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World Fellowship Recipient

By Julie Kowalski, WF Co-Chair

Magdalen "Corne" Lotter grew up in a very small town in the middle of South Africa. She is of German descent. Her dad owned a small bakery in town. Everybody knew each other and cared about each other. She feels lucky to have grown up so happily.

She was the first in her family to go to University. She wanted to be a journalist and studied communication. Corne's dad was diagnosed with cancer while she was working on her Masters Degree. She quit her program to take care of him.

After he passed away, her old principal, from her high school, contacted her to fill in for a teacher who had an accident. That's when she fell in love with teaching. She then decided to go back to school to get her teaching credentials.

She has seen some terrible conditions in the schools in South Africa. Sometimes ten kids would have to sit at a table designed for two. The literacy level, for girls, is very low

in South African schools. Boys are allowed to go to school but girls have to stay at home to cook.

Corne's passion for literacy and reading acquisition began while working with the students in the schools.

She has received a Fulbright Scholarship and the support of DKG World Fellowship to make it possible for her to come to MSU to complete her Masters in TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language). Her thesis and research will be on reading acquisition amongst learners in English schools whose first language is not English. In addition to her studies at MSU, Corne is volunteering with the Read to Succeed Program at Pinecrest Elementary School in East Lansing.

Corne hopes to go back to South Africa and make a difference in the school system.

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Dates

December 1

- Deadline for chapter yearbook evaluation
- Golden Gift Application deadline

January 1

- Postmark deadline for Educational Foundation Project Applications (available online)

January 15

- Deadline for Distinguished Service Award

February 1

- Chapter Annual Report
- Necrology Report
- Chapter Strategic Plan
- Postmark deadline for Applications for International Scholarships (forms are available at www.dkg.org)
- Submission deadline for chapter Newsletter Award

We Need Your News!

Articles, announcements, or chapter news for the February President's newsletter should be sent to Jackie Smart at jackie@mymartfamily.com by January 20. The *Wolverine* editor would also like you to share your chapter's activities, news, and happenings with your Michigan sisters. Send news blurbs and photos to jpechta.dkg.comcast.net

Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision

*Leading Women Educators
 Impacting Education Worldwide*

Final Yearbook Reminder

Please send three (3) copies of your chapter's yearbook to Sally Garrison by the December 1st due date. Yearbooks may be on paper, CD or your chapter website. If we need a password, please volunteer it. Please also send one completed copy of the current evaluation form available on the state website. Remember, there will not be a penalty if you are not using the new logos.

Although yearbooks will be accepted at anytime, only those received by December 1st will be considered for the 2010-2011 Yearbook Awards. International Communications chair reminds us to be sure to change the fifth **Purpose** to read: "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to nonmember women educators."

The statement on **membership** now reads: "An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society."

Send copies of your yearbook to:

Sally Garrison, Executive Secretary
227 Lenox Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2025
wsarahsally@aol.com

State Visitations

Fran Saenz, Gamma Alpha
State Visitations Chairman

If your chapter would like a visit from our State President or any state officer or chairman, please complete an official state visit request form (found on the state web site or in your president packet at Fall Conference) and mail it to me.



Members Supporting Members

Members Supporting Members is a Michigan project that is building an endowed fund for special speakers at state conventions and conferences. The fund also covers registration costs for three members at state events. We sell lapel pins and raffle tickets to fund this project. They can be purchased at state events or from any member of the executive board.

This year's raffle is for a vacation in Honolulu, Florida, or the Carolina's for a week at accommodations owned by Wyndham Vacation Resorts. You'll receive a brochure when you purchase a raffle ticket that explains all of the details. Only 200 tickets have been printed. You may purchase them from any executive board member, at the state convention, or you can order your tickets by sending your check made out to *Delta Kappa Gamma Member Supporting Member Raffle*.

Mail to:

Kathy Muench
11715 Schram Street
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Web Watching



Information introduced at Fall Conference are now available on the state website. Tamara Webster, State Webmaster, has posted two PowerPoints available for chapters. The two PowerPoints are Society Constitutional Changes for 2010 and Strategic Planning Progress.

People need me...they depend on me. We're doing something important here. And knowing that gives me the energy to carry the sack, lead the pack, and keep coming back.
S. Claus

Mixer: Two Truths and a Lie

The purpose of this mixer is to reveal unknown things about oneself to the group in a fun way. Divide the number of members in attendance so that four or five persons will be in each small group. Each woman states three things about herself. Two must be true and one false. For example: "I am a Kentucky Colonel. I have traveled to more than 80 countries. I have won a marathon." The others try to guess which statement is untrue. Each person should get a chance to share. The others guess which is false. It will be fun and members will learn more about each other.

Dorothy E. Sample, PhD
Personal Growth and Service Chair

Chapter Woman of Distinction & State Woman of Distinction

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth chairs, please begin the process in your chapter for selecting your Chapter Woman of Distinction. Your choice is due by March 15, 2011. To find forms for both the Chapter Woman and the State Woman of Distinction, go to the Alpha Iota State website at www.deltakappagamma.org/MI click on "Forms."

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New Committee Sets Goals

"The Educational Excellence Committee promotes international projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide." With this statement delineated at its October meeting, the new Educational Excellence Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Helen Popovich, developed goals and activities for its first biennium and made plans to assist states and chapters in supporting the committee's defined direction.

Defined areas for programs and activities include:

- 1) focusing on educational excellence,
- 2) promoting the DKG/UN relationship,
- 3) increasing members' professional pride and self confidence,
- 4) increasing members' global awareness, and
- 5) impacting educational law and policy.

The project that DKG has adopted is ***Schools for Africa***. This is a joint campaign founded by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access to quality basic education for children with a special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to:

- Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools,
 - Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play,
 - Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in those schools,
 - Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials,
 - Train 100,000 teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills, and
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention; this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large.

If your chapter is looking for an International project to replace the Afghan Teacher Project, please consider "Schools for Africa." Below is the information for making contributions.

Please send in checks to:
U.S. Fund for UNICEF
C/O NGO Department
125 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038

Include the name of your organization and chapter on the memo line.

Get Smart

State President - Jackie Smart



Chapter Presidents,

I want to take a moment during this joyous season to wish you and your loved ones happy holidays. This is the time of year when we all give thanks for the many blessings we have received and we reflect on how grateful we are for our friendships. Personally, I am thankful the knee replacement surgery I had at the end of October was successful. After my physical therapy sessions are completed, I am confident that in 2011 I will be walking pain free with my bi-ionic knee.

During this holiday season the generosity of Michigan chapters evident. I am impressed with the service projects our chapters undertake during the holidays: bell ringing for the Salvation Army; donations of non-perishable foods for local food banks; winter coats, hats, and mittens for needy children; Angel Trees; adopting a family in need and purchasing presents for every family member; donations of books, toys, toiletries, socks, and underwear for shelters are just a few of the philanthropic projects that Michigan chapters are doing. Keep up the good work.

By now all chapter presidents should have received four items from International:

- November/December Presidents' Page
- Chapter President 2010 Annual Report
- Chapter 2010 Annual Necrology Report
- Press Release form to help you "Broadcast the Buzz"

If you have not received your forms, they can be downloaded from the state or international websites. Due dates for the reports are February 1, 2011, but you can submit them anytime before February 1. The information you send is compiled for the state report that I send to International. Please complete the Necrology Report even if your chapter has no deaths to report.

Send a copy of the **Chapter President Annual Report** to me:

Jackie Smart
20158 Southampton Drive
Livonia, MI 48152

The **Necrology Report** should be sent to the Membership Co-Chairman:

Lynne Elsesser
20440 Lexington
Northville, MI 48167

Also due on February 1 is your chapter Strategic Plan. Strategic Planning Worksheets can be found on Michigan's state website at:

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

Click on "October 2010" under President's Mailings. The worksheets are available as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF. Please send your strategic plan to me by February 1. Submitting your Chapter Strategic Plan satisfies item #11 on the Award of the Rose application which reads:

"Chapter continues to develop and/or implement its strategic plan. Initial or updated plan is sent in to the Strategic Planning Committee every year."

Jackie

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It currently doesn't cater to black learners who speak Xhosa, Sotho, or Zulu at home. They have to attend an English School and learn to read in English before they learn to read in their mother tongue.

Corne would like to express, to all of you, her thanks for the support of the DKG Society for providing the funds that has made it possible for her to be here to complete her program. She is looking forward to meeting you and sharing some of her experiences at Spring Convention in Romulus. You can send cards of encouragement to Corne at:

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