

DKG International Society For Key Women Educators

Wyoming Roundup

Grow Personally and Professionally with Wyoming DKG

By Yvonne Gatley, Leadership Development Chair



Join us on Saturday, June 18, for a day of personal and professional growth. Spend time with your fellow Wyoming members as we gather in Casper or via Zoom. In-person will meet at the Natrona Central Services Building located at 970 N. Glenn Rd. Our day is scheduled from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Professionally, we will learn from Valerie Bruce, the 2019 Wyoming State Teacher of the Year. A Theta chapter member, Valerie will share her expertise and offer guidance to all of us regardless of our educational backgrounds. We will also share time with Barbara Clausen, our Northwest Regional Director. As our International representative, Barbara brings greetings and updates pertinent to us as DKG members.

Additionally, we will be offering a session titled “The ABCs of Chapter Meetings.” Topics to be covered include the following and more: parliamentary procedure made easy; agenda planning; recording of minutes - do’s and don’ts; and chapter rules and strategic plans. On the personal side, we are in the process of securing presenters who will offer a variety of personal growth opportunities that range from art, movement, and life choices.

Details on registration and sessions will be available later this spring in a special edition of the Roundup.

Snacks, lunch, door prizes, and drawings, plus a day of personal and professional growth - what a day we will have on Saturday, June 18!

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Loretta Tonak
President

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Allen Ginsberg

Seek, Soar, Shine and Grow at Our Spring Leadership Training

I can’t wait to see lots of you at our spring meeting in June in-person in Casper or online via Zoom. We have such a great leadership workshop planned. We will hold a business meeting that day just before lunch to go over a few important items. We will review our Strategic Action Plan, go over some bylaw revisions, and hear from our committee chairs. We will also vote to approve the appointment of Christy Van Horn as our state treasurer, who has agreed to carry on the great work that Shirley Tranas has done as our treasurer for many years.

Christy is excited to “learn the ropes,” and she will join us at the International Convention in New Orleans in July. **YOU CAN, TOO!** Registration is now open on dkg.org. The Pauline Lanoy fund will cover your registration up to \$250. You can share a room at the convention hotel with others and keep your housing costs very low. It is exciting to join such fantastic women educators and attend many outstanding workshops, banquets, social events, and business meetings. Let me know if you have questions or plan to attend.

I’ve been attending Northwest Regional presidents’ meetings via Zoom this past six months with Barb Claussen, our Northwest regional director. We have discussed ideas for fundraising, increasing membership, and holding meaningful meetings. Barb will be speaking at our Leadership Training in June.

I’ve been able to visit Epsilon, Theta, and Kappa Chapters in person and Lambda via Zoom since I took office in July. Let me know when you’d like me to join one of your chapter meetings. Hopefully, your chapter is saving money for our grant-in-aid fund. Applications and requirements for applying will be out soon. Please send your chapter’s donations to Shirley by May 1.

We still have Shop Talk Zoom presentations each month. Michelle Aldrich has lined up some fantastic speakers, as always. You, as members, are sent an invitation with the link from our editor, Glenda Reynolds, a few days before each Shop Talk. They are held on the first Wednesday evening of the month. **CHECK YOUR SPAM** email boxes for that. As officers, we’ve discovered that our emails don’t often reach our inboxes, so please look for these events in your spam box.

I also hope your chapters are working on retaining members and reaching out to gather in some new outstanding women educators. My chapter (Kappa) is planning a wine and cheese event in March with a DKG overview presentation. We’ll invite prospective members and encourage them to join our society. We already inducted one new member in January.

Please continue to **SEEK** new ideas, new members, and new adventures. **SOAK** in the peace and joy these things bring you, and then **SHINE** that warmth out to your fellow DKG sisters. And lastly, keep **GROWING** personally and professionally by joining us in June at our leadership training and business meeting. Thanks for all you do.

Upcoming Opportunity For Educator Grant

Beginning this year, the Wyoming State Organization of DKG will be offering educators' grant(s) for our members and non-members. This year, President Loretta Tonak took on the challenge to support an international project.

After meeting with the state officers, she decided to focus on SEE (Supporting Early Educators). Many ideas were discussed. The winner was to offer a grant for WySO members and non-members.

Donations from chapters are funding this project, although chapters are given autonomy to raise money any way they choose.

Each chapter is encouraged to donate a minimum of \$50.00 for this project.

Grants up to \$250.00 will be awarded at the Spring meeting on June 18th.

Below are important dates to remember when it comes to this project:

DONATIONS TO SHIRLEY TRANAS BY MAY 1ST

APPLICATION FOR GRANT DUE MAY 1ST

APPLICATION/RUBRIC TO BE SENT OUT SOON

GRANT AWARDED JUNE 18TH, 2022



*Carrie Manders
First Vice President*

“Many chapters are gathering change ‘Change for Change’ to donate towards this project.”



COMING SOON
TEACHER GRANT(S)
BROUGHT TO YOU BY WySO
ON JUNE 18TH, PRESIDENT, LORETTA TONAK, WILL
BE AWARDING AT LEAST 1 GRANT
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS CAN APPLY
MORE INFO IN THE NEXT ROUNDUP



Becky Tish
Second Vice President

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Membership Matters

Hello, Friends,

How do you keep your members interested? Where do you find new members? What have others done to keep meetings fun, educational, and engaging? How do you nurture and enrich your members?

Today I want to share some great membership tools for you on the DKG website. Start at DKG Home; then go to Resources; and under Resources, click on Chapter Tools. There are some fantastic things here to help the members of your chapter.

First, a New Member Kit can be shared with potential new members. This kit is filled with information about DKG, and it will answer many of their questions about the organization. These kits can be downloaded and given to new members or those considering becoming members. (They are also great to share with your current members to remind them of the many benefits of our wonderful organization!)

Next are Chapter Strengthening Tips. Here you will find many documents and articles to help you with membership issues. Here is where you will find the Membership Plan, Virtual Ice Breakers, Strategies for a Positive Chapter Environment, the Chapter Check-Up, and many more interesting and helpful articles.

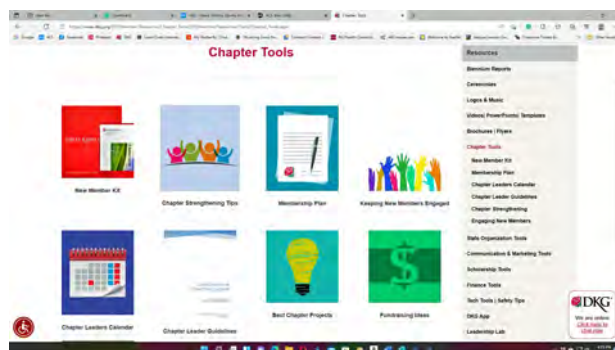
There is also an amazing PDF file that you can download, called Keeping New Members Engaged. This is a step-by-step guide to engaging new (and existing) members from orientation through the induction ceremony, the first meeting, and the rest of the year. This helps you to have a plan for nurturing your new members and can reenergize your existing members, as well. Also, under Chapter Tools are useful documents to help your chapter with chapter projects, fundraising, leadership, and supporting new teachers. Check these out, as well.

It is important to make our DKG meetings engaging and worthwhile for our members. We need to guide and nurture all of our old and new members. The International DKG website is a fantastic resource for you and your members!

So take some time and check it out because **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

Happy Winter

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Shirley Tranas
Treasurer

"I have learned so much about Delta Kappa Gamma and love this organization. I have lots of friends and hope to see you in June."

Message from the Treasurer

Treasurers, if you have any new members that joined between January and the Beginning of March the dues are half price. Hold any after that until July 1st. I will let you know when the portal closes when I get the notice

Big changes in treasurers will happen the end of June and July 1 when Christy Van Horn will take over. You will send your 15A (treasurer's end of year report) to me and the dues and other items will go to Christy.

At least one person hasn't paid their scholarship fees for this year. Please get it in as soon as possible.

Officers bring your receipts for air travel, registration and an estimate of hotel rooms to June 18th meeting. If you aren't an officer and going bring a copy of your registration. I will reimburse you at that meeting. If that doesn't work for you email me.

Thank you for allowing me to be your treasurer the last seven years. I have learned so much about Delta Kappa Gamma and love this organization. I have lots of friends and hope to see you in June.

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\$\$\$ Incentives for you and your chapters \$\$\$

Attend in person and receive reimbursement of registration fees courtesy of the Pauline Lanoy Fund. Additionally, chapters can receive a monetary incentive for presidents and other members who attend either in person or via Zoom. Each chapter president who attends will receive a \$25 donation made to their chapter. An additional \$25 will be paid if another chapter member is in attendance, for a total of \$50 possible for a chapter. What a great way to add to your chapter finances!

Bring a friend

Do you know a fellow educator who may be interested in DKG? Invite her to attend June 18 in Casper. Our sessions planned for "Grow Personally and Professionally with Wyoming DKG", offer an opportunity for potential members to learn about DKG and its many benefits. Wyoming State Organization and the Pauline Lanoy Fund will cover the cost of her registration. You may even win a prize for bringing a friend. Ask now to get her scheduled.



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Nominations for the WySO Achievement Award Deadline Moved to MARCH 1



*Submitted by Dr. Irene Story, WySO
Achievement Award Co-chair*

Nominations are now open for our 2022 State Achievement Award. Information has been emailed to all WySO Chapter Presidents as well as the WySO Executive Board.

This is a great time for Executive Boards to celebrate a chapter member that has shown leadership within the organization.

The deadline for the Achievement Award has been **moved up to March 1** to allow time for the Co-chairs to contact past state presidents for their votes, which is part of the selection process.

Nomination Guidelines

THE NOMINEE:

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

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

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

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

All 2022 WySO Achievement Award information can be obtained from your Chapter President, the WySO Executive Board, or can be acquired at the WySO website at www.wydkg.weebly.com



“We’re all golden sunflowers inside.” – Allen Ginsberg

2022 WySO State Scholarship Applications Due April 1, 2022

*Submitted by Dr. Irene Story, WySO State Scholarship
Co-chair*



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** will be announced at the Spring Wyoming State **Personal and Professional Workshop**, June 18. **The application must be submitted by April 1, 2022.**

All WySO Chapter presidents as well as the WySO state Executive Board members, have a copy of the application information. This information can also be obtained on the state website, www.wydkg.weebly.com

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.

Submit all scholarship documentation to Dr. Irene Story at doc7uwyo@gmail.com.



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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84185527997?pwd=dXBjUGFBQlZScUt0LOVxY0hnMk03Zz09>

Meeting ID: 841 8552 7997

Passcode: 016017

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Meeting ID: 841 8552 7997

Passcode: 016017

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kAXpyi4kS>

Next Shop Talk Will Be Wednesday, March 2

By Dr. Michelle Aldrich

Join us as we learn how the Wyoming State Board of Education is working to determine what Wyoming graduates should look like! Wyoming State Board of Education Chairperson, Ryan Fuhrman and Diana Clapp, State Board of Education Coordinator will discuss the journey in developing Wyoming's Profile of a Graduate. They will also be able to answer any questions you have about the role the Wyoming State Board of Education plays in setting State standards and Education Policy.



**WYOMING
STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

Look, Learn, Share

By Julia Burke



DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) supports

- Effective educational projects
- Educational and charitable activities of the DKG Society International
- Professional growth of educators worldwide

Attractive DKGIEF Brochure Is Available

- The brochure can be downloaded on the internet and run off to share with other members.
- An advantage is to have all nine 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.

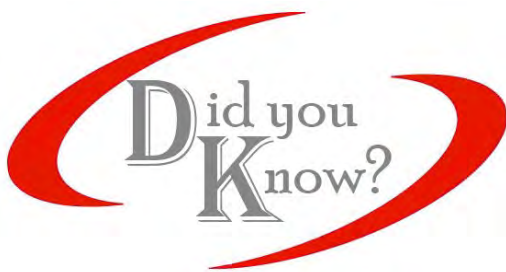
Are you one of our members, or do you know someone who has benefited from provided help? Several Wyoming members have benefited from assistance provided by one or more of the nine funds. Others have donated to the funds. The state has collected and contributed as a group and received help planning and conducting a conference open to all state educators.

Share news and ideas for us to consider.

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More Bang for Your Bucks

Submitted by Glenda Reynolds, International Finance Committee



Dental Insurance

DentalInsurance.com provides DKG members a discounted rate for various dental plans to establish new dental coverage or enhance existing benefits

DentalInsurance.com

TruHearing

TruHearing is a hearing aids savings program available to all DKG members and their families. You can save 30-60% on Hearing Aids!

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Shining Chapters Report From Around the State



Kappa Chapter Spanish and English were translated across the 2,900 miles that separate Guatemala City, Guatemala from Sheridan, Wyoming in November 2021. At a cross cultural Zoom meeting between Alpha and Beta chapters in Guatemala City and

Kappa chapter in Sheridan, members introduced themselves and told of their educational background. Translations allowed members to relate to their counterparts and hear of the variety of educational experience of their fellow DKG members. Further connections are planned to exchange information on the schools and geographic similarities and differences. Distance cannot deter DKG members in their quest to fulfill purpose #1 of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.



Bunco was the call in December as members gathered to share a hot drink and play rounds of Bunco. Prizes were awarded and dice were rolled.

January included the induction of new member, Ariel Downing. After her induction, Arielle related to members that she had been waiting for a long time to be invited to be a part of DKG. This reminds us all of the many worthy women educators waiting for your invitation to join our group. Welcome, Ariel, and thank you for the prod to us to reach out to potential members.



Coin collections are also taking place each month to contribute to Wyoming State President Loretta’s project – Early Educator Grant-in-Aid. The member who brings in the most coins each month takes home the traveling gnome to acknowledge their contributions. Our gnome, Ticonderoga (Ti for short) has been busy tallying pennies, nickels, dimes and his favorite coin, quarters! Kappa challenges the other chapters in Wyoming to gather your coins for this important state project.

We are looking forward to our annual Garden of Roses in March where we invite women educators to come and learn about Kappa and DKG. This is a favorite of our members where we relax with wine and cheese and spend an hour in genuine fellowship with potential DKG sisters.

Submitted by Yvonne Gatley



Each One, Invite One



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Theta Chapter We gathered at Valerie's home to celebrate Thankful Tuesday in November. Members continued to bring clothes for school nurses to use in emergencies. The book *The Grinny Granny Donkey* was ordered for 80 Head Start children. Our local scholarship will be reinstated. After conducting the business, members gathered around the dining table, enjoyed chili and cheesecake, and celebrated our gratitudes.

In between the meetings, we helped at Eat.Read.Grow. as we helped set out children's books for the Early Head Start children. After the families had eaten and were read to, we helped the children select their books.

What a lovely December gathering it was! We left Prime Rib restaurant with a new ornament, all very different. The conversation was lively, and the food was delicious. We all took home some of our meals. Thank you, Valerie, for making the arrangements.

Submitted by Ann Hardesty



Epsilon Chapter This school year, our members have concentrated on showing care and friendship to our sisters still in the classroom. Each month, those teachers have received a gift or message of caring; coffee coupons, gift baskets, or inspirational messages from one of the retired members. We have our first meeting of 2022 at the Gathering Place in Fort Laramie.

Submitted by Sally Mack



Phi Chapter In October, the chapter welcomed Evelyn LaTorre via Zoom to share her experiences with writing and publishing her memoirs. Evelyn is a DKG member in California and has authored *Between Inca Walls* and *Love in Any Language*. She shared stories of her time in the Peace Corps, meeting her husband, and the adventures they enjoyed. She gave us great advice about how to write a memoir and hopefully inspired members to begin their memoir journey.

This year, one of Phi's focuses has been incorporating service projects into our monthly gatherings. In November, the chapter met at Triumph High School (Cheyenne's alternative high school) to learn more about this gem of a school. Each person brought in personal hygiene and snack items for the student closet. The items will be available for students as they need them. In December, the ladies of Phi continued the traditional holiday gathering. Over the past few years (we'll just forget about 2020), the retired members have provided the food and drinks for the evening, and everyone contributes non-perishable food items for donation. This year the donated items were delivered to the Salvation Army.

This Spring, Phi looks forward to warmer weather, more gatherings, and more ways to help our local community!

Submitted by Christy Van Horn

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Upsilon Chapter As I write this article on Groundhog Day, I can't help but notice the beautiful white fluffy snow on the ground, and how Wyomingites pay little attention to the extra six weeks of winter. We are very much aware of the possibility of snow until May, which brings precious moisture to our state.

The Upsilon Chapter has been very blessed to have had many wonderful educational and entertaining programs so far and look forward to the rest of the biennium.

We had the opportunity to listen to Brenda Lyttle at the Historic Atlas Theater in October. She certainly has a flair when providing facts of the history of the building as well as stories of its past guests, businesses, and of course the ghosts that may inhabit the Atlas Theater.

Needless to say, we were all on the lookout for any spirits as we explored the three floors of the building. The historical period features are amazing, and the renovations in progress are spectacular.

In November, 25 members met at the Cheyenne Union Pacific Depot for a presentation by Val Martin, a Cheyenne Trolley Driver and expert in Cheyenne history. She entertained us with her personal experiences with various tour groups and historical stories and adventures of Cheyenne's past residents. Her knowledge of Cheyenne's history and her adventures as a trolley driver made for a wonderful evening.

Our Christmas Celebration was held at the beautifully decorated United Methodist Church where we played games, sang Christmas Carols, and had wonderful snacks. Our chapter collected over 20 toys for our local Toys for Tots organization, as well as collecting \$500.00 for Saint Joseph's Food Pantry for our Christmas Project this year.

We inducted three new fabulous members to our chapter in January at the Laramie County Library. The presentation on Genealogy by Elaine Hayes prompted us all to delve into our own family trees.

We are thankful to be able to hold our 37th Annual Used Book Sale this year. Our members have already been very busy with preparing the building and sorting books. Our sale will be held March 5th and 6th this year at the former Big Lots location at 3741 East Lincolnway. We hope to see many of you there.



Our chapter has been collecting articles and photographs since 1982 and finally found a permanent and climate-controlled home for them at the Wyoming State Archives. The acquisitions committee felt our scrapbooks would fit in well with their section on Women's Contributions in our State. These can now be enjoyed by anyone who has an interest in women's organizations and contributions. I encourage other chapters to check out the Wyoming State Archives if you would like a safe location to store your precious documents.

Submitted by Dottie Wallis-Mantell

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

Wyoming State Organization Welcomes New and Returning Members

Kappa (Sheridan)
Ariel A. Downing



Attend the 2022 DKG International Convention

Join DKG members from around the world at the 2022 DKG International Convention, July 12-16, in New Orleans, Louisiana. You will experience a city rich in culture and cuisine. DKG members will hear awesome speakers, learn during wonderful workshops, vote on Society's business, install new officers, and meet new and old friends.

Check out dkg.org for schedules, opportunities and registration.



Dates to Remember

Meetings/Conventions/ Regional Conferences

Wyoming State Organization Spring Leadership
Workshop
June 18, 2022

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

Applications & Report Deadlines

April 1, 2022 WySo Scholarship Application
Dr. Irene Story doc7uwyo@gmail.com

March 1, 2022 WY State Achievement Award
Nominations Dr. Irene Story doc7uwyo@gmail.com

March 1, 2022 DKGIEF Project Application

May 1, 2022 Cornetet Award for Professional
Development Application

May 15, 2022 Report of Chapter Officers

June 30, 2022 Members to submit dues to chapter
treasurer

July 15, 2020 Chapter Treasurer Annual Report

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Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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