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Sally Sheehan Receives the 2017 Achievement Award

*By Irene Story, Chair
Achievement Award*

Sally Sheehan, Theta Chapter, is the 2017 recipient of the Alpha Xi Achievement Award. Through persistence and dedication, Sally has been the guiding light that kept Theta Chapter alive, bringing it to be a thriving model chapter. Since serving as state president from 1983-1985, she has continued to be an enthusiastic member for 42 years.

Initiated into Theta Chapter in 1975, she served as chapter president four different terms as Theta Chapter went through several years of loss, reorganization and growth. When not serving as president, Sally served on a variety of committees.

State President Becky Tish presents Sally Sheehan her Alpha Xi Achievement Award

She was Wyoming State President in 1983-1985 after being First Vice President. Sally is now serving the state as Second Vice President for this biennium. She served on the steering committee for the northwest regionals in Jackson, Wyoming, 1985 and Cheyenne, 2013 and attended eight Northwest Regionals and 3 international conventions.

Sally has 33 years of teaching experience. She taught in Campbell County from 1972 to 1976 in various schools at various grade levels. In 1977 she worked in Casper as an aide at a preschool handicapped day care, and later as a substitute reading tutor. She returned to Campbell County in 1979 and taught at different schools in different capacities until her retirement in 2009. She currently resides in Gillette.

Many honors both professionally and personally have been given to Sally. In 1972 she was a member of the delegation representing Wyoming at the National Education Association convention in Atlantic City. She also has had her paintings displayed in various locations in Gillette. Her community service includes the following: P.E.O. Sisterhood, Eat. Read. Grow., Retired Teachers Association, Senior Center, and The Red Hat Society. She attends St. Matthew's Catholic Church where she serves on the Funeral Dinner Ministry and the Council of Catholic Women.

Born in Colorado, Sally spent her childhood growing up in Cheyenne. She and her husband Mike have two sons and four grandchildren.

Wherever there is a need, Sally is there performing one of her many random acts of kindness. She is recognized for her never-ending service to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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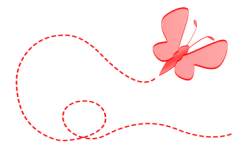
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WYOMING DKG: Flying into a Fabulous Future!

Becky Tish
2017—2019
Alpha Xi State President



Hello Friends,

As we enjoy another glorious Wyoming autumn, I hope we all take time to appreciate the many blessings in our lives. One of my most special blessings is my amazing DKG sisters-YOU! Our recent fall meeting reminded me of just how much I love and respect the DKG sisters in my chapter, around the state and all over the world. I feel so honored and humbled to count you amazing women as my sisters. Thank you for being a very important part of my life!

Speaking of our fall meeting, we tried something different this year. We held both the Executive Committee and Executive Board meetings in one day. It was a blustery, golden day in Casper, and we met in a lovely new location, the Meals on Wheels headquarters. As always, Beta Chapter served as consummate hosts, and welcomed us with warmth, helpfulness, and lots of delicious goodies. We had very productive meetings, and voted to help our sisters around the country who have had such terrible tragedies in their lives this year. Beta Chapter has offered to host our 2019 State Convention, and two lovely ladies have offered to chair the next "Let Your Light Shine" volume. A special thanks to Beta Chapter, and to Harmony Davidson and Nancy Custer for volunteering to take on these projects. I know that you will do a great job! Thanks to all of you who attended the fall meeting; for your generosity and compassion, your great ideas, your positive spirits, and your love for your sisters in DKG. Please let me know what you thought of this new format for the meeting. Soon, the minutes of the meetings, and other important state information will be available for your perusal on our Google site. Jan Segerstrom has been working diligently to make this happen for you. Thanks, Jan, and thanks to all who made the effort to attend this meeting. It was great to see all of you there. You really lifted me up!!

I hope that you submitted an article about your chapter for this issue of the Round Up. If you did, thank you, thank you, thank you!! These articles are always so motivating and interesting. We get great ideas about projects and programs from everyone, and it is so fun to know what is going on around the state. It also keeps us connected!! I would like to issue a challenge to every chapter in the state to submit an article for the February issue of the Round Up. Every chapter who submits an article for the next issue will be entered in a drawing for \$25.00 to help you with chapter projects and programs. Even if you wrote a fall article, write another one for the February issue. We want to hear from EVERY CHAPTER!! I can't wait to hear what you have been doing!

This Thanksgiving, think positive thoughts and give thanks for your many blessings. Please know that I will be giving thanks for each one of you! Have a wonderful holiday season.

How to Plan Chapter Programs Varies

*Dr. Michelle Aldrich
First Vice President*



The new chapter year is under way and chapters are half way through their biennium with their current officer team. This year's program may or may not be set. In the Upsilon Chapter that I belong to the executive board meets during the summer to set the calendar for the upcoming year and at our first meeting the President distributes the calendar for the upcoming year. Other clubs like to plan month to month. There is no right or wrong way to decide your club's program year. There are advantages to planning in advance such as being able to get the word out to members so they can be sure to attend the programs that most interest them or invite guests, being able to assure that speakers are available and that venues are also available. The benefit to planning as the year progresses is that when something new and exciting occurs in your community you can quickly adapt your programming such as a new superintendent midyear or a community initiative that pops up.

Consider surveying your members sometime during the year and asking them what they would be interested in learning about or doing. You also might ask them if they have any special hobbies, have traveled anywhere exciting or a subject that they would be willing to present as a club program. Sometimes our best programs are done by our members. Tiffany Smith, one of our Upsilon members, presented a program on using Shutterfly to create hardbound books or albums with your photos. I have utilized that information now to create numerous gift items and albums of trips I have taken our grandchildren on.

Programming is important to your club's vitality and can be a challenge when balancing between the interests of retired teachers and those of teachers still in the classroom. Don't assume that just because the majority are retired that they wouldn't be interested in a program on Smartboards or that those who are still working don't want to attend a program on changes to social security. Programs can be one of the benefits of belonging to DKG and can be utilized to engage your membership so find out what they are interested in and make it happen!



Increase Your DKG Members



*Sally Sheehan
Second Vice president*

First of all, I would like to urge members to attend the Spring Leadership workshop planned for April. As Membership chair, I plan to continue sharing ideas and helpful suggestions pertaining to the recruitment and retention of members in our chapters. The Northwest Regional Conference gave me insight as to the most successful ways to increase membership as well as retain our current members.

The International Membership Committee has devised a new plan that has been used successfully to revitalize struggling chapters, energize healthy chapters, and even develop new chapters in some state organizations. This plan emphasizes the honor of membership in our Society.

This plan is easy to use with instructions and resources needed to begin building membership. It is being shared with chapter presidents and membership chairs and will be discussed at the Leadership workshops in April.

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For more helpful information please go to the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange, 2017, volume 83-4, pp. 8-10, "Keepers of DKG"; pp. 22-23, "Stretch Goals", and page 82, "The Four R's of Membership".

We are Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide. Let's work together to strengthen our relationships.



*Shirley Tranas
Treasurer*

Treasurer Talk

First, I would like to Thank You for the money that is given to me to travel to the regional and international meetings. I really enjoy those meetings and learn so much.

At the treasurers' workshop, they talked about making the job easier for chapter treasurers and state treasurers. They are considering making the chapter treasury on-line like the state treasury. They are also looking at ways to help gather dues.

International is also looking at the constitution. It was said, when our constitution is longer than the United States Constitution we need to do something about that. DKG will start doing that at the international convention in Austin next summer. Their theme is **SIMPLIFY**.

I just received an email from International about doing address changes. Their preference is for the members to do their own changes on the website. If they cannot do that themselves, then let me know and I will do the address change form and email it in. I can no longer change addresses on the STEF 18. It is very important to keep your address and email address current. If you are not getting your international newsletter or magazines, then your address is not updated. They do send out email information to members so please update your address and email.

Have a great year! Remember your dues are due on October 31.

The DKG Educational Foundation Has Much to Offer



By Julia Burke

The DKGEF website provides current resources for DKG members and non-members.

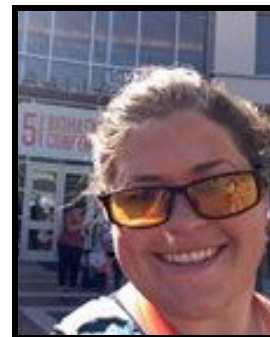
Visit www.dkgef.org for information regarding funding, professional development, the influence of the Foundation around the world, and opportunities to be a contributing member.

Alpha Xi State has had very few members apply for funding for professional development. The application form and how to submit an application is found on www.dkgef.org. Applications and documentation must be submitted before the dates of February 1, May 1, or September 1. Who will be the next Alpha Xi State member to fill out an application? Will it be you?

Need help or encouragement. Get in contact with Julia Burke, WY liaison, 307-632-0209 or

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Abigayle Paytoe Gbayee Is Awarded Alpha Xi State Scholarship for 2017



Abigayle Paytoe Gbayee, Upsilon Chapter, is the 2017 Alpha Xi Scholarship recipient. Currently she is pursuing a doctorate in the Curriculum and Instruction program at the University of Wyoming with a focus on Art Education. Her intended plan of study and potential dissertation looks at standards referenced student growth and assessment in art related to creativity. The proposed study will aid her by increasing her effectiveness related to instruction and assessment methods, which will impact her students and future students for the duration of her career.

Leadership skills Abi has displayed include leading workshops for her chapter, hosting meetings, developing and producing the chapter newsletter and managing the chapter website. Additionally she has attended and participated at state level meetings, as well as designing the Alpha Xi cowboy boot logo used for the regional conference when it was held in Cheyenne. She has been involved at regional and international conventions. Abi served as a page for a business meeting at the international convention in Spokane.

Abi is a K-6 art instructor in Cheyenne. In 2017 she published art on the DKG International Online Gallery. Congratulations to Abi!

4th 21 Years Reports Are Needed



By Nina Nachtigall

Giant Turkey Thanks to 4 chapters who have all their reports into me. **Beta, Theta, Kappa and**

Rho have all 5 of their biennium reports in. I am waiting on 2014-2016 reports from Alpha, Epsilon, Eta, Lambda, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, Chi and Alpha Delta.

If you need forms email me at ninawyo@gmail.com or call me at 307-214-2730.

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Alpha Xi State Welcomes New and Returning Members

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Abby Peterson

Phi

Sarah N. Gross
Kylie J. Foster

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Karen Delbridge
Sarah H. Boso
Melissa Henrich
Heather Morris
Margee L. Robertson
Kathy M. Schwab

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Jessica Anne Davidson



Members Celebrate Wyoming DKG Diamonds 75 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators



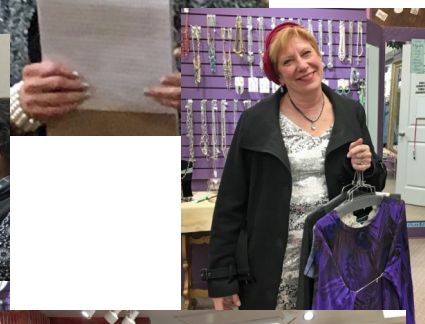
*By Kathy Skinner,
Upsilon Chapter*

I have been asked to share about my experience at my first state DKG conference in Cheyenne on April 29th and 30th at the Historic Plains Hotel. State President Becky Tish encouraged us to invite other family members to the Saturday banquet as there would be seats available due to a spring snow storm that made it impossible for several ladies to get to Cheyenne. I invited my daughter, Sarah, a kindergarten teacher here in Cheyenne, to join us. My hope is that she will also join our organization in the future. She also joined us for the reception hosted by Just Dandy to honor our northwest regional director Dr. Rhonda Anderson. Sarah and I enjoyed the shopping and delicious food. After the banquet, I enjoyed the fashion show and excerpts from the book, *Let Your Light Shine*. Becky Tish shared teachers' fashions and experiences in Wyoming through the decades. It is so inspirational and amazing to think of the perseverance and hardships many of our sisters have had to overcome in the last 75 years.

I have been so blessed and amazed by the women I have met in Delta Kappa Gamma. I retired from Laramie County School District #2 in 2013 and moved to Cheyenne in 2015. I had been missing my coworkers and friendships I had forged in my 25 years in Pine Bluffs. I have found kindred spirits with my DKG sisters in Upsilon. They inspire me to continue to grow and learn. Thank you for making me feel so welcome!



Celebrating in Pictures 



Northwest Regional in Spearfish, South Dakota Inspires Wyoming Attendees



As the state's incoming membership chair, I gleaned loads of information not only from Nita Scott, International Membership chair, but from other states and provinces experiencing similar concerns. **Sally Sheehan**



Photo by Gene Smith

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” has become a thing of the past. Bullying is one of several causes of suicide. Wyoming ranks second in suicide. In the US Forum and breakout session, we were given things to watch for and what to do if a person seems on the road to suicide. **Ann Hardesty**



I LOVED Holly Hoffman, who spoke about her "Survival" experience. What an inspiration!

Great to visit with old friends. Thankful that Alpha Xi State paid my registration.

So nice that it was "close to home." **Loretta Tonak**



Photo by Gene Smith

I LOVE Regional Conferences! They are so intimate and we get to know all of the ladies that we attend workshops and meals with. My favorite speaker was Holly Hoffman who was the Saturday keynote speaker. Holly is from Eureka, SD and a competitor of Survivor Nicaragua, Season 21. Her message on leadership and the Survivor story was amazing!

Dr. Michelle Aldrich

Spending time with DKG sisters is always memorable; Northwest in Spearfish was no exception. I attended many high quality sessions including two that were presented by our own Alpha Xi State members Becky Tish and Eileen Vickers. Both were full of inspiration, fun and information. I feel like my biggest “ah ha” came from the keynote speaker, Holly Hoffman. Among many life lessons she learned from being a participant of Survivor, the most important lesson she shared was “One opportunity can change your life!”

Carrie Manders



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I love going to the regional conference to reconnect with old and new friends. My favorite speaker was Holly Hoffman. She was the last woman standing on the CBS Season 21 hit reality show, *Survivor Nicaragua*. From her experience she encourages others to take opportunities and focus on attitude, determination, confidence, desire, faith, and perseverance.

Shirley Tranas

A visit to a fish hatchery, an 1880 train ride, lunch at the German Alpine Inn restaurant, plus the panoramic scenery of the Black Hills were a few bonus "sessions" I attended and enjoyed. Spearfish, SD is a fairly small community but it had so much to offer in addition to a delightful DKG conference.

The speech delivered by Dr. Sheryl Feinstein had many insightful details and data about adolescent development and brain research. I wished more of our younger members could have attended this conference. The information is so relevant and more useful for those teachers currently employed.

Survivor reality show participant, Holly Hoffman, delivered a riveting account of her struggle and endurance on the reality show. Her motivation and inspiration to "never give up" and "believe in yourself" was backed with many details from her experience. WOW what determination, courage, and confidence can do is astounding!

There were a variety of topics offered and much to grasp in terms of leadership and empowerment of women. The welcoming smiles and cordial conversations helped to inspire new friendships as well as strengthen the ties of friendships made long ago.

Ermalinda Hernandez



I presented my first workshop for a DKG Regional Conference in Spearfish. Though I was nervous about doing it and spent a tremendous amount of time preparing my workshop, it was a great experience! I am very glad I did it because it made me get out of my comfort zone and grow!

Becky Tish



It is so hard to pick just one highlight of the conference because there were so many. I will have to say that Holly Hoffman was such an inspiration. She had so many nuggets of knowledge and was so entertaining. A couple of her comments that stuck with me were: "We need to jump to opportunities as quick as we jump to conclusions." and "Never let the odds keep you from doing something you want to do."

Eileen Vickers

The theme of connectedness was a great one for the 2017 NW Regional Conference in Spearfish. From the moment I entered the conference center, I was connecting with DKG sisters I knew: Darlene Telkamp, the conference chair, right there at the registration area, was one of my Golden Gift sisters when we attended the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX, in 2006; then I saw many of my Wyoming sisters who were coming out from workshops or checking in - Glenda, Yvonne, Shirley, Sally, Loretta, Stephanie, Ann, Julia, Nina. Also I visited with Dr. Carolyn Rants whom I knew not only as our former International president, but we had attended a baseball game together when the conference was in Milwaukee. And our present International President, Carolyn Pittman - I picked her up at the Casper Airport to be our international speaker at our state convention in 2005! At the first General meeting I shared hugs with several from the NW who were state presidents when I was, 2009-2011: LaRae Mayes(SD), Linda Elliot(WA), Cindy Moore (Canada), Debbie Johnson (Canada), Bev Mantells (WI), Lloyd Ann (MT), and Judy Iverson(ND). Add to that list 2 other Golden Gift sisters: Dee Rives from Tennessee and Janet LeBeau from Washington. On Saturday evening at the banquet Barbara Whiting, Beverly Will and Sandra Bull continued to expand on the connectedness of all members of DKG. Connecting with all of these wonderful talented women was the highlight for me.

Sharon Cole



Photo by Gene Smith

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Photo by Gene Smith



Photo by Gene Smith

All around me I heard the joyful noise of friends meeting up with one another. A regional conference allows members to rekindle their friendships with those from other states with whom they've served as officers, choir members, or on committees. Even in-state friends look forward to this time of genuine spiritual friendship.

All around me I heard the joyful noise of speakers who inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues. Speakers who encourage, call for action, and beseech members to participate in our world society.

All around me I heard the joyful noise of music as it greeted members convening for sessions and meals. Music which unites us to calm the spirit or invigorate the weary. The voices of the choir, specialty groups, and performers joined in celebration of words and verse to tell their stories and bring us together.

All around me I heard the joyful noise that DKG fosters. The noise that provides impetus to embody lives as leading women educators who impact education worldwide. **Yvonne Gatley**

Wyoming had several workers at the conference. According to the printed program Glenda Reynolds was chair of the flag ceremony during the first general meeting, Becky Tish conducted the Friday breakfast meeting with Julia Burke giving the inspirational, and Becky Tish played the piano for the third general meeting. Workshops were presented by Becky Tish, Eileen Vickers, Yvonne Gatley and Toni Brown. Vendors from Wyoming included LuLaRoe, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Sharon Cole. An unofficial Night on the Town was hosted by Nina Nachtigall in her home. Attendance varied throughout the conference, but 22 names can be listed as attendees: Becky Tish, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Sally Sheehan, Shirley Tranas, Glenda Reynolds, Ann Hardesty, Yvonne Gatley, Julia Burke, Loretta Tonak, Nina Nachtigall, Sharon Cole, Ermalinda Hernandez, Hailey Ellingham, Toni Brown, Stephanie Crawford, Carrie Manders, Candi Stanton, Jenn Steveson, Eileen Vickers, Kathleen Engle, Jody McCormack and Abi Paytoe Gbayee. Several attendees were timers for the sessions.

The conference was built on connections. Friday was Connecting: Thoughts, Feelings, Actions. My special time was being asked to give the 5 minute Inspirational at the Friday morning breakfast meeting for all in attendance at the conference. My inspiration was built on Smiling and Happiness, Connecting with Thoughts, Feelings and Actions. It was constructed on The Worth of a Smile. The narratives, quotes, and information focused on if you can make someone smile and laugh, you have given the most special gift: happiness.

Julia Burke



Dr. Irene Story and Alice Hunter, Upsilon Chapter, attended the Southeast Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, where they participated in various activities provided during the conference. According to Irene, "It was an experience that surrounded us with a different culture and environment from Wyoming's. However, the dedication and commitment to DKG and its values were exemplified by those who planned and implemented an excellent conference as well as by all who attended. This was a once in a lifetime experience that will bring about many fond memories."

Kaleidoscope of Butterflies

Chapters Report From Around the State



Alpha Chapter—Familiar faces, new places, and food for a queen's banquet . . . what a wonderful Wyoming welcome for those of us in Alpha Chapter eager to start our new season of DKG! We gathered on the 18th of September for our Tri-chapter potluck. Upon arrival, blank table tops transformed into a cornucopia of delectable delights. Magnificent main dishes prepared at home, scrumptious salads, and divine desserts beckoned us towards this royal buffet.

Understandably, these edible temptations lured many of us to lick our fingers and return for a small, slight, wee bit more. Ah yes, it was a marvelous Monday at Meadowlark school.

As the feast faded to a lull and conversations with old friends were put on hold, until the next encounter, we were now ready to find our room to start our first meeting. This new place of learning, Meadowlark Elementary, is attractive, open, and inviting. One of our members, Jen Leman, is a teacher here and graciously offered her home away from home to hold our meeting. We had fourteen members and one guest present to listen, interact and receive information.

We opened with the announcement that our former president has moved so Chelsea Colbert and Jen Leman have come forward and are presiding as co-presidents for this coming year.

We congratulated and acknowledged the accomplishments of some of our Alpha members. We needed a spotlight to direct the beam towards each of the following women. Instead, however, we used our eyes filled with admiration and recognized Sharon Collier who is a FIFTY YEAR member of DKG! In our midst sat an author. Her name is

Starla Mason. She has written a textbook with an accompanying workbook currently in use in the medical field. Becky Tish directed a theatrical production "My Fair Lady" in addition to being our state DKG president. We welcomed and applauded three new members Jennifer, Kathleen, and Abby. Wow community leadership at its best!

On October 23 we gathered to take a haunted trolley ride through the streets of Cheyenne. What could be more comforting than ghouls, goblins and great members from Alpha Chapter!

Reported by Ermalinda Hernandez



Beta Chapter—"Beta Chapter has been busy with providing "Welcome" bags for all the new women teachers. W3 are getting ready to work on the "Christmas" bags for December. Our next meeting will include bringing prospective members as well as discussing why DKG is important to us. We will be working to put up notices about DKG in all teacher work rooms of the county to make ourselves known.

Reported by Marjorie Anderson



Epsilon Chapter—Epsilon Chapter was able to help out in the Guernsey Sunrise School this summer, which was helpful due to changes made in staffing and school guidelines. One of our members became the Title I coordinator and needed to reorganize hundreds of books made available to teachers and

students for their reading program. Four members spent 25 hours in August checking book levels and stocking book carts to be placed in all the classrooms.

Epsilon is also working on helping out devastated schools in Houston. We will start by donating our local Humanities grant money which is available yearly to our four communities. Lusk schools have already adopted a school in the Houston area, so those DKG members will help with that effort. The other three communities in Epsilon hope to partner with the Guernsey schools to adopt a different Houston school, do some fundraising, and send the additional moneys or supplies.

Reported by Sally Mack



Theta Chapter—Theta chapter members who attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota in July included: Stefanie Crawford, Ann Hardesty, Sharon Cole, Nina Nachtigall, Toni Brown, and Sally Sheehan. Following the conference, Nina opened her home in Belle Fourche for the Wyoming attendees to relax and enjoy a barbecue.

In September we met at Healthstyles Market and gained helpful information on how to keep ourselves well with food, exercise, and sleep.

We helped in October with the Eat.Read.Grow. project which promotes literacy in the homes of our students by providing a dinner, a free book, and a bag of groceries. Cottonwood Elementary School families were entertained by


The Energy City Voices from Gillette College and a chili dinner provided by the Kiwanis club. So far Theta has supported this project for 7 schools since 2014 and will continue into next year.

On November 7th, some members will be election judges in a special election. Prospective members will be presented and discussed at our November 9th meeting.

Then we'll get creative with an instructor at Crazy Daisy Floral for our December social. Members will gift wrap and present activity books with crayons to Head Start for Christmas.

In January, David Cole, husband of Sharon Cole will present a program from his mission trip to Africa. Members gave him some crochet hooks to take for the women to use in place of sticks.

Reported by Sally Sheehan


 **Kappa Chapter**—Kappa Chapter welcomed new teachers to Sheridan this fall by distributing bags filled with goodies. Thanks to the generosity of First Federal Bank and Trust, these new teachers received a great assortment of office supplies to begin their year. Kappa chapter added yummy goodies and flyers to these potential members of DKG.

October found Kappa members sharing their favorite books with each other. A great variety of children's books were passed around for members to get their own look at these treasured collections. Additionally, books that appeal to adult readers were


also shared. A list was compiled and sent to each member so that everyone will have choices to make the next time they are looking for a good read, both to children and for themselves.

We are all looking forward to November when we host Bridges into Books, a family oriented event for second language families in our community. Stations are set up where families interact with print with support from Kappa members. Each child takes home a book that they make as well as a published book of their choice.

Reported by Yvonne Gatley

 **Rho Chapter**—Rho chapter held their first meeting September 18th. Veda Gerrard told us about her exciting trip to Iceland.

Reported by Shirley Tranas

 **Upsilon Chapter**—Upsilon started the 2017-2018 year with a Tri-chapter carry-in dinner with Alpha and Phi Chapters in Cheyenne, followed by a social gathering to make introductions and to take time to get to know each other. We ended the 2016-2017 year with about 84 members, and this was an opportunity to be acquainted again. We had about 40 members attending this event on September 18.

Upsilon will experience different venues for our programming during the year. Our home base has been Triumph High School, where we will

meet again this year for our October, January, and March meetings. We have added the newly built Cheyenne Botanic Gardens and the Laramie County Library for November and April meetings, respectively. In December we will have a Holiday Celebration and initiation at Grace United Methodist Church, February brings our annual *Love a New Member* Dinner, and we end our year—and biennium—with our Founders' Day Celebration with Alpha Chapter and Phi Chapter.



Upsilon's members, initiated at our Holiday Celebration in December 2016, are pictured from left to right: **Jill Gallegos, Kathy Plowman, Gay VanHorn, Rakhshi Hamid, and Jackie Whitehead.**



Upsilon's newest members, initiated at the Founders' Day Celebration on May 15, 2017, are pictured from left to right: **Kathy Schwab, Sarah Boso, Heather Marchese, Margee Robertson, Melissa Henrich, and Dr. Karen Delbridge.**

In January Upsilon Chapter will gear up for our Annual Used Book Sale, which is traditionally scheduled on the first weekend in March—this year it occurs on March 3rd and 4th. We spend the month of February collecting and sorting books for the sale weekend. It takes an enormous amount of “woman-power” and coordination

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to provide an organized and well-run event for our community. Special recognition goes to **Mary Hartman** and **Patrice Dennison**, our Book Sale Co-Chairs, who are at the helm of the book sale and who will spend countless hours to make this event happen! Last year our proceedings allowed our chapter to provide the following grants toward education in our community:

- Burns High School Robotics Program (STEM Program): \$2,000 (for robot kits)
- Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra: \$1,265 (for the presentation of “The Three Little Pigs,” integrating music and literature for students)
- Family Promise Daycare, Grace United Methodist Church: \$150 (books for daycare)
- Laramie County Library: \$5,000 (for the Summer Reading Program)
- Old West Museum: \$2,500
- Raising Readers: \$6,000
- Triumph High School Child Care Center: \$1,000 (to purchase board books for children to share with parents at home).

Grants are also provided for our members who are pursuing graduate degrees. Scholarships are available at the University of Wyoming and Laramie County Community College for students who are majoring in education, provided by the Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon Chapter endowments set up at both institutions.

Reported by Dr. Irene Story



Phi Chapter—At the March 2017 meeting Phi members heard a presentation about Cheyenne’s new Botanic Gardens Conservatory that was being built. Members also created centerpieces and favors for the State Convention Banquet. Our theme was “Blingy Western”.

At the April 2017 Phi meeting members donated items for a silent auction basket for the State Convention. We all brought fun kitchen items on a blue color scheme. Our meeting was held west of Cheyenne at a member’s beautiful home with attached indoor horse arena. It was a fun meeting in a natural setting. Leaders and participants from a “Girls on the Run” group explained the program which seeks to empower older elementary female students as athletes, learners, and leaders.

In May we enjoyed the traditional three-chapter Founders’ Day Banquet at the Radisson Hotel. It’s always a pleasure to spend time with our Delta Kappa Gamma friends from other groups. At this meeting new members Kylie Foster and Sarah Gross were initiated, deceased members were remembered, and scholarships were awarded. Phi awarded a grant-in-aid award to Hannah Merrill, an education student at the University of Wyoming. Amy Schick, a Phi member was awarded the chapter scholarship to be used as she earns her Masters Degree in Middle Level Science Education at the University of Wyoming. Our retirees Helen Stalker and Julie Tucker were given rose bushes.

Phi Chapter kicks off each new year with an August brunch. This year’s festivities were held at the same country home where we met in April. Small groups met to plan monthly meetings, as our programs are member-planned. We’re excited about the ideas brought forth!

In September the three Cheyenne Delta Kappa Gamma chapters meet for a potluck dinner, this year’s being held at a year-old fifth and sixth grade school that is serving as a pilot program. Several members toured the building and were impressed by the opportunities afforded the students and staff. After dinner Phi Chapter met to receive the new yearbooks and members were reminded to be thinking of future members to nominate in October and November. An initiation will be held at our December meeting.



On an October Saturday morning Phi Chapter held a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee’s. We are grateful for that opportunity. Those who served reported having fun and a good sum of money was raised for our group.

The Phi Chapter meeting for October was a Bunco Party held at a member’s home. Several were brand new Bunco players so a lot of laughter was heard. We enjoyed just having fun together and building old and new relationships.

Reported by Marla Worley



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Chi Chapter—At the start of the 2016-2018 biennium, Chi Chapter initiated a new recruitment protocol for expansion and retention of members consisting of two phases. Phase I - Year I of the biennium focused only on installation of new DKG members who were required to participate in extensive orientation activities promoting the purposes and benefits of DKG. This fall Phase II - Year 2 is currently focusing on reinstatement of inactive members. Personal invitations with photos of current Chi Chapter members engaged in community service projects and chapter meetings were distributed to all inactive members since 2011. As a result of recruitment protocol changes, 14 educators were welcomed into Chi Chapter DKG Society International this past spring and 2 inactive members were reinstated this fall.

Chi Chapter community service projects this past spring included Snake River Canyon roadside cleanup and the “Walk/Run/Bike for the Cure,” a cancer fundraiser for Jackson’s local oncology department. Overall during the past school year, Chi Chapter members achieved a combined total of 386 community service hours.

To end the 2016-2017 year, the Chi Chapter “Garden Party” Retirement & Awards Luncheon was held at the National Wildlife Art Museum to honor three retiring Teton County teachers with hearty red rose bushes. Garden Party attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch, art gallery tour, gift store shopping, and spectacular view of the National Elk Refuge from the museum’s outdoor balcony.

Reported by Jan Segerstrom



Radiant Butterflies

Gretchen Nimmo and Jo Zunker, Upsilon Chapter, celebrated their **50-year membership** at the September meeting. Each received a 50-Year Certificate and 50-Year Pin in honor of their longevity as a DKG member.

Sharon Collier, Alpha Chapter, celebrated her **50-year membership** at the September meeting.

Julie Tucker, Phi Chapter, received the AARP Advocacy Award for 2017 for her work with the Wyoming State Legislation on AARP Wyoming’s behalf.



*******Chapters, The Roundup needs names of your members who have received honors in your community. They deserve our recognition and thanks!

Twenty-seven members attended the Wyoming State Fall Executive Committee and Executive Board Meetings Saturday, October 7, in Casper in the Meals on Wheels Building. President Becky initiated the one day meeting and from all who attended, it was a success. Ten of the 13 Wyoming chapters were represented, including five past state presidents, six chapter presidents, and four chapter president representatives. **You were missed, if you didn't attend!**



Help Schools Affected by Hurricanes

Reported by Yvonne Gatley

At our fall Alpha Xi meeting, we discussed the effects that hurricanes have had on our members and schools. I told about a DKG friend in Texas who is heading up efforts to support schools and members. I now have that information that I am passing along to you. Below you will find the body of the email I received from Cookee Johnson who is heading up the efforts for assistance. Her contact information is at the conclusion of her email. Basically she outlines two ways to help. One is called Member to Member and this is where individuals or chapters contribute funds to pay the dues of a Texas DKG member for the year. The other is called Campus Helping Hands. This is where assistance is provided to a school that is assigned to a member or chapter for whatever assistance is pledged. Please note that these schools may have DKG members but it is not a guarantee. The effort is targeted at making sure children have what they need. Once your chapter has chosen which avenue to support, you fill out the form and money and send it to Cookee at the address she provides in her email.

I hope this helps you in deciding how to best support those in need. Of course, your chapter could also choose to send in a contribution to the Emergency Fund at DKG International. We have members in Texas, Florida, California and Puerto Rico who definitely have used this fund for their assistance this fall. Remember to send Shirley Tranas an email that tells what you contributed so she can note that in the Alpha Xi treasurer's reports.

Cookee Johnson, Coordinator, Campus Helping Hands, Texas State DKG Organization, writes:

"We have two parts to our campaign: Member to Member and Campus Helping Hands. MTM is our initiative to help members who are financially unable to pay their dues because of recovery restraints on their budget. So we have a form which chapters can complete and pay membership dues of \$80.00 for those members so they won't be dropped by International.

My part of the campaign is CHH. I have a list of many schools all along the coast who have told us about delay of schools, students being displaced to other schools, families have moved and cannot send their kids to school yet, and even some schools that will not open till Spring or even until next year. So I am enclosing a form to be completed by a chapter/individual letting me know which level of school they would like to help. At this point, Wal-Mart, Target, and other retails have taken care of school supplies, but administrators have told me what is needed most is money to replace those items teachers need in the classroom and workroom, and Amazon cards so teachers can purchase what they need for their classroom, usually with free postage. You can imagine the tremendous task of receiving membership dues right now at Headquarters, so all CHH checks/cards and forms are mailed to me for processing and then I will send on to HQ to bank while we make arrangements to assist the schools on my list."

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*By Past
International
President
Carolyn Rants*

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Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents!

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As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee to review the work of the 2012-2014 Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* to enable convention attendees to vote for officers.

In order for attendees to vote for the officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the upcoming 2018 convention in Austin, Texas.

Learn the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options.

Cast your vote for the proposed amendments in Austin at the 2018 convention.



Greetings From Past Alpha Xi State President Sally Spooner



Dear Alpha Xi Sisters,

How wonderful to receive your package in the mail! I love the dragonfly magnet, and I've got it in a special place on the fridge. Thank you so much for remembering. I am touched. It was great to see all those names on the card.

Life goes on here in Seattle. It's been just over a year since Max died. Sometimes it seems like yesterday; sometimes forever. For the first anniversary our whole family went to Alaska and did all the things Max loved or would've loved to do. Each person got to choose an activity. With 15 of us, we had a busy week! But it was such fun!

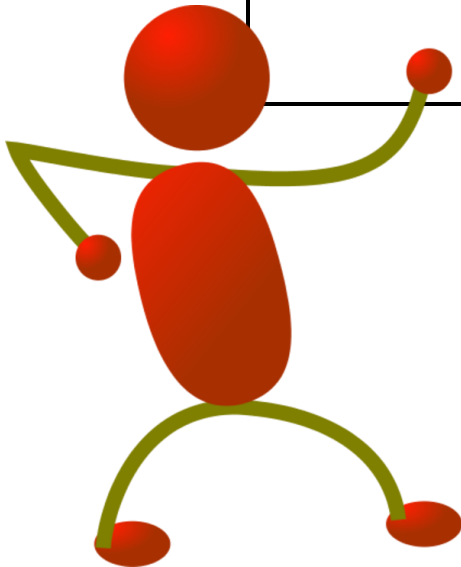
Pain continues to be my constant companion. I had cardiac arrest last October (2016) as surgeons were beginning back surgery. Doctors believe it's related to anesthesia, so surgeries have been on hold. I'm about ready to start scheduling again.

I hope all of you are well. I miss you! Love Sally



* Sally Spooner resided in Cody before her accident and was state president in 2007-2009.

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- December 1 Leadership
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- February 1, 2018 Chapter
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International
- February 9 Spring deadline for
Roundup, send to Glenda Reynolds
- March 15 Achievement Award
Applications due to Dr. Irene Story
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- April 1 Alpha Xi State
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- April 7 Spring Leadership
Workshop in Sheridan
- April 14 Spring Leadership
Workshop in Cheyenne
- July 16-20 International
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