

Highlights:

- Annual General Meeting and Conference May 6, 2017
- Transitions
- NERC: Windsor, Ontario

President's note: Bev's Farewell



For those who were present at the Convention & AGM you may not remember what I did say, but here is what I wanted to share at the closing:

Thanks to Anne Marie for all she has done to record and capture our memories from the past two years.

Her recording and beautiful presentation of our 60th anniversary celebration will be archived on our website.

Our pins and special bookmarks will be keepsakes for each member and will also be

used to promote DKG Quebec in the community at large.

To our special DKG guests, Evelyn Barron, Past President International (2000-2002); Anne Bailey, Plattsburgh, New York; Morag Gundy, Ottawa, Ontario; Marika Heimbach, Germany (who brought us the candle of "Friendship across Borders"); Elena Mirga, North Lancaster, Ontario; and Cheli Nightraveller, local guest speaker, as well as all our local guests and volunteers - your overwhelming energy and support made this a remarkable event. I want to thank in particular Jacinta Duplan (decorations), Vicky Vrinotis (photography) and Alexander Phillips-Yared (videography).

Thanks to all our members of the executive for their hands-on support and to all those who made the 'miracle' of the

2017 Convention and AGM a reality.

Knowing that this is now tried and true, I hope that we will continue **to embrace the past and enrich the present ... so as to... ensure our future.**

All the best to Barb as she takes us forward into the next biennium.

**Beverly Townsend,
Past President,**



DKG Quebec, 2015-17



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Embrace the Past

We embraced the past by honouring Marianne Davis on her 100th birthday as the last surviving founding member of Gamma Province Quebec as we were then known. We renamed the Early Educator Award in her honour. It is now the Marianne Davis Early Educator Award. Always an Educator, and with her usual quiet determination, Marianne reminded us of our roots through her booklet, *DKG in Perspective*, written at the age of 90, to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2006. DKG Quebec is very fortunate to have had Marianne Davis, along with eleven of her colleagues including Jean Aldridge, Beatrice Andrews, Grace Campbell, Margaret Dickson, Evelyn Eaton, Dorothy Ewing, Margaret Kingsley, Barbara Lax, Mary MacLeod, Margaret Nix and Jean Pepler to light the fire over 60 years ago that started burning as Alpha Chapter Quebec and is now a steady flame: DKG Quebec.

Also to be remembered is Ann MacLeish, to whom Bev dedicated her biennium. Ann was Director General at the PSBGM in an era when it was difficult for women to rise to prominent positions. She was the first one to break the Glass Ceiling at the Board and held her position with distinction. We also remember all those exceptional women who have gone before us. May they all rest in peace.



Necrology Ceremony DKG Quebec Ceremony of remembrance For Marianne Davis

JUDY: We as members of DKG International come together to honour the memory of our dear friend and member of DKG Quebec Alpha Chapter, Marianne Davis

During her lifetime she was all the organization represents – a key woman educator. She performed her educational tasks and her community involvement with enthusiasm, dedication and responsibly. She aimed to enrich the lives of those she taught, with whom she worked and with whom she interacted.

Eulogy by **TERRY SABA**

RENA : We mourn Marianne's death because we will miss her; but death is another beginning for our friend. She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues, friends and family. Let us remember her always keeping her memory alive by continuing her work.

ERIKA: As we remember Marianne may we unite in a rededication to the Seven Purposes to which our organization is dedicated, and which exemplified her character.

HUGUETTE: Marianne was loyal and faithful to the people in her life, to all her commitments and all forms of service. She placed the good of all beyond that of self. May each of us dedicate ourselves to follow in her steps.

ANNE MARIE: Marianne, we place this flower here as a symbol of the love of your DKG sisters and for all those who were touched by you in your lifetime. A rose will be dearer to us as it recalls your memory.

EULOGY FOR MARIANNE DAVIS

By Terry Saba

In all of her incredible 100 plus years Marianne Davis never lost her air of grace and wisdom. In the photos we saw at the visitation I was struck by two things: how little her face had changed from the young woman she once was and how proud she was of her wonderful family.

Marianne was a teacher, a consultant for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, and a founding member of Delta Kappa Gamma Quebec. She was a member of the United Empire Loyalists of Canada and an active member of Trinity Memorial Church along with her sister Ruth. Both were recipients of the Bishop's Award for loyal service from the Anglican Archdiocese.

These are just a few of the factual details of her life but the great legacy she left was the deep love she had for family and the deep love she had for life. I don't think you reach the age of 100 if you don't have a love for life! In every picture I saw where Marianne was surrounded by family members, she wore the broadest smile that clearly spoke of her pride in each one of them. No doubt each of them holds a special memory of Marianne because each one knew, through her words and loving actions, that each was special in her eyes and cherished in her heart.

In speaking with her great-nephew, David Morgan, he recounted receiving newspaper clippings from his great aunt through the years on the subject of whatever he was currently invested in. After her passing the family discovered, unbeknownst to any of them, that she had done the same thing for each of them. Loving acts.

Earlier in this school year I nominated a teacher for the Early Educator's Award, an award intended to encourage young teachers in their early years of practice. The teacher I nominated was chosen as the recipient and she attended a ceremony held at Westmount Manor, where Marianne was living at the time, to accept her award. When I recently told this teacher of Marianne's death, she was immediately saddened but equally grateful to have had the opportunity to meet the wonderful lady for whom the early educator's award is named. That ceremony was probably the last one that Marianne presided at for DKG and speaks to her lasting commitment to the DKG goal of inspiring young women teachers.

Marianne Davis wore all of her titles proudly. She was undoubtedly a teacher's teacher but she was also a student - a lifelong student of learning that was fueled by her curiosity. She was quiet and unassuming but she was very wise.

We are all honored and blessed to have known her.



Left to right: Terry Saba reads her Eulogy with Rena Entus, Anne Marie Laurin, Barb Angus, Erika Sebaldt and Huguette Drouin. Not shown: Judy Szamosi

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Enrich the Present

Carolyn Pittman's message to DKG Quebec - December 2016 60th anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to the Quebec State organization on its 60th anniversary as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Congratulations also for having 30-year members - nine in total, one of whom was a founder.

I have stopped at the website and looked at your newsletter, The Gamma Gamut. It is an excellent newsletter!

And congratulations to President Beverly Townsend. I look forward to meeting you at Windsor at the Northeast Regional Conference, July 12 to 14 and at the International convention in Austin in 2018.

Thank you for being leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.

Note of Thanks from Valerie Delacretaz, our 2017 Achievement Award Winner For Outstanding Service

May 2017

Dear Sisters of DKG Quebec,

Please accept my most sincere thanks for honouring me with the Gamma Province Achievement Award at our 2017 Convention.

I can honestly say I was totally surprised, even nonplussed, to have my name announced shortly after being acknowledged for a 30-years membership in DKG.

DKG has been dear to my heart for three decades now! However, I must say that its purposes are as relevant today as they were for its founding members in 1929.

We are most blessed in DKG Quebec with women educators who continue to hold those original purposes close to their hearts!

I love my Big Blue Hug artwork which now stands on my desk, prominently displayed. It will forever remind me of 30 years spent in the company of such inspiring women.

To be truthful, I have been the recipient over the years of far more than I could ever give.

Yours in DKG,

Valerie

Right: Bev presents a 30 year pin to Valerie Delacretaz for services rendered



Right: Valerie Delacretaz was also awarded the 2016-17 DKG Quebec Achievement Award



Val gives thanks for award

JUNE 2017



May 2017
 Dear President Bev
 and Gamma State, Quebec Sisters:

Again it is with regret that I cannot be with you for your AGM and culmination of your 60th Anniversary. It has been an exciting and rewarding year for you and I applaud you on your most successful celebration of a significant milestone. I extend my condolences on your loss of your very special Charter Member, Marianne Davis. A great loss to Gamma Province, but a tremendous blessing that she was able to enjoy the incredible tribute you organized and celebrated with her. What a send-off to her heavenly "home"! What a blessing that she saw her 100th birthday and enjoyed the adulation of celebrating her 60th DKG Anniversary.

Congratulations on the vibrancy of Gamma Province Quebec, your increased membership, your wonderful, exuberant presence at Nashville supporting DKG at the International level, and all you do to make a difference as "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide". Thank you! Blessings as you continue your DKG journey.

Sincerely with Gratitude,
 Jan Wolfe
 Area Representative Canada
 2016 - 2018
 on behalf of your Canadian & International
 Sisters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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May 6 Convention and Annual General Meeting



We were serenaded by 3 flautists from Lindsay Place High School in Pointe Claire.



Pictured from left to right: Bev Townsend, Ardis Root, newly reinstated Audrey Roberts, Hyacinth Layne, retired PSBGM & LBPSB administrator, and 30-year veteran, Valerie Delacretaz.



We were pleased to have Elena Mirga join us. Elena was president of Gamma Quebec (1999-2001)



Anne Bailey from Plattsburg, N.Y. drove up with Marika Heimbach with promises to build stronger ties across borders.



Jeanne Antoniazzi encourages DKG Quebec to continue the Haiti Project, as she once benefitted from a benefactor when in Haiti to fulfill her dream to become a teacher.



Cheli Nightraveller, our local guest speaker, is touched by Bev's words of thanks for speaking to us about the devastation of the residential schools and the emotional scars left in its wake.



Marika Heimbach presents Beverly Townsend a candle of friendship. May it burn forever bright!

Beryl Ball's Inspirational May 6, 2017 DKG Quebec Convention

Good Morning, Members of DKG Quebec and Friends,

When I first visited Great Britain in the mid-1950's, I was intrigued by the mortar-less stone walls that stretched for miles and miles across the Yorkshire dales. There seemed to be no end to the low, grey structures that wove their way up and down the rolling hills.

I was used to seeing the stone walls in Quebec's farmlands, but they tended to be just stones piled up as they were removed from the farmers' fields. The walls in England were painstakingly crafted, stone by stone, to withstand the test of centuries of weather. Some of the stones were smooth and round, while others were rougher and angled. Each stone had been placed with care, and held in position with smaller, perhaps sharper-edged pieces, the walls held together by the pressure exerted by each stone upon its neighbour. I was struck by the time and patience the farmers had expended to create such works of art.

Life is a bit like those stone walls. People come in all shapes, sizes and colours. We bring to life different wants, interests, talents, and abilities. Civilization is created by being able to fit together all these different "stones". Some of us are blessed with great talent, some of us have to chip off the

rough edges to fit, some of us are the smaller, hardworking pieces that are essential for the stabilizing and holding together of our civilization.



Photo: Vicky Vriniotis

Many people in the world are "big stones" who have money and power to do great things for humanity, but those big stones have to be supported by smaller stones. Great deeds are fine, but life is the sum of small deeds. At times in life, we may be the big stones essential to building civilization; at other times, we may be the smaller pieces essential to creating stability.

Our works in DKG with Haitian students, with new teachers, with student teachers, and with students from around the world are examples of the key stones that are vital to the building of a strong and stable society. A wall that is not properly fitted and securely anchored will not last. It will crumble into its separate pieces. A society, where each person works with others to better the lives of people, has a greater chance of success and survival than a society where everyone works in isolation without thought for other human beings.

Whether you be big or small, talented or slightly talented, round or square, you are all vital to the building of a successful, purposeful, and peaceful world.

- Beryl Ball

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Esmie Foster who has attended several DKG Quebec meetings over the years.



Morag Gundy brings tidings from Ontario



Peggy O'Neil, Jacintha Duplan, Bev Townsend, Betty and Mimose Constant



Audrey Roberts and Rena Entus



The Can-Can Girls! DKG always CAN-CAN



Millicent, Rena, Tracy and Anne share good times



Rena worked hard fundraising for NERC



Diane Carroll-Phillips introduces Cheli Nighthtraveller, who was our local guest speaker



Left: David Morgan, Marianne Davis' great-nephew with Erika Sebaldt



Danielle Gagnon and Beryl Ball



Erika Sebaldt is thanked by Bev Townsend for her service to DKG Quebec



Sylvie Bastien-Doss introduces Evelyn Barron



Estie Kleinfeld thanks Evelyn Barron



Above and Below: On top of the Mountain! Mount Royal lookout

Evelyn Barron brought greetings from DKG International and congratulated DKG Quebec on our 60th Anniversary.



Bev presents Evelyn with a red rose



Above and Below: Evelyn and Bev toured downtown Montreal



Ms Evelyn Barron is currently contracted by DKG International to be the author of the 4th volume of the Society's history, *Our Heritage*, which will cover the years from 2008-2018 inclusively. The volume will be in a searchable digital format.

In the last issue, Spring 2017, I referred to Evelyn Barron as our ISF speaker. In fact, Evelyn came as a representative of DKG International. My apologies for the error.



- The Editor

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Anne Marie Gitto Laurin presents Beverly Townsend with a gift of thanks for her biennium



Elena Mirga, Cathy Bannan and Bev Townsend



Peggy O'Neil formerly from Coronation School and now at Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board with Rena Entus



Vicky Vriniotis, our official photographer, takes a well-deserved break



Alexander Carroll-Yared volunteered to be our videographer for the day.



Bev thanks DKG Quebec for her gift and the time she spent as President



Presidents Beryl Ball (1991-93), Valerie Delacretaz (1995-97), Rena Entus (2011-13), Mindy Spiegel (2001-03), Barb Angus (2017-2019), Beverly Townsend (2015-2017), Anne Marie Gitto Laurin (1997-99), Elena Mirga (1999-2001)

Ensure The Future



Above: Initiates light their candles to show their commitment to DKG values



Our initiates: Betty Constant, Tracy Woodward, Mimose Constant and Nathalie Malamé

Installation of new slate of state officers



Bev places Marianne Davis' President pin on newly installed Barb Angus, 2017-2019 President for DKG Quebec



Barb Angus gives her acceptance speech



Estie Kleinfeld, Sylvie Bastien-Doss, Beryl Ball and Tara Wheeler are installed as state officers for 2017-2019 by Cathy Bannan Sidorenko and Rena Entus

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ENVISIONS EDUCATION – MAKING LEARNING PERSONAL

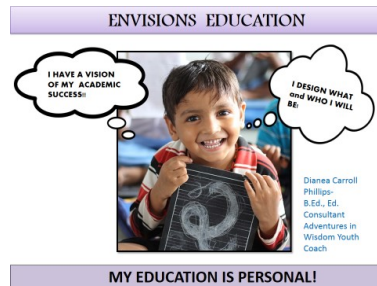
By Diane Carroll-Phillips

Today's educators have many challenges that they face. Some challenges are as old as time itself and it comes down to a few questions asked by thousands of teachers around the world: "How do I get my students to take responsibility for their learning? How best can I teach them to be accountable for their learning outcomes? What can I do to show children that they are the ones in charge of designing "who and what they want to be?"

Not unlike many other teachers over the years I too was challenged by these questions. Today's students have so much to learn and most of it comes down to the classroom teacher trying to juggle all the educational balls in the air in order to meet the academic and social needs of every child.

After acquiring a PPCC Certification in life coaching and a second certification in youth coaching, along with close to 29 years of being a teacher and a consultant, one of the most important "Ah! Ha! moments" came to me. I needed to shift my thinking and ask myself; "How can I help children to make learning personal? What does life coaching have to do with it? How can I help students recognize and then get rid of limiting beliefs that keep them from making attempts or trying to improve their skills? It was a moment of personal awakening for me. This veteran teacher now was about to create a new trick for her trade. The answer is: perform a marriage between the two domains of teaching and life coaching. Create a powerful program that would teach children to take responsibility for their learning, and show them how to take direct and intentional action steps towards their personal learning outcomes, as well as to have them work more independently towards their personal goals.

Eh voila! "Envisions Education™" was born!!



Envision Education uses "Creative Envision Boards and Envision Journals™" in an innovative approach to enhance the educational and personal development of children. It combines intentional goal based learning and life coaching skills that empower children to want to improve and work towards mastering skills.

Nowhere, until now, has the concept of life coaching and journaling been tied into vision boarding. They are typically seen as separate entities with vision boarding falling more into the realm of the Arts, and journaling into recreational writing where often children struggle to come up with topic ideas to write about. The winds of change arrived when I began encouraging students to look deeper into what they needed to improve upon academically. The next step was to set personal learning goals by creating an Envision Board and then journaling their personal journey. This was a way to tell their individual stories of change and improvement. That was when students began to take charge of their learning and progress.

When creating an Envision Board, students use multiple media to illustrate and create focused thoughts and intentions as is also done when writing their journals. Complimentary to this, students get to explore and delve into artistic expres-

sion which can provide some "therapeutic value" as they create, or select images for their collage-like work. A child who struggles with spelling may design an "Envision Board" that incorporates all of his/her immediate or future dreams and goals. So while the child pastes or draws images of wanting to be an inventor, they may also include that they want to improve spelling or math. The realization is that most inventors need to be able to spell, have math skills and write well. However, none of these will improve without an action plan. So combining their future wishes and visions for improvement, along with planning identified tasks to improve spelling in their journals, demonstrating how/what they are doing to improve math and writing, puts them on a direct path towards owning their problems and doing something about it by themselves. Who gets to decide all of this? They do!



During the process, it has become evident that the journaling process can be the pivoting moment in the lives of the students as they move from Envision Boards towards intentional change. It is a means to dialogue with themselves about how they are meeting and working towards the manifestation of their academic and personal visions. For example: being more skilled at reading, writing, math, spelling, or any subject for that matter, develops self-confidence and raises self-esteem. Learning to speak out loud, communicate their thoughts, and

be more committed to their personal learning goals is what will ultimately define a child's personal and educational success.



When children use VISION JOURNALS in combination with the ENVISION BOARDS, realizations of what they can create or design with intention for themselves is unleashed. The dialogue between the writer and the board creator becomes laser-focused in the mind, driving their visions to the fullest intent towards obtaining the goals they desire.

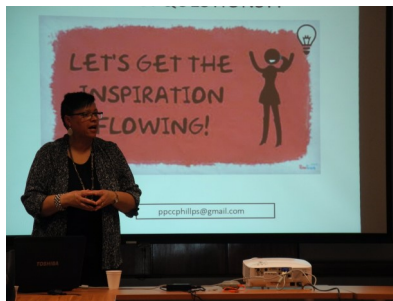
For example, a child who wants to be better at math may cut out, draw or illustrate numbers on their Vision Board. However, in the journal, they hold themselves accountable and write a response about the moments of discovery where they plan practice activities and experience improvement. More importantly, they keep track of their own progress by describing changes, shifts and overall achievements.

Portfolios, electronic or otherwise, are highly recommended: students write about what they are doing to make the changes they need, suggestions on what more they can do to improve and incorporate their feelings into the topic. They construct their knowledge and move up the ladder of personal success at their own pace. The journaling process also helps them to write with a purpose, review, re-message themselves, think about and write about what they can do to make their goals a reality. "VISUALIZATION + ACTION = GOAL ATTAINMENT"



Finally, the benefits of this program are clearly becoming evident in its first year of infancy. The Envisions Education program approach is helping students from Grades 2- 6 input information and amplify the power of their subconscious mind, in an effort to attain what their "Educational Hearts" desire. They are learning to leverage the process of Creative Envision Boarding and Envision Journals to understand the laws of attraction... "Academic Attraction."

The program helps children to connect emotionally to their learning. It is not just regurgitation of facts or information; it is about their personal desire to be better at what they need to do in education. The students respond literally with their own words to acquire new subject areas and higher level language skills. Teachers do not have to hold children



accountable for their learning with this program. Rather, the children demonstrate their own individual accountability. The process of learning becomes more about how they will make the choices a learner must make each and every day by taking risks, uncovering knowledge, thinking critically and strategically planning for becoming more confident and better at what they do today, for tomorrow.

This program guides children by helping them see that they are not supposed to be perfect at everything they do. Acquiring skills is like growing up. It takes time and multiple attempts to learn but we must provide a spirit of keeping the fires of learning burning and encourage our children to find the ways so that they never give up.

The program also inspires children to want to make attempts towards being better at what they need to do. They get to emotionally connect to, feel and see themselves in the future they need.

I firmly believe that it is time to put the responsibility of education into the hands of our learners. Even at the earliest of ages, Creative Vision Boards and Envision Journals™, move children to achieve what they believe and adopt the philosophy that they can do anything if they plan for it and act on it!

To learn more about this program, please contact Dianea Carroll-Phillips through DKG Quebec: dkgque@gmail.com



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Dianea with gift made by Rose Szasz

Women Builders

By Nathalie Malhamé

On the 2nd of June, ten EMSB educational professionals teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to help a single mother, Stacey, and her son build a home in Ormstown.

The team members were Royal Vale Principal Nathalie La-croix-Maillette, Royal Vale teachers and support staff Laurence Elmoznino, Patrizia Battaglia, Yasmine Joseph, Nathalie Malhamé, Megan Gaspar and Tanya Saad, Royal Vale parent and Home and School member Laura Iorio, Royal Vale parent and Westmount Park teacher Darlene Kiley and Vincent Massey Vice-Principal Lisa Ancona. Nathalie Malhamé is also a DKG member.

Before the actual build day, the team had to raise \$5000 which they did thanks to many generous donations from several members of the community including friends, family, colleagues and also from a couple of DKG Quebec members.

News of the project spread quickly on the social media such as Facebook and donations came in internationally as well.

Habitat for Humanity provided transportation from St. Henri's Home Depot to the building site in Ormstown. They also offered the team lunch and a goody bag consisting of a water bottle, a shoe-shaped dispenser, a tape-measure and a Habitat for Humanity t-shirt.

Once in Ormstown, the team's captain, Laurence Elmoznino, who had read about the project on Facebook coincidentally discovered the house would have the same number 110 as her own classroom. Was it serendipity? Destiny? A sign?

The team was lucky enough to meet Stacey and to learn a little bit about her journey. Stacey is a nursing assistant who works two jobs. Her little boy is 8 years old. She also volunteered several hours to help build her future home.

Julie Montpetit from QPAT was on site with tea and coffee for all the members and managed to interview both Stacey and the EMSB team. She filmed the team hard at work and the segment should be available on the QPAT website shortly.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers Maxim, Andrée and Joseph divided the team into three and took them under their wing with much patience, humour and kindness.

The team learnt how to tile a floor; use an electric saw and a nail gun; cut, measure and seal baseboard mouldings and to use their team work skills in a different setting. They also hauled in an entire truck-load of kitchen appliances and shelves themselves. Muscle-work!

In just one day, the team had learnt so much and felt such gratitude to Habitat for Humanity for making it possible! They bonded with each other, felt empowered and felt happy to work together to help a family in the Quebec community.

They were also happy to set an example for their students and/or daughters by going beyond gender stereotypes and showing that women can be builders and strong leaders too.



Habitat pour l'humanité
Habitat for Humanity

Les Bâtitseuses 2017

We build

The house you build
The home you make
Lives are changed
With the time you take.
Walls, a roof, ceilings and floors
Done with compassion and care
Mean so much more.
This may not be your trade
And you're not afraid to take part
We women are strong, brave and very very smart.
Helping with my house
Making safe place for my son to grow.
Has touched my heart so deeply
More than words can ever show.
I hope you all have a chance to feel the same way.
The joy I will feel on my moving day!
Thank you all so much

Stacey

What the Heck is Coding?

By Tara Wheeler



As a girl, did you ever have a music box? And, like me, did you take it apart to try and figure out how it worked? It turned out to be quite simple, when the steel prong hit a bump, the bump it hit corresponded to a particular musical note. Wind it up and the series of bumps being “played” resulted in a wonderful musical score. Coding is sort of like that. Programmers are artistic engineers who know what bumps to use to create the online environment that we take for granted everyday.

Kate Arthur is a young, vibrant woman who is dedicated to bringing coding curriculum into our classrooms. She presented at our general meeting in March of this year. In 2013 she started a company called Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ). Their original goal was to empower young girls, before gender stereotypes set in, to learn how to code. Kate and her team knocked on elementary school doors offering their services and it worked! Today KCJ is expanding across Canada, bringing

teacher training and community workshops about coding to all.

Coding has come a long way since the music box. It is infinitesimally more complicated now. In a nutshell it is what needs to be done to make the computer “do” something: something, like allow us to click on the send button, or to browse through the new selection of Tilley hats. This action must be programmed, and it is this programming that is called “coding”.

Kate introduced us to a very fun and interactive coding website for kids. It is called Scratch Pad and can be accessed through this link: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

I challenge you to sit down at a computer with a young (or old!) child, go to this website and then sit back and watch them figure it out! Hint: Click on the green cat (“Try it out”) at the top of the page first. This site shows kids how to click lego-like pieces together to make their character walk, talk and act silly! They will love it...and they will be learning something very meaningful at the same time...how to code!

Today, the mandate of Kids Code Jeunesse is to, “empower kids, teachers and parents with the skills we all need to thrive in a technology driven society.” They believe that coding is a basic literacy as important as reading, writing or math. By teaching kids how to code, they teach them how to be better thinkers and better creators in a digital world.

We had a lot of fun having Kate give us a glimpse into her world and I know that I can safely say that we wish her and her endeavors all the very best!

Editor’s Note: On June 14, Kate Arthur confirmed that the Federal Government will be investing \$50 M to bring digital skills to children across the country.



Kate Arthurs shows us how to code



Kate admires gift made by Rose



An excited group of young teachers from Giant Steps can’t wait to try coding in their classrooms.

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Thank you for the President's Award for Excellence

Dear Bev,

Thank you for awarding me the President's Award for Excellence.

It has been my pleasure to work beside you for the past two years. You have accomplished so much during your biennium. You pulled us back from near extinction to expanding steadily, especially over the last six months. Your determination and vision kept us on track, and you urged us to be the best that we can be. If I excelled, it is because you knew I could do it, even when I felt I could not. I guess that is being an Educator. And you proved to be the best. I am very proud to have been a member of your team.

I would like to offer my special thanks to the nominating

committee for recommending me for this award. It is greatly appreciated.

Anne Marie Gitto Laurin, Editor, Webmaster
Co-chair of Communications Committee
Beta Chapter, DKG Quebec



A stunned Anne Marie is presented the award by Bev

Writing Family Histories

Barb Angus, incoming President of DKG Quebec, has written a family history with a few of her colleagues. It was an interesting journey when she and her fellow adventurers decided to look for their roots which culminated in this book. It should be a very interesting read indeed! Order your advanced copy today!



Beads in a Necklace Family Stories from Genealogy Ensemble

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DORIS LECKIE CELEBRATED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Beryl Ball, Phyllis Bennett and I had



Doris with Family and Friends the

pleasure of attending the 100th birthday party of Doris Leckie on March 26th at St. John the Baptist Church in Pointe Claire. Doris, a longtime member of DKG, moved last year to California to live with her daughter Annie and her family.

For this celebration, the extended family all returned to Quebec to help Doris truly enjoy this memorable event. And what an afternoon it was as Doris greeted over a hundred well-wishers in the church hall! Being a hundred she was honoured to be able to meet and greet

everyone as she sat in the Bishop's tapestry covered chair. I believe this is the first time that it was ever used for such an event!

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For more pictures of this event, visit the website :
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Sylvie Bastien-Doss is a presenter at NERC. Rena Entus, Erika Sebaldt, Anne Marie Gitto Laurin, and Bev Townsend will attend the conference to be held in Windsor, Ontario July 11-15. Also attending, not shown, Cathy Bannan Sidorenko and Barb Angus, our new President. Eddy, Rena's husband, and Rena were our gracious hosts for our working luncheon June 14.