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JULIA'S JOTTINGS

Good news for Upsilon. Members had a great time at the October's meeting was special including:

- delicious refreshments—thank you to the hostesses
- time to learn more about our members by introducing each other
- special time together with Kathy Orr
- delightful program by Kathe Dahill on the ipad/tablet
- all who helped, be it helping with a task or being in attendance -thanks-there'd be no meeting without you

This is a joint November/December edition of the Upsilon Update. As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach we seem to have less time or more to do and feel the pinch trying to get everything done. Hope your plans include attending the November meeting and the December Social.

The November meeting will be important to you and the chapter as you complete the biographical form and member profile form.

The December Social and Community Service meeting will be a happy time you won't want to miss. Bring your spouse or a guest so they can enjoy "Magic of Christmas" too. Offer a member a ride who might not be able to come otherwise. Meet the new members. See the article and list of items for the Boys & Girls Club.

An interesting thought from Mother Teresa, "I can do what you can't do and you can do what I can't. Together we can do great things." That's why every member is an asset and important to the chapter.

Warmly,
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

Julia Burke

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NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING

The November meeting will be held at Triumph High School at 4:15 pm.
Bring your calendars for Book Sale Sign Ups!

BRING YOUR INFORMATION TO THE NOV. MEETING

The program will be Mr. John Harper, International Director for Lion's Club International and advisor for the Rocky Mountain Lion's Eye Institute and Eye Bank. John will share with us the new advances and vision related programs involving surgeries and research from the Eye Bank and the School of Ophthalmology (Univ. of Colo.)

We will meet at Triumph High School, November 18 at 4:15 p.m. Child care will be provided. It's important we use this service if we wish to keep it so we encourage members with young children to bring them and use the service. The ladies are trained and the facility is equipped for child care.

We'll add a bit of a twist to filling out the Member Profile Forms and the Member Biographical Data Forms. Please bring information including Education, Professional Positions, Community Service, Honors, Publications you have written, Committees and Offices in the Chapter, State, or International, hobbies and other interests you'd like to include (past and present).

THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE MAGIC

- The December 16th meeting will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church, 2950 Spruce Drive, starting at 7:00 p.m. and bring a SPOUSE OR A FRIEND with you.
- In addition to all the fun it will be an important evening as new members voted on at the November meeting will be initiated.

Who would have thought when someone talks about the "magic" of Christmas, they could actually be talking about Dan Jaspersen, the Magician at Play's performance.

Daniel Jaspersen, once a teacher of English, has developed his talents as a mentalist, manipulator, and magician. He has performed in Cheyenne, the states, and internationally, for festivals, conventions, universities, and even on CBS. Dan "strives to push the art of performance forward and astonish his audience with relevant and original magic.... When not performing his magic, he's leading workshops for professionals on the topics of creative process and finding inspiration."(MagicianAtPlay.com)

December's get-together and meeting, will be held at Grace Hall on Dec. 16th at 7:00pm. It will include holiday fun and refreshments, initiation of new members, and feats of awesome manipulation, mental illusions, and entertainment. You and your guest will not want to miss the "Magic of Christmas".

- Community Service this year are items for the Boys and Girls Club.

Kleenex	Lysol wipes
Calculators	File folders
White copy paper	Staplers
Elementary-age books	Easy activity books
Hair clips for little girls	Personal hygiene products for boys and girls
General school supplies (no crayons)	Gift cards for treats (like Eileen's Cookies)
Backpacks and Lunch boxes – for both little kids and older kids	
Small games or toys for incentive prizes (slinkies, bouncy balls, etc.)	

**On another note: Do you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club? They are in need of homework helpers, or sometimes they have kids that just need some one-on-one time to play games or do activities with.



BITS AND PIECES

Keeping You in the Loop

The 2014 Leadership Management Seminar in Austin TX is an opportunity members should look into. Applications are due by Dec. 1. Its 2 weeks attending the University of Austin with world class instructors. Several from WY have attended and all agree it's a life changing experience. The cost is minimal. It does require some recommendations so those who are interested don't want to wait too long to start putting together what is needed. See the International News that came last week or go to dkg.org. 30 members are chosen---it could be you.

See the list of scholarship deadlines and other opportunities in this newsletter. Feel free to call Julia if you have questions and she will guide you to the right person to get more information.

Committee chairs for Communications and Publicity, Educational Excellence, Finance, Membership, Scholarship, and World Fellowship will be meeting with your president in January to fill out biennial reports and send them to the state organization counterparts. We will work on them together to make it easier for all.

Nominees for chapter office for 2014-2016 should mark their calendars and plan to attend the Alpha Xi State Leadership Training on April 26, 2014 in Casper. You'll be glad you attended as it will answer questions and provide information for your term. More information will be available soon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FINALIZES THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2016

By Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Chairman

The nominating committee has finalized the slate of officers it will present for the 2014-2016 biennium. Nominations committee members worked diligently to find candidates. Committee members are Carol Johnson, Sharon Novick, Barb Freudenthal, Linda Brain, Patrice Dennison, and Dr. Michelle Aldrich.

The nominations are as follows:

President Elect: Dr. Irene Storey
1st Vice President: Linda Carlson
2nd Vice President: Kathy Orr
Secretary: Patricia Urasky
Treasurer: Appointed by the president
Parliamentarian: Sarah Holle

Nominations from the floor will be accepted and voting will be done at the March meeting with installation of new officers at our annual Founder's Day Dinner in May.





DKG SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Committee- Sheri Kelley, Chair; Kathe Dahill, Marca Fox Grigsby, RaeAnn Purdy


Local

- Upsilon Chapter Award, \$500, apply by March 31.

State

- Alpha Xi State Scholarship, up to \$1,000, one time only, active member at least 2 years, accepted and pursuing graduate work. Preference given to those who have shown leadership in DKG.
- Personal Growth Grants, for active members no longer teaching. One grant of \$200 awarded each year. Apply no later than March 26 to State Chairperson of the Committee.
- Elder Hostel Grant, up to \$500 for active members age 55 or older, must have been an active member for at least 5 years. Glenda Reynolds presented the original idea at a Spring 1992 Scholarship workshop in Casper. Dona Gates made the first contribution. Apply by July 30 for fall; Dec.30 for spring; March 30 for summer.

International

- DKG Educational Foundation Cornet Award, up to \$2000 one time award, non-degree, apply online by Feb. 1 for activity Mar. 15- Oct. 15, by May 1 for June 15- Feb. 15.
 - International Scholarship, up to \$10,000 for doctoral studies, \$6000 for other graduate studies, must be a member for at least 3 years and accepted and enrolled in a graduate program, DKG Educational apply online by Feb. 1.
 - Emergency Assistance Funds for those who have experienced catastrophic loss due to hurricane, tornado, flood or other natural disasters. Up to \$500.
 - Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar Award- for the development of the leadership, communication, and management skills of members. Apply no later than Dec. 1, 2013.
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MEMBERSHIP

By Mara MacDonald Funk, Membership Chairman

The Membership Committee will convene at the county library on November 14 to review the recommendations for membership. Those recommendations will be brought before the chapter at our November meeting.

Just a reminder about who is eligible among women educators from Delta Kappa Gamma Handbook:

Are employed in an educational position or as a self-employed educator

Are retired educators from an educational position

Live in one of 18 countries where DKG is established

Membership is by invitation only and considered a prestigious honor.

The committee is delighted to have several recommendations of outstanding women to review.


Presentation of the names will be at the November chapter meeting and voting will take place, Orientation will take place in early December and Initiation will be held as part of the December chapter meeting.

At the November meeting, any candidates and other nonmembers who attend will go into another room while the names are presented and voted upon. They will begin looking at the online Orientation available from the website.

DID YOU KNOW?

Society members may submit recommendations to chapters in other geographic areas. Therefore, you can recommend someone (a sister, daughter, college roommate) who lives in another state or in one of the other nations where Delta Kappa Gamma exists.

You are always encouraged to invite eligible potential members to chapter meetings so they can see what goes on. Our next initiation will be in May, 2014.



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon 10/21/2013 4:15 PM @Triumph High School

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

Marca Fox Grigsby determined that a quorum was present.

Roll call - Members partnered up and introduced each other with an interesting fact about the person introduced.

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

Correspondence – Patricia Urasky

UW Foundation – Invitation to meet Dr. Robert Sternberg, UW's 24th President.

LCCC – Invitation to 2013 Scholarship Recognition Luncheon, Oct. 18 at Little America.

Alyssa Trevathan – Thank you for the scholarship.

Heather LeClair – Thank you for the scholarship.

Abi Paytoe Gbayee – Thank you for allowing me to attend the Alpha Xi State Workshop

Dr. Michelle Aldrich – Thank you for the ongoing and encouraging financial support to attend the DKG Fall State Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – JoAnn Baumhover

Balance TBA. Local and state books have been audited.

Membership Minute – Julia Burke

The Education Foundation is offering fifty \$1000 awards to fund classroom, school, and community projects involving learners in an educational environment. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2013.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtesy – Jackie Busacker. A rose bowl was sent to Stephanie Denning and birthday cards were sent to members.

Sad news – Linda Brain's sister has cancer.

Congratulations to Carol Johnson as our new Member at Large. She was elected at our last meeting.

Magnets, Program, etc. were given to members who were not present at last month's meeting.

Chapter Profile and Membership – Mara Funk summarized our chapter's years in DKG, years teaching, highest degree, and teaching level.

LCCC Scholarship Luncheon was attended by JoAnn Baumhover and Julia Burke. JoAnn estimates that since 1984, our chapter has given \$228, 729 in donations, grants and aid.

Nominating Committee announced the new slate of officers for 2014 – 2016.

President: Irene Story, 1st Vice President: Linda Carlson, 2nd Vice President: Kathy Orr, Secretary: Patricia Urasky, Treasurer: JoAnn Baumhover, Parliamentarian: Sarah Holle.

Book Sale – Michelle Aldrich reported on the search for a location for the book sale. A building with 6000 square feet is needed along with ample parking.

Teaching Stuff Swap – Kathy Orr and Joan Schade. Ten people attended and \$100 was raised. \$50 went to Martha Wiggam and \$50 will go to the Friday Food Bags. Michelle Aldrich moved that our chapter match that with a \$50 donation. JoAnn Baumhover seconded. Motion passed. A suggestion was made that we also offer the teaching resources left from the Teaching Swap at the book sale.

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Let Your Light Shine – Irene Story. If you were born before 1950, submit your autobiography by February 14, 2014.

An updated application is on our chapter website.

A Special Time Together – Kathy Orr

“Everybody Ought to Know” to the tune of “Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye”

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Marca Fox Grigsby

Marca pointed out that the yearbook corrections, additions, and updates were in the Oct. newsletter and as handouts at this meeting. Members were asked to make the corrections and additions in their 2012-2014 yearbook.

NEW BUSINESS - Sheila Monger

DKG has the opportunity to be represented on the new club sign at a projected cost of \$100 to \$150. Members decided to pursue this idea.

PROGRAM: “ipad/tablet” presented by Kathe Dahill

Door prize winners were selected and hostesses were thanked.

Next meeting will be on November 18, 2013 at 4:15 at Triumph High School.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Urasky, Secretary

DATES TO NOTE

NOVEMBER 18th MEETING

Triumph H.S. 4:15 p.m.

Wear your name tag

Voting on New Members

Program: John Harper

See article “Information to Bring”

Child Care provided at Triumph

DECEMBER 1

Deadline for Golden Gift Leadership

Management Seminar

Application see dkg.org

DECEMBER 16th MEETING

Christmas Social &

Community Service 7 p.m.

Initiation of New Members

“Magic of Christmas”

Grace United Methodist Church

See Community Service list for Boys & Girls Club

JANUARY 3

Deadline for Educational Foundation

Project Application see dkg.org

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