



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Alpha Iota State Project

10 INTERESTING WOMEN

Educational Excellence Committee

Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) Goals

1. Promote the Schools for Africa Project
2. Support Early-Career Educators*
3. Encourage programs that
 - Increase members' personal and professional pride
 - Focus on educational excellence
 - Promote the DKG/UN relationship
 - Increase members' global awareness
 - Impact educational law and policy

Examples

- Early-career Educator support resources, including
 1. **THAT--Teachers Helping Another Teacher** project (from California State Organization)
 2. **Dinner and a Movie** (from Omega Chapter, Oregon)

Read details of these programs at:

www.dkg.org Click on the apple icon at the bottom of the page: Supporting Early-Career Educators Programs

Support Early-Career Educators*

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Michigan's Plan

10 Interesting Women

*As a member of
the International Excellence
Committee
might say...*

Wow!
Oh, No!
Exciting!
Uh, Oh!

How do we proceed from here?

The Model: 10 Interesting Women

- Five DKG chapter members join together to invite five currently working teachers and/or administrators to meet after work for a light dinner.
- The goal is to focus on women who are young in the profession, but start with the ones you know.

Invitation

- Each participating DKG member makes a personal contact to someone *she knows* who is currently teaching or working in education, and invites her to the gathering.
- When she has a commitment, she follows up with an e-mail (or letter) personally inviting her to the group. (A sample letter is available.)

Invitation

- Recommended opening line: **“Some other professional educators and I would like to get 10 interesting women together to share about what is happening in education today. I think you are an interesting woman and I would like to ask you to participate.”**
- DKG member provides the table leader with the invitee’s name, e-mail, phone number and address.
- Table leader contacts all the 10 interesting women with date, time, place and directions of first meeting by e-mail or letter.

What Happens ?

- Have no agenda—share about educational experiences.
- Keep it positive – celebrate the good.
- Two-way learning will occur.
- DKG members will learn from working professionals and also find ways they can be supportive of them.
- Excellent connections will be made.

Structure

- Collaborative Connections Chair (or other designee) coordinates the groups for the chapter.
- Each table grouping needs a leader to make the reservation and notify everyone after acceptance of invitation.
- Use a round table if possible and have each woman pay for her own dinner. (This keeps it an equal relationship.)
- Set the date for the next meeting before leaving the gathering.

Keep Relationship Equal

- Remember the goal: Support Early-Career Educators.
- Do not discuss DKG or DKG business at the meetings.
- Each member of the group should introduce herself.
- Use “I” and not “we”.
- “Reply to all” on all e-mail communication.

Next Steps

- The groups meet two to four times a year.
- Continue to divide and add more DKG members and other working professionals.
- Divide the original group into two groups.
- Ask your invitees to encourage new professionals to participate. *

*This may be the best way to find new teachers.

Possibilities

- Members who have worked or are working in a particular school may find it easy to get a group of working professionals from there.
- Try to involve many members in additional groups over two or more years. Provide orientation to each new member joining or starting a new group. (Use the module.)
- Devise a totally unique plan that works for your particular chapter.

Your Unique Plan:

- Breakfast
- Meeting after school with snacks
- Smaller chapters starting with fewer numbers
- Other
- Chapters from your coordinating council working together on this project; some members from each chapter. Support each other.

Many Connections Will Be Made:

- Grandparents' Day
- Gingerbread Houses
- Math Games
- Work with Students
- School Garden
- Help with Bulletin Boards
- Support of a photography/writing project

Possible New Members

- New DKG members may eventually come from the connection, but it is wise to not promote the gathering as a DKG activity with the working professionals invited.
- They may think you are out to get them into the organization and that will destroy the equality of the gathering.
- If a member of the group expresses a concern being addressed by a speaker at your DKG meeting, that member may be invited to the DKG meeting.

Report to the State

- A certificate or award will be presented to the chapters who have 10 Interesting Women groups.
- Report your successes. Chapter president or an Educational Excellence Committee member reports annually to Alpha Iota State.
- Report form will be sent to chapter presidents.
- Having a **10 Interesting Women Group** will count on **The Award of the Rose**.

Questions

Answers

Sharing your ideas!

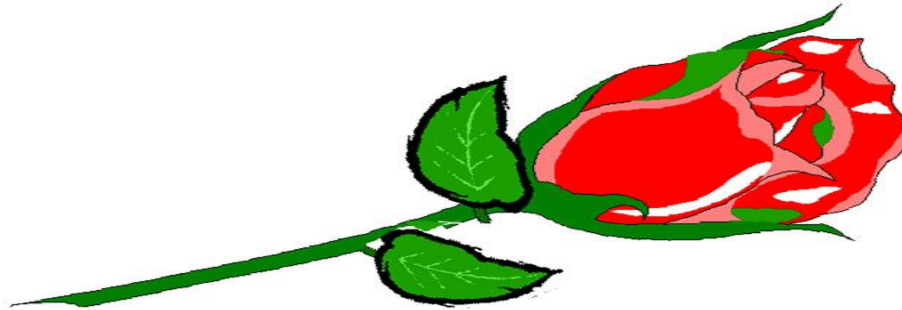


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