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## Dr. Michelle Aldrich receives 2015 Wyoming Achievement Award

By Dr. Irene Story  
Achievement Award Chair



President Becky Tish presents Dr. Michelle Aldrich the achievement medallion.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich of Upsilon Chapter is the recipient of the 2015 Alpha Xi State Achievement Award. The award was presented at the Cheyenne chapters' Founders' Day Dinner in May.

Michelle has been actively involved in Delta Kappa Gamma at all levels. She is currently Alpha Xi State Second Vice President. Michelle has attended Alpha Xi State workshops and conventions each year when it did not conflict with her teaching and competition schedule for her students. She has attended a State Leadership Conference in Cheyenne as well as state spring workshops in Sheridan, Greybull, Casper and Cheyenne. She has also attended the annual fall state meeting each year except when she has had a scheduling conflict with the Wyoming Early Childhood Association that she is required to attend for her previous position as the child care center director at her high school. She was responsible for planning and carrying out the Leadership Conference held in Cheyenne. She has presented numerous workshops at the state level covering a variety of topics.

Michelle has been attending Regional conferences ever since she was encouraged to attend the one held in Milwaukee, WI. In 2011, Michelle also had the opportunity to attend the Southwest Regional held in Denver, CO. Most recently she attended the Northwest Regional Conference held in Regina, Saskatchewan. Michelle has been a presenter at the majority of the regional conferences she has attended. Topics have included Gratitude, Fundraising, Membership Retention, and Water Exercise.

Michelle has attended International conventions in San Diego, Chicago, and Spokane. At each International convention she attended, Michelle presented workshops on a variety of topics including *Working with Members from Different Generations*, *Water Exercise*, and *Membership Retention*. She served as a Page at the International conference held in Chicago. Michelle did receive a Lucile Cornetet Individual Award from Delta Kappa Gamma International.

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Shirley Tranas and Becky Tish present the Wyoming flag.

## State Organization Presidents honored at NW Regional Conference

At the first session, Faces of Change, of the Northwest Regional in Regina, Saskatchewan both incoming and outgoing state organization presidents were presented during a flag procession. Immediate Past State President Shirley Tranas and State president Becky Tish represented Wyoming members. During this session attendees were given a protocol orientation

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

*Becky Tish  
2015—2017  
Alpha Xi State President*



Hello to my dear DKG sisters around the state. I am proud and honored to serve as your state president this biennium, and I am so impressed with your dedication to your DKG chapters, and to the state and International levels of this organization.

My theme for the biennium is “WYOMING DKG DIAMONDS—75 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.” On June 4 of this year, Wyoming DKG celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year. What an amazing accomplishment! I showed everyone at the fall state meeting our original charter from 1940, and it reminded all of us of the amazing women who began this organization in Wyoming, and who continue to inspire us today. The diamond part of my theme is about our diamond anniversary celebration, but it is also about so much more!

All of the women in this organization are diamonds: precious jewels to be treasured and cared for. They sparkle with creativity, energy, dedication, and fun! They contribute to their chapters in countless ways, and through DKG, are able to accomplish great service to others. Let’s spend this biennium appreciating and honoring these priceless gems in our chapters. Please let me know about special accomplishments of your members so that I can share this wonderful news with everyone in the state. Polishing our diamonds is a very important part of our work in DKG.

One of the greatest ways that we can help polish our diamonds and advance them for life, is to urge them to take advantage of the leadership training opportunities available to DKG members. At our state leadership training in April, members will have the opportunity to attend wonderful workshops on a wide variety of topics. If any of you would like to present a workshop please contact Yvonne Gatley or me, and let us know what you would like to share. More information about the State Leadership Workshop will be forthcoming. (One exciting bit of information: there will be a cash incentive for your chapter if you attend the Workshop: \$75 for three or more attendees, \$50 for two attendees, and \$25 for one attendee.) Plan on bringing a group-I guarantee they will benefit greatly from attending.

The International organization offers an amazing leadership opportunity for our members, as well. Every two years, the Leadership Management Seminar is held in Austin, TX. This two week life-changing seminar will teach you leadership skills that you can use in all aspects of your life. The application deadline is December 1 so if you are interested in applying for this incredible seminar, get started now. Many of our Wyoming members have attended this seminar, and we would love to help you apply. Don’t be afraid to ask us.

Leadership training also happens on the job. Being a chapter or state officer or committee chair can help you grow in skills and confidence. If you are asked to lead, take advantage of the opportunity and say “yes.” If you have always wanted to be a leader, but have not been asked, tell someone that you

are interested. You will be glad you did. All of you are leaders or you would not have been asked to be in DKG!

Thank you, sparkling diamonds around the state, for your membership in Wyoming DKG. Have a wonderful year!

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## Northwest Regional Conference is an awesome experience

Carrie Manders  
First Vice President

First things first – I want to tell all my DKG sisters how excited I am to be your State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President this biennium! I have really enjoyed working my way up through the ranks. The best part about being an officer, besides the leadership opportunities, is networking with DKG members across the state.

My highlight of being an officer this past biennium was attending Northwest Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan. What a great experience in a beautiful city with wonderful friends. Of course, I attended the training for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents. Boy, did I learn so much. I hope that with my training, I will be able to benefit the Society and help our President in many ways. I think the most useful piece of information I received was exactly what my duties are as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The presenters had fabulous flash drives prepared for each of us containing all the knowledge we should ever need to fulfill our position.

I also attended the US Forum which focused on human trafficking. Wow – what an eye opener. I had no idea what our country, Canada, and the world face when it comes to this issue. I will be investigating the possibility of providing a program to our chapter on this topic, since I believe we all face it to some degree. This was also a time for our state representatives to meet and talk about what major issues face us in Wyoming. During this discussion, many members pointed out that funding of programs (or lack of) is very concerning. We discussed alternative ideas if programs are lost in our districts.

There were many breakout sessions I wanted to attend, but sadly I had to choose. I attended one session on leading an effective meeting. Carolyn Rants and Rhonda Anderson were the presenters and they did a great job. This was one of the most informative sessions I attended. There were many more and much more information that I want to share in person.

The information was extremely useful...but the guest speakers and entertainment were awesome as well. We listened to Louise Lafrance, Commanding Officer of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) speak about how far women have come in the field of law enforcement. We heard Ruth Smilie, the director of the Globe Theatre in Regina, talk about the importance of working with children in the theater. Later in the week, we toured the theatre – what a thrill. We also heard DKG International President Lyn Schmid speak about DKG 85 Years and Beyond. She also personally invited all DKG members to International in Nashville this coming summer.

I could go on and on about my experience, and hope to share more with all of you throughout this biennium. I will say, if you, as a member of DKG, can ever experience a regional conference, DO IT! It will change your outlook on DKG and strengthen your belief in the importance of our Society!





*Dr. Michelle Aldrich  
Second Vice President*

## Increase your chapter membership with new membership plan

2015-16 can be the best year ever for your chapter's membership!

International President Dr. Lyn Schmid shared her vision for membership with those of us who attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Regina, SK. The new membership plan that has been unveiled is definitely user friendly and will have everyone in your chapter thinking about membership!

The entire plan is outlined on the [dkg.net](http://dkg.net) website but here is a quick overview:

- Members will recommend potential members for membership by completing a prospect card. Think about everyone you would love to have in your chapter and consider honoring them with the choice of joining DKG---don't assume they will say no!
- At a chapter meeting you will have the opportunity to vote on offering membership to the list of prospective members. The recommended members aren't contacted before your chapter votes.
- After the chapter has agreed to offer the invitation of membership a form letter is sent inviting them to find out more about DKG at an orientation. The form letter is

already developed for you! A buddy is assigned to each prospective member.

- Each prospective member is assigned a buddy who attends orientation with them and will help them complete the chapter member application.
- Some will respond positively that they are planning to attend, some will decline and some may call with questions.
- At orientation you will be able to show the DKG DVD, Pride in the Big Picture. Members can answer questions of their buddy. Each prospective member should be asked whether they are interested in joining at the end of the orientation meeting.
- New members will be invited to an initiation ceremony. Again the letter is already created for you!

Increasing membership has never been easier! Just be willing to ask---you will be amazed at how this completely prepared system will work for your chapter! If each of us successfully asks just one new member we can double our membership statewide!

***Diamonds are nothing more than chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs.***

***Malcolm Forbes***



*Shirley Tranas  
Treasurer*

## Helpful Hints from the Treasurer

What a beautiful fall we have had. At times I wish it would freeze, so I wouldn't have to find time to garden but I am enjoying my tomatoes. The leaves are slowly turning colors and I enjoy seeing the changes as I drive into work every morning.

What a learning curve to learn to set up the STEF -18 Program. I appreciate all the past treasurers and their hard work at this job. I also appreciate all the chapter treasurers that have this figured out.

Did you know that if you go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and go to the finance committee that you will find short power points on "Available Fund", "The Power of Member Dues", and "You Own a Building"? Chapter Presidents, this will be a great way to help your members see where their money goes.

Many chapters find it financially difficult to make ends meet. There is an international committee on non-dues-revenue. They have a brochure listing some examples. In Regina I went to a break out session entitled "Fill Your Bucket With Cash and Savings." Here are some ideas I heard about:

- ◆ Hold a sale such as used books, jewelry, purses, baked goods,
- ◆ Be part of a Christmas bazaar and sell Christmas items

- ◆ Make and sell cookbooks
- ◆ Hold an event such as scrapbooking night, charge for a place and meals
- ◆ Work for Pay

There are good buys, discounts and cash available to DKG members such as insurance, university courses, scholarships and grants. DKG is also offering a tour to England, Scotland and Ireland. Check it out on [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).



## Wyoming Scholarship Awardee is Jamie Beastrom

Jamie Beastrom was rewarded a \$1000 scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Xi in the spring of 2015. When asked about the program she is working on and how completion of the program will benefit her professionally, she answered:

I am currently working on my Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement. I work at Weston Country Children's Center/Region III Developmental Services as a Family Services Coordinator. I am responsible for screening/evaluating and determining eligibility for Children Birth-Three, then if eligible, coordinating early intervention (Occupational, Physical, Speech/Language) services for children and families.

I am forever grateful for receiving the DKG scholarship, as this endorsement is already 100%

improving my current position. Each of the courses focus on understanding different disabilities, health needs for children with special needs, working with families, collaborating services and providing resources from around the state, and providing adaptations/supports to families within the home and childcare/preschool environments.



## Nominate for the 2016 Alpha Xi Achievement Award

The ALPHA XI STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD nominee résumés are due on February 1, 2016. Chapters might choose to assign a special committee to nominate and gather the information about a nominee. Now is the time to gather this information. If your chapter indeed has a deserving member, do not hesitate to collect the necessary information for the Achievement Award Packet, which includes the Nomination Guidelines as well as the Achievement Award Resume Outline. **This packet has been sent out to all chapter presidents and is also available on the Alpha Xi website.**

This award, first presented in 1968, is given annually to a dedicated and deserving Delta Kappa Gamma 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 Guidelines” shall be followed, and the nominee’s information shall be provided following the “Resume Outline” set forth in the Alpha Xi Achievement Award Packet.

All nominee information ***must be received no later than February 1, 2016.*** The resume outline should be submitted in electronic form (please send a Word document) to:

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## Apply now for the 2016 Alpha Xi State Scholarship

\$1000 is available for graduate and postgraduate work.

Applicants must be an active member in a Wyoming chapter for at least two years.

Other regulations are on the application form.

Applications are on the Wyoming DKG website or from  
Helen Stalker  
[teachk61@hotmail.com](mailto:teachk61@hotmail.com).

Previously unsuccessful applicants may apply again.

**Deadline is April 1, 2016.**

## Wyoming State Convention April 24-26, 2015 Rawlins Stepping Stones to Our Future

*By Shirley Tranas  
Immediate Past State President*

What a great time I had at Rawlins, Wyoming! The fellowship time was wonderful. We started our convention with a wonderful dinner at the Aspen House and the executive board meeting.

Bright and early the next morning everyone set up their crafts, some for judging and others to be auctioned off in a silent auction. The proceeds from the auction went to the Educational Foundation. We made over \$500 so we became a Make-a-Miracle Donor.

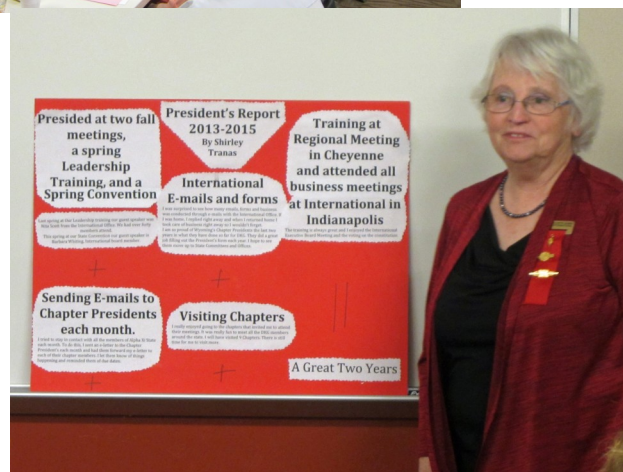
Our guest speaker, Barb Whiting, gave greetings from International, presented an excellent workshop on “Healthy You, Healthy Chapter” and gave the keynote address, “Women Who Lead” at our banquet. She also provided lots of encouragement to everyone. We really appreciated her coming. Other presenters were Lesley Urasky, a Polar TREC teacher; Yvonne Gatley on Understanding the Common Core; Bert Tracy, on Tie-Dying; Jan Segerstrom on iPad Tips and Tricks and Shirley Tranas on Using Bylaws to Help Leaders.

2015 -2017 officers were elected as follows: Becky Tish as President; Carrie Manders as First Vice President; Michelle Aldrich as Second Vice President, Jan Segerstrom as Secretary, Harmony Davidson as South Area Representative and Vicki Gopp as North Area Representative. Becky then appointed Shirley Tranas as Treasure, JoAnn Baumhover as Parliamentarian and Glenda Reynolds as Editor of the Roundup.

The Birthday Luncheon was a buffet. Loretta Tonak, Yvonne Gatley, Sharon Cole and Becky Tish presented a skit, “Name That Founder!” It was a game show that asks you to name those amazing state and international Founders and to recognize their contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma.

The Saturday Night banquet was held at Bunkerz Bar and Grill. The evening started out with the Past State President’s March and Chapter President March. Installation of new officers was held. Maria Fedden announced that Michelle Aldrich won the Achievement award. Jamie Beaström won the \$1,000 Scholarship.

The Hour of Remembrance was held for departed Dorothy Bush, Janet Saxby, Katherine Greene, Margaret Lee, Shannon Kline and Geraldine Raynor.









## 2015 Northwest Regional Conference Regina, Saskatchewan July 29—August 1



Wyoming was well represented at the 2015 conference. Pictured at right include; top row-Helen Stalker, Loretta Tonak, Ann Hardesty, Dianne Starr, Marjorie Anderson, middle row-Sharon Cole, Dr. Irene Story, Maria Fedden, Glenda Reynolds, Sharon Rasmussen, front row-Julia Burke, Shirley Tranas, Becky Tish, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Jan Segerstrom, Yvonne Gatley. Not included in the picture are Harmony Davidson and Carrie Manders, pictured right.



### Regional is fun and inspiring

*By Marjorie Anderson*

Regionals are part of the fun of our DKG membership. The first night is always special when the area is showcased. Louise Lafrance was the first woman to serve in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Her presentation about the experiences she had was funny as well as the determination she had to become a “Mountie”. All our speakers were dynamic women who have made a difference in education as well as being advocates for women.

The problems in Canada are similar to ours, but they have their own special problems such as the women of the First Nation disappearing and it seems as if no one is concerned. A First Nation Senator, the Honourable Dr. Lillian Eva Quan Dyck, has been able to break the barrier and help her people to gain the respect they need.

I always come away from regionals and conventions knowing the power of women can make a difference!



Excellent speakers were at each general session, meal celebrations and breakout sessions.





Picture by Marjorie Anderson



Pictures by Yvonne Gatley







## Diamond Mines

### Chapters Report From Around the State

♦ **Alpha Chapter**—Another exciting year has begun for Alpha Chapter with lots of service, learning and fellowship. The September meeting began with a three-chapter potluck at the beautiful new Prairie Wind Elementary School, followed by a short chapter meeting. October brought a wonderful service opportunity at the Children's Garden at the Botanic Gardens. Members, armed with rakes and garden gloves cleaned flower beds and prepared the gardens for winter. In November, members will fill socks with toiletries, treats, and toys which will be distributed to the COMEA homeless shelter and Safehouse, a home for endangered women and children. December brings the chapter to Pointe Frontier, an assisted living facility, where members will carol with the residents. Following the caroling, members will have a party and an ornament exchange. January provides an opportunity for relaxation and exercise with an evening of yoga. February will be "Ladies' Night Out" at Poor Richard's restaurant, and time for good friends and good food. In March, Alpha members will fill Friday food bags for underprivileged students in the school district. April's meeting will be about optimum health and wellness. In May, the three Cheyenne chapters will hold their annual Founders' Day dinner and initiation at the Holiday Inn. It is going to be a wonderful, busy year for Alpha Chapter.

Becky Tish, Reporter

♦ **Beta Chapter**—Beta began the year by packing Teacher Bags for all the new teachers in the district. We all got into an assembly line and filled over 100 bags. This is fun as we get to know each other by working together. One of our interesting programs was having Zach Pullen, a local young man who is a book illustrator as well as author. He had a showing of his work at the Nicolaysen Art Museum that was titled, "Among Giants". His humor is

a joy to see! He has done a large painting with all the presidents of the US. He hopes to get a copy in each school in Wyoming

Marjorie Anderson,  
Reporter

♦ **Theta Chapter**—Theta Chapter's meeting dates and programs are now on a refrigerator magnet, thanks to President Suzi Hall-Edwards and Jean Roberts, treasurer. In May, Stefanie Crawford, with the Sheridan college here in Gillette was initiated. Theta Chapter, installed in 1955, celebrated its 60th anniversary with a carry-in dinner. Members enjoyed photos, yearbooks, news articles, and stories from the past. On November 12 orientation for prospective members will be held. Mrs. Diana Enzi will be initiated as our honorary member and will speak about her projects. We support Campbell County Eat. Read. Grow. whose purpose is to work with schools to provide opportunities for families in Campbell County to get together for a hot meal, good conversation, games, and books. Theta has donated money for books, bagged groceries to give each family, and given time at each school to help with this project. By the end of this school year, four elementary schools with close to 1000 adults and children will have been served a hot meal, read to by celebrity readers, given a free book, and a bag of groceries.

Sally Sheehan, Reporter

♦ **Kappa Chapter**—Kappa Chapter again stuffed welcome bags and distributed them to all the new female teachers in Sheridan Districts 1, 2 and 3. This year that was over 30 bags of note pads, pencils, goodies, stickers, and lots more. We have already gained a new member this year and usually initiate three or four from this outreach to new teachers. We also had a fantastic time doing an afternoon tea with a local lady who is from New Zealand.

She had us over to her home to share three kinds of tea and MANY sweet treats. She explained the history and customs of drinking tea while we sat in our gloves and hats to enjoy the event.

Loretta Tonak, Reporter



♦ **Lambda Chapter**—Lambda chapter – Newcastle – would love to welcome everybody back for another great school year. Last spring we were excited to welcome new members during our May meeting. We installed three new members and reinstated two members!! This was also the meeting our State President, Shirley Tranas, was able to attend, which made the installation even more special. She was able to share ideas with our chapter about how to grow and maintain membership, how to put together effective programs and ideas on fundraising activities that work in smaller communities. Lambda chapter is excited to start off the year by reinstating another past member. We are growing and we love it. We had a good turnout for our first meeting which was a carry-in. Our members are eager to get started with activities to help raise the amount of the scholarship we currently give. Our chapter will continue with a Christmas dinner where we install new members, have a sip n' paint activity and end the year with a progressive dinner.

Jennifer Steveson, Reporter



♦ **Rho Chapter**—Rho Chapter's first meeting this year was presented by Nancy Jones, a resident of Hyattville. "Feeding 10,000+ Out of Hyattville" is an endeavor to raise money that is then used to package and seal meals that will be sent to Nicaragua's starving children whose diets are so lacking in protein and other essential nutrients that even their normally dark hair can't produce color. The first year they packaged 12,000 meals, all put together in the tiny town of Hyattville. Last year, they raised enough to package more than 77,000 meals! Member Rebecca Kline spent a year teaching in China and will present our program at the November meeting. We are again collecting educational supplies, as well as hats and gloves, which we send to Boston in support of the Saturday Bridges Program. This program works with Sudanese refugee children and their mothers who have immigrated to the US in an endeavor to make their transition into learning the language and gaining needed skills to become self-sufficient members of their community. Rho Chapter reporting

♦ **Upsilon Chapter**—Upsilon has been bestowed a very special honor as one of our members, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, received the 2015 DKG Alpha Xi Achievement Award. Michelle received her medallion in May at the Cheyenne Chapters' Annual Founders' Day celebration from Becky Tish, who was then our incoming Alpha Xi State President. Congratulations to Michelle on this well-earned achievement! Our year has been planned with six meetings with special programs for our members, as well as three special annual celebrations that include dinners with fellow members. In December we have a holiday celebration with spouses/significant others also attending, and this year we will have entertainment by a group named "Heather Isle." Our Upsilon special "Holiday Project" this year is the Boys' and Girls' Club in Cheyenne. Upsilon members will be donating school supplies, backpacks,

art supplies, etc. to this worthy organization. In February we have our "Love a New Member" celebration with dinner and a white elephant gift exchange that produces a lot of fun and laughter. Finally, in May we celebrate Founders' Day with Alpha and Phi chapters with a dinner. At this time we will also initiate new members and install new officers. Our big project of the year is the annual Used Book Sale. This event keeps the entire chapter busy January through February with preparations for the sale, which occurs this year on March 5-6 (it is always the first full weekend in March). The proceeds from this sale provide grants that are awarded to various organizations in our community with the purpose of further promoting education. Dr. Irene Story, Reporter

♦ **Phi Chapter**—During Phi Chapter's annual August brunch members planned programs for the year while enjoying touring the home of Karen Pannell. In October the members celebrated Halloween while Judy Lissman talked about the history and customs of the holiday. The program for November will be Liz Roadifer, an award-winning author from Pine Bluffs. She will share her experiences about writing her latest release *This Time Justice*.

♦ **Chi Chapter**—Chi Chapter's Fall Round-up Meeting was held October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hansen Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson. With 32 members in attendance, new initiatives and meeting procedures were introduced as a result of our chapter representative, Jan Segerstrom, attending the Summer 2015 MW Regional Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The changes will make our meetings more efficient and professional. The latter portion of the meeting was devoted to project sign-ups, business meeting committees, and event planning for the new year. Upcoming meetings

and events include a focus on Global Awareness, our annual fundraising holiday party, "Love a Book" donation project, Spring Break Reads, and our end of the year Garden Party celebrating chapter retiring educators at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

Maryann Crawford and Lori Clark-Erickson, Reporters

♦ **Alpha Delta Chapter**—Alpha Delta was proud to host the 2015 Spring Convention and most of our meetings were spent planning for the convention. Members Bert Tracy and Lesley Urasky each presented a session. Bert helped us create tie-dye designed t-shirts and Lesley shared her experiences as a Polar TREC teacher. For the upcoming year, we will be deciding on our service project and we will be working on increasing membership.

Harmony Davidson, Reporter



## Sparkling Diamonds



**Leona Wunnenberg**, Chi Chapter, is one of nine \$10,000 scholarship recipients for the DKG International Founders Scholarship to pursue a doctorate. Leona's degree will be in Curriculum and Instruction through the University of Wyoming, and her emphasis is science education. Her research will analyze the gender achievement gap and content standards. Pictured below is Chi Chapter member, Linda Edington (left) following Chi's Membership Roundup meeting and Leona Wunnenberg (right).



**Marie Datus**, Alpha Chapter, received the Alpha Xi State Road Scholar Grant. Marie participated in the Staircase to the Past: Utah's Grand Circle of Parks and Monuments and the Grand Canyon's North Rim program in September.



**Barbara Crews**, Beta Chapter and Past State President, was featured in the Casper Journal honoring her 30 years as founder and Director of KEY Camp, a summer enrichment program for high-ability students.

**Shelly King**, Rho Chapter, learned new skills from master storytellers at the National Story Conference in Kansas City this past summer.

**Dr. Michelle Aldrich**, Upsilon Chapter, is a nominee for the national Association for Career and Technical Education's Teacher of the Year.

Phi Chapter's **Alice Newsome**, Upsilon Chapter's **Beth Schieck**, and Phi Chapter's **Marcy Helser**, Past State President, were honored as 50 year DKG members at the Cheyenne chapters Founders' celebration. Not pictured is **Dona Gates**, Upsilon Chapter and Past State President.



◆ Special thanks to Sparkling Diamonds Julia Burke and Nina Nachtigall for always being available to proof read the *Roundup*.



## Alpha Xi State welcomes new and returning members

Kappa Chapter

**Anna L. Bradshaw**  
**Brianna L. Hofmeier**

Upsilon Chapter

**Shannon W. Beer**  
**Camellia S. El-Antably**  
**Beth J. Woods**

Chi Chapter

**Ginger R. Anderson**  
**Annie L. Bacon**  
**Shannon Crawford Bonego**  
**Cherilynn M. Domer**  
**Alexandra L. Koncak**  
**Jan Lovett**  
**Stephanie Sloan**  
**Sarah Tenney**  
**Niki Walters**  
**Libby Crews Wood**

Rho Chapter

**Ilene Henley**  
**Miriam A. Roberts**

Theta Chapter

**Stephanie B. Crawford**

Phi Chapter

**Shelly M. Courtney**

Lambda Chapter

**Kristin M. Wilkes**  
**Erin Haynes**  
**Liana Scribner**  
**Ann Will**  
**Susan Jones**

Alpha Chapter

**Audrey Brunner**

## Precious Diamonds

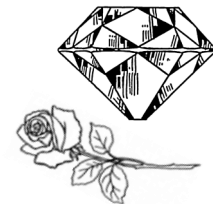
Epsilon Chapter

MaryAlice Stapleton

Feb. 2, 2015

Joanne Chalene Matthews

May 17, 2015



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



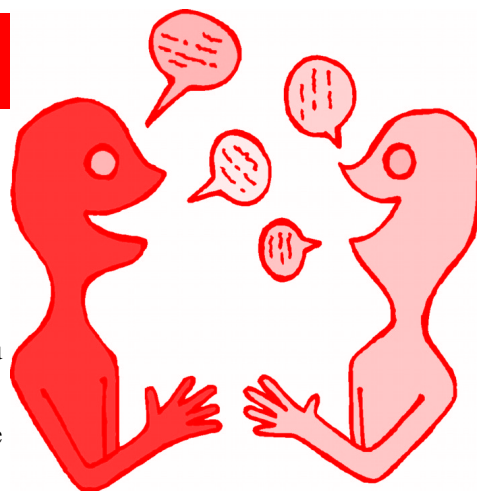
## What are YOU communicating?

When you walk into your Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you hesitate and pause, as if to say, do I belong here, what's my role?
- Or, do you stride in purposefully, ready for business, work, or fun?

When you walk into your Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you always go to hang out with your friends, your sisters from the chapter?
- Or, do you seek out a new member or guest to welcome them as sisters?



When you walk into your Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you sit back when there's a need for a volunteer, knowing that Loretta, Shirley, or Pat will come through like always.
- Or, do you raise your hand and add your voice to take a risk at something you've never done before?

When you walk out of Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you leave all vestiges of DKG behind?
- Or, do you proudly give your elevator speech throughout the month to broadcast the good of DKG?

When you walk out of Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you feel content with the health and status quo of your chapter or state organization?
- Or, do you actively work to recruit and retain members from all eligible educational fields?

When you walk out of Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, what are you communicating?

- Do you ever wonder why so many educators have never heard of DKG and all it has done and continues to do to promote the personal and professional growth of women educators worldwide?
- Or do you spread the good word in as many publications as possible to as many audiences as possible?

So....what are you communicating about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International?

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# Save the Date!

Wyoming State Leadership Training  
Casper

**April 29-30  
2016**

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At the chapter level, Michelle is currently serving as the Necrology committee chairperson. She has also served as the Chapter President for two terms (2008-2012) and as the Secretary (2006-2008).

Michelle is a life-long learner, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1992 from the University of Wyoming in Secondary Education-Home Economics, a Master of Science degree in 1993 from the University of Wyoming in Home Economics-Fibers and Textiles and a Doctorate of Philosophy in 2006 from the University of Wyoming in Adult Learning and Technology. In 2012 she completed her administration endorsement at the University of Wyoming.

Michelle has been involved in teaching at the post-secondary level for 23 years and at the secondary level for 14 years. She taught at the University of Wyoming in the College of Agriculture from 1992-2000 where she was responsible for teaching the family resource management strand which included Personal Finance, Family Decision Making and Consumer Issues. She taught for Western Wyoming Community College from 1993-2002 teaching Human Nutrition, Student Success Seminar and Lifespan Development. She began teaching for Laramie County Community College in 2002 and continues to teach Human Nutrition and Early Childhood Education courses.

In 2001 Michelle began teaching Family and Consumer Science at Laramie High School and Rock River High School. She currently teaches at Triumph High School where she has been teaching Family and Consumer Science since 2004. Michelle is currently the advisor of the Triumph SkillsUSA; Z Club; and the Gay-Straight Alliance. Michelle is also a Senior Class Advisor as well as coach

for the culinary arts, professional baking and lodging management teams.

In April 2015 Michelle was selected as the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year from Association of Career and Technical Educators (ACTE) for Region 5, which includes 16 states and territories. In November 2015, she will be one of five educators competing for the National Teacher of the Year in New Orleans, LA. She has also received other numerous honors and awards, including: 2014 Wyoming CTE Teacher of the Year, 2014 National High School Teacher of the Year by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, 2013 Wyoming FACS Teacher of the Year, and 2013 NATFACS Distinguished Service Award Winner.

Michelle is also a certified water exercise instructor and has been teaching at the Cheyenne YMCA for the last 12 years. Previously she has served as the Student Services Coordinator for the Western Wyoming Community College Rawlins Outreach Center. In her role as the Student Services Coordinator she did all of the advising, financial aid, and community education scheduling for approximately 300 students. She also worked as the Women, Infant and Children's Director for Carbon County.

Michelle is married to Andy Aldrich, her high school sweetheart. They have been together for 38 years and married for 35 years. They have two daughters, Abigayle and Adrielle, both of whom are teachers. They also have three grandchildren.



## Update on *Let Your Light Shine* Volume V



*By Sharon Cole,  
Let Your Light  
Shine Chair*

93 stories typed and proofread; 6 to go to make 99 stories for Volume V. Now pictures to scan, introduction to write, and table of contents to prepare. Then put everything on jump drives. Of course, all of this takes time. We hope to take everything to the printers by the beginning of 2016. The plan is to have the finished product to us by our spring meeting in April. We realize it seems like a long process, but hopefully it will be worth the wait.

## PRESIDENTS From Page 1

before the entrance of Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. The Lieutenant Governor is The Queen's direct, personal representative in Saskatchewan. Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield shared insights about the education challenges faced by students who live in northern regions of Saskatchewan.







## Apply now!

### News from Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

By Julia Burke, WY Liaison

Alpha Xi Wyoming received a letter from Sandra Smith Bull, Secretary-Treasurer of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation stating, "We appreciate your generosity and commitment on behalf of the Foundation and we would like to present you with the recognition pin for your contribution to the "Make-a-Miracle I Campaign. Generosity such as this makes it possible for the Educational Foundation to aid worthwhile endeavors throughout the world. We can help "Make-a-Miracle happen with this contribution. Thank you for your support".

We surpassed our \$500 goal with the contribution being made from the spring silent auction at the state meeting. The pin and letter were shown at the state meeting.

Information was provided at the fall state meeting to help Wyoming members who are employed educators know how to apply for a Cornetet Individual Award for Professional Development. Ask your chapter president if you have not heard of or seen that information. Or go to [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) to find the application and instructions.

Have you looked into applying?

Awards can be awarded to only those who apply. No one from Wyoming was among the latest who applied and received a Cornetet Individual Award for Professional Development (CIPD).

**February 1, 2016 is the first deadline for submitting applications for 2016 funds.**

News arrived from headquarters recently announcing in September 2015 thirteen women received these awards. A total of \$18,133.52 was granted and individual awards varied from \$738 to \$2000, which is the maximum award given.

The Educational Foundation has also awarded money to groups or individuals for projects to benefit children and education. A total of \$32,327.00 was awarded last time. The amounts received ranged from \$400 - \$6,000.

**The next deadline for Foundation projects is January 3, 2016.**

Apply. You could be one of those to receive funds for a project. Information available at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org).



◆Have you ordered the **Marketing Brochure** yet? It is available in the DKG Store at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) for the minimal cost of packaging and shipping. You can use them to promote the Society, recruit new members and remind members why they joined.

Have you seen the updated **DKG app**? Download the DKG App through the Play Store (android) and the App Store (iPhones). You can access the latest news of the Society, photos, videos, DKG supply store, and more.

## Important Dates

Wyoming State Leadership Training  
April 29-30, 2016 Casper

International Convention  
July 5-9, 2016 Nashville, TN

Northwest Regional Conference  
June 26-July 1, 2017  
Spearfish, South Dakota

### Applications and Report Deadlines

Leadership Management Seminar  
application due to International by  
December 1, 2015

Chapter reports due to state officers  
and chairs  
February 1, 2016

Wyoming Achievement Award  
nominations due to Dr. Irene Story  
[doc7uwyo@gmail.com](mailto:doc7uwyo@gmail.com)  
February 1, 2016

Wyoming Alpha Xi state scholarship  
applications due to Helen Stalker  
[teachk61@hotmail.com](mailto:teachk61@hotmail.com)

Cornetet Individual Award for  
Professional Development due to  
International

Feb. 1, May 1, or Sept. 1, 2016

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*Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



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*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*



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75 Years and Beyond: Advancing  
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