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## Judy Vandel receives 2014 Wyoming Achievement Award

Judy Vandel is the 30th recipient of the Alpha Xi Achievement Award. The award was presented to her during the state leadership workshop in Casper.

Judy served as Alpha Xi state president during 2005 - 2007 and was part of the state executive committee beginning in 2001 as second vice president through 2009 as immediate past state president and nominations chair. She presented many workshops at state meetings. On the international level, she attended several regionals and conventions and presented at the international convention in San Diego, California.

In 1984 Judy joined Alpha Chapter in Cheyenne. She started in 1994 as second vice president and worked her way to chapter president in 1998. In 2000 she was selected to serve as Cheyenne's coordinating council chair. Judy served on many chapter committees. She served in 1989 and 1991 as chair of the chapter leadership seminar committee which provided public seminars with speakers on current educational topics for college credit.



**Maria Fedden presents Judy Vandel the state achievement medallion.**

During her twenty-five years of teaching Judy taught science at McCormick Junior High School and Central High School in Cheyenne. Her first year of teaching was in McCall, Idaho. She was a member of her professional associations and served as District Director of the National Science Teachers Association in 1995-1997 and Wyoming Science Teachers Association president in 1990 - 1992. In 2009 Judy received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics for the state of Wyoming and was honored at a White House ceremony. For the 1993 - 1994 school year she was selected the CTEA Teacher of the Year, high school.

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## State scholarship awarded



**Lisa Zempel receives state scholarship.**

On May 13 at the Theta Chapter meeting Lisa Zempel was surprised when she was presented the Alpha Xi State Scholarship for \$1,000. Lisa is a transitional teacher at Sage Valley Junior High School in Gillette. Lisa has been accepted into the University of Wyoming Division of Social Work Graduate Program.

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**Stepping Stones to Our Future**

As I write this article, I can see the tree with yellow leaves reminding me that it is fall. It has been a beautiful fall even if we received snow in September. I hope your school year or retirement plans are going well.

I can't believe how fast my first year as Alpha Xi State President has gone. The second year is zooming by fast. I have really enjoyed my time as president especially visiting the chapters. Everyone has such great ideas and is accomplishing many things. If I haven't visited your chapter, and you want me to come, just let me know.

The international convention in Indianapolis was excellent. I really enjoyed the process of the meetings and debates on the Constitution amendments. With so many amendments, I was surprised at how fast it went.

Congratulations to our new Presidents. Thank you for sharing your leadership with your chapter and our state. I am very happy that I have been able to meet so many of you. Thanks also to all the state officers and committee chairs for taking your job seriously. Congratulations to Yvonne

Gatley for accepting a leadership role at the International level. She is on the Communication and Publicity Committee.

I was very excited with the turnout at the Leadership Training held last spring. I hope that it gave the new officers confidence to do their job for the next two years. We had 10 of our 13 chapters represented.

Our fall meeting was very good with 11 chapters presenting what they had accomplished during the last two years. It was very interesting to hear about their programs, activities and scholarships given out. Thank you for taking the time to highlight your chapter.

Five Chapters: Alpha, Beta, Theta, Upsilon and Phi were presented with a certificate for Chapter Growth from the past year. I am hoping more chapters can stay the same or grow this following year.

Please put on your calendar the state convention on April 24-26 in Rawlins. I will see you then.



**Every member is important.**

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

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Since her retirement she and her husband Jim have spent their time in Torrington and Thayne, Wyoming. They have three grown children, Timothy, Mary Kathleen and Michael. Judy is a proud grandmother of four and loves to play with them. She loves to sing and sings in her churches' choirs.



Becky Tish  
First Vice President

## Where can I find program ideas?

Hello, sisters! Is it really October already? It is time to be planning your programs for the year, but where do you look for ideas? I have just the place—the Delta Kappa Gamma EEC Committee site on the internet! Don't be afraid—this site is easy to find and absolutely packed with great ideas for you! So let's get started.

First, go to DKG.org and click on committees. The committee you want is called the Excellence in Education Committee (EEC). You may be wondering what the EEC Committee does. Here is the description from the DKG website, "This committee shall promote programs and projects for excellence in education. The committee shall identify long-term programs and projects that focus upon topics adopted by the Society. The committee shall support programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts at international conventions, regional conferences, and state organization conventions and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders."

Wow!! So how do they do all of that? They do it by providing wonderful resources for you on their EEC webpage. There are resources on the DKG projects: Support For Early Career Educators and Schools For Africa. There is also information on

ways to impact educational law and policy and on the DKG/UN Relationship. There is a newsletter you can read and/or download called the EEC News. Take some time and browse through these links where you will find some truly helpful and fascinating information.

There is even a copy of the EEC brochure which you can download. It gives a great overview of the EEC committee and their work. You can share it with your fellow members and potential new members.

My favorite link on the EEC website is called, [Collection of programs, projects, and activity ideas](#). This wonderful resource provides you with actual program ideas from chapters all over the world! Where did these program ideas come from? Remember those biennial reports that you fill out and submit to your state EEC chairman in February on even-numbered years? The state EEC chairmen submit fantastic program ideas that they have received from chapter EEC chairmen in their state. Then the international EEC Committee collects, categorizes and analyzes the programs, and puts them on the website for you. **These are program ideas from real chapters just like yours!!** (Twenty two pages of ideas!) You will love reading about these wonderful programs, and I hope you will find some programs that you would like to do with your chapter.

So good luck planning your programs for the year, and I hope you'll use and enjoy this amazing resource that DKG provides for you. Happy fall!

### Check out our web site!

Marie Puryear, Beta Chapter, is our web master. The site has been recertified.

Find state documents, information, photos, and the *Roundup*.

<http://alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com/>



Carrie Manders  
Second Vice President

## You can build membership!

I love when school begins, because I know Delta Kappa Gamma is beginning as well! It the time of the year we all get to see our DKG sisters, some we haven't seen since the end of last school year. Along with the excitement comes the thoughts of retaining and building membership in our chapters. We all feel the stress of building our chapters, but there are many ways to promote DKG to other women educators in our areas.

There are several resources on the internet for ideas on building membership. However, remember that communication/networking with other DKG members is the BEST way to help membership!

- First, look at the DKG web site [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Click on committees and then locate membership. On this page you will find a list of membership resources. Orientation/Reorientation power points links are here. These are very useful for meetings throughout the year. A Model of Successful Chapter Practices also provides useful membership building tactics. A house blueprint is used as an analogy for chapters for building membership and chapter leadership.

- Next, try to Google "membership building ideas" and access other organizations' membership ideas. We are all frustrated about loss of membership, but all organizations are

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JoAnn Baumhover, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Talk

### Scholarship versus Grant-in-Aid

According to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a scholarship is money given to a chapter member to support continuing education opportunities; while a grant-in-aid is money given to a non-chapter member to accomplish a similar objective. According to data supplied by treasurers last year, Alpha Xi State awarded one state scholarship and two chapter scholarships were awarded to total \$1,550. During the same time frame, \$28,875.00 was awarded in grants-in-aid by seven chapters. Plus four chapters donated \$482.48 to Int'l funds and projects and two chapters donated \$150 to the three state funds (Caring Fund, Road Scholar- previously known as Elderhostel, and Personal Growth).

I personally am astounded at the generosity of these chapters, but one of the reasons I became a DKG member was for the scholarship opportunities. I was lucky enough to be awarded scholarships to continue my post-masters studies. **BUT now, I would like to challenge each chapter to award at least one scholarship of any amount to a member during this fiscal year.** Don't forget to have your treasurer let me know of this accomplishment so I can acknowledge it in this column next spring.

Since raising the state dues, your state treasury was able to invest some carry over funds into the scholarship

savings account—JUST waiting to be awarded to an Alpha Xi State member next spring!

Please continue to support the state and international funds as well as the community projects where you reside!

**Other matters** By now your chapter treasurer should have sent me their Membership Form 18, including names of returning members, NEW members, REINSTATED members as well as those who have dropped their membership on Form 18A or those who have passed away in the last year on Form 6. Remember to include Initiate Cards for each new member. That deadline was November 10<sup>th</sup> per International.

2013-2014 financial reviews should have been conducted and results announced at a chapter meeting for inclusion in the minutes of that meeting. Also budgets for 2014-2015 should have been adopted this fall. If anyone has any questions about either matter, please contact me at [dismath@yahoo.com](mailto:dismath@yahoo.com) or calling 307-630-3682.

## "4th 21 Years" history reports due

By Nina Nachtigall, Chair

Congratulations to 10 chapters who have their 4th 21 Years History reports all in!!! Alpha, Beta, Eta, Theta, Kappa, Rho, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, and Alpha Delta. Chi has promised me their last one by the end of the month. That leaves 4 reports that I hope to find in my Mail box or in my Inbox by the end of the year! That's 49 reports in, 4 left! Help us follow the stepping stones to a perfect score in April!

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## Is your team ready?



By Maria Fedden, Chair

The ALPHA XI STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD resumes are due on February 1, 2015 and the best way to get the information for that special deserving Wyoming Delta Kappa Gamma member just might be to have a team who can collect the data needed for the eight sections of the resume. Do you have someone in mind for this award? Then now is the time to collect the information.

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, 2015. The resume outline and guidelines are available from:

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**\*It is very important that Chapter Presidents, Past State Presidents, & Executive Board Members update any change in their email address.**

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feeling this. Don't give up, remind members that it is an honor to be chosen for membership, and please feel free to contact myself, or any board member, if you have any membership questions.



## Let Your Light Shine

By Sharon Cole, Chair

### It's Crunch Time!

Two year ago August 15, 2015 seemed like a lifetime away. Now the time is down to less than six months. Many of you have your winter project ready for you.

Please write your stories for Volume V of Let Your Light Shine and email them to me at [dolly2544@bresnan.net](mailto:dolly2544@bresnan.net).

If you are finished, find someone else that needs to get theirs done and help them. Remember it's any Wyoming woman educator born before 1950. They do not have to be DKG members. The outline is on our website at [alphaxistate.weebly.com](http://alphaxistate.weebly.com).

## The DKG Educational Foundation benefits members

By Julia Burke,  
Liaison



**Mission:** Supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

**Vision:** Giving to Educate the World.

**Purposes:** 1. Support and encourage intercultural understanding 2. Encourage standards of excellence in education 3. Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organizations, trust funds, or foundations in support, encouragement, and improvement of education.

Contributions from the Society, members, chapters, and friends provide funds. Gifts to the Educational Foundation are welcome at any time

and are tax deductible in the United States.

The DKG Educational Foundation has awarded over \$4 million to groups or individuals for projects to benefit children and education. Lists of projects are listed on the web. Any project leader may apply. Go to [dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org) for additional information.

Members can also find information for receiving individual awards from the Lucile Cornet fund at this website. Awards will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, national certification, online courses, workshops and other non-degree programs. Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. But you must apply to be considered so go to [dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org) and apply to be a recipient.

## Two Wyoming members receive \$1,000 50th Anniversary Awards

Yvonne Gatley from Kappa Chapter and Patricia Uraskey, Upsilon Chapter heard the news, applied, and received 50th Anniversary Awards. The winners were announced during the International Convention in Indianapolis. Yvonne received her award for "Traveling the World with Books" at her school and Patricia will use her award for color graphing calculators at East High School. Congratulations! Fifty were awarded and Wyoming members received two of them.

## \$1,000 Can be Yours Too!



By Yvonne Gatley, Past State President,  
Kappa member

\$1,000! Now that I have your attention, read on to see how students in my school, Highland Park Elementary in Sheridan, will benefit

from this generous award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

I accepted this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary award check at the International Convention in Indianapolis in July. The Educational Foundation offered 50 of these \$1,000 awards based on an application process.

My project, "Traveling the World with Books", will provide a variety of books for teachers and students to enhance their learning experiences in a study of the seven continents of the world. I am now in the process of ordering multiple copies of the selected books which will provide students with hands-on use of books to aid in responding through discussions, writings, and creative projects.

The project will run during the second quarter of the 2014-2015 school year. Students will engage in a study of the seven continents. This study will include the features, cultures, people and animals of each continent. An emphasis will be placed on developing students' understandings through the lens of multi-culturalism. Culminating projects will show evidence of the integration of resources from books purchased from the award. Students will have a menu of options to choose for their projects related to a continent that could include making an ABC book, doing a power point, making an iMovie, doing a display board, or a project of their choice with the approval of their teacher.

I am extremely grateful to The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation for their selection of my project to receive one of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards. I encourage all DKG members to be on the lookout for other opportunities to apply for awards for the benefit of their students. Check out [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) to see what is available, or talk with your chapter or state officers to get your chance at awards or grants.

## Growth – not an option at Bloom with DKG

By Yvonne Gatley, Alpha Xi Leadership Development Chair

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, members representing 10 chapters from throughout Wyoming met in Casper for the Alpha Xi State Spring Leadership Meeting. A menu of breakout options was available for attendees to Bloom with DKG.

Take a few moments and read what your fellow Alpha Xi members had to say about their attendance at these timely and informative sessions.

**Overall, did you find this day worthwhile? Please explain.**

*Yes, good sessions. Thanks for all those who presented and the work they did to put this together.*

*I always enjoy seeing everyone and every workshop was fun and interesting. I was “engaged”. It was great to have someone from International.*

*Definitely!*

*This was a great conference. I really thought the leadership was broken down better – learned more!*

*As an officer (treasurer) I found the treasurer talk especially helpful. The workshops were very worthwhile, helpful and motivating.*

*Nita Scott was very inspirational.*

*Great and informative! I always enjoy the state meeting.*

*Yes, many good and helpful ideas included...even for the long time members.*

*Yes! Yes! Yes! The membership ideas were an excellent workshop from Nita. I loved Marie’s*

*presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> seeds of a webpage.*

*Extremely – Thank you!*

*Very – a creative and fun way for Leadership development*

*Seminars and presenter are always so wonderful, informative and helpful.*

*Everyday I get to spend with my DKG sisters is a good day, especially when I am learning.*

*Yes!*



Attendees listen attentively to Judy Vandell and Yvonne Gatley.

As noted from the evaluations, the day was a success. **Our Society Representative, Nita Scott**, was very well received and guided members with practical and encouraging ideas to assist in their own chapters. Members always feel more connected when they hear first-hand from International. Our presenters worked hard to provide sessions that met the needs of current and future chapter leaders. We have excellent talent in our state organization, and it is nice to



Ellen Kub shares activities for enhancing chapter meetings.



Sally Sheehan plants a little fun into chapter meetings.



Dr. Michelle Aldrich talks about generational diversity.



Loretta Tonak makes members' hearts sing as they learn about DKG songs.

highlight our own members.

This Alpha Xi State Spring Leadership Meeting was presented in a new format this biennium. From the feedback and evaluations gathered, it appears to be a hit. Many seeds were planted to assist in growing our chapters and members. We always welcome your ideas for consideration and planning of future meetings and trainings. Please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions.

Yvonne Gatley - [yvonne.gatley@scsd2.com](mailto:yvonne.gatley@scsd2.com)

## Yvonne Gatley serves on an international committee

Yvonne Gatley has been chosen to serve on the international communications and publicity for the 2014 -2016 biennium. In September she attended the committee meeting in Austin. The committee helps chapters, states, and international to enhance their web presence through member friendly policies and procedures. One of Yvonne's tasks is to oversee the web sites in the Northwest Region. Other duties of the committee include informing members of important communications and publicity issues and developing internal and external marketing strategies for DKG.



Yvonne Gatley,  
Immediate Past  
State President

The annual dues of fifteen dollars and the five dollars for reserve members shall include publications.

Delete "fifteen" and insert : **twenty-five**. Delete "five" and insert: **eight**.

### 2. Finances

The annual dues of twenty-five dollars and the eight dollars for reserve members shall include publications.

*Rationale:* The dues for Alpha Xi have been changed. Although dues are mentioned in the Bylaws, we did not include the actual amount in those Bylaws. The amount of the dues is given in the Standing Rules under Finances.

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Delete "Zeta" and "Psi"

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*Rationale:* In the South Area two chapters have dissolved. Those chapters, Zeta & Psi, should be removed from the list of chapters.

The Standing Rules may be amended or changed by a 2/3 vote of those attending the state convention in 2015.

## State Executive Board meets in Casper

Alpha Xi State Executive Board and fall workshop met at the Casper Classical Academy/Frontier Middle School Saturday, October 4. Beta Chapter once again hosted the event and provided a light breakfast, great snacks and delicious Wendy's salads. Eleven of our thirteen chapters were represented. Each chapter was asked to highlight their last biennium any way they wanted. Everyone enjoyed hearing what each chapter did the last two years. It gave great ideas for other chapters to try. We also had a great ice breaker where women in groups had to find 10 ways they were alike. Breakout sessions included Becky Tish illustrating the resources provided by the international Educational Excellence Committee on the DKG web site and Yvonne Gatley leading a session for chapter presidents.

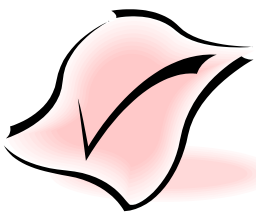


Ann Hardesty,  
Sharon Cole and  
Sally Sheehan  
illustrate a Theta  
Chapter meeting.

Becky Tish shows EEC resources for chapters.



## Alpha Xi State Standing Rules have proposed changes



Sandra Gothard, Alpha Xi State Bylaws chair, submitted two changes to the

Alpha Xi Standing Rules at the state fall Executive Board meeting for their information. Based upon the review of the Strategic Action Plan, Alpha Xi State Bylaws committee recommends the following changes to the Alpha Xi Standing Rules:

### Standing Rules

#### 2. Finances



Chapter leaders discuss chapter questions and concerns with President Shirley Tranas and Immediate Past State President Yvonne Gatley.

## Wyoming members attend DKG International Convention in Indianapolis

### Observations of a First-Time International Convention Attendee

By Dr. Irene Story, Upsilon Chapter



**Dr. Irene Story sits at the head table for the Celebration Luncheon.**

Photo by Jim

Landing in the Indianapolis Airport on a hot July Sunday afternoon, I was greeted at the baggage claim by a table of local DKG members welcoming the International Convention attendees as we arrived from all over the world. They were helpful in getting members the transportation needed to get to the JW Marriott, the location of our week-long meetings, seminars, and other festivities. For me, the adventure was about to begin.

The lodging at the JW Marriott was elegant and comfortable. My cousin, who lives there, told me the hotel complex was built to accommodate the 2012 Super Bowl held in Indy. The entire area around Lucas Field is such that there are tunnel and hallways that lead directly to the football field so that people aren't exposed to inclement weather. I could see the State Capitol Building, Lucas Field, and the surrounding downtown area from my hotel room on the 23<sup>rd</sup> floor—quite an impressive site!

The convention started Monday evening with the opening session, which included the "Presentation of the Flags" of all the countries representing our international



**Ermalinda Hernandez, Becky Tish, Yvonne Gatley, Shirley Tranas, Dr. Irene Story, Julia Burke, Hailey Ellingham and Glenda Reynolds pose for Wyoming's official state picture.**

Photo by Jim

membership. The "Indiana Night" entertainment followed the formalities with Indiana's Wright Brothers Band, whose music literally had members dancing in the aisles! The band brought out the energy and enthusiasm of members that lasted the entire week.

During the week, I had the opportunity to attend daily general meetings as well as break-out sessions that focused on various topics, including leadership, technology, travel, and, of course, a variety of timely education issues. The entire membership was given the opportunity to hear and vote upon amendments to our *Constitution and International Standing Rules*. During the general meetings, the Wyoming delegation sat together and got to know one another. This included Glenda Reynolds, Julia Burke, Becky Tish, Yvonne Gatley, Shirley Tranas, Hailey Ellingham, Ermalinda Hernandez, and myself.

One of the highlights of my week in Indy was being able to sit at the head table at the Celebration Luncheon—simply because I was the

first one to reply to an email from international—I just happened to be on the computer at the right time. I had the opportunity of sitting next to our incoming president, Dr. Lyn Schmid, and was able to chat with her during our luncheon.

The grand finale, the President's Banquet, on Friday evening was quite the gala event. Members were dressed in formal and semi-formal attire, which set the mood for an elegant evening. During this event the new officers were installed, and soon we had to bid farewell to friends, old and new.

The DKG International Convention in Indianapolis was an opportunity for me to see a large group of dedicated educators who represented the professionalism of our membership. My knowledge about the DKG International Society grew, and I witnessed the caliber of leadership within this organization. The camaraderie and professionalism that encompassed the culture and climate of this international celebration and look forward to my next International Convention experience.





Alpha Xi State President Shirley Tranas is introduced with the North West State Organization Presidents at the Saturday banquet.



Yvonne Gatley is presented a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary award check by International President Beverly Helms at the Celebration Luncheon.

Photo by Jim



Becky Tish accompanies Japan member Reiko Sumi during the opening session.

Photo by Jim



Glenda Reynolds dresses the part as she presents during the two International Excellence Committee workshops.



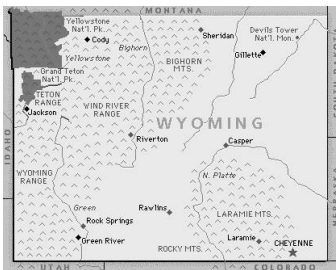
Dr. Irene Story, Yvonne Gatley, Becky Tish and Glenda Reynolds take advantage of the free time during the convention to visit one of the many museums in downtown Indianapolis.



Glenda Reynolds, Shirley Tranas, Julia Burke, Becky Tish, Yvonne Gatley and Dr. Irene Story are ready for the Saturday evening banquet.



Ermalinda Hernandez, Hailey Ellingham, Julia Burke, Dr. Irene Story, Yvonne Gatley, Shirley Tranas, Glenda Reynolds and Becky Tish attend general meetings during which each voted on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*.



## Chapters Report From Around the State

◆ **Theta Chapter**—Lisa Zempel received the Alpha Xi State Scholarship but was unable to attend the state meeting. She was surprised when State President Shirley Tranas made the presentation at Theta Chapter's May meeting. Lisa is pursuing a degree in social work while a transitional teacher at Sage Valley Junior High School in Gillette. Nina Nachtigall has transferred her membership to Theta Chapter. She was a longtime member in Cheyenne as well as a past state president. Laura Miller's sixth grade class at Cottonwood Elementary school in Wright, WY have been published in the Civil War Trust for their Civil War reenactment last May for the school and the community.

Sally Sheehan, reporter

◆ **Phi Chapter**—Phi Chapter has begun and is planning an exciting Fall. We began our year with a delightful luncheon at the end of August and formed committees and program teams for our monthly meetings. Phi Chapter's Fall meetings began with a delicious pot luck dinner shared with our sister Cheyenne chapters after which we conducted our September business meeting. Two of our members attended the Fall Workshop in Casper. In October we were given an opportunity to reflect on why we joined Delta Kappa Gamma as professional educators during a presentation given by our October hostesses. During this meeting we also discussed scholarships and fundraisers. We are looking forward to our initiation meeting in December when we will welcome new members to our professional organization.

Pat Gallion, reporter

◆ **Chi Chapter**—Chi Chapter began its new biennium membership roundup with a full calendar of activity-filled meetings for 2014-2016. A "welcome and western-themed" meeting held at the Molesworth Cabin just outside Jackson hosted 31 returning members and launched the new two-year cycle. The evening's activities emphasized "social" and getting to know each other better. New officers were installed and out-going officers were recognized for their service to the chapter. A western meal was served and business was conducted while everyone sat comfortably around the cabin's stone fireplace. The meeting ended with our traditional "cowgirl" contest and drawing for fun prizes donated by the meeting's food committee. One of the goals for Chi Chapter continues to be "active" membership and involvement in more service projects for our community and globally. A newly expanded Communications Committee is now charged with a face-lift of our website as we seek certification, ease of communication among members, and overall efficiency. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 18th featuring the selection of our Global Awareness project for the biennium, review of our strategic plan, and the beginning of our new member nomination process for 2015.

Lori Clark-Erickson, Midge Crawford, and Jan Segerstrom, reporters



◆ **Beta Chapter**—Beta Chapter had an interesting program by one of their newer members, Jennifer Leimback, who has helped set up "aquaponic" gardening in the school's greenhouse at Mills Elementary. It was interesting to see how it worked and that the students were having fun and were actively involved. Another program we enjoyed was given by Jing Jing Zhang who teaches Mandarin Chinese at Paradise Valley Elementary. This is a total immersion program for kindergarten students. It was so successful that this year it includes first grade for those who were in the program. We enjoyed her father who was here to visit. This year we will again give out Christmas bags to all the new teachers in the district. We put in sticky notes, pens, candy, tea, etc. to give them a little "thinking of you" in December. We enjoy hosting the Executive Meetings that are held in Casper. Marie Puryear who is principal of the Casper Classical Academy has double duty as she also has Fort Casper Academy to administer this year. We retired teachers appreciate our working members and help as much as we can.

Marjie Anderson, reporter

◆ **Alpha Delta Chapter**—Alpha Delta chapter is proud of its members recent accomplishments and endeavors. Mary Pauline Lanoy recently published her husband's biography, [A Colossal Fossil and the Life Story of Leon Lanoy](#). Linda Butler recently completed her Masters in Educational Administration and is now the Assistant Principal at Rawlins High School. Lesley Urasky just begun her journey in completing her National Board Certification. We also welcome Debbie Cottonware, a transfer from Psi Chapter.

Harmony Davidson, reporter

**Chi members, 31 of them, meet at the Molesworth Cabin for their welcome and western-themed meeting.**

◆ **Alpha Chapter**—Another busy year of Alpha Chapter has begun! Our wonderful new officers, President, Jen Leman, First Vice President, Chelsea Colbert, Second Vice President, Erma-linda Hernandez, Secretary, Rayme VanDell and Treasurer, Char Elemstrand met with former presidents, Hailey Ellingham and Becky Tish, to plan the year.

We will have a variety of programs this year. In September, we held our annual three-chapter potluck and first meeting at East High School. In October, we had a night of fun, food and fellowship where we spent the evening visiting and enjoying time with our Alpha sisters. Members were encouraged to invite visitors to this meeting, especially those who are early career educators. In November, Alpha members will stuff socks with toys and toiletries, and give them to the local homeless shelter and the battered women's shelter. Our December meeting will include caroling at Pointe Frontier retirement facility followed by a party and book gift-exchange. In January we will learn about healthy living from Lynn Fox, the School District Wellness Coordinator, and in February we will get in touch with our artistic sides by painting together with chapter member and art teacher, Alexis Garrett. March and April will include a tour of a new medical facility in town, and an afternoon of yoga for fitness and relaxation. Our annual three-chapter Founder's Day dinner will finish the year.

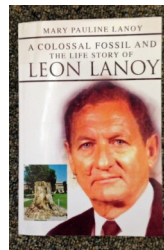
Becky Tish, reporter

## Polished Stepping Stones

**Lisa Esquibel** and **Julie Tucker**, Phi Chapter, were elected to serve on the Wyoming Education Association Board. Lisa is the minority representative and Julie is the southeast region president.



**Pauline Lanoy**, Alpha Delta Chapter and past state president recently published her husband's biography, [A Colossal Fossil and the Life Story of Leon Lanoy](#).



## Alpha Xi State welcomes new and returning members

**Chi**— Mary Hoelscher, Annette Eastman, Diane Woodard, Quinn Bonnett, Sarah Wilson, Koreen Sheridan

**Upsilon**—Jackie Donnelly, Patricia Hardin, Jenefer Pasqua

**Lambda**—Candi Stanton, Lacey VonEye

**Rho**—Ann Johnson

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In an effort to make sure we are communicating with our membership effectively and efficiently we need to hear from you! As a state organization we have been discussing the pros and cons of our newsletter being provided in a paper version and or electronically. We want to make sure that you are getting the valuable information in each issue! The Alpha Xi Executive Board voted in April, 2014 to survey our membership in this edition of the *Roundup*. Chapter presidents are also being asked to help get the word out to their members about the importance of letting their voice be heard. Please complete the form below and return it to President Shirley Tranas at 324 Hawk Drive Greybull, 82426 OR complete the survey monkey **before** January 31, 2015 at

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Dorothy Bush	Rho
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