor at National American University in Sioux Falls and instructor of psychology at the University Center for the SD Public Universities and Research Center.

Rhonda’s parents are Harry and Audrey Anderson, who live at Canton, South Dakota. She attended country school her first six years and then Hudson High School. Rhonda has two brothers and one sister—Robert Anderson, Richard Anderson and Roxanne Horner. Her hobbies include teaching, painting, and traveling.

Alpha Pi State Honors Dr. Rhonda Anderson with the 2009 Delta Kappa Gamma International Alpha Pi State Achievement Award

Deadlines for submitting news for the Alpha Pi State Newsletter:

October 15th - Newsletter Available November 1, 2009

January 15th - Newsletter Available February 1, 2010

March 15th - Newsletter Available April 1, 2010
World Fellowship

Long ago, in 1919, the Institute for International Education (I.I.E) was founded. In 1946, Senator Fulbright started a scholarship program in his name, with the aim of providing international exchange of ideas and educational opportunities.

The same year, Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship program was founded with a mission, "to support and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence."

DKG Educational Foundation has two branches. The first one is to endow scholarships to members to advance their education by study or research. The second branch is to provide grants for women scholars from other countries, to study or research at the universities in the USA or Canada.

The World fellowship Committee selects women candidates from dossiers provided by the Institute of International Education. Each candidate selected, receives $4000/. From 1960-1990, 273 fellowship were awarded. In 2007, thirty five recipients were listed on the DKG website. The women are from thirty countries.

The Internal Revenue Service granted the DKG Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) status. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible. The foundation is supported by contributions from members and friends of the DKG Society International. For many years, it has been a tradition to support the foundation. State organizations, and local chapters were sending their contributions to the DKG Society International.

For some reason or other, among the fourteen chapters in South Dakota, some chapters discontinued the collection of funds for World Fellowship Foundation. In 2009, during the state convention, a few chapters were recognized for their contributions.

HOPE ALL THE CHAPTERS IN OUR STATE TRY THEIR BEST TO REVIVE THE TRADITION OF COLLECTING AND CONTRIBUTING FUNDS, WHATEVER THEY CAN, TO THE FOUNDATION.

Vijaya Ramakrishnan
Chair, World Fellowship Committee

U.S. Forum

The United States Forum seeks to serve the interests of members and reflects the purposes and mission of the Society. Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas that explore solutions to common problems. The purpose of the United States Forum is to identify and select major issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the U.S. members may take action. At the national, regional, state, and chapter levels, it serves as a viable vehicle through which members may participate in efforts to make the Purposes of the Society come to fruition through action.

The U.S. Forum is dedicated to being an advocate for children by implementing actions which enable change and improvement in social institutions, systems, legislation, and practices that impose hardships or impacts negatively on individuals, groups or families. Here are some things local chapters can do: Provide information through speakers, panel discussion, or handouts; visit organizations or facilities that relate to the identified need or issue, write articles for professional publications and local newspapers, contact local and state representatives/legislators, and involve members in lobbying efforts at all levels.


Crystal Pauli
Chair, U.S. Forum
Last August, **Eta Chapter** participated in the parade held in honor of Vermillion's 150th Anniversary. We had a small "float" in the back end of the pickup. We had a "then" teacher with a child's desk and a "now" teacher with a child's desk. There was a sign on the side of the pickup telling everyone who we were "Delta Kappa Gamma, Women Educators." Jan Petersen represented the "now" teacher and JoAnn Stockland as the "then" teacher.

We started our new year with a meeting Sept. 22. We went over our yearbooks---committees, meetings, and member information. We also initiated a "Fun and Nonsense" idea "Share from the Sack." Members put something about their lives in a small to medium sack---pictures, types of collections, books, etc.

Our next meeting will be a combined meeting in Yankton with Xi and Tau chapters with State President LaRee Mayes as a guest. Other meetings will deal with women's health, a continuation of last year's program. We will discuss breast cancer and heart disease. This is a "view" into the meetings of Eta Chapter this year.

The **Kappa Chapter**, Alpha Pi State, Watertown-Milbank, served the Watertown Banquet on July 20, 2009. The menu consisted of Bar-b-ques, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon, chocolate chip cookies, and drinks. The number of guests served was 120 not counting the 24 volunteers and staff.

Volunteering to work at this worthwhile event is a rewarding experience that's enjoyed by all. The guests that the banquet serves each Monday night, look forward to a delicious and nutritional meal accompanied with friendship and caring. Thank you to all who provided food or helped with the serving of the banquet.
Congratulations to Trudi Nelson, who received the Order of the Rose award from Lambda Chapter. The Order of the Rose award started in 2003 when State President Elizabeth Wood honored members meriting recognition for their distinguished service and accomplishments to the Society at the chapter or state levels.

We welcome two new members to Lambda: Kristel Bakker, faculty member of biology at Dakota State University, and Bonnie Tschetter, who is a transfer member from Sioux Falls.

Thank you to Barb Hoff who prepared Lambda’s two quilt squares for the beautiful Alpha Pi quilt displayed at the state convention in June. Barb showed her quilts at The Crossroads in Huron on September 18-20 and presented the trunk show on Saturday night telling how she got started in quilting and how quilting has changed over the years. She took between 30 and 35 of her handmade quilts to the Huron show.

TAU Chapter has had two meetings so far in our calendar year. In August we met at the Freeman Arboretum for a walking tour and then went to Kairos for delicious rolls and drinks. Our role call for this meeting was “How I Relax”, which offered some interesting insights into those of us present. We had several names submitted for possible new members. We also wrapped candy which was then given out at the Teacher Coop In-service in Wagner at a table with representatives from our Delta Kappa Gamma Tau Chapter.

We just had a meeting on October 3, 2009 at Yankton with Eta and Xi where we met with our new president, LaRee Mayes. (I’m sure that a separate article will be sent in regards to this.)

Our chapter goal this year is to “go out of our way” to encourage new teachers at the various school districts which our group represents. We will do this on a group basis, but also individually as the need arises.
**Epsilon** Chapter was once again busy this summer working with our local NSU AAUW (American Association of University Women) group preparing for their annual fall book sale. Many treasured books were sorted, priced, and sold during the month-long project. Proceeds assist both groups with scholarship funding. Three new members joined our ranks last spring: Brenda Risage, Kim Vogt, and Terra Latterall. The group even celebrated with two members on the birth of their babies: Bobbie Kilber and Terra Latterall. The new year will be kicked off with a visit from our local Native American Cultural Center. The ever-popular Basket Auction will be held in October and we are hoping for a visit from our President in November. Enjoy this beautiful fall and keep the "rush on!"

**Three Chapters Hold Combined Meeting**

**Xi Chapter**, (Yankton), hosted a three chapter meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2009, 10 A.M. **Eta Chapter** (Vermillion), and **Tau Chapter** (Bon Homme and Charles Mix Counties), were invited to attend this session. State Organization President, DKG, LaRee Mayes, was the guest speaker. The meeting was held at Walnut Village. Walnut Village is a beautifully restored residence center. Formerly it housed the Yankton High School and then the Yankton Middle School.

Chapter members learned of our new president's vision for the 2009-2011 biennium. This gathering of three chapters in the SE corner of the state was planned to save LaRee considerable time and travel expenses. We looked forward to this event with much anticipation since our discussion at State Convention in June.

**Mu Chapter** began the year in September with a Sunday afternoon picnic at the beautiful home of Dr. Sandra Schlenker on Lake Vermillion. The six outstanding women educators chosen to join Mu Chapter were invited to the picnic to become acquainted with our members and to learn about our organization before their initiation at the October meeting. “Honor Night” will be the focus of our October meeting. In addition to taking in new members, we will pay tribute to those people who have received special recognition for their work this past year, our founding members and to pay tribute to those people who became a member of DKG when the last number of the year was “9”.

We rejoice that we have ten new members in the year 2009. We want to especially recognize two educators, Harriet Hybertson and Alma Vangsnes, who became a member in 1959 – 50 years ago.
Chapter Chatter

**Alpha** Chapter members welcomed Mary Kay Black, past president, to their April meeting when convention plans continued.

The convention theme, "The Rush is On", was carried out with a gold prospector appearing on Friday evening, gold rocks given to attendees and "golden" coconut boats being part of the menu. On Saturday golden bows decorated the head tables, and the gold miners' meal of pasties was served. Batteries, turned to gold, were part of the banquet decorations as the new president's theme of "Reflect, Renew, Rejoice and Recharge" was emphasized.

The first meeting of 2009-2010 was September 26 with initiation. In October the speaker will be Chad Tussing, director of the Outdoor Campus-West of Game, Fish and Parks. This new facility will open in summer of 2010, and it will offer hands on educational experiences.

Two members died this summer, Lois Bakewell and Myrna Coyle. Their contributions to education, the community and Delta Kappa Gamma were great.
Dr. Shelver Welcomes Initiates, 2009

Iota Chapter, initiated September 19, 2009: Mrs. Stephanie A. Campbell, Mrs. Theresa (Tere) M.B. Froelich, Mrs. Lesa D. Krajewski, Ms. Roxanne T. Murphy, and Mrs. Rebecca (Becky) J. Sukstorf

Mu Chapter, initiated April 3, 2009: Miss Karen Dooley, Dr. Darlene L. Fett, Barbara L. Myers, Miss Donna L. Randolph

Mu Chapter, initiated October 22, 2009: Janelle Johnson, Janna Thorson, Stacy Sip, Michelle Griffith, Ranae Karli, and Vonny Revell

DKG Fast Facts…

♦ As of Monday, October 26, 2009, Society membership is 107,022.

♦ Member Countries: United States, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Finland, Guatemala, Iceland, The Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Great Britain, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Germany, Denmark, and Estonia. (In November, 2009, Panama will officially become a member country.)

♦ For professional development information, check out the Educator Edge at http://www.educatoredge.org/

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The 2009 State Convention theme was “The Rush is on... to Reflect, to Renew, to Rejoice, and to Recharge.” Western Dakota Technical Institute was the selected site. Alpha Chapter carried out the theme reflecting on gold rush days in the Black Hills, providing door prizes of Black Hills Gold, finding a prospector to “pan for gold”, asking a speaker from the Landstom Company to tell of the creation of the Achievement Award Medallion, serving a typical gold miners lunch of pasties (pronounced “pass-tees”) and adding a tour of a Black Hills Gold factory to the schedule. Convention attendance was just over 60, comparable to the previous year. Nine members earned Continuing Education Units. Thank you to Dr. Rhonda Anderson for facilitating that process.

Each state officer fulfilled her convention duties admirably including some officer training. Alpha meal chairpersons, Doneen Grimm, Patty Ploof, Emily Zacher and Diana Glover, and Rosella Beaumont made dining experiences special. Alpha Chapter President Mary Ann Slanina facilitated presenters and aided those working registration and hospitality.

The Women in Art exhibit made all proud of the talents members have to share. Thank you to members for transporting items and to Ramona McFarland of Iota chapter and her committee and to Faye Schroeder of Alpha chapter and her local committee who supervised this biennial event.

The Business meeting saw the budget accepted and the determination that this Alpha Pi Newsletter be distributed electronically.

At the Friday evening meal, diners “Reflected” in the Journey Museum. The prospector collected $136 (and one Euro and two pence!) for the World Fellowship Fund. Attendees had a chance to view the museum at a reduced rate and to visit the museum store prior to eating. Following, members were invited to see the outstanding Suzie Cappa Art Center at Black Hills Workshop serving developmentally handicapped.
Saturday attendees “Renewed” with the Inspirational Breakfast at WDTI where Alpha members Diana Glover and Doneen Grimm continued their readings from books by Byrd Baylor. A young harpist, Morgan Black, provided the music for the Ceremony of Remembrance. A Tour of WDTI and of the nearby Old Governors’ Mansion, a creative writing workshop, a Smart Board demonstration, and a description of Girls’ Tech Week at WDTI were enjoyed.

At the Birthday Luncheon, also at WDTI, Alpha Pi Chapters “Rejoiced” accepting awards for chapter growth, first-time attendees, scrapbooks, newsletters, Women in Art, World Fellowship and Golden Gift donations, and chapter projects. Dr. Rhonda Anderson graciously accepted the well deserved 2009 Achievement Award from Dr. Lynette Molstad Gorder. Kappa Chapter members proudly presented President Mary Kay Black a quilt that shows that chapters cooperating and members learning a new skill (quilting), can draw us closer as sisters in the tradition of the society. The quilt is proudly displayed in Mary Kay’s home.
The Presidents’ March and Banquet at Quality Inn concluded the 2009 Alpha Pi State Convention. The Alpha Pi Chorus under the direction of Sharon Carr and accompanied by Betty Mudder sang; and Carolyn Pittman, the International Guest from Arkansas, spoke. She “Recharged” all with her appeal to make DKG relevant and inviting through knowledge of the benefits of membership, enthusiasm for “Creating the Buzz” in media, and each member developing a good “elevator speech” about DKG. The evening ended with outgoing President Mary Kay Black accepting a gift from past presidents and installing the new 2010-2012 state officers.

Beta Chapter has invited all to go “Rollin’ on the River” in Pierre in 2010. Let’s be there!
Expansion into Panama  
by Dr. Rhonda Anderson

The Delta Kappa Gamma Vision Statement describes its members as “Women educators impacting education world wide.” International President Dr. Carolyn Rants has announced that our vision continues to materialize with future growth into Panama. For the last three years the International Expansion Committee has been communicating with educators in Panama City to form a new chapter. In November of 2009, eighteen educators will be initiated and installed as the first chapter in Panama. Currently, Delta Kappa Gamma has membership in 16 countries. Please welcome Panama, the 17th member country, into the Delta Kappa Gamma family.

Travel Study Opportunities  
by Dr. Janet Shelver

Contact the Elderhostel organization (www.elderhostel.org) for a listing of 2010 travel opportunities in the United States and other countries also. Annually, through the Alpha Pi State Scholarship program, Elderhostel grants are available to South Dakota DKG members in the amount of $250.00. Consider making travel plans early, application forms/information are available through Jan Skott, Chairman, Alpha Pi State Scholarship Committee. Her contact information is jan.skott@k12.sd.us or 12921 386th Avenue, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

In 2009, twelve hostelships were available. The 2009 Executive Board approved the motion for Elderhostelship grants to be provided through the State Scholarship program. Plan now to receive a Dr. Margorie Beaty Elderhostel grant, the first to apply will receive a grant. Past recipients of the Dr. Margorie Beaty Elderhostel Award are not eligible. Confirmation of a tour plan is required. No background information is required, Delta Kappa Gamma membership is sufficient.

Other Available Awards  
by Dr. Janet Shelver

Marilyn Lee Award ($50.00) is available for a “First Time Attendee” at an international Delta Kappa Gamma Convention or a Northwest Regional Conference. The first member to present an application with a confirmed registration for a full convention will be the lucky recipient of the Marilyn Lee Award.
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White Roses In Remembrance...

Alpha Chapter: Mrs. Myrna Coyle (April 12, 2009)
Alpha Chapter: Mrs. Lois J. Bakewell  (Chapter Honorary) August 29, 2009
Beta Chapter: Mrs. Frances Schmitt- February 16, 2009
Delta Chapter: Mrs. Margaret Ann Long, July 11, 2009
Iota Chapter: Mrs. Hazel M. Morthland - March 3, 2009
Iota Chapter: Edith Anderson, June 14, 2009
Epsilon Chapter: Mrs. Ada C. Hynes, April 12, 2009,
Epsilon Chapter: Ms. Edna Scott-Johnson - (State Honorary Member) September 3, 2009
Kappa Chapter: Mrs. Marvel Newell  July 7, 2008
Mu Chapter: Miss Verla Park: April 26 2009

State Honorary Member: Mrs. Edna Scott-Johnson (September 3, 2009 at 96 years of age)

Edna Scott-Johnson was initiated in 1958 as an Alpha Pi State Honorary Member. She was listed for recognition as an outstanding contributor to education and public service in South Dakota. Edna served on the local and State School Board Association and on the Executive Committee of the National School Board Association. She served as President of the local and state PTA and State Board and also Committee Chairman. Edna was the co-chair of the Aberdeen Centennial Celebration, 1981.

Edna and Mrs. Frances (Peg) Lamont are credited with being initiators of the construction of the “Dakota Prairie Museum” in Aberdeen. Mrs. Lamont was honored and initiated as an Alpha Pi State Honorary member in 1980. She passed away on July 2, 2008.
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