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Wyoming Welcomes

Dr. Lace Marie Brodgen

to Alpha Xi's State Convention



Dr. Lace Marie Brodgen

Lace Marie Brodgen, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of French education in minority language contexts at the University of Regina, Canada, where she also serves as Director of the *Programme du Baccalauréat en éducation*. She began her professional life as a French Immersion teacher and then worked in curriculum development for the Official Minority Language Office Branch of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Education. Among her multiple, shifting identities, Lace is a mother, gardener and sometimes poet.

A DKG member since 1994, Lace has had many opportunities beyond chapter leadership. She attended the Leadership/Management Seminar in 2004, received an international scholarship and a Lucille Cornet Professional Development Award, and, most recently, in 2010, she received a Golden Gift Research Stipend. Lace states, "These honors and privileges have motivated me to serve the Society to the best of my ability." She served as State Organization President in the Province of Saskatchewan from 2001-2003. At the International level, Lace served on the International Research Committee (2002-2004), the Golden Gift Fund Committee (2006-2008), as Chair of the International Scholarships Committee (2008-2010), the International Speaker's Fund (2010-2012), and as Area Representative – Canada on the Administrative Board (2010-2012). Currently, she is serving on the 2012-2014 International Administrative Board as the Northwest Regional Director. And, her favorite activity at any NW Regional Conference or International Convention is... the choir.

She is married to Jay and they have two kids, 15-year old Nash, and 10-year-old Hannah Gray. In the winter, the family is most often at the rink (the curling rink watching Nash or the skating rink for Hannah's ringette), and when the snow leaves, one need look no further than their garden.

"I am honoured to be attending the WY state convention as your designated Society representative. This is an exciting time for WY as we prepare for the upcoming Regional Conference in Cheyenne this summer -- and as we do, it is important to also focus on the work we do as a Society in our local chapters. Our Society *is* our membership. This state convention will be an opportunity to meet with many of you, some renewed friendships, and some members whom I will meet for the first time. In both cases, I look forward to celebrating the work you do on behalf of the Society in Wyoming.

See you in Newcastle! Yours in DKG, Lace Marie"

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Saving Your Membership for 'Good'

If you look in your cupboard, do you have 'good' dishes? If you look in your closet, do you have a 'good' outfit or shoes? If you look through your desk do you have 'good' stationery, cards or paper? I'll bet you have at least one of the items listed above. It seems to be human nature to save these 'good' items for a special occasion or special person.

I'd like to compare this to how we save our Delta Kappa Gamma membership for those 'good' occasions. I don't think anyone would disagree with how special membership is in our Society. The benefits of personal and professional growth cannot be compared when we take advantage of those opportunities.

This is where the comparison comes in. When you only put on your Delta Kappa Gamma membership when it's meeting time, then you've been saving your membership for the 'good' occasions. What about all the other days of the month?

On the annual Chapter President reports that were completed recently, the following question was posed. *How has your chapter continued to strengthen the "buzz"?* This is one question we should all be asking ourselves. Yes, marketing is a business term, but we as a Society need to get the word out on all the great works that are accomplished in our schools and communities. So many times, we don't want to brag or draw attention to ourselves, but how will prospective members learn about us if we don't? By keeping this information to ourselves, we are putting our 'good' deeds in the cupboard or closet like the dishes or outfits.

Each chapter prides itself on the contributions it makes to schools or communities. One of those contributions many chapters have taken on is assistance with the SEE (Supporting Early-Career Educators). Your influence as a mentor can speak volumes about DKG and the purposes to which we aspire. Many chapters support scholarship efforts for deserving students. Once again you show your support for educational excellence. One final example of the many contributions DKG members make is in the variety of service projects engaged in yearly. From small efforts like providing homework supplies and books for babies and preschoolers, to larger efforts such as a city-wide book drive and sale, our service projects are commendable. Take the time to get the word out about how 'good' Delta Kappa Gamma members are on an on-going basis.

Now, more than ever, membership in organizations is taking a hit. We are busy people with busy lives. If we make every day, a 'good' day, then we will wear our good outfits, use our good stationary, and most

importantly make 'good' on our Delta Kappa Gamma membership. The future of our organization depends on how well we work to build our chapters

Two outstanding opportunities await Alpha Xi members

By President Yvonne

April 19 – 21 – Alpha Xi State Convention, Newcastle

Please load up the car with members from your chapter and plan to attend State Convention in April. Lambda and Theta chapters have planned a full agenda of business, workshops, and social times that will appeal to everyone. It will be our own special time to get to know our International guest, Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Northwest Regional Director. Lace has extensive background in DKG and will provide us with insights and experience to assist all our chapters.

July 31 – August 3 – Northwest Regional Conference, Cheyenne

We are very fortunate to be hosting the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne this summer. Each chapter president has been talking up this incredible personal and professional gathering for the past few years. Well, the time has come to seriously make your plans. Not only are the sessions and workshops relevant and informational, time to gather with other like-minded members is built into each day. As the host state, we also need your assistance as hostesses and workers in a variety of ways. If you have committed already, thank you. If you have not, please let your chapter president know you plan to attend and she will contact the appropriate committee chairperson to sign you up. Let's make Wyoming and Alpha Xi proud as

we show up in force at the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference.



Shirley Tranas, First Vice President

Educational Excellence Programs

What unusual weather this winter! Greybull is sitting with quite a bit of snow for us. We usually don't have much snow and those that usually get the snow are not getting it this year.

The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International Projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide. Their goals are:

Advance excellence in education

- SEE Project
- Programs on "hot topics" in education
- Educational Law and Policy
- Pedagogical Research

Empower women

- Personal growth through life-long learning
- Focus on the Arts
- Focus on community leadership
- Programs on professional pride
- Participation of all members

Increase global awareness

- Programs on global awareness (focus on member countries)
- DKG/UN relationship
- SFA Project

There are ideas for programs in all of these areas on the DKG website (www.dkg.org). To get ideas for your chapter go to the Library and you will find Schools for Africa in the green squares. Click on it. You will get information for that program and on the left of the page you will find a list of committees. Find Educational Excellence and all the committees under that. To find the programs go to 2010 – 2012 Archives. You will find some ideas for programs. Once you see the programs, you can see how easy it will be to do one program and it could meet more than one goal. **One important part of picking a program is to make sure that your members will be interested in the topic.** Find out what your members' interests are.

I shared lots of programs at our Alpha Xi fall meeting. If you would like some of that information, please e-mail me at dtranas@tctwest.net.

Have a great spring and I hope to see you in Newcastle for the Alpha Xi State Convention and in Cheyenne at the Northwest Regional Conference.





Becky Tish,
Second Vice President

Membership

Happy New Year, fellow DKG members! I hope that 2013 is beginning wonderfully for you. I also hope that one of your New Year's Resolutions is to invite some outstanding women educators to become Delta Kappa Gamma members.

Here is how to do it

1. Make a list of outstanding women who deserve the honor of membership.
2. Contact these key women educators and share your passion and knowledge about the organization with them. Give them brochures and refer them to DKG.org for more information.
3. Invite them to a meeting or two so that they can see what Delta Kappa Gamma and its members are all about.
4. Invite them to an orientation. The new orientation program is excellent and very easy to present. It is available on the DKG website.
5. At the end of the orientation presentation, invite the attendees to consider membership. There is no pressure to join. If they are not

interested, that's just fine, but you will know that you have offered them a wonderful opportunity. If they do decide to join DKG, you will have gained some valuable new members.

I urge you to invite some exceptional women educators to join this truly amazing organization. You'll be glad that you did!



JoAnn Baumhover, Treasurer

Treasurer's Talk

Every fall Delta Kappa Gamma members are to pay their local, state and international dues by October 31st. Chapter treasurers then send in a membership form to me, your state treasurer, by November 15th and provide a list of members to be dropped for various reasons, including non-payment of dues. When chapter treasurers receive late dues payments, they send an adjusted list to me and I inform International of these changes as they occur.

Some Alpha Xi members, who paid their dues and fees late this year, have recently received an email from International requesting they complete a survey to determine why they dropped their membership.

I must accept part of the blame for this confusion as I was not timely in reporting the late payments to International.

So if you have received such an email, please contact your chapter treasurer so she can alert me of this receipt. We will determine what course of action needs to be taken and you will be informed of your official membership status.

Ultimately every member should pay their dues and fees *on time* to avoid this from happening in the future.

On another note the chapter treasurers have received an email from me concerning "Society Finances: Whose Job Is It?" This questionnaire was to be completed by each chapter to determine who is responsible for fourteen (14) different finance related tasks. Some topics covered included budget preparation, setting amount of dues, signing signature cards at bank/credit union for all financial accounts, preparing and presenting financial reports at regular meetings, providing for annual audits/financial reviews, and submitting annual or biennial reports to state organization or to international.

Lastly I would like to announce to all Alpha Xi State members that I have retired from active involvement in education on a daily basis. My husband and I have already done some traveling and plan to do more, around commitments to all levels of DKG and other groups that I will remain active within. So far our most challenging thing has been to reprogram our Sheltie dog to allow us to *sleep in!* Congratulations to all other DKG members who also retired at end of 2012 or semester time and to those who will do so at the end of the year.



SHARING OUR VISION, STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA 2013 - NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
CHEYENNE, WYOMING JULY 31 - AUGUST 3



Alpha Xi State Dues

Our state organization depends on your dues for the state publications, officer training and travel, state board meeting, chapter visits, and other expenses. About \$8,000.00 a year is needed to meet these expenses. This amount comes from your state dues.

State Bylaws, Section 4, state that Alpha Xi State **Standing Rules** may be amended or rescinded at the state convention by two-third (2/3) vote. Currently our standing rule reads: **Finances** 1. The annual dues of fifteen dollars for active members and the five dollars for reserve members shall include publications.

As membership drops so does revenue. With 400 active members we currently receive \$6,000. An increase to \$20 would bring in \$8,000.

Attend the Alpha Xi State Convention in Newcastle this April 19 –21 and let your voice be heard. We need your input.

Alpha Xi State **Scholarship** applications are due **April 1**. Go to www.dkg.org, click on state web sites and find Wyoming. Fill out form and return to Carol Anne Milano.

How Can Your Chapter Retain High Quality New Members?

By Jan Segerstrom 1st Vice President of Chi Chapter

Does having a formal orientation process for new membership make a difference?

Chi Chapter members believe it does! Since we initiated a formal orientation process three years ago, Chi Chapter's membership has increased significantly. This year 12 new members are navigating their way through the orientation process and all have expressed interest in becoming DKG members!

Chi Chapter's membership orientation process consists of 5 steps:

- 1) Completion of official nomination form for membership supported by two or more members - Applications approved at Fall Chapter Meeting
- 2) Nominees invited to attend Holiday Party to experience the social side of Chi Chapter
- 3) Nominees attend hour and a half orientation hosted by the chapter officers in January - DKG "Pride in the Big Picture" PowerPoint slide show and guide found on the DKG International website (Library Tab) are basis of orientation content
- 4) Nominees attend Winter Chapter Meeting to experience a formal chapter business meeting
- 5) Nominees invited to join DKG International Society in March and if they accept, an installation ceremony for new members is conducted prior to the Spring Chapter Meeting.

Following each step in our nomination

process, candidates are asked to reflect on their experiences and given the opportunity to accept/decline to continue with the membership process. We feel that because potential members get a look at all aspects of our chapter and understand the nuts & bolts of DKG International Society before they commit to membership, our retention of high quality "active members" has improved each year.



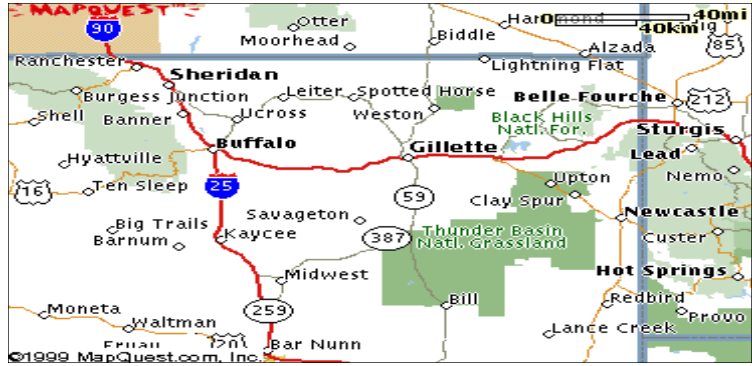
Chi's potential new members go through their chapter-designed orientation process for chapter membership.



International has materials that are available to help chapters reach potential members. Chapters across our organization are using the *Pride in the Big Picture Orientation* PowerPoint and the accompanying brochure with exciting results.

The Orientation Guide (#9321) *Pride in the Big Picture* CD with printed booklet is available from International for \$5.00. A sample letter to invite future members to the orientation is included in the packet. Or you can download the PowerPoint yourself by going to the Society's web site www.dkg.org, click on committees, find the Membership button and click, then go to the Orientation button at the bottom. There is even a Re-Orientation PowerPoint that can be used in small bits at chapter meetings.

**All Roads Lead to
Newcastle
For the
Alpha Xi State
Convention**



Newcastle welcomes Wyoming's DKG members. Known as the "Western Gateway to The Black Hills", Newcastle boasts over 3,200 population which allows the city to have many amenities of a larger city and yet maintains the friendly, small town atmosphere. Newcastle is unique, representing the best of two worlds. The short grass prairie of the High Plains and the Black Hills meet. Come and enjoy during the 2013 Alpha Xi State Convention.



Each chapter is to bring a door prize.

State committee chairmen please bring a display about the workings of your committee. A poster or tri-fold showing what is happening will be perfect.

**CONVENTION AT A
GLANCE**

Friday (April 19th)

5:00—6:30 Registration/Arts and Crafts Entry

6:30 Executive Committee Dinner

8:00—8:45 Meet and Greet

Saturday (April 20th)

7:30 Registration opens

7:45 Breakfast

9:00 Morning Session

11:15 First Breakout

12:00 Birthday Luncheon

1:45 General Session

3:00 Afternoon workshops

6:00 President's Honor Banquet

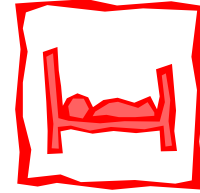
Sunday (April 21st)

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Hour of Remembrance

10:00 Morning Session

12:00 Adjournment



Hotels

Hotel registrations can be made at the following hotel:

Fountain Motor Inn

307-746-4426

\$60 Single or \$70 Double

(until April 1st)

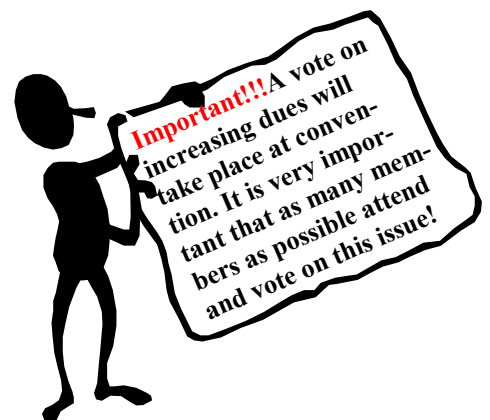
Other motels in the area include:

The Pines Motel : 307-746-4334

The Hilltop: 307-746-4494

Auto Inn: 307-746-2734

Sundowner: 307-746-3344



Display Your Crafts at State Convention

The crafts exhibit at State Convention in Newcastle gives members a chance to showcase their talents. Judging will happen Saturday morning and all winners will be announced at the evening banquet. A DKG member will be available at registration to assist in labeling and displaying all crafts. The following categories will be judged:

Visual arts: Photography, oils, acrylics, water color, pastels, ceramics, tole painting, etc

Needlecraft: knitting, crocheting, weaving, quilting, etc.



Proposed Workshops

Weston County History—Dr. Mike Jording will talk about landmarks of Weston County and tell stories of the past.

Wine Tasting—Kara Sweet, local sommelier will let you experience the taste of area wines and teach delicious pairings for each wine.

Card Making—Alyson Kopp will be teaching you how to make your own creative cards...personalize your thoughts on paper!

Shutterfly—Becky Todd will be demonstrating how to use the Shutterfly program to produce a scrapbook online.

Alpha Xi State Welcomes Initiates

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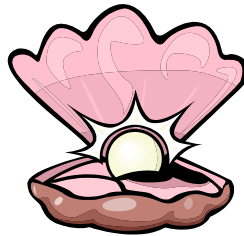
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Phi

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Thanks to the generous donations of chapters and individuals the Wyoming State Fund generated over

\$10,000. This money will be spent on Wyoming Night which will be Wednesday, July 31, at Little America. It will begin at 6:00 PM with an unique outside western experience. Photo opportunities and an outstanding demonstration by the Trotters will prepare all for the evening to come. Immediately after the First General Session inside the beautiful ballroom at Little America the entertainment for Wyoming Night will begin. Becky Tish has arranged some great Wyoming people to share their talents with us. Afterwards we will host a reception for all attendees and guest in Little America's patio area. Join us and share Wyomingites' hospitality.

Shining Pearls

Sharon Lamm Accord, Phi Chapter, was selected as the December Rotary Teacher of the Month. She teaches at Alta Vista Elementary School in Cheyenne.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Upsilon, is serving as immediate past president of the National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as becoming one of 39 American Federation of Dining Room Professional Trainers. Part of this training was becoming a certified wine steward.

Michelle Powers, Upsilon, was awarded the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year Award for the Wyoming Chapter.

WANTED!

Chapters, please send names of DKG members that have received honors to the Roundup.

Nominating Committee Announces

Slate of Officers for 2013—2015



Shirley Tranas

Nominee For President

Shirley Tranas, Rho Chapter, is the nominee for the position of Alpha Xi State President for the 2013-2015 biennium.

This biennium she is Alpha Xi State First Vice President. She has served as 2nd Vice President, Achievement award chairperson and Recording Secretary. Shirley has attended several international conventions and regional conferences.

As a member of Rho Chapter of Big Horn County, she is currently President of the chapter for the second time.

Shirley retired from teaching in the Greybull Elementary School last May. She is subbing and working with a NAEP Team testing fourth and eighth graders in the Big Horn Basin.

Shirley is married to Don Tranas and they have four children, Bob, Jen, Susan and Sharon and they have seven exciting grandchildren.

Shirley loves to spend time with her family. She loves to cook and sew and is very active in her Church.



Becky Tish

Nominee For First Vice President

Becky Tish, from Alpha Chapter in Cheyenne, is the nominee for First Vice President. In her chapter she has served as second vice president, first vice president and two terms as president. She has served on the city-wide coordinating council for many years, and is currently the secretary.

At the state level Becky is currently the second vice president. She has also served as the co-chair for music at the state level. She has attended many years of state meetings and conventions. She attended all of the State Leadership Workshops, and presented at the Workshop in Cheyenne.

Becky attended the Northwest Regional Conferences in 2007, 2009, and 2011 where she received training, attended workshops, played the piano, and sang in the choir. At the 2009 Conference she served as the Northwest Music Director. She has attended four International Conventions where she has played the piano, sung in the choir, and attended and assisted with workshops and trainings. She had the tremendous honor of attending the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX this past summer.

Becky has a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Arts in Music Education degrees from the University of Wyoming. She has taught music in Laramie County School District #1 for 34 years, including high school choir, junior high choir and elementary general music. She is about to embark on a new adventure in her life: retirement.

Becky is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she directs the Chancel Choir and plays in the bell choir and bell ensemble. She is a singer and the Assistant Director of the Cheyenne Chamber Singers. She and her husband, Jeff, enjoy theatre, music, reading, camping, fishing and traveling. They hope to do much more of all of these things in the coming years.





Carrie Manders

Nominee For Second Vice President

Carrie Manders, Lambda Chapter, is the nominee for Second Vice President. She has been a member of DKG for eleven years. At her chapter level Carrie has been acting president for three years. She has been first vice president and has participated in many service projects.

Currently Carrie is parliamentarian at the state level. She has been very active in the planning of the 2013 Alpha Xi State Convention.

As a graduate of Black Hills State University in 1998 she began her teaching career in Head Start in Weston and Crook Counties. Carrie got a part-time position in Osage, WY for two years then moved “into town” to Newcastle Middle School. Her first job was as an at-risk specialist where she worked with small groups of students on academic and behavioral issues, then she moved into a language arts position, teaching 7th grade English. She also began teaching art exploratory classes and has continued to teach language arts; including English and reading, and art exploratory. Carrie has served as the NCA/Advanc-ED co-chairperson for the past 8 years.

Outside of classroom teaching, Carrie coached middle school volleyball for

7 years, then moved into a high school freshman position for four years. She also coached many levels of AAU volleyball for 10 years.

Carrie is proud to be the mother of two wonderful children; Kolby who is 12 years old and Madison who is 19 years old. They have been the focus of her personal life and many of the activities she participates in outside of her career.



**Harmony Davidson
Nominee For Secretary**

Harmony Davidson is the nominee for Alpha Xi State Secretary for the 2013-2015 biennium. She is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter and is their chapter president.

Harmony is very active at the state level and has attended many Alpha Xi Executive Board meetings, trainings and workshops. She also has had the pleasure of joining several of her Alpha Xi State sisters in attending the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

Harmony earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Pace University and her Masters degree in Special Education from the College of New Rochelle before moving to Wyoming. She has been teaching at Carbon

County School District #1 since 2003 and is currently a Kindergarten/First Grade Teacher at Sinclair Elementary School. She and her husband share their home with four delightful dogs and a sweet rabbit. In her free time she enjoys photography and creating fun, dynamic SMART Board lessons.



**Dr. Michelle Aldrich
Nominee For South Area Representative**

The Alpha Xi State South Area Representative nominee is Dr. Michelle Aldrich of Upsilon Chapter. She lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming and is currently Alpha Xi State's South Area Representative.

She spent 8 years teaching the family resource management strand at the University of Wyoming as adjunct faculty. She has been teaching nutrition at two Wyoming community colleges over the last 20 years and currently teaches all of the on-line nutrition courses for Laramie County Community College. Dr. Aldrich also is a Family & Consumer Science Teacher at Triumph High School in Cheyenne which is the oldest and largest alternative high school in Wyoming with

175 students in grades 9-12. Dr. Al-drich has won national teaching awards in culinary arts and most recently the Consumer Science Teachers Pride Award. Michelle is the immediate past president of DKG Upsilon Chapter and the immediate past president of the National Association of Teachers of Family Consumer Science which represents over 3000 FACS teachers nationally. Michelle has 2 daughters, Abigayle and Adrielle who are both elementary educators; an art teacher in Cheyenne and a 2nd grade teacher in San Diego respectively. Michelle is married to her high school sweetheart of 32 years, Andy. She loves to read, travel with family and play with their 2 Westies, Edison and Einstein.



Judy Morris

Nominee For North Area Representative

Judy Morris, Rho Chapter, is the nominee for North Area Representative for the 2013-2015 biennium. She taught Home Economics, Family and Consumer Science and was a School Librarian for 27 years. Judy is retired and resides in Greybull. Currently she is the North Area Representative.

Besides DKG Judy has membership in PEO, AN Chapter, is a board member for the North West region Children Resource Center and Big Horn County Library. She is also a volunteer for

Body and Spirit Therapeutic Riding. Judy has been married to Dave Morris for 42 years. They have two married sons and two grandchildren.

Chapters Report From Around the State



Alpha Chapter is having another great year! In September, members enjoyed a three-chapter potluck and our first meeting conducted by our dedicated and enthusiastic new president, Hailey Ellingham. The October meeting included an inspiring report on the DKG Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX, from Becky Tish. In November members stuffed socks with toiletries and personal items for the residents of the COMEA homeless shelter and for the Safehouse shelter for women and children. December included family Christmas caroling at Pointe Frontier assisted living center, and a fun game of BUNKO at Terri Faas' home. In January the chapter had a fascinating presentation about Heather Dixon's time in the Peace Corps entitled "The Bachelorette Game: Gambia Edition." February brought our second annual "Girls' Night Out" at Suite 1901, where we enjoyed food and fellowship with our Alpha sisters. We are looking forward to an exciting talk in March by Alpha's personal growth grant recipient, Nina Nachtigall, about her trip to view an Italian volcano, entitled "Nina vs. the Volcano." And they will work on Northwest Regional cards, state presidents' gifts, and our chapter scrapbook at the April potluck and meeting. The chapter will finish the year with a three-chapter May Founders' Day Dinner and spring initiation of new members. Alpha is really excited about their involvement with the Northwest Regional Convention in Cheyenne this

summer. What a great year for Alpha Chapter!



Theta Chapter—Sixty-five Welcome Bags for new women teachers in Campbell County were prepared and delivered by Theta Chapter members this fall. Ann Hardesty showed slides of her mission trip to Honduras. She met the child she sponsors and his family. Her group helped build a much needed addition to their school.

Theta Chapter has been busy preparing for both the State convention in April in Newcastle, and for the NW Regional in July in Cheyenne. Each member has enjoyed learning more about the Society by researching, preparing, and sharing a brief "tidbit" at each chapter meeting. "Quarters for Lisa" is our chapter project which also supports the Schools for Africa international project. Old, round film canisters that hold \$7 worth of quarters are collected and deposited for Lisa Zempel to help defray her extra baggage cost (school supplies) for her summer trip to Africa.

Though the chapter is small, they are gaining strength in participation.



Upsilon is once again gearing up for our annual Book Sale, to be held March 2-3, with lots of book sorting going on. Since the fall Roundup, the chapter had a great Christmas get-together where members donated goods to Safehouse again this year. The entertainment at this gathering was performed by Cheyenne Harmony, an "a cappella" group, and there was a Christmas ornament exchange. Abi Paytoe Gbayee, has built a wonderful website for Upsilon chapter, with links to State and International. The site is <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/>. The February meeting was a dinner held at the Plains Hotel. In March, Dorothy Middleton-Owens will

present a program entitled "The North Platte Canteen" – a power point presentation about the troop trains that passed through North Platte, NE, during World War II.



Phi Chapter started 2013 by having a crafting meeting during which members had fun cutting and pasting note cards for the Northwest Regional. February is "Love A Member" month and chapter members enjoyed a meeting of brief neck and shoulder massages, get-to-know-you games, and lots of food, punch and wine. In March the chapter will visit the Cowgirls of the West Museum. Phi Chapter's mini grant was awarded to Audrey Adams for use in her classroom at Saddle Ridge Elementary.



Chi Chapter's Community Awareness Project for the year was initiated with the Jackson Hole Food Bank in November. The Food Bank director kicked off our campaign with a program of ideas for how we could help as an organization. Members brought dry goods/canned food donations to the meeting. More JH Food Bank donations were made during the Holiday Party in the form of lotions and other hygiene products as well as \$150 was raised for DKG International Schools for Africa through a "blind" gift exchange that cost members \$5 if they wanted to ensure they went home with the gift they drew. February provided chapter members with information about how to volunteer at the food bank by one of our own members who currently contributes 3 hours per week. The chapter also kicked off "Love a Book" project with over 80 new or "gently used" children's books donated by chapter members and placed in various crisis center offices in the community.

Registration information and forms can be found in the March/April issue of the *NEWS* or you can go to the DKG web site www.dkg.org click on events, click on regional conferences. There you will find all the regional conferences and several forms. Find the Northwest Regional Conference .

Top Ten Reasons to Attend Northwest Regional in Cheyenne



10. Learn more about DKG.
9. Meet international leaders of the Society.
8. Meet DKG members from around the world.
7. Engage in fun, meaningful conversations with members with varied backgrounds and expertise.
6. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Little America Resort.
5. Hear outstanding speakers.
4. Participate in stimulating workshops about personal and professional growth.
3. Attend Wyoming Night, Marketplace, Info Fair Rodeo and festive meal gatherings.
2. Help showcase our wonderful state.
1. Demonstrate Wyoming hospitality and HAVE FUN.

Let's Fill the Block!

Hello Wyoming Delta Kappa Gamma Members from your **Northwest Regional Conference Treasurer Nina Nachtigall.**

We need your help in filling the block for Northwest Regional in Cheyenne July 31 - August 3. Filling the block means members and guests renting rooms at Little America the number of nights determined by multiplying the expected number of convention attendees by the number of days the convention lasts. When we reach the room block, there are several perks for the conference which keep down expenses. If we don't make the room block, there will be penalties. Help the conference by staying at Little America during your time at the regional.

In the midst of the vast Wyoming prairie, Little America Cheyenne will offer DKG attendees at the Northwest Regional Conference world-class elegance and western hospitality. On the 80 acres members and guests will find beautifully groomed grounds, a nine-hole executive golf course, an Olympic size outdoor swimming pool, and a children's play area. In addition, there are 188 spacious guest rooms each featuring 37 inch flat screen high-definition televisions and free Wi-Fi, Hathaway's Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Hathaway's Lounge offering cool drinks and hot appetizers, Carol's Gourmet Café featuring gourmet coffee and pastries, a sophisticated gift shop, and a 24-hour Travel Center which includes breakfast items, snacks, convenience store groceries and sundries. Little America's Convention Center provides over 32,000 square feet of versatile and elegant meeting room space. All that is missing is your reservation for the Northwest Regional, July 31 - August 3, 2013 at the unbelievable price of \$140 US a room. See you there!

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