#### UPSILON CHAPTER

Delta Kappa Gamma







Welcome back—be it back to school or back from summer fun! Our first meeting is the Tri-chapter meeting,

Monday, September 21, at 5:30 pm at PRAIRIE WIND Elementary School, on Yellowstone Road. It is north of the Yellowstone/Iron Mountain intersection. This first meeting includes a potluck supper shared by all three Cheyenne chapters together. Upsilon Chapter will be providing the MAIN DISH for this year's gathering—please bring your main dish contribution

After dinner, we will break out into different rooms and have our separate chapter meetings. This is a fun meeting where we get to see our friends again after a summer of fun—see you there!

Irene Story Upsilon President 2014-2016

### Upsilon Dues are now \$50 for Active Membership

Just a reminder to bring your dues to our first meeting on September 21, at Prairie Wind Elementary School. Dues are as follows:

- Annual dues for Active Membership are \$50, due at a member's first attended meeting or by October 31. (Note: this is a reduction of \$30 from last year's dues.)
  - Arrangements can be made to pay \$25 in September and \$25 by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - If a member wishes to utilize the Caring Fund to provide partial assistance in paying your dues, please contact Irene or JoAnn.
  - Paying full dues is also acceptable.
  - Reserve Membership: \$25.00
  - Active Life Membership: \$5.00

### Nominations Committee: WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP!

Julia Burke, Nominations Committee Chair

As immediate past president, I am Chair of the Nominations Committee for the



next officers of Upsilon Chapter 2016-2018. Do you have a secret desire to be an officer of the chapter? I've talked to members during my DKG experiences and have had members mention that they really would have liked to be an officer but were not asked. It's okay to let the Nominations Committee know if you are interested in running for an office. We welcome hearing from you.

The Upsilon Executive Board has requested that we have nominations for 2016-2018 officers by the January 2016 meeting. Nominations committee members include Mara Funk, Sheri Kelly, Orene Jerome, Sharon Novick, and Michelle Aldrich. You can contact me, any of the Nominations Committee members, or a member of the Executive Board if you or someone you know is interested in serving as an Upsilon Officer for the 2016-2018 Biennium.

# Boys and Girls Club Selected as our "Holiday Community" Project



Each December the Upsilon Chapter identifies a community entity to assist; this year we will focus on the Cheyenne Boys and Girls Club. For this project, we ask

our members to donate items, specifically school items. We are letting you know about this now because this is the best time to purchase these items for donation as they are on sale, perhaps even on clearance. Next time you are shopping, pick up some items to donate to this cause! The Boys and Girls Club will certainly appreciate any items you can donate!

## 4:30 pm Upsilon Meetings Will Continue To Be Held at Triumph High School

Triumph High School will be the location of our regular monthly meetings in October, November January,





March, and April. Members can enter through the east door by the parking lot for our meetings—Michelle Aldrich has made these arrangements with the custodial staff.

#### **NW Regional: Regina, Saskatchewan**

Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Alpha Xi 2nd VP

July found me driving north through Gillette and on into Montana and finally over the border into Canada. As I drove into Regina it seemed rather dark and very rainy but my audio book was engaging. It wasn't until the following day that I discovered that I had driven into Regina during a tornado event just outside of town!

It was wonderful seeing many of our DKG sisters and friends that I only see at our state meetings, regional conference or the international

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Keynote speaker for the DKG NW Regional Convention was Louise LeFrance, Assistant Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pictured with Julia Burke, Michelle Aldrich, and Irene Story. Ms. LeFrance told about overcoming obstacles, especially gender discrimination, in becoming a woman law officer in Canada.

meetings. Twenty-two
Wyoming members
attended and it was
time well spent. The
opening evening, SK
Night, featured a
speaker from the
highest ranking
female Royal

Canadian Mounted
Police. The
conference was
filled with
workshops, great
speakers, good food,
shopping in the

downtown mall, tours and lots of laughter.

I was able to collect information on the new membership campaign by our new International President, Dr. Lyn Schmid, which I hope to present at our state meeting. The highlight for me was the presentation at the US Forum on Human Trafficking. The presenter shared numerous stories, facts and data regarding human trafficking around the world. I can hardly wait to head to Nashville, TN next summer to see what is planned for us!

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Collecting Boxes for 2016 Used Book Sale

We are in need of volunteers to collect boxes for our 2016 Used Book Sale. If you have the time and live near a supermarket, please contact Patrice Denisson at <a href="mailto:tdenisson@yahoo.com">tdenisson@yahoo.com</a>, or call her at (307) 634-6066. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you, on behalf of the Used Book Sale Co-chairs and their committee members!

#### **Upsilon Foundation/Grant Celebrations**

Our Upsilon Chapter is an integral part of our community: our contributions have been beneficial in strengthening the outreach to support all members of our community and state.

May 8: Irene and Chris Story attended the Laramie

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Dee M. Eliff, Sr. Family
Jim & June Trudeau
Cameco Resources
Carl W. Dierks
Niemann & Sons Music
ANB Bank
First Interstate Bank
Robert Prentice & Sandra Surbrugg
Mary Bell Guthrie
Kathryn Houser
Jonah Bank of Wyoming
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Foundation celebration at the Library. The new LCLF sign is in the foyer by the main library entrance on the

July 15: JoAnn Baumhover, Julia Burke. Linda Carlson and Irene Story attended the UW **Foundation** Celebration at Little America. Upsilon has contributed to an endowment that totals \$100,000 with

matching

state

funds.

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 August 27: Irene and Chris Story attended the Cheyenne Animal Shelter reception for their "Leaders of the Pack" celebration. Upsilon contributed money, food and supplies during our community fund raiser during our Holiday Celebration in December 2014.

### **MEMORIES OF 2013 Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne**

Julia Burke Co-chair of the 2013 Cheyenne NWR Tours Committee

Having just returned from the 2015 Northwest Regional in Regina, Saskatchewan, I wanted to share with you that those who helped at the 2013 Cheyenne NW Regional made a *lasting impression* on our DKG members from around the region and those visiting from other areas.

Two years later the DKG members of the Northwest Region are still talking about the fun times and excitement they experienced at the 2013 Regional Conference in Cheyenne.

Many facets were mentioned especially the tours, perhaps because they knew Upsilon members had been directly involved. All expressed how friendly, helpful and knowledgeable the hostesses had been. As an example, Iowa DKG sisters asked that we tell Patrice how much they truly enjoyed the Fort Laramie tour due to her knowledge of the area and her delightful personality. Others were talking about the tours of the Cheyenne area, Estes Park, Snowy Range and the four-day Yellowstone experience. Variety of tours that were offered and the friendliness and hospitality that was experienced were mentioned. They were impressed by the efficiency of the committee at the "Tour and Information Table" as well as our hostesses.

Yes, the experiences at the Regional in Cheyenne are still remembered. Alpha Xi State members made it happen and Upsilon members can be proud of their contributions towards a successful conference!



#### **UPSILON Calendar\***

Sept. 8	Chapter Rules Committee.
Tues	4:00 pm, EHS, Rm 718.
	If you are interested, please attend!
Oct. 8	Strategic Action Planning Committee.
Thurs	4:30 pm. Triumph HS. Dinner provided.
Oct. 9-10	Alpha Xi FALL Meeting, Casper.
Fri-Sat	Dinner on the 9 <sup>th</sup> , meeting on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 29	Tri-chapter Coordinating Council Meeting.
Mon	4:15 pm. Home of Glenda Reynolds.
Spring 2016	Alpha Xi SPRING Meeting, Casper.
Date TBA	
April 5, 2016	Upsilon Executive Board Meeting
Tues	5:00 pm, 2 Doors Down on Dell Range

<sup>\*</sup>These items may not be included in the Upsilon 2014-2016 Yearbook.

#### 2015-2017 Alpha Xi State Leaders:

**Upsilon Chapter is Well-represented!** 

President: Becky Tish

1st VP: Carrie Manders (also Educational Excellence Chair)

2nd VP: Dr. Michelle Aldrich (also Membership Chair)

Secretary: Jan Segerstrom

Treasurer: Shirley Tranas (also Nominations Chair)

Parliamentarian: Jo Ann Baumhover Roundup Editor: Glenda Reynolds

Finance: **Ann Hardesty**North Area Rep.: **Vicki Gopp** 

South Area Rep.: Harmony Davidson
State Achievement Award: Dr. Irene Story
State Educational Foundation: Julia Burke
Strategic Action Plan: Yvonne Gatley



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