

# UPSILON UPDATES

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## JULIA'S JOTTINGS

·Has spring really arrived? As I write this the forecast is for snow. Hope you enjoyed your spring break if you are with the school district and that everyone had a Happy Easter time with friends and family.

·Have you nominated an educator to become a new member of Upsilon Chapter? Initiation will take place at the May 20 joint meeting but there are several steps between nominating and initiating which take time to complete. Voting on

new members will take place at the April 15 meeting.

·We will provide sign-up sheets at the April 15 meeting for those who wish to get their names on the list early to help at the northwest regional. A lot of help is needed. See article for more information.

·Please bring your entries for the crafts exhibit and judging at State Convention to the April 15 meeting or call me to make arrangements so we can take and return them with winner information.

·An Alpha Xi state dues increase will be discussed at the state meeting. I will be requesting feedback at our April meeting so I can represent you as chapter president.

Warmly,  
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

*Julia Burke*

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## APRIL 15TH MEETING

Please note it is an evening meeting at South high school, Refreshments will start at 6:45, meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m.



## **APRIL MEETING SHOWCASE!**

This month's meeting will be important!  
Enjoyable Refreshments and time to see the showcase items  
Business Meeting including pertinent info and voting on new members  
Opportunity to sign up as a host at our table, hostess at a meal, greeter, etc.  
Program: "Showcasing Members' Talents"

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Mara Funk

We will be voting on new members! Please bring your nominations to the April 15 meeting. There will be an orientation following later in April. The initiation of new members is May 20th at the joint chapters meeting.

## **THE BOOK SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Dr. Michelle Aldrich


Wow! Our 30th Annual Used Book Sale was amazing. While our profits are declining due to kindles, nooks and e-readers we were still hugely successful! As a chapter we voted to donate \$10,000 to the Laramie County Library Foundation which will actually be matched by the State of Wyoming through a special legislative fund actually turning our donation into \$30,000! Our chapter also voted to donate \$10,000 to the Paul Smith Children's Village for educational purposes in a new endowment agreement.

In addition to these large donations we also compensated the Boy Scouts which they use for attending the National Jamboree and their activities, the Naval Reserve, the Gun Club, and Kiwanis. All of these groups put in many hours volunteering or allow us to use their resources like tables and then their organizations also benefit from a portion of our proceeds. Even the Old West Museum benefitted this year when a donation was made on behalf of the Dineen family who provided the building for our sale. We benefit from their help and assistance. It is definitely a win-win situation.

Lastly our members benefit from an opportunity to work together and get to know each other better. In the last few years we have also voted as a chapter to reduce the dues that each of our members pays because of our successful book sale and the numerous hours that our members donate. We are truly fortunate that our members thirty years ago had the foresight to create a fundraiser that members of our community look forward to every single year! What better project than one that builds community goodwill, helps many organizations and recycles on such a large scale!

## **ARE YOU A SINGER? DO YOU WANT TO BE ONE?**

June Bowers, 2013 NW Choir Conductor invites you to COME MAKE A BEAUTIFUL NOISE. The Northwest Regional will include an opportunity to sing in the joint choir made up of members from around the region. They usually sing at the Saturday night banquet and sometimes at other times also. E-MAIL YOUR INTEREST to June Bowers, [bowersjunem@yahoo.com](mailto:bowersjunem@yahoo.com) or call 402-245-0648



# **NORTHWEST REGIONAL 2013 CONFERENCE**

## **SIGN-UP NOW TO HELP OUT!**

We will be sending a sign-up sheet around at the April 15 meeting for help needed at the NW Regional 2013 Conference here in Cheyenne. We are still waiting to see how many sign up for the tours but we will need one or more at the information table at Little America. There is also a need for table hostesses at the Celebration Luncheon Thursday and President's banquet Saturday. The table hostesses welcome those coming to the table, have them introduce themselves and collect the tickets at your table. Greeters are needed to welcome those arriving at the hotel, give directions as to where they can find a special location in the hotel, etc. Those who are a committee chairman on the steering committee will be telling you more about what they need help with. You may wish to enjoy volunteering for more than one opportunity.

## **PLAN ON PLAYING TOO!**

It is wonderful to help out but don't forget that there are many opportunities available for you to participate in the program part of the conference. You may wish to award yourself by attending some of the sessions, meetings, workshops, meals, or visiting the marketplace. Study the schedule and work some of everything in.

Remember both the Wyoming Night and Reception on Wednesday (free to those registered) and Night on the Town Friday evening (see list for cost). You are also invited to take a pre or post conference tours, go on the trip to Yellowstone (April 30 deadline to sign up), or join any city tour (charges vary, May 30 deadline to sign up). Spouses or a guest may join you for the same price. Call or e-mail Julia or Patrice for more information on trips or tours or see the information published in the International DKG NEWS.

## **IT DOESN'T GET ANY CLOSER THAN THIS!**

Remember what Dr. Michelle Aldrich stated in the March Newsletter, "Please consider completing the application for attending the Northwest Regional Conference which will be held right here in our community. It doesn't get any closer than this! It should be great fun and a great opportunity to see the Society in a whole new light---I think you will be hooked! Our region's emphasis is on physical fitness which should be a great topic for all members whether retired or still in the classroom!"

## **WHO IS IN THE NW REGION?**

### STATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NW REGION

Alaska	Nebraska
Alberta	North Dakota
British Columbia	Oregon
Idaho	Saskatchewan
Iowa	South Dakota
Manitoba	Washington
Minnesota	Wisconsin
Montana	Wyoming

Members from all regions are invited to attend the regional of their choice. Members could come to Cheyenne from the 50 US states, Canada, and the other 16 countries that have DKG members if they choose to do so.

# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon 3/18/2013 4:30 PM @Triumph High School

After an informative program "North Platte Canteen" presented by Dorothy Middleton-Owens, the meeting was called to order by Julia Burke at 4:52 PM. Julia and the chapter thanked Dorothy for the program and Abi Paytoe Gbayee for her work on the newsletter.

Roll Call by Mara Funk

Minutes of the February meeting published in the Upsilon Update Newsletter were approved as written.

Correspondence – Patricia Urasky

- Kathy Orr – Thank you for your help and partnership with the Literacy Project.
- Judy Kallal – Thank you for the rose bowl.
- Baylie Evans, Boys and Girls Club – Request for donation of books and bookshelves.
- Aimee Reese, Director of CFD Old West Museum – Thank you for the \$500 donation. (Upsilon gave as a thank you to the Dinneen Family for use of their building for the book sale.)

Reports and Announcements

Courtesy Committee – no report

Membership – Mara Funk. Get your nomination forms in. There will be an orientation for new members in late April.

April Meeting Information – Janice Berry. Meeting will be April 15, 2013 at South High School at 7 PM.

Bring items for "Showcasing Members' Talents".

Nominee and State Positions – Julia Burke - Why did five members have their names in the Roundup?

Michelle Aldrich - South Area Representative and is running again.

JoAnn Baumhover - State Treasurer.

Michelle Powers - Shining Pearls for receiving the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year Award for the WY Chapter

Abi Paytoe Gbayee – for Upsilon Chapter Website

Dorothy Middleton-Owens – as being scheduled to give "The North Platte Canteen" Program

Unfinished Business

Book Sale Report

Michelle Aldrich – We appreciate everyone's help, including the Boy Scouts and the Navy.

Patrice Denisson – Thank you.

Jane Rutz – The liquor stores won't be using cardboard flats in the future.

Treasurer's Report - JoAnn Baumhover

Balance TBA

Another \$50 individual gift certificate needs to be given to a book sale volunteer. Motion made by Mary Hartman, seconded and passed.

Use of Book Sale Monies

Irene Story suggested we make posters for the next book sale so that people know where the book sale money goes.

Michelle Aldrich motioned that we donate \$10,000 to the Children's Village to be used for educational purposes only. 2nd by Mary Hartman. Motion vetoed.

JoAnn Baumhover motioned that we donate \$10,000 to the Laramie County Library Foundation, and, if feasible, \$5000 to \$10,000 to the Children's Village next fall. Mary Hartman seconded. JoAnn amended to \$7500 each, Mary accepted the amendment. Motion vetoed.

Peggy Leland motioned that we donate \$10,000 to the Children's Village and \$10,000 to the Laramie County Library Foundation. 2nd by Dottie Wallis-Mantell. Motion passed.

Abi Paytoe Gbayee motioned that we have a new agreement with the Children's Village so that the donated money cannot be used for maintenance. 2nd by RaeAnn Purdy. Motion passed.

Remember to bring crafts to the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM

Submitted by Patricia Urasky, Secretary

## DATES TO NOTE

Upsilon Chapter Meeting  
South School 7:00 p.m.

April, 15 2013

Program: "Talent Showcase"  
and voting on New Member

State Convention, Newcastle  
April 19 - 21, 2013

Pre-tours and Trips  
July 28 - 30, 2013

Northwest Regional Conference, Cheyenne  
July 31 - August 3, 2013

## NAME TAGS

One of the goals for Upsilon this year is for all of us to get to know each other better. So please wear your name tag each meeting.

## CHECK ONE OUT!

Want to know more about DKG? There are copies available for check out. The 2012 handbook Go-to-Guide for Chapter Members gives a lot of information to go to when in need of information about the Society.

The topics are alphabetized to assist the reader in finding a subject of interest. It includes information on structure, officers, communication, leadership, membership, protocol, forms, explanations, and much more.

Ask Julia or Patricia to check one out and gain more understanding about the Society.

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