



# Wyoming Roundup

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For Key Women Educators

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## Come Celebrate 75 Years of DKG in Wyoming

On April 28-30, 2017 Wyoming DKG members will celebrate 75 years of Delta Kappa Gamma in Wyoming at the Historic Plains Hotel in Cheyenne. Members from all parts of Wyoming are encouraged to join the celebration.

Many things have changed since Dr. Annie Webb Blanton organized the initiation and installation of officers at the Plains Hotel in Cheyenne June 1, 1940. Sixteen State Founders were selected and the first president of Alpha Xi State was Helen Irving. But as we reflect on our past and look for the future current Alpha Xi President Becky Tish wants us all to remember what an awesome Society we belong to.

Details and registration information are in this issue. Help us carry our state organization into the future by joining us in Cheyenne!



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Dr. Rhonda Anderson

## Wyoming Welcomes Dr. Rhonda Anderson to Wyoming's State Convention

Northwest regional Director Dr. Rhonda Anderson from Sioux Falls, South Dakota will be the international representative for the state convention in Cheyenne.

Dr. Anderson holds a doctorate in Counseling and Psychology, a Master's of Science in Counseling and Human Resource Development, a Master's of Arts in Counseling and Personnel Services, and Bachelor degrees in German and English.

The experiences of Rhonda are wide and varied. She has been a high school instructor, a university professor, a real estate salesperson,

a governess in Dusseldorf, Germany, a recipient of a Carnegie Mellon Grant, a Fulbright exchange teacher in Munich, Germany, a retail sales clerk, a radio/TV factory line worker, a landlord, a motel maid, a farmer, a Stephen Ministry Leader, a deacon, an Executive Board member of Church, a volunteer for a community performing arts center, a volunteer for the Banquet (feeding the homeless), an all School Class Reunion President, a mental health therapist to elderly in assisted living, adults in a hospital setting, college students, and children from ages 10 up to 18 in a juvenile detention center, and children from ages 6-10 at Lutheran Social Services. Rhonda has been listed three times in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for high school and universities. She also received the *Person Who Makes a Difference Award* from the Sioux Falls School District, and has been nominated for teacher of the quarter several times.

Dr. Rhonda Anderson has served on many chapter committees and is currently serving a second term as chapter president. Her first biennium was 2002-2004. Rhonda has served as South Dakota State President and received the South Dakota State Achievement Award.

Rhonda has also been highly active on the international level of DKG. She has served on several international boards and committees and has presented workshops at NW Regional Conferences, Europe Conferences, and

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## WYOMING DKG DIAMONDS 75 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

*Becky Tish  
2015—2017  
Alpha Xi State President*



It is with deep affection and gratitude that I greet you. It is hard to believe that my term as your state president is coming to an end. It has been my honor to serve as your president this biennium, and it has been a joy. I have learned a huge amount about all of you, and about DKG, and it has made me have an even greater love for this organization. My service as your president has been a shining light in an otherwise difficult and frightening time in my life. And that is because of all of you!

The most rewarding and enjoyable part of my job has been the visits to your chapters. Last year I visited seven chapters. So far this year I have had the good fortune of visiting two more chapters, and hope to visit a few more this spring. Not only have I loved getting to talk to your members and get to know them personally, I have learned so much about your chapters and your amazing projects. These things are true of every chapter that I have visited: your members are warm and inviting, the programs and projects that you have shared with me are exciting and passionately done, your members truly care about each other and share a strong bond, and you ladies know how to cook and eat amazing food! Thank you so much for graciously hosting me these last two years.

I would like to share two wonderful projects that are being done by your fellow DKG sisters in the two chapters that I visited this fall. Epsilon Chapter in Guernsey, Wheatland and Lusk provides judges for local speech contests. What better judges are there than outstanding active and retired teachers? Lambda Chapter in Newcastle hosts a lovely reception following the National Honor Society induction at the high school. All NHS members, inductees, and their parents receive an invitation to this event, and it is a fantastic way to honor these outstanding students and make their induction special. These two projects truly touch people in a personal way, while promoting DKG in the community. Great job, ladies!

Seldom does one get the opportunity for a “do-over” in life, but the nominating committee has given me this chance. When Shirley called to ask if I would consider serving as president for another biennium, my husband’s response was, “Well, you kind of know what to do now, don’t you?” I think I kind of do. So with your permission I will give this another shot. Thank you for trusting and supporting me. I promise to do my very best for you, if elected.

I have loved meeting all of you around the state. I hope that I will see all of you at the state convention in Cheyenne! This will be a grand party to celebrate 75 years and beyond in Wyoming DKG. So I hope you will be there to celebrate with us April 28, 29, and 30 at the Historic Plains Hotel where this all began. I can’t wait to see you there!!



*Dr. Michelle Aldrich  
Second Vice President*

## Look for Prospective Members

Spring! I love spring! As you begin spending more time out and about it is a great time to look for prospective members! DKG membership is such an honor! I can't think of anything that would honor an educator more than inviting them to join our international society and all it has to offer! DKG has made the membership process so easy---everything you need can be found on our international website. The hardest part now is simply compiling your list of potential members!

When you start your list think about teachers in your local community, your local cooperative extension agent, a patient educator (nurse) at your local hospital, community members who teach piano lessons or private art lessons, local youth pastors, personal trainers, and community college adjunct instructors in your community. The list is limitless!

I would challenge you to take a look around your community and honor your local educators with your invitation to join you! If you know an educator in another Wyoming community please pass those names on to president of that chapter. Some of my favorite colleagues have joined chapters in other communities where they live and now I get to see them at fall and spring meetings!



*Shirley Tranas  
Treasurer*

## Treasurer Talk

We have been blessed with money in our treasury. Last year Pauline Lanoy donated money to our treasury. This allows us to do what we want to do within reason.

As state treasurer, I have access to names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for all state members. The chapter treasurers have access to their chapter's information. **It is very important for you to update your information.** International only has 50% of the membership's email addresses and those that they have 10% are wrong. You as a member can change your information very easily. First go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and go to the top row and find My DKG. You will need to sign in. You will use your membership number. It will be on your membership card or ask your

treasurer for it. Next you need to use the password [dkg2014society](http://dkg2014society). Then you can change that password to something you will remember. Finally, click on the pencil icon and change whatever needs to be changed.

Chapter Treasurers remember if you get any reinstatements or new initiates, please send that information to me as soon as possible because they can't receive any of the mailings from international until you do.

I also had to get a new email address. My new one is listed below.

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International Conventions. As the NW Regional Director, she is preparing her region for the NW Regional Conference in Spearfish SD at the end of June. She was a member of the Golden Gift Class of 2016.

Rhonda states "I have a commitment to serve Delta Kappa Gamma and want to work to my fullest potential and to the best of my ability. When I received my doctorate, one of my professors said to me, 'Rhonda, you truly exemplify the counseling and psychology program motto of, We come to learn, and leave to serve.' That statement made me realize that I truly enjoy learning and serving. I enjoy people, love communicating with them, and want to help them be the best that they can be. DKG has given to me, and I want to give back."

Dr. Anderson firmly believes that all of our experiences, both good and bad, become a part of who we are. With these experiences we become greater than the sum of our total parts. We are constantly becoming who we are.



## Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2017-2019



**Becky Tish**

### Nominee For President

Becky Tish, Alpha Chapter, is the nominee for Alpha Xi State President for the 2017-2019 Biennium. She has previously served as state president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and music co-chair at the state level. She has attended many years of state meetings and conventions, and has presented at state leadership workshops.

In her chapter, Becky has served as president, first vice president, and second vice president. She has served on the Cheyenne coordinating council for many years. Becky attended Northwest Regional Conferences in 2007-2015, and International Conferences in 2006-2016, where she played the piano, sang, received training, and attended workshops. She was the chair of Wyoming Night for the 2013 regional conference in Cheyenne, and served on the steering committee. At the 2009 Northwest Regional Conference, she served as the Music Director. She had the tremendous honor of attending the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX in 2013.

Becky has a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Arts in Music Education degree from the University of Wyoming. She taught music in

Laramie County School District #1 for 34 years, including high school choir, junior high choir, and elementary general music. She retired in 2013.

Becky is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she directs the chancel choir and three bell choirs. She also assistant directs and sings in the Cheyenne Chamber Singers. She is an active accompanist in Cheyenne, and teaches private lessons in voice and piano. She and her husband, Jeff, enjoy theatre, music, reading, camping and traveling.



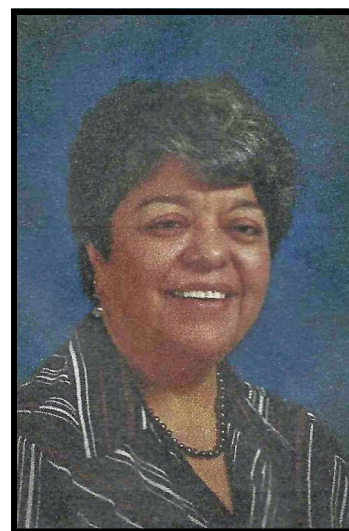
### Dr. Michelle Aldridge Nominee For First Vice President

I was asked to write a little about myself for those of you who don't know me. I have been serving as your 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president during the last two years. I spent 4 years as an area director prior to serving as your 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. I have enjoyed working with each of your chapters as I have collected necrology reports and been available to answer any questions you have had regarding membership.

I originally was invited to join DKG by Pauline Lanoy while living and teaching in Carbon county. I remember how honored I was to be invited to join DKG. In 2001, when I moved to Albany county and taught at

Laramie High School and Rock River High School, I belonged to the Laramie chapter which no longer exists. In 2004, we moved to Cheyenne and I was fortunate enough to begin teaching at Triumph High School where DKG Upsilon members Judy Kallal and Linda Brain invited me to transfer my membership to their chapter.

I have been able to attend several International and regional conferences and am always amazed at all DKG offers for our members! I would love to have the opportunity to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> vice president for the next biennium! If you have any questions please contact me at [teach-wyo@yahoo.com](mailto:teach-wyo@yahoo.com) or call me at 760-6213. I look forward to visiting with you!



### Sally Sheehan Nominee For Second Vice President

Sally Sheehan has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 42 years and has served as Theta Chapter president, State First Vice President and State President. She has attended many state workshops and state conventions, NW Regional Conferences in SD, MT, NE,

IA, OR, WI and WY, and 2 International conventions. Sally presented several workshops and programs at the state and regional levels. She and husband Mike have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. Sally is a member of the Council of Catholic Women, co-chairs the St. Matthew's Funeral Dinner Ministry, and sings in the adult choir. She is also a Red Hatter and member of PEO. Sally enjoys oil painting, reading, crossword puzzles, gardening, and spoiling her grandchildren.



**Jan Segerstrom**

**Nominee for Secretary**

Growing up on an Iowa dairy farm, Jan came to Wyoming in 1981 to teach middle school language arts and mathematics in Big Piney. After seven years, she moved back to Iowa to pursue a masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Three years later, Jan found herself back in Teton County working with gifted education programming and serving as a K-12 librarian, instructional coach, and technology coordinator. During these past 35 years in education, She has gained many skills that help her perform duties associated with this office. Jan's main area of expertise focuses on use of technologies for storage and communication of information as well as the instruction of adults in use of instructional technology. She

feels these skills can benefit Alpha Xi in recording executive committee meetings, preparation of convention notes, and proper archiving of minutes and correspondences.

Other DKG officer positions Jan has held include President and 1st Vice President for Chi Chapter. Most recently, she served as Alpha Xi's recording secretary (2015-2017) and she would love the opportunity to continue supporting our state organization and its members.



**Harmony Davidson**

**Nominee For South Area Representative**

Harmony Davidson is the nominee for Alpha Xi State South Area Representative, a position she currently holds. She is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter, Carbon County, serving as chapter president.

She has been very active at the state level and has attended many Alpha Xi Executive Board meetings, trainings and workshops. She also has had the pleasure of joining several of her Alpha Xi State sisters in attending the 2012 International Convention in New York City and meeting new sisters at the 2013 and 2015 Regional Conventions in Cheyenne, WY and Regina, Saskatchewan.

Harmony earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Pace University and her Masters degree in Special Education from the College of

New Rochelle before moving to Wyoming. She taught at Carbon County School District #1 for eleven years and is currently a Classroom Special Education Teacher at Project Reach Developmental Preschool. She and her husband share their home with their three rambunctious nephews, four delightful dogs and a sweet rabbit. In her free time she enjoys reading, photography and graphic design.



**Vicky Gopp**

**Nominee For North Area Representative**

The Alpha Xi State North Area Representative nominee is Vicky Gopp of Sigma Chapter. She lives in Worland and has been a member of DKG since 1992. She currently is the north area representative.

Vicky earned her BS degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Library Science in 1988 after being a mother of four and doing some work in the educational field. She worked at Worland's Middle School for 15 years and then transferred to Elementary Media Specialist where she traveled to all three schools in Worland for nine years teaching library, reading, and computers skills. During the summers Vicky worked for forty-two years at the Migrant School, the last six years as Director. In 2014 she retired. Currently she is doing NAEP testing in the school.

In Sigma Chapter Vicky served on committees, and as vice president, secretary, treasurer, and president.

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She attends state meetings and she helped during the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne.

Vicky states, "I am fortunate that I achieved my life time dream to teach and be a mother. I believe education is of the utmost importance and is a continual process. One is never too young or old to learn." She loves to read all types of literature and is in two book groups. Traveling is also a passion and she is working on finishing seeing all 50 states. Vicky is active in her church, Red Hats, Homemakers, and Reading Council and also volunteers for community events and Special Olympics. She likes to cook, garden, and sew. She has a passion for family history and spends many hours on the computer doing research and communicating with family. Vicky has eleven grandchildren who are the joy and lights of her life.



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## Educational Foundation Opportunities Available



By Julia Burke,  
DKGEF Liaison

Go to the website [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) for information and the applications. Fill in application completely and apply early.

**DUE DATES -- Apply for grants & awards.**

**May 1, 2017:**

*Lucile Cornetet Individual  
Professional Development  
Individual Awards*

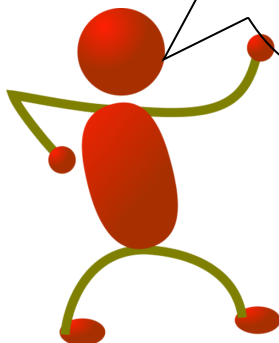
**November, 2017:**

*Lucile Cornetet Individual  
Professional Development  
Seminar Awards*

**Application forms available  
July 1, 2017:**

*Project grants to benefit children  
and education. Available to DKG  
members and non-members.*

**Come to  
state  
convention  
and  
celebrate 75  
years of  
DKG in  
WY!.**



## 31 Wyoming Women Have Received the Alpha Xi Achievement Award

- 1969-Miss Verda James-Beta
- 1971-Mrs. Vera Steel Isberg-Zeta
- 1973-Miss Edith Longwith-Kappa
- 1977-Mrs. Louise Dyer-Iota
- 1981-Mrs. Cleo Riley-Gamma
- 1983-Mrs. Mary Stueber-Alpha
- 1985-Mrs. Virginia Lovelady-Sigma
- 1987-Miss Mary Johnson-Gamma
- 1989-Mrs. Qujetta Eudaley-Beta
- 1991-Mrs. Julia Burke-Upsilon
- 1993-Mrs. Barbara Crews-Beta
- 1995-Mrs. Letha Dickinson-Eta
- 1996-Mrs. Margaret Olson-Upsilon
- 1997-Mrs. Dorothy Halsted Gibbs-Kappa
- 1998-Allegra "Click" Hunter-Pi
- 1999-Glenda Reynolds-Phi
- 2000-Mary Pauline Lanoy-Alpha Delta
- 2001-Ann Hardesty-Iota
- 2002-Jane Rutz-Upsilon
- 2003-Renon Jones-Rho
- 2004-Mary Wendel-Eta
- 2005-Pat Dixon-Rho
- 2006-Dorothy Bush-Rho
- 2007-Barbara Scifers-Beta
- 2008-Marcy Helser-Phi
- 2010-Nina Nachtigall-Alpha
- 2011-Dona Gates-Upsilon, Marylou Doyle-Rho
- 2013-Sharon Cole-Theta
- 2014-Judy Vandel-Alpha
- 2015-Dr. Michelle Aldrich-Upsilon



## Diamond Mines

### Chapters Report From Around the State



♦ **Alpha Chapter**—Like most days in Wyoming, the sun shines brightly against a canvass of deep azure. That was a key and important element for our October gathering. For the first time, we met on a Saturday morning at the Paul Smiths Children's Village. Inadvertently we visited Japan, thanks to technology and our presenter, Eric. Later, tea was served and then members proceeded with a tour of our new Botanical Garden building still under construction. What a delightful combination, tea cups and hardhats!

The bustling holiday season that officially starts in November found some of our DKG sisters strapped for time. Many members could not attend. However, the few who were there rolled up their sleeves and began to sing lyrics from our DKG song "hand-in-hand our loyal band forward moving ever!" - well perhaps that is stretching it a bit. No one sang but they did fill stockings with simple toys and basic grooming necessities. The stockings were then boxed and delivered to those not as fortunate as us. Rayme Van Dell's beautiful home provided us the work space.

Christmas cookies, piano playing, and white elephants, check! Everything was in place for a festive evening at the Primrose Retirement Community. While the Alpha members sang Christmas carols, with angelic clarity, Becky Tish tickled the ivories on the piano to provide a melodic accompaniment. Non-judgmental ears listened while the less shy retirees joined the sing along as they cheerfully decorated cookies. Once finished, we scurried to Jen Lehman's warm, cozy home to eat goodies and have a white elephant exchange. Oh what fun it is to snack, laugh and play.

Our January meeting afforded us the opportunity to visit Utah's beautiful parks, thanks to Marie Datus. She skillfully shared her road scholar adventure with pictures, music, and handouts.

The scenic beauty and interesting facts were enough to make me want to grab my tent, pack up my car, and shout "ROAD TRIP"! This wild, spontaneous desire however quickly subsided when I stepped outside and was greeted by the cold wind and dark night.

We are now past the midway point on our events calendar. The remaining activities will offer variety and interest. In February, Gertrude McLaughlin will give a presentation in honor of Black History Month. March madness represents basketball frenzy and champions. Alpha chapter members plan on doing their part by filling Friday food bags in a frenzied fashion for LCSD students - future champions of the world! April brings springtime, more sunshine, and YOGA. Natalie Vernon will guide our bodies and spirit into Zen mode. Our culminating activity will be the Founder's Day Dinner/State Convention celebrating the anniversary of DKG in Wyoming.

Remarkably, Alpha Chapter was initiated 75 years ago at the exact place we will be holding the state convention, the Historic Plains Hotel!

In 2017, as members of Alpha Chapter we continue to treasure the opportunity to enlighten, enjoy the bonds of sisterhood, and offer assistance to the community. Happy Anniversary DKG in our wonderful state of Wyoming!

Ermalinda Hernandez, Reporter

♦ **Beta Chapter**—This fall Beta Chapter put 80 bags together for the new teachers. We put in a variety of items such as pens, highlighters, hand sanitizers, candy and wrapped tea bags. These were delivered to the new teacher's meeting. We decided to continue our support for the rest of the year. In February we put together Valentine bags with candy. In May we will put together a "May'd It" bag. We thought it would be better to do something throughout the year to let them know about DKG.

Our Christmas party was held in December with our State President, Becky Tish. We also had a Christmas ornament exchange.

We are awarding two \$250 scholarships through Casper College for students in education and/or nursing programs.

Marjorie Anderson, Reporter

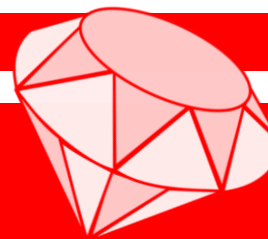
♦ **Epsilon Chapter**—Epsilon Chapter worked with VFW Post #4471 in Guernsey to judge the local student contests, Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy, for the sixth year.

Sally Mack, Reporter

♦ **Rho Chapter**—Our November meeting was held in Basin. A lady from Hyattville came to visit with us about her Micro Dairy. She started learning about raw milk when she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease. She gave us information about the benefits of raw milk. She also makes cheeses, yogurt and kefir.

In February, we met in Burlington. At this meeting, we had the opportunity to listen to students from grades 5 through high school play the piano or violin while others sang songs they had been working on. It was very enjoyable.

Sally Tranas, Reporter



## Diamond Mines Chapters Report From Around the State

♦ **Chi Chapter**—During the holidays, Chi Chapter hosted an annual fundraiser. This year's theme was "Ugly Sweater, Pretty Gift" with 40 members in attendance that also included our new membership nominees. Five hundred dollars was raised in support of our Global Awareness Projects.



In order to become better acquainted with Chi Chapter and DKG International Society's purposes, we conducted an orientation session for 13 new member nominees and 1 transfer in January. Due to a continued loss in active membership after 2 years, a recent change in our process has been to invite candidates only one time during each biennium and to conduct a more extensive orientation process.

Vertical Harvest, a three-story hydroponic greenhouse was the focus of our February programming. VH sells locally grown, fresh vegetables year round to Jackson area restaurants, grocery stores and directly to consumers through on-site sales. It also produces jobs, internships and educational opportunities by employing 15 individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. (<http://verticalharvestjackson.com/>)

As one of our 2017 service projects, members were able to purchase products grown in this facility as well as learn how our

chapter can support this nonprofit.

Upcoming projects and events include:

- Awarding of the *Teton County Senior Girl Scholarship* for a potential career focus in education
- Roadside clean-up in the Snake River Canyon
- *Run 'n Ride, Walk for the Cure* participation
- Annual Garden Party to honor retiring members.

Lori Clark-Erickson, Reporter

♦ **Theta Chapter**—The Dual Language Immersion program is currently in place at the newly built Stocktrail Elementary School in Gillette. Through a lottery system 50 Kindergarten and first graders are chosen to participate. They spend half of each day learning to read, write, and speak in English and in Spanish. At the end of the first quarter, Principal Dr. Keri Shannon reported that all students met or exceeded expectations in their grade level in both languages. What's truly awesome about this program is that when these students graduate they will be granted a Seal of Bilingualism which means that they can read, write, and speak two languages. Our district has not yet decided to add Chinese as a second language as other schools have in place at this time.

A new STEM lab is currently in place and being used by each grade level at the St. John Paul II Catholic School here in Gillette. Theta members will tour the lab and witness first hand some of the discoveries that have been made and those in progress.

Nina Nachtigall visited family in the Netherlands and shared some of her travel experiences. Sharon Cole spent time with her granddaughter who is studying in Germany and presented some of her adventures. Lyn Velle and

Stefanie Crawford spent a few weeks in Nicaragua working to help schools and students in poor areas.

We look forward to attending the state convention in Cheyenne and the Northwest Regional in Spearfish, South Dakota.

Sally Sheehan, Reporter

♦ **Upsilon Chapter**—Upsilon welcomed five new members to the chapter on December 12, 2016. **Jill Gallegos** and **Kathy Plowman** are Special Services Consultants for Laramie County School District #1. **Gay VanHorn** is a Court-Placed Liaison for LCSD1. **Rakhshi Hamid** is the High School Programs Director at LCCC, and **Jackie Whitehead** is a retired LCSD1 school nurse.



On Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, Upsilon Chapter will hold its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Book Sale (it is always scheduled during the first weekend in March). During the month of February we collect books donated from our community, and the members meet during the week to sort those donations and separate them in various categories. We are fortunate to be able to use the Eastridge Elementary School, and we appreciate that Laramie County School District #1 allows our chapter to use this facility for the second year. We are looking forward to another successful book sale! The sale will be held at Eastridge Elementary School, at the corner of Concord and Pershing Boulevard, at the west end of Carey Junior High School.



Upsilon Chapter is excited to be hosting the Spring Conference with our other Cheyenne Chapters, Alpha and Phi, April 28-30 at the Plains Hotel, where it all began in Wyoming. We will be celebrating DKG's 75<sup>th</sup> year in Wyoming. We hope all members state-wide will come and help celebrate.

Dr. Irene Story, Reporter

♦ **Phi Chapter**—In November Kathy Vetter, President of the Wyoming Education Association, spoke to our members about upcoming legislative issues pertaining to education. Ms. Vetter attends the legislative sessions and encourages legislators to support education in Wyoming. Of course, the main topic of discussion was the funding crisis and its possible solutions. We really appreciated our speaker's insights.

Our Christmas party was held in one of our member's homes. We were pleased to welcome two new members to our chapter and look forward to their



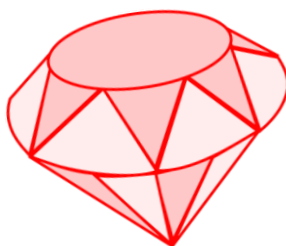
presence and participation. Phi Chapter also honored two of our members and their new babies at our meeting. The theme was "Books for Babies" as members gifted the future readers with books.

To encourage use of the Delta Kappa Gamma International website and our chapter website, our chapter treasurer Christy Van Horn walked members through registration, signing in, and profile creation at our January meeting. Second Vice President/Webmaster Christy Domman shared our chapter website and all the resources available.

The Phi February meeting was a tea party to celebrate each other. Members were encouraged to bring prospective members as we look ahead to our May initiation.

We are eagerly anticipating the state convention being held at the Plains Hotel in Cheyenne in April. We hope many women from our great state will make the trip and join us in celebrating 75 years.

Marla Worley, Reporter



## Alpha Xi State Welcomes New and Returning Members

Upsilon

Nicole Cameron , Jill Gallegos, Rakhshi Hamid, Katherine Plowman, Gailene VanHorn, Jacqueline Whitehead

Phi

Jennifer Crock  
Julie Mutchler

## Plan to Attend the 2017 Northwest Regional Conference in Spearfish , South Dakota



Oh, so close to Wyoming!

June 28-July 1, 2017

**Holiday Inn Spearfish**  
Convention Center. 800.999.3541 or 605.642.4683

**Holiday Inn - Spearfish Website**

*When registering, mention **DKG** for the conference rate.  
Deadline for receiving the conference room rate is **May 27, 2017***



## Sparkling Diamonds

**Rae Ann Purdy**, Upsilon Chapter, received her Masters' Degree on January 7, 2017, from Walden University in Orlando, FL. Her degree is in Content Literacy: Reading and Writing in the Math Curriculum!



**Spearfish, South Dakota** is between Mount Rushmore and Devil's Tower National Monument in the Black Hills. Spearfish has a laid-back atmosphere. Bring your family with you to enjoy hiking and biking trails, rock climbing routes and mountain stream fishing.

## Convention at a Glance

### Friday April 24

5:00—6:30 Registration

6:30 Executive Committee Dinner

Entertainment Afterwards for all

### Saturday April 25

9:00 Morning General Session

11:15 Morning Workshops

12:00 Birthday Luncheon

1:45 Afternoon General Session

3:00 4:45 Afternoon workshops

5:00-6:30 Just Dandy Reception

7:00 President's Honor Banquet

### Sunday April 26

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Ceremony of Remembrance

Final General Session

12:00 Adjournment

## Enjoy a Special Reception at Just Dandy



Just Dandy, a one of a kind women's clothing and accessory boutique in the heart of downtown Cheyenne, will host a special reception for our visiting regional director and our Wyoming DKG members Saturday between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm in their store. At Just Dandy you will find the highest quality in modern fashion with a cultural flare along with Brighton purses, accessories and Pandora jewelry. Wine and other beverages along with light snacks will be served. Attendees will be able to mingle, converse, and shop while experiencing Just Dandy's motto, "Out west we really are outstanding!"



## Enjoy Your Stay at the Historic Plains Hotel

The Plains Hotel, with over 130 fully restored guest rooms and suites furnished in an "Old West" style, is saving a place for YOU! The historic, small elevator is being renovated so the hotel has graciously provided our members an extra discount for the sleeping rooms. Guests rooms for the convention start at \$89 per night, larger rooms and suits are also available. Because of the renovation of the main historic elevator there will be additional discounts depending on your floor, **The rooms will be 50% off for 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 40% off for 4<sup>th</sup>, 30% off for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and 20% off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** There will be bellmen to assist with luggage, if necessary. What a deal!



**Book Direct. Plains Hotel**  
**1600 Central Avenue**  
**Cheyenne**  
**(307) 638-3311**



## Display Your Crafts at State Convention

The crafts exhibit at state convention gives members a chance to showcase their talents. Judging will happen Saturday morning and all winners will be announced at the evening banquet. A DKG member will be available at registration to assist in labeling and displaying all crafts. The following categories will be judged:

**Visual arts:** Photography, oils, acrylics, water color, pastels, ceramics, tole painting, etc

**Needlecraft:** knitting, crocheting, weaving, quilting, etc.



**Each chapter is asked to bring at least 3 craft items or a theme basket that can be purchased by attendees during a silent auction.**

**Proceeds will help defray convention costs.**

**We need you at state convention!**

**Registration Form****The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

Alpha Xi State Organization

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (before April 14, 2017) \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration Fee (after April 14 ) \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat. April 29 Celebration Luncheon**

Cobb Salad \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat. President's Banquet**

Pasta Bar with salad and dessert \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun. Breakfast**

Stuffed French Toast accompanied by fruit \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify SPECIAL NEEDS for meals \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I also plan to attend the Executive Committee dinner and meeting on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. (dinner on your own, The Historic Plains Hotel Capitol Grille )

Please make checks payable to: DKG – Alpha Xi State  
Complete registration by returning this form and your check to:

**Becky Tish 621 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street Cheyenne, WY 82001**

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