

SIoux FALLS, SD

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Mu Chapter Highlights from 2015 Alpha Pi State

At the 2015 Alpha Pi State Convention, June 12-13 in Lead, SD, Elizabeth Wood presented DKG International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid with a gift from Mu Chapter. The gift, a quilt made by Phyllis Schrag, won a first place ribbon and the Best of the Show award at the Women in Arts Exhibit. Arts awards were voted on by members at the convention, and were presented by the state chairman of Personal Growth and Services. Categories of the various arts exhibits included: painting/drawing, needlework, quilts and miscellaneous. Dr. Rhonda Anderson received two first place ribbons for her watercolor paintings. Needlework by Lorraine Cleven, Millie Horter and Elizabeth Wood were entered in that division, and Elizabeth also had an entry in the miscellaneous division.

Mu Chapter was recognized with participation awards for World Fellowship and Literacy/ Numeracy by the state chairman of the Educational Excellence Committee.

People's Choice Awards, voted on by convention attendees and presented by the state Communications chair, were awarded to Mu Chapter for first place in both Newsletter (Char Cade) and Scrapbook (Elizabeth Wood).

Convention attendees had the opportunity to earn teacher certification renewal credits. Mu Chapter members Dr. Rhonda Anderson and Elizabeth Wood, along with three other Alpha Pi state members, requested and received professional contact hours towards certification renewal.



On behalf of Mu Chapter, Elizabeth Wood presented the Best of Show award quilt to International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid

Cathy Anderson received the Mu Chapter 2015 Order of the Rose for outstanding service.

Alpha Pi State Officers (2015-2017) were installed with Mu Chapter members serving in state leadership roles as President: Millie Horter; Second Vice-President: Glenyta Hanson; Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Anderson; Historian: Dr. Rhonda Anderson and Elizabeth Wood.

Northwest Regional 2015 — Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Mu Chapter's Millie Horter received her Alpha Pi State President's training during the week of July 27 to Aug. 1, 2015 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, during the DKG Northwest Regional Conference. Along with 15 other state presidents, Millie was instructed by Dr. Rhonda Anderson, northwest representative on the International Leadership Development Committee. Presidents shared ideas for their upcoming bienniums, and worked together during leadership training sessions. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the lieutenant governor and other Canadian speakers greeted conference attendees. Millie assisted Dr. Rhonda Anderson at her INFO Fair booth for the Leadership Development Committee, while Elizabeth Wood and Dr. Margie Nowak from Nebraska ran the Nominations Committee booth. Electricity and excitement were in the air. DKG sisters recharged, revitalized and renewed relationships at the Northwest Regional.

Europe Regional 2015 — Borås, Sweden

After a long transcontinental flight, Elizabeth Wood and Dr. Rhonda Anderson arrived in Gothenburg, Sweden, to attend the Europe Regional in the nearby town of Borås Aug. 3-8. Our Swedish DKG sisters treated delegates to tours of a NAVET Children's Science Center and a textile mill/museum. Other highlights of the regional included a fashion show, a concert by a live Swedish Polka band, delicious Scandinavian food, and Swedish folk dancing. Seeing our European sisters was a delight, especially the German delegation and others who hold so dear to their hearts Dr. Janet Shelper, past international president. Outstanding keynote speakers shared their expertise on topics of pedagogy, cyber technology, curriculum and professional development. The Regional's key focus was promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. This conference was a job well done by our European sisters. — Elizabeth Wood

President's Ponderings ...

Mu Chapter reached a milestone this year: 50 years of being a voice for education! Members celebrated this occasion with brunch and musical entertainment by string players Max and Emera Gurath at The Country Club of Sioux Falls in April. Charter members Dr. Doris Johnson and Dr. Janet Shelver were honored. Both spoke about the chapter's early days, and photos of the first meeting were shared.

Our chapter has a vital role as we look toward the future, and our work assisting teachers and students by providing classroom scholarships and scheduling educational programs for our members. Programs for 2015-16 are set, and it is my pleasure to encourage members to attend this year's meetings. Our first meeting is 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the downtown public library. Alpha Pi State President Millie Horter will bring greetings. A brief summary of recent meetings will be highlighted by President Horter and International Representatives Dr. Rhonda Anderson and Elizabeth Wood. Cathy Regas will share information about the SF Educational Foundation. Members will have an update on Sudan Education with voting to follow on the scholarship money, to be presented to representative Rhonda Morse. Members will also vote on the proposed budget for the coming year. Please attend this important meeting!

For the purpose of improving communication and increasing attendance at DKG meetings, a calling committee has been organized to make brief reminder calls a week prior to chapter meetings. Thank you to LaVonne Zeeb, chair, and members Sherri Alvey, Deb Bukrey, Nancy Noel and Pat Strand for providing this service. Communications through emails and newsletters will continue to keep membership informed throughout the year. At the request of our members, the executive board approved providing members with the red chapter booklets for 2015-16. The booklets contain vital information about chapter events. Your copy will be waiting for you at the September meeting. See you then!

Certification Credit for Chapter Members

Dr. Rhonda Anderson is the supervisor for Mu Chapter members planning to earn professional contact hours for attending chapter meetings. In order to meet teacher certification requirements of the state, members will need to sign in on a sheet for proof of attendance and be present for seven out of the eight chapter meetings this year. A certificate will be provided which can be sent to the Department of Education for teacher certification renewal. Contact the state Department of Education website and Dr. Anderson for further information.



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