

Topical Outline:

***Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Introduction: Let's Get Started

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **"Getting to know you . . . getting to know all about you. . ."**
Marj Bubach, Sheree Diede, and Rochelle Feldner open the conference with announcements, ice breakers, and storytelling activities.

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. BREAK

Chapter 1: The Beginning

9:40 - 10:40 a.m. **Writing Strategies in the Elementary Classroom**
Holly Eidsness "begins" by enriching our inventory of writing strategies for elementary students.

10:40 - 10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Writing Strategies in the Secondary Classroom**
Marj Bubach offers activities to enhance student writing with the following steps: creating a map of life, writing with figurative language, adding sensory details, and using children's stories as models to help students move from first to final draft.

11:45 - 11:50 a.m. BREAK

11:50 a.m. -12:50 p.m.
From Idea to Publication
Published author Barb Solberg offers guidance by addressing the following writing to publication questions: What do you do with an idea? Tell it to others? Write it down? Publish it?

1:00 - 1:25 p.m. LUNCH

Chapter 2: Dreams: Reading, Writing, and Storytelling

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **What We Leave Behind**
Barb Solberg, veteran teacher and published author, shares how and why she began to write her story.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. BREAK

Chapter 3: Getting Kids to Read

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. **Books, Braids, and Ice Cream**
Sara Medalen, former Minot and ND Teacher of the Year and Horace Man Award Winner for Teaching Excellence identifies creative ways to inspire kids to read.

3:45 - 4:00 p.m. BREAK

Chapter 4: Books, Authors, and Dreams

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Why Did You Bring This Book?**
Sara Medalen moderates a round-table sharing that will expose participants to new books and ideas for reading and writing.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Author Panel Discussion**
Join Nancy Pearson she moderates an Author's Panel Discussion that will include, but is not limited to, the following authors: Barb Solberg, Gretchen Stenehjem. Learn from those who have taken the leap to achieve their dreams of writing, publishing, and entrepreneurship.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. SUPPER

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. **Vendor's Marketplace**
Follow the Panel Discussion with the opportunity to peruse the Vendor's Marketplace and participate in one-on-one discussions that will include, but are not limited to, the following: Barb Solberg, Gretchen Stenehjem, Monica Hannan, Lindsey Undlin, North Dakota Humanities Council.

Chapter 5: An Evening of Stories

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **What's Your Story**
Sheree Diede and Rochelle Feldner share a variety of creative writing activities and identify how "music is a storyteller."

***Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Chapter 6: The Final Chapter

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. **Inspiration**
Conference Chair Jeannie Sovak will reinforce the theme of the power of storytelling and introduce Becky Sadowski, International President, who will share her story.

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. BREAK

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Why I Left for Other Dreams**
Sometimes teaching is outside the traditional classroom. Listen to former

classroom teacher Jasmine Schultz share why she made the daring decision to leave the classroom for other opportunities, only to realize she still teaches everyday.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Sharing Their Stories**

Delta Kappa Gamma International was founded on May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, Austin. Join Lisa Olson as she salutes the 12 founding members.

11:45a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Hour of Remembrance

Jeanie Sovak and Jan Repnow facilitate the ceremony to honor those dedicated teachers in our State DKG Chapters who have passed away.

Epilogue: Tell your Story

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **“Everything has to come to an end, sometime.” L. Frank Baum**

Members of Minot's NU Chapter conclude the conference by engaging participants in final storytelling activities, facilitating the opportunity to discuss what they have learned, and encouraging them to share their own storytelling ideas.