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Dr. Lace Marie Brogden shared her insights with steering committee members.

Northwest Regional Director Conducts Steering Committee Meeting in Cheyenne

A cool, wet September week greeted Dr. Lace Marie Brogden who comes from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The week was filled with tours, meetings, and get-togethers for all. Little America gave an impressive facilities tour and provided a tasting of selected foods. Little America also generously provided Lace Marie with a room for two nights. A steering committee meeting was held at the home of Glenda Reynolds, steering committee chair, for those committee chairs who could attend. At the meeting Lace Marie revealed the theme for the conference, "Sharing our Vision, Strengthening our Society" which is also International President Beverly Helms' theme for the biennium. Lace Marie also emphasized that this Northwest Regional Conference is an international event. Members throughout the Society are encouraged to attend the regional of their choice. Wyoming, as the host state organization, provides the volunteers for support of the conference, assists in organizing conference events, and makes all arrangements for the state night experience. It is our chance to illustrate the friendliness of the Wyoming people and the beauty of our state. "We have an amazing Steering Committee coming together for the NWRC 2013. I was amazed by the energy and creativity in the room when we held our first meeting at Glenda's home on September 27th. I'm honored to be working with such a terrific and talented group of women -- we will be putting our "best boots forward" for the members of the NW Region at what promises to be a terrific international event next July!" writes Dr. Lace Marie Brogden.



Steering committee members attending the meeting included:
Back row - Becky Tish, Kathy Orr;
Middle row - Julia Burke, Glenda Reynolds, Shirley Tranas, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Nina Nachtigall;
Front row - Ellen Kub, Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Sharon Cole.

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Countdown to Cheyenne

12, 11, 10 ...the countdown has begun. In approximately 10 short months, Delta Kappa Gamma members from throughout the Northwest Region will be gathering in Cheyenne.

Your own home state of Wyoming is serving as host to the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference. Many of you have not had the opportunity to attend a Delta Kappa Gamma gathering beyond your chapter or state sponsored events. A regional conference connects you with phenomenal women who share your desire for personal and professional growth and experiences.

The purpose of this article is to issue an appeal - Each and every Alpha Xi member needs to register to attend the Northwest Regional Conference July 28 – August 3, 2013. You are a vital and necessary component of a successful conference.

As an Alpha Xi member, you are in a unique position. When you invite someone to your home, you have a special responsibility to make them feel welcome and to

meet their needs. The same is true for participants who choose to spend their time at a regional conference. You want our guests to have a smooth visit and leave with positive memories of their varied experiences.

As hosts, we have many roles that need filled. Some are as easy as table hostesses at meal functions. Others require more work such as organizing door prizes, managing the supply room, or organizing for vendors. Fortunately, several committees have already been established to fill some of these roles and their plans are well underway. You may get a call from one of these committee members to lend a hand. Be ready to say, "Yes! What can I do?"

Your membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International affords you many benefits. One of these is attendance and participation at sponsored events at the chapter, state and international level. The countdown has begun. Your opportunity will soon be here to register and provide your help as we welcome our fellow Northwest Regional members to Cheyenne and all that Alpha Xi members have to offer.



SHARING OUR VISION, STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA 2013 - NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
CHEYENNE, WYOMING JULY 31 - AUGUST 3



Shirley Tranas, First Vice President

In August 1993 DKG applied for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations to help advance our Society Purpose #7, *“To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.”* In June 1995 we were given NGO Status. In June 2003, the Society was granted consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). We have eight official representatives that attend UN conferences.



Becky Tish, Second Vice President

The DKG/UN Relationship

What a beautiful fall we have had! I’ve really enjoyed seeing the beautiful leaves all over the state when I went to DKG meetings the last week of October. I am very excited about this coming year in DKG. Our fall meeting was GREAT with a good turnout. Whether you were able to attend our fall meeting or not, I hope you will put April 19, 20 and 21st on your calendar and come to the Alpha Xi State Convention in Newcastle. Then the Northwest Regional conference will be in Cheyenne this year, July 31 through August 3. You will never be sorry that you went to these meetings. I urge you to make these meetings a priority for yourself.

The Educational Excellence Committee has many components to it. When deciding what to write about I looked at the Biennial Educational Excellence Reports that were filled out last February and noticed that no one had a program on Understanding the DKG/UN relationship. I can understand why because I didn’t understand it either. I decided to attend a two-hour workshop on this in New York. It is a huge topic but I will try to give you some information on the topic.

For 15 years DKG has had a partnership with the US fund for UNICEF in support of education in developing countries. In 1996-98, we helped with the Gambia Project to help girls stay in school. In 1999, we joined the Pro-Maya Project to assist children and their schools in Chiapas, Mexico. In July 2003, we supported a partnership for teacher education in Afghanistan. By June 2009 our final total to the Afghanistan project was \$203,124. Altogether we have raised \$273,000 in support of UNICEF-related projects.

In 2009, DKG decided to have a committee to recommend out next project. The UNICEF’s Schools for Africa was picked and became an official Society project.

In 1996 Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) was formed with other education groups with NGO status. They have held 17 conferences.

Check out the newsletter **DKG@UN** for current information about our UN partnership by going to the Library at www.dkg.org.



Membership

My dear Delta Kappa Gamma Friends, are you are thinking about some amazing women who deserve the honor of membership in DKG? You were asked to become a member because someone saw greatness in you. Who do you know who exhibits greatness? Maybe it is someone who was a member of your chapter in the past, or someone that you asked to join before, but whose life did not allow them to join at that time. There is no time like the present to invite a “Key Woman Educator” to join Delta Kappa Gamma.

One way to do this is through reinstatement. This is when a member has dropped out of the organization for whatever reason, and **you** have the opportunity to invite them to come back to DKG. At the International Convention we learned that of the members contacted by International after dropping out of Delta Kappa Gamma, **70% of them said they would return to the organization if asked.** So we need to ask!

I am a living example of this. I had been a member of Alpha Chapter for several years when I was asked to be an elder in my church. This was a three-year commitment and the meetings

conflicted with my DKG meetings. With regret, I resigned from Delta Kappa Gamma because I did not want to be an inactive member. That could have been the end of my DKG story were it not for Margy Will, who was the president of Alpha Chapter at the end of my three-year church commitment. Immediately upon completion of my term as an elder, Margy called me and invited me back to DKG. I was thrilled and honored (again) to be asked, and I was reinstated in my chapter. It saddens me to think of the incredible opportunities that I would have missed out on if Margy hadn't made the effort to bring me back to Delta Kappa Gamma.

A similar opportunity arose for me very recently. I was attending a workshop and an amazing teacher friend whom I had not seen in a while was there, too. A few years ago I had asked her to join our chapter and she had said that she was interested, but it was not a good time for her. I am embarrassed to admit that I never had the courage to ask her again, though I had thought about it numerous times. As we were leaving the workshop and wishing each other well, she said, "I am still interested in joining your teacher group." I was thrilled and sheepish and I promised to call her. I will invite her to join our chapter this year!

Don't be afraid to invite outstanding women educators to join Delta Kappa Gamma, even those who have already been members or have been asked to join before. Everyone deserves a second chance. You are providing them with the tremendous opportunities that DKG provides, and they will add so much to your chapter! Good luck and have a great year!



JoAnn Baumhover , Treasurer

Treasurer's Talk

There are just a couple of things to let you know about.

First , the Delta Kappa Gamma affinity credit card program with Bank of America has ended, but the program raised more than \$10,000 in non-dues revenue for the Society.

Secondly, if you would like to know the initiation date(s) for a member(s), you may contact the Membership Services Department at 888.762.4685 or mem@dkg.org.

Thirdly, chapter treasurers were informed to disregard the "State Scholarship Fund of \$5.00 on Form 18." This came as a result of new constitution and standing rules changes for the Society that were voted on in Spokane in 2010. The dollar per member scholarship fee remains the same. Hopefully, next year's forms will not have this printed on it.

Fourthly, all chapters should have filed Form 990n with the IRS by the Nov. 15th deadline. If not, please contact me ASAP!

Next, I hope that your membership renewals are completed and that your chapter treasurers have or will soon forward to me Form 18s and checks for the State and International dues and fees.

And lastly, I hope that each chapter is conducting initiations for several new members into our Society of Women Educators.

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number of breakout
sessions focused on
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the corner from
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...A Scholarship Recipient

Alpha Xi State did not award a state scholarship to a member in 2012, not because of lack of funds, but because there were no applicants. The state has a scholarship waiting for you!

The Alpha Xi State Scholarship is available to active members in good standing in a chapter of Alpha Xi State of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for at least two (2) years. Preference will be given to members who have shown leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

An applicant must be accepted for graduate work in an approved institution of higher learning. If post graduate studies have been pursued, the applicant must be in good standing. An applicant must plan to use the scholarship for pursuing graduate work or seeking an advanced degree. An applicant must be currently employed in educational work or be planning to return to employment in the field of education upon completion of graduate studies. Previously unsuccessful applicants may apply again, but recipients are ineligible for future scholarships.

A [ScholarshipApplication Form](#) must be submitted on a form furnished by the state scholarship chairperson. The form can be found on the DKG International Website: www.dkg.org, click the link to Wyoming's State site.

The application must be returned to the state chairperson, Carol Anne Milano, no later than April 1 of the year the scholarship is desired.



GET READY, GET SET, GO!

ALPHA XI STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

by Maria Fedden

Nominations along with resumes must be received by **February 1, 2013.**



*Now is the time to collect the information you will need for your Wyoming Delta Kappa Gamma Member nominee. This award, which was first presented in 1968, is given annually to a dedicated member. Remember that the nominee is to be unaware of her nomination. A member may be re-nominated if she has not received the award in the past.

*The guidelines for this award were given to all chapters at our September state meeting in Casper. Please mail your information to:

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Have questions? Please phone me at 307-674-7382.

A Winter Resolution

by Sharon Cole, Immediate Past State President

2015 is the target date for the publication of *Volume V of Let Your Light Shine*. Yes, it has been 7 years since we published Volume IV. I am just pointing this out so you realize how quickly the years slip by; therefore, I am asking any educator that was born before 1950 to make a "winter resolution" to get her story ready to bring to me at state convention next spring in Newcastle. Information on what to include in your story is on our state website:

www.alphaxistate.weebly.com.

If you have questions, please call me at 307-333-1769/ or mobile 307-421-3409.

Please note that the date on the website is incorrect. We did vote at our spring executive board meeting to include all women educators born before 1950. They do not need to be members of DKG so if you know of a woman educator in your community that needs to be included in *Volume V*, please give her the information on our website.

Reflections on Leadership from the Leadership Management Seminar

by Yvonne Gatley, State President

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

John F Kennedy

How true the words above are, as educators from throughout Wyoming gathered on June 12 and 13, 2012 in Sheridan for a Leadership Management Seminar. From the beginning panel discussion featuring local school administrators through the final breakout sessions, participants engaged in learning experiences from a variety of leaders. The sessions and panels provided insights, collaboration, concepts, and hand-on experiences essential to learning.

“The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.” Harvey S. Firestone

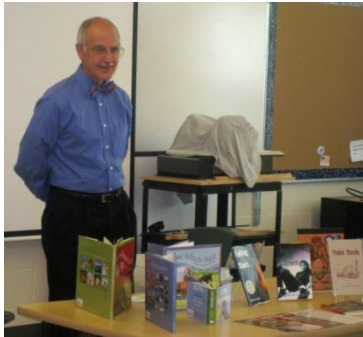


◆ Technology sessions featured cutting edge instruction directly applicable to students at all levels. iPads, Smart Boards, geocaching, and Power Points were all covered, practiced, and coached.



◆ The Arts sessions allowed for instruction in photography, drum circles, and stamping and crafting.

Award winning author **Gene Gagliano** led his Arts participants through writing in which a writer *shows* rather than *tells* in creating characters that give life to writing.



◆ In Leadership sessions, presenters shared their vast experience as leaders in various fields of education. Participants explored the role of mentors, teacher induction, motivation, and volunteers to the enhancement of educators.

“Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.” J. Donald Walters

Our **International representative, Libby Watson**, exemplified the quote above. Libby, Southeast Regional Director, lent a helping hand in all aspects of the seminar. She could be found laying out snacks, visiting with participants, and most importantly, giving us direction as an experienced leader in DKG.



Her breakout session on ‘Releasing the Leader in YOU!’ gave participants real world advice in how to go back to their chapters, their schools, and their communities to be active contributors. At our banquet,

Libby wove her gardening advice into what is important to Alpha Xi and made us all appreciate our state and our own chapters.

“Example is Leadership.” Albert Schweitzer

Each member of the Administrators Panel and the Volunteers Panel was an example of a leader. The Administrators gave real world scenarios of what is facing educators in 2012 and what can be done at all levels to meet the challenges. Our Volunteer Panel explained their various roles as leaders in their organizations and left us with food for thought as to what we can do as volunteers in our communities in Wyoming.



“Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily; even if you had no title or position.” Brian Tracy

As a final reflection on the Leadership Management Seminar, for each participant in attendance at the Seminar, there were legions more throughout Wyoming whose contributions as leaders in Alpha Xi show their desire to improve and advance their chapters and state organization. Please consider the words of the leaders scattered throughout this reflection as you move forward in the 2012-2014 biennium.

“Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and action.” Harold S. Geneen

Two Weeks That Changed My Life

by *Becky Tish Second Vice President*

I recently had the honor of attending the Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin. When I learned that I had been selected I was surprised, thrilled, nervous and unsure of what was to come. Many people had told me that the Leadership Management Seminar would be a life-changing experience, but I have to admit that I was skeptical. I was excited about the opportunity and I knew that I would learn a great deal, but I had no idea what an impact the Seminar would have on me as an individual.

I can honestly say that I am a different person as a result of attending the Leadership Management Seminar. I feel more confident and empowered, and I have more enthusiasm for every endeavor in my life than I have had in years. To put it simply, I feel renewed.

The classes and professors that we encountered were incredible, and the amount of learning that we did in those two short weeks was miraculous and intense! We were being offered the same curriculum that the McCombs School of Business Executive Education Department presents to Fortune 500 executives. We had classes in Leadership, Communication, Partnership and Gender Communication, Advocacy, Personality and Management Style, School Law, Networking and Social Media, Leading Change, Negotiations, Improving Professional Image, Conflict Resolution, Values and Ethics, Grant and Research Writing, Optimal Wellness, Thinking on

Your Feet, Leading Across Generations, Finding Creative Solutions to Complex Problems, Personal Empowerment, and Resilience. It was exhausting and exhilarating, and I am just now beginning to take it all in. What an amazing experience!



Becky shared her memories during the fall executive board meeting.

In addition to these incredible classes, and the personal growth that they provided, these two weeks allowed me to learn a great deal about myself as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. I am so proud to be a part of this incredible organization! I spent two weeks with 32 amazing women educators whose passion and love and support will be with me forever. I had the opportunity to visit the International Headquarters twice, and to meet the Executive staff there, including my beloved LMS sister, Linda Eller. I had several inspiring conversations with our International President, Jensi Souders, and I even had a class entitled DKG 101. One of the most poignant moments of my two weeks in Austin was a trip to place roses on the graves of two of our founders, Lala Odom, and the remarkable Annie Webb Blanton. At that moment I truly understood and appreciated the foresight and courage of these women, and I was moved to tears as I realized the impact they have had on so many people.

These founders, my wonderful LMS sisters, and these two astonishing weeks have taught me just how much a person can touch and change the lives of others. My goal, as a result of this life-changing experience, is to “pay it forward”; to positively touch as many lives in my school, my church, my community, and Delta Kappa Gamma as I possibly can. This Seminar experience has given me the tools with which to do that, and I am truly grateful to have had this opportunity.

Glenda Reynolds Selected for International Committee

International President Dr Beverly Helms appointed Alpha Xi member Glenda Reynolds to serve on the Educational Excellence Committee for the 2012 - 2014 biennium. The Educational Excellence Committee's definition states, "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide."



Glenda Reynolds attended her EEC meeting in Austin, Texas, at Headquarters on October 26 -28, 2012.

Wyoming Members Attend DKG International Convention In New York City



Members attending NWC convention included Julia Burke, Glenda Reynolds, Shirley Tranas, Harmony Davidson, Becky Tish, Maria Fedden, Yvonne Gatley, and Sharon Cole. Not pictured - Loretta Tonak. Picture by Jim

International Convention in New York City Was an Amazing Event

by Loretta Tonak

I traveled to the international DKG convention in New York City in July and was inspired by the First General Session speaker, Tori Murden McClure. She was the first woman to make a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by rowboat. What astounding things she had to tell us. She had also skied across Antarctica, earned her master's in law, fine arts, and divinity, and is now a college president in Kentucky. Her message made me feel that I have SO many more things to do in my life. We're never done learning and achieving.

I also had a wonderful time re-connecting with DKG sisters from South Dakota, Virginia, Alabama, and many other states. I was able to go on a tour organized by the convention to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. I explored with my son, who had made the trip with me, and visited many, many sites in New York. Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, the Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Station, the High Line, Chelsea Market, Bryant Park, the New York City Public Library, Governor's Island, two Broadway shows, and a Yankees/Red Sox baseball game. The Yankees won!!

So now I'd like to encourage you to go to any and all DKG events, meetings, and conventions you can attend. You REALLY should go! The DKG International convention in New York City was truly an inspiring, amazing event. You REALLY should go. It is such an opportunity to enrich your teaching skills, your personal life, and your professional life. You REALLY should go. You meet new and old friends. You network with people who encourage you to be the best you can be as an educator. The workshops are second to none. The ceremonies make you proud to be a part of this grand society. You REALLY should go....to the next DKG convention which will be in our very own state.

Cheyenne, Wyoming will be hosting (along with all the DKG sisters in the state) the Northwest Regional conference next summer. There will be great workshops, social times, and touring times. You will come away feeling much more connected to all that DKG has to offer you and what you can do to help other women educators. Do your part to further the DKG motto, "Embracing our vision, Designing our future".



President Yvonne Gatley displayed her sign for GMA.



Harmony Davidson used the DKG app to make a postcard from convention.



Wyoming members invited attendees at the Northwest Regional Breakfast to Cheyenne for the regional in 2013.

Nearly 2,000 DKG members gathered in NYC. Wyoming members had their assigned row.



DKG's Convention Was Fabulous

by Harmony Davidson

Delta Kappa Gamma's 2012 International Convention in New York City was fabulous! It was in a great location and there were so many terrific sessions that it was tough to pick one to go to. After much deliberation, I chose to go to *Survive, Thrive and Keep your Drive*, presented by Donna Lamkin. She discussed *Time to Teach*, a program that helps teachers create a more smoothly running, well-disciplined class.

Ingibjorg B. Frimannsdóttir and Barbara Whiting shared great ideas during *Dynamic Presentations for Dynamic Leaders*, as did Shirley Schall and Joie Taylor, of Nebraska, during *Chapters in Trouble and What to Do about It*. *Growing Writers* was led by Shirl Hawes, who showed us how powerful writer's notebooks can be and the many different ways to use them for non-traditional journaling.

Dr. Anne Barone shared many wonderful and inspirational ideas. We even participated in a marshmallow battle, during *Hands-on History: Ideas That Work in Urban Schools*. During *Inspiring Readers One Step at a Time*, Kristin Merkle showed us how to unite a class, and even a school, through a full-year themed reading challenge. She even had ideas to motivate those who don't like to read.

Overall, Delta Kappa Gamma's 2012 International Convention in New York City was a fabulous experience and I look forward to our own regional convention next summer in Cheyenne!



President Yvonne Gatley was honored at the Presidents' Banquet.



There was time for sightseeing during convention.



Loretta Tonak distributed mirrors for reminders of the 2013 Northwest Regional.



DKG members wearing their red scarves walked in mass to the Today Show and Good Morning America.

Japan Became A Member of DKG

During the New York City DKG International Convention members voted to expand to Japan. On October 14, 2012, Japan became the Society's 80th state organization and 18th country in Kochi. Hawaii State Organization sponsored Japan. Dr. Beverly Helms, international president, presided at the ceremonies.

Several perspective Japanese members attended the international convention. They presented a workshop on the culture of Japan and joined in the spiritual fellowship throughout the convention.



Sharon Cole met Etsuko Yamasaki, a junior high vice principal from Kochi City, Japan.

Society Has Two International Projects

The 2012 international convention voted to adopt *Support Early-career Educators (S.E.E.)* as a second international project. *Schools for Africa* was adopted in 2010 as the Society's first international project.

High Fives To Our Chapter Presidents

Alpha Xi salutes the wonderful ladies who have been selected to be chapter presidents for this biennium. Chapters are the heart of Society and this is where a woman educator begins her membership journey and where the Purposes of the Society are implemented. Not only do these presidents lead their chapter, but they are also members of the state executive board where they represent the membership while considering the work of the Society.



Thank you, chapter presidents!

Alpha	Hailey Ellingham
Beta	Russett Clasen
Delta	Tawny Christensen
Epsilon	Dora Reins
Zeta	Donna Thompson (contact)
Eta	Carol Harper
Theta	Sally Sheehan
Kappa	Loretta Tonak
Lambda	Carrie Manders
Rho	Shirley Tranas
Sigma	Vicky Gopp
Upsilon	Julia Burke
Phi	Ellen Kub
Chi	Beth Auge
Psi	Debbie Cottonware
Alpha Delta	Harmony Davidson

Fall State Executive Board Meeting Held in Casper

Members gathered at Frontier Middle School in Casper Saturday, September 29 for the fall executive board meeting. President Yvonne Gatley conducted the business



meeting consisting of reports and action. She also gave everyone attending the new international publication, "Go-To Guide for Chapter

Members." A new Ceremonies book is also available through Headquarters. The state scrapbook judging, sponsored by Alpha Chapter, awarded Alpha for their hardcopy scrapbook and Rho chapter for their digital scrapbook.



Jan Segerstrom, Loretta Tonak, and Judy Morris have fun participating in the activity Sole Mates.



Yvonne Gatley, Vicky Gopp and Ellen Kub work on the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the state organization.

During the executive board meeting there was an extensive discussion concerning obtaining permission from Wyoming members to appear on the web site or in the Roundup. It was proposed that chapter presidents talk to their members about an Opt-out/Negative permission form which will be voted upon at state convention.



Alpha Xi State Dues

by Ann Hardesty, Finance Chair

At the Fall State Executive Board Meeting, a motion was made to discuss and/or vote on a change on the Alpha Xi State dues. Our state organization depends on your dues for the state publications, officer training and travel, state board meeting, chapter visits, and other expenses. About \$8,000.00 a year is needed to meet these expenses. This amount comes from your state dues. In our State Bylaws, Section 4, states that Alpha Xi State **Standing Rules** may be amended or rescinded at the state convention by two-third (2/3) vote. Currently our standing rule reads: **Finances** 1. The annual dues of fifteen dollars for active members and the five dollars for reserve members shall include publications.

In the months leading up to state convention in April, chapters need to discuss whether increasing state dues will be helpful and how much to recommend. Or, perhaps, the chapter will feel the state dues amount should not be changed.

It is important to consider the following: as membership drops so

does revenue. With 400 active members we currently receive \$6,000. An increase to \$20 would bring in \$8,000. If you or your chapters have any questions regarding dues, please direct them to Ann Hardesty, Finance Chair, or Yvonne Gatley, State President.

Chapters Report From Around the State



Chi Chapter Chapter projects for May included our annual Snake River Canyon Roadside Cleanup in which 8 members participated followed by a dinner at Camp Creek Restaurant. May also produced the selection of a high school senior girl as the recipient of our annual DKG Chi Chapter Senior Girl Scholarship for young females pursuing the field of education. Our June project focused on fundraising for St. John's oncology department through participation in the annual Run 'n Ride for the Cure sponsored by Skinny Skis. Additionally, money raised at our December Holiday Party contributed to the Chapter's Global Awareness Fund and overall \$100 was donated toward the DKG-UNICEF Schools for Africa program. Three members had babies during the 2011-2012 school year and each was presented with a Jackson Hole teddy bear with a monogrammed DKG t-shirt. June was also time for the annual Garden Party at which we celebrated the retirement of Patti Berlin after contributing 30+ years in the elementary schools of Teton County. Patti was presented a Hardy Red Rosebush to commemorate her years of contributions to Chi Chapter and to always be reminded of the DKG Sisterhood. A new focus area for

Chi Chapter was the addition of a digital Communications Committee with Chi member, Alivia Bingham, our official web mistress. This change came about with encouragement from Objective 3.1.2 of the State Alpha Xi Strategic Plan which can be viewed at our Chapter website @ <https://sites.google.com/site/jacksohnoledkg/chi-chapter>



Alpha Delta Chapter

Our chapter welcomes three new members, Carrie Chizek, a teacher at Carbon County Child Development Center, Angela Garcia, a paraprofessional at Rawlins High School and Angeli McCulloch, a special education teacher at Sinclair and Bairoil Elementary Schools.

Lesley Urasky continues to do wonderful things, after receiving a medal from the National Science Foundation for "Service in Antarctica" she participated in a Teacher at Sea (TAS) cruise! She traveled to St. Croix and San Juan, Puerto Rico on NOAA Ship *Pisces* for a reef fish survey this past June. We look forward to her presentation at our November 6th chapter meeting. Last month members enjoyed getting together to create homework boxes filled with school supplies for our local Boys and Girls Club.



Upsilon Chapter

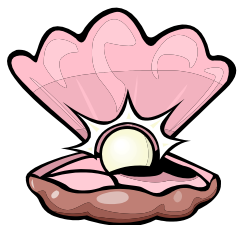
Upsilon Chapter has been very busy – after our Book Sale in March, our chapter donated several books to the community: to the Botanic Gardens (*Silviculture in the US*), to the genealogy department of the County Library (Agnes Long autobiography – an early day educator in this Rocky Mountain area), and to the State Archives (*Ancestry is Not a Crime: The Internment of People of Japanese Descent During World*

War II) – Mary Hartman was our member in charge of this. Another member, Kara Gann, recently wrote a series of 6 articles for *Learning and Leading Magazine* regarding how technology coaches impact instruction. She also received a Presidential Service Award and the "Making It Happen" award for being an outstanding educator in the field of Technology. Julia Burke, Upsilon President, attended the International Convention in NYC this summer representing our chapter and carrying out duties on the international credentials committee – she also stood guard at the entry door for general meetings. At the end of September, the following members attended the state meeting: Julia Burke, our President and also State Retention Chair; JoAnn Baumhover, State & Chapter Treasurer; and Michelle Aldrich, South Area Representative.



Phi Chapter

Phi Chapter started out its year with the annual August brunch during which members helped plan the upcoming year. White socks were distributed to the members for the "Sock it to Us" fundraiser. Last year the chapter collected over \$400 to use for various projects. Teapots were made and distributed to new teachers in the district. The chapter yearbook was published in three styles -spreadsheet online, tri fold and small booklet form. The use of email newsletters and evites are used monthly. A Halloween Time for Fun and Get Acquainted meeting was well attended and relaxing. In November the chapter will try something new, a movie night where the movie "Beyond the Blackboard" will be shown.



Shining Pearls

Harriet Elizabeth “Liz” Byrd, of Alpha Chapter was selected as one of three



Distinguished Alumni of the University of Wyoming. Liz is a former Wyoming teacher and State Legislator, and was the first African American woman to serve in the Wyoming House of Representatives and the Wyoming Senate. According to UW Professor Tracey Owens Patton, “Mrs. Byrd is an inspiration not only to those at the University of Wyoming, but throughout the state, and even, dare I say the United States. Through her education, willpower, and determination she conquered obstacles not of her creation, like sexism and racism, and she has made life better for the residents of the state of Wyoming.” DKG members applaud Liz as she receives this very prestigious and well-deserved honor.

Hailey Ellingham, Alpha Chapter, graduated with her Masters of Arts in Education in May from the University of Wyoming. Her major is Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in English Second Language. She received her degree with a GPA of 4.0 and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. Hailey admits that she is a late bloomer, but says it is never too late to follow your dreams. Start today! She will teach the upper level Spanish classes at the new South High School in Cheyenne.

Chris Victor, Rho Chapter, gave a presentation in Casper October 5th at the Wyoming Speech Language Hearing Association Convention on Using iPads in Speech Language Therapy. She was selected to serve on the Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) Professional Learning Community for Assistive Technology to help bring assistive technology knowledge and resources to the north part of the state.



Susie LaCroix, Lambda Chapter received the *Leader in Education* Peabody Energy Award. She is

a first grade teacher at Newcastle Elementary School and also coordinates the district ESL services. Susie has played an important role in developing relationships with Hispanic families in the community. She is an active member of DKG – Lambda Chapter and helps with all projects, fundraisers and activities hosted by her chapter.



Judi Pzinski, Lambda Chapter, received the *Leader in Education* Peabody Energy Award. She is a special

needs educator at Newcastle Middle School. She developed a program called Life Skills, which helps special needs students learn basic and practical skills to become responsible citizens. She presented at the National County

for Exceptional Children Conference in New York, N.Y. She is nationally certified and encourages fellow educators to become National Board Certified as well. Judi is a very active member of Delta Kappa Gamma – Lambda Chapter serving in a number of roles including President.

Connie Norman, Phi Chapter, was the Wyoming Tribune Eagle and Arts Cheyenne July Artist of the Month. She is known for her pottery. Connie's work has been shown internationally and published. She is a Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Fellowship recipient and she has received a Wyoming Arts Council Visual Arts Fellowship.

Velma Kreuzer, Phi Chapter, was honored during Cheyenne Frontier Days by the Cowgirls of the West. She was named the Willow Creek Cowgirl.



Visit the DKG website library to find information of a broad spectrum of Society activities.

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Dates to Remember

February 1, 2013 - Chapter President's Annual Report

February 1, May 1, or September 1, 2013 - Cornet Award for Professional Development due

February 1, 2013 - Achievement Award nominations due to Maria Fedden

February 15, 2013 - Articles to Roundup due to Glenda Reynolds

April 1, 2013 - Applications for Alpha Xi Scholarship due to Carol Milano

April 19, 20, 21, 2013 - Alpha Xi State Convention @ Newcastle

July 31 - August 3, 2013 - Northwest Regional Conference @ Cheyenne

White Roses



"She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues and with all of us."

Delta Kappa Gamma Ceremonies Book

Peggy J. McCulloch Eta Chapter

Lambda/Theta Chapters invite you to

Spring Convention



Where:

Newcastle, WY

When:

April 19-21

This is a very important date to save!

Wyoming is hosting Regional Conference in July so many decisions will be made. There are also a number of standing rules changes to be voted upon, and, of course, new executive members will be installed.



SHARING OUR VISION, STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY
 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA 2013 NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING JULY 31 - AUGUST 3

Abi Paytoe Gbayee, Upsilon Chapter, designed this larger logo and the smaller logo found on page 2 of the *Roundup*. It has been approved by the international president, executive director and regional director. Now Wyoming wants to use it everywhere. If you would like copies, email Glenda Reynolds.

What is a Regional Conference?

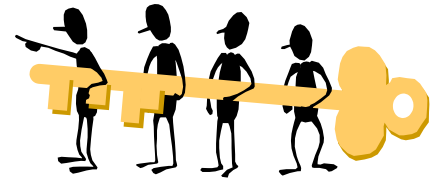
The 2013 Northwest Regional Conference will be held in Cheyenne, July 31 - August 3 at Little America . According to the *Regional Conference Manual*, a regional conference is a time for Society members to meet together in a more relaxed setting than at the International Convention. No Society business is conducted at a regional meeting. The conference is a multi-purpose opportunity to provide professional, educational and leadership experiences for members while providing networking, life-long learning and fellowship. Society information is disseminated. Outstanding workshops and speakers provide the means for educational and leadership training as well as personal growth. The pace of the regional conference allows registrants a balance of time for recreation and fellowship , as well

as participation in professional activities.

The Northwest Region consists of 16 state organizations- Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Members are encouraged to attend any regional conference they would like to. There will be four other regional conferences during the summer of 2013, all at different times and locations. They include: Cheyenne, Wyoming; Portland, Maine; Branson; Missouri; Orlando, Florida; and Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



Why We Need You...



Wyoming members are key to the success of the Northwest Regional Conference. The host state-**WYO** assists Regional Director Dr. Lace Marie Brogden in planning and implementing the conference. We provide the volunteers. As an important volunteer we want you to feel satisfaction in the work you have done, the friendships you have made, and the way WYO has been showcased to the region.

Hostesses

During the conference there will be at least three meal functions for all registrants - Birthday Luncheon, Northwest Brunch, and Presidents' Banquet.

Wyoming members will be assigned to a round table as the hostess. The hostess will welcome the guests, gather tickets, etc. It will be very important to show our western hospitality. **We need you!**

Greeters

Greeters will meet and greet guest when they arrive at various locations. They might need to share their knowledge of Little America and Cheyenne, or where to get such information. **We need you!**



Chapter Projects

Regional Director Dr. Lace Marie Brogden loved the cowboy cookie cutters that so many chapters worked on this past year and the cloth bookmarks that Rho chapter is making. It's not too late for a chapter to work on a project during the next few months. The boot note cards need to be completed. If you need a pattern contact either Sharon Cole or Yvonne Gatley. This activity is a great winter time meeting for a chapter. Maybe your chapter would like to make little containers filled with candy or salty snacks for the totes bags. Let Glenda Reynolds know how many you can provide and what they might look like. We are trying to make at least 350 items. **We need you!**

Communications

Glenda Reynolds has a contact for each chapter. Throughout the next nine months she will be communicating via email with items pertaining to the regional. If any of you have questions or suggestions, please contact her.

Unique WYO Opportunities

Wyoming gets to showcase our state through tours, Night on the Town activities, and Wyoming Night which is an entertaining program and reception. Plans are under way. Wyoming funds are used to support Wyoming Night. It is not too late to add to the fund. Please send donations to Glenda Reynolds.

Wyoming 2013 DKG Northwest Regional Conference Fund

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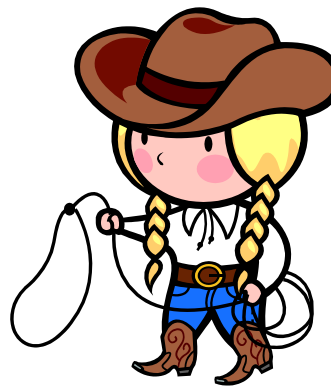
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