

DKG International Society For Key Women Educators

Wyoming Roundup

Experience Wyoming State Organization 2021 Convention Virtually!

By Carrie Manders, 2nd VP

After long conversations about our members' health and safety, it was decided that spring convention would be held virtually. Even though we all want to see each other in person, Lambda Chapter, Newcastle is going to make convention a wonderful opportunity for us all!

We have begun working with Dr. Michelle Alrich and Loretta Tonak (incoming president) on creative ways we can bring convention to life in the comfort of your own home. We will still have the president's march, installation of incoming officers, a guest speaker from International and the remembrance ceremony – it will just look a little different.

As our plans come to fruition, we will put out more information. The dates are remaining the same; April 16th and 17th. Be ready for a great spring convention coming to you via zoom!!



- Door prizes for attendance at sessions
- Fun questions during the sessions
- Inspirational words from Dr. Lace Brogden, International 1st VP from Canada
- Chapter Presidents' March
- Installation of state officers
- Remembrance Ceremony

Tentative Schedule at a Glance

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Friday, April 16—	Executive Meeting via zoom	6:00 pm
Saturday, April 17	Opening	8:00 am
	Welcome and attendance	
	Zoom Icebreaker	
	National/Canadian Anthem	
	General Session	
	Break	10:15 am
	Installation of new officers	10:30 am
	Presidents' March	11:00 am
	Lunch Break	11:30 am
	Guest Speaker -Dr. Lace Brogden	12:30 pm
	Break	1:30 pm
	Hour of Remembrance	1:45 pm
	Adjourn	2:00 pm

*For more convention information see page 6.



Dr. Michelle Aldrich
President

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President's Ponderings

2021 Catch the Vision! DKG, the Future!

Happy 2021!

I don't think I was ever so excited about a New Year's beginning and an opportunity for a fresh start! I have been thinking about my "Top 10" list of the things I am looking forward to in 2021. Here is my list:

- #10 Not having to worry about running out of toilet paper or Clorox wipes.
- #9 Getting dressed up for work.
- #8 Meeting friends for coffee at Starbucks
- #7 Using my computer just for email and not meetings
- #6 Spending holidays with my adult children and their families in person
- #5 Going on vacation
- #4 Going to DKG meetings in person
- #3 Church potluck dinners
- #2 Not having to worry about my mask matching my outfit

And #1.....Seeing all of you in Portland, OR in July!

What are the top 10 things you are looking forward to in 2021? I have been impressed with how resilient we have been as an international and state organization and how we have been able to continue moving forward during this challenging time. I have loved hearing about how you are connecting with your members, the support that our retired members are providing for our members who are still in the classroom, and how creative you all are in being able to meet with all of the considerations that have to be met.

The light can be seen at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine distribution, a better understanding of the virus and how it is transmitted, and more people adhering to the use of masks and social distancing. Although I do have to admit to being a little concerned that so many people have acted like handwashing is a new idea—doesn't it make you wonder what they have been doing before the Coronavirus? Hm-m-m-m!?

Hang in there and have a great Spring—until we can be together again.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich
DKG State President



Tribe Support

Since I retired from full-time music teaching in the spring of 2019, I've been reflecting on the things I enjoy and find fulfilling. One of those valuable experiences is being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. This tribe of educators has been my support, my laughter, my encouragement, and my best friends. I find it a great opportunity to serve as State First Vice President at this time. It is so enjoyable to work with this group of dedicated officers who give their all to overcoming obstacles in education and creating a bond between sisters.

I spent many years teaching elementary music, Jr. High band, and playing piano for any musical, solo, choir, church service, ensemble, and performance that came along. Throughout all of those, I found the best and only way to get through the obstacles was to ask for help from the many great educators around me. In this time of overwhelming stress trying to keep kids engaged, safe, healthy, and yet having meaningful educational experiences, we need to rely on those who have taught before. Those of us who have retired can be an encouragement with advice, help with online research, doing a Facetime lesson with a student, sending a gift card, or just a phone call to say, "you're doing a great job". In our DKG organization, we have many retired educators, so I encourage those of you who currently teach, to reach out to those who have retired to help lighten your load.

My daughter in law, Anne Schatz, and I often talk over her struggles as she begins a new chapter of teaching elementary music in Jefferson County in Lakewood, CO. I'm a good listening ear since I've "been there, done that" with young students with behavior issues, large class sizes, unsupportive principals, and my unrealistic high expectations. Lately, my advice to her and all who are struggling through this tough time is "Don't be so hard on yourself". You can't achieve all of those curriculum points in this unique year of teaching. Just give it your best shot and keep it simple.

I'm reading a book currently called "How to Retire Happy, Wild and Free" by Ernie J. Zelinski. Within the pages, I found this great quote by John Wooden. "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do". Focus on those small steps this year instead of regretting the great curriculum you can't accomplish through Zoom classes. Realize you are still making connections with your students who are as stressed as you are. Another quote from the previously mentioned book is also appropriate at this point. "The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not our circumstances". Martha Washington. Remember you make school a great experience simply by staying positive. Keep that smile on and try your best to enjoy what you do. And for those of us not currently in the classroom, look for a way to "be there" for your DKG tribe.



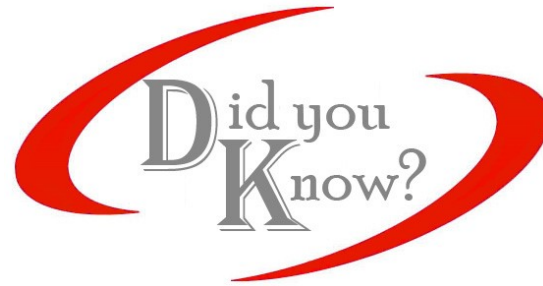
Loretta Tonak
First Vice President

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Carrie Manders
Second Vice President



Go to dkg.org !

Sign in as a member

Highlight Resources on the home bar and click.

Find **Chapter Tools** on the drop down menu and click.

Access

- New Member kit
- Membership Plan
- Engaging New Members
- And much more!

Find **Videos/PowerPoint/Templates**

Presentations

Access

- Orientation
- Reorientation
- Membership training
- And much more

“Ladies, all organizations are struggling – its just a fact! Keep thinking outside the box about potential members and keep trying new activities to recruit and retain!!!”



2020-2021 Fiscal Year
New members 1,677



Shirley Tranas
Treasurer

**Chapter Treasurers—
Remember to collect dues during the
months of April, May, and June for
2021–2022. Deadline: July 1, 2021.**



Did you
know?

The international finance committee has a blog on the dkg.org website for all members. The blog series “More Bang For Your Bucks” addresses financial information that directly affects members. Check it out!

- Go to dkg.org and sign in as a member
- On the Home screen scroll down to the gray boxes with circles and find DKG Blog. Click.
- In the top box find Finance Committee and click.
- Learn and enjoy reading about your bucks in DKG.

President Michelle wanted this letter shared with members



January 15, 2021

Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your leadership as state organization president in 2019-2021. We trust you characterize your experience as rewarding.

You are invited to attend the International Nominations Committee breakout session at one of the international conferences. At this session you will learn about the Society's nomination process. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to send a representative from your state organization to participate on your behalf. Check the DKG international website, www.dkg.org, for locations and dates. In the event of a virtual conference, a presentation will be available on the website.

The International Nominations Committee encourages you to check out the nominations page on the DKG website where you will find important facts about the Application for Nomination Form, the Endorsement Form, the processes for submitting these forms, and action steps for interested applicants, nominators, and endorsers. Note that all nomination documents will be available on the DKG international website in May 2021.

Please consider applying for an international elected position and encourage your state members to apply. We look forward to seeing you at one of the international conference sites this summer. As your regional representatives, we will answer any questions or requests for additional information. Please contact one of your regional representatives with your questions.

With kind regards,

Lynna Gene Cook (NE)
Lgcook08@gmail.com
Northwest Regional Representative
2018-2022 International Nominations Committee

Dr. Phyllis E. VanBuren (MN)
pevanburen@stcloudstate.edu
Northwest Regional Representative
2020-2024 International Nominations Committee

Let's Gather Together for a Virtual Convention April 16-17, 2021



Wyoming Welcomes Dr. Lace Brodgen

Remember the wonderful time we had during the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference?



Remember the awesome leadership of Dr. Lace Brodgen as she led us through the conference?

We get to welcome her back to Wyoming virtually! And we are excited about having her with us.

Lace Marie Brodgen, PhD, international first vice-president, is a member of Regina Chapter in Saskatchewan. Professionally, she is a full professor and Dean of the Faculty of Education at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Her research interests include language teacher education, negotiating subjectivities, social justice in education, and autoethnography as method.

A member of DKG for 26 years, she has served in a variety of Society leadership roles, including as Chair of the International Scholarship and International Speakers Fund Committee. She is currently serving her fourth term on the administrative board, having served previously in the role of Area Representative - Canada (2010-2012), Northwest Regional Director (2012-2014), and international second vice-president (2018-2020).

Mother of two young adults, she loves spending time with her family and in the garden.

Please send this information to Carrie Manders so that Lambda will know which platform to use.

SPRING CONVENTION 2021

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

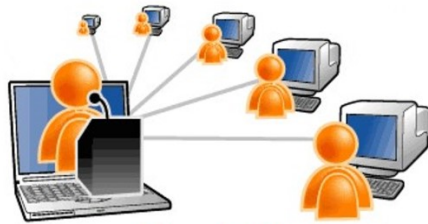
Email _____ Phone _____ Chapter _____

Carrie Manders; mandersc@wcsd1.org

There will be zoom links for both the executive meeting on the 16th at 6:00 pm

And

The full day meeting on the 17th –Dr. Lace Brodgen will be our International speaker so everyone should try to attend at least that session.



Shop Talk

A virtual experience with a guest speaker talking about topics both practicing and retired teachers will benefit from and enjoy to share with teachers within and outside of our Society

"The Spanish School": Mexican Segregation in Northwest Wyoming
April 13, 2021
Zoom
7:00 MDT

Gonzalo Guzman teaches at the University of Washington. He studies Mexican segregation education in the Mountain West. His interest is personal. "My great grandfather was actually recruited from Mexico in 1919 to come to Worland, Wyoming." Guzman grew up in a community in Washington state where many had come to after leaving Worland due to the way they were treated. "They compare it to the experience of African Americans in the Jim Crow South," said Guzman. "That they treated us so badly in Worland, Wyoming, they even made us go to our own school."

Here is the link:

Topic: DKG Shop Talk

Time: Apr 13, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82045048218?pwd=MGVGdnBsS290cFFxczEybng5ZEZUUT09>

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Passcode: 236469

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 820 4504 8218

Passcode: 236469

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdAgpml8nr>

Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2019-2021

The nominee for President is Loretta Tonak.

Loretta Tonak has been a member of DKG since May of 1988. She has served as WySO first vice president and as Tau Chapter Treasurer (Tau has since disbanded), Kappa Chapter President and Music Chairperson and Wyoming State Music Chairperson for many years. She has attended all DKG International Conventions and Northwest Regional Conferences since 2010, playing piano preludes, singing in the choir, and presiding at sessions. She was named the Woman of Distinction in Kappa Chapter in 2011.

Loretta has taught music for 45+ years in Clark, SD; Worland, Sundance, and Sheridan, WY. She also accompanies many community and church choirs, musicals, soloists, and ensembles. She is a member of Wyoming State Music Educators (having served as Elementary State Vice President) and a member of Association of American Educators since 1990. She has been named to Who's Who in American Women and America's Teachers.

Loretta has 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. She loves to travel, play piano, play with her grandkids, and attend concerts and musicals.



The nominee for 1st Vice President is Carrie Manders.

Carrie Manders, from Lambda Chapter in Newcastle, is the nominee for First Vice President. She has been a member of DKG for 19 years. Carrie is currently the WySo 2nd vice president. At her chapter level Carrie has been president and first vice president and has participated in many service projects.

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 to teach language arts.

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. She is also proud grandma (GiGi) of 1 grandson.



The nominee for 2nd Vice president is Becky Tish.

Becky Tish, Alpha Chapter, has served as state president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and music co-chair at the state level. She has attended many years of state meetings and conventions and has presented at state leadership workshops. She had the tremendous honor of attending the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX in 2013.

Becky has a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Arts in Music Education degree 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. She is an active accompanist in Cheyenne, sings in choirs and productions and teaches private lessons in voice and piano. She and her husband, Jeff, enjoy theatre, music, reading, camping, and traveling.



The nominee for Secretary is Suzanne Moum Nelson, Casper Beta Chapter.

Suzanne Moum Nelson has been a member of DKG since 2015. She is currently serving as WySo secretary. In 2018, Suzanne received a Golden Gift Award and attended DKG's Leadership Management Seminar (LMS) in Austin, Texas. She is excited to take her learning from LMS and support the efforts of DKG at the state level as secretary for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Suzanne has been an educator for 14 years and is currently the principal at Crest Hill Elementary School. Originally from Wisconsin, Suzanne has come to love Wyoming. She lives in Casper with her husband and two dogs. When she is not working or supporting DKG, she enjoys spending time outdoors and with her friends and family.



Jan Segerstrom, Jackson Chi Chapter, is the nominee for North Area Representative.

Growing up on an Iowa dairy farm, Jan came to Wyoming in 1981 to teach middle school language arts and mathematics in Big Piney. After seven years, she moved back to Iowa to pursue a masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Three years later, Jan found herself back in Teton County. Now retired, she still works for the district. Jan's main area of expertise focuses on use of technologies for storage and communication of information as well as the instruction of adults in use of instructional technology.

DKG officer positions Jan has held include President and 1st Vice President for Chi Chapter. Most recently, she served as North Area Representative and recording secretary. She would love the opportunity to continue supporting our state organization and its members.



The nominee for South Area Representative is Sally Mack, Epsilon Chapter.

Sally Mack, originally from Buffalo Wyoming, worked as a school librarian in Guernsey Wyoming for 38 years before retiring in 2015. She attended Chadron State College for her teaching and library degree and Lesley College for her Masters in Creative Education.

Married in 2005 to Don Mack, they are now spending more time with volunteering and travel. Sally has been active with Epsilon Chapter of Wyoming Alpha Xi, located in Guernsey, Torrington, Wheatland, and Lusk. She is currently South Area Representative.





Wyoming State Achievement Award

Nomination Guidelines

The following guidelines for nomination for the Wyoming State Organization Achievement Award were approved at the 1993 State Convention and are now in effect and must be followed in the preparation of the **2021** resumes.

The resume will be in outline form. (See page 2 Wyoming State Organization Achievement Award Resume Outline.)

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, 2021**. 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.

The following guidelines remain in effect.

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, 2021**. 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.

Ann Hardesty
Wyoming State Organization Achievement Award Chairman 2021
a.hardesty@bresnan.net

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Resume Outline

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Birth place
- Childhood home
- Family (husband, children, parents, etc.)
- College Degrees granted

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND WORK SERVICE

- Number of years in education
- Where taught and what positions
- Work other than education

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SERVICE (List dates when possible.)

LOCAL

- Offices held
- Area workshops attended
- State workshop and conventions attended
- Responsibilities at workshops and conventions

REGIONAL

- Regional Conferences attended and when
- Responsibilities at regional conferences

INTERNATIONAL

- International Conventions attended and when
- Responsibilities at international conventions
- Committees and committees' responsibilities

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

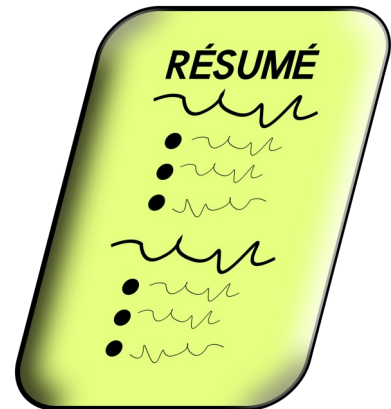
- List names of organizations and offices or committees in each
- Other involvement

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Organizations
- Activities
- Church/religious service (optional)
- Other volunteer work

HONORS AND AWARDS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Wyoming State Scholarship

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 spring Wyoming state convention.

Due APRIL 1, 2021

No late applications will be accepted.

Applications may be submitted by postal mail or email.

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 the link [Scholarship Application Form](#) or on the Wyoming State Website: www.wydkg.weebly.com

The application must be returned to the state chairperson, Dr. Irene Story, **no later than April 1** of the year the scholarship is desired.

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.

General Conditions of Acceptance:

Within two (2) weeks after the successful applicant is notified of her selection, she must notify the state scholarship chairperson of her acceptance of the award and provide a picture.

No funds will be disbursed until the photo is received.

The acceptance of a scholarship implies the obligation on the part of the recipient to devote herself unreservedly to study within the field of education.

Upon completion of the session for which the scholarship is awarded, the recipient will advise the scholarship chairperson of her progress.

Payment of Scholarship:

Payment to the recipient will be made by the State Treasurer.

CHECKLIST:

- Completed application form (4 copies total, if by mail)
- 3 letters of recommendation (4 copies total, if by mail)
- ALL postmarked or emailed to state scholarship chairperson on or before April 1

If you have any questions or wish to submit your application form, please use the following information:

Dr. Irene Story

Wyoming State DKG Scholarship Co-Chair

doc7uwo@gmail.com



Have You Heard?

By Julia Burke



DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) began a new phase of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation (DKGEF), when the new unified entity for the philanthropic work of the Society, the DKG Supporting Corporation (DKGSC) merged with the DKGEF.

DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) supports effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the professional growth of educators worldwide.

The new attractive DKGIEF brochure can be downloaded on the internet and run off to share with other DKG members. An advantage is to have all of these funds listed and highlighted in one location. It covers giving to Educate the World and tells how members can donate to help others and how it impacts education worldwide. Several Wyoming DKG members have benefited from help provided by the following funds. Others have donated to the funds and the state has also collected and donated as a group.

FUNDS (note how the funds are used):

CORNETET AWARD

Individual professional development- CIPD (members & non-members) & educational seminars – CSPD (members)

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Funding the projects to benefit children & education to members and non-members.

EDUCATORS AWARD FUND

Selected women authors receive cash awards for non-fiction writing impacting education.

EMERGENCY FUND

Solely supported by donations, the Emergency Fund helps members with a major loss due to a natural disaster

EUNAH TEMPLE HOLDEN LEADERSHIP FUND

The ETH Fund supports superb speakers for international meetings and other leadership events.

GOLDEN GIFT FUND

The Golden Gift Fund offers professional life-changing leadership management seminars.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS FUND

Going beyond borders, the International Speakers Fund sends members as speakers into Society countries other than their own.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

International Scholarships are awarded annually to members for graduate study.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUND

World Fellowships are awarded to non-member women educators who are continuing their education.

Enchanted Chapter Gardens Chapters Report From Around the State



Kappa Chapter While face to face may not be possible for all our members right now, that does not mean that chapter life comes to a standstill. This is evident in the programs and 'meetings' held monthly by chapters throughout DKG in Wyoming. In Sheridan, Kappa Chapter held a Zoom gathering in December where members answered questions that provided personal information to get to know each other better. While enjoying a happy hour with a beverage of our choice, we shared our favorite holiday memories, movies, music, and much more. Members exchanged holiday greetings in December via snail mail with another member with the purpose of strengthening our relationships.

A hybrid meeting was held in January with the topic, "Teach Tolerance to Embody Diversity." Both in-person and online, members had the opportunity to discuss how this topic affects education in Sheridan and most specifically at their own schools. Moderators, Michaela Escoto and Yvonne Gatley, shared a power-point presentation that provided information on what to consider when faced with school situations that encounter tolerance and diversity issues.

While the plan in February was to have a nature walk or snowshoe, the weather dictated a gathering by Zoom. On a blustery cold and snowy day, members and guests sipped their own warm drinks and played a fun get to know you better game. In addition, reflections were shared by members on their benefits of membership because this is our annual meeting where we invite a prospective member and discuss the advantages of DKG membership.



March had us share in a book club in a hybrid meeting. Each member was assigned a chapter to read in advance. Once gathered we shared highlights of our chapter, in order, to put together the plot of the book. This is such an interesting format to read a book with lots of "wow, that's why that happened" or "now I understand". This was equally as successful in person as in our members who were at home on Zoom.

Kappa's retired educators are acknowledging the efforts put forth daily by our active members, by partnering up and sending encouraging notes, emails, and texts to our school warriors. Each active teaching member also receives a monthly 'gift' from the retired educators to show support and appreciation for all that is done to keep our students in school. As one active teacher wrote in an email of thanks, "It is uplifting to know that our efforts are being noticed. Thank you retired teachers!"

We look forward to a time when we can all feel safe meeting together again, but until that time, our creative and forward-thinking chapter will find a way for all to come together whether in person or remotely.



"A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfil good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them."

Liberty Hyde Bailey

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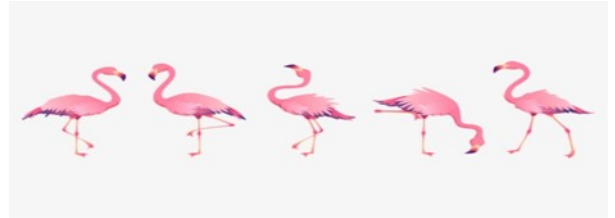
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Lambda Chapter Lambda Chapter, Newcastle, has had numerous conversations since the start of the pandemic about focusing our efforts on one important aspect of our chapter, the yearly scholarship.

We feel very strongly that being able to support a graduating senior with our scholarship needs to happen, especially in these weird times. However, fundraising is almost impossible with no concession stands at sporting events, not being able to have bake sales, and no large group gatherings.

So, we have gotten creative. Our members are partnering up for 2 weeks at a time and Flocking others. For those of you not familiar with Flocking, we have a flock of plastic flamingos that will be placed in someone's classroom or yard. This person then must pay \$20.00 to have the flock removed. They can also choose to pay another \$20.00 to Flock someone of their choice. Oh, and just to be on the safe side, they can purchase Flocking insurance for \$5.00 to never receive the flock again. Students have used this fundraiser in the past and raised thousands of dollars, so we are hoping for a successful Flocking season so we can continue to give a scholarship to an upcoming educator!



Submitted by Carrie Manders



Upsilon Chapter In November and January, we were truly fortunate to welcome two fabulous guest speakers to our Zoom Meetings and have had between 20 and 30 members join us.

Dr. Breanne Grann-Schitel joined us in November for a presentation on surviving a pandemic at home. She provided us with many wellness tips on staying healthy and positive. The information she provided was educational and helpful. We were thrilled she was able to take the time to answer questions and visit with us afterward.

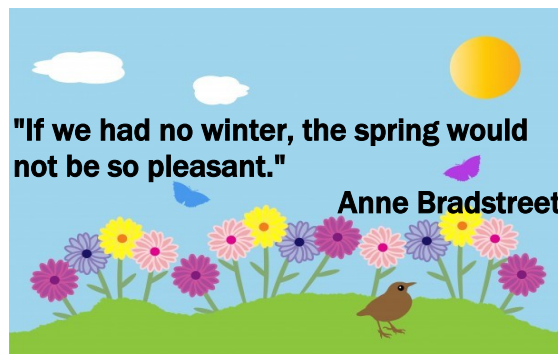
Mike Kassel from the Old West Museum shared a presentation on the Stewardess Training Center in Cheyenne in the 1930s. This is a bit of Cheyenne's history many are unfamiliar with, and this program was so interesting and enjoyable. Mike also took time to answer questions after his presentation.

Instead of our December Social, members received Christmas Cards from our Executive Board, and many of our ladies participated in a Book Exchange. The Book Exchange was quite a hit, and members enjoyed sending and receiving cards in the mail. The Upsilon Holiday Project was to send donations to the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. Our generous members donated \$1,200.00 this year to this very worthy cause.



As many of you are aware, we will be unable to hold our highly anticipated Annual DKG Book Sale this year. We are looking forward to holding our blockbuster sale in 2022 and hope to see you all there!

Submitted by Dottie Wallis-Mantell



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Theta Chapter Once again Gillette chapter members gathered to fulfill the portion of the mission statement to promote personal growth. Plans made in August were being fulfilled. In January we were led on a tour of the Campbell County Public Library extensive art collection. We not only learned about the paintings, but were told of different artistic techniques.



November found us at AVA (Advocacy for Visual Arts) in town. We learned of the opportunities available in the arts, viewed paintings, and saw the new pottery workshop.

Members gathered in December to write cards to 250 residents of the Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Submitted by Ann Hardesty



Phi Chapter In November, the principal of our district's new virtual school spoke to our chapter about her experiences in opening a virtual school during a pandemic. We learned a lot about the current status and future of the school.

Since we were not able to have our annual holiday gathering in December, the Phi executive board delivered the holidays to each member with bags of sweet bread, cookies, tea, chocolate-dipped pretzels, candies, and a special holiday poem. Even in the brisk Wyoming wind, it was the highlight of the holidays to make deliveries and chat with members.



The new year is among us and the ladies of Phi are continuing to find the fun in zoom meetings. For the January meeting, we played BINGO over zoom, complete with homemade baked goods for prizes! In February for our annual Love-a-Member, we chatted and played games while wearing fancy hats and sipping tea all in a zoom meeting.

Phi is hoping that the Spring will bring opportunities to gather as a group!

Submitted by Christy VanHorn

Wyoming State Organization Welcomes New and Returning Members

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Alpha Chapter Thomas Boothby, one of the University of Wyoming's own assistant professors, made a major contribution to the production of Story Time... that is Story Time from outer space. It was the first livestream broadcast from the International Space Station that involved reading the book *Willow the Water Bear* by Houston Kidd. Professor Boothby worked with Kidd to understand the science and share information about the tardigrade, a microscopic animal. Even though Thomas Boothby is not of the female gender nor a member of DKG, he showcased academics, literacy, and leadership in Wyoming and reinforced the idea that knowledge knows no boundaries!

Here on planet earth, just like everyone else, Alpha chapter continued to hold meetings via ZOOM. We connected with fellow members in Cheyenne, Cody, Laramie, and Great Falls, Montana. Yes, we have recruited three new members who do not live in our city. So it is official and something DKG has realized all along...knowledge knows no boundaries! During the month of December, when day greeted evening, meteorologists suggested that we look towards the heavens to witness a great conjunction. Jupiter and Saturn were less than 0.1 degrees apart and at twilight it appeared to be one impressive "Christmas Star". A similar event was observed almost 800 years ago. Ah the wonder of it all! As a precursor to the Christmas season, our November meeting revolved around making Christmas cards. Some of our chapter members made and sent a card to honored citizens residing in a local retirement home. I have to give a shout out to my sister, Christine Muñoz, who helped prepare the card kits. They were then delivered to homes with a step by step explanation and the necessary materials for assembly. The result was a blue and silver pop-up holiday card, almost as beautiful as a "Christmas Star," well perhaps not quite that spectacular. The cards were sent to anonymous recipients with the hope of starting up and continuing a pen pal correspondence with them. At our February meeting we will see if any new friends were made.

For our December meeting talented Becky Tish played the piano while we sang Christmas carols (with the mute button on) and played a simple game between songs. It was like having a group of dear friends at a private concert with an option to sing along plus the possibility to win a few prizes...ah the wonder of it all!

With the start of a new year, the culminating lines from Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem, "The Hill We Climb" come to mind. She wrote "The new dawn blooms as we free it, for there is always light, If only we are brave enough to see it, If only we are brave enough to be it". Her poetic mood and tone was addressing a political event but it also aligned so well with our January topic "It's All Write". Journaling was the focus. Obviously Amanda has an extraordinary gift for expression through literacy, however, the rest of us can use journaling as a tool to free the spirit and find the light. It can help us strive for self improvement, reflection, unloading of worries, creativity, and maybe become a historical reference for future generations.

Alpha chapter has many members who are blessed with exceptional talent, creativity, and artistic ability but ALL of our members have invested heart and soul into expanding the power of mind and body. Some of our sisters fell ill with the virus and recovered while others dealt with virtual learning for the first time. The teachers currently working are doing so against many odds and those of us who are retired are doing our best to stay connected and keep up with the 21st century. We all carried on and shall continue to climb that hill Amanda Gorman so eloquently referenced. As an added bonus, the days are getting longer and every extra minute of sunshine infuses light with the spirit of hope.



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