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Many of the Wyoming members were able to be present for the official Wyoming picture taken outside at Little America Resort.  
Photo by Jacky Price

## We Did It!

Wyoming members from around the state demonstrated their support for a very successful Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne, July 29—August 3. With the outstanding guidance of Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Northwest Regional Director, 323 registrants from Canada and the United States attended training sessions, workshops, general sessions with inspirational keynote speakers and other conference events with enthusiasm and full of fellowship. **101 Wyoming DKG members** registered for the conference and helped throughout the week. Other Wyoming members who could not attend helped with favors, door prizes and monetary support. Wyoming members made a great team. Everyone came home with new friendships, fond memories, and a greater understanding as to what it means to be a DKG member.

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## Stepping Stones to Our Future

As I look out of my windows this morning and see snow on the Big Horn Mountains, I know that summer is over. We have enjoyed a very nice fall and now we can watch the leaves change into beautiful colors. Don't get so busy that you miss the changing of the leaves.

I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped with Northwest Regional. This includes the 101 members that helped at the convention, but also those that couldn't come but made cowboys, cards, bookmarks, and snacks.

Last April, I explained my theme, "Stepping Stones to Our Future". These stones are steps that help achieve a goal. I have three goals for this biennium.

- One of my goals is to improve our membership numbers. **First** we need to keep the members we have. Ask yourself, is the chapter meeting our member's needs? If not, what can we do about it? Listen to the chapter members and see what they want. **Next**, invite dropped members; they may be at another place in their life and

ready to come back. Between 50% and 85% dropped members said they would join again if asked, so ask them. **Last, but not the least** ask the teachers who are retiring and the many young teachers who are coming into the districts, to join. It is best to ask at least two together so that they feel more comfortable joining a chapter.

- My second goal is to encourage chapters to promote our state project and the International Projects, Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) and Schools for Africa (SFA). Supporting Early Career Educators can also help you get to know the new teachers. Send the new teachers a card of encouragement, cookies in the lounge, or whatever you would have liked as a beginning teacher. Our state project is *Let Your Light Shine*, a book that consists of teachers' biographies. If your birth date is before 1950, it is time for you to write your autobiography. It is good for all of us to have an autobiography started on our life and then each year add on to it.
- My third goal is to encourage everyone to use the websites we have available. The international website is [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and the state website is [alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com](http://alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com) which is also linked to the international web site.

**Every member is important.**

**Every step will help Alpha Xi move forward.**





Becky Tish  
First Vice President

## Help is Available for Program Planning

It is the beginning of another great year of Delta Kappa Gamma activities. One of the most important and sometimes intimidating events of the fall is planning the programs for the year. I would like to encourage you to use the many available resources from the International DKG Educational Excellence Committee as you plan your programs.

The Educational Excellence Committee has three main goals for this biennium and they are **1) to support programs of action that promote excellence in education, 2) to empower women, and 3) to increase global awareness.** These are the guidelines that should help you decide on viable and exciting programs for the year. Need more specific program guidance? It is available for you.

On the DKG.org website, click on the Committees link and then the link entitled Educational Excellence. When you get to the Educational Excellence committee page you will find links to all kinds of helpful information. There are links that highlight the two international programs, **Supporting Early Career Educators**, and **Schools for Africa**.

There is also a link entitled, "Impact Educational Law and Policy," as well as one called "DKG/UN Relationship." All of these sites will give you more information that can help you plan meaningful and interesting programs for the year. Do you want even more specific program ideas?

Don't miss the links entitled, "New programs, projects and activities" and "Collection of programs, projects, and activity ideas." These two links will give you information about specific programs presented in DKG chapters all over the country and the world. You can look through these extensive program descriptions and find ones that would be perfect for your own chapter. They may also spark new ideas about local programs that you can present. These are outstanding resources that you will definitely want to use.

So don't be overwhelmed by program planning. Use these amazing resources from your Educational Excellence Committee, and plan a year of noteworthy, educational, and fun programs for your chapter. You'll be glad that you did!

During the Northwest Regional in Cheyenne I attended the pre-conference Leadership Development training for membership chairmen. During that time we discussed the types of members and the *Constitution's* definitions of members. The following international data was given to us:

Year End	Total Mem-	Rate of	Dropped	Initiates
2008	115,175	-3.04%	10,826	
2009	106,837	-7.24%	14,719	5,042
2010	100,760	-5.69%	12,139	5,610
2011	95,044	-5.67%	11,776	6,222
2012	89,905	-5.41%	10,642	5,146

As you can see the rate of decline has gotten smaller, but we still have a decline in overall membership.



### Goal 1: Advance Excellence in Education

**SEE** project, Educational "Hot Topics" Pedagogical Research, Educational Law and Policy

### Goal 2: Empower Women

Intergenerational Participants, Focus on the Arts, Personal Growth, Leadership in Education and Community, Lifelong Learning, Professional Pride

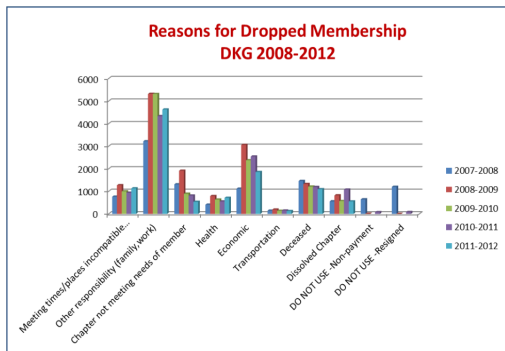
**Goal 3: Increase Global Awareness**  
**SFA** project, Develop Global Awareness, Promote the DKG/UN Relationship

## Membership



Carrie Manders  
Second Vice President

## Membership From Page 3



The chart above demonstrates reasons members dropped DKG. Can you use this information to look at your chapter? Do you know why your members have dropped? If your chapter can reflect on these items, maybe your chapter can decide on a strategic action plan to increase membership at the chapter level.

During my training I also learned of my duties:

- Assist chapter membership contacts at the chapter level by providing training. Establish and maintain ongoing contact with chapter contacts. Send reminders and membership ideas. Offer assistance and availability to visit chapters.
- Acquire the State Organization Biennial Report Form for the State Organization Membership Chairs (due March 1, 2014). The form may be downloaded from the Society website.
- Maintain the DKG Necrology – State Organization (Form 3) Annual Report which is due March 1 of each year.
- Complete Membership Committee plans for involvement at the state organization convention or meeting.

I will need each chapter's assistance in reporting this important information.



JoAnn Baumhover , Treasurer

## Treasurer's Talk

“Thank You” to all members who have paid their dues for 2013-2014. If you have not done so, please take time right now to write that check and send it to your chapter treasurer.

Membership dues were payable by October 31<sup>st</sup> to your chapter treasurer that included the increase in state dues voted on last spring. Chapters are being creative in handling this increase by allowing members to pay dues in two payments, perhaps one last spring and remainder this fall or even two payments this fall. Some chapters are paying the increase from their treasury. Chapter treasurers should let me know of other methods utilized.

Congratulations to *all* chapter treasurers for completing their annual reports (Form 15) and submitting them to me so I could finish my report (Form 16) to the Society. One observation from these forms is how fortunate our communities are to have a DKG chapter in their midst. Chapters reported giving thirteen (13) grants-in-aid in the amount of \$25,500 while the State Organization contributed \$797 to UNICEF’s

Schools for Africa program. State awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a Beta Chapter member while chapters awarded 2 scholarships that totaled \$650. Most chapter treasurers have sent me confirmation that they filed their 2012-2013 IRS Form 990n. It is due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Nominations Needed for Alpha Xi State Achievement Award



❖ Do you have someone in mind for this award? Then 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.

❖ Nominations along with resumes must be received by February 1, 2014. **IMPORTANT** -There are new guidelines to follow. The resume outline and new guidelines are available from:

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**Because of the guideline changes, it is very important that Chapter Presidents, Past State Presidents, & Executive Board Members update any change in their e-mail address.**

## Let Your Light Shine



By Sharon Cole

How often have you heard it said, "Where did those two years go?" Please don't be caught saying that when April 15, 2015, rolls around and you missed the deadline for getting your story published in the next volume of our unique history of Wyoming women educators.

Remember any female teacher born before 1950 is welcome to have her story of her life and education career included. (They need not have been a member of Alpha Xi State- they only need to have been a part of education in Wyoming).

The outline and instructions for getting your stories to me is posted on our website. If you would like me to come help with completing these at some future meeting, please let me know or appoint someone in your chapter to be in charge of making sure your members are included in Volume V.

**Keep your chapter history in a safe, accessible place.**

**Send the FOURTH 21 YEARS form each year to Nina Nachtigall**

**ninawyo@gmail.com**

**Check with her to see if your chapter is up to date.**

## Sharon Cole Receives 2013 Alpha Xi Achievement Award



Sharon Cole receives the Alpha Xi State Achievement Award from sister Ellen Kub, Phi Chapter, during the 2013 state convention in Newcastle.

The 2013 Alpha Xi Achievement Award is presented to Sharon Cole, Theta Chapter, in recognition for her service to the Society. Sharon was initiated into Phi Chapter in 1982 and served there as secretary, second vice president, first vice president and president in 1996 - 1999. She moved to Casper and then to Gillette where she served as Theta chapter president in 2007 -2012. Sharon played a vital role in helping to revitalize both Phi and Theta chapters when they were contemplating dissolving. She also helped plan and participate in a Literacy Day sponsored by Phi Chapter for elementary students in the '90s.

In 2005 - 2007 she began her service to the state by serving as second vice president. First vice president followed and she was elected state president in 2009. Sharon attended all state conventions and executive board meetings since the mid '90s. She was very involved on the planning committee for the summer Leadership Development seminars in 2006 and 2010. Sharon serves on Let Your Light Shine Committee in 2000 -2005, she was the editor of Volume IV in 2005 and she serves on that committee from 2011 to present.

At the international level Sharon attended the Leadership Management Seminar in 2006 in Austin, Texas. She has attended regionals and international convention since 1999. During the 2013 Northwest Regional Sharon was the chair of the decorations and favors committee.

Sharon spent 35 years in education teaching secondary English. She was a member of her profession associations until retirement and she a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Sharon is very active in her church in Gillette serving as co-chair of Board of Deacons, secretary for Christian Education Ministry, as well as teacher and facilitator. For many years she served as a 4-H leader and was awarded the 4-H Leader of the Year award. In Gillette Sharon served as a Soup Kitchen volunteer and a CASA advocate.

Her family consists of husband, David Cole, three grown children and eight grandchildren. Her daughter Johnna Lissman and sister Ellen Kub are DKG members in Phi Chapter, Cheyenne.

## Alpha Xi State Convention Highlights – April 20-21, 2013

*By Yvonne Gatley, Immediate Past State President*

Newcastle, Wyoming was the location. State Convention was the event. Lambda chapter was the host with assistance from Theta chapter. Dr. Lace Marie Brogden was our International guest. A successful weekend was enjoyed by all in attendance.

With the opening flag ceremony by local girl scouts, we were reminded of our education foundation. Further reminders came with the lunch time dance entertainment performed by enthusiastic young students.

Under the leadership of Alpha Xi President Yvonne Gatley, many important business items were accomplished during the two day convention. State Bylaws were discussed to lead to amendment pertinent to meeting International regulations. Monetary concerns resulted in a vote to increase state dues. Of equal importance were the preparations for hosting the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne. Member excitement at NW Regional opportunity was evident as committees reported on progress and upcoming needs.



**Members learn by doing in Shutterfly.**

Workshops were presented at breakout sessions on Saturday with opportunities to make cards, learn about Shutterfly, make iPad applications, and engage in wine tasting at a local restaurant. Whole group sessions were also presented. One session included writing tips and guidelines for submission

to *Let Your Light Shine*. Another session focused on evaluating chapters for chapter health and growth. Retention of our Alpha Xi chapters is a key issue facing our state at the present time. A reminder was given that Alpha Xi State officers are always available to assist chapters in identifying their needs and providing assistance appropriate to those needs.

Food and fellowship abounded during the meals held at the Newcastle Middle School. These informal times allowed us to meet others from throughout our Wyoming chapters. Members were also able to bid on the many creative ‘baskets’ contributed by chapters. A total of \$586.61 was raised from this silent auction and went to Schools for Africa, one of the DKG International Projects.

At our president’s banquet, chapter presidents marched in with their chapter flags and were honored for their contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma. Our 2013-2015 Alpha Xi State Officers were installed, ready to take office on July 1. Sharon Cole was awarded the Alpha Xi Achievement Award for her many years of commitment and service to our Society.

Our biennial Ceremony of Remembrance was held Sunday morning. Alpha Xi members were eulogized for their educational, community, and Society contributions.

Throughout our two days, Dr. Brogden offered her support and inspiration. As Northwest Regional Director, Lace has many responsibilities in our region. She brought greetings from International and the message to strengthen our chapters, which are the heart of DKG. When assistance was needed in discussing our Alpha Xi needs, Lace was available for guidance. Her various experiences in the Society were an invaluable resource.



**Judy Morris, JoAnn Baumhover, Carrie Manders, Becky Tish, Shirley Tranas, Yvonne Gatley, and Sharon Cole participate in the Installation Ceremony for new officers.**



**NW Regional Director Dr. Lace Marie Brogden and State President Yvonne Gatley share a special moment.**



**Alpha Xi chapter presidents are honored during the President’s Banquet.**



Jackie O'Briant receives the Alpha Xi State Scholarship from Marie Puryear at a Beta Chapter meeting.



### Hailey Ellingham Receives International Award



Hailey Ellingham, Alpha Chapter, received a Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Award through the DKG Educational Foundation. The monetary stipend paid for her entire two weeks of Spanish classes at the Don Quijote language institute in Valencia, Spain plus a large portion of her board and room at the University of Valencia. Hailey lived in a dormitory room along with other Spanish language students from all over the world, There were more than 40 languages present and Spanish was their common language.

In Hailey's words, "I highly recommend applying for this most amazing and generous Delta Kappa Gamma award. As an AP Spanish teacher I was looking for ways to improve my Spanish and it came via the Lucile Cornetet Professional Development award. It is easy to apply, but it needs to be done before the February 1st deadline, <http://dkgef.org/awards>."



### Bloom with DKG April 25, 2014

Each and every member of Alpha Xi throughout the great state of Wyoming is ready to **Bloom with DKG**.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 26 for your opportunity to gain current information about all that Delta Kappa Gamma has to offer to you as well as all you have to offer our Society.

This fast paced and engaging event will occur in Casper, so book this date now. Look for information and registration in Feb. 2014.

**SAVE THE DATE  
April 26, 2014**

### State Scholarship Awarded

*By Carol Milano*

Jackie O'Briant, Beta Chapter, has her Masters' Degree in Literacy and the DKG Scholarship will help her with National Board Certification. In her words: "By pursuing National Board Certification, I am helping myself to be reflective about my teaching in order to improve for my students. It is helping me focus on being purposeful in using my knowledge of students to impact their learning more effectively, and it's also helping me to be more connected to new research and best practices, as sometimes we get busy and rely on the same old strategies. National Board Certification is providing me the polishing I need to move beyond just being a good teacher."

#### State Scholarship

\$1,000

Scholarship

Due date: April 1, 2014

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Check the Alpha Xi website

[alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com](http://alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com)



## Reflections of Northwest Regional Conference

**A special thank you to all of Wyoming for your wonderful support for the NWR. Glenda**

Wonderful conference! I believe the friendship and DKG sisterhood experiences were the best part of regional. I loved the way we were mixed –up at meals and hosting was fun.

Vicky Gopp, Sigma Chapter

### A Recipe for Regional Success

101 amazing WY members registered

323 attendees

3 nifty newsletters

1 totally awesome steering committee chair

Countless hours of preparations

Heaps of hospitality room fun

Tables-full of dynamic decorations

Tons of terrific tours

A good helping of Cheyenne friendliness

Sprinkle with hugs, laughter, tears and even super-hero towels

Rope all ingredients together with a down-home rodeo of an info-fair, numerous outstanding workshops, inspiring key-note speakers, the odd meander through the marketplace.

Finally, add the secret ingredient: the amazing, dedicated women of DKG Wyoming!!

My most sincere thanks to each and every one of the members of Wyoming. Your energy, your dedication and your smiles made our 2013 NW Regional a tremendous success!

Yours in DKG, Lace Marie  
NW Regional Director 2012-2014

What an awesome opportunity to have NW Regional Conference in our own backyard. It will never be closer! The venue, fellowship, workshops, etc. are memories that were made and will be cherished!

Dr. Michelle Aldrich,  
Upsilon Chapter

The “genuine spiritual fellowship” was so evident and it was fun!

Nina Nachtigall, Alpha Chapter



**Dr. Michelle Aldrich (WY), Donna Pence, (ID), Cynthia Moore (SK), Becky Tish (WY), Carrie Manders (WY) are part of the head table for the Celebration Luncheon.**  
Photo By Jacky Price

It’s hard to pick a favorite part of this NW Regional conference because all of it was fantastic! A surprise to me was how much I enjoyed being a greeter and being a hostess at the luncheon and dinner. It was so wonderful meeting, helping and getting to know so many of my DKG sisters.

Maria Fedden, Kappa Chapter

NWR was wonderful— knowledgeable speakers and presenters—time to interact with all the attendees. I really enjoyed the IOWA gals, such a caring group!

JoAnn Baumhover,  
Upsilon Chapter





Joan Schade and Kathy Orr play spin the wheel at the Info Fair for door prizes.

Photo By Jacky Price

How does an attendee pick the “best” when NW Regional in Cheyenne was the “best” from start to finish? True friendship, camaraderie, and learning dominated everything.

Yvonne Gatley,  
Kappa Chapter

I enjoyed all of the general sessions. The speakers were thought provoking and interesting. Everyone was so friendly and cooperative during registration. I enjoyed meeting people from all over.

Judy Lissman, Phi Chapter

Loved , loved the poems shared by the poet laureate, Pat Frolander, and I also enjoyed the workshop on laughter.

Cathy Foster, Phi Chapter

The workshop by Edna Thayer, Laugh for the Health of it, was great!

Edie Vosler, Phi Chapter

Poet laureate, Pat Frolander, gave a wonderful talk; lyrical and poignant.

Dianne Foreman,  
Phi Chapter



Cherol Ohde, Patrice Denisson, and Julia Burke greet attendees at the Information/Tours table.

Photo By Jacky Price

Loved hearing from the out-of-towners about how much they enjoyed the tours and sites around Cheyenne and Wyoming.

Christy VanHorn,  
Phi Chapter



Becky Tish and Loretta Tonak help with music throughout the conference.

Photo By Jacky Price

The best about the regional was meeting and visiting with members in the region. The best activity was the workshop of books and songs and drama, by Elaine Hall and Janice Moen and the Take a Trip to Tanzania by Lisa Zemple from Gillette. The US Forum also had an excellent speaker, Steven Gilmore, Deputy for the WY Attorney General’s Division of Victim Services. There was a large crowd attending that session.

Estelle Summers, Phi Chapter

Our luncheon speakers and keynote speakers were excellent. Katie Snapp was so inspiring saying to be your own feminine self in the work place, even in Fortune 500 companies. Xylena Sanders was a delightful speaker. It was good to hear from a young teacher who has achieved a great deal in her short career. Patricia Frolander—WOW! Our Info Fair was like no other! It was interactive and we played games. There were horseshoe throwing, bag tosses, Jeopardy and more. What a fun, playful group! Of course I loved the Market Place!

Hailey Ellingham, Alpha Chapter

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**Opening night head table includes Governor Matt Mead and his wife Carol, Ann Hardesty (WY), Shirley Tranas (WY), Dr. Lace Brogden (SK), International President Dr. Beverly Helms, Kathleen Richardson (NE), Yvonne Gatley (WY), Glenda Reynolds (WY), and Mayor Richard Kaysen.**

**Photo By Jacky Price**

The Northwest Regional had a big impact on me. First, I really enjoyed meeting inspiring woman from all over the region. Working the tote bag table gave me the opportunity to visit with several people. Those visits made me see Cheyenne and Wyoming in a different light. I definitely walked away with a new perspective on things I take for granted. Secondly, and most importantly attending the meetings and workshops gave me a purpose and excitement about becoming President of our chapter. I really understood what DKG was about and began to envision where we could go. I really enjoyed every workshop and keynote speaker I attended. It was exactly what I needed when I needed it. If I had a criticism it would be registration. I felt a little confused about what was what being a first timer. I would have liked a full schedule with dates and times available as I was registering. Overall it was wonderful and I look forward to the next one.

Helen Stalker, Phi Chapter

I enjoyed meeting women from the region and hearing their stories. The Governor and mayor were very welcoming and I appreciated their comments. Speakers were wonderful. in a very professional atmosphere. Everyone visiting was thankful and appreciative.

Marla Worley, Phi Chapter

I appreciated being asked to participate during the conference. (Taking tickets at events and serving as a table host at two of the meals). It made me feel like more of a part of the conference since this was my first regional conference.

Peggy Acker, Kappa Chapter



**Boots filled with flowers adorned the tables showing the way to the Grand Ballroom.**

**Photo by Jan Segerstrom**

Congratulations to all who worked so long and hard on the Regional Convention!! I was just there for one day, on Wednesday, to help with PR. But all seemed very organized and we were not all that busy. Mainly most people wanted to know about the tours, which seemed very well organized and well received. We did have one older lady who needed a beauty salon to get her hair done and Patrice had a list of all the shops in town and we were able to get her in and she reported later, she had her hair done. So all of the preplanning by Julia and Patrice helped immensely.

We enjoyed the "Wyoming Night" and visiting with ladies from other states. Again congratulations for a job well done!!

Cherol Ohde, Phi Chapter

I don't remember any time that so many members of Alpha Xi stepped up to the plate and helped. I was so proud of all the hard work

Ann Marie Custis, Kappa Chapter



Alpha Xi State President Yvonne Gatley escorts Shirley Tranas, Incoming Alpha Xi State President during the Presidents' March.

Photo By Jacky Price



Unique centerpieces, designed by Sharon Cole and crafted by her son, Joshua Halter of Byron, Illinois, are a hit. The horseshoe centerpieces transpire at the meal functions.

Photo by Jan Segerstrom

The Conference was very nice. All the sessions sparked much thought and discussion which was energizing. Meeting so many other women in education was rewarding and truly a special time. I just wished some TV time on KGWN was shown on the News or in the local newspaper as this was a huge important event in Cheyenne and Wyoming. Thanks for all you did to help make it a great success.

Eva Jeanne Holmes, Alpha Chapter

While working the hospitality room, I had many women tell me how much they appreciated the food choices and that they had a place to relax. Jim Reynolds gets a special "thank you" for all the things he did to help many of us.

Sandy Gothard, Phi Chapter

The guests at my table were remarking about how good the food was at the convention meals: Luncheon, Brunch and Dinner. They were happy to see asparagus, and the variety of meats. The Devil's Tower chocolate dessert was the coup de gras.

I was thrilled to take part in such an excellent DKG choir. Seldom am I surrounded with, while getting to sing with, so many talented musicians. The songs, the sounds, the harmony gave me goose bumps.

We are so lucky to enjoy beautiful sunsets here in Wyoming, and share them with our visitors.

Kathy Orr, Upsilon Chapter



Frosted sugar cookies are the special Wyoming favor.

Photo by Jan Segerstrom

I heard over and over again how friendly and helpful the WY sisters were I met such wonderful people throughout the entire week. Comments were made about the wonderful decorations. Participants I talked with and did activities with were so happy that they got time to leave the "building", stating that so often your time has you stuck in the convention center or hotel the entire time or most of the time and you feel like you are on overload.

They felt there was a good variety of non-DKG events from which to choose. Since I came alone, whenever we were not at assigned tables I found myself asking to join with other sisters from elsewhere; not one time did I feel uncomfortable. Everyone was just so kind and welcoming.

What a wonderful learning and fun experience our NW Regional was.

Carol Milano, Psi Chapter



Glenda Reynolds (WY), Executive Director Corlea Plowman, Agnes Moynihan (ON), and Northwest Regional Director Dr. Lace Marie Brogden sit at the head table during the Presidents' Banquet.

Photo By Jacky Price

## Reflections From Page 8

What a WONDERFUL regional conference! I'm just dropping in to thank you again for all the hard work you and your members put in to make this event such a success. From the moment we arrived at Little America Resort we were embraced and made to feel welcome. Everything was very well organized. The goodie bags you provided the state presidents were much appreciated. This was, indeed, a quality experience for all who came. Thank you so much!

Sue Grosse  
President, Sigma State, Wisconsin



The popular green boot was center attraction in the registration area.

Photo by Jan Segerstrom

The conference was wonderful, and I think everyone in the Nebraska DKG contingent had a great week in Wyoming. Everything seemed to go well; we thought the food was astounding, the site was great, and the conference appeared to go as much like clockwork as anything can when 325+ women get together in one place! Job well done!

Shirley Stephens Schall  
President, Rho State, Nebraska



Pauline Lanoy, Janet Saxby, and Ann Hardesty are ready to enjoy the Presidents' Banquet.

Photo By Jacky Price

I would like to thank you and the members of Wyoming for hosting a super Northwest Regional Conference. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I know that I can speak for all of my Iowa sisters who attended that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Pam Wittkamp, Upsilon State First Vice President, Iowa



Beautiful tables greet attendees at the Celebration Luncheon.

Photo by Jan Segerstrom



## 13 Things I Loved about NW Regional 2013

By Sharon Cole, Theta Chapter

1. Shirley and Yvonne carrying the flags at the Opening Session.
2. Quiet mornings in the pool at Little America surrounded by beautiful pine tree doing water aerobics with Michelle.
3. Ann, the epitome of our western theme, in her western attire.
4. Governor Mead's warm welcoming remarks.
5. The poet laureate, Patricia Frolander, bringing us to tears.
6. The most members ever in our Wyoming picture!
7. Marca diligently guarding the Properties Room.
8. The boot decorations strategically placed around Little America.
9. Jan putting out excellent newsletters
10. Selling all of our extra favors.
11. Time to sit and visit in the Hospitality Room hosted by Phi Chapter.
12. More than 100 Alpha Xi State members helping out!
13. Pauline Lanoy, long time member, celebrating her 87th birthday and 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with us.



Jan Segerstrom, Sharon Cole, Yvonne Gatley, Peggy Acker, Dianne Sarr, Loretta Tonak, Maria Fedden, Ann Marie Custis, and Shirley Tranas gather before the Presidents' Banquet.



Ann Hardesty and Marjorie Anderson greet attendees at the registration table.

I want to thank you and all of your ladies for making my first regional a memorable one. I felt befriended by strangers who are strangers no more. I went to the bison ranch and really enjoyed it, flies and all. I mean golly gee we were on a ranch not at some city slicker restaurant. I want to make plans to visit your city again. It is a very welcoming place to be. So thank everyone for me.  
Yettee Girard  
Alpha Phi Chapter Upsilon State, Iowa

Photo By Jacky Price

I cannot tell you how wonderful the NW Regional Conference was. You and your committee did an outstanding job of planning, providing exciting tours and activities, wonderful meals, inspiring workshops, and much much more. The hotel was great.

Cory Peters, Minnesota

It was a pleasure to attend even for such a short time. It looked like all were having a great time and things were going smoothly.

Mary Wendel, Eta Chapter

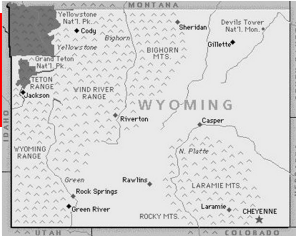


Cheyenne Trotters begin Wyoming Night in true western style with a cavalry routine in the east parking lot of Little America. Hands in Harmony, a choreographed sign language music group, Phil'n the Blanks, a family string band, and the Cheyenne Harmony Singers complete the evening.



Glenda Reynolds, Steering Committee Chair, and Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Northwest Regional Director, celebrate a conference gone well.

Photo By Jacky Price



## Chapters Report From Around the State

♦ **Beta Chapter**—Beta's project the last few years has been to make fleece blankets for the children of the Transformation Center which is part of the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission. Unfortunately some of the children have to leave home so quickly they do not have personal belongings. The chapter has given out more than 25 blankets for the children. President Russett Clasen, has chosen a new project which will be the program for our October meeting. Greta Hinderliter will visit with us about working with homeless children enrolled in Natrona County School District and how Beta Chapter can contribute.

♦ **Rho Chapter**—During the summer, Rho Chapter had a BBQ at Shirley Tranas' house with Sigma Chapter of Worland. We all enjoyed good food and great visiting. This year our chapter will focus on writing our autobiographies and getting retired teachers to write their autobiographies.

♦ **Upsilon Chapter**—The chapter has lots of activity going on in the chapter: In May Abi Paytoe Gbayee earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from UW as well as her principal endorsement for K-12. Jeni Wolfe, our new member, finished her BSN in August. 28 of our members helped at the NW Regional here in Cheyenne this summer and many members traveled all over the US and the world this summer. Abi Paytoe Gbayee, Michelle Aldrich, JoAnn Baumhover and Julia Burke attended the state meeting in Casper and we were heavily involved in the Treasures of Teaching Swap It Project on September 28<sup>th</sup> with half the proceeds going to the Friday Food Bag Program and the other half to a 50/50 raffle.

♦ **Kappa Chapter**—Kappa Chapter initiated 4 new members last May. Founders' Day and initiation were held at the Big Horn Women's Club building with a catered meal. There were 15 members in attendance. Over the summer, 9 members attended the Northwest Regional in Cheyenne and helped with tickets, tours, welcoming, sales, music, banquets, hostess duties, and decorations. Kappa members thoroughly enjoyed their time at the conference. The first meeting of the new year was held at Sheridan College where members toured the new Whitney Academic Center as well as other buildings on campus. The chapter prepared welcome bags for new teachers in Sheridan District 1 and 2. First Federal Bank provided the bags and many fun items. Members added candy and snacks and delivered over 30 bags during September. In October the chapter helps with the local Raising Readers event by dressing up like storybook characters. They will sell used jewelry at a bazaar in November as a fundraiser. Then in December members do their annual Bunco/potluck party.

♦ **Theta Chapter**—Seven members of Theta Chapter attended the North West Regional Conference in Cheyenne this summer. Several first timers will report on their experience. Art supplies are being collected for Head Start in Gillette. We continue to save quarters so that member Lisa Zempel is able to take needed supplies to Tanzania this summer. Lyn Velle will travel to Nicaragua in February to help villagers there. This spring, President Shirley Tranas will update us on state society issues. Hailey Ellingham, scholarship and grant recipient, will speak on her studies in Spain. Other programs include: US Forum issues on human trafficking; Estate Planning/Pre-funeral arranging; Virtual/Home

School information; and therapy dogs shown by a national trainer. Our chapter is working on increasing membership, building leadership capacity, updating chapter rules and developing a strategic action plan.

♦ **Lambda Chapter**—The chapter conducted its first meeting of the year September 16, 2013 which was the annual carry-in dinner. Some of the discussion centered on the spring 2013 Convention hosted in Newcastle with the help of Theta Chapter. The chapter reviewed the important items that came from the convention such as dues increase, changes in constitution and the upcoming Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne. Then members shared stories and laughs about all the fun times that were had by the members and the state DKG sisters. Members then discussed the chapter's new focus of supporting new teachers as 47% of them leave the profession within the first 5 years. The chapter distributed "survival bags" to all of the new district employees. These contained items such as sticky notes, pens, pencils, candy and more. The chapter is in the process of spotlighting an educator from each school and preschool on a monthly basis which they call the "DKG Golden Apple" award. Hopefully, when they are recognized by their students, teachers will be encouraged to stay in the profession. Finally, Lambda members are working on a plan to donate a day to new teachers. Members know what new teachers need most is time and Lambda's retired teachers would donate a day of substituting for a young teacher so he/she can plan, grade, etc. The chapter is also planning 2 quality programs for members and nonmembers. These will be held in October and March. The first

program is going to be presented by Lambda member, Alyson Kopp, on the topic of poverty and how it affects our children and community. The second program has not yet been decided. Finally, Lambda members celebrated retirees by acknowledging them and giving them engraved crystal bells and presented a piggybank to a member who had a baby boy!

◆ **Phi Chapter**—Phi Chapter had their annual brunch at Susan Samuelson's on August 15th which was well attended. All who attended enjoyed "getting out of town" and seeing the beautiful Wyoming prairie so green this time of the year. Members signed up for the program/meeting date for assisting with a meeting/program. September 16th was the fall potluck supper at Central High School with Alpha and Upsilon chapters. The October team planned a fantastic program, a brief look into the past at the war which tore our country apart, the Civil War. The Ft. Collins High School history present the program. Cathy Foster gave a brief summary of the Teaching American history grant and the opportunities she has experienced because of the grant she received. A colleague who also participates in the grant offered to bring his History club which specializes in Civil War Reenactment. The chapter will continue the "sock-it-to-us" fundraiser which will provide funds for a local charity chosen by the chapter. Phi had 22 members which is half of their members helping with the Northwest Regional in Cheyenne. For most it was their first time at a regional. Members have enjoyed sharing their adventures and reflections about the conference at the last two meetings.



## Polished Stepping Stones



**Marie Puryear**, Beta Chapter and principal of Casper Classical Academy, was one of the recipients of the Natrona County School District's 2012-2013 Medallion Awards at the Celebration of Excellence banquet. Also, Casper Classical Academy was one of 12 schools to be recognized for their outstanding performance.

**Judy Jessop**, Rho Chapter, won Teacher of the Year Award from Big Horn County School District #1.

**Dr. Michelle Aldrich**, Upsilon Chapter, was selected as the 2013 FACS Teacher of the Year for Wyoming by the Wyoming Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences.

**Glenda Reynolds**, Phi Chapter, was presented the 2013 Wyoming Women of Influence award for education at the inaugural event in August hosted by the *Wyoming Business Report*. More than 60 Wyoming women were nominated for the awards in nine categories. Glenda credits her involvement and training in DKG as influencing her skills as an educator and enhancing her abilities to go beyond the classroom.

Other polished stones are these special people who chaired committees or did special projects during the 2013 Northwest Regional:

- Dr Lace Marie Brogden, Conference Chair and NWR Director
- Glenda Reynolds, Steering Committee Chair
- Nina Nachtigall, Treasurer
- Ann Hardesty, Registrar
- Jan Segerstrom, Conference Newsletter
- Julia Burke and Patrice Denison, Tours and Information/
- Becky Tish, Wyoming Night
- Marca Fox Grigsby, Properties
- Carrie Manders, Tote Bags Chair
- Yvonne Gatley, Info Fair Chair,
- Sharon Cole, Decorations Chair
- Kathy Orr, Door Prizes Chair
- Hailey Ellingham, Vendors Chair
- Judy Morris, Educator's Book Award Chair
- JoAnn Baumhover, Emergency Fund Chair
- Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Signage Chair
- Abi Paytoe Gbayee, Graphic Design
- Ellen Kub, Hospitality Chair
- Shirley Tranas, Greeters Chair
- Dianne Sarr, Note card Designer

## Dates to Remember

**February 1, 2014 Chapter Officers' Annual Reports Due**

**February 1, 2014 State Achievement Nominations Due**

**February 17, 2014 Spring Roundup Deadline**

**April 1, 2014 Alpha Xi Scholarship Application Due**

**April 26, 2014, Alpha Xi Leadership Training**

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