

Wyoming Roundup



Loretta Tonak Begins Her Biennium At the 2021 Fall Executive Board Meeting

• The 2021 Fall Executive Board held its fall meeting in Casper on September 25. It was the first hybrid meeting with the help of Marie Puryear, Glenda Reynolds, and Zoom, with eight members attending by Zoom and thirteen members attending in-person. Attendees all agreed that this would be the method to conduct meetings in the future.

The following items are significant actions taken by the executive board during the September meeting.

- Approval to submit to the DKG WySO convention in the spring of 2023 for adoption to the bylaws "Article IX, Section 2. C. Electronic Meetings Business of the state organization and all the bodies governed by its bylaws may be transacted electronically as long as all members are able to hear each other simultaneously and can actively participate in the meeting."
- Approval of the utilization of the Pauline Lanoy Fund to reimburse attendees of the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans up to and including \$250 towards registration expenses, to reimburse attendees of the spring 2022 State Leadership Development Workshop in Casper up to and including \$40 towards registration expenses, and to give chapters a monetary incentive towards attending the 2022 State Leadership Development Workshop in Casper
- Creation of a special fund called the Early Educator Grant-in-aid to give to an educator in their first five years of teaching who is selected by an appointed committee and awarded at our spring meeting
- Purchase of an Owl, an all-in-one camera for virtual meetings, using the permanent fund up to \$1000

Seek, Soar, Shine and Grow

President Loretta's theme



"Smile to the world and smile to the people you love, as a sunflower smiles at the sun." – Remez Sasson

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Happy Fall WySO Members!



Loretta Tonak President

It's been a long, hot summer, but I could finally travel and attend some DKG events. I went to the Regional DKG Conference in Portland in mid-July. I participated in the pre-conference all-day workshop on Parliamentary Procedure conducted by Dr. Helen Popovich, our international DKG Parliamentarian, and Lynna Gene Cooke. It was a wonderful experience, and I came away ready to lead those sometimes tangled business meetings.

As State President, I was given a "free ride" to the international state organization leadership training in Atlanta later in July. DKG International paid for airfare, lodging, and meals for state presidents, VPs, and treasurers. Incredible! My first VP, Carrie Manders, joined me as well as international committee members Yvonne Gatley and Glenda Reynolds. Becky Tish and Shirley Tranas, our state second VP and treasurer, were with us on Zoom. We trained as a team and were able to set goals and projects for the biennium ahead.

After those inspiring trips, I selected my sunflower theme: **Seek, Soak, Shine, and GROW**.

Those are my hopes for each of you as a member and as chapters in our state.

First, **seek** out new information. Log in to our international website dkg.org and begin perusing the wealth of communities, videos, forms, newsletters, benefits, and endless knowledge provided there. You can also go to our state website: wydkg.weebly.com. There is a listing of our officers, chapters, links to forms, and our newsletter, the Round Up.

Next, **soak** in the experiences of DKG in your chapter, state, and international meetings. We just held our state board meeting on September 25 in Casper and on Zoom. We had 13 in-person and eight online to help decide some exciting plans for the year ahead. There will be a state Leadership Training conference next spring in Casper (and on Zoom) on June 18, 2022. Mark your calendars now to come and soak up some fantastic information. The DKG International Convention will be in New Orleans on July 12-17, 2022. As a state, we will help

you attend any of these events by paying registration up to \$40 for our state leadership workshop and up to \$250 for the international convention. Many of us room together to help with costs, and there is a state travel fund to assist as well. Join in the fun.

Then **shine** out with your talent and skills. We need committee co-chairs at the state level. Look at the many opportunities to help in your favorite capacity: finance, scholarships, websites, newsletters, writing, or reaching out to new educators. The list goes on. Just drop me an email, and I'll get you connected to the committee chairperson. Remember these words from the International Go-To Guide. "The chapter, the *heart* of the Society, needs members who are ready, able, and willing to assume leadership roles. An expectation of membership is active participation and demonstrated leadership. Part of the function of the chapter is to encourage members to seek positions of leadership and opportunities for leadership training or scholarships/grants for personal or professional development".

Lastly, **grow**. We, as a state, are working to retain and increase our membership. Internationally we have lost over 100,000 members in the last three years. As a state, we have 11 chapters ranging in size from 1 to 80 members with approximately 275 members. I have asked chapters to pair with another to get together via email, Zoom, joint meetings, and projects to help retain members by making them feel connected to others.

Theta – Gillette AND Lambda – Newcastle
Alpha – Cheyenne AND Epsilon – Guernsey
members

Kappa – Sheridan AND Chi – Jackson
Upsilon – Cheyenne. AND state officers and state

Beta -Casper AND Phi – Cheyenne AND Harmony, Mary W (Alpha Delta, Eta)

Connecting with other members will hopefully help us all see the value of DKG, and then we can reach out to invite others to join us. Each one, invite one.

Programs and Projects Focus our Society

I attended the Atlanta conference in early August; what an awesome experience. - Not because Atlanta was exciting since it was still locked down to a point, not because my taxi driver was fantastic, and certainly not the wonderful “cancelled” flight home. It was awesome because it was the first time in a long time I had seen my DKG sisters in person. What a great feeling to hug and laugh with the women educators I enjoy seeing every summer!

Besides the camaraderie, the training itself was super. I was there for a whole two days of focused training on the duties of EEC (Educational Excellence Committee) chairs. I believe one of the things that keep our members from stepping up into leadership positions is a fear and lack of knowledge of the expectations with positions. This training took all the fear out of being EEC chairperson. The trainers focused on what it was that we were responsible for, teamed us with other states to share ideas and finally set us up with states of comparable size to, again, discuss issues and ideas. It was a fantastic opportunity to network and get new, improved ideas for supporting early educators and providing quality programming.

Along with the spectacular training sessions, we enjoyed whole group meals, skits, and messages from International on what’s to come in our DKG future. Like every summer I attend conferences/conventions, I enjoyed EVERY minute spent with ladies from all over the world!

One big idea that came from this training was the importance of connecting chapter projects to state projects. State projects should ultimately benefit one of the International projects – Supporting Early Educators (SEE) or Schools in Africa. After discussing all sorts of activities with Loretta Tonak, WySO President, we decided offering a grant to early educators in Wyoming would be perfect. Through much work and communication via email, we decided each chapter can raise money for this project in their own way. Lambda Chapter, Newcastle, has decided to collect “change for change” where we each have red collection box. Members simply throw spare change in and brings it to monthly meetings. We have made a competition out of this fund raiser – who doesn’t love a little, healthy competition – and the member who brings the most change to monthly meeting gets the Traveling Trophy for the month. They also get their names in a drawing which will take place at the end of the year. The winner will have part of her dues paid for the upcoming year.

Please reach out to me if you want more ideas! Let’s make some early educator’s year with a great grant!!



Carrie Manders
First Vice President

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Membership Matters



Becky Tish
Second Vice President

Hello, my precious DKG sisters! It is my honor to serve as your state membership chair for this biennium. Let's talk about our wonderful members!

I would like to encourage you to mentor and nurture and, communicate with your members. **ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS!** Someone recognized each lady's accomplishments and gifts when they were invited to join DKG. But do we continue to honor these ladies when they become members of our chapter?

Here are a few suggestions that can make your members feel welcomed and honored to be a member of your chapter of DKG.

- **Recognize members at each meeting.** Be aware of members' accomplishments and recognize them at each meeting. Also, share concerns and news about members. Sign cards to members who are having surgery or have experienced a loss. Send birthday cards and notes to members. Show that you truly care about every member.
- **Ask your members to present programs to your chapter.** Every member has gifts and talents and, passions that they can share with your chapter. Look for these "experts" in your own chapter and encourage them to do programs. You may need to ask them more than once, but be persistent and offer to help them, and it will be worth it. Members will be honored and proud to contribute to your chapter, and, they will feel like they really belong.
- **Invite a member to ride to the meeting with you.** (Especially those who regularly find excuses for not attending.) You can learn a great deal about a member while riding in the car. Ask them about their life and family, current teaching situation, retirement activities, and favorite hobbies. You will enjoy the ride, and you will probably find common interests. Most importantly, you will be better friends and will look forward to going to meetings each month.
- **Give members the opportunity to suggest programs for the coming year.** What do your members want from DKG? Please give them the opportunity to express their wants and needs for the year's programs. The Society website is filled with ideas and information. Help them learn what DKG can give them.
- ◆ **Give fun door prizes at meetings.** Who does not enjoy receiving a little gift like a Starbucks card or a cute notepad for your desk? Every meeting, give one or two door prizes to encourage attendance at meetings. This small thing can also make members feel special.
- ◆ **Have retired members make dinner for the active teachers.** Teaching is very difficult and stressful right now. How nice for the active teachers to come to a meeting and be treated to a meal by the retirees. The meal can be simple or lavish, but it will show the active teachers that they are appreciated. This can lead to more discussions of how retirees can help active teachers, especially early career educators.

These are just a few ideas that will help you reach out to and nurture your chapter members. I would love to hear some ideas that your chapter is implementing!

Have a great year, my friends, and remember that **membership matters!**





Shirley Tranas
Treasurer

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Treasurer’s Notes

We have been blessed with a wonderful fall. It was nice to go to a meeting finally, and the weather was great.

I did attend the International Treasurer’s workshop online and received a good review and information I had missed along the way. It was the best workshop for Treasurers that I have received in the last seven years. One area was IRS 990N which needs to be filed from July 1 to Nov.15, and there is no extension. You can’t be in a hurry to get out. Wait a few minutes so that you get a receipt. It is essential to get a copy.

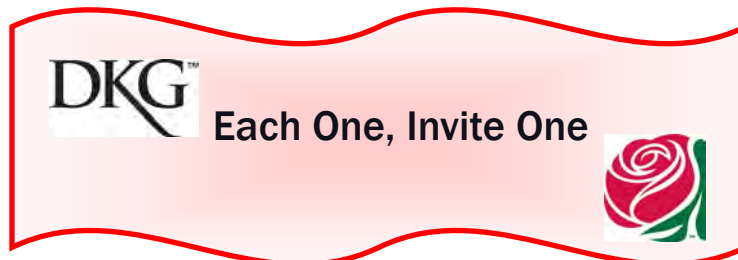
Treasurers, if you have a member who pays their dues after Sept. 30, you will need to file a reinstatement form so that I know if it is a new member or reinstated member. We had 32 drops this year, and Wyoming State Organization has five new initiates.

Shirley Tranas
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President From Page 2

As a final project, we have established a grant-in-aid fund to help an early educator next spring. We are asking chapters to contribute to increasing the size of this grant. There will be an application process, and the grant will be awarded to a teacher who has taught five years or less to help in her classroom. The application form will be ready online later this winter, with a deadline of April 1, 2022. It will be for anyone, not just members. We hope to attract young educators again to join our outstanding organization.





Leadership Training For Wyoming State Organization Saturday, June 18 Casper and Zoom For Chapter Officers and All Members

Hello, Mrs. Sun

During the fall Wyoming State Executive Board Meeting, Yvonne Gatley presented a PowerPoint about leadership and parliamentary procedure and how using simple parliamentary procedure can help. Making an agenda can be worrisome, but if one uses the mnemonic Hello Mrs. Sun there is a simple consistent order for chapter meetings.

- Hello – include call to order, opening ceremonies, roll call, etc
- M - Minutes, reading and approval
- R - Reports of officers, board, standing committees
- S - Special committees reports
- S - Special orders
- U - Unfinished business
- N - New business



Try it, it might make planning chapter meetings enjoyable!

4th 21 years note

Thanks, and congratulations to these chapters who have their 4th 21 years history reports all turned in!

- ◆ Eta
- ◆ Theta
- ◆ Kappa
- ◆ Lambda
- ◆ Upsilon

I still need 2018-2020 from

- ◆ Alpha ◆ Phi
- ◆ Beta ◆ Chi
- ◆ Epsilon ◆ Alpha Delta



Thank you and Happy Fall!

Nina Nachtigall ninawyo@gmail.com

Nominate Someone for the Wyoming State Achievement Award

Submitted by Dr. Irene Story, Kathy Orr Co-Chairs



Nominations are now open for our 2022 State Achievement Award. Nominations can be made by following the guidelines as stated below. This is a great time for Executive Boards to celebrate a chapter member that has shown leadership within the organization.

Nomination Guidelines

The resume will be in outline form, which is included in these guidelines.

News clippings, pictures, etc. will be excluded from the resume, but chapters may gather and assemble information to be placed in the Achievement Award scrapbook should their nominee be the recipient.

The resume shall not exceed four (4) pages of 8 ½ x 11-inch paper (i.e., four computer pages.)

A **photograph** should be part of the resume.

The nominee should not be the current state president.

Chapters need to **email a copy** for the Wyoming State Organization Achievement Award chairman by **April 1, 2022**. Submit your copy as a **WORD Document, not PDF**. *A hard copy is not necessary unless requested by the Chair(s) of the Achievement Committee.* doc7uwyo@gmail.com

Award information can be found by going to the WySO website on the Wyoming State Website www.wydkg.weebly.com, clicking on **"State Documents"** and selecting **"Achievement Award Guidelines."**

THE NOMINEE:

Must be an active member (reserve and honorary are not eligible).

Shall have made outstanding contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma on more than one level (chapter, state, international).

Should be recognized outside of Delta Kappa Gamma activities with emphasis on educational contributions and community and state service.

Is to be **unaware** of the nomination.

THE CHAPTER

Shall submit their nominee's required resume which follows the above guidelines in Word format to the state chairman by **April 1, 2022**. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.

NOTE: The nominee may be from your own chapter or from another chapter in the state.

Resume Outline

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthplace

Childhood home

Family (husband, children, parents, etc.)

College Degrees granted

2. TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND WORK SERVICE

Number of years in education

Where taught and what positions

Work other than education

3. DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SERVICE (List dates when possible.)

LOCAL

Offices held

Area workshops attended

State workshop and conventions attended

Responsibilities at workshops and conventions

4. REGIONAL

Regional Conferences attended and when

Responsibilities at regional conferences

5. INTERNATIONAL

International Conventions attended and when

Responsibilities at international conventions

Committees and committees' responsibilities

6. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

List names of organizations and offices or committees in each

Other involvement

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organizations

Activities

Church/religious service (optional)

Other volunteer work

8. HONORS AND AWARDS

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Apply for the WY State Scholarship

Submitted by Dr. Irene Story and Alice Hunter, Co-Chairs

Are you pursuing a graduate or post-graduate degree in education? The Wyoming State Scholarship for graduate and postgraduate work is awarded to active members who have been in the Wyoming State Delta Kappa Gamma for at least two years.

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be announced during the at Wyoming State conference in the Spring.

Due APRIL 1, 2022

No late applications will be accepted.

Applications may be submitted by email in Word format.

Wyoming State Regulations:

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

An applicant must be accepted for graduate work in an approved institution of higher learning. If postgraduate studies have been pursued, the applicant must be in good standing.

An applicant must plan to use the scholarship for pursuing graduate work or seeking an advanced degree.

An applicant must be currently employed in educational work or be planning to return to employment in the field of education upon completion of graduate studies.

Previously unsuccessful applicants may apply again, but recipients are ineligible for future scholarships.

Directions for Applying for the Scholarship:

The form can be found by clicking on Wyoming State Website: www.wydkg.weebly.com, and going to “**State Documents,**” then “**Scholarships, Grants, and Caring Fund.**”

The application must be returned to the state co-chair, Dr. Irene Story, **no later than April 1** of the year the scholarship is being requested.

The applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from persons qualified to speak specifically of character, ability, and scholarship. These letters should include a current professional co-worker and the chapter president.

It is requested that applications be submitted via email in Word format.

If you have any questions or wish to submit your application form, please email doc7uwyo@gmail.com

Blogs Tell Us What's Going On!

By Yvonne Gatley



Have you read the current blogs on the DKG website? If not, sign in and see what is timely and informative from the various international committees. Members of these committees write about issues pertinent to you as members of the Society.

Interested in knowing if you are following copyright law when you use a picture or image? Check out the Communications and Marketing Committees postings on public domain. How about learning about what EEC has to offer? Check out their postings on a variety of topics; legislation, projects, programs, and how some European countries have handled the pandemic and how it relates to schools. The Finance Committee has a series titled, 'More Bang for your Bucks', that shows you what benefits you gain as DKG members. Posts from other committees are equally as informative and highlight just how broad and comprehensive our Society is for us as members.

Sign in today!

More Bang for Your Bucks

Submitted by Glenda Reynolds, International Finance Committee



The Dick Carr Agency offers DKG members discounts.



ID Theft Assist-Identity recovery
ID Theft Assist is the most comprehensive identity recovery service on the market.



LTCR-Long term care

Long Term Care Resources (LTCR) has partnered with Delta Kappa Gamma to assist in determining the best provider for your future healthcare needs.

VPI Pet Insurance

VPI Pet Insurance provides health and accident insurance for cats, dogs, birds, and a variety of exotic pets.

Royalties are given to DKGIEF.

Questions? Contact email Glenda Reynolds grlebhart@aol.com



Join the Shop Talk Group

Submitted by Dr. Michelle Aldrich

Jill Thompson is a business teacher at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper and has coauthored the book she will be discussing at our November SKG Shop Talk.

“You know you need to learn more about personal finance to make financial decisions, but you just find it too overwhelming, too intimidating, and too time consuming. This book was written for you, giving you the basics in an hour or two, and then directing you to further resources.

This book isn't about “getting rich quickly”, but it's about gaining knowledge and building your capacity to live a good life. What's a “good life”? We don't know, everyone's definition is different. What's important is that you take the time to define what a good life is for you, and then align your financial decisions with that. The goal of this book is to help you think about your finances in such a way that you have the independence to lead the life you want to live; to give you as much control as possible over your financial situation so that your finances don't prevent you from living the life you want.



Shop Talk



We say “book” because that's what Amazon calls it, but it's more like a long blog post. We wrote it because finances and financial decisions are such a huge part of everyone's life that they should take the time to thoroughly educate themselves. Since many folks won't do that, this book is an attempt to quickly give them the basics and hopefully encourage them – and give them the confidence – to learn more. Part 1 of this book is applicable to everyone, but Parts 2-4 are specifically for employees of Wyoming public schools. These parts take a medium dive into both your WRS, and your school district benefits, and how you can optimize your finances based on those benefits. Most Wyoming educators are not fully aware of their WRS benefits and how that should impact almost all their other financial decisions throughout their adult lives. This book will help you make those decisions.”

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84185527997?pwd=dXBjUGFBQlZScU0LOVxY0hnMk03Zz09>

Meeting ID: 841 8552 7997

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International Conferences Inspire Wyoming Attendees

Five Wyoming DKG members ventured out to attend one of the two international conferences this summer. Portland, Oregon, was the site for the first international conference and was filled with giggles, greetings, and hugs. Loretta Tonak, Yvonne Gatley, Kathy Orr, and Glenda Reynolds enjoyed the in-person conference that had two well-attended preconference sessions, outstanding keynote speakers, and a selection of 46 breakout sessions. Becky Tish attended the international conference in San Antonio, Texas, filled with laughter and conversations, inspiring keynote speakers, informative breakout sessions, and fast breaks. Parts of the Portland Conference were recorded, and the San Antonio conference was available virtually for those members who registered for the event. Dr. Michelle Aldrich attended virtually.



Loretta Tonak, Yvonne Gatley, Glenda Reynolds, and Kathy Orr attend the conference in Portland.



Yvonne presents breakout sessions for the International Educational Excellence Committee.



Kathy sings in the conference choir.



Glenda presents a breakout session for the International Finance Committee.

Conferences From Page 11

WY State President Loretta is joined with Northwest Regional Director Barb Clausen at the welcome sign.



During the Saturday banquet Margie Nowak, International Finance Committee Chair from Nebraska, Shelia Wilkinson, International Finance Committee member from Kentucky, and Dave Orr, husband of Kathy Orr, join the Wyoming crew for the evening.



International President Becky Sadowski talks about the opportunities DKG offers.

Becky Tish plays the piano during the International Conference in San Antonio.



Becky directs the conference choir.



Becky spends time with her leadership/management group.



Shining Chapters Reporting From Around the State



Alpha Chapter Fall Breeze, Autumn Leaves, Alpha Chapter, Please! Our executive council has never let me down. The warmth and beauty of an August day beckoned us to hold an outdoor meeting, so I offered my backyard as the place for inspiration. There were many blooming flowers, not because I am gardener extraordinaire, but rather, the devastating hailstorms kept their distance and did not bombard us with summer ice. Becky, Rayme, Hailey, and I reported for duty ready to plan and suggest activities for the coming year. Hailey, our treasurer who now lives in Saratoga, joined us via FaceTime. The only one missing was Chelsea, who was on vacation.

Alpha Chapter has strapped on its radar antenna to detect any problems that may arise. We proceed cautiously with a slightly different format this year. We now have members outside of Cheyenne for the first time, so our newbies will have an Alpha sister phone buddy who will extend the arm of friendship to communicate and include them via technology during all events not covered by ZOOM. We are attempting to meet on some Saturday mornings rather than having all events on the usual Mondays. Hopefully, the time change will work. Also, since Covid continues to annoy and disrupt, our members have been alerted to the fact that some of our planned in-person activities may turn into virtual events.

Our Tri-Chapter lunch box meeting to start the season had slightly fewer attendees, but that did not mean necessarily less enthusiasm. We eagerly greeted each other and cheerfully chatted. It was fun to see all of us in live company. Once the meal was over, we started our hybrid meeting. One member from Laramie joined in via ZOOM. Our tentative pamphlet was handed out with the understanding that details may change, a survey was administered and collected, and members volunteered to help with or lead events for the 21-22 season. Camaraderie and people stepping up to volunteer always equals success for everyone.

Our first event is in October, and already the meeting date has changed. At this point, I do not know the exact day for the activity "Art on the Move." It is a trolley tour to view the beautiful murals in Cheyenne with a special guest guide to explain and answer questions about the art. We had planned this activity for April of last season but canceled it due to Covid. However, there is a funny twist to this story. This past September Becky went online to support a fundraiser for the Cheyenne Symphony, and, lo and behold, one of the auctioned items was a trolley ride. Becky strived to be the highest bidder, and she won! I guess it was meant to be. After the ride, we hope to lunch together somewhere downtown and contribute our dollars to local merchants.

We have planned some community projects to assist and aid those in need, and neither distance nor Covid will block our efforts. There are lyrics from our DKG song that say, "Helpful may we be" and "Forward moving ever." Alpha Chapter is carrying on the tradition.

Submitted by Ermalinda Herandez



"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. It's what sunflowers do." – **Helen Keller**



Epsilon Chapter Somewhat by accident, Epsilon Chapter has had a history theme in 2021. We decided to have three formal meetings each year and an informal "activity" meeting in the summer. We are also trying to support our sisters still in the workplace through gestures of friendship and care.

In February, when we installed our newest member, we added a reaffirmation for current members. This included a recitation of our goals and a list of our symbols, reminding us of the history of Delta Kappa Gamma.

At the May meeting, our speaker, local newspaper editor Mark DeLap, spoke of his meeting and friendship with a true hero of the 911 firefighters, Jimmy Lanza. Mark spoke about some of Jimmy's experiences, many of which he had not shared even with his friends and family. It was an inspiring reminder of that time in American history.

The summer activity was an invitation to join Sally Mack and seven young ladies to make Hollyhock Dolls (and eat ice cream). An annual event for several years, this gave Epsilon members a chance to connect with some children and help with a fun activity some remembered from childhood.

Epsilon members joined together with our State President, Loretta, to participate in a tour and history lesson of the old Sunset Mine Superintendent's home for our October meeting. The current owners shared original blueprints and history along with newer renovations. We had our lunch and meeting at the Miner's Bar in Hartville, considered the "Oldest Bar in Wyoming."



Submitted by Sally Mack



Phi Chapter The 2021 year of DKG is already off to a great start. After a year of virtual meetings and programs, Phi Chapter met in person and enjoyed dinner and friendship during the September meeting. It was great to catch up with members and get the year off on the right foot. In August, the retired members supported the other members who were preparing for the new school year. They gathered and delivered goodies during the first few workdays of school. Everyone appreciated the candy, hand sanitizer, sticky notes, snacks, and thoughtful well-wishes in the bright red bag. Phi Chapter is looking forward to a year of in-person gatherings while expanding its programs to include guest speakers via Zoom from other states. It will be a fun year full of learning, servicing our community, and enjoying each other's company!

Submitted by Christy VanHorn



Kappa Chapter Inductees, Founders' Day, and a new state president are highlights of the Kappa chapter in Sheridan.

Our May and September meetings included the induction of new members, Kerri Parr, Becky Butterfield, and Nicole Amador. We welcome these educators into DKG and look forward to sharing in their Society experiences. Founders' Day celebrations included a bingo game centered on facts about our Delta Kappa Gamma founders. We also stated facts about ourselves as we found many commonalities with each other. One of the most interesting facts was that many of our newest members were taught by some of our long-term Kappa members. Not only is it gratifying to see these young educators following in their footsteps, but it is even more important to see them become DKG members.

Kappa is proud to be the home chapter of Wyoming State Organization President Loretta Tonak for 2021-2023. If your chapter hasn't invited Loretta yet to a meeting, please get this scheduled. Loretta's state project for early career educators is sure to be a hit in Wyoming.

Although in the planning stage, we are looking forward to meeting virtually with a chapter in Guatemala to exchange educational ideas and increase our global awareness. Our Spanish-speaking president and vice-president will be very helpful during this chapter exchange.

Kappa is happy to be home to an active and vital DKG chapter.



State President Loretta is with Julianne Rye and Michaela Escoto.



Julianne Rye, inductee Becky Butterfield, inductee Kerri Parr, and Michaela Escoto are together during May induction ceremony.



Nicole Amador is inducted in September with the assistance of Libby Huskerson, Michaela Escoto and Julianne Rye.



Kappa celebrates Founders' Day in May with a dinner and a special bingo game.



Submitted by Yvonne Gatley



Theta Chapter In March, members and spouses gathered at Area 59, an outreach of Gillette College where projects could be done. The project made by us was roses designed on a computer and sent to a laser printer.

Look closely and see if you can spot the roses held by Ann, Suzy, Michele, Jean, and Suzi.



At the May Founders Day meeting, Shirley, Ann, and Michelle filled their plates with salad goodies and joined others to converse around the table. The Founders of DKG were honored, and the accomplishments of Theta's 66 years were celebrated. Lisa and Sally listened to Nina explain our symbols. We will be donating the *First, Second and Third Twenty-One Years* to the Rockpile Museum. Members left with door prizes and gift bags from Nina.



Members pictured: Loretta, Shirley, Jean, Valerie, Sally, and Ann. Lisa came later.

Theta members gathered in the park to greet State President Loretta with a sunflower wreath. We enjoyed the snacks brought to share. A cool breeze blew as we listened to Loretta and planned our upcoming year.

We will be trying new things this year.

One will be collecting items for a school nurse to use when children have accidents and need a new pair of sweats and such.

Earlier in August, members helped with the Eat.Read.Grow. Event at the Boys and Girls Club. They carried in boxes of books, arranged the books on tables, read to the children, help with making tortillas and an art project. They guided the children in their selection of books and aided in the cleanup. There will be another event for the Early Head Start children later.

Submitted by Ann Hardesty



Upsilon Chapter Members DKG Upsilon Chapter thoroughly enjoyed our tri-chapter dinner and lively conversations at our first meeting of the year. We had a very productive Business meeting afterward, where we covered our new Yearbooks, discussed our committees, membership, support of new teachers, and upcoming programs. We are looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting year!

Our October meeting took place at the Historic Atlas Theater for a ghostly history tour. The tour guides are John and Brenda Little, who are well-known local thespians. The Atlas houses at least two spirits, a male energy and a female spirit. The man is described as a prankster, and the woman is more somber.

In November, we will have a meeting at The Union Pacific Depot and look forward to voting on new members.

Val Martin is a Cheyenne Trolley Driver who will present a program on the rousing history of Cheyenne and the significance of the buildings and structures of our past.

December is an exciting month for our chapter as we hold Orientation for New Members and have our annual Christmas Celebration. We will enjoy the music from The Cheyenne Youth Symphony, exchange wrapped gifts, watch a presentation on our Founding Members, and collect donations for a local charity. Most of all, we enjoy the collegiality with our friends and spread the joy of the season through our Special Holiday Philanthropy Project.

Submitted by Dottie Wallis-Mantell



Radiant Sunflowers

Rebecca Valdez, Phi Chapter, is one of 33 coaches recognized as a High School Coach of Significance by the United Soccer Coaches. According to USC, the High School Coach of Significance Award recognizes members who are coaching for character and using the soccer field to teach life lessons. Rebecca Valdez coaches at East High School in Cheyenne.

Christy Van Horn, Phi Chapter, receives an Excellent in Education Grant from the Cheyenne School Foundation. This grant, sponsored by the Carlton Family, will provide trips to colleges for her AVID students at Johnson Jr. High in Cheyenne. AVID, an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an "untracking" program designed to help underachieving students with high academic potential prepare for entrance to colleges and universities.

Wyoming State Executive Committee Work Together in Atlanta

This summer the Society trained all state officers for the biennium 2021-2023 in Atlanta. Wyoming attendees included in-person State President Loretta Tonak and First Vice President Carrie Manders and virtually Second Vice President Becky Tish and Treasurer Shirley Tranas. Yvonne Gatley and Glenda Reynolds assisted with the training because of their international assignments. Each office received training and then there was time for team building. It was a very successful weekend.

Team building with a puzzle and meals provides time together.



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Let's hear about your chapter and its members!
Send your news to Glenda at griebhart@aol.com

Meetings/Conventions/ Regional Conferences

Dates to Remember

Wyoming State Organization Spring Leadership Workshop
June 18, 2022

2022 DKG International Convention
New Orleans, LA
July 12-16, 2022

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Applications & Report Deadlines

November 1, 2021 DKGIEF Cornetec application
[Funds \(dkg.org\)](#)

November 15, 2021 All Treasurers to file IRS 990

February 1, 2022 International Scholarship Application
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February 15, 2022 Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
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April 1, 2022 State Achievement Award
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