



# Totem Talk

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## Pruning and Growing

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### President's Message

Happy Spring everyone!

I am writing this to you with the back doors of my kitchen open and enjoying the warmth of the sunny day. Yes, it appears that spring is in the air. Totem Talk's theme of "Pruning and Growing" is so appropriate with our current DKG BC activities. The "Name Change" proposal put forth by Donna-Faye Madhosingh under DKG BC, addresses the need for DKG to maintain and grow by

rebranding the DKG name. The proposed "Name Change" to **International Society of Women Educators**, is listed as #64 and #65 in the 3rd grouping of DKG Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and ISR. Unfortunately, the DKG Administrative Board has decided to recommend non-adoption of our proposed amendment citing an estimated \$65,000 administrative cost to International, in addition to other costs to Provinces/States and Chapters.

Fortunately, there is more than one side of what would help DKG. Let's do some math.

1) A history our membership (source 2023 DKG leadership training and DKG International):



From 1991 to March 2024 DKG membership has decreased by 117,840. So, in 33 years it has decreased by an average of 3571 members each year. If the current trend continues, and if our

membership continues to decrease at the same rate, and we don't do everything we can, then DKG will cease to exist in 14 years.

2) DKG International finances (source DKG website)

	<b>Adopted Budget 2022-2023</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 2023-2024</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Total revenue from Dues, Fees, other income	\$2.382.010	\$2.311.140	Decreased by <b>\$73,870</b>

This decrease is due to declining membership. This means that every year DKG has less money to spend on Conferences, Conventions, Training sessions and other educational opportunities including projects and scholarships.

3) Fiscal impact as stated by DKG Treasurer of proposed "Name Change" amendments #64 and #65 is approximately **\$65,000**. With our current membership of 50,160 this would amount to \$1.30 per member. Of course, this doesn't account for additional costs to states and chapters, but could it really be so much more? Even if it was \$5 per member, it would be less than a Starbucks Latte.

A name change to **International Society of Women Educators** won't completely solve the DKG Membership crisis, but rebranding could significantly help, and currently DKG membership needs all the help it can get.

Please look for the article in the upcoming Collegiate Magazine:

***Recognition With Rebranding: One More Tool to Use for Our Membership Crisis***  
**by Helen Ballam and Donna-Faye Madhosingh**

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**CONGRATULATIONS SWEDEN—50 years DKG!**



On March 23, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma Sweden. We gathered in the same hotel-restaurant as when the Swedish branch of our association was founded, called *Hotel Reisen*. It's a waterfront hotel with a superb view over part of Stockholm, including the island of Skeppsholmen. There were 40 of us present. We started by taking a group

photo on the right.

Lunch was a joyous affair, with a glass of champagne and a short welcome speech from me, as President of Sweden. I also thanked the Jubilee Committee and the Information and Marketing Committee who, in collaboration with Birgitta Johansson, produced a small book and also an informative flyer containing games/memorabilia.

We were fortunate that the Vice-President of Sweden, Karin Grundahl, acted as *toastmaster* at the luncheon. We began with recorded speeches from International President Debbie Le Blanc and





Marie-Antoinette de Wolf, European Regional Director which we played while showing their pictures on screen. The whole lunch was a long succession of moving, interesting, and funny speeches. Our association was also presented with gifts and souvenirs. We were honoured to have representatives from Norway, and their president brought us a rose from the president of Finland! I don't want to name some more than others, as that would be a bit unfair, but I must say that Marianne Skardeus's speech about our founder Dr Annie Webb Blanton was particularly appreciated.

*Picture from left to right: Charlotte Lindgren, President, Marie-Louise Nordesjö, Carina Tängring.*

After lunch, we were lucky enough to be able to visit an exhibition of paintings by the woman who has been called "The Greatest Nordic Woman Painter", Harriet Backer, at the National Museum of Sweden. Our member, museum educator Jeannette Jacobsson Rangner, acted as guide. Afterwards, some of us chose to see an operetta, *Hotell Vita Hästen*. The original title is *Im Weissen Rössl*, and the action takes place in Austria. The music was written by Ralph Benatzky, but the script and lyrics have been rewritten and adapted many times by many authors. Magnus Lindman produced a Swedish translation suitable for opera in Sweden.

In short, a memorable day, incredibly well orchestrated. We'll long remember Delta Kappa Gamma Sweden's 50th anniversary! I couldn't possibly mention all the people involved by name, so I apologize if anyone finds out.

Best regards,

Charlotte Lindgren

For more pictures and information on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/801681233200321>)

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 10:** Registration deadline for BCDKG Conference & AGM in person & Zoom

**April 15:** International Convention Member Art Gallery submission.

**April 20: BCDKG Conference & AGM**

**May 1:** DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Application (professional development & educational seminar funding for members and non-members.

**May 7:** Inside International; Zoom 5:30 CT

**May 15:** Report of Chapter Officers to Provincial DKG

**June 30:** Member dues to chapter treasurer

**July 9-13:** International Convention in National Harbor, MD

**July 15:** Chapter treasurer annual report to provincial treasurer.



## This and That!

### Getting to Know You!

One of the greatest and perhaps least explored benefits of DKG International, is the international connection. BC chapters are changing that.

SVI Chapter has reached out to the European community to get to know them better.

On March 9, at 6:30 a.m. SVI chair, Lennor Stieda joined Great Britain on Zoom to engage in a five round quiz event which was great fun. At 8:00 a.m. the same day she joined Manitoba to listen to their guest speaker.

On June 1 SVI will join a Zoom with the German chapters to learn more about what they are doing.

Fraser Shores members have connected with Sweden's members individually. We have become "pen pals" celebrating family events and sharing professional challenges.

### **Thoughts from "Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World" Winter 2024**

April 7: World Health Day:

[www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/](http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/)

April 22: Earth Day: <https://earthday.ca>

Check out their discussion on banned books. Some of the books being banned are classics. The American Library Association (<https://www.ala.org>) sponsors a banned book week in October of each year. *Canadian school districts are also banning books. Perhaps we need to learn more about book bans. (editor's comment).*

### Bursting the Bubble!

On March 1 the bubble, **Recognition** was burst. And we learned more about what that means to members:

- Spotlight on individual members. \*
- Spotlight on projects to support students and educators. \*\*
- International Achievement Awards given.
- Scholarship recipients.
- Educator Book Award recipients.
- Chapter and State level recognition. \*\*\*
- Doctoral recipients recognized at international conventions biannually.

*\*Did you know that Fraser Shores member, **Orrie Babiuk** was highlighted October 2021?*

*\*\*Ask a SVI member about the money they received to sponsor the ongoing work of Atzin in Tlamacazapa.*

*\*\*\*Can you name at least one member of your chapter that received the BCDKG Achievement Award?*

*\*\*\*Are you aware that BCDKG has an Educational Fund for members?*



There were no entries to our challenge to identify the burst bubble. SVI chapter members tried to find the burst bubble in their March meeting but were not successful. If members cannot identify the burst bubble, the marketing campaign is not successful. A hint for the second challenge of the burst bubble is given on page 11.

## Britain's DKG News

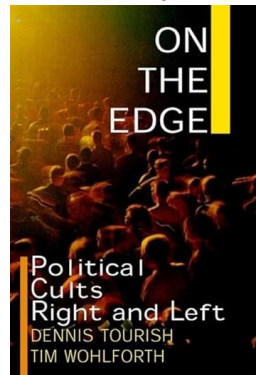


Thanks to Lennor, I received a copy of GB News in Brief, Spring 2024, the British DKG newsletter. Most often I read newsletters from the Northwest Region but occasionally, to my delight, someone forwards a newsletter from a different region. Along with a description of our European-Canadian Zoom event, I found the various chapter programs very interesting. The “Fashion City Outing” (Museum of London Docklands) organized by a member of Alpha chapter, described how Jewish settlers influenced the fashions and styles not only of

Londoners but internationally, made me think of the fashion industry that was once buoyant in Vancouver. I googled to see what is happening to that industry today and to my surprise, Google cited 53 fashion industries in Vancouver including 8 names that are known internationally. It seems the fashion industry has continued to thrive in Vancouver.

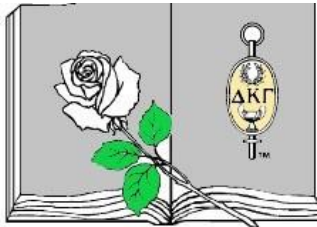
Professor Dennis Tourish spoke on Cults to Gamma Chapter. I looked up his book “On the Edge: Political Cults Right and Left” which looks fascinating. It is available on Amazon both in print and in Kindle.

Other outings sounded equally as interesting as did a discussion about the working conditions for teachers. It seems that few countries are exempt from the increasing workload for teachers, increasing parental demands, and increasing diversity of students and their needs.



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## A White Rose in Memory of Loretta Greenough



Loretta was a member of Fraser Shores Chapter (Gamma Chapter), since May 1, 1980, one of BC's longest serving members. Among other positions, Loretta was chapter president, state president (1995-97) and state treasurer (1997-2009). She was also treasurer for the northwest conference in 2007. Loretta hosted events, participated provincially and internationally and never

failed to support the work of Fraser Shores even though she moved to the interior shortly after retiring in 2002.

Loretta taught for 33 years in Coquitlam, most of those years as a teacher-librarian, thus it came as no surprise that on moving to Chase, she and her husband created “T&L Reflections—a little Museum” which she continued to expand and curate after her husband's death. She was honored for her work by the BC Historical Federation in 2010.



Her letter to Fraser Shores last fall describing the heroics of the people who saved the museum and her home from the inferno that destroyed much of the Shuswap area gave Fraser Shores Chapter the impetus to send her a cheque for \$200 to use as needed for helping her community rebuild. Hers was a life of success as described by Ralph Waldo Emerson: “To know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded.” Loretta's life touched many people; many lives breathed easier because she lived. Loretta was an inspiration to us all.



# New Brunswick celebrates Black History Month

Lennor Stieda



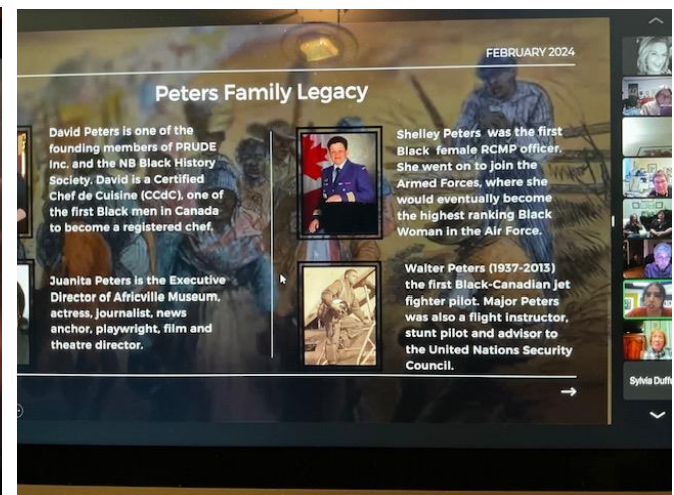
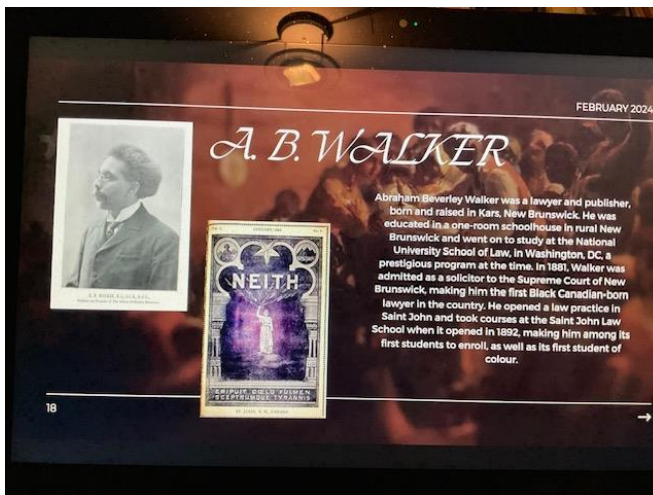
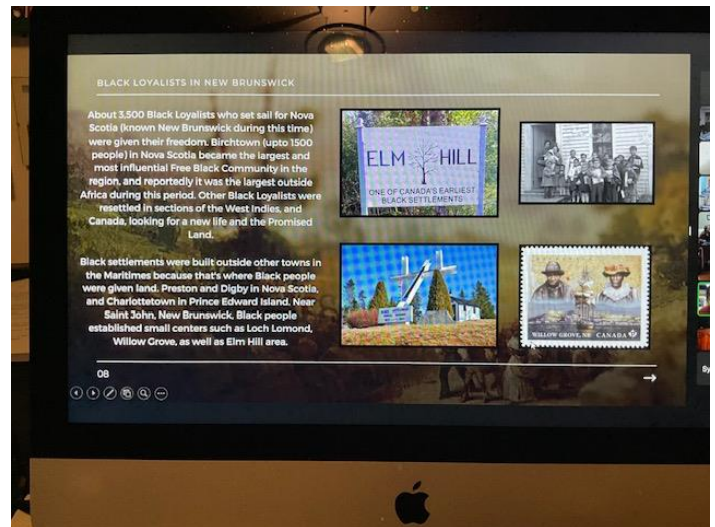
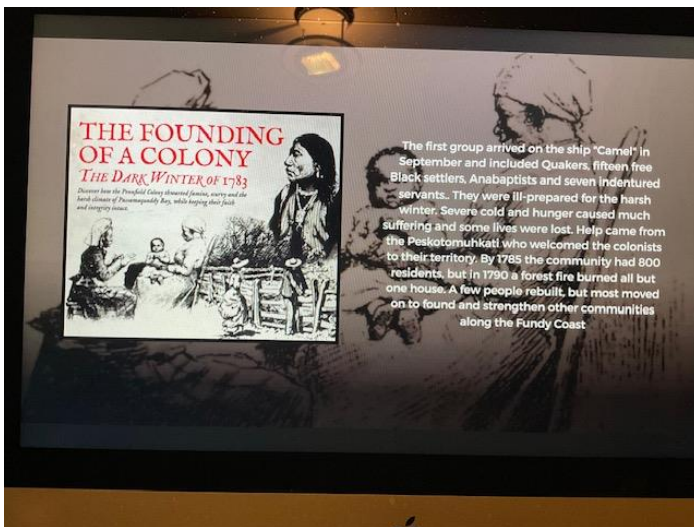
We are so fortunate that many opportunities have been made possible for us to learn from other chapter events...be it in Canada or one of the other countries where the Society of Women Educators International (DKG) is active. Do take advantage of these opportunities when they become available.

I was fortunate to be able to tune in early one morning when New Brunswick was hosting a speaker, Janu Nair, to kick off Black History month (February).

Janu, originally from India, did a great deal of research and shared it by way of a power point. I was only able to jot down a few notes.

She started out with the plantation slaves and the diseases that were brought resulting in many people dying. Slaves were basically treated like prisoners of war.

I took a screenshot of some of the slides as each photo had a great story behind it.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Fraser Shores Chapter

February 5, 2024

In February we met in Orrie's home to enjoy snacks and fellowship and listen to our guest speaker, Rev. Martha Camerson, Deacon of St. Barnabas Anglican church in New



Westminster.

Present were Orrie, Phyllis, Marilyn, Gloria, Patricia (Ellen's friend), Patricia K., Sydney, Gail, and Martha (our speaker).



We began with sharing our thoughts and memories of Loretta. All agreed that she was kind, warm, cheerful and will be missed. (see White Rose in Memory of Loretta Greenough p.4)

Rev. Cameron spoke about the food programs offered at St. Barnabas. She explained that the role of a Deacon is to serve as a liaison between the minister of the Church, the congregation, and the community. Martha is a retired Surrey School district educator (teacher-librarian), who, in her retirement, took courses at the Theology College at UBC to



become the Deacon. The Food Bank Program is a partnership between St. Barnabas and Shiloh-Fifth Avenue United Church. Volunteers distribute the food bags to over 200 families each week. About five pallets of food are delivered every Wednesday morning and distributed from 1:00 – 2:30 in the afternoons. They receive these goods from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, and through donations, supplement these goods with the purchase of pet food and sometimes other food items. No one is turned away.

Martha also gave us a handout, which included a calendar of where in New Westminster families can partake in meals.

**Letter from Rev. Martha Cameron following meeting on Food Insecurity**

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to St. Barnabas. What an unexpected surprise it was when I opened your lovely card. We will put it to good use! And thank you again for the evening we spent together. I so enjoyed hearing about your group. Please let me know if you would like to use our sanctuary for your May meeting. We can meet if you want to see the set up etc.

Would you please pass this link onto your members. It is a CBC podcast about food insecurity that I was telling Marilyn about, and I promised I would get her the link.

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/food-insecurity-charity-1.7042779>

Looking forward to working with you again soon, Orrie.

Cheers,  
Martha

Our business meeting included a number of items about the Avenue M Report survey, the **Spring Conference and AGM** to be held on **April 20** at the New Westminster Secondary School Library. Each chapter will bring a gift basket valued at \$80-\$100. Orrie and Gloria have offered to put ours together but welcome helpers.

Our **May meeting** with author Kristi Blakeway sharing information on her new book “Beyond Hello”. (see poster in this issue).

Gloria also asked members to consider taking on the responsibility of an assistant Membership chair at the provincial level, let us know that Phyl has updated our website [www.dkgbc.weebly.com](http://www.dkgbc.weebly.com) and reminded us of the **International Convention** which will be held in National Harbor, Maryland, **July 9 to 13, 2024**.

Gloria concluded the meeting with an inspiration from the book “The Coaching Habit” by Michael Bungay after which we enjoyed a lovely meal thanks to Orrie’s husband and Marilyn.

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.

*Golda Meir*





WOMEN EDUCATORS  
(DELTA KAPPA GAMMA)  
FRASER SHORES PRESENTS  
**KRISTI  
BLAKEWAY**

Author of *Beyond Hello:  
Rekindling the Human Spirit One  
Conversation at a Time*



# JOIN US!



### BEYOND HELLO

Kristi will share her journey and the untold stories of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.



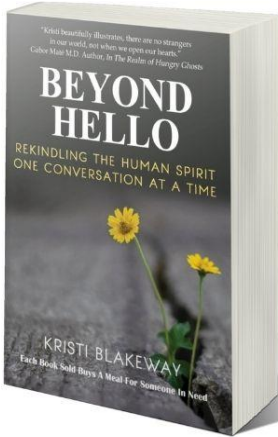
### DETAILS

Join us on Monday, May 6, 2024, 4-5:30 pm (presentation and time for questions) at St. Barnabas Church, 1010 Fifth Avenue, New Westminster



### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Sarmento at [gloriasarmento@shaw.ca](mailto:gloriasarmento@shaw.ca)



See this link for more details: <https://beyondhello.org/>

# South Vancouver Island Chapter

March 15, 2024

We gathered at **Darlene Kakoske**'s place with bright windows and ocean views for our March meeting. We were only six around the table, but what a great afternoon with an amazing presenter, **Grace Mathieson**.

**Grace** talked about Anti-Racism and its complexities. She is presently writing a curriculum for Middle School teachers and students grade 7 to 10. The title of the curriculum is **Standing Up For Change: An Antiracism Resource**.

Grace has a writing partner in **Ann Marie Anie** who lives and works in Hamilton, Ontario. They will search for a publisher to publish independently of any school district.

Grace discussed her upbringing growing up white as not having equal opportunity as certain students could choose options to study such as Languages (Latin) and History. Grace did not have this option and expectations were low. Grace could become a Nurse Assistant but there was little or no encouragement to become a nurse or doctor.

Grace created her own agency by studying more and completing a Master's in Education Degree from Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The area of focus was "Critical White Studies and Implications for Rethinking Schooling".

## **Key Points in the Presentation:**

- Anti-Racism is immersed in theory.
- How we identify as individuals is not always visible.
- Intersectional theory is an important concept with anti-racist work.
- We all must raise awareness and it is a constant journey to reflect on our actions.
- Developing empathy is a key skill to teach in the classroom.

We enjoyed looking at a huge selection of reading material on anti-racism: ie. Color Me Different; The Kindest Red; Meet David Suzuki; Story of Lincoln Alexander (First Black Former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario); My Best Friend is White; The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friend; Non-Violent Communication... and more.



We analyzed the term "White Privilege" which led to a very broad discussion in the group and animated talk!

Grace's Presentation left us with the feeling of 'We WANT MORE 'in terms of discussing Anti-Racism and its broad term and the meaning of "Intersectional theory".

We would love to have Grace again for further discussions on Anti-Racism.



Thank you, Grace, for taking time for us even though you have moved here recently and just had your delivery from Hamilton 2 days ago! We welcome you to your new West Coast Home.

(Picture from left around table: Gisela W., Grace M., Heather, Lennor, Pam.)

While eating a delicious lunch **Grace** shared photos of years ago when she and **Susan Smith** had become friends, and told us how Susan ‘found’ Tlamacazapa.

After dessert of frozen yogurt with strawberries, **Heather** led us in wonderful chair stretches.

Then came a couple welcome interruptions. Lennor received a call from **Gitta Franke-Zoellmer, the State President of Germany DKG** followed by another call from **Marika Heimbach the chair of the European Forum** committee. We agreed to have a zoom meeting on June 1st as a step to learning more about each other’s areas and lives.

As Lennor had been up at six AM on March 9th to listen



to the **British DKG Quiz**, she treated us to some of the questions and answers. Such fun, everyone got some points and did not have to say, “The dog ate my homework” or “we had a



supply teacher”.

We finished the afternoon with our hostess, Darlene, playing Ravel’s **Ondine** while we wrote, doodled or just relaxed. A *Carpe Diem* quote by Miguel Cervantes, “Believe there are no limits but the sky” and a Lindt chocolate concluded our meeting. The Tlama Donkey was passed around and we collected \$311 to help with Xochilt’s legal fees in the ongoing dilemma of Mexico’s judicial system. We thanked our hostess and said our goodbyes.





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Since writing the report, Lennor received a letter from Susan Smith updating us about the work in Tlamacazapa. The Kindergarten opened again last week part time and two of the 4 Primary Schools are open again.

However, Susan and the team are not able to continue the early stimulation program Tihueliske for out of school children. Susan also requested that the funds collected be donated to the education fund for Tlamacazapa through **Atzin** rather than towards the legal fees for Xochilt.



Grace has also registered to attend the Conference and AGM in April via Zoom, and will be joining our chapter.

**S.V.I. the small, vibrant, inviting chapter of DKG , Women Educators International in B.C. (Darlene and Lennor)**

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**LEADERSHIP DISCOVERY CENTER**

Check out the Leadership Discovery Center on the membership site of [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) . To sign in, use your membership number and your password. If you still have not entered a personal password, you can request help by clicking on the chat symbol on the right side of the screen.

There are two parts on this site: Leadership resources, a learning lab format that include videos and articles as well as leadership documents from Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands and Japan; and a platform of external resources and programs recommended by DKG.

**CHALLENGE 2**

Since April, a bubble is burst every two weeks. Burst implies a change in the appearance of the bubble—don’t be fooled by the word.

Only one prize offered this time—price of wines has increased (Lol).

First person/or group to email three bubbles (not Recognition) and provide 3 descriptors from each bubble, will win a gift card of \$35 for a wine of your choice. Send your answer to:

[editorttbcdkg@gmail.com](mailto:editorttbcdkg@gmail.com)

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities. *William Arthur Ward*

# Vancouver Chapter Report

**Monday, February 12**

**Dinner at the Arbor Restaurant and "Collage, Collage" Workshop**

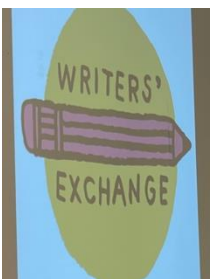
This month we decided to forgo our regular monthly meeting and decided to get our creative juices going. Some of us met for a vegetarian dinner at the Arbor Restaurant, and the partook in an artful evening at the **Collage, Collage Art Studio**. We all spent the evening creating beautiful collages. It was a really fun evening.



**Thursday, March 9 - Dinner at Granville Gardens and Meeting with special guest speaker Jennifer McLeod - Co-founder of the "Writers' Exchange"**

Jennifer talked about her non-profit organization called the "Writers' Exchange", a Vancouver charity that gets under-resourced kids and youth excited about reading, writing and their own potential. She showed us how they engage reluctant readers and writers in fun activities.

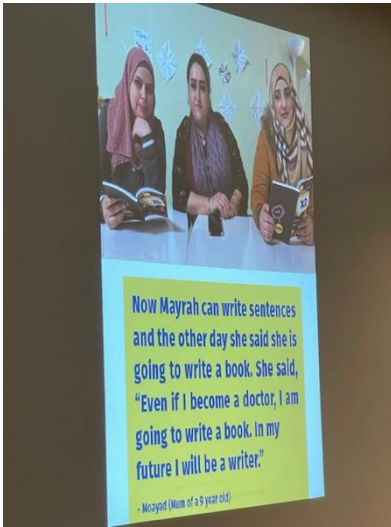
Born and raised in Vancouver, Jennifer has always loved books, from fantasy novels, to the classics, to fun summer reads. Whenever her family went on vacation, their suitcases would be extra heavy with all the books she would need for the trip.



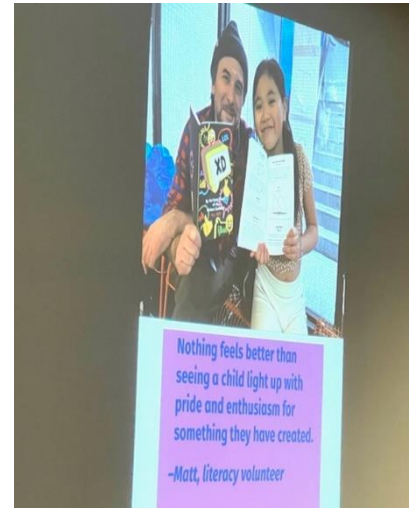
After graduating from SFU with a degree in English, she made the foolish decision to get into publishing, an industry known for its long hours and low pay. Jennifer found work as a Managing Editor at a skateboarding culture magazine, a job so interesting that she didn't even mind the work/work balance.





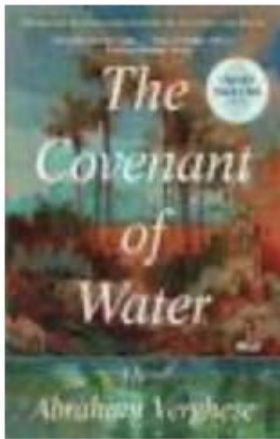


Eventually, her passions for reading and creativity and her belief in equity led her to co-found the "Writers' Exchange" almost twelve years ago. Jennifer feels lucky to work with such a supportive and inspiring community where she's met amazing volunteers, kids and their families and gets to learn new things every day.

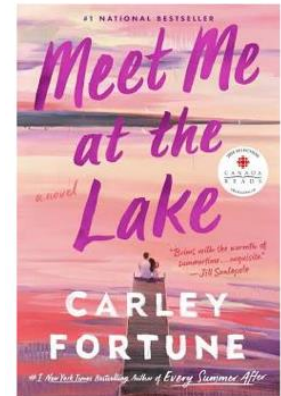


### Book Club

Our book club was busy during the last couple of months with 2 books. The first one was a New York Times best seller: *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. This saga, set in Kerala, on South India’s Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. This is a thick book but well worth it.



Our current book that was selected from the Canada Reads List was *Meet me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune. This is the story of a random connection that sends two strangers on a daylong adventure where they make a promise one keeps and the other breaks, with life-changing effects.



Report submitted by Helen Ballam

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### **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING**

In our *Collegial Exchange*, 2023-Vol.90-2 the International Communications and Marketing committee wrote an article “Promoting DKG’s “Magic Carpet Ride” to the movie *Aladdin* and the song in the movie, “Magic Carpet Ride”. They write: “*Delta Kappa Gamma is a magic carpet ride and journey for a lifetime. Members of our Society have numerous opportunities to meet amazing women from all over the world who share our passion for making a difference, experiencing new cultures, and striving for educational excellence.*” (p.51)

Who have you shared your experiences in DKG with? Who have you met through DKG that you might never have met in any other way? What experiences have you enjoyed? What speakers have you heard? What opportunities have opened up to you because of your membership in DKG? **Invite a friend to our Conference to share a magic carpet ride with you.**





# BC WOMEN EDUCATORS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM

New Westminster Secondary School - library, 820 6<sup>th</sup> Street. New Westminster, BC  
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.      Registration Fee - \$55.00

## International Guest Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - via ZOOM

Teaching in an International School and International Environment  
and

The Increasing Risk of Neurodegenerative Disease Associated  
with Poor Water Quality



Dr Richer received her BA in biology from the University of Chicago and her PhD in biology from Harvard University in 2004. She taught at the American University of Armenia from 2005-2007 where her conservation work was recognised by the Whitley Award, the UK's largest conservation award. She worked for Weill Cornell Medicine Qatar from 2007–2014 and continues to work in the field of environmental science, terrestrial ecosystems and sustainable development in arid regions. For the last decade she has been working to understand the physiology and ecology of photosynthetic organisms. This includes plants and cyanobacterial complex biocrusts in deserts and the bioactive compounds they produce.

Dr. Richer is currently employed at Duke Kunshan University in China.

## Special Guest Speaker - Sarah Wethered

Teacher librarian at NWSS and DKG BC 1st Vice-President

Decolonizing the Library Catalogue - Why we are kicking Dewey to the Curb

Sarah is well-respected teacher-librarian in the New Westminster School district. In 2020, Sarah was the recipient of the Angela Thacker Memorial Award which honours teacher-librarians who have made contributions to the profession through publications, productions or professional development activities that deal with topics relevant to teacher-librarianship and/or school library learning commons. In addition, Sarah has served as president of the NWTU, sits on the Royal City Literary Arts Society Board of Directors, and served on the DKG BC Executive and is our Recording Secretary.

In the morning, Sarah will be talking about her professional reconciliation journey of decolonizing her library's catalogue.



# The Day Plan

8:30 – 9:00 - Registration and coffee

9:00 – 10:00 - International Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - Session #1

“Teaching in an International School and International Environment”

10:00 – 10:15 - coffee break

10:15 – 10:25 - "Connecting" with Gloria Sarmento

10:25 - 11:30 - Special Guest Speaker - Sarah Wethered

"Decolonizing the Library Catalogue - Why we are kicking Dewey to the Curb"

11:30 – 12:00 – Catered lunch

12:15 – 12:45 – Musical performance

12:45 – 1:30 - AGM – Helen Ballam DKG BC President

- Executive Committee Reports
  - President’s report – Helen Ballam
  - Treasurer’s report – Orrie Babiuk
  - Membership Chair – Helen Ballam
- Celebration of Life
  - Fraser Shores – Loretta Greenough
- Woman of Wisdom and Passion – presented by Frances Kolotyluk
- Election and installation of New Provincial Officer –2024/2025
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president/Membership Chair

1:30 – 2:30 - International Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - Session #2

The Increasing Risk of Neurodegenerative Disease Associated  
with Poor Water Quality

2:30 - 3:00 – Door prizes, Raffle Draws, Closing Remarks and Adjournment



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.      Registration Fee - \$55.00**

### Registration

- Clicking on the following link will take you to the registration porthole.
- There will be instructions for both in-person and ZOOM attendance.
- In-person registration is \$55.00. There is no charge for ZOOM attendance, but you must register to receive the link.
- Members are encouraged to invite guests, but everyone must be registered.

**Here is the link to register. Instructions for payment can be found on the link:**

<https://forms.gle/xLnCpahpvuJ2xh8x9>

- Don't forget to click on "send".

**Please have your registration submitted by April 10**

If you encounter any problems with registering please contact:

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