

*Highlights:*

- *Marianne Davis Celebrates 100 years*
- *DKG Quebec Celebrates 60 Years*

## President's note: Celebrating our 60th Anniversary and Marianne's 100th



We, at DKG Quebec, celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by honoring our only living founding member, **Marianne Davis**, who celebrated her 100th birthday in November. A special DKG and EMSB (formerly PSBGM) tribute was made to her on December 13 covered by the local TV stations.

On December 15, in keeping with recognition of our foundation, we also celebrated the outstanding contributions of seven (7) women with 30 or more years of service: **Beryl Ball, Phyllis Bennett, Robyn Bunch, Dr. Mildred Burns, Althea Caesar, Georgie Crawford, and Rose Szasz.**

After enjoying each other's company over a delicious supper, we joined in song, music and movement covering the past six (6) decades in education, directed by Magda Grzechowiak. (See pages 8-9.)

Carolyn Pittman, President of DKG International, con-

gratulated us via video message, and Joan Wolfe, our ARC (Area Rep for Canada) skyped us for a real time inter-active congratulatory message.

A variety of entertainment was planned with a peek into the present-day creative, and technologically-driven approach, presented by Susan Strom who unveiled "The Virtual Mega Band" to us. (See p.12 for the link.)

We also had a poetry recital by Roen Higgins, (poem on p. 16), a serenade by Pete Douglas and a tribute by Evadne Anderson (p. 11). Beryl Ball (p. 10) reflected on her early years in DKG. Caroline Derome played the flute with a rendition of "Danny Boy."

So, we embraced the past, and enriched the present. Now, my challenge to you for the future is this: **What does 2017 mean to DKG Quebec?**

A review of the past four months will show our continued focus on membership as we follow-up on our efforts from the previous year. Let us focus on the following:

- Continue to increase our new members and streamline relevant activities for their smooth integration.
- Develop strategies for links with teachers in the indigenous communities.

- Explore further options to increase attendance at our monthly meetings.

- Plan our support and involvement in NERC Windsor 2017. (See p. 14)

- Continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

- Create a DKG Quebec Family Tree.

- Review our SAP.

Here's looking to 2017 with 'Blue Sky Thinking!' (Dr. Patty Duke, Nashville, July 2016).

My optimism and hope for the future of DKG Quebec is fuelled by my philosophy of life: the "best is yet to come".

Beverly Townsend,  
President, DKG Quebec



**Embrace the Past;  
Enrich the Present;  
Ensure the Future**



**DKG International**

**85 years and beyond:  
Advancing Key Women  
Educators for Life**



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THE GAMMA GAMUT

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM & MEETING DATES



**Monday, February 13, 2017, Diane Carroll Phillips, LBPSB,**

*Where Life Coaching and Teaching Come Together...Education Is Personal*



**Thursday, March 21, 2017, Kate Arthur, Kid's Code**

*Learning to Code in the Classroom*



**Monday, April 24, 2017, Monica Marleau**

*Spinal Energy Warm Up*



**Saturday, May 6, 2017, Cheli Nighthtraveller**

*Are classrooms safe for Indigenous Peoples? An exploration of contemporary Indigenous experiences and some ideas on moving forward.*



All meetings will take place at the English Montreal School Board (EMSB), 6000 Fielding Avenue, H3X 1T4 , Montreal

Dinner is served at 5:30, speaker presentation at 7:00. The cost is \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members.

To RSVP, email Erika Sebaldt at [erika.sebaldt@tbell.net](mailto:erika.sebaldt@tbell.net)

**DKG International and DKG Quebec: Important Dates to NOTE**

**Sept. 1, 2016, Feb. 2, 2017, May 1, 2017 Lucile Cornetet Award Application**

**Nov. 10, & May 10, Each Year Request for **DKG** International Speaker (ISF)**

**Sept 13, 2016**

**1. Gamma Province Dues Deadline** \$60.00 Canadian, Pay to your treasurer

**Alpha:** Rena Entus

**Beta:** Rena Entus

**Gamma:** Yocheved Sonenberg

**2. Application to be a **DKG** International Speaker (ISF)**

**Sept. 1 (Province), Sept. 15: (International)**

**October 15: Request for **DKG** International Representative for Provincial Conference**

**Dec. 1, 2016 Golden Gift Fund Application** due (Special stipend for conference and special studies).

Obtain application form from **DKG** International Headquarters.

**Feb. 1, 2017**

**1. Gamma Province Scholarship Application** due (Get the form from the **Scholarship Committee, Barb Angus, Chair**)

**2. **DKG** International Scholarship Application** due Feb. 1  
(get form from **DKG** International Headquarters)

**Feb. 1, 2017 Gamma Province Executive Board Meeting**

Any proposed amendments or changes to Provincial Bylaws or Standing Rules should be submitted to the Executive Board.

**MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR AGENDAS AND PLAN TO ATTEND!!**

**July 12-16, 2017 Northeast Regional Conference: Caesar's Resort & Convention, Windsor, Ontario**

**July 16 – 20, 2018: **DKG** International Convention at the J.W. Marriot Austin, Texas**

**DON'T FORGET: Foonies (\$5.00) due for Canadian Forum Project for Nepal**

**THE GAMMA GAMUT**

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MARIANNE DAVIS: 100 Years Strong!**

Georgie Crawford, Rena Entus and Anne Marie Gitto Laurin were very pleased to attend Miss Marianne Davis's 100th birthday party which was hosted by her family and held at the Manoir Westmount on November 3rd.

Georgie Crawford brought Marianne red roses, a symbol of DKG's sisterhood. Rena Entus presented her with a plaque made by a parent whose child attends Giant Steps, a school for autistic children. Anne Marie Gitto Laurin announced that the Early Educator Award would be renamed the **Marianne Davis Early Educator Award** in her honour. The \$300 grant is awarded to a teacher in her first or second year of teaching to help support a project or supplement school supplies for the classroom.



Left: Marianne makes a wish!

Right: Marianne receives best wishes from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Left: Marianne and Georgie



Marianne Davis is pictured with Rena Entus and Georgie Crawford



Above: Anne Marie announces the Marianne Davis Award for Early Educators



**DKG QUEBEC & THE ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD HONOUR MARIANNE DAVIS ON DECEMBER 13TH**

On December 13th DKG Quebec celebrated Marianne Davis as our last surviving founding member.

In June 1956, Marianne Davis and 11 other women educators founded Gamma Quebec, Alpha Chapter. Evelyn Eaton, a French Language Consultant, was the first President. Marianne Davis held that position from 1966-68.

Most members of Alpha Chapter were educators at the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM), now English Montreal School Board (EMSB)

As President, Marianne hosted the first ever Seminar in Purposeful Living, still held every year before our International Conventions.

Marianne describes very vividly the beginnings of DKG Quebec and the events that took place surrounding the early years of teaching in her booklet, DKG in Retrospect, which she wrote at the age of 90 for our 50th Anniversary celebration!

You may view the first installment of the document on **Page 6** where Marianne explains how Alpha Chapter came to be.



Students from Westmount Park, where Marianne Davis once taught, serenaded her with Holiday songs.



Students from Westmount Park, where Marianne once taught, present her with a hand crafted Happy 100th Birthday greeting card



Carissa Valente, the first recipient of the Marianne Davis Early Educator Award, thanks her benefactor for the grant which will help her buy materials for the classroom.



Last year's recipient, Caroline Derome, pictured right, greets this year's winner, Carissa Valente, center, who is introduced by Barb Angus, Chair of the Scholarship Committee



Bev Townsend presents Marianne with a pin commemorating DKG Quebec's 60th anniversary. The first chapter, Alpha, was initiated by Marianne and 11 other key women educators on June 18, 1956.



A number of DKG Quebec Members attended this milestone occasion: Rose Szasz, Erika Sebaldt, Linda Blackwell Phalen, Barb Angus, Bev Townsend and Anne Marie Gitto Laurin, as well as her good friends from Manoir Westmount



Carissa thanks Marianne and the DKG Quebec organization for her grant

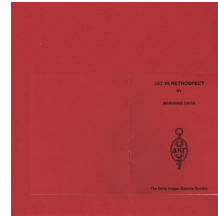
TO WATCH GLOBAL NEWS COVERAGE OF OUR CELEBRATION OF MARIANNE DAVIS  
CTRL-CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

[HTTP://GLOBALNEWS.CA/NEWS/3124532/QUEBEC-EDUCATOR-MARIANNE-DAVIS-LIFES-WORK-HONOURED-AS-SHE-TURNS-100/](http://globalnews.ca/news/3124532/quebec-educator-marianne-davis-lifes-work-honoured-as-she-turns-100/)

## THE GAMMA GAMUT



**DKG in Retrospect**, a booklet written by Marianne Davis at the age of 90 to commemorate our, then, 50th anniversary, gives insight into the founding of our first chapter, Alpha, in June 1956. Below is an excerpt.



Marianne Davis

In the beginning—spring 1956 - a letter was sent to the Director General of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal with information about the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, requesting that it be sent to interested women educators as they were seeking to expand into Quebec.

Actually some of us received invitations to join, but not sufficient information to know what it was all about as we had never heard about it.

We appealed to Grace Gardner, the first woman Education Officer with the Board. At that time there were small groups and organizations building up as fronts for communism, so it was wise to investigate before being drawn in. Miss Gardner assured us that it was a well-known, legitimate organization in the US, and we should accept it as an honour to be invited. What interested me was that they wanted to attract women teachers from all levels of education.

1. We would insist that we were a Province, not a "State." It took many years before it was considered official by HQ.
2. We didn't like the idea of having to wear white gloves and hats to luncheons.
3. We had lots of fun, too, raising money for our regalia, and for a Scholarship Fund.

The big events were held at Grace Campbell's home and at Royal Vale School, where Jean Aldridge was Principal - for sherry parties, afternoons, Spring Fairs, craft sales, etc. And our regular meetings were held in members' homes. We raised \$200 that first year, a lot of money with teachers' salaries so low.

Grace Campbell followed Evelyn as President in 1957. That year, when the International Executive Secretary, Mrs. Eunah Temple Holden, a Past International President came, we had a banquet at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel

So on June 18, 1956, the Delta Kappa Gamma installed 25 members - 12 founders and 13 others all designated as Alpha Chapter, Gamma "State" charter members. The ceremony was conducted by a very serious and proper Ruth Grimes of Ohio State, along with Marion de Quetteville of N.Y. State, Yvonne Lofthouse from Ontario, and Ola Hiller from Michigan - members all large on the International Board who represented the International President.

They brought all their initiation regalia with them for the impressive formal ceremony. Then followed a formal dinner. Evelyn Eaton was elected our first President for a year to complete the biennium.

That first year we had meetings and study groups to learn more about the Society - the system for bookkeeping, the many rules and regulations, and how we could adapt it all to our ways in Quebec. We had a few differences of opinion about certain of the rules.

(cost \$3.50 each!) and installed our 40<sup>th</sup> member - a goal we had set earlier.

From then on, as we had outgrown our members' homes, we met at various schools. Apart from our required amounts to the International Scholarship Fund, we were rich enough to award two Grants-in-Aid to two of our members: Carrie Brodie and Shirley McNicol for courses at Columbia University, N. Y.

After that every International Visitor was sent to try to get us to start a second chapter and expand. We had to explain to each one about the complication of a two solitude religion-based system where never the twain did meet. We tried but were rebuffed. We had reluctantly divided into two chapters under Jean Pepler's régime, but we continued to meet together as we still do. It did relieve the pressure on us for a little while.

The first committees set up were *Scholarship and Selective Recruitment* because teachers were in short supply.

## THANK YOU FROM CAROLINE DEROME FOR THE 2016 EARLY EDUCATOR AWARD

I would like to thank DKG for the award that was given to me last year. Thanks to their support, I was able to have a project that was very dear to me come to life.

My project was about teaching inference through music, dance and images to children from grades 2 to 5. The students were first introduced to some of the great musical works such as the Nutcracker, the Carnival of the Animals and Peter and the Wolf. Then, through these great masterpieces, the students were invited to make links between the music, and/or the ballet, with the characters and the storyline of each work.

Through these projects, the students were able to expand their vocabulary and strengthen their analytical skills. It was really rewarding to hear from them how much fun they had while engaged in these activities.

## ROBYN BUNCH ANNOUNCES GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S RUDDIGORE: THE WITCH'S CURSE

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## A Musical Journey Through 60 Years Of Education

By Magdalena (Magda) Grzechowiak

When Beverly Townsend first asked me to help her organize a music program for the 60th anniversary celebration of DKG's Gamma Province Quebec in December, I was thrilled with the assignment. As the date approached, I was faced with several hurdles along the way but with the creativity of a determined teacher and a pattern of getting things done best at the last minute under pressure, things finally fell into place.

I decided to research songs either about education, schools, teachers or students, from 1956 to 2016. While I was pleasantly surprised at how many songs I was able to recall on my own, I also discovered a vast array of additional songs on the topic, that I had either forgotten about or never came across. I knew that I was onto something when I was able to represent each decade of our chapter's existence with at least one song on the selected subject. The challenge now was narrowing down my findings. How could I best represent the realities of education with outmost honesty - the great, the rewarding, the fulfilling, the wonderful, and at times, even the humorous accomplishments, as well as some of the difficulties, setbacks and atrocities of the last 60 years? The result is described with activities and a medley of songs, each one with its own history and information.

We began with *Cross Crawls*, which is any intentional cross-lateral activity in which you cross the mid-line of the body (e.g. touching opposite hand and knee or foot). This activity bridges the two brain hemispheres, which allows information to pass between the two and is essential for the development of physical coordination and cerebral activities (i.e. learning language, reading, and eye-hand coordination).<sup>1</sup> It is part of the *Brain Gym*® program, developed in 1987 by Paul E. Dennison, PhD, a professional educator and a pioneer in the field of kinesiology and his wife Gail, an artist and movement educator. The program has helped many people of all ages turn their challenges into successes.<sup>2</sup> During the evening, it was great watching many of our members partake in this exercise.



We continued with the *Callirobics* program, for 4 to 7 year olds, created by Liora Laufer in 2006, where children are encouraged to trace simple, enjoyable graphical patterns (i.e. the basic elements of writing movements), while listening to popular melodies. This stress free method of handwriting exercises improves eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills (i.e. pre-writing skills).<sup>3</sup>

Exercise #2 - *The Sleeping Moon*, is set to the tune of *Londonderry Air*, that was first published in 1855, after being submitted by Miss J. Ross of Limavady, county Londonderry in Northern Ireland.<sup>4</sup> Today, the song is best known as *Danny Boy*, (1910 lyrics by English lawyer and lyricist, Frederic Weatherly), which is played as the victory anthem of Northern Ireland at the Commonwealth Games.<sup>5</sup> During our December meeting, we had the privilege and honour of having Caroline Derome, a newly initiated DKG member, play this tune for us on her flute, while the rest of us indulged in the writing activity.

Once we were warmed up, for the next 14 minutes, we sang to our heart's content, karaoke style. We began with *Charlie Brown*, a 1959 song with over 80 different recordings but made most popular by *The Coasters*. The song describes the occasional student pranks, misbehaviour, and the breaking of rules, forever present in schools in the past and still ongoing today, such as an unknown source of smoke smelling up the auditorium (heaven knows the cause of it!), class clowning, goofing around in the halls, writing on the walls, throwing spit balls, addressing the teacher in a disrespectful manner, all the while complaining about being picked on when caught! "Who calls the English teacher

*Daddy-o*" are lyrics from the song, thought to be a reference to the *Blackboard Jungle* movie (1955) where a new high school teacher is being made fun of by students because of his surname of Dadier, that they change to Daddy-o, a slang term for a male friend or father at that time.<sup>6</sup> In 1985, *Motley Crue* came up with a song, similar in nature called *Smokin' in the Boys' Room 7*, which deals with students, bored in class, and anxiously awaiting for the bell to ring so that they can be released to go smoke cigarettes in the boy's restroom, hoping to avoid being caught, while violating their school's smoking ban.

In 1963, the fun loving American rock band, *The Beach Boys*, sang *Be True to Your School*, about the lighter side of school life at competitive sports games,



where cheer leaders and school loyalty are still present today. The song was written by Brian Wilson and Mike Love for The Beach Boys, as a tribute to Hawthorne High School, which the Wilson brothers attended. It features the melody of their high school's fight song, which is the same as that of the University of Wisconsin's, "On Wisconsin!".<sup>8</sup>

*Count it Higher* (by Christopher Cerf, 1973)<sup>9</sup> teaches children to count to 10. It is a parody of the song, *Twist and Shout*, (*The Top Notes*, 1961 but best known by *The Beatles*, 1963)<sup>10</sup> that would never have been made possible without the foundation work of Joan Ganz Cooney. She was the first one to think about the possibilities of using television as a teaching medium for children. Her findings from a study on the subject helped her convince others of the same. After securing financial assistance from various sources, in 1968, Cooney established the Children's Television Workshop (CTW). This



resulted in the production of her first series, *Sesame Street*, which first aired in 1969. Her ideas for the show mimicked the quick pace of television commercials, which tended to sustain the interest of children.<sup>11</sup>

These grassroots [methods] would eventually lead to the development of other televised educational programs such as the *Schoolhouse Rock!* series (by *Disney Enterprises inc.*) which originally ran from 1973 to 1985 and experienced two additional revivals, in the history of its existence. *Busy Prepositions* (1993) is one of many animated musical educational short films and the fruit of one of these revivals. The idea for this series came to David McCall, a co-owner of an advertising agency, when he noticed one of his sons struggling with his ability to memorize multiplication tables but who quite easily remembered the lyrics to rock songs of the times. He eventually enlisted many different song writers and performers to create material in the areas of grammar, science, economics, history, mathematics and civics.<sup>12</sup> Little did we know then, the tremendous transformation that education would undergo even further, as a result of the rapid and unforeseeable development of technology that we are living with today.

Is education an agent for social change? *Roger Waters*, the *Pink Floyd* bassist thought so at the time he wrote the song entitled *Another Brick in the Wall – Part 2 – Education*, in 1979, which constituted one of three parts of *The Wall*, a rock opera. This segment was issued as a protest song against rigid schooling in general but especially boarding schools in the UK. In South Africa, supporters of a nationwide boycott adopted the song to protest racial inequities in education, under the apartheid regime. The song, as well as *The Wall* album as a whole, was banned in that country in 1980. During our December DKG event, we sang along to the part of the song performed by the *Islington Green School Choir* of North London.<sup>13</sup>

Another event, and an undesired growing trend in the world today, occurred on Monday, January 29th, 1979, in San Diego, California, when Brenda Spencer, a 16 year old who lived across the street from Grover Cleveland Elementary School, started shooting from her home at students waiting for their school principal to open the gates. After firing 35 rounds, the school principal and a custodian were dead, while 8 children and one police officer were injured. A jour-

nalist managed to have a phone conversation with Spencer after she barricaded herself in her home for several hours. When he asked her why she had done this, her response was because she didn't like Mondays. Spencer was tried as an adult and is still currently incarcerated. *Bob Geldof*, the lead singer of an Irish band called *The Boomtown Rats*, wrote *I don't like Mondays* (1979) - a song to commemorate this tragic and unfortunate event.<sup>14</sup>

We then moved on to a popular song by the British rock band, *The Police*, entitled *Don't Stand So Close to Me* (1980), where boundaries and ethical conduct between a teacher and a student are sometimes crossed. In this song, a typical, common schoolgirl's crush on a teacher becomes an inappropriate, full blown affair, which is eventually discovered.<sup>15</sup>

We had a lot of fun with this next song, *We Will Survive - Teacher Style* (2008), by *Jen Monroe, Jenn Piepgras & Sherry Tuttle*, from Foley High School in Alabama. Performed by the staff of North Branch Area High School in Minnesota (2012), it is in fact a parody of *Gloria Gaynor's* 1978 hit song, *I Will Survive*. With outmost humour, the lyrics highlight the stress, apprehension, fear, and doubt that teachers sometimes experience about returning to work, following a prolonged summer vacation. But with some encouragement and self-talk, they quickly fall back into a routine of "work galore" as they have "curriculum to teach and students they must reach".<sup>16</sup> They most likely will survive - don't they always?! Teacher dedication is unwavering to a fault!

After ten months of hard work, finally *School's Out* (1972) for summer! In his song, *Alice Cooper* tried to capture the effects of the last three minutes of the last day of school, which according to him, are like a slow burning fuse and one of the greatest three minutes in his life. His lyrics further stipulate that there will shortly be "no more pencils, no more books" and "no more teachers" for the students!<sup>17</sup> Teachers equally embrace this pivotal moment that will keep them from loosing their sanity! *Let it Go - A Teacher Parody* (2014) composed by the elementary staff of *Centre County Christian Academy* (Bellefonte, Pennsylvania) was inspired by the hit song of the same name, from the *Disney* movie *Frozen* (2013). The lyrics of the song humorously describe some of the student mishaps that drive the teachers crazy, such as being

agitated or bouncing off the walls, fighting over a ball, crying over what appear to be small problems, using up all the tissues, pulling hair, not sharing toys nor playing fair, tattling, failing to clean up messes, and running instead of walking down the halls. In the end, however, the teachers do acknowledge seeing everything the students were able to accomplish in the different subject areas during the course of the school year, and before the final send off for the summer vacation, they graciously say that they will miss them anyways!<sup>18</sup>

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## THE GAMMA GAMUT

## Celebrating our 60th Anniversary: Early Memories of DKG By Beryl Ball

I remember being overawed by the gracious, enthusiastic, and dedicated teachers and administrators [who were members of Gamma Province Quebec]: Marianne Davis, Sarah Paltiel, Hélène Saly, Norma Osler, Georgie Crawford, Nancy Meakin, and Evelyn Eaton.

As a twenty-two-year-old, fresh out of McGill University, I taught grades five and six. We taught all subjects except gym, and Evelyn Eaton was my French supervisor. I was absolutely terrified of her. Years later, when I joined DKG, I found Evelyn to be a kind, delightful woman and we became good friends.

To join DKG, thirty-three years ago, was a very different process. You were invited for tea (not white gloves and hat, but almost). As I recall, the tea was held in a lovely old house in Westmount (Hélène Saly's?). Then, you might receive an invitation to join DKG.

Our meetings were held in the evenings and were more formal and reserved. To raise money for our educational projects, we had garage and bake sales which took much time on weekends. It was wonderful when Mildred Burns came up with the brilliant idea of supper meetings. It eased much of the stress.

I learned, early on, that to get the most out of DKG, one needed to get involved. One of my early positions was that of provincial recording secretary. In the era of no electronic devices (and my slow typing speed) I took notes at the meetings and later wrote them up long-hand. With the permission of my school, I used the duplications machine and then mailed the copies off to members of the executive board.

Another fond memory is of the wonderful experience of attending the North East Regional Conference (NERC) and International Conventions: first at Greenbrier, followed by Pittsburgh, Chicago, Buffalo, Dallas, and Toronto. My companions were Phyllis Bennett, Georgie Crawford, Norma Osler, Mildred Burns, and later Ann MacLeish.

At the Greenbrier Convention, I met Dr. Toni Sheehan, from Toronto. She is a smart, funny, and flamboyant woman who

wears bright pinks, purples and turquoises. Dr. Sheehan is not your stereotype of a religious sister!

At Gamma Province, we had a number of interesting guest speakers. One memorable one was Jane Goodall who was on a trip to promote her children's programme in elementary schools.

Our early initiatives in education and literacy included Elizabeth House where we provided books for unwed mothers to read to their babies.

*(Editor's note: this project was started up by Georgie Crawford with funds from the DKG International Educational Foundation).* Georgie and Erika Sebaldt were very involved with a literary program in the schools. We also helped our mem-

bers go to conventions, seminars, etc. Our focus has changed, but we are still committed to helping teachers and young people.

My outstanding personal experience in DKG was as a member of the DKG International World Fellowship Committee. Once a year (for two years) I travelled to Austin, Texas, to help choose Fellowship recipients from hundreds of candidates. I was totally humbled by the sacrifices made by women from around the world in order to gain an education. Many of them left families for years, came from countries where universities were closed and women were persecuted, and lived in North America on a pittance. I still sit on the Gamma Province Fellowship Committee and I am still humbled.

Over the past thirty years, we have established two scholarships at McGill University's Department of Education to honour Sarah Paltiel for excellence in education and Dr. Mildred L. Burns for leadership in education. We have supported new teachers, we have assisted students in Haiti, and we have encouraged literacy.

Although the atmosphere at meetings is much less reserved, it is wonderful to continue to meet so many dynamic, intelligent, generous women who are dedicated to education and the young people in our society.

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



Beryl Ball with 30+years of service at our 60th



JANUARY 2017- SPECIAL EDITION

EMBRACE THE PAST; ENRICH THE PRESENT; ENSURE THE FUTURE



Criteria for DKG membership: Good food and good company!



A little dancing is good for the soul!  
Thanks to Magda for supplying the dance music!



Tamu, Rena and Barb join in the fun

Tara shows her moves

- Evadne Anderson, Professor and DKG Guest and Past Presenter quoted the following in honour of our 60th anniversary:



Caroline De Rome seranades our members in celebration.



*Live with a dancing spirit. The stars in the heaven are dancing through space; the earth never ceases to spin. All life is dancing: the trees with the wind, the waves on the sea, the birds, the fish, all are performing their own dance of life. Every living thing is dancing, and you must keep dancing too, for the rest of your life.* By Daisaku Ikeda



Mimose Constant, Principal at CSDM, enjoys the music.

The dancing, joyful spirit of appreciation, that makes life meaningful and seems to mirror the lives of the women of DKG & particularly of Miss Marianne Davis & all long-serving members of 30 + years!

THE GAMMA GAMUT



Left: Bev Townsend presided over the presentation of the 30-year-service pin of a dozen red roses, the DKG Quebec anniversary pin, and cards of congratulations from Joan Wolfe, our Area Rep for Canada (ARC)

Right: Tamu Townsend, Bev's daughter, had Rose Szasz as a teacher at Riverdale High School and embraces her. Rose commented on the circle of life.



George Crawford is thrilled with her pin.



We were so pleased Audrey Roberts was able to join us after a long illness. Audrey is also a long-standing member.



Rose Szasz is touched and gave an eloquent thank you expressing the importance of education and the significance of DKG today.



Robyn Bunch (left) and Beryl Ball (right) are also very pleased at being recognized for their services to DKG Quebec over the years.



Roan Higgins, a Cultural Architect and Inspirational Poet, and Child Care worker at Elizabeth Ballentyne School, EMSB, recited her poem (see page 16).



Susan Strunc, Virtual Mega Band Leader, Lindsay Place High School, Pte Claire, shared a link to showcase her students' talents. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vrvfLGIGVU>



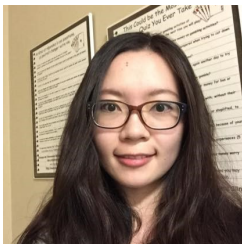
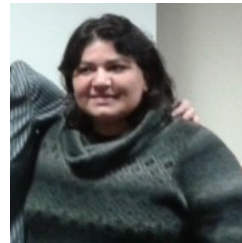
Pete Douglas, a former PSBGM & EMSB parent, then member of the Coronation Elementary School Committee (now Governing Board) serenaded us. What a voice!

## Thank you letters with updates from our 2016 World Fellowship Recipients

Happy new year and thank you for your email [Barb Angus]! I hope this new year brings much more joy and happiness for the ladies of DKG Quebec especially.

The World Fellowship Grant came a long way in assisting me with my field research project for my Master of Arts programme in anthropology. It funded my trip to the field, where I had carried out research for over a period of three months, and the data was used for my final written thesis. On that note, I am happy to announce that I recently graduated from McGill University and I have since moved to Toronto, where I hope to apply my professional skills and knowledge in carrying out research work in heritage and cultural industries. Thank you DKG for the World Fellowship Grant. I will always be grateful for it, and for the vote of confidence. Thank you again !

My best,  
Siti Hazariah



I'm in my second and final year of my Master's. I'm working on my thesis and graduating this summer. The study I was working on when I applied [for] this fellowship has already been accepted by a Canadian Psychology Journal and on its way to be published! This fellowship has encouraged me to work on the area I want and made me feel supported, as well as covering a half of the tuition last semester, which has lessened my financial burden as an international student.

Best wishes,  
Yaxi

### WORLD FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP 2017

Barb Angus and her World Fellowship Committee have been busy selecting seven candidates for the short list from over 80 applications submitted to her before the holidays. They are enrolled in the following programs and research studies:

**Mina Anadolu** from Turkey, Doctorate in neuroscience, Molecular underpinnings of autism in the developing brain

**Ibukunoluwa Adekoya** from Nigeria, Master's in Counselling Psychology, Career development experiences of immigrant women from African countries.

**Gabrielle Bertier** from France, Doctorate in Human Genetics, The use of genomic data for the benefit of patients.

**Leanne De Kock** from South Africa, Doctorate in Human Genetics, Pediatric Cancers, specifically the rare DICER1 syndrome.

**Sharleen Gomes** from India, Master's in Rehabilitation Science, Orthopedic Physiotherapy to improve the walking mechanism following hip replacement.

**Meghar Kumar** from India, Doctorate in Urban Planning, Urban transport needs, priorities and concerns of the urban poor.

**Hinako Takeuchi** from Japan, Master's in Integrated Studies in Education, Language proficiency levels (English and Japanese) of Japanese students attending International Schools and their Perceptions of Themselves as Japanese.

## NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

### Travel Plans for the Northeast Regional Conference



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**As we are into the new year**, you may now be thinking seriously about those travel plans to attend the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor on July 12-14. Perhaps you have already decided to come a day early.

**How are you traveling?** If by auto or air from the US, remember to bring your passport. If flying Porter Airlines from Canada or one of these cities in the US—Boston, MA; Burlington, VT; Chicago (Midway); Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; Washington DC (Dulles)--Porter is offering a 15 per cent discount to those going to the Northeast Regional Conference and returning between July 7 and July 17. Book online at: <https://flyporter.com/Flight?culture=en-CA&promocode=NRC017>. If booking through a travel agent the Code is **NRC017**. From US, you will clear immigration on Toronto Island (aka Billy Bishop) rather than Toronto Pearson. Turnaround time is about 20 minutes and then you will fly on to Windsor.

**Do you wish to reserve a room now in the [Augustus Tower of Caesars Resort and Convention Center](#)?** Call the hotel's Reservation Department at 1-800-991-8888 and identify yourself as being part of Delta Kappa Gamma with the group code of ADE0708. The online booking link is: <http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=WCL&groupCode=ADE0708>. The room rate of \$165 in Canadian dollars (about \$123 in US dollars) is good from July 8 to July 16.

**If coming early to Windsor, you might enjoy attending one of the pre-conference seminars**, which will be held in the morning and afternoon of July 12. **The Underground Railway** features Elise Harding-Davis, an author and a descendant of slaves who escaped to Canada. Windsor was one of the destination cities in the underground railway. In the afternoon participants in this seminar will be taken to the sights outside of Windsor from those days in the mid-1800's.

**The other seminar, Indigenous Peoples of the 21st Century**, will focus on the history of the residential schools that were founded years ago to teach Indigenous students. Unfortunately, these children were taken miles away from their families and suffered many problems that remain with them today. Charlene Bearhead, a survivor of one of those schools and now the education officer for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will share her past experiences and ways Indigenous students are being helped today. Ontario member Mary Ellen Gucciardi will speak on her work as a school counselor for Indigenous students.

**Please inform those who wish to present a Breakout or Ten-minute Takeaway that the application deadline is February 1. The interactive forms are on the website under EVENTS.**

**The March/April NEWS will have a four-page spread** on the Northeast Regional and pre-conference leadership opportunities and information will be posted on the website. If you have questions, feel free to contact me (chughes@mtco.com) as I am happy to answer them.



**Go Ahead**

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## LISBON, SEVILLE, MADRID & THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Discover the best of Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & the Basque Country on an exclusive trip for Delta Kappa Gamma members. This private tour is an opportunity to connect with colleagues as you immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the region. Book now and take advantage of this exciting chance to experience the world with other DKG members.

*Special offer for DKG members: Save \$75\**



### Travel with DKG: It's a Win-Win!

Everyone raves about traveling with DKG members and now it's your turn! Join DKG in its tour of Lisbon, Portugal prior to visiting Seville, Cordoba, Madrid, San Sebastian, Burgos, Bilbao and other parts of The Basque Country in Spain. Traveling with DKG affords a benefit to members who like to share experiences with friends and receive first class service. *Go Ahead Tours* is partnering with DKG and its international Non-dues Revenue Committee. A percentage of the earnings from the tour are returned to DKG. So, it is a win-win for members and for DKG itself.

Board your overnight flight on Friday June 2, 2017 and arrive in Lisbon, Portugal to be welcomed by your tour director and fellow travelers. You will depart from Spain on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 for home. You may book your own air fare or *Go Ahead Tours* will book it for you.

The price is great for 11 nights in handpicked hotels, breakfast daily, 5 three-course dinners with beer or wine, one olive oil tasting at an olive farm and one wine tasting, guided sightseeing, select entrance fees included, private deluxe motor coach and multilingual tour director plus other optional excursions. Outstanding DKG camaraderie, excellent sights such as cathedrals, monasteries, museums, castles, the Chapel of Bones, Royal Alcazar, once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella; mosques, public baths, Flamenco shows, the Mezquita, a UNESCO world Heritage site, and more can be yours if you call **1 800 438 7672** and book today!

To view a daily itinerary visit, [portugalandspaindkg.grouptoursite.com](http://portugalandspaindkg.grouptoursite.com). You may also contact Dr. Beverly Helms, DKG Ambassador, at 850 547 3220, or [bevhelms@embarqmail.com](mailto:bevhelms@embarqmail.com) for additional information.

## THE GAMMA GAMUT

### To Serve With Love

She saw it lying there

Fragile in its state

She felt a great need to protect it

She tucked it away in a dark warm moist space

soon after she realized hiding it and protecting it was not helping it become who it was meant to be.

Just as she found it.. there it was.. just a seed.

Unharmd but not closer to its purpose.. Its calling to be whatever it could be.

After much reflection she thought about where she placed it.

If there was enough light, if the temperature was right.

She started to nurture, nourish it with the necessities of life.

She became the light for this seed and brightened up its day.

Looking after this budding miracle day in and day out she realized that she started looking forward to her moments. It gave her purpose.

She vowed to protect it and when it struggled to get roots she replenished it .

when it became discouraged she became a guiding post and redirected it.

She watered with attention and fertilized it with love.

She even shared secrets of how to spread its seeds when the time would come,

she stopped explaining and telling how to grow.

Because she realized in doing so it just did its own thing.

So her focus became to Inspire this seedling.

She put it in an environment where it could see other BIG plants and trees that thrived and grew differently.

Making the young plant believe that it could grow higher that ever imagined.

Spread its branches no matter the conditions. Dig its roots in soil no matter if it was too crowded, to dry, too hard it could make it. It could spread it seeds when the season was right as long as it just had faith In growing upward. Believing no limits to where it can grow. .

It was then she knew her role was bigger than any other.

It was to serve with love.

To teach the most important thing.

Its that by your seed we cannot assume what you will become but by the opportunity and the right guidance and basic necessities you can get to your higher purpose. She noticed it was not to watch or try to figure out what type of plant it was, to label it, or to box it in and treat it like every other plant but to know that it has a higher purpose than its seedling state and her power is Influence which she may never know how far it can go. She may never know the other plants that can grow, or who it could give shelter to, what house It could become or resource for someone's next novel,

So she made her focus be to serve with love because this art is gardening a field of minds. This gardener was a teacher and teaching is a work of Heart. Teaching shape role models and awakens seeds to blossom creatively. Educators go above the call. Because they serve with love.

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# Get Connected!

## com·mu·ni·ca·tion kəˌmyoʊnəˈkāSH(ə)n

Google's definition...

1. the imparting or exchanging of information or news:  
"Direct communication between the two countries will produce greater understanding."  
  - a letter or message containing information or news.
  - the successful conveying or sharing of ideas and feelings:  
"There was a lack of communication between Pamela and her parents."
  - social contact: "She gave him some hope of her return, or at least of their future communication."
2. means of connection between people or places.

**It is courteous to take time to reply to emails. Just a word of thanks, a note of receipt, or indication of having actually read an email tells the sender that information is being exchanged. DKG desires its members to communicate and to be responsive.**

## DKG Communities

Communities on [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) that are available to members:

- DKG Book Club
- DKG Collaborative Communities
- DKG Communications and Publicity
- DKG for Social Media
- DKG Home Life
- DKG in Canada
- DKG Membership Forum
- DKG Mentoring
- DKG Travels
- DKG with a Focus on the Arts

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

January/February 2017

## DKG Personal Profile –

### A Connection to DKG Members

Have you ever wanted a pen pal? Have you ever considered discussing your favorite book with someone from Finland? Or do you want to know strategies and tips on DKG membership? The Society's website offers the opportunity for each member to make these and many other connections with DKG members around the world.

First, you need to sign in to the [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) website with your membership number and password. You are now in a secure website available only to members. Second, create an account by going to MyDKG from the top menu bar. By filling in a very brief personal profile, you can then join communities and also be listed in the Member Directory. For example, the author of this article is one of ten Iowa members with a profile. We are able to join, or even create, a Community.

As of this writing, there are 10 Communities from which to choose. By contacting Nita Scott at [nitas@dkg.org](mailto:nitas@dkg.org), you could even suggest a new Community! She will also answer your specific questions. Within each Community are sections for Discussions, Blogs, Resource Library, Wiki, and a list of Participants in that Community.

Create an account on our [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) website and find a Community you'd like to join. Share your thoughts and ideas, questions or concerns, hopes and dreams with other members around the world.



## Subscribe to the DKG International Communications and Publicity Blog

It's not a difficult task. It's done very simply and takes less than a minute. Go to <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/> and enter your email address to follow the Communications and Publicity committee blog. You'll receive notifications of new posts and comments. We've been discussing websites, email communication, social media, and even how to get attention! Join us, won't you? Make a comment and let us know you're 'listening.'

Also link to DKG on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and YouTube!





## Montreal Council of Women

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017 at 12 noon**

Les Jardins du Canal  
2700 Rufus Rockhead, Montreal  
(across from the Atwater market)

### Dr. Maria di Tomasso

#### Women's Mental Health Across the Life Cycle



Dr. di Tomasso will be speaking on women's mental health across the life cycle, including a brief historical overview role. In addition, she will show how mental health needs differ across the lifespan, from child rearing to the menopausal years and later in life. Lastly, she will comment on prevention strategies to enhance mental health and well-being with age.

Do join us for this very informative presentation.  
New members and guests are welcome.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Price: \$10:00 per person, payable at the door. Please advise Shirley Gyles if you plan to attend at: [450-672-7081](tel:450-672-7081) or e-mail: [sagyles@sympatico.ca](mailto:sagyles@sympatico.ca)

<http://montrealcouncilwomen.org>

## Message From Your 2016-2018 ARC, Joan Wolfe, January 2017

While president of Beta State Ontario, visits to chapters across the province were highlights for me. As anticipated, the visits to Chapters and Provinces across Canada have already been amazing! The Spirit of DKG is alive and well in Canada! We are indeed small, relative to all of the Society, but we are indeed mighty!!!

I have just returned from visiting British Columbia and Alberta, and had written and Skype contact with Quebec as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Congratulations, Gamma Quebec, on this significant milestone! Bravo!

I am excited about going to New Brunswick in June, with plane tickets already in hand, aware of the dynamism of the New Brunswick Chapters. I am excited about the NERC in July hosted by Ontario.

The commonality across the country is amazing: the creativity in fundraising; the heartfelt and effective outreach projects; the caring camaraderie; the ingenuity in solving meeting location and geographic challenges for gatherings (a big issue all across our country); the dedication and devotion to making a significant difference for others; the methods of affirming and recognizing achievement; the scholarship and grants provided to assist advancement for recipients; the creative ways the mission of our Society is being achieved; membership initiatives, with success occurring for some chapters; and most significantly, the intelligence, wisdom, creativity, sincerity, caring, and devotion of the Sisters in ALL of the chapters and provinces I have visited. It is humbling, and intensifies my awe and joy in being a DKG Sister.

Membership is a concern for all, and two chapters, Vancouver Chapter in BC, and Eta Chapter (Sherwood Park outside Edmonton) in Alberta, have both had outstanding results using the "Prospect Cards" strategy suggested on the DKG

website. I was proud to initiate a new member into the South Vancouver Island Chapter, an addition to the growing number of active teachers in this small yet wonderful chapter.

Our Ontario Sisters have been diligently preparing to welcome all to the North East Regional Conference, and along with our North East Regional Director, Carol Hughes, are planning a celebration of Canada to highlight our 150th Anniversary. Watch for details in the DKG NEWS. Please come celebrate Canada's 150th by assisting with offering Canadian hospitality to our can Sisters. advantage attending experience of an national event, (life-changing for me), a chance to be inspired, informed, and enriched by remarkable women from across Canada and the USA, a priceless, memorable event here in Canada in Canadian funds.



A personal challenge of mine preparing for becoming ARC was to come up with a "Canadian" Canada project, but the Nashville Canada Forum, where I wanted to support BOTH of the extremely worthwhile proposed projects, (even though they were outside of Canada), changed my challenge to, "How could we support both?". I am grateful to Rena Entus and Marjory Sinclair for initiating the discussion of a "Canadian" Canada project on our Canadian community on the DKG website, for that was a prominent concern I heard in both BC and Alberta, and have heard often in Ontario. This appears to be a unanimous concern across the country, so lets see if we can come up with an idea that meets our purpose of making a difference, and speaks to a need across the country.

My first responsibility as ARC was the Nominations for my successor. Forms and the protocol have been sent to Provincial Presidents and I look forward to receiving many nominations by the March 15th deadline.

Members are encouraged to nominate their chapter or provincial Sisters for this wonderful opportunity. We have so many outstanding women here in Canada, and already, although just beginning my biennium, I highly recommend the experience. G to geographic names, led by B.C., with every province now considering, or in the process of achieving it, making it far easier to know where our Sisters are located. More news on that in the near future.

There is so much to share! These are exciting and important times at International as we look at the challenges of keeping our Society and the purposes and dream of Annie Webb Blanton, still as necessary as ever now, alive in an ever changing world. What needs to be changed? How can we simplify to make it easier to fulfill our mission? Simplify! What and how? Are you registered on the website? It is an excellent way to keep informed and in touch at a broader level. Have you seen the survey regarding your opinion on a name change for the society in response to the issue of confusion with sororities because of the greek name? Your opinion matters and is invited. We need your input to make our Society the most efficient and effective possible.

I look forward to meeting with you, sharing updates from International as well as the new insights my experiences at headquarters have provided, increasing even more, my pride in being part of this honourable,

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