

# History of World Fellowships

## Background

The World Fellowships Program began at the 1946 convention in San Francisco with approval of a project to aid women in war-torn countries. Four German women educators, with financial assistance from DKG members, spent eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden in the spring of 1948.

The second step toward the present-day World Fellowships Program was the alliance in 1952 with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. During 1958-1960, the present program began to take shape, and an agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

Work with World Fellowships was originally the province of the Personal Growth & Service Committee. In 1972, the World Fellowships Committee became a standing committee, with state and chapter committees added to the Constitution in 1974.

In 1978, the Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowships Program with an award, which is displayed at DKG International Headquarters.

Through the years the program grew and to date a total of 555 women from 101 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada.

## Selection Process Explained

Applications for the Delta Kappa Gamma Fellowships are conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions & Foundations or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the IIE in the United States. The IIE helps students with enrollment, visa, insurance, and transportation. The IIE also aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from many different foundations and organizations, of which the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowships Program is one. The IIE reviews successful international candidates and forwards the applications for those who meet specific criteria for Delta Kappa Gamma Fellowships. The World Fellowships Committee selects recipients for the Society's world fellowships from the dossiers presented by the IIE.

*Information compiled from a variety of World Fellowships handouts.*



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## Alpha Iota State-Michigan



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

*World Fellowships  
Supporting the advancement of  
teaching...  
one learner at a time*

**Michigan World Fellowships Chairmen  
Julie Kowalski & Maria Gonzalez**

## Fund Raising Ideas

Purpose Five states that one of the major functions of the World Fellowships Committee is to earn money from a variety of fund raisers in order to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.

World Fellowship is a major participant in Funding Our Purposes' large and small item raffle during Fall Conference and Spring Convention.

### Tried and True Ideas for Chapter Fundraising:

1. Have a World Fellowship **globe** bank and encourage small change contributions.
2. Pass around a seasonal offering envelope (stockings, hearts, etc.) and have members contribute change.
3. Compile a cookbook of members' special recipes or favorite foreign dishes and sell the cookbooks.
4. Play the **change** game at each meeting. Members give change to the "pot" according to criteria the World Fellowship chair determines for the meeting. Be creative and have fun with your ideas! Here are some examples:
  - *\$0.05 for each letter in your name.*
  - *\$0.05 for each dollar in your wallet.*
  - *\$0.10 for each button on your clothes.*

### Monthly Ideas

**January** – Donate a penny for every degree on the thermometer.

**February** – Donate a quarter if you haven't hugged someone today. Ten cents if you have hugged someone.

**March** – Tens cents if you are wearing green; fifty cents if you are not.

**April** – Shower World Fellowships with all the nickels in your purse or fill out a World Fellowship Tax Form.

**May** – Twenty-five cents for each bouquet of fresh flowers you have received this month.

**June/July/August** - Summer Vacation

**September** – Donate a nickel for each apple you have eaten this month.

**October** - Columbus discovered the New World. What can you discover in your purse? Twenty-five cents for each pen and pencil you discover.

**November** – Count your blessings and donate a nickel for each of your blessings.

**December** – Donate ten cents for any gift you still need to buy or wrap.

## Current World Fellowship Recipients in Michigan 2009-2010

Thanh Nguyen, from Vietnam, is seeking her Masters at Central Michigan University.

Samanta Biscardi is seeking a Masters in Law Degree at the University of Michigan.