



# Wyoming Roundup

## Alpha Xi State

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

For Key Women Educators Fall, 2011

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### Two Members Receive Alpha Xi Achievement Awards

#### Marylou Doyle is recognized at State Convention



Marylou Doyle receives the Achievement Award Medallion from Ellen Kub.

The 2011 Alpha Xi Achievement Award is presented to Marylou Doyle in recognition for her work in the Society. Marylou is a charter member of Rho Chapter which began in 1980. She has served as Rho's Secretary, Second and First Vice Presidents and President in 2000 - 2002. Currently she is a Key Member.

Marylou was the Chair for the events of the Alpha Xi State Convention recently held in Greybull. She regularly attends state meetings. She served Alpha Xi as Scholarship Chairman in 2004 -2009. She has attended Northwest Regional Conferences in Jackson Hole, Idaho and South Dakota.

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#### Dona Gates is recognized at Cheyenne's Founders' Day



Dona Gates receives the Achievement Award Medallion from Dr. Michelle Aldrich and Ellen Kub.

The 2011 Alpha Xi Achievement Award is presented to Dona Gates in recognition for her service to the Society. As a member of Alpha Chapter Dona held many committee assignments culminating in being the chapter secretary, vice president and President from 1964 to 1966. She chaired the committee that helped Alpha Chapter expand into three chapters. Dona became a charter member of Upsilon Chapter. When Upsilon Chapter started the annual used book sale as a fund raiser, she was one of the original organizers and still supports it fully. Upsilon awarded her a 50 year pin in 2008.

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## 2011 - 2013 Executive Committee

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Yvonne Gatley  
2011 – 2013 Alpha Xi State  
President

## “Embracing our Vision, Designing our Future”

As I begin my biennium, my vision has been enhanced by my DKG opportunities the past few months. I attended SW Regional in Denver to observe Colorado night and gathered ideas for our own NW Regional in 2013. In Edmonton, Alberta, Canada I received excellent leadership training to assist me in my role as Alpha Xi State President. While in Edmonton, I experienced many sessions of NW Regional that enlightened, educated, and prodded my thinking. These opportunities now lead me to the design of our future in Alpha Xi.

### Biennium Goals

During my biennium, I plan on using the international theme “Embracing our Vision, Designing our Future” as well as the three international goals:

- ❖ Educational Excellence (emphasizing Early-Career Educators and Schools for Africa)

- ❖ Membership Diversity
- ❖ Strengthening Chapters (strong chapters, DKG support)

Education as we know it continues to face challenges. Federal and state mandates have dictated practices that at times seem contrary to common sense. So much effort has gone into the day to day work of educators, that there doesn't seem to be any time left for organizations such as Delta Kappa Gamma. But, now more than ever, membership and advocacy by such groups can have a lasting impact on how we do the business of education. We need all of our members and more to make a difference.

### My Symbol



At state convention, I shared with attendees my vision and symbol for the next two years. When you see a shell and a pearl, please think of the following:

*The ocean floor, from one end of the globe to the other, is strewn with shells. Each of these shells has the potential to yield a treasure beyond value – a pearl. In each of our 17 countries, women educators are waiting to be found as in the shells covering the oceans. Only you can discover these ‘pearls’ to add their value and strength to our society as members.*

*You too are a ‘pearl’, highly valued for your contributions and talents. You as key women educators are the “pearls” of our own Delta Kappa Society International.*

### My motto

*First an Educator, then a member  
of the Delta Kappa Gamma  
Society International  
First a shell, then a pearl – Grow  
into your potential*

I invite every one of you to help in the design of the future of our society at all levels; chapter, state, and international. I look forward to hearing from you, meeting you, and working with you during the next two years.

## Who was there for you?



*by Yvonne Gatley, Alpha Xi State President*

You had just been hired for your first teaching job. Although you were thrilled at the opportunity, you had many questions. In fact, you had needs you didn't even know yet that would surface. Were you assigned a mentor? Did you rely on others in your grade or department to help you out? Who was there for you?

Whether your first teaching was last year or 20 years ago you can relate to the questions posed above. Your successes and failures have contributed to the formation of the educator you are today. But what about today's new educators? How are they coping with the demands of educational mandates and rigors?

The statistics are alarming. Education loses 50% of its teaching staff in the first five years of teaching. Not only is the cost high in the loss of these potential leaders, the cost of replacing them is equally as critical. So much talent is leaving a profession that is

needed now more than ever in a global world.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has chosen the support of Early-Career Educators as Objective 3.2 under the current Strategic Action Plan. As a member of DKG, you can make a difference in the future of education through your contributions to these developing teachers. Become that mentor, whether school assigned or as a chapter focus. The mentor/mentee relationship is on-going and goes far beyond that first year.

Sometimes new educators need only a sympathetic ear. Sometimes new educators need someone to show them the way, demonstrating teaching practices that are causing them problems. Sometimes new educators need help in selecting and gathering resources to enhance their teaching. Whatever their need, they need you.

What are you doing in your chapter to support Early-Career Educators? Please take the time to write out your efforts in this important society objective. Send these valuable ideas to [yvonne.gatley@scsd2.com](mailto:yvonne.gatley@scsd2.com). In future issues of the Roundup look for specific ideas and stories of what Wyoming DKG members are doing to develop and retain high-quality teachers in every community and grade level.



*Shirley Tranas, First Vice President*

## Changes

If you are in the field of education, you know that you will have changes. With the adoption of The Constitution of Delta Kappa Gamma International, come some changes. One of those changes is that the Program of Work Committee became the Educational Excellence Committee. This committee will provide a framework for embracing our vision and designing our future.

One of the projects is supporting the Schools of Africa project. School for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Hamburg Society, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. It operates in 11 countries in Africa. One third of children in sub Saharan Africa are deprived of an education. Donations can be made to: U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Attn: NGO Department, 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038 or have your chapter treasurer send it to the state treasurer and then DKG will get the credit.

Another project is "Support Early Career Educators." The current U.S. rate of teachers leaving the profession is 70% by year five. The California State Organization

started “THAT” (Teachers Helping Another Teacher). At our fall executive board meeting Yvonne Gatley, President, asked all of us to pick one teacher that has taught five years or less and help them out. Everyone present at the fall meeting brainstormed ideas of how to help. These ideas will be sent to your chapter’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or President.

Chapters were also given forms to keep track of hours or money that was used to fulfill your obligation. A total will be given for each state in New York City in July at the International Meeting.

This committee also encourages programs and activities that increase members’ personal and professional pride, focus on educational excellence, and increase member’s global awareness and impact.

For more information and new ideas go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) then go to the library in the index.



*Becky Tish , Second Vice President*

## Membership

Hello, my name is Becky Tish and I am your new Alpha Xi State Second Vice President. I am also the state membership chairman. On behalf of the whole state, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the 40+ new members

who joined us this year. We are thrilled to have you! Someone recognized your excellence and invited each of you to join this great organization. Congratulations!

To those of you who nominated these key women educators, thank you! I know that it can be a bit intimidating when you are thinking of nominating someone for membership. You have to step out of your comfort zone and risk possible rejection, but it is definitely worth it when a fantastic new woman becomes a DKG sister. Just remember that you are honoring her with your nomination, and offering her many great opportunities.

If you have never nominated someone for membership, here is one way to approach it. First, make a “wish” list of ladies who are amazing educators, strong leaders, impressive women, and fun people with whom you would love to spend time at meetings and activities. Write each one of them a personal note telling them why you think that they would be great DKG members. Refer them to the [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) site for more information about the organization, and be prepared to answer questions and tell these prospective members what DKG means to you. If a prospective member expresses interest in the organization, invite her to a meeting or to several meetings. Then invite her to join your chapter and to attend an orientation. The new International orientation is fantastic! It is very user-friendly, informative, and interesting. It really stresses the fact that it is an honor to be a DKG member. In fact, I would like to quote from one of the slides in this great power point presentation.

### *The Honor of Membership*

*Someone noticed your work.*

*Someone noticed your standards.*

*Someone believed in your potential.*

*Someone sought your association.*

*Someone sponsored your invitation.*

*Someone honored you.*

*Remember that person’s confidence in you.*

*Consider your membership invitation carefully.*

After the orientation, invite the prospective member, again, to join your chapter. If she says “yes,” that is great. Congratulate her and invite her to the upcoming initiation ceremony. If she says “no,” accept that fact graciously. Remind her that you wanted to give her the opportunity because you thought so highly of her, and invite her to contact you if she ever feels that she would like to become a member. No high-pressure, no stress.

Sound easy? It is. I hope that you will step out of your comfort zone and make this the year that you invite some very special ladies to join your DKG chapter. You’ll be glad you did!

*Pride in the Big Picture Orientation*

*CD PowerPoint with brochure*

*Order from International for \$5.00*

*Get exciting results!*



JoAnn Baumhover , Treasurer

## Treasurer's Talk

Hello, I'm JoAnn Baumhover, the newly installed Alpha Xi State Treasurer. I look forward to working with chapter treasurers directly and on behalf of all Alpha Xi members indirectly.

Chapter treasurers should be sending me the International and State dues that they have collected by Nov. 10th. Please include Form 18-A (Report of Members Dropped) and Form 6 (Report of Death of a Member) as needed. After completing the IRS Form 990, I will need confirmation of its electronic filing. If you are a new chapter treasurer, please email me for more information about guidelines for chapter finance committees from International. My email address is [dismath@yahoo.com](mailto:dismath@yahoo.com) . More information will be in my next Roundup article.

## Giving and Growing

by Ann Hardesty

\$28,596.00—Wow! That is the amount Wyoming chapters gave in grants in aid and scholarship this past year. And that does not count what chapters gave to International

and state projects. Upsilon led with \$20,300. Other chapters giving generously were Alpha, Theta, Lambda, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Phi, and Chi. At our state convention the basket sales raised \$800 for African schools.

For the first time in several years our membership grew. This was due to fewer dropped members and by initiating new members and reinstating old members. Chi grew by 9 with 6 initiates and no dropped members. Upsilon was close behind with a growth of 7 members. Other chapters which showed gains were Theta, Lambda, Phi, and Alpha Delta. Chapters remaining the same were Beta, Sigma, and State. Keep up the good work.

## Financial Help Is Available For Projects And Leadership Development Opportunities

by Julia Burke, Foundation Liaison for Wyoming

The Educational Foundation donates nearly \$250,000 each year to improve education. It supports educational projects, professional development, seminars, and other events for learning and training. The past year many of the projects funded were literacy activities and cultural understanding. **This year the foundation hopes to fund projects to prevent bullying. January 3 is the deadline for submitting**

**project applications.** Remember projects support and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence. Applications must be submitted electronically to Headquarters by January 3 to be considered.

**The Educational Foundation also administers the Lucile Cornet Fund for Professional Development.** It funds participation in professional development activities sponsored by organizations or institutions other than the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This includes presentations/attendance at conferences that will contribute significantly to the educator's own professional development. **The completed application and attachments must be submitted electronically on or before February 1, May 1, or September 1 of each year.** The criteria:

- For employed educators
- Members and non-members
- Can be used for National Board Certification

Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) or [www.educatoredge.org](http://www.educatoredge.org) for further information on what can be funded and how to submit an application.





## State Scholarships for 2012

Two Alpha Xi State Scholarships are waiting to be awarded in the amount of \$500.00. These scholarships are for graduate and postgraduate work.

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.

The application must be returned to the state chairperson, Carol Anne Milano, no later than April 1, 2012. There will be **NO** late applications accepted. It can be sent either by snail mail or email with a post mark or email date on or before April 1, 2012.

The application form is to be sent to: Carol Anne Milano, 390 A Shoshone Ave., Green River, WY 82935 or emailed to [shalimar\\_wy@yahoo.com](mailto:shalimar_wy@yahoo.com) If there are any questions, call Carol Anne at 307-871-6555.

Complete scholarship regulations and application form can be found on Alpha Xi's web site which is linked to the Society's web site. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) then to Society Web Sites. Click on the US flag, then on United States Web sites Ohio to Wyoming. Our state's icon is the last one.

## Doyle From Page 1

Big Horn School District #4 is where Marylou taught elementary school for her 36 years in teaching. She retired in 2000 and continues to substitute teach.

Other activities in which Marylou serves her community include 4-H Club, Hyattville Quilt Guild, and Loose Threads Quilt Guild. She is a northwest state board member for the Wyoming Quilt Guild and volunteers time at the Wyoming Retirement Center.

Church membership and activities play an important part in Marylou's life. She has been a Sunday School teacher and has served on many church committees. Her pastor writes "She was an all around worker, mostly behind the scenes, never seeking glory, but doing the jobs that kept the process running smoothly." This is the way Marylou approaches service to all organizations she is involved with.

Marylou and her husband Lin have three grown children, Denise, Sharon, and David, and six grandchildren.

Alpha Xi State congratulates Marylou on receiving this award.

## Gates...From Page 1

Dona was Alpha Xi State President from 1969 to 1971. She has attended many state workshops and conventions where she often was a part of the choir. Dona was the founder of the stare Elderhostel scholarship program for members.

She has attended several regional conferences and international conventions.

After 36 years of classroom experience Dona retired in 1987. She began teaching in Bennet, Colorado in 1951. In 1952 she and her husband David Gates moved to Cheyenne where she first taught physical education at Johnson Junior High and then home economics. Later she moved to Carey to teach home economics until retirement.

Membership in other professional organization include XJWC and GFWC as well as the teaching professional organizations. She sang in the Cheyenne Chorale and worked with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra in its early years. Dona drives for cancer patients and is active in the Shriners' local group. She is currently on the social board for the retirement park where she lives in the winter.

Alpha Xi State congratulates Dona on receiving this award.

**Check out the Society web site: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)**

**Become a member of the Society's social network: [www.dkgnetwork.org](http://www.dkgnetwork.org)**

## Are "U" in the know?

by Ann Marie Custis, Chair of the Schools for Africa Project



**Kanyinya School is in Rwanda, Grades 1 -9 with 1,500 students**

Delegates to the 2010 DKG International Convention agreed to "transform lives through education" on the African continent. Through DKG's support of this project nearly 5 million African children will gain access to a quality basic education. The project has a special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children. Support of this project allows all DKG members to embrace our vision of impacting education worldwide, not just in one country, but through an entire continent. Support for this project comes from donations made directly to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. A donation form is on the last page of the Schools for Africa brochure posted on the DKG Web site. Take time to go to this site and print off the donation form.

We all are so blessed in Wyoming with educational opportunities. DKG's partnership with UNICEF will train over 100,000 teachers and build or rehabilitate almost 1,000 schools. Are we on schedule to donate for this worthy project? Chapters: Step up and do a fund raiser and send donations to Alpha Xi's State Treasurer JoAnn Baumhover.

## State Convention – 2011

by Sharon Cole, Immediate Past State President

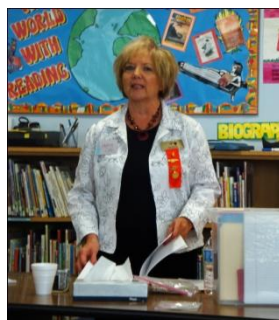
Upon entering Greybull Elementary School, state convention participants were greeted enthusiastically by Rho Chapter members. Welcome bags, decorated by Maryann Bischoff's students, contained the convention's theme and lighthouse logo. Dinner at Lisa's Restaurant was time for members to reacquaint and to greet our International guest, Jackie Cuppy, when she arrived with Sally Spooner. Delightful entertainment by the high school jazz combo capped the evening.

A special flag presentation by Scout Troop 5077, followed by inspirational remarks, greetings from International, and presentation of the theme by Shirley Tranas, started us out on a high note Saturday morning. Two sets of workshops, along with time to bid on the theme baskets, (which made \$800 for the Schools for Africa project!) and enjoy wonderful snacks made by Rho Chapter, provided nice breaks during the state business meeting. Also the number of door prizes given out was amazing! I think every attendee received at least one!

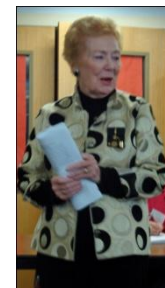
Most notable business included a lively discussion of the Bylaws draft which was tabled for further review and presentation at the Fall Executive Board meeting; a video presentation of the new International project "Schools for Africa", and Sharon Cole's report of her biennium as state president.

All attendees would probably agree that the meal events were the highlight of the convention. The birthday luncheon featured a delicious salad luncheon, quilted bookmarks made by Marylou Doyle, music by the Hummingbirds from Greybull Elementary, and a presentation about the 12 Founders of DKG, coordinated by Yvonne Gatley. The banquet featured picture-holder tiles (painted with lighthouse and the words "Let Your Light Shine") made by Sharon Cole; a catered meal; inspirational words by Jackie Cuppy, and presentation of awards. Ellen Kub presented Marylou Doyle with the Achievement Award.

Sunday morning included the Hour of Remembrance, followed by a surprise presentation to Ann Hardesty – a money tree given to her for her ten years of outstanding service to Alpha Xi State as the state treasurer. Sharon Cole then presented the gavel to President-elect Yvonne Gatley who presented her theme "Pearls of Wisdom" through a power point presentation.



**Alpha Xi State President Sharon Cole presides during state convention.**



**Past International President Jacklynn Cuppy is our International guest.**



Sharon Cole presents Yvonne Gatley her president's pin and gavel.

President Yvonne Gatley helps Ann Hardesty hold the money tree given to her for her ten years of service as state treasurer.



Alpha Xi State Officers for the 2011 -2013 biennium include President Yvonne Gatley, First Vice President Shirley Tranas, Second Vice President Becky Tish, Secretary Harmony Davidson, North Area Representative Judy Morris, South Area Representative Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Parliamentarian Carrie Manders, and Treasurer JoAnn Baumhover.

## Alpha Xi State Fall Executive Board Meeting Held in Casper

A very productive and enjoyable fall executive meeting was held Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Frontier Middle School in Casper.

Strategic Action Plan Chair Jan Segerstrom with Sharon Cole led the members through a working session on Alpha Xi's Strategic Action Plan. A dynamic document was accepted.

State Bylaws and Standing Rules Chair Sandra Gothard walked the members through the revised documents which were discussed

and adopted with some editorial changes.

Glenda Reynolds, 2013 Northwest Regional Chair, discussed opportunities for chapter and individual involvement in the 2013 regional. Cowboy cookie cutters were distributed. If your chapter has an idea or wants to assist, please contact either Glenda or Sharon Cole.



Members actively participate in fall meeting.



President Yvonne recognizes Maria Nolan for being a member less than two years and Mary Wendel for her 42 years of membership.



Jan Segerstrom leads a small group discussion on the Strategic Action Plan.



## Key Women Educators Embark on Edmonton, Alberta Embracing our Vision; Designing our Future!

by Jan Segerstrom, Chi Chapter  
President

Did I make connections with DKG sisters of all ages from over 17 different American states and Canadian provinces? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know I would acquire tips and tricks for taking advantage of the wide range of DKG International project funding sources, scholarship applications, leadership training events, insurance offerings, and foreign country speaker opportunities available to all DKG members? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I learn how to write a 2011-2013 strategic plan for both the state and local chapters through collaboration of Wyoming State Officers and NW Regional State Presidents? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know I would learn new strategies for mentoring teachers as well as hear about the most current stem cell research through professional development opportunities offered during the daily breakout sessions? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I hear about the most significant changes in DKG International By-Laws and Standing Rules this past year that will encourage key women educators of all ages from around the world to join? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know I would thoroughly enjoy a scenic North Saskatchewan **River Valley** boat tour even though we were docked for most of the time during the evening **dinner cruise**? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I appreciate the outstanding keynote speakers and session presenters who encouraged me to grow both personally and as a mentor teacher in addition to me better understanding my Gen X & Y colleagues as well as how to laugh at all the stresses thrown at me in life? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know that I would need to ride the conference hotel elevators **DOWN** to actually go **UP** and not be late for breakout sessions or arrive at my hotel room in a timely manner? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I hear about DKG Educators accessing the DKG Network to post information or twittering about their experiences at regional conferences and beyond? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know I would enjoy the Fantasyland Hotel with the connecting Edmonton Mall (5x larger than Mall of America) while trekking through a mile of stores intermingled with theaters, an oceanwave waterpark, miniature golf, amusement parks, and sea lion performances in addition to my selections of different flavored, world cuisine each day – all available under ONE roof? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I become better acquainted with the 10 past/present Wyoming Alpha Xi officers and chapter members who attended the conference, plus connect with other DKG attendees from my home state of Iowa and neighboring Minnesota as well as acquire new friendships from

foreign countries such as Germany and Canada? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know so many talented women educators would share their gifts of music, knowledge along with passions for serving those in need as well as be entertained by colorful Irish, Ukrainian, Canadian aboriginals & cowboy traditional dancers and singers during luncheon and dinner DKG events? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I gain new ideas for helping our state host the next NW Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming, July 31-August 3, 2013? ***Absolutely!***

Did I know I would catch the “wave of excitement” for joining all ages of DKG women educators in New York, New York, July 24-28, 2012 for the DKG Society International Convention? ***Absolutely Not!***

Did I greatly appreciate overall my first-time immersion at a DKG regional conference? ***Absolutely!***

I invite you to “**Come on board!**” Catch the next DKG Society International “wave of sisterhood” in New York, New York, July 2012! There will be something for everyone.



**Mounties greet Wyoming DKG members, Glenda Reynolds, Julia Burke, Ann Hardesty, Shirley Tranas, Jan Segerstrom, Michelle Aldrich, Yvonne Gatley and Sharon Cole.**

# Fun Abounds in Pictures at Northwest Regional in Edmonton, Alberta Canada



The official Wyoming photograph includes back row Glenda Reynolds, Julia Burke, Ann Hardesty, Jan Segerstrom, and Dr. Michelle Aldrich and front row Sharon Cole, Becky Tish, Yvonne Gatley, and Shirley Tranas.



Jan Segerstrom learns about Saskatchewan's state project.

Ann Hardesty sells her book at the Marketplace.



At the Saturday evening banquet Northwest Regional Director June Bowers and International President Jensi Souders greet President Yvonne Gatley and Immediate Past President Sharon Cole.



The Night on the Town dinner river cruise is enjoyed by Glenda Reynolds, Shirley Tranas, Yvonne Gatley, Jan Segerstrom, and Sharon Cole.



Shirley Tranas, Julia Burke, Yvonne Gatley and Michelle Aldrich gather for lunch at the Edmonton Mall.



Julia Burke, Michelle Aldrich, Yvonne Gatley, Ann Hardesty, Becky Tish, Shirley Tranas, and Sharon Cole invite the conference to the 2013 Northwest Regional in Cheyenne.

# Chapters Report From Around the State



## Alpha Chapter

This will be a great year of community service and personal growth for Alpha Chapter. Their first program features a talk by former Cheyenne teacher, Greta Morrow, who found a need in the community and filled that need in a big way! Greta, a cancer survivor, knew the need for bone marrow donor registration: this need prompted her to begin the "Day of Giving" in Cheyenne. In addition to bone marrow registration, this day provides blood donation; used medication collection; food, toiletry and monetary collection for local charities; eye glass donation; and many other programs that benefit the community. Greta's "tiny" idea has grown to encompass over 40 local churches and community organizations, as well as Warren Air Force Base.

Greta will inspire and empower the members and help them to realize the One Woman Can Make a Difference. The members will volunteer this year by doing stocking-stuffing for the COMEA Homeless Shelter and the Safehouse, caroling a Pointe Frontier, and providing services and donations to the Animal Shelter and Children's Village of the Botanic Gardens. Alpha Chapter is excited about making a difference this year!



## Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter began the year by having a planning meeting at Perkins Restaurant in August. In September the chapter made Welcome Bags for 37 new

teachers in Campbell County Schools. Theta crafted a new brochure to include in the bags to tell more about the chapter and the opportunities available in Delta Kappa Gamma. If anyone wishes to see this brochure, contact Ann Hardesty at [ann.hardesty@bresnan.net](mailto:ann.hardesty@bresnan.net). The members have also invited these educators to attend an informative get-together in November. Sharon Cole, Sally Sheehan, and Ann also attended the Fall Executive Board meeting in Casper.



## Rho Chapter

Rho Chapter was pleased to initiate Chris Victor, a Speech/Language teacher from Burlington K-12 Schools. The chapter includes teachers from Basin, Burlington, Cowley, Deaver, Emblem, Frannie, Greybull, Lovell, Otto and even a few who live in Powell and Cody. We also welcomed Judy Jessep who is reinstating after moving from our area and then back to Burlington Schools. Four members attended the Fall Workshop in Greybull.



## Upsilon Chapter

Members of Upsilon Chapter are looking forward to another exciting schedule of programs and plans. The joint three chapter carry-in dinner was a great beginning. RaeAnn Purdy, who grew up in Hawaii, presented the October program with a demonstration and explanation of Hula & Tahitian dance. Marca Fox-Grigsby will present the program on Teacher Advocacy in November. Plans are underway for our annual Book Sale.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich, JoAnn Baumhover, and Julia Burke had active parts at the NW Regional Conference in Edmonton, Canada. They also represented the chapter at the fall state meeting. JoAnn is the new state treasurer and chapter treasurer, Michelle the new south area

representative and chapter president, and Julia the chair of the state retention committee. Chapter officers Joan Schade and Sheri Kelley participated at the SW Regional Conference in Denver.

Special accomplishments include Teresa Aris who is chairman of the Governor's State Independent Living Council (SILC). She is beginning a PhD in Special Education in January from NOVA Southeastern University. Dr. Michelle Aldrich completed her Administration Endorsement.



**Water to the Garden, art sculpture by artist Tim Upham has been on display at the Cheyenne Children's Village. The sculpture was created with over 75 lodge pole pine trees destroyed from the bark beetle. Funding for this sculpture came from Upsilon Chapter.**



## Beta Chapter

Beta chapter members made 15 fleece children's blankets during 2010-2011 that they donated to the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission Transitions Center. Women and their children have a chance to stay there and get back on their feet. The blankets were made for toddlers through teenagers and were warmly received with a "How wonderful, we didn't know what we were going to give them for Valentine's Day...thank you so much!"



**Beta members are making the blankets.**



## **Eta Chapter**

Eta Chapter's most successful programs are book sharing and discussions. Books for Babies is the chapter's special project. The chapter partners with the public library. The packets are given to newborns at the hospital.



## **Psi Chapter**

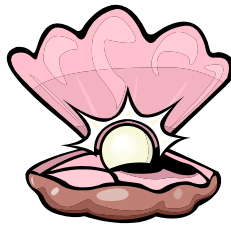
PSI Chapter, had its first meeting of the 2011/2012 year on Saturday, September 17. The members went over the programs for the year, and the revised guidelines for chapter scholarships were discussed and voted on. Each member then gave a show and tell of their summer. The future looks very bright for Psi. A new teacher in the district who hails from Idaho transferred to the chapter and is ready to be active at all levels. Psi is looking forward to bringing in new members this year. At the November meeting, the ILS System will be explained.



**Save the Date -  
Leadership Development  
Seminar  
Sheridan  
June 11 - 13, 2012**

**Next Roundup Deadline  
March 30, 2012**

Thanks to Nina Nachtigall for taking pictures at state convention and Cheyenne's Founder's Day.



## **Shining Pearls**

**Martha Eberhart**, Kappa Chapter, was honored as Sheridan School District #2's Teacher of the Year.

**Sue Belish**, Kappa Chapter, has been appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor Mead. She serves on the Select Accountability Advisory Committee.

**Dr. Michelle Aldrich**, Upsilon Chapter, has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Economics Education Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch. She is also serving as National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science President. NATFACS has 2,700 members nationwide.

## **Alpha Xi State Welcomes Initiates**

**Alpha**  
Terra Hernandez  
Linda Dugan  
Jessica Aultman

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

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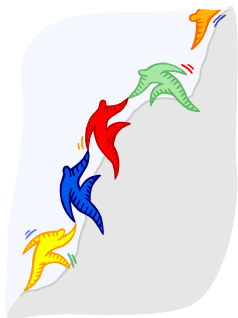
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## Alpha Xi State Achievement Award

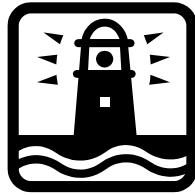
*by Maria Fedden*

It's that time again to be thinking of a candidate for the Alpha Xi State Achievement Award. This is an annual award that is presented to a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. The first one was presented in 1968. You may nominate someone from your chapter or another chapter in our state of Wyoming. A member may be nominated again if she has not received the award in the past. The winner will be announced in June at the Leadership Development Meeting which will be held in Sheridan. The information packet for this award was given to all chapters at our October State Meeting in Casper.

If you have any question, please contact Maria Fedden, 8 Cessna Road, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-674-7382)



The Caring Fund is available to assist members who need help with dues or who have had a family emergency. Contact the state treasurer for the use of this fund.



## Let Your Light Shine, Volume V

*by Sharon Cole*

Women educators, born before 1940, please write your stories so they can be included in the next volume due to be published in 2015. We have posted on the Alpha Xi State website a copy of the outline with guidelines to help you make your story interesting and historical. If you need samples, please call or email. Chapter presidents, find someone in your chapter to be in charge of this project. Remember non-members can also be included.

Send your stories to Sharon Cole by email or postal mail.

## Alpha Xi State is Getting Ready for the 2013 Northwest Regional

July 28, 2013, the opening date for the Northwest Regional Conference which will be held at Little America in Cheyenne, seems so far away, yet so close. There are things being done now in preparation for this great event that Wyoming DKG members are hosting.

Cowboy cookie cutters were distributed at the fall meeting to chapters who will make the cowboy. Marylou Doyle and her Rho Chapter helpers will be

making the wonderful quilted bookmarks that were presented to members at the state convention. Becky Tish, chair of Wyoming Night, has begun visualizing that evening's entertainment. Julia Burke and her committee are lining up tours. Nina Nachtigall has volunteered to be the treasurer for the conference; Sharon Cole will be chair of decorations; Carol Milano will chair door prizes; Carrie Manders and Lambda Chapter will work on packets; Yvonne Gatley will chair the Info Fair; Ann Hardesty will chair the Hostesses; Jan Segerstrom will do communications for the conference. Others have volunteered to assist.

What do you want to do? We need everyone's help. Please contact your chapter's president or Glenda Reynolds, chair of the conference and add your name.

Alpha Xi State is financially responsible for Wyoming Night, decorations, some favors, door prizes, and a few gifts. Most of the cost of the conference comes from registration fees. We have decided not to assess members to help meet this cost. Our fund will depend on chapter and member contributions. So far one chapter and 7 individuals have donated.

Can your chapter or you as a member donate funds?

Please consider helping Alpha Xi State make this conference one to remember.





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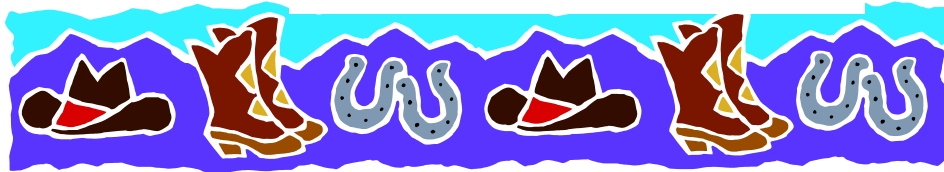
## Wyoming 2013 Northwest Regional

### Conference Sponsorship

The Wyoming 2013 Northwest Regional Conference Steering Committee is offering sponsorships to individual members, chapters, and businesses in support of the Wyoming 2013 Northwest Regional Conference Fund. This fund will mainly support Wyoming Night and the reception that follows by providing approximately 400 attendees with entertainment, food, and favors that evening.

Those who choose to become sponsors will have their names printed at the Wyoming Night. Chapters are encouraged to participate through donations and securing business donations. You may donate each year to eventually reach a higher level. To become a sponsor, simply fill out the form below indicating your level of participation, write your check payable to the Alpha Xi State NWR 2013, and send the form and check to:

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 Wyoming 2013 NWR Conference  
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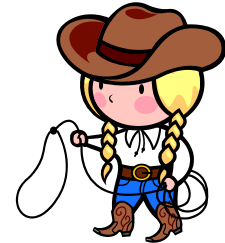
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*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education  
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