



January greets us with 3 new members and 1 reinstated member! Read about them in this newsletter! *Denice, Jeri, Dr. Jayne, and Lori—we are excited that you have chosen to be a part of our Upsilon Chapter!*

Just a reminder that our January meeting occurs on the 2nd Monday of the month, January 11, to allow you to enjoy the MLK 3-day weekend with family and friends.

I am trying a new format to our meetings: we start promptly at 4:30 pm with our program, then we will go into our regular meeting. We will continue with this format so our guest(s) will not have to wait to do any presentations. Your comments are always appreciated!

I am looking forward to a great 2016 working with all of you!

Dr. Irene Story

Upsilon President 2014-2016



Denice Davenport is a Transition Specialist at Triumph High School. Her sponsor/mentor is Val Montgomery.



Dr. Jayne Smith (formerly Moehr) is the principal at Poder Academy, the charter school in Laramie County School District #1. Her sponsor/mentor is Dr. Irene Story.



Jeri Griego is a business instructor at LCCC. Her sponsor/mentor is Dr. Michelle Aldrich.



Lori Townsend (formerly Gardner) has been reinstated as an Upsilon member. Lori is a teacher at East High School and assists students with credit recovery. Her sponsor is Dr. Irene Story.

**DKG UPSILON CHAPTER
JANUARY MEETING**



- MONDAY, JANUARY 11
4:30 PM, TRIUMPH HS

**PROGRAM PRESENTED
BY BRIAN KOZAK,
CHEYENNE'S
CHIEF OF POLICE**



Meet Our New Upsilon Members!

Three new members were initiated into our Upsilon Chapter and one former member was reinstated at our December Holiday Celebration on December

Welcome

14. Meet these members! We welcome you to our Chapter!

**LOCATION, LOCATION,
LOCATION!**



As of January 4, 2016, we do not have a location for our book sale. **Mary Hartman and Patrice Denisson**, our Book Sale Co-chairs, are still looking into possible places for the book sale and will have an update for us on January 11 at our scheduled meeting at Triumph HS, 4:30 pm.

Thinking positively, be sure to be there to sign up to work at our 2016 Used Book Sale!



Book Sale News

-Patrice Denisson, Book Sale Co- Chair

I bet everyone is wondering about the book sale and our progress in finding a building. Well--we still do not have a location but do have several locations that we are waiting word on. I'm sure Mary (Hartman, Co-chair) has put 500 miles on her car driving around town, peeking in windows, going down alleys to see if there are ways to easily unload, and calling numbers and having to leave messages. We are determined to find something that may work. If you have any suggestions, please call Mary at 634-0232 or 214-6012 and let her know. In the meantime, I am looking for people to gather boxes from King Soopers. ***I need someone to pick boxes up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you could do one of those days, I would really appreciate it.*** Last year I went there everyday and that got to be too much for one person! You should go between 9:30 and 10:30 and it only takes about 10 minutes. Ardath Junge is collecting them now. Debbie Patton and I will collect the \$10 boxes from Albertsons on Yellowstone and Pershing. Call me at 634-6066 or 421-3742 if you can help. Thanks and keep your fingers crossed. Thanks to all those who have already called us with suggestions.



Upsilon Chapter Member Graduate/Post Graduate Scholarship

-Debbie Patton, Upsilon Scholarship Chair

Upsilon Chapter will offer Scholarships for Graduate/Post Graduate degree work. Minimum requirements are:

Active member of DKG Upsilon for at least 2 years who has been accepted for graduate work in an approved institution of higher learning, or student in good standing in an approved program. Applicant must be employed in education or planning to return to education upon completion of degree. The scholarship may also be used for National Board Certification. The number and amount of the scholarships awarded will vary depending upon available funds. Active working members may apply more than one time, but may only be awarded the scholarship twice.



The application and instructions are available on our Chapter website: dkgupsilonwy@weebly.com and must be submitted to the Upsilon Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson no later than March 31, 2016. No late applications will be accepted. Submit applications to Debbie Patton, 9415 Kersey Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82009, OR email: debpatton52@gmail.com. Call Debbie Patton at 635-3466 if you have any questions.

Nominations Committee Report

-Julia Burke, Nominations Committee Chair

The Nominations Committee has been at work and are close to having an outstanding slate of officers to nominate. Irene Story has consented to be nominated again for another biennial term as Upsilon Chapter President. We plan to have the complete slate to announce at the January meeting. Nominations will also be open from the floor.



This gives the nominees time to observe and ask questions until the actual vote at the March 21 meeting. During March through May the newly elected Upsilon officers can actually work alongside the current officers. The Nominations Committee is compiling information to help each 2016-2018 officer so they won't have to ask, "What is my job and what do I need to do?" but can ask for help and support if needed. Nomination Committee members include Michelle Aldrich, Mara Funk, Sheri Kelley, Orene Jerome, Sharon Novick, and Julia Burke, immediate past president, chair.

Alpha Xi State Personal Growth Grant

-Debbie Patton, Upsilon Scholarship Chair

One Personal Growth Grant of \$200 is available each year to one active Wyoming DKG member who is no longer teaching. Selection is based on the applicant's commitment to personal



growth such as self-improvement, creativity, new interests, critical thinking skills, leadership, or improvement of intercultural relations. The grant must be used during the calendar year issued, and the experience should provide evidence of growth that must be shared. For more information and the application, go to alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com click on State Documents and scroll down to Scholarship, Grants, and the Caring Fund, and scroll down to Personal Growth Grant Form. Deadline for the application is March 1, 2016.



Did you get something for Christmas that you absolutely will never use in your lifetime?

Re-gift it for the annual

“White Elephant Gift Exchange”

at our February Love a New Member dinner on **Monday, February 8, 5:30 pm** at the **Holiday Inn on Fox Farm Road!**
\$20 per person

You will be receiving an email for your dinner choice at the end of January. Please reply with your dinner choice or your regrets.



February Love a New Member Dinner

Our February meeting is the annual “Love a New Member” dinner. It will occur the 2nd Monday of the month, **February 8**, as the 3rd Monday is a federal holiday.

Holiday Inn, Fox Farm Road
Time: 5:30 pm



We will enjoy dinner together, then end the evening with the highlight of the evening, our annual **White Elephant Gift Exchange**.

Your dinner choices will be:

1. **Tilapia with Mango Salsa and Rice, or**
2. **Chicken Garlic Parmesan with spaghetti.**

Both meals come with mixed vegetables and red velvet cake for dessert. Price for dinner is \$20 per person to be paid by check or cash when you arrive at the dinner site on February 8.



In lieu of *calling* each member to get dinner counts for this event,

Irene Story will send out an email requesting your dinner choice.

Please RSVP as soon as you receive this email so that Dorothy Middleton-Owens, our Communications Chair, along with JoAnn Baumhover and Irene, can collect this information and get our numbers to Holiday Inn the first week of February.



When you receive this email in January, the directions for replying will be included. Dorothy will contact those members who do not use email.

Electronic communications has become a standard way of operating for our Upsilon Chapter; we need to continue to use and develop electronic methods of communicating that are efficient, resourceful and effective.

After trying this method, your input will be welcome as to how to improve this method of getting information for our dinners. (We have 2 dinner meetings scheduled each year, one in February and one in May. We also have our potluck dinner in September with the other two DKG chapters in Cheyenne.) You can contact Irene at doc7uwyo@gmail.com.

December's Holiday Celebration





DKG™ UPSILON Calendar*

January	Membership sign-up for Used Book Sale jobs/responsibilities
Feb 1, May 1, or Sept. 1	Cornet Award for Professional Development applications due to Internat'l
Feb. 29 Mon	Tri-chapter Coordinating Council Meeting. 4:15 pm. Home of Glenda Reynolds.
Mar. 1	Scholarship deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upsilon Chapter Member Graduate/Post Graduate Scholarship • Alpha Xi State Personal Growth Grant
Mar. 5-6	Upsilon Book Sale
April 29-30	WY State Leadership Training, Casper
April 5, 2016 Tues	Upsilon Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm, 2 Doors Down on Dell Range
July 5-9	International Convention, Nashville, TN
2017	NW Regional Conference, Spearfish, SD

* These items may not be included in the Upsilon 2014-2016 Yearbook. New items are highlighted in yellow.

