



# Wyoming Roundup

## Alpha Xi State

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For Key Women Educators

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## Vision in Action: Vision of the Future

### *Leadership Management Seminar*

June 15 - 17, 2010

Gillette College, Gillette, WY

## Seminar Features Outstanding Speakers



**Amanda Gore**, a communications and performance expert, will be presented via her DVD "Lead Out Loud." Amanda has a degree in Physical Therapy, a major in Psychology, and expertise in physical therapy, group dynamics, neurolinguistics, and occupational health. She has worked in corporations, colleges, hospitals, and private practice. She will be a featured speaker at our international convention in Spokane this July. This DVD is about creating a positive spirit, communication and leadership - whether professional (leading others), personal (leading yourself) or parental (leading your family and children) and how to make other people feel good around you!



**Kenna Rose**, a talented professional speaker and vocalist, earned her Bachelors Degree in Music Education from John Brown University in 1973. She went on to receive her Masters of Science Degree from Black Hills State University in 1999. Her passion for music was compounded by her desire to share her "life melodies" in the classroom. As an educator, she soon realized the synergy of music and narrative and began injecting both into her contagious style and delivery. At-risk students and parents and bereaved families were among the hearts touched by Kenna's song. Kenna will speak at the seminar.



**Heather Rodriguez**, trainer for the Master's Touch Studio workshop at the seminar, had as a child an interest in decorative painting. She spray painted a mural on a concrete wall at the tender age of 13. Growing up in an entrepreneurial family and talking "shop" around the dinner table played an integral part in wanting to own a business. Blessings and good fortune meshed the business and the art together and for almost 10 years Heather Rodriguez has been transforming everything from retaining walls to sinks. She has built a business and most recently a training center, Master's Touch Studio in conjunction with Modern Masters. The studio was opened to teach others the decorative arts including true Italian lime plasters, new Japanese plasters, and environmentally friendly finishes in delightful and innovative ways.

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## Let Your Light Shine

Alpha Xi State is excited to invite all members to our Leadership Development Seminar this June. Our theme for the seminar “*Vision in Action*” follows with Dr. Rants’ theme “*Vision to Action: Advancing the Society*” We support and promote the professional and personal growth of our members. There will be opportunities for members and non-members to attend outstanding programs planned in leadership, technology, and the arts. I encourage each member to attend and to invite others to come with you. This is a great opportunity to introduce DKG to non-member educators in our activities that will lead them to consider membership in DKG.

**The Alpha Xi State Executive Board Meeting will be held in June in connection with our seminar/workshops.** On June 15, state business will be discussed, committee chairs will give reports and chapter officers will have training. The officer training will help newly elected officers get a solid start to their biennium. There will also be time allotted to discuss the proposed revision of the Constitution and International

Standing Rules. These are our governing documents. Take time to discuss them at a chapter meeting and let your state president know as I will be the voice of Alpha Xi State at International.

Thank you to all the chapters who returned their annual reports in a timely fashion. We had 88% reporting which is fantastic. Thank you for sharing your projects, programs, and comments with me. It is gratifying to see our chapters involved in school projects, community programs and presenting scholarships to potential future women educators.

I hope all of you have looked at the information shared with you about the International Convention in Spokane, Washington, this July. This is another great opportunity to learn and grow (there are over 90 workshops offered), to see old friends, meet new ones and to discover how the society works on the International level. Once you go you are hooked! You don’t want to miss Amanda Gore in person, all the way from Australia, to share her unique wisdom about communication and leadership. We will be using one of her motivational DVDs at our seminar in June, and it will make you want to experience her up close and personal.

Thank you to each of you for being involved in Alpha Xi State and letting your light shine by working to advance Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in our communities. See you in June!



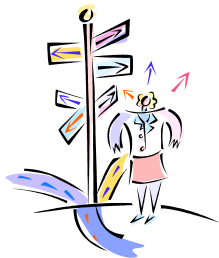
## President's Schedule

March 25- Rho Chapter  
May 11 – Kappa Chapter  
May 17 – Lambda Chapter



*Yvonne Gatley, First Vice President*

## Decision Time – What do you choose?



You arrive home. It's been a long day. You are looking forward to unwinding and some relaxation. But wait, you realize you had better check your calendar. You have a feeling there is something scheduled for tonight. Sure enough! You have a Delta Kappa Gamma meeting. It is now time for a decision, do you stay home and relax, or do you grab a quick

dinner and head out the door to your chapter meeting?

Sound familiar? Ever happen to you? In this hectic and busy world, attendance at meetings has taken a hit. It is not just Delta Kappa Gamma, but most organizations have experienced a loss of members and in participation of those who remain. What are the keys to sustaining your chapter and in attracting your members for your scheduled meetings?

According to a survey conducted in 2008 by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, there are many characteristics that exemplify a successful chapter. For the purpose of this article, I will focus on those that pertain most to programs. Consider the following as a checklist for your chapter as your plans emphasize the Society's mission, purposes, and history.

### **A successful chapter**

#### **—has fellowship time as part of each meeting.**

- What do you do in your meetings that allows for the social need of building camaraderie? Sometimes this is the only time these current and past educators see each other to chat and connect.

#### **—has a wide variety of high-quality, interesting programs and speakers, including programs that highlight community initiatives and those that use members' talents/expertise.**

- This is probably the most important characteristic to attract members to chapter meetings.
  - ▶ Survey your members as to their talents and abilities to participate.

▶ Also, survey to find their interests and needs regarding programs.

#### **—has open meetings and activities that welcome non-members.**

- Your friend or your neighbor may be very interested in this month's program. Non-members can share in the knowledge or participate with other like-minded women.

#### **—supports a variety of one-time and ongoing projects that actively engage members.**

- One-time projects are doable because of the minimal time commitment.
- Ongoing projects often give a chapter an identity because they are known for providing a service or a contribution in the community.

#### **—plans for meetings that involve members in each program, whether by icebreaker, group discussion, participation in planned activity, question-and-answer period, and/or evaluation.**

#### **—implements formal and traditional initiation and installation ceremonies.**

- These are very meaningful to members; whether a new initiate or a 20 year anniversary member.

One final thought – Each member must be inspired to feel excited about coming to Society events and contributing to the fullest. This happens only when practices and policies are followed that engage the hearts and minds of all those who participate. How can you ensure this success through the programs in your chapter? Do you choose to engage?



Shirley Tranas, Second Vice President

## Nurturing Members

Thanks to all the membership chairs and necrology chairs for turning in your Biennial Reports. You helped me get my reports in to International.

According to our treasurer we are improving in membership. We have had quite a few new members initiated this year. Congratulations to all new members!

Now that we have initiated new members, we want them to continue to be members. We need to nurture our members so that they will continue to be members.

One way to nurture members is for members to personally greet each other at meetings, at work or wherever we may see each other. Noticing the members at other times and places lets them know they are important. If others feel welcomed to a meeting, they will want to continue to go each time your chapter meets. Sit with someone you don't know very well and get to know them. This goes both ways because you both get to know each other.

Another way to nurture members is to offer to pick someone up to

go to the meeting with you. Sometimes the older members are not comfortable driving at night. New members would enjoy a ride in case they didn't know where they are going in a larger community. If you drive a distance, it is fun to go as a group.

With everybody's busy schedules, encourage members to come late, or leave early so they can get to know some of the other members. They may find they really enjoy coming to the meetings, and will later be able to stay for the entire meeting and socialize more. Have your meetings organized so a lot of time is not wasted with trivial items. This can also leave more time to socialize after the formal meeting. Younger members want a purpose to belong. They want to help others.

These are just a few ways to nurture members, but every idea may help a few more members to continue to be members.

Please do not forget to turn in your report for the Shoe-In Challenge to me at [dtranas@tctwest.net](mailto:dtranas@tctwest.net)

## Biographies Needed

Biographies and/or autobiographies are needed for Volume V of **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**. Ladies with birthdays between 1930 and 1940 and those who have not been included in previous volumes will be featured in this future volume. The history of **Wyoming Education** is in the biographies of its women educators. These volumes are a great resource, they should not only be in your chapter libraries, but they should also be in your local libraries.

If you are the chapter chairman of Let Your Light Shine, be sure you

are making contacts with women eligible to be in the volume. If you know of women who should be included make sure you let your chapter chairman know the name and how to contact the woman. Your chapter chairman will have the information necessary for writing the biographies/ autobiographies and the releases to be signed for publication of the biographies. The completed biographies/autobiographies, pictures and signed press releases should be sent to: Janelle Moore [zzofy@yahoo.com](mailto:zzofy@yahoo.com) or Sharon Cole [dolly2544@bresnan.net](mailto:dolly2544@bresnan.net)



Ann Hardesty, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Talk



### Hats off to the chapter treasurers!

They were right on time getting your dues to me. That is not an easy job. One chapter treasurer is still collecting from members.

Chapters have been initiating throughout the year. Please send the information on initiates to me as soon as they are initiated.

Include donating to the International projects as your school year ends. Very few chapters have done that so far.



Yvonne Gatley

## Yvonne Gatley Selected for Leadership/Management Seminar

**Congratulations** to Alpha Xi State's Yvonne Gatley, Kappa Chapter president, who is a recipient of a Golden Gift Award that will enable her to attend the Leadership/Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin this summer. Yvonne is a very active member who has contributed her many talents and abilities to the society. Yvonne is our first recipient since 2006.

## Purchase Your Third 21 Years

Third 21 Years History Booklets will be published soon.

Each chapter and each elected officer will receive a copy of the Third 21 Years. If you wish to purchase a copy of the Third 21

Years for your personal use please call or email Nina Nachtigall at 307-634-2461 or 214-2730 or [wyninalynn@bresnan.net](mailto:wyninalynn@bresnan.net) as soon as possible.



## Are you a Cornetet recipient? If not have you applied?

By Julia Burke Educational Foundation Liaison

Five members from Wyoming have received financial awards ranging from \$525 to \$2,000. You too could receive help from the Cornetet Funds. Go to [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net) or [www.educatoredge.org](http://www.educatoredge.org) to find the revised applications and complete details for a future award. Forms are now interactive and must be submitted electronically.

### Future Award Dates Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards

May 1 & Sept. 1, 2010

### Projects Awards

Jan. 3, 2011

Applications for projects will become available July 1.

Cornetet Awards were first given in 2005. Since that time five from Wyoming have received Professional Development Awards. They are Pamela Arps, Michelle Aldrich, Kelly Vazis,

Bridget Leonhardt, and Carolyn Sanchez. Total amount awarded May 2005 through February 2010 for Professional Development Awards has equaled \$269,412.82. In 2010 39 projects received renewed funds, 34 more were new projects which were funded. \$133,735.00 equaled total renewed and new projects funded. Wyoming received one of the first Professional Seminar awards for the Leadership Development Seminar held in Casper in June 2005. The Foundation accepts pledges for the Make a Miracle I and II campaigns including individuals, chapters, and state organizations. Contribution forms may be downloaded from the DKG website

[www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net)



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# Alpha Xi Presents

## Vision in Action: Vision of the Future

### Leadership Management Seminar

June 15 - 17, 2010  
Gillette College, Gillette, WY

#### Seminar Provides Opportunity for Professional and Personal Growth

Opportunities exist for DKG members and non-members to attend outstanding programs planned in leadership, technology, and the arts during the Leadership Management Seminar June 15 -17, 2010 in Gillette.

A keynote speaker, a special decorative painting workshop, interesting and educational workshops, a reception at the AVA Community Arts Center, and a panel presentation on alternatives to standardized testing will inform, rejuvenate, and inspire all that attend.

Office training and discussion about the Society will begin the activities on Tuesday morning, June 15. Each chapter president receives mileage one way so bring a car load. You don't need to be an officer or committee chairman to attend Tuesday. Presentations, speakers, and workshops will motivate, educate, inform and energize you.



#### Gillette Is The Place To Be!

So what is there to do in Gillette? Gillette just opened an awesome recreation center with an indoor track, a 40' climbing tower, 3 basketball courts, a lap pool, and a lazy river pool, complete with 2 indoor tube slides. There is also a Kids' Zone, and areas to just sit and visit. For more information and pictures, go to [www.ccprd.com](http://www.ccprd.com)

Gillette also has the Rockpile Museum where visitors can journey into the Old and New West; the CCSD Planetarium, a Science Center and Adventurarium, 2 nice golf courses, and the Complex Multi-Event Facility with indoor ice-skating and usually some event is being held every weekend. And don't forget Gillette is the Gateway to the Black Hills. Come to the seminar and from here you can travel 60 miles east to Devils' Tower, 90 miles to Spearfish, Deadwood, and the Black Hills.

#### Earn Credit in a Relaxed Setting

One (1) unit of PTSB workshop credit is available for those who attend 15 of the approved contact hours at the Leadership/Management Seminar June 15 -17. Participants can sign up for this renewal credit when they check in on site.



#### DKG Offers Opportunities to Learn About the Society

This is a chance to:

- ▶ Make your biennium easier,
- ▶ Learn about your office,
- ▶ Get answers to your questions,
- ▶ Voice your opinion on the proposed revision of the Constitution and International Standing Rules.

# Vision in Action: Vision of the Future

## Schedule at a Glance

(Check program upon arrival)

### Monday, June 14

- 5:30 Executive Committee Supper-Sharon Cole's home,  
2303 Dryfork Drive, Gillette \*  
(State Officers and Invited Guests)
- 7:00 Executive Committee Meeting

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### Tuesday, June 15

#### Alpha Xi State Executive Board Meeting, Officer Training, and Review of International Constitution and Bylaws

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your Own / Registration opens at Gillette College
- 8:00-9:30 Business Meeting
- 9:30-10:15 Proposed Revision of the Constitution and International Standing Rules Discussion
- 10:30-11:30 Officer Training
- 11:30- 12 Noon Questions, Announcements, Concerns

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#### Leadership Development Seminar

- 11:00-12:45 Registration continues
- 1:00-3:00 PM Workshops } If you plan to do the Masters Touch Studio, this
- 3:15-5:15 PM Workshops } will be a 4-hour workshop from 1-5 PM.
- 6:30 PM Dinner at the Clarion Inn, Speaker, Awards, Entertainment

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### Wednesday, June 16

#### Leadership Development Seminar

- 8:00-10:00 AM Workshops
- 10:15-Noon: Panel Presentation "Is There an Alternative to Standardized Testing?"
- 12- 1:30 Box Lunch/ Entertainment/ Bid on Theme Baskets/Check out Vendors
- 1:30-2:30 Workshops
- 2:45-3:45 Workshops
- 4:00-5:00 Workshops
- Dinner on your own-Ideas for places to dine will be included in your program.
- 7:00 -9:00 Reception at AVA Community Art Center will feature an overview of arts programs offered, refreshments, perusal of art and artists creating self-portraits.

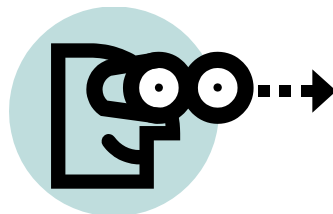
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### Thursday, June 17

#### Leadership Development Seminar

- 9:00-10:00 AM Workshops
- 10:15 -11:15 Workshops
- 11:30- 12 Noon Closing/ Turn in evaluations.

\*Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can plan the food accordingly.



## Overview of Seminar Speakers, Workshops and Presenters

**Brian Black** has been in the education field for close to 20 years, the last 10 of which are with Apple, Inc. as an Education Account Executive. He has worked with many schools throughout Wyoming, Montana and Idaho to implement technology with the goal of changing the classroom. With the need to create a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environment, mobile computing is how students want to learn.

**Julia Burke** is a very active member of DKG on all levels. She is a past state president, a retired elementary teacher, a presenter at numerous regional and international conventions, and recipient of the Golden Gift award and the Alpha Xi State achievement award. Julia has been the State Leadership Development chairman for five terms. Volunteerism will be her topic.

**Stephanie Crawford**, Gillette College's career technical transitions coordinator, will conduct a tour of the new Tech Center and explain the programs available.

**Lyla Downey**, Assistant Supt. for Technology in CCSD, will share all of the latest gadgets and techniques available for educators in their classrooms.

**Yvonne Gatley** is the program chair for Alpha Xi State, president of Kappa Chapter and Language Arts facilitator for the Sheridan schools. She will share fun ways to write poetry.

**Sandra Gothard**, member of Phi Chapter, retired from 37 years of teaching mathematics in June 2009. She is a Master Online Facilitator for PBS Teacherline and has been since 2001.

**Ann Hardesty**, currently treasurer of Alpha Xi State, is a past state president and a retired 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She substitutes, works with children in her Wednesday Church Fellowship program, and reads to preschoolers. Ann is now a published author.

**Theresa Kokesh**, owner of Aloha Scuba in Gillette, is an avid scuba diver as well as an

underwater environmentalist, concentrating on saving endangered species such as sea turtles and coral reefs.

**Kari McLaughlin** has been teaching since 1996 and in Gillette since 2001. Originally from Sheridan, she received her teaching degree at Black Hills State College. Kari published her first book in 2005. She will share the journey of becoming a published author.

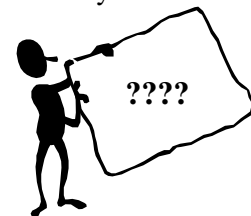
**Sally Sheehan** is a retired elementary teacher in CCSD, a past state president and a member of Theta chapter. Sally will share training she has received on the art of storytelling.

**Mary Wegher** is a librarian at Wagonwheel Elementary School in Gillette. Mary likes to bring the books to life for the children by singing and acting out the books. She breaks the stereotype that librarians like it quiet. Mary also has submitted Wyoming state facts to the series titled "*America the Beautiful WOW! Weird, Wacky and Out of this World State Facts!*"

### AVA-Community Art Center

AVA – Advocacy for Visual Arts is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of the visual arts in the region. AVA's purpose is to work in partnership with the community to support a place for inspiration, expression and education of the visual arts. The idea for the AVA Community Art Center was conceived, and formally organized in 1998, by a group of local citizens and artists dedicated to promoting the visual arts. In 1998 they obtained Campbell County's former Wyoming Department of Transportation building. With the help of grants, fundraising activities, donations and countless volunteer hours, the facility was completely renovated and opened to the public in January, 2003. AVA has since become a vital and integral part of the region's creative community and is one of the area's leading choices for art education, expression and resource. AVA offers an Art and Leadership Program for girls and boys, a Pre-K Art course, and an After School Art Gym program for students to exercise creativity.

And More-





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So, bring a friend and a mind open to the wonders of faux finishing!

### The Particulars:

Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Objectives: Learn three new decorative finishes and take home two sample boards and one accessory piece.

Open to all levels of skill.

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Take advantage of the opportunity to try a new art - Master's Touch Studio prides itself on cutting edge techniques, with eco-friendly wall, furniture and cabinetry finishes. Our teaching style focuses on letting people learn both through humor and creative passions, not "right and wrong." C'mon and join us, it just won't be the same without YOU!

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## Constitution Revision Creates a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Organization

The International Constitution and Revision Committee has published the proposed Constitution and Standing Rules in the specially designed issue of the *NEWS* and on the Society web site. "The committee listened to your concerns and read all of the items that you sent us. We worked hard to craft a *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* document that reflected forward thinking. Read the one you received. Be ready to vote on it at the convention. I encourage you to take time to talk about it at your state meeting," states International President Carolyn Rants. The last major revision of the Constitution was in 1982 at the Atlanta,

Georgia convention. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers during the Tues., June 15, morning session facilitated by Northwest Regional Director Glenda Reynolds. Voting will take place at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, Washington.



**Don't forget** the Chapter History competition, either by making a scrapbook or by doing a computer generation! Judging will be at the spring Executive Board meeting in Gillette June 15 – 17 in conjunction with the Leadership Development Seminar. Prizes are \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place and \$10 for third place.

## Does Your Chapter Donate to World Fellowships?

Ann Marie Custis, Alpha Xi State's World Fellowship chairman, encourages all chapters to donate to the World Fellowship Fund. World Fellowships are directly related to the purposes of the Society, "...to grant fellowships to women from other countries." The World Fellowships Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. Through the years the program grew and to date more than 555 women from over 100 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada.

## Chapters Report From Around the State



### **Upsilon Chapter-**

Upsilon's 27th annual Used Book Sale was their best yet.....100 tables & 50,000+books equal a great undertaking and accomplishment. The members worked together, accepted leadership roles and responsibilities, and found success. Each year they are able to help a worthy cause. This community service project is well received as members of the community donate books and come purchase their next year's supply. It's exciting to see the smiles on faces, regardless of age, as a book that's being looked for is found. The major part of this year's proceeds will go to the educational training and programs at the new Children's Village located at the Botanic Garden in Cheyenne. At the March meeting members visited the new Clay, Paper, Scissors Art Gallery. Upsilon member Abi Paytoe Gbayee is one of their resident or studio artisans. Some of their members are looking forward to participating in the Leadership Development Seminar in Gillette and attending the International Convention in Spokane, Washington.



### **Epsilon Chapter-**

At the Epsilon Chapter meetings in October and December, the members decided to become more active than in the recent past. In addition to four business meetings each year, the chapter will have 4 to 8 additional meetings, ideally one per month. These meetings will be for the purpose of social, service and chapter fellowship. Members judged the Voice of Democracy entries for the

Guernsey VFW Post 4471. During the past few years, the chapter has instituted \$50.00 humanities grants for each of our four communities which have been used for author visits, book purchasing trips, and other arts/literacy related programs. In addition Epsilon Chapter usually purchases the Educator's Award Books each year to donate to each community public library. When the chapter raised dues recently, a chapter caring fund was established to defray dues costs when needed. Members had fun putting together the fundraising basket last year and are planning a great one this year as well.



### **Kappa Chapter-**

On Friday evening, January 22, Kappa Chapter in Sheridan held a Jewelry Jamboree. All funds raised went to the Dorothy Gibbs Renewable Scholarship at Sheridan College. Members contributed 'old jewelry' to sell as 'new to you' jewelry. Flyers were distributed to all women educators in the area inviting them to come and shop. The daughter of a member also sold Lia Sophia jewelry and donated her profits to the chapter for the scholarship. A fun time was had by all who attended and of course jewelry was added to members' collections while contributing to a great cause. The total amount raised in a two hour period was just over \$500. Kappa chapter plans on making Jewelry Jamboree an annual event!



### **Theta Chapter**

Members of Theta Chapter prepared Christmas bags for senior citizens as their Socks for Seniors project continues. Socks were also donated to the Way Station (the homeless shelter), the Y.E.S. House (Youth Emergency Shelter) and the Crisis Shelter.

In January the chapter initiated

three new members: Georgia Rutschke, Robin Donovan, and Mary Maki. February's meeting saw members thinking of escaping to warmer weather as they listened to Theresa Kokesh from Aloha Scuba tell us about scuba diving in exotic places. She also shared information about endangered underwater species and their program to help save them.



### **Phi Chapter-**

Phi chapter's Christmas party was festive and enjoyable with initiation of three new members. Kellie Johnson, from the Parent Education Network; Lesa Wilhelm, a Title One teacher at Pioneer Park; and Edith Vosler, a librarian at Carey. At the meeting in October, Marjane Belomyzy announced that the homeless Veteran's Apartments will open on January 5. This was a project the chapter helped with for the past few years. The chapter contributed \$100 towards a Wii Digital for a local teacher through [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org) for President Sharon Cole's Alpha Xi project. The teachers' mini grant winners for the 2009-2010 school year were Johnna Lissman, Christy VanHorn, and Amy Enzi. Phi Chapter's mini grants are designed to assist members with their classroom projects.

**Remember to send your  
chapter news to the editor  
at [grielehart@aol.com](mailto:grielehart@aol.com)**



## Beacons of Alpha Xi State

**Ann Hardesty**, Alpha Xi state member, was named Thermopolis Citizen of the year by the Chamber of Commerce. She also announced the publication of her children's book *Lucy's Trials in the Black Hills* about a young girl feeling left out, lonely, and falsely accused of the disappearance of things. The book is historical fiction set on the Hardesty Homestead. It is available on Amazon.com.

**Editor's Note: DKG members are beacons of light in their educational field, in their academic setting and in their community. Please send their names and achievements to [grlebhart@aol.com](mailto:grlebhart@aol.com) so that we can celebrate their accomplishments.**

### White Roses



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

Delta Kappa Gamma Ceremonies Book

Elenora Ball	Lovell, WY
Gwen Knapp	Sun City, AZ
Lillian Leithead	Thermopolis, WY
Eva Millikan	Buffalo, WY
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## Important Dates

Alpha Xi Leadership Conference and State  
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June 15 -17, 2010  
Gillette

2010 International Convention  
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