



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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Broadcasting the Buzz



Creative Program Supports Connecting Educators

Michigan's Mu chapter developed an idea for supporting educators in their community. It was so successful at the chapter level that Michigan has adopted it as a state project. The program is called the "Ten Interesting Women Model." Here is how it works as reported by Dr. Dorothy Sample, immediate past president of the chapter:

Five members of the chapter collaborated to invite five currently working teachers and/or administrators to meet after work for a light dinner. Each DKG member sent a letter to someone she knew who was teaching or working in education. The opening line said, "Some professional educators and I would like to gather ten interesting women together to share what is happening in education today. I think you are an interesting woman, and I would like to ask you to participate." The response was superb.

The first gathering was a time with no agenda but just sharing educational experiences. After introductions, there was free-flowing talk about what was happening in the classrooms today. The purpose was to encourage working professionals, find ways DKG members could help them and to inform retired educators of the changes in classrooms of today. The sharing provided two-way learning.

The gatherings have continued and grown. Invitees are aware of the Society, and some have expressed a desire to become members. This is just a welcomed byproduct of a strong effort to retain teachers in the profession and to provide support for educators.

Connections Can Create Buzz

Marika Heimbach of Germany is asking to connect with members who teach at a school with a German department. The goal is to establish a school partnership exchange program.

Last fall, one of her former students had the opportunity to spend four weeks in Rochester, NY. Members opened hearts and homes and provided access to college. Exchange programs not only improve language skills, but broaden minds and make friendships. Heimbach says, "Let us buzzzz...by initiating friendships across borders!" If interested, please contact Marika Heimbach at

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Materials Now Available

The new membership materials available on the Membership Committee resource pages and from the library on the international Web site provide a new approach to information for prospective members. An orientation program with script and a reorientation program for current members are available from dkg.org.