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June 12 – 13, 2012

Highland Park Elementary, Sheridan, WY

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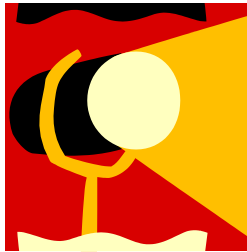
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Spotlight on Technology Strand

Who has heard of Quick Voice? How about Book Creator? Do you know about Smart Board Notebook Applications? Have you ever geocached? What is a flip cam, a green screen, or an edublog? Answers to these questions and more will be addressed at the technology strand of the Leadership Development Seminar offered by Alpha Xi State in Sheridan on June 12–13. This strand is one of three planned for educators from throughout the state of Wyoming who attend the seminar.

Students from across our state have opportunities daily to interact with cutting edge technologies in their classrooms. Training for teachers and staff must be current and applicable to the ever changing and expanding field of technology in order to meet student's needs. Participants at the Leadership Development Seminar will have the good fortune of attending sessions with hands-on time built in to address this training. The use of iPads, Smart Boards, and associated technologies will be featured throughout the sessions.



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Yvonne Gatley
2011 – 2013 Alpha Xi State
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Choices – Yes or No?

*Hi, Brent, Michelle, Jason, Amy, Peggy, Mike, Marty...
It's Yvonne Gatley and I am planning a Leadership Development Seminar this summer. Would you be interested in helping out by... presenting a session in leadership/technology/the arts...serving on a panel...catering a lunch...setting up a table for the vendor fair...*

So goes the tenor of my free time for the last several weeks. In the process I have learned a lot about the people in my school, community, and Alpha Xi State members. When it comes to choices, most of the great people I have contacted have said YES without hesitation.

Why is that so important? Well in our hectic daily lives, it often seems like we just run from one place to the next – school, church, meetings, kids/grandkids events,

volunteering, etc. When do you take time for yourself?

Our Leadership Development Seminar offers the opportunity for you to grow both professionally and personally. With over 20 choices of sessions, in a two day period, you can feed your mind as well as your inner need for enjoyment.

The presenters, panel members, caterers, vendors, and helpers have all agreed to come together for a common purpose. Are they busy people? For sure. These assembled contributors are busy, but they have placed an importance on their participation in the Leadership Development Seminar.

Now all we need is **you**. Your attendance will make all the phone calls, emails, letters, and planning worthwhile. Please accept this invitation to attend in Sheridan on June 12 and 13. The choice is yours – Yes or No?

Save the date...

Northwest Regional
Conference

July 28 - Aug.3, 2013

Little America,
Cheyenne



Shirley Tranas, First Vice President

Educational Excellence Committees Report

I would like to start off by thanking those officers that turned in their Educational Excellence Reports. I found that reading your reports and doing my report for International was very interesting.

Seven Chapters from Alpha Xi are supporting the early-career educators. Six hundred and twenty hours have been given and \$445 spent on this project. Most of the money was used for supplies for personal use and goodie bags for new teachers. Many of the hours were from retired teachers volunteering in the classroom and mentoring programs through school districts.

Five Chapters supported the Schools for Africa. Most of the chapters used the video on the DKG website. International liked our idea to use a silent auction on baskets from all chapters of the state to make money for this project.

Many chapter programs or activities were in the categories of personal and professional pride, excellence in education, global awareness and impacting

educational law/or policy. Some of the ideas for activities were: volunteerism; scholarships for Jr. Colleges; homework boxes for Boys and Girls Clubs; mini-grants to help teachers in classrooms; preparing for state and regional conventions; having lunch and planning for the year; and teacher advocacy.

Some of the programs held around the state were: Head Start and Early Head Start and giving them a collection of books, exchange students, supporting teachers, stress relief and travels of members.

Please plan to attend the Educator’s Leadership Development Seminar June 11-13 in Sheridan, WY. Officer Training will be held Tuesday morning, June 12.



Becky Tish, Second Vice President

Membership

In the midst of our crazy, busy lives it is very easy to forget that we were honored to be selected as members of Delta Kappa Gamma. We forget that we were chosen because of our “professional qualifications, leadership potential and personal qualities.” We forget the advantages of meeting with fellow DKG members each month, sharing time and talents with each other, sharing fellowship together,

and learning from each other. We forget the many opportunities that are available through this amazing organization.

I would like to encourage you to move DKG to the top of your priority list, and get more involved with this organization. And here are just a few of the many reasons why.

◆ There are tremendous professional development opportunities available at the local, state, regional and international levels in Delta Kappa Gamma. Just this summer, there is a fantastic Leadership Seminar in Sheridan, the Seminar in Purposeful Living in Washington, D. C. and the International Convention in New York City. Your own chapter meetings can also afford you great opportunities for professional development and personal growth. Attend these meetings and seminars, and watch yourself grow!

◆ DKG is much bigger than your local chapter. There is tremendous “spiritual fellowship” in this organization. Once you experience the bigger picture and attend even one event that is state-wide, regional or International, you will never see Delta Kappa Gamma in the same way again. You will feel the bond of sisterhood with educators around Wyoming, the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries in the world. It is amazing to know that you have colleagues all over the world who are also members of Delta Kappa Gamma—sisters everywhere!!

◆ There are fantastic scholarship opportunities available through Delta Kappa Gamma. Whether pursuing an advanced degree or learning more about something that interests you, DKG offers scholarships and personal growth

grants at all levels of the organization. There are also stipends and grants for research or special projects. The money and support that this organization offers its members is unbelievable.

♦ If you would like to share a passion with others, DKG is a perfect opportunity to do this. You can give presentations at chapter meetings, state meetings and workshops, regional and International conferences. There are even opportunities to share your expertise in a foreign country or to write for professional publications. The possibilities are endless.

♦ There are great opportunities to perform service for your community, state, country and the world through various projects. Whether it is your local chapter service project or the Schools for Africa program at the International level, you can be a part of doing good things in the world through Delta Kappa Gamma. What is more important than that?

You are so fortunate to have been selected as a member of this remarkable organization. So take advantage of the opportunities available to you by making Delta Kappa Gamma a priority in your life. You will be glad that you did!



JoAnn Baumhover , Treasurer

Treasurer's Talk

Red roses to all chapter treasurers in Alpha Xi State! We made it

through the dues and fees collection period! I made a few missteps, but with your patience and persistence the information was sent to International in good time.

Membership is a little lower this year, but many chapters are sending in dues and fees for new members and even for a few members who paid their dues late! I enjoy sending updates to President Yvonne, Membership Chair Becky and Roundup Editor Glenda. So if there is someone from your chapter who still wants to pay dues for 2011-2012, please encourage them to write that check and send me the information on Form 18. If you need additional forms, you'll find them on the International website. Email me at dismath@yahoo.com for specific directions to locate any treasurer's forms you might need.

As we enter the season for initiating new members into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International sisterhood, please remember to provide me with the Initiate Card(s) -- (form is electronic at www.dkg.org) as soon as possible so initiates can start receiving publications from International and Alpha Xi State in a timely fashion.

Good News! The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has completed the formation of a 501(c)(3) supporting corporation that encompasses all Society funds except the Available Fund and the Permanent Fund. Contributions to the Emergency Fund, Scholarship Fund, International Speakers Fund, Educators Award Fund, Golden Gift Fund, Eunah Temple Leadership Fund, Loretta Halek Memorial Fund, and World Fellowship Fund are **NOW U.S. Income Tax deductible**. To claim this deduction, please make your

check payable to the specific fund. Your check is your receipt!

Hopefully you are making plans to join us at the Leadership Development Seminar in Sheridan this June 11-13. It will be an informational time and such a change from the classroom or whatever endeavor you did this past year. See you there!



It's Time to Consider a Chapter SAP

by Jan Segerstrom, Chi Chapter

“Where would we be without plans? Our classrooms must have plans to carry out on a daily basis. All grade levels and districts have plans to direct where we are going with our curriculum. Even our day to day life activities must include plans. As educators, we all know what it feels like to have no direction or goal to head toward. The same is true for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,” says State DKG President Yvonne Gatley.

In 2010, past DKG state president Sharon Cole appointed a committee to spearhead the development of a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for Alpha Xi State. In order to better understand the process for creating a strategic action plan, committee members Sharon Cole and Jan Segerstrom attended a pre-conference training session hosted by Dr. Carolyn Rants during the July 2011 NW Regional Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

During the workshop, participants were trained in using a 4-step

model to design a SAP: (1) Review Mission/Vision (2) Use the SWOT procedure (3) Determine the vision for your state organization/chapter and (4) Select areas on which to focus. Teams were then formed to brainstorm areas of focus for the state strategic plans, followed by the creation of SMART goals (objectives) with supporting action steps. By day's end, Wyoming's team emerged with a solid framework for its plan.

At the fall meeting, time was spent going over the draft of the Alpha Xi Strategic Action Plan. Numerous revisions were proposed and incorporated into the state plan. Recently posted on the Wyoming Alpha Xi website, the State Plan is available as a roadmap with six areas of focus for building a stronger state organization and "growing" Wyoming's DKG Chapters.

Objectives and action steps found in The Plan for Chapters to consider implementing include (1) contacting former DKG members each biennium for reinstatement, (2) customizing leadership roles and responsibilities, (3) adding a chapter webpage on the State website to share chapter activities, promoting awareness of state/international projects at the local level, (5) acting as teacher mentors for early career educators, and (6) considering how to help support the hosting of the 2013 NW Regional Conference in Cheyenne.

It's also time for Chapters to begin the process (if you haven't done so already) of writing your own Chapter SAPs. Let the Alpha Xi Strategic Action Plan guide you! It's a living document that's open to discussion and revisions as we go about our business as a state and as chapters. The DKG

International Society website offers information in the Library section under "Strategic Action Plans." Here you will find the International SAP and also a series of newsletters entitled "As the SAP Rises." These newsletters offer specific steps for drafting strategic action plans at the State and Chapter levels.

Remember...Growing an organization requires an action plan to ensure forward movement and maintain sustainability. "If you don't know where you are going, you could end up anywhere or even nowhere!" [As the SAP Rises, Mar/Apr 2012]

What will your Chapter's strategic action plan look like for the 2012-2014 biennium?



Let Your Light Shine

by Sharon Cole, Immediate Past State President

Calling all women educators, born before 1940! Are you working on your story for Volume V of our next Let Your Light Shine book? Don't keep putting off getting your story of your life and your teaching experiences written. If you need some examples, please let me know. The outline to help you in writing this is now on the Alpha Xi State website: just go to dkg.org and go to the state web sites to access it.

Check to see if you have educator friends who are not members of DKG that also have interesting

biographies to share. You do not have to be a member of DKG to be published in Let Your Light Shine. Chapter presidents, why not make this a program meeting? If you would like some stories to read at a meeting to spur excitement, please let me know.

We still have copies of Volumes I-IV for sale. You can contact me at 307.421.3409 (mobile) or 307.333.1769 (home). Email: dolly2544@bresnan.net.

New Contemporary Initiation Ceremony becomes available

The International Membership Committee continues to design membership resources for the 21st Century. DKG members have given accolades to the new Contemporary Initiation Ceremony and the committee believes members will respond in the same way to new *Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and Ceremonies* book. Even though DKG's membership is international, the heart of the Society is at the chapter level. These documents provide chapters with guidance and support regardless of their location on the globe. They take into consideration our Society's diverse membership and stress the pride of being a key woman educator. The *Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and Ceremonies* book will be available at the DKG store at www.dkg.org soon. *from DKG Broadcasting the Buzz, February 2012*

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Highlights of the Seminar

Sessions

Award winning author **Gene Gagliano** will present a session on writing children's books for fun and publication. Gene's book, *Dee and the Mammoth*, was chosen by the Wyoming State Library to represent the state of Wyoming at the 2011 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. This session is sure to provide participants with a good dose of Gene's humor and insights into what children love to read.

Interested in photography? **Mindy Wilson** will give you tips and provide hands-on experience in how to 'frame' pictures in your own backyard throughout our photogenic state of Wyoming. Be sure and bring your cameras along!

Educators from **Sheridan County School District #2** will highlight the technology sessions. They will share with you their most current classroom applications of the latest tech gadgets and tools. (See Spotlight on front page for more information)

Included in our technology strand is a special session offered by **Dr. Michelle Aldrich**, Alpha Xi South Area Rep. Michelle will reveal the secrets of geocaching. This extended session is sure to engage and enlighten you.

The needs of early career educators will be the focus of **Sara McGinnis**, Kappa member. She

will explore various methods used to ensure success for this group of teachers at your school.

Jason Hillman, Wyoming Elementary Principal of the Year for 2011, will discuss the importance of creating Community and Culture in his session. Jason's high achieving school attributes much of their success to the unity of staff, students, and administration.

Our International Representative, **Libby Watson**, will present a session on Releasing the Leader in YOU! Libby's vast experience in DKG is sure to enrich and educate us as leaders.

Panels

Two working lunch sessions will feature panels discussing issues of interest and importance to the topic of Leadership. One panel will be composed of local school administrators who will provide insights to issues facing educators in 2012. The other panel will be composed of representatives from local community organizations who will speak to the topic of volunteers as leaders. Time will be provided to answer questions from the audience.

Vendor Fair

On Wednesday morning, a vendor fair will be available. Tables can be purchased for \$15 for chapters or individuals to sell their products. Local sellers will also be available with an array of products that will be pertinent to attendees at the seminar.

Chapter Basket Silent Auction

A favorite of our conventions and gatherings has been the silent auction of baskets. Each chapter has been very creative in their offerings and bidding in the past has been brisk. This year's auction is sure to continue the tradition.

Alpha Xi State Welcomes Libby Watson



Libby Watson, Southeast Regional Director

Alpha Xi State is honored to have Libby Watson, Southeast Regional Director, as our International Representative from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Libby will take an active role in the training of our officers, in presenting a session on leadership, and as a speaker at our banquet.

A member of our Society for 30 years, Libby Watson is from Alabama where she served as the 2005-07 Beta State/Alabama President. This, plus previous offices as state first vice president, second vice president, and recording secretary have given her valuable insight into the needs and

concerns of our chapters and state organizations. On the International level, Libby has served on the Membership Committee, Leadership Development Committee and Golden Gift Fund Committee. She attended the 1992 Beta State Leadership Seminar, the 1999 International Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar and served as assistant coordinator for the 2010 Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar.

Libby received her BS and Master's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from the University of Alabama. After helping to establish one of the first public kindergarten programs in the state, she continued teaching kindergarten and first grade for 28 years. Happily retired, she and her husband Jack enjoy life as "river rats" on the banks of the Tennessee River near Athens, Alabama. They take great pleasure in sharing activities such as boating, motorcycling, and hunting. They have three adult children, Jon, Beth and Wes, and eight grandchildren who joyfully complete their lives.

Now serving Delta Kappa Gamma as Southeast Regional Director, Libby's vision for the future sees us refocusing our purposes to form life lines and support networks for young, active teachers.



View of Big Horn Mountains

Executive Board Meeting and Training for 2012-2014 Chapter Officers

Tuesday, June 12
8:00 AM

Make plans to attend the Executive Board Meeting and training for chapter officers and committee chairpersons. Our session will begin with greetings from our DKG Society International representative, Libby Watson, Southeast Regional Director. Libby will be a great asset to us as we discuss issues important to all chapters. 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 on Tuesday morning. All DKG members can learn more about:

- Roles and responsibilities of officers and committees
- Strategic Action Plans
- Chapter web pages
- Schools for Africa

Opportunity for Personal and Professional Growth

Three strands and over twenty workshop sessions are being offered to educators from throughout the state beginning at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, June 12.

See page 8 for the tentative agenda of sessions in each strand.

In addition, two working lunch sessions will feature panels discussing issues of interest and importance to the topic of Leadership.

This educational opportunity is sure to have something for everyone.

One (1) unit of PTSB credit is available for those who attend 14 of the approved contact hours at the Leadership Management Seminar June 12 – 13. Sign up for credit at registration.

Downtown Sheridan Opens Its Doors to Attendees

Sheridan, voted the #1 Western Town in the US in 2006, is the destination for Delta Kappa Gamma members from throughout Wyoming this coming June.

Sheridan provides history with a view, from its authentic Main Street lined with historic buildings to the Landmark Historic Sheridan Inn where Buffalo Bill once auditioned acts, to the magnificent backdrop of the Bighorn Mountains.

Home to 46 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, the downtown comes alive with its unique specialty shops from antiques to cowboy memorabilia to intriguing boutiques and galleries, as well as delightful historic trolley or walking tours.

Museums and mansions throughout the area offer a glimpse into the stories of the past.

For more information and pictures, go to www.sheridanwyoming.org



Downtown Sheridan

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June 12 and 13, 2012

Highland Park Elementary, 2 Mydland Rd, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307)672-2113

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Tuesday, June 12 – Highland Park Elementary and Story

- 11:30 – 12:00 Registration
- 12:00 – 2:15 PM Box Lunch and Panel Discussion – **Education Issues in 2012**
Local school administrators moderated by Representative John Patton
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM Break-out session #1
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Building Culture & Community | Jewelry Making (with extension) | Quick Voice for iPads |
| | | Geocaching (with extension) |
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM Tours and Extensions
Sheridan Historical Society tour & others TBD
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM Banquet at the Lodore in Story

Wednesday, June 13 – Highland Park Elementary

- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Social Time
- 8:00 – 12:30 Vendor Fair in Foyer
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM Break-out session #2
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Teacher Induction | Card/craft making | Class Blog & Book Creator |
- 9:45 – 10:45 AM Break-out session #3
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Mentoring | Writing Children's Books | Class Blog & Book Creator (cont) |
- 11:00 – 12:00 Break-out session #4
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Releasing the Leader in YOU! | Drum Circles | Power Point |
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM Box Lunch and PANEL – **Volunteers as Leaders**
Panel representing a variety of local organizations
- 1:45 – 2:45 PM Break-out session #5
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Motivation | Photography | 21 st Century Skills |
| | | Smart Board Notebook |
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM Break-out session #6
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| Strand 1-Leadership | Strand 2-The Arts | Strand 3-Technology |
| Visions of Volunteerism | Photography (cont.) | Smart Board Notebook (cont) |
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM Closing and Evaluation

*Note – Sessions subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances



Chapters Report From Around the State



Kappa Chapter

In February, members gathered to assemble the cowboy cookie cutter favors for the 2013 Northwest Regional Conference. Retired Home Economics teacher, Ann Marie Custis, found that cutting those little bandanas was "her cup of tea." At our recent meeting, Pam Moore facilitated the discussion of two books on bullying behaviors in girls. We look forward to ending our year by judging Young Author entries and initiating three new members in May.



Alpha Delta Chapter

The chapter wants to welcome Jillian Ferguson who was initiated in 2010 (at the same time as Christine Bartlett) and Bertha Tracy and Michelle Peterson who was initiated in 2011. Janet Saxby celebrated her 70th Birthday on Feb. 26! Janet is still teaching and challenging a new generation of students!



Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter initiated and welcomed two new members at their February meeting: Carolin Hardesty, daughter-in-law- of Ann Hardesty, 4th grade teacher at Rozet Elementary School, and Lisa Zempel, transition teacher at Sage Valley Jr. High. At the March meeting Lisa presented a program on her trips to Zimbabwe, Africa during her summers to work with the children in orphanages and the schools there. Theta Chapter

continues its "Socks for Seniors" project by presenting warm fuzzy socks to men and women at Pioneer Manor, and to transient people who spend time at the homeless shelter in Gillette. In April the chapter will have a program presented by Toni Brown at the newly updated planetarium at Sage Valley Junior High, and in May we plan to finish our cowgirls for the Northwest Regional Conference in 2013.



Carolin Hardesty and Lisa Zemple are greeted by Sharon Cole, Theta Chapter President.



Chi Chapter

Meeting Highlights

Four official Chi Chapter meetings and two social events were held during the 2011-2012 school year with the final meeting occurring at the Molesworth Cabin in the Jackson Hole Indian Springs Subdivision. Complete with Mexican dinner and leis, spring break book teasers were presented by local bookstore owner and reading advocate, Anne Ashley, as Chi Chapter members relaxed in their Hawaiian attire and flip-flops while listening in front of a raging fire and melting snow banks outside the cabin's log walls.

Annual Book Project

This past year our annual book donation's theme was "Love a Book" with the book drive culminating during the February 15th chapter meeting. Books contributed by chapter members were bagged and distributed to

several local organizations/offices: *Hirschfield Center, JH Community Counseling Center and the Community Safety Network.*

New Member Orientation

Eleven chapter nominees participated in the Chi Chapter membership orientation process which consisted of attending 1 chapter social event, 1 official chapter meeting, and orientation meeting in January. The focus of the orientation meeting was on the recently published DKG International "Big Picture Orientation" PowerPoint that was customized to inform potential members of DKG and Chi Chapter membership purposes and membership responsibilities. Seven of the original new member applicants accepted Chi Chapter's invitation to join and were initiated during the March meeting. Chi Chapter membership has now reached 42 members.

Global Awareness Projects

At the international level, chapter members voted to support DKG's official project, *Schools for Africa*, during the next biennium. At the local level, members selected the local Jackson Hole Food Bank and "Journey with a Village," an Agros International program promoting economic sustainability in Nicaragua, as the biennium's global awareness projects to support. Chi Chapter will collaborate with several other local community organizations to support both the local food cupboard and the building of a community in Nicaragua. A third project that may be adopted on a community level is "Blessings in a Backpack" which featured the work of a Gillette, Wyoming woman in PEOPLE magazine on Feb 13, 2012. This project promotes adopting a school or group of children in one's hometown and providing backpacks filled with food staples

for distribution to families who may go hungry on the weekend without it.

Newly Formed Communications Committee

Chi Chapter continues to develop two new means of communication bringing it into the 21st Century. One being a chapter website and the other, an email mailing list to more effectively communicate with members regarding upcoming meetings, activities, projects and committee work. Most of the chapter's behind-the-scenes work is being done through email instead of face-to-face meetings. Secondly, in response to Alpha Xi's State Action Plan's (SAP) Objective 3.1, Chi Chapter recently built a webpage using *Google Sites* (free web generation program) to share its information with other chapters in Wyoming as well as internationally. The Chi Chapter website can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/jacksohohledkg/home> and a "hot" link for it will soon appear on the Alpha Xi state website.

Community Service Projects

Minus any snowstorms or mudslides, Chi Chapter members will conduct the annual May roadside cleanup of the Chapter's official WYDOT-designated mile in the Snake River Canyon, and in June, members will walk, run, or bike in the annual Run 'n Ride for the Cure sponsored by Skinny Skis in support of St. John's Hospital's oncology department. Chapter members participate every year in memory of Connell Hughes, a past DGK sister and officer as well as in honor of current chapter members who are breast cancer survivors.

Visit the DKG website library to find information of a broad spectrum of Society activities.

www.dkg.org



Upsilon Chapter

The members of Upsilon Chapter held their annual book sale in March. The community donates thousands of books which makes the sale successful. The money raised has provided endowments at UW and LCCC which provide scholarships for students in education. It also provides grants to members for professional opportunities and advanced degrees. Paul Smith's Children's Village at the Botanical Gardens has also received help to provide hands-on activities and learning experiences for young visitors. Kathy Orr and her husband showed their slides and shared experiences from their trip to Australia for the March chapter program. April's program will be CLIP given by Carol Johnson. The joint Founders' Day program for the 3 Cheyenne chapters will include initiation of new members and installation of new officers. It's always enjoyable to get the three chapters together to share and visit.



Phi Chapter

In September President Ellen Kub distributed white "booty socks" to members for the chapter's "Sock-it-to-Us" fundraiser. At the December holiday social and initiation, socks were gathered along with small shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. Half of the money collected and the toiletries went to the "Home Away from Home" project sponsored through the Cheyenne hospital. The chapter's first February Family Dinner was a great success. Eighteen families enjoyed the Mardi Gras activities. The kids, especially enjoyed making Mardi Gras masks. Christi Van Horn and

Johnna Lissman were the recipients of the \$100 mini-grants awarded by the chapter for the teachers to use for materials needed in their classrooms. A very informative and educational program on Women & Children in Africa for the March meeting was presented by Connie Norman, who shared her and her husband's experience adopting Vander from Ethiopia. Sara Pedersen, immediate past chapter president, will share their experience of adopting their little girl, Ea, from China at the April meeting.



Miweeze Gleason, Phi member, presents a check to Roberto Hurless from "Home Away From Home" and to Sandy, a volunteer.

White Roses

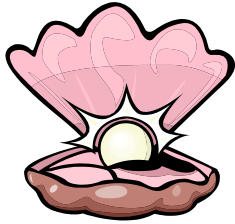


"She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues and with all of us."

Delta Kappa Gamma Ceremonies Book

Marian Wilson Sigma Chapter,
Worland

Congratulations to Becky Tish for being selected for the 2012 Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas this summer!



Shining Pearls

Charla McClinton, Upsilon Chapter, was chosen as the Cheyenne Teachers' Education Association's 2011 Teacher of the Year. Charla is an elementary teacher at Pioneer Park School in Cheyenne.

Leona Wunnenberg, Chi Chapter, renewed her National Board Certification in Early Adolescence thru Young Adult Science due to being one of the first teachers in Wyoming to receive National Board Certification.

Renaye Notzka and Alivia Bingham, Chi Chapter, received their initial National Board Certification in Early Adolescent Reading and English as a New Language for Early Adolescence thru Young Adult respectively.

Kris Cady, Chi Chapter member and middle school special education teacher, earned an ESL endorsement through the Teton County – University of Wyoming onsite certification program.

Mabel Frederick, Epsilon Chapter was named the Outstanding Tax-Aide Volunteer. Mabel began helping seniors with their taxes through AARP's Tax-Aide program about eight years ago. Currently she completes more than 100 tax returns every year

Barbara Scifers, Beta Chapter, received the 2012 Woman of Distinction sponsored by Soroptimist International of

Central Wyoming, the American Association of University Women, Casper Panhellenic and the American Society of Women Accountants.

Alpha Xi State Welcomes Initiates

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Carolyn Hardesty
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Members of Phi Chapter work on cowboy cookie cutters for the Northwest Regional conference.

NWR Gets Closer

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