

Tips from Europe

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators March 2010

Woman of Vision and Action



April 15, 2010, is the deadline to nominate a Woman of Vision and Action. Send nominations to Dr. Carolyn Rants at Carolyn@rants.net



Forum Website

In 2006, the concept of a European Forum Website emerged. **Marianne Skardeus**, Sweden, made suggestions in her paper, *NEED*, and support increased at the European Forum. **Diana Bell**, Great Britain, chaired the Forum that was held at the 2009 Europe Regional Conference in Oslo.

The Forum Committee was created, and its desire was that the website be the hub for Europe to improve communications, share information, bring the countries closer together as a community and better market DKG.

The content of the website is to include dates of conventions, chapter meetings, the history of DKG in Europe, *EuForia* - Europe's newsletter, listings of presidents and committee members, a regional director's page and links to all European state organizations' websites.

Eyglo Bjornsdottir, webmaster for Iceland, serves as the European Forum webmaster. She presented the webmasters' workshop for the 2009 Europe Regional Conference.

Discussions about the maintenance of the website are on-going and include European state organization presidents, webmasters, editors and the members of the European Forum Committee.

Supporting Women in Developing Countries

Zeta chapter in Tampere, Finland, combined the Buzz with the support of women in developing countries. On Women's Day, March 8, the members of Zeta chapter held a piano and vocal concert as well as a lottery in a private art gallery. The theme was *Love Songs*.

Information about Delta Kappa Gamma was presented to the group by Riitta Liisa Arpiainen of Zeta chapter. Proceeds were donated to Woman's Bank.

Women Helping Women



One of the most important means of abolishing poverty is to increase and improve opportunities for women to earn a living. **Woman's Bank** was founded in May 2007 in Finland by FinnChurchAid and a group of influential women who had visited Liberia and were moved by the living conditions of women there.

Woman's Bank provides funds to support higher standards of living, promote entrepreneurship, increase economic livelihood, provide skills, small loans, and vocational training. A variety of innovative projects are aimed at encouraging women's entrepreneurship.

The projects have criteria and are monitored by FinnChurchAid which has expert partners in destination countries.

Chapter Websites linked to International

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