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Wyoming welcomes Barbara Whiting to State Convention in Rawlins

Barbara Whiting, who currently serves as International Member-at-large on the Administrative Board, will be the international representative for the Wyoming state convention in Rawlins. She will be sharing how we can strengthen our Society now and in the future.

A retired elementary school principal, Barbara was also a supervisor of student teaching and a consultant for staff development. She received her Bachelors in Elementary Education at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minnesota, her Masters in Special Education at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota and her Specialist in School Administration at University of Minnesota in St. Paul, Minnesota.

As a DKG Minnesotan, Barbara served at the chapter level and was a founder of a chapter. Besides being a state organization president she developed and facilitated the CHEERS project for strengthening chapters across the state. She is a frequent workshop presenter at state events and is currently the state leadership chair. As an International Representative Barbara traveled to Mexico, Germany, Michigan, Delaware, New Brunswick and Wisconsin. She presented more than ten workshops at regional conferences and international conventions and published an article in *DKG Bulletin* on Making Dynamic Presentations.

Barbara says she is now retired, but not tired. She currently volunteers with Project Homeless Connect which is working to end homelessness in Hennepin County, with World Without Genocide, and with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute where she is a course convenor.

She is married to Rick, a retired engineer. Barbara lists her interests as reading (one to three books a week), traveling (five continents, 45 states), biking, birding, photography, water aerobics, cooking, coffee, and lifelong learning.



Barbara Whiting

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*Shirley Tranas
2013—2015 Alpha Xi
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Stepping Stones to Our Future

Time sure seems to disappear fast. I can't believe this is the last article for the Roundup I will write as president. Thank you to everyone for a great two years. Thanks also for helping me grow as a person and a leader.

As I was reading "President to President" by Lyn Babb Schmidt, ED.D – 2014-2016 International President, I had to stop and ponder what she was saying. Basically our Greek Letters are causing our organization a few problems. When we promote our society and use the Greek letters, people think we are just a sorority. To many people, that is a social organization. We also have people confused about where we are located. I have signed my letters as Alpha Xi State President but there may be another Alpha Xi State Organization. For instance the state organizations for the Canadian Providence of Alberta and Mississippi are both named Zeta State Organization using Greek names. I often have to look up the Greek names or letters to see what state organization is communicating. From now on I will sign my notes to you as Wyoming State President. It will be interesting to see how our organization will handle the Greek letters.

Last summer at the International Convention many amendments to the constitution were voted on. Some amendments passed and some failed. Since then the International Constitution has been rewritten. Now it is time for Wyoming to update Alpha Xi's Bylaws. As I was thinking about this job, I also was thinking about how important our bylaws are to run our organization smoothly and know who we are as an organization. It is very important for all officers, committee chairs and members to read the constitution and look to see everything they are to do. After the state updates the state bylaws, it will be the chapters' turn to update their rules. Don't forget to have your chapter rules checked over by the States Bylaws chairman.

I hope everyone plans to attend our state convention in Rawlins April 24-26. There will be some good breakout sessions. Our new state officers will be installed. We will have the presidents' march for all the chapter presidents. We will honor those members that passed away the last two years. See you then.

**Important dates to remember:**

April 1, 2015
Alpha Xi Scholarship Application due

April 15 2015
Let Your Light Shine submissions due

April 24-26, 2015
State Convention in Rawlins

July 29-Aug. 1, 2015
Northwest Regional Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan



Becky Tish
First Vice President

Reflection and planning begin now

I hope that you are having a great year so far; a year full of fantastic programs and activities that have kept your chapter engaged and excited. Now is a good time to begin evaluating this year's programs. Which ones have been effective, stimulating and motivating? Which ones have been less successful? Which ones will become traditions and be repeated on a regular basis? Which ones will never again see the light of day?

We have all experienced a variety of responses to our carefully planned programs. Programs that we were unsure would appeal to our members have been resounding successes, while others, that seemed like sure winners were less well-received. It is often difficult to guess which programs and projects will appeal to our members.

That is why it is so important to take some time for reflection each year; to review your programs and to recognize which of them seemed to "fit" your chapter the best. Though it is important to have a mixture of different types of programs, it is also important to recognize that each chapter has its own personality, and the programs that you choose need to fit that personality. Is your chapter most interested in service and mentoring, do they enjoy networking and fellowship, or are informative, educational programs

their favorites? Recognizing what resonates with your members is very important in program planning.

After reflecting on this year's successes, begin formulating ideas for next year. Repeat favorite programs from this year or find similar ones that will be equally enjoyable for your members. Elicit ideas from your members on interesting programs that they would enjoy hearing or presenting. Collect great ideas from other chapters when you visit with your sisters at the state meeting in April. Look at the dkg.org website and find hundreds of successful program ideas available on the EEC Committee site. Most importantly, find programs that will touch YOUR chapter members in a special way.

Don't be discouraged by your less-successful programs this year. Instead, celebrate the really wonderful ones that your chapter members loved. Use what you have learned to make next year's programs the best ever! Good luck and happy planning!



Carrie Manders
Second Vice President

Grow membership with these tips

What a wonderful winter we have had – at least we are not in Massachusetts. Spring is coming and we need to focus on growing our Society's members. This is an ongoing struggle for many DKG chapters – for all groups/clubs around the nation in fact.

Remember to network with your fellow DKG sisters and chapters for membership growth ideas! This is

probably the most important and easiest way to come up with new ideas for membership growth.

Below are a few tips that may help build membership.

- Plan a special Showcase meeting, Model Meeting or Demonstration Meeting.
- Invite guests and be ready to sign them up on the spot.
- Invite past members to come back and join the fun again, and remind them there is no reinstatement fee!
- Make sure you have plenty of guest packets and membership applications available at every meeting. Invite every guest to join. Many people are just waiting to be asked.
- Plan a Society membership-building contest. Consider challenging another chapter.
- Have a secret greeter/speaker at your meeting to make sure everyone receives a warm and welcoming greeting.
- Sponsor a chapter booth at community events. Call attention to your booth with balloons and set out dishes of candy. Have a guest book to sign, and follow up with people who express an interest.
- Have a recognition program to acknowledge all members who have accomplished goals throughout the year.
- Develop a young teacher mentor program. This will help encourage new teachers to be involved with the Society and will help long-term members renew their enthusiasm.
- Celebrate your chapter's/ the Society's anniversary annually.

Please feel free to contact myself or any board member, if you have future membership concerns.



JoAnn Baumhover, Treasurer

Treasurer's Talk

An important spring topic is initiations. Spring is a great time to initiate new members; but don't forget to send me their Initiation Cards, Form 18 and the fees required. If initiation is before April 1st, the new member is responsible to pay for the FULL 2014-2015 dues, scholarship fees, and initiation fees. If initiation is after April 1st, collect initiation fees only. Dues and/or fees should be sent to me by the end of May 2015 so new members can be added to State/International membership rolls and start to receive their publications sooner.

Last fall I challenged each chapter to award a chapter scholarship this year OR to have a member apply for either a state or international scholarship. How are you doing on this challenge? Please let me know how many scholarships were awarded and the amounts on Form 15, due to me in June.

I am receiving some contributions to state funds (Caring Fund, Road Scholar-Elderhostel, or Personal Growth) and International has acknowledged donations to their various funds from Wyoming chapters also. *Give yourselves a pat on the back for your chapter's participation in either category.*

This will be my last column for the *Wyoming Roundup* as I have tendered

my resignation from this appointed position after four years of service. I will serve until June 30th or my duties for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are complete. I wish my replacement the 'best luck' in this vital position within the Alpha Xi State slate of officers in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



Alpha Xi State Scholarship for 2015

To apply for the Alpha Xi State Scholarship, send application to Jennifer Steveson by April 1, 2015. There will be NO late applications accepted. It can be done either by snail mail or email with a postmark or email date on or before April 1, 2014. The winners will be announced at the Alpha Xi State convention. The form is to be sent to: Jennifer Steveson, 207 Frontier Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701 or emailed to jdsteveson@rtconnect.net. If there are any questions, call Jennifer at 307.746.4300

Who may apply?

Active members who have been in Alpha Xi State, Delta Kappa Gamma for at least two years, are eligible to apply for the state scholarships. Each year one scholarship is waiting to be awarded in the amount of \$1000.00. This scholarship is for graduate and postgraduate work.

I. Minimum Regulations

1. The Alpha Xi State Scholarship is available to active members in good standing in a chapter of Alpha Xi 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.
2. 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.
3. An applicant must plan to use the scholarship for pursuing graduate work or seeking an advanced degree.
4. 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.
5. Previously unsuccessful applicants may apply again, but recipients are ineligible for future scholarships.



Have you heard?

By Julia Burke, WY Educational Foundation Liaison

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation provides several facets. Below you can read about two which offer great opportunities to members.

May 1, 2015 is the next deadline for a Cornet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Grant Application. They are available to all employed educators who meet the stated criteria which can be found at www.dkgef.org. You can apply to receive a grant to participate in conferences, seminars, lecture series, national certification, online courses, workshops and other non-degree programs.

Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used to reimburse for activities already completed, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project. The application process is competitive.

The website www.dkgef.org also gives information for Foundation projects. Application deadline is Jan. 3, 2016. Lists of past and present projects which are listed on the website can give you an idea of what type of projects have been funded. You're encouraged to spend a few minutes reading and studying about this opportunity that could help you get financial help and make a dream project come true.

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 impacting education worldwide.



How is your chapter's strategic plan growing?

By Jan Segerstrom, State Strategic Action Plan Chair

If your chapter has yet to draft a strategic plan to guide your chapter's work during the new biennium (Implementation of the DKG Seven Purposes, Mission, and Vision), it's a great time to "plant your seeds"!

Your chapter's Strategic Action Plan goals should represent the focus areas found in the [2013-2015 Alpha Xi State Strategic Action Plan](#):

Membership - *Design a plan to foster growth in chapter membership and implement*

activities that increase retention of members

Leadership – *Provide leadership training opportunities for biennium's new officers*

Communication – *Create a chapter web site and use social media tools and electronic communications to promote DKG activities and heighten society visibility in your community*

Impact on Education – *Sponsor projects and fundraisers to support early career educators and organizations helping women and school children*

Professional Development – *Promote attendance to state and international conventions that build social networking relationships and expand upon professional learning outcomes*

Strategic Action Plan – *Create, review, and update your chapter's strategic action plan to align with the state strategic action plan on a yearly basis*

We challenge your chapter to brainstorm specific goals for each focus area as well as share your ideas with the Alpha Xi's Strategic Plan Committee by submitting responses on the form: [Alpha Xi Strategic Plan "Seed Ideas" for WY Chapters](#) (The Google form link found on Alpha Xi's Strategic Plan webpage or click on web link above if reading the Spring Newsletter in electronic format.)



Why attend the 2015 Northwest Regional Conference ?

Participate in stimulating workshops about personal and professional growth.

Learn more about DKG through training sessions and Info Fair.

Go on pre-conference tours that highlight the city and province, the prices are rock-bottom and the venues top-notch.

Attend special events for first-time attendees and under-35 members.

Shop at the Marketplace with a variety of Canadian products and art.

Enjoy Thursday and Friday free evenings to explore the area or network.

Stay at the conference hotel, the Hotel Saskatchewan which is in the center of the provincial capital and where the British Monarch stays when visiting Regina.

WANTED

Women Educators born between 1930-1950

Deadline of April 15, 2015.

For Let Your Light Shine Volume V

Stories about women educators: members, former members, and others

Sharon Cole Email: dolly2544@bresnan.net



Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers for 2015—2017



Becky Tish
Nominee for President

Becky Tish, Alpha Chapter, is the nominee for the position of Alpha Xi State President for the 2015 - 2017 biennium.

This biennium she is first vice president. She has also served as second vice president and 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 has presented at many.

In her chapter Becky 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.

Becky attended the Northwest Regional Conferences in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013 where she received training, attended workshops, played the piano, and sang in the choir. She was chair of the Wyoming State Night during the 2013 regional conference in Cheyenne and also served on the steering committee. At the 2009 Conference she served as the

Northwest Music Director. She has attended five International Conventions where she 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 in 2013.

Becky has a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Arts in Music Education degrees from the University of Wyoming. She taught music in Laramie County School District #1 for 34 years, including high school choir, junior high choir and elementary general music. She retired in 2013.

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 First Vice President

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

Currently Carrie is the second vice president at the state level. She was very active in the planning of the 2013 Alpha Xi State Convention and assisted during the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne.

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;



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including English and reading, and art exploratory. Carrie has served as the NCA/Advanc-ED co-chairperson .

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 and Madison. They have been the focus of her personal life and many of the activities she participates in outside of her career.



Dr. Michelle Aldrich

Nominee for Second Vice President

Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Upsilon Chapter, is the nominee for Second Vice President. She lives in Cheyenne and is currently Alpha Xi State 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 23 years and currently teaches on-line nutrition and early childhood education 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 225 students in grades 9-12. Dr. Aldrich has won national teaching awards in culinary arts and most recently was named the Wyoming Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year.

Michelle is a past president of DKG Upsilon Chapter, past president of the National Association of Teachers of Family Consumer Science which represents over 3000 FACS teachers nationally and the immediate past president of the Wyoming Early Childhood Association.

She 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 38 years, Andy. She loves to read, travel with family and play with their 2 Westies, Edison and Einstein.



Jan Segerstrom

Nominee for Secretary

Jan Segerstrom is the nominee for Alpha Xi State Secretary for the 2015—2017 biennium. She is a member of Chi Chapter.

She was born and raised in Elgin, Iowa and has been an educator for 34 years. Past experiences include Grinnell Jr. High (Iowa), Big Piney Middle School (Wyoming), and Price Laboratory School 6th grade (Univ. of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls). Her B.A. is in middle school math & language arts, and her M.A. is in Curriculum & Instruction with

endorsements in Gifted & Talented Education and Library Science.

During the last 24 years Jan has been employed by Teton County Schools in Jackson, WY, and is currently serving as the K-5 instructional technology coach. She has also worked as the district's K-12 technology coordinator, K-8 Gifted and Talented Co-Coordinator, and middle and high school library media specialist.

At the chapter level Jan served as president and first vice president for over half of her 20-year Chi Chapter membership. She supported DKG at the state level as the Alpha Xi Strategic Planning Committee co-chair and member of the NW Regional Publicity Committee (Newsletter Chair) when Alpha Xi hosted the 2013 NW Regional Convention in Cheyenne.

Most recently, Chi chapter successfully implemented a mentor succession plan for its newest slate of officers, Jan is one of the several "guiding" past officer mentors. This shift in positions will now allow her more time to support DKG at the state level. Jan believes her fast typing skills coupled with technology expertise can benefit Alpha Xi's record-keeping efforts.



Check out the Northwest Regional Conference link on the International Webpage for information.

Go to www.dkg.org, click on event links, Conferences, Northwest Regional and find event links about hotel, schedule, speakers, musicians needed, and tour information.



Vicky Gopp Nominee For North Area Representative

The Alpha Xi State North Area Representative nominee is Vicky Gopp of Sigma Chapter. She lives in Worland and has been a member of DKG since 1992.

Vicky earned her BS degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Library Science in 1988 after being a mother of four and doing some work in the educational field. She worked at Worland's Middle School for 15 years and then transferred to Elementary Media Specialist where she traveled to all three schools in Worland for nine years teaching library, reading, and computers skills. During the summers Vicky worked for forty-two years at the Migrant School, the last six years as Director. In 2014 she retired. Currently she is doing NAEP testing in the school.

In Sigma Chapter Vicky served on committees, and as vice president, secretary, treasurer, and president. She attends state meetings and she helped during the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne.

Vicky states, "I am fortunate that I achieved my life time dream to teach and be a mother. I believe education is of the upmost importance and is a continual process. One is never too young or old to learn." She loves to read all types of literature and is in two book groups. Traveling is also a passion and she is working on

finishing seeing all 50 states. Vicky is active in her church, Red Hats, Homemakers, and Reading Council and also volunteers for community events and Special Olympics. She likes to cook, garden, and sew. She has a passion for family history and spends many hours on the computer doing research and communicating with family. Vicky has eleven grandchildren who are the joy and lights of her life.



Harmony Davidson Nominee For South Area Representative

Harmony Davidson is the nominee for Alpha Xi State South Area Representative for the 2015-2017 biennium. Currently she is the state secretary. She is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter serving as chapter president.

She 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 and meeting new sisters at the 2013 Regional Convention in Cheyenne, WY.

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 taught at Carbon County School District #1 for eleven years and is currently a Pre-school Teacher at Project Reach Developmental Preschool. She and her husband share their home with their lovely niece, four delightful dogs and a sweet rabbit. In her free time she enjoys photography and creating fun, dynamic SMART Board lessons.



White Roses

Janet Saxby, Alpha Delta, Rawlins

Harriet Byrd, Alpha, Cheyenne

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

Alpha Xi State welcomes new and returning members

Beta—Suzanne Nelson

Epsilon—Rita Haeefe, Robyn Heth, Teresa Tucker

Kappa—Lara Basye, Anne Baures, Stephanie Zukowski

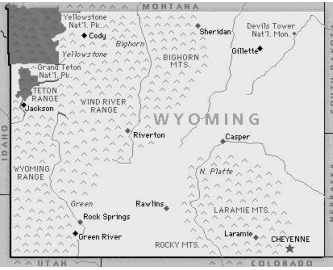
Lambda—Candi Stanton, Lacey VonEye

Rho—Judi Dyson, Penny Tolman, Ann Johnson

Upsilon—Marissa Smith, Tiffany Smith, Darleen Stout, Jorga Schmaing, Mary Schrinar

Phi—Michelle Frank, Karen Pannell, LuAnn Shufflebarger, Erin Walth

Chi—Sara Lashbrook, Robin Miller, Ann Tonoli



Chapters Report From Around the State

♦ **Chi Chapter**—Chi Chapter is in the process of recruiting fourteen potential members who have participated in a variety of chapter events that help all candidates get to know DKG International Society better.

During the holidays, Chi Chapter hosted an annual fundraiser in support of its Global Awareness Projects and an educational scholarship for a high school senior girl. This year's theme was *Feliz Navidad* and the event was held at a local restaurant. Forty-two members and nominees were present and collectively raised \$375 through fun activities.

To honor women in leadership, Chi Chapter invited Jackson's new female mayor, Sara Flitner, to speak at its February "Love-a-Book" winter meeting. Over 50 books were donated by the Chapter's members, and each book was "labeled-with-DKG love" and delivered by members to local preschools and non-profit organizations.

At the meeting, the mayor was presented a letter for the Jackson Town Council asking its approval for hanging a DKG International Society Sign on the Town of Jackson's north entrance in order to heighten awareness along with the other service organizations.

The next meeting will celebrate the arrival of spring, and highlight another local woman leader, Anne Ashley, owner of Valley Bookstore. Anne will conduct a wide variety of book talks and then sell the books for members to take on spring break! New members will be initiated at a ceremony held prior to the business meeting.

Other upcoming spring Chi Chapter activities include the annual roadside

cleanup and Run 'n Ride for the Cure for St. John's Oncology Dept. The Chapter's culminating event is a Garden Party Luncheon celebrating members who are moving from the valley or retiring from education. The luncheon will be held at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

Jan Segerstrom, Reporter

♦ **Lambda Chapter**—Lambda Chapter, Newcastle, would like to report on their activities this Fall/Winter. We began the year by providing necessary materials in gift bags for new teachers. The bags included sticky notes, pens, pencils, candy and coffee certificates from a local business. During new teacher orientation, administrators gave each teacher a bag.

Each spring, our chapter gives out a scholarship to a graduating student who plans on majoring in education. We are able to continue this with the help of our members working during fund raising activities throughout the year.

On December 15, we had our annual Christmas gathering. We also had a unique gift exchange. Each member brought a book and a bottle of wine to exchange.

Finally, we have planned a membership drive. At our annual, end-of-the year tea, we are inviting all interested women educator's to experience DKG at its best! We will inform them of our purposes and the unlimited benefits of being a member of our society. We have high hopes that this will increase interest and ultimately membership in Lambda

Carrie Manders, Reporter

♦ **Upsilon Chapter**—Upsilon Chapter has had a very positive first half of this year. We initiated three new members in December: Marissa Smith, Tiffany Smith, and Darleen Stout.

The months of January and February are busy months for members as we are busy preparing for our annual Used Book Sale that occurs the first weekend in March—this year, it occurs on March 7th and 8th. The preparation for this money-making endeavor includes collecting books, sorting books, P.R. to make sure the community is aware of our need for used books as well as when and where it is to be held (it is a very much anticipated event not only in Cheyenne, but for surrounding communities!). Everyone pitches in to help when she can, making a seemingly impossible undertaking become a reality. Our co-chairs this biennium are Patrice Dennison and Mary Hartman, who will be the first to say that it takes a chapter to create a used book sale! When the book sale opens on Saturday morning at 8:00, we have 75+ people waiting for the doors to open. Our hard work is rewarded by collecting monies from the used books that are used for scholarships as well as making substantial contributions to educational programs within our community.

Dr. Irene Story, Reporter



Marcella Helser, Phi Chapter, was recognized by President Helen Stalker for becoming a 50 year member of DKG

Follow the Stepping Stones to Alpha Xi State Convention

By President Shirley

The planning of the 2015 Alpha Xi State Convention is starting to come together. We will be meeting this year in Rawlins, WY at the lovely Carbon County Higher Education Center. A registration form is on the back page of the *Roundup* and also on our web page.

Our international guest speaker this year is Barb Whiting. She is a Member -At-Large (2012-2016) of the International Board. You may learn about her on page 1 of the *Roundup*. She will be our guest speaker at our banquet, do a breakout session, and give us greetings from International.

Plans are to have three breakout sessions. So far I have a program with Barb Whiting on membership; Yvonne Gatley on common core, Lesley Urasky on Antarctica and her experience as a Polar TREC teacher, Bert Tracy on tie-dyeing, one on using our constitution to help committees and officers to do their jobs, and a few more hopefully.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the banquet where I hope each chapter president will attend and be part of the Presidents' March. This is a chance for you to be honored for all your hard work. We will also honor all the past state presidents. The recipient of the Achievement Award will be announced and the new Alpha Xi State officers will be installed.

On Sunday morning we will finish up any unfinished business and have the Hour of Remembrance. We will be dismissed at noon.

We would love to have you attend with your friends. This will give you the opportunity to have a great time and meet other outstanding women from all over Wyoming.



Convention activities will be held at the Carbon County Higher Education Center, 1650 Harshman in Rawlins. This career and technical center opened in the fall of 2014.

Each chapter is asked to bring at least 3 craft items that can be purchased by attendees during a silent auction.



Proceeds will go to the Society's Educational Foundation.



Convention attendees can stay at the Rawlins Hampton Inn, 406 Airport Rd.

Hotel Reservations can be made at Hampton Inn, 406 Airport Rd, in Rawlins. Local phone number is (307) 324-2320. Mention Delta Kappa Gamma for \$99 rate.

CONVENTION AT A GLANCE

Friday April 24

5:00—6:30 Registration
6:30 Executive Committee Dinner

Saturday April 25

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 26

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Hour of Remembrance
10:00 Morning Session
12:00 Adjournment

Fill your car!

Drive to Rawlins for state convention.



Drive to Regina, Saskatchewan, July 29-August 1 and attend the Northwest Regional Conference.

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2015 State Convention

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April 24-26, 2015 Rawlins, WY
Carbon County Higher Education Center, 1650 Harshman

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Chapter _____

Registration Fee (before March 22, 2015) \$50.00 _____

Includes two continental breakfasts and one lunch

Late Registration Fee (after March 27 no guarantee for meals) \$60.00 _____

President's Banquet \$20.00 _____

Fee for Tie-dye session (bring your own 100% cotton T-shirt) \$ 5.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(no refunds after April 8)

Please specify SPECIAL NEEDS for meals _____

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