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Ms. Stephanie Novak is a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which is the largest organization of women educators. DKG has a global membership of over 100,000 women educators in 18 countries. DKG “promotes professional and personal growth for women educators and excellence in education.” The members are “leading women educators impacting education worldwide.”

Ms. Novak is a retired teacher. When teachers leave the profession they pursue other dreams and look forward to spending time with family and friends. They rarely look back at what was. Their view is toward the horizon with new goals and aspirations. However, Ms. Novak had a different idea of retirement. In June 2011, she said good-bye to her students and the faculty of St. Stephen



Stephanie Novak with Immediate Past President of DKG/Chi State, Sandy Rushing

the Martyr Catholic School in Los Angeles. She later heard that due to budget constraints her replacement would not be hired. This harsh reality meant that a number of students would be uprooted from their neighborhood school which most likely was the only school they had known. This was not a satisfactory situation to Ms. Novak. Instead of continuing to walk into the world of retirement, Ms. Novak went back into her school to inform the supervisor that she would be returning to teach in September. The supervisor reminded Ms. Novak of the budgetary reality. He wasn't prepared, however, for her response. Ms. Novak was willing to put the students' needs above anything else and volunteered to teach the class without any **COMPENSATION!**

In a time when education and teachers are oftentimes not shed in the best of light, along comes an educator with the character of Ms. Novak. Let us, the public, remember the teachers who have made a positive difference in our lives and hold them up with the utmost respect and gratitude. Most teachers, like Ms. Novak, have a profound dedication and passion for their career and the students they serve.

Ms. Novak's Chapter (Beta Beta) will honor her with The Golden Rose Award on April 13, 2013 at the Annual Area XII Spring Conference in Long Beach. Her sisters are acknowledging Ms. Novak for her tireless and unselfish dedication towards her students as well as recognizing her many contributions to her Chapter. She currently serves as Chair for the Teachers Helping Another Teacher (THAT) program which fosters volunteerism among active educators. Besides her classroom duties, Ms. Novak volunteers to coach the school's Academic Decathlon.

Congratulations to Ms. Novak!

By the way, Ms. Novak re-appeared in August of 2012 at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School for one more year...for the students...free of charge.

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