

# SUPERHERO

## What is Your Super Power?

Every good leader has superpowers that help guide them! If you are an incoming chapter president, first vice president (EEC Chair), second vice president (Membership Chair), or treasurer, plan to attend the **2020 Leadership Training**, May 30 at the United Methodist Church on Essex Street in Bangor from 9:00 to 2:30. We will explore your superpowers and how they can help you in your role as a leader in your chapter. You will have an opportunity to work with our Maine State president, Donna Kennison, first vice president, Mary Hyland, second vice president, Priscilla McFarland, and treasurer, Kathy Sticht. Be prepared to gather with the other officers from your chapter to use your superpowers to brainstorm ways your chapter can begin to meet Goals 2025. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church for \$12.00. If you have any questions, contact Elaine Hendrickson at [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com) or by cell at 207-551-7706.



## Crafters Wanted

By popular demand, the second annual Crafters' Bazaar is back... Let's make it bigger and better than last year! Maine State has so many gifted "craftswomen!" Share and sell or just display your wonderful items on Saturday, May 2 at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom C! To rent a table, the fee is once again either to donate a craft(s) or to pay \$20 on the day of the event. The crafts will then be on display during a Silent Auction at the 2020 Fall Workshop to benefit the Founders' Fund. The Registration Form/Contract is found in this edition of the Mainspring. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Hendrickson at [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com) or 207-551-7706.

## News from Donna Kennison

### President, Maine State Organization DKG

I am please to announce that Phyllis Hickey will be our International guest at convention this year. Phyllis has been Business Director at headquarters. International had now given her the job of Strategic Outreach Director. This position was created in order to enrich the membership experience with partnerships and sponsorships which have become more of a focus for the society. She has been a member go DKG since 1986. She was one of the trainers at my presidents training in Iowa last summer. Phyllis will be wit us from our Friday night executive board dinner through out Sunday Fellowship breakfast. I've asked her to give a greeting on Friday night and conduct a roundtable discussion on Saturday detailing the over 100 amendments being proposed to the DKG governing documents. At our banquet on Saturday night she will be our Keynote speaker.



As mentioned, there are over 100 proposed amendments to be presented at International this summer. Some of the more interesting categories for members will be shared in the next few issues of the *DKG NEWS* and also in the issue of the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* that will be published prior to the convention. Keep watch for these and look them over. If you see any that you feel strongly about share your views with someone that is going to convention so we can weigh in on them during discussion. I represent all of us in Maine State Organization, therefore, I want to represent your views in Philadelphia this summer.

I want to remind chapter presidents of the challenge I gave you last fall for this spring. There is still time to meet them.

Add or reinstate 1 member

Advertise STRETCH YOUR TEACHING workshop March 21, 2020

Bring one more member to STRETCH

Invite one more member to attend Spring Convention May 1-3,2020

## Delta News

Delta chapter once again decorated a tree for the Festival of Trees at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle to benefit the St. Apollonia Dental Clinic. **Betsy York** and **Rena Kearney** volunteered to sell tickets at the event. Our theme this year was Family Reading Night. On March 30, in conjunction with the Francis Malcolm Science Center, Delta will be co-hosting the fourth annual STEAM into Spring Professional Development workshop from 3:30-7:30. Six STEAM-related workshops are being offered.

A few member updates: **Sherri Calhoun** is now teaching at Ashland Central. School. She and her students are reading a variety of books and doing “hands-on” science which can be interesting with 28 sixth graders in one room! **Robin Norsworthy’s** fifth grade is piloting the Junior Achievers Program through MMG Insurance Company. The students have participated in five one-hour lessons taught by an employee of the company. To celebrate Martin Luther King’s birthday, students in **Julie Gardner’s** eighth grade language arts class wrote FOUND poems based upon Mr. King’s obituary. **Betsy York, Janet Woods, and Rena Kearney** play an active role in the Aroostook Retired Educators Association (AREA). Betsy is the secretary, Janet is on the planning committee, and Rena is past state president. **Carrie Reed’s** class is making community connections and establishing the habit of using the Robert Frost Memorial Library in Limestone. She takes her second and third graders there once a month. They now have a relationship with the librarian, have their very own library cards, and check books out regularly.

Delta is pleased to host the 2020 Spring Convention on May 1-3 at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn. Join us for a “taste” of the County.

## Goals 2025



**What will Maine State Organization look like in 2025?** At the 2019 Fall Workshop, a group of 15 members who are very concerned about the sustainability and growth of our organization participated in two workshop sessions to distill information gathered at the 2018 Society Forum. Using a brainstorming activity, two goals were established with a number of ideas recommended as to how to implement these goals. They are as follows:

**Goal 1:** Twenty percent of our statewide membership will be women actively working to educate others.

- Provide professional development opportunities for members and nonmembers.
- Support active educators.

**Goal 2:** To ensure that the educational community and general public recognize DKG as a professional organization of leading women educating others.

- Connecting and collaborating with other groups.
- Continuing with and expanding current state workshops.
- Face of organization – spokesperson?
- Marketing

## Signs, the Seven Purposes, and Support – Mary Hyland, First VP

So, the next step is to figure how to implement these goals. For example, what does marketing look like? How do we support active educators?

The work begun in October has been continued electronically among members of the group by using Google Docs to clarify and suggest implementation techniques. On the evening of March 20 (the day before STRETCH), members who are interested in continuing the discussion face-to-face will meet in Belfast to look at and refine what we have done. This information will be used to continue the work, until we meet again at the 2020 Spring Convention on Saturday afternoon, May 2. Anyone who is interested in participating in either or both of these sessions is more than welcome to attend. Please contact me: Elaine Hendrickson at [elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.hendrickson@gmail.com) or 207-551-7706 if you want to attend, would like to comment on the goals, have ideas of concrete ways that we can implement the goals in our chapters, or be included in the Google Docs discussion.

This is only the beginning... Let's continue planning for our future by working together!

Not long ago, as a guest at a well-known service organization, I noticed a little sign that contained the following message: "If half the people did what they thought everyone else should be doing, what a [organization] we would have."

Wouldn't you agree that such a statement could apply to any organization or cause, including DKG? Yet it seems a little snarky, huh? The message may seem to imply that you should be adding more to your lengthening list of loyal duties. But what if you thought about it this way? Instead of piling on more, use what you are already doing to serve DKG. We have such incredible gifts throughout our membership. Love to read? Offer to share via a book talk. If you sing, step up to lead "our fight song." Perhaps you knit and can donate an afghan as a door prize. If you are a tech whiz, your chapter may need a Webmaster. Are you a visionary? Strategic plans need you. The bottom line is that every single one of us has God-given gifts to share toward the seven purposes of DKG.

Those seven purposes still guide us. In her article in the fall issue of the Collegial Exchange, our International President Cathy Daugherty wrote that our purposes "are key to the health of the organization. They are, in a sense, our genetic code."

My reading, research, and reflection have taken me on a historical journey of how the purposes have evolved – I continue on that journey. Currently, I ponder purpose #1, which unites us in genuine spiritual fellowship. What does that truly mean? Purpose #2 speaks of women who evidence potential. How do we assess any individual's potential? Purpose #4 guides us toward supporting desirable legislation. What does that look like in this political climate?

As First Vice President, I automatically chair Maine State Organization's Educational Excellence Committee, which has an extremely broad range of responsibilities, for which all the purposes guide our work. At this juncture, we are perhaps focused more on #4 involving legislation, #6 speaking to professional growth, and #7 encouraging information on current educational issues. The International EEC narrowed its focus for the current biennium, which in turn, helps to focus our state committee. Those four areas of focus are: 1) Schools for Africa Project, 2) support for early career educators, 3) advocacy for educational law and policy, and 4) promotion of United Nations activities. At our EEC Fall Workshop session, those four areas were discussed briefly. Based on the exit tickets submitted in which attendees rank-ordered the four areas, we have chosen to prioritize support for early career educators as our number one focus, followed by advocacy for educational law and policy. If your gifts include experience in mentoring or lobbying, we would love to hear from you!

Back to that little sign, revised: "If all the people used their unique gifts and talents to fulfill the purposes of DKG, what a society we would have."

## THOUGHT

Present during General Session, 10.19.19. by Mary  
Hyland, First VP

Whenever he took to the mound, I would groan and assume that any chance of my team's comeback was completely over. Such talent. Incredible focus. That piercing look. Those penetrating eyes. A sure closer. He played for the Pinstripes from 1995-2013 and was a menace to Red Sox Nation – and anybody else who hoped for a “W.” As the very first unanimous selection in history for the Baseball Hall of Fame, he was enshrined on July 21st of this year. Yeah, you may know about whom I speak. The one and only Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees!

Do you realize that more people have walked on the moon than men who have scored against Rivera in the post season? Yes, I will repeat that. Do you realize that more people have walked on the moon (12) than men who have scored against Rivera in the post season (11).

The man can pitch.

And so can you.

In the summer of 2018, yours truly was a member of DKG's LMS, where, among many other topics, our class learned the importance of being able to pitch ideas and passions. A year ago, President Elaine included pitching - aka elevator speeches - in her challenges to chapters. Many attended last fall's workshop session entitled “Pitching DKG and Throwing Heat.” Solid ideas were presented there and the pitches were submitted and printed for Convention. Do you still have your sample copies? But pitching is more than just memorizing a script or meeting a challenge. Just like for Rivera, it's about being ready in the bullpen, strolling onto the mound, and closing the deal.

As you maneuver life, you will encounter many folks that need to know about DKG – they need to know about DKG - just as Rivera encountered numerous batters over the years. Rivera has a “seemingly effortless delivery, which he can flawlessly repeat.” Be sure that your description of DKG and its benefits simply rolls off your tongue with enthusiasm and pride.

Rivera's signature cutter was remarkably adept at hitting the corners. You will need to adjust your pitch to the listener and situation, just as he did to the hitters' tendencies and to each game's situation.

To quote Rivera: "I am prepared to do anything that's necessary to help us win... even if it means pitching every day from here on out." What are you prepared to do with your pitch?

Please stay in the game and be vigilant with pitching DKG so the gift - It IS a gift - of membership may be shared with all who need to get in the game, too. Then we – professional women educators impacting education worldwide - all can be winners.

**Last but not least - Important Spring Convention info**

**Registration Forms**

28% Service charge, tax, and gratuities are paid by the Roberta Rogers Fund.

Special Dietary needs contact Deanna Michaud at 207-262-0099 or

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Mail registration forms and checks payable to :**Alpha Psi State by April 15, 2020 to: Elaine Hendrickson, 66 Lombard Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769**

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Call 207-262-0099 and ask for a room in the DKGME block. The rate is \$129.71 per night including tax. To receive this price, make your reservation by April 15, 2020.