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JULIA'S JOTTINGS



Did your holiday season go by as quickly as mine did? I hope your plans worked out, that no one was stranded far from home, and your activities added happiness to your holidays.

Initiation will be continued at the meeting for those who couldn't be there in December due to family situations or illness.

Special thanks go to:

- The hostesses at the November and December meetings and to others who brought treats and refreshments
- Mara Funk for planning the initiation and to Kathy Orr and her committee for planning and arranging for the December Social including Dan Jespersen, the magician/mentalists who kept us guessing and wondering while we were entertained
- Kathy who furnished candles and holders and Joan who made the beautiful angels for the dual purposes of center pieces and door prizes.
- Mary, Sharon, Ardath, and Mark for their many hours researching a place for the book sale
- The phoning committee who keep us informed
- All who help, be it with attendance or helping with a task. You are the members who make this chapter what it is

My motto "It'll take something bigger than this to get me down" was learned from my Grandmother who lived to be 99. When I went to college to become a teacher she reminded me that "to teach is to touch a life forever". I've never forgotten the words of wisdom she shared.

Warmly,
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

Julia Burke

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JANUARY 20TH MEETING

The January meeting will be held at Triumph High School at 4:15 pm.

BREAKING BOOKSALE NEWS

By Dr. Michell Aldrich

Thanks to the immense hard work and hundreds of hours of time put in by Mary, Sharon, Ardath and Mark we have a location for the book sale! The book sale will be held in the old Liquor Commission Warehouse, located near the Logan Avenue Bridge, 6th Street and the beginning of Campstool Road across from the refinery, an exact address will be forthcoming. This location has big open space with lots of room for all of the sorting, the books and lots of parking. We are very excited to be able to use this space.

Gretchen has been working hard on getting all of the book drop off locations set up. Regrettably we will be unable to have a Wal-Mart drop off because of a change in their policies. More information and details will be given at the January meeting.

THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE MAGIC

By Debbie Patton



I attended the DKG meeting in December at Grace United Methodist Church with my husband Jack. We had an enjoyable evening filled with friends, food and magic. Initiation for new members was held. Dan Jaspersen, Magician at Play, was the entertainment. His magic and mentalist novelties involved lots of the folks from the audience. Most of his tricks were unique and had all of us wondering – HOW?

Andrea Wright was initiated into our chapter at the December meeting as well. Welcome, Andrea to Upsilon!

Photos courtesy of Joan Schade



BITS AND PIECES

Keeping You in the Loop

The January meeting information will be sent out via e-mail since it revolves around book sale plans. Regardless, it will be a valuable meeting with chapter news to share.

Nominees for chapter office for 2014-2016 are/should be planning to attend the Alpha Xi Leadership Training on April 26, 2014 in Casper. This should provide answers to many questions and provide information for next biennium. Shirley Tranas, state president, said this week she should have more information for us soon and of course it will be passed on to you.

MEMBERSHIP

By Mara MacDonald Funk, Membership Chairman

Thanks to our members who recommended women educators to our chapter. At the December meeting, we reinstated Janelle Moore and conducted the initiation ceremony for Andrea Wright. At the January meeting, we will complete the ceremony for Sarah Horen, Val Montgomery and Nicole Cameron.

Remember that when you recommend a fellow educator for membership, your responsibilities do not end there. You are needed to speak regarding your candidate to our meeting prior to voting on recommendations, the next meeting for this is in April. It is best if you can attend the orientation for those recommended which takes place between the voting meeting and the initiation itself. Finally, you are needed to escort your recommended educator at the initiation ceremony. Our spring initiation will be at the combined chapter meeting in May.

MEET A MEMBER - PATRICE DENISSON



Patrice is currently co-chair for the chapter book sale, spent many hours helping plan and prepare for the tours, trips and information desk at the regional this past summer and she was the tour guide on the Ft. Laramie trip. She has served in many capacities in Upsilon Chapter including member-at-large four years, treasurer twelve years and 1st Vice President four years.

Patrice has been married 42 years to Tim who was a P.E. teacher in Cheyenne for 35 years and is still the soccer coach at Central High School. During soccer season she is the cook for the player's weekly spaghetti dinners at their home.

She's the proud mother of 2 daughters. Jenni is a nurse in the operating room at CRMC here in Cheyenne and Nikki is an art teacher in Albuquerque while working on her PhD.

Patrice taught second and third grades for 39 years at Jessup and volunteered for three years more after retiring. Parents called her an outstanding and phenomenal educator.

Upsilon members know her as willing to help with chapter tasks and pleasant to be with.

INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN

Don't forget to check out DKG's International Journal for Professional Educators. You can download it from the following link - www.dkg.org/content/bulletin-winter-2014.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon 11/18/2013 4:15 PM @Triumph High School

Julia Burke called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM.

Roll call was done silently with a sign in sheet.

Program – Kathy Orr introduced Mr. John Harper, International Director for Lion’s Club International and advisor for the Rocky Mountain Lion’s Eye Institute and Eye Bank.

The program ended at 5:00 PM and Julia Burke thanked the meeting hostesses and determined that a quorum was present.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Sale Sign Up – Signup sheets were passed around.

Important Forms and Info – Mara Funk shared our membership profile.

Minutes of the October meeting published in the Upsilon Update Newsletter were approved after the correction of “people attended” to “members helped” in the section “Teaching Stuff Swap”.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer’s Report – JoAnn Baumhover : Balance TBA.

Courtesy – Gwen Vines reported that birthday cards were sent. Remember to call Gwen or Jacque Busacker if you know of someone who needs a flower.

Magnets and Program – Janice Berry stated that everyone should have received these.

December Meeting Information – Janice Berry and Kathy Orr

Christmas Social and Community Service

December 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Grace Methodist Church located at 2950 Spruce Drive. New members will be initiated and the program will be “Magic of Christmas”. Bring items for the Boys and Girls Club Community Service list that was in the Nov./Dec. newsletter. Bring a spouse or a friend.

Opportunities – Julia Burke will resend the newsletter with information on opportunities available to members to those who signed they weren’t able to open the file.

Other – Committee Chairs need to fill out the Biennium Report.

A Special Time Together – Kathy Orr: “A Delta Kappa Gamma Round” and “Happy Birthday”

Nominees for Membership are:

Nicole Cameron

Jackie Donnelly

Bonnie Garin

Sarah Horen

Val Montgomery

Janelle Moore – reinstated member

Andrea Wright

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sign - Sheila Monger moved that we go ahead with the sign project, seconded by JoAnn Baumhover. Janice Berry amended the motion to have Coordinating Council invite the other Cheyenne Chapters to contribute to this project but we will go on regardless. Amendment accepted by Sheila. Motion passed.

Book Sale – Patrice Dennison

We don’t have a building yet, possibly the old Town and Country Liquors. We need a new contact person. Julia Burke will be the contact.

NEW BUSINESS

Seven people have not paid their membership. JoAnn Baumhover will send letters to them

Happy Thanksgiving!

Next meeting will be on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church.

Door prize winners were selected.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM

Submitted by Patricia Urasky, Secretary

DATES TO NOTE

Jan 20 Meeting
Triumph H.S. 4:15 pm
Initiation of New Members
Book Sale Info
Child Care Provided

The Lucille Cornetet Individual
Professional Development Award
Application due Feb. 1, 2014 for
March - October projects
Professional Development
through the DKG Educational Foundation

February 1, 2014
Chapter Officers' Annual Reports Due

February 17, 2014
Spring Roundup Deadline

February 17, 2014 5:30 pm
Holiday Inn
White Elephant Gift Exchange
& Entertainment

ISN'T THERE A PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT GRANT DEADLINE HERE?

March 1 & 2, 2014
Book Sale -
More Information Coming

April 1, 2014
Alpha Xi Scholarship Application Due
Go to alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com
state documents
Find procedure, requirements & form

April 26, 2014
Alpha Xi Leadership Training in Casper

July 28-Aug. 1
International Convention, Indianapolis

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