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DKG Women's Educators Society International promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education.



HerStory: **Celebrating 150 years of Remarkable Canadian Women** was this year's theme of our April Symposium. Read all about it here.

A Cross-Border Day was held in Victoria hosted by our S.V.I. chapter on March 11, 2017.



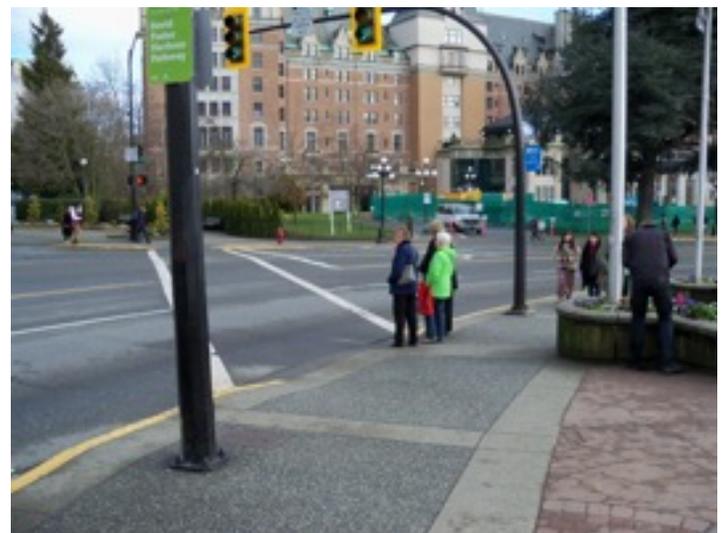
As always, I encourage each of you to check out our wonderful website kept current by Phyllis Stich. <http://dkgbc.weebly.com> **All chapter reports are on the web. Only some highlights in Totem Talk.**

March 11, 2017, A Cross-Border Day in Victoria.

South Vancouver Island (S.V.I.)
Chapter hosted this day.

- ~Pick up from Coho ferry of guests from Washington chapters.
- ~Pick up from Swartz Bay of guests from Vancouver Chapter.
- ~Seven Seater Van with guests from Fraser Shores and Vancouver Chapters arrived.

Twenty Women Educators then met at the Hawk and Hen for brunch at 11:30. One Victoria guest, Darcie was able to take our group photo as seen next. After feasting and getting to know each others stories, we had to decide...do we follow the plan or change gears because of the weather? We changed gears and thus in small groups wandered through the interesting streets of downtown Victoria and the Inner Harbour.





China Town, Rogers Chocolate, The Robert Bateman Center, Inner Harbour and the Empress (minus its ivy) were all stops that were made as well as Munro Books and Murchies.





We talked history, travel, art, current problems and solutions, and of course had to have chocolate. Rogers Chocolate is made with Fair Trade cocoa beans.

Two books of interest were bought by a member, The Inconvenient Indian by

Thomas King and I Heard The Owl Call My Name by Margret Craven.

In the evening we met at Lennor's home for a scrumptious supper prepared by the S.V.I. members. One of those members, Heather Bedard is heading to China to teach in an International School. We will hear about her experiences in a later Totem Talk.



Hearing about B.C. teachers' win. Washington impressed.

International News

Following is the information about the **World Fellowship** scholarships.

World Fellowship is a scholarship program for non DKG members living outside the United States and Canada. The World Fellowship Program was initiated in 1946 at the National Convention in San Francisco. It wasn't until 1958 that the program began to look like it does today. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a DKG standing committee.

Applicants apply through the Institute of International Education (IIE) when they plan to study in the United States. If the applicant plans to study at one of the approved Canadian universities, they apply to the DKG World Fellowship Committee in the province in which the approved university is located.

World Fellowship has come a long way from 1960. In 1960, the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Committee awarded \$2,500 and in 2016-2017 the Committee awarded \$91,200. Since 1960, 941 women from 122 countries have received 3.9 million dollars from DKG World Fellowship.

The 2016-2017 recipients are some amazing women. They are from 25 different countries and twelve are PhD candidates while the other eighteen are working on their masters. Their fields of study vary widely, from Women's Studies to Biomedical Engineering.

The World Fellowship Committee continues to work to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

If you or your friends know of women wanting to take advantage of this program please pass on the above information.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Attend an International Convention!

Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents!

As a Convention Attendee in 2020 you would be able to cast YOUR vote for international officers.

As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee to review the work of the 2012-2014

Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* to enable convention attendees to vote for officers.

In order for attendees to vote for the officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the **upcoming 2018 convention in Austin, Texas.**

Attend a workshop about the election process at your regional conference!

Learn the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options.

Cast your vote for the proposed amendments! (2018 in Austin)

COMMITTEE BLOGS (AND A BLOG FROM ANNIE WEBB BLANTON) ARE NOW PART OF THE DKG "UNIBLOG"!



**SUBSCRIBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
BLOGS(C&P, MEMBERSHIP, EEC, FINANCE,
CONSTITUTION), PLEASE NOTE:**

In response to members' suggestions, DKG is now posting all international committee blogs in a "uniblog" accessed from the home page at dkg.org (look for the "Blog" button just above the survey!). In this way, members will be able to find all blog messages quickly and will be informed about all areas of DKG. A new feature is included, as Founder Annie Webb Blanton will be blogging as well!

Note:

Tabs at the top of the blog will allow quick access to specific committee posts if one so desires.

All committee posts will now be done through the uniblog rather than through individual blogs on committee pages.

If you wish to continue following the C&P committee blog, please subscribe to the uniblog at <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/>

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Thanks for your attention to this message!

Judy Merz

Judith R. Merz, EdD



Get Connected!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

March/April 2017

What's a MOOC?

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is a term that emerged in 2008 for a particular type of open online course format.

Massive – 100 - 100,000 enrollment. Focus on scalability, community and connections.

Open – Open registration, open content, free of charge or affordable.

Online – Internet connection, local cohorts, real-time interaction.

Course – Self-paced, start/end dates, college credits, personal growth, badges (credentialing), learning community, scripted assessments and feedback.

MOOC Providers

Below are some open source platforms that provide diverse university MOOC courses. MOOC-list.com is a directory of MOOC courses from different providers.

- <https://www.class-central.com/>
- <http://coursera.org>
- <https://www.edx.org/>
- <http://openuped.eu/>
- <https://www.mooc-list.com/initiative/canvasnet>
- <https://www.mooc-list.com/initiative/futurelearn>
- <https://www.mooc-list.com/initiative/open-education>
- <https://www.mooc-list.com/initiative/udacity>

MOOCs: Educational Opportunities for DKG Members

Did you know you can participate in free courses at Harvard, Stanford and MIT among others? These institutions and other prestigious universities in the United States and around the world offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for the public. If you would like to refresh your specialization, retrain, or gain new knowledge, you can find courses to meet any need. MOOC courses are currently offered in 13 languages, the vast majority in English (80%), followed by Spanish (8.5%), French (4%), and Chinese (3.5%). The subject breakdown for MOOC courses has been fairly consistent over the last several years. The humanities, computing science, and business administration are the leading subjects, accounting for roughly half of all courses in 2013 and 2014.

A typical MOOC course might take place over 4 to 10 weeks, with the average time dedicated by a student averaging 2 to 6 hours a week. Course applicants can number in the thousands, while those who complete and obtain certificates are usually numbered in the hundreds.

Coursera.org and edX.org are two of the many open source platforms where you can find suitable MOOC courses. You can search for a subject, e.g. education, and the outcome will be a list of diverse courses from different providers. With a click on the course title, all information about the course will appear: where you can enroll, when the course starts, the commitment, the language, how to pass, etc. You must sign up to be able to participate in a course for free, or you can pay a small fee to get certification if you finish the assignments. In most courses, e-mails are used regularly with information about the syllabus and tasks. When you have finished the course, you will receive e-mails from the service provider from time to time offering new interesting courses.

In the near future, DKG is hoping to offer online courses for webmasters and editors.

MOOC

How Does a Student Participate in a MOOC?

MOOCs allow any student to enroll in a course as long as he or she is able to access the course materials online. MOOCs take advantage of various Web-based technologies, including learning management systems, conferencing session tools, video presentations, computer-based assessments, online communication forums, blogs, online multimedia, social media, and mobile technologies. These varied technologies allow thousands of students to have access to all the course content, formative and summative assessments, and support from their fellow students.





Scanning this QR code will link to the International website.

**B.C. is now
welcoming Marilyn
as first vice
president for 2017
-2019**

Fraser Shores Ladies are proud of their Marilyn,

The current issue of **Learn Magazine** has a great article about Marilyn. Marilyn and Misty are even featured on the cover!! Many of you already have a copy of this, but if you don't, go to the **Teacher Regulation Branch** website and then just click on **Magazine. On page 12 of the magazine you will find the article about Marilyn.**

Here follows just a sampling....

Marilyn Rushton has increasingly worked with students with complex needs who have vision loss, are in wheelchairs and have limited or no movement or language skills. As a result of this experience, she is currently developing a literacy program specifically tailored to these individuals. She is putting together resources to use which include objects, raised pictures, concept books and books in braille. She is quoted in the article as saying,

"I'm starting from the lived reality of my students. If you are in a wheelchair, and you can't see and you can't ask questions, what do you want to know about or experience?" The resources thus will help her students learn about and more fully engage with the world around them.

submitted by Ellen K.

Her Story: 150 Plus Amazing Women, 2017 Symposium

Once again we were welcomed in the library of the New Westminster Secondary School on April 29th for our AGM followed by the symposium.

We were surrounded by images of **182 exceptional Canadian Women** as we dealt with the business of the day. We were challenged to see how many each of us had heard of...the powerpoint photos were scrolling at various points throughout the day.

Candice James, Poet Laureate Emerita of New Westminster, highlighted four in a charming poem called Canadian Women of Inspiration.

CANADIAN WOMEN OF INSPIRATION

© Candice James, Poet Laureate Emerita, New Westminster, BC

Emily Carr said it with canvas and paint
With sweeping brush strokes both bold and faint.
She chronicled indigenous life in BC,
Pacific Northwest Coastal landscapes and trees.
The Encyclopedia calls her a Canadian Icon.
The Emily Carr postage stamp printed 1971...
A Canadian woman of inspiration!

Alice Munro said it with the written word.
A powerful eagle; yet a fragile bird.
She revolutionized the short story in form and design
Flowing forward and backward; transitioning time.
Master of the contemporary short story.
The Nobel Prize in Literature in 2013...
A Canadian woman of inspiration!

Celine Dion said it with music and voice
Creating a beautiful, beautiful noise.
In the 1990's she achieved worldwide fame.
Her hit songs made her a household name.
Her number one hit was "My heart Will Go On"
And her name and music will live on in her song...
A Canadian woman of inspiration!

Nancy Greene said it with skis and poles
On a mountain of snow to reach her goals.
She won Olympic medals in sixty-eight.
The Gold and the silver out of the gate.
Then the Order of Canada and Order of BC.
And named Canada's female athlete of the 20th century...
A Canadian woman of inspiration!

Artists, Writers Singers, and Athletes
Leaving their legacy in words thoughts and deeds.
Droplets of gold on our history's pages.
Their works will endure throughout the ages.
In Art, Literature, Sports and Song
Their names and achievements will live on and on...
They are.....Canadian Women of inspiration!

Registration started at 8:30 with our registrar, **Cathie** busy at the welcome desk and **Gail** and **Phyl** putting up posters.



Karin gave us the update on Kathleen Collins Education Foundation after which new

directors were selected. (Sheila, Karin, Sarah and Louise S.)



Here you see the new and outgoing executive board. Each was thanked by being handed a long stemmed red rose.

2017-2019 British Columbia Delta Kappa Gamma Executive.

Elected Positions:

President- President- Lorrie Williams, Fraser Shores

First Vice President – Marilyn Rushton – Fraser Shores

Second Vice President – Norma Westrom, Vancouver

Recording Secretary – Linda Delparte ,Fraser Shores

Corresponding Secretary – Cathie Harrower, South Vancouver Island

Past President-position will be shared by Sheila Pierce(Burnaby) and Orrie Babiuk (Fraser Shores)

Nominations Committee for 2019-2021 – Gail Mullan and Ellen Kadonaga , Fraser Shores

Appointed Positions :

Treasurer- Orrie Babiuk, Fraser Shores

Leadership Development/Music- Donna-Faye Madhosingh, Vancouver

Communications/Totem Talk/Expansion – Lennor Stieda, South Vancouver Island

Web Master- Phyllis Stich, Burnaby

History – Dorothy Raines, Burnaby

Member-at-Large/Parliamentarian- Ann Warrender, Vancouver

Educational Services – Daina Moore, Vancouver

Member- at - Large – Karin Breuer, Fraser Shores

Member- at - Large – Loretta Greenough, Fraser Shores

Chapter Presidents for 2016-2018

Burnaby – Phyllis Stich

Fraser Shores- Doris Wilcox and Linda Delparte

South Vancouver Island – Lennor Stieda

Vancouver – Ann Warrender and Frances Kolotyoluk

A Thoughtful Celebration of Life was held for four of our members:



Marjorie MacDonald (her life highlighted in a former TT)

Barb Howard, once the world's best female runner, at the DKG Convention in Detroit in 1980 she was the only black delegate.

Patricia McKenzie, thanks to her efforts many youths were helped at Covenant House which continues to be supported by some of our chapters on the mainland.

Louella Bates, showed her passion for multiculturalism while being a teacher librarian in the Vancouver schools.

Each of these women made a difference in their communities and beyond. They will be missed.

“buy the shoes,
drink a glass of wine,
order dessert first”

“Laugh Large
Live Large
Love Large “

If you haven't heard these quotes before,
take note now.



Penny Priddy, was our first guest speaker. In this photo she and Lorrie are moving the heavy podium into a better position.

Penny's talk was about a variety of women with the main theme being,

“**Nevertheless she persisted**”. She herself trained as a nurse, got involved in community recreation in Halifax lifting the handicapped to the fore. Here in British Columbia she has had many hats and is currently a director of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

“All women are multi-faced that make our community what it is. The trail we leave with our experiences is for others to follow.” Penny emphasized that the indigenous women were the ones keeping family units together.

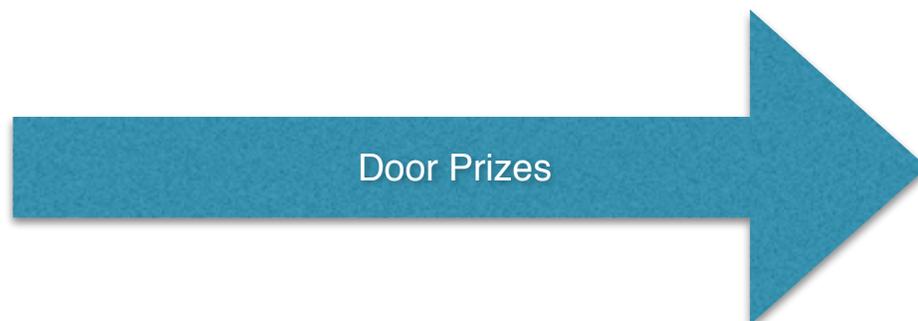
“**Voting is a right and privilege.**” Yet it took 16 petitions to government before caucasian women in April 1917 got the vote in British Columbia. In 1949 women of colour, and not until 1960 the indigenous people.

Women persisted when they told the oral stories, not being able to read nor write or being too poor to buy paper. People learn from stories.

Examples of women who persisted are Sylvia Stark, who started the first nursery for working mothers in Vancouver, Margaret Mitchell, who spoke out against violence of women in their homes and workplaces, Police Women, persisting on staying in their job, and the Japanese mother who persisted in getting their strawberry farm back.

Penny ended her speech by telling us,

“We have to pay the price for those who come behind us,
as someone paid it for us.”





During the symposium many door prizes were to be had.

Attendees also had an opportunity to speak about an amazing woman. Thus mothers,



teachers and neighbours were honoured.

Diane Macdonald, as General Counsel for the BCTF and co-counsel on two successful cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, held us spellbound with the information on how this law works. A polished and well versed speaker.



Astounding to hear that even now, 80 % of teachers in British Columbia are women. She dwelt on the intersection between equality rights, freedom of association and our labour laws.



Who said only older folk knit? Yeh, Sarah and Alexandria.

Rhonda is curious about the needles used.





Rhonda Larrabee, chief of the Qayqayt First Nations in New Westminster, is seen here after her talk with the thank you flowers and card painted by our **Area Rep Canada, Joan Wolfe**.

Rhonda had just returned from Saddlebrook, Alberta where her family said farewell to her 44 year old son-in-law who had died. 48 hours of traditional customs with the fires burning.

She told us about her NW Indian Band which is called Landless Band, not having a reserve to call home. They are hoping New Westminster will find them a piece of land to have. Her dear mother had been in the residential school in Kamloops and was so ashamed of her heritage that she insisted on living in China town and wanted her children to be more like their father. Another harsh story of what happened in the aftermath of residential schools.

British Columbia celebrates 65 Years of Membership in DKG, our Women's Educators Society.



Lorrie proudly cuts the cake.

The *QV Singers* entertained us over the lunch hour with charming tunes.



Leanne Ewen, District Curriculum Facilitator for the New Westminster School district and president of the Arts Council of New Westminster was our final speaker.

She used a power point to explain the creative new curriculum based on inquiry from Kindergarten upwards. Real life experiences are an important part. First Nations Principles of Learning are woven into the curriculum.

**“Do things with Passion
or not at all.**

**Wherever you go
go with your heart”.**





Celebrations Continued with honoring our this year's *Woman of Passion and Wisdom, Shirley Lang.*

Shirley amazes one with her dynamic competence to empower others. She has demonstrated an uncanny adeptness for bringing out the best in people. She never stops trying new adventures. Shirley's Kitchens of Distinction Culinary Arts Lt. has two branches, the Catering Services and Boutique Bistro. You should look up Kitchens of Distinction Culinary Arts Ld. on the internet. Once you do you will see why Shirley is definitely a woman of wisdom and passion. Congratulations, Shirley!

Unfortunately work didn't allow Shirley to head from Vancouver Island to the

mainland, so she sent us a thank you.

"I believe we never succeed alone. It takes those who are in the present and those we have walked with for a moment or for a long time, and those who silently watch and support us from the shadows to act, to move forward. In my life, I'm grateful to all those who have supported, encouraged and inspired me to always do better, to believe and to become a more enlightened version of myself. Anything I do in my life is achieved with the intention of the whole in mind. We have to do everything by ourselves, but never alone. So I keep moving forward even in the darkest of times....And I continue to be extremely grateful so that I can make this world a better place for my grandchildren and their children, and for our whole world.

Thank you for this wonderful high honor. I am so grateful. "

And then the surprise for our dear **Orrie Babiuk**, named as British Columbia's recipient of the **Achievement Award**. Phyllis listed all the numerous tasks, positions and leadership responsibilities Orrie has done for our membership. Norma presented the lovely gold pendant to Orrie on our behalf. Congratulations, Orrie!



Reflections From Lorrie Williams, our B.C. president

The **Spring Symposium** was a huge success as we celebrated **Great Canadian Women**. The list handed out at the meeting was not exhaustive and I was surprised that I was familiar with only 47 of them. Goes to show that we women do not toot our own horns enough. We belong in the historical pages of our country, not just politicians and generals. (Ask your chapter's president to share the list with you of 182 Canadian Women).

The speakers were engaging and then spent the day with us. Most members got to speak for one minute about their special woman and they were usually mothers or teachers. The poem commissioned especially for the symposium was read by the poet and featured four Canadian women. During the hot lunch we were serenaded by a youthful quartet.

A lot of thought and work went into this symposium and it was well attended. **My sincere thanks** goes out to the committee for the preparation, set-up, and take-down. And a very special **thank you to our new conference registrar, Cathie Harrower**, who also made our lovely name cards. Our biggest reward is the attendance. To those who made the effort to come, thank you for making it worth it.

Now, **please re-think the possibility of attending the Regional in Spearfish at the end of June**. Last night I received a call from a lady in Montana who offered to be my room-mate.

That has cut down on the expense. Looking forward to making a new friend

Raffle Baskets from Each Chapter raised \$600 towards our Canadian Project. (read about progress in ARC's report) Thank you everyone.



One of the lucky winners was ***Kelsey Anderson***. What a happy smile we see waiting to pour Canadian wine into a Canadian hand painted wine glass.



Here we see the **S.V.I. members with their guests**, Kelsey with her mother Cathy Anderson, Lennor with her granddaughter Alexandria Everitt, Cathie with her cousin Linda. Several of these guests wrote a reflection. So read on.



Reflections on the Spring Symposium – Celebrating 150 Years of Remarkable Canadian Women (Alexandria Everitt, Lennor Stieda’s granddaughter)

On a rainy Saturday we gathered in the cozy library of the New Westminster High School to celebrate 150 years of remarkable women in Canada. While Canada has many notable women of distinction I was thoroughly impressed with the acknowledgement and recognition of the many Indigenous women who have lived, worked and raised families on the land we now call Canada. When celebrating Canada’s 150 years as a nation it is important to remember the history of how we got here and the lives we impacted during colonization. It was fascinating to have **Rhonda Larrabee, chief of the Qayqayt First Nations** in New Westminster share the story of her mother’s desire to forget her heritage but Rhonda’s quest to learn her family history and embrace it. Another highlight was **Penny Priddy’s** talk titled *Nevertheless She Persisted*. In addition to celebrating many Canadian women, Penny spoke of many

“coloured women” and Indigenous women who persisted through their lives to do things better for others. The day was filled with other great speakers, amazing food and a wonderful acapella quartet.

Reflections from Linda Brotherston, guest at the conference.

Thank you, first, to Cathie Harrower for inviting me to your conference. It was a relaxing, friendly group and a relaxing day.

I enjoyed all your speakers, especially **Penny Priddy**. And, I had the opportunity there, after Penny's talk, to talk to some **Japanese Canadians** who had been affected by the World War II relocation, or had relatives directly affected. In my growing up years, I knew nothing of the Japanese relocations, but later learned that across the road from us was a property that had been confiscated from Japanese Canadians. It was sold to our neighbours, Ed and Betty, after the war. It was five acres, with a rustic, sparse living area by the barn and Ed and Betty built a modest two bedroom house on the property, and kept chickens, selling the eggs. The Japanese children who had lived on the property, had gone to school with my relatives, probably 12 or so years older than I, and these relatives witnessed the children being forced to move. Our family kept track of the moved family, and Ed and Betty found their descendants, and when both died, they made the property available to the descendants of the original owners!

Linda Brotherston

And Cathie Adds Some Thoughts as well:

I believe that New Westminster is lucky indeed to have the **Poet Laureate Emerita, Candice James** to provide inspiration and reassurance.

Her poem, Canadian Women of Inspiration, put into focus many of the tremendous contributions of Canadian women.

I enjoyed **Penny Priddy's talk**. The title, " And Still She Persisted," not only sums up the hard fought battles of women on so many fronts, but it is also a reminder for us to be ever mindful that with persistence, we can make all make a difference.

While **Rhonda Larabee** spoke briefly, she was able to connect with us all as she succinctly conveyed some of the **emotional upheaval and ramifications of Residential schooling, the legacy of which is so far reaching.**

Message From Your Area Representative, Canada, M. Joan Wolfe.

Hello to my British Columbia DKG Sisters. You were in the thoughts of many who wanted to be with you for your symposium, but were committed to the Washington State Convention. Regards also from your Washington Sisters who asked for you. I have wonderful memories of my time with you in December and January and look forward to future times together.

Are you planning to attend the NWRC in Spearfish, South Dakota? If you have not already done so, check out the information on the DKG website, get registered, and don't miss this opportunity to experience a DKG International event. It is a priceless experience in many ways, as I'm sure you have been told by those who have attended them. They aren't exaggerating!

I am thrilled that there is unanimous desire **to have a "Canadian" Canada Project** next, and look forward to proposals we can all get behind. The most recent update on **our present Nepal IWEN project** reported the purchase of bicycles to facilitate getting to school for disadvantaged young people. Our voluntary \$5 contributions make a huge difference for a child! It would be wonderful to have 100% participation in this most worthy cause. Is there a way we could support both an inside and outside of Canada project in the future? Something to think about and discuss at our Canada Forum.

A common challenge and growing concern at this time is filling leadership positions. Our culture presents so many options demanding our time, and many feel inadequate to assume the "responsibility". An original incentive for establishing DKG was to provide opportunities for women to develop leadership skills in a supportive environment, a goal to this day fulfilled by outstanding opportunities. The skills developed benefit not only professional, but also personal life functioning. At the end of my biennium as Beta State Ontario President, I wished I had had the experience 40 years before, and was grateful I hadn't missed it, even though belated. I resisted the ARC opportunity, at first feeling extremely unprepared and yes, again, inadequate. I am most grateful for the encouragement and insistence of those who had themselves experienced the position previously. I have grown immensely in so many ways, and all aspects of my life have been enriched by the experiences already enjoyed, (and we're not even half way through the biennium!). My **visit to BC** and Alberta was wonderful, and I have just been the international guest at the Washington State Convention, again meeting wonderful women and learning about how much **they enjoyed the**

exchange visit they had with BC. They are already looking forward to future exchanges. **The KEY in DKG is that you are not alone, you are never alone, and the true sisterhood that is DKG is experienced in a new and wonderful way when you step forward and take on the "challenges" stretching you beyond your comfort zone.** The well known experience of receiving more than you give when we offer our hand to others, is a special blessing DKG offers in many ways. Is there a position "calling" you? Don't wait to be invited, but, if you haven't already done so, step forward, knowing every member of a team is essential to the smooth, productive functioning of the whole. This incredible organization accomplishes so much all over the world. My passion for DKG stems from being able to make a difference as part of this society, that I couldn't begin to do as an individual. It's that "butterfly effect" at work. Annie Webb Blanton's dream is as relevant now as when she began DKG, so let's keep what she began alive and well, to continue making that significant difference. We need everyone, in order to accomplish the dream. The amazing benefits far outweigh the "sacrifices". To assume leadership is a delightful opportunity NOT a burden.

Are you "connected"? **Have you signed in and created a personal profile on the DKG website?** It is not at all onerous, for only basic information is required. Username is your 6 digit membership ID # and get the default password from your president. What a great way to get the broader picture of what is happening in DKG, be informed, and tap in to the available resources for ideas and advice. Remember that help is always available from headquarters, and is as close as your phone or email.

My number one priority and favourite part of the honour as ARC, is visiting our provinces and chapters. It is very special for me to be part of events and get to meet and experience first hand our wonderful members. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and making my visit so memorable.

Remember our wise International President Carolyn Pittman's words: **"You make a difference! We make a difference!"** The Butterfly Effect is a powerful phenomenon, not only in nature, but also in human relations.

From Your Editor, May 12, 2017

I just received the new **Collegial Exchange**. What a treasure trove of wonderful ideas and images. Something for everyone to enjoy, use in teaching, share with friends. Pick it up and read!

Thank-you, Lennor