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JULIA'S JOTTINGS



Thirty six attended the September meeting which included a great joint potluck with Alpha and Phi. I hope we can top that to hear Ardath Junge's presentation on "Receiving an Oscar at Academy Awards." It is her story of attending the Academy Awards as her son received an Oscar for a documentary. It will be an interesting and informative program and I know you will be glad you came.

Please be sure to read the copies of the Chapter Rules to save time so they can be approved at the October meeting. JoAnn Baumhover, chairman and the 5 members of the Chapter Rules committee will be there to answer any questions

This year we are creating the chapter profile for Upsilon chapter. At the October meeting we will be graphing years in education. If you missed the September meeting please add your name to graph showing the years in DKG also.

Copies of the 2012-2014 yearbooks and refrigerator magnets will be available to those who have not received theirs.

The October meeting location inside Carey has changed again! Please go to the room we used last year on the corner of the hallway closest to Concord. Please park in the lot off of Concord by the football field and bus circle, not in front of the health center. See you October 15, 4:30 pm at Carey Junior High!

Warmly,
Julia Burke, President

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2012-2014 President

FALL STATE MEETING

State President, Yvonne Gatley, planned and conducted an enjoyable and informative meeting in Casper. Three from Upsilon attended. State committees provided information. A great deal was shared on both the upcoming regional and state convention which will be held in Newcastle in April, 2013.



MARA McDONALD FUNK - 2ND VP

I am delighted to be serving as chapter Second Vice-President this year.

I am a Special Education teacher in Cheyenne. I was a Resource Room teacher at Johnson JHS for 12 years, moved to Carey for 8 years to teach in the Program for Adaptive Living Skills, and am in my 2nd year as the PALS teacher at Johnson. I also taught for one year in Minnesota.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a BA in History. I earned credentials in Secondary Social Studies and Special Learning and Behavior Problems from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. I also received an M.S.Ed from Lesley University in Curriculum and Instruction (Literacy).

I have served on several different CTEA committees, belong to the International Reading Association and the local council, I am a long-time officer of Clan Donald Wyoming and a board member of the Scottish Society of SE Wyoming. I work in various ministries at my church, including Altar Guild & Parish Life and act as a Eucharistic Visitor.

My husband David and I married in 1975 and have lived in Cheyenne since 1979. Our sons attended Anderson, Carey, and East and both are graduates of LCCC. Alex works in Cheyenne and Joel attends UW.

This is an exciting year to be a Cheyenne member of Delta Kappa Gamma as we prepare for the Northwest Regional Conference. I look forward to working with the board and the chapter during the coming months.

MARCA FOX GRIGSBY - PARLIAMENTARIAN

Hello DKG Sisters - I am Marca Fox Grigsby and am pleased to serve as the appointed Parliamentarian, ad-hoc member of the executive board. I will attempt to take what little I know about Parliamentary Procedure and assist in our meeting process.

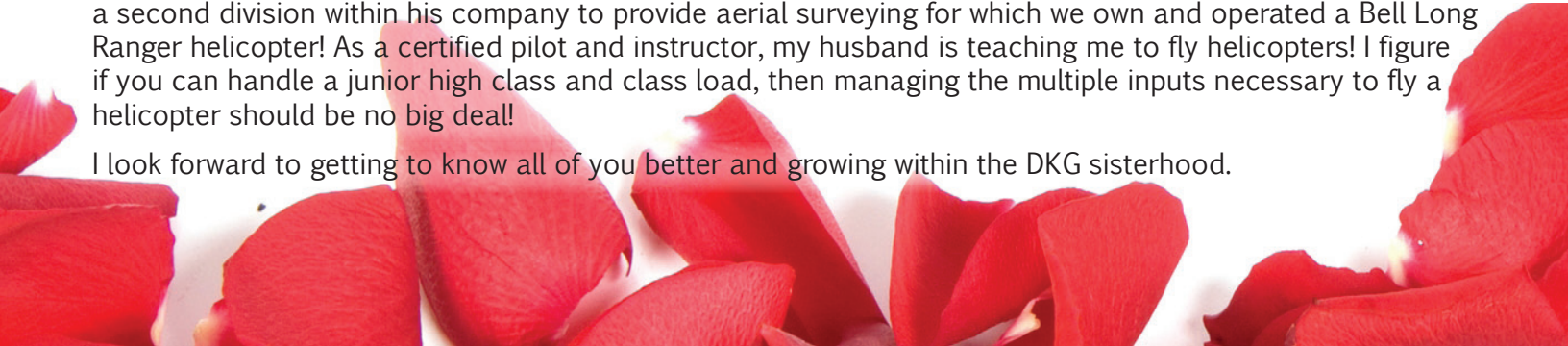
This is my 31st year of employment here in Laramie County School District #1, this is my 29th year teaching math at McCormick Junior High with 2 years (recently) spent on assignment to the Student Services Division (special education) where I worked with JoAnn and another colleague to develop math materials for use with Practical Math students.

My students are always amused to hear that I was a student at McCormick as a 9th grader (many, many years ago) and that I graduated from Cheyenne Central High. I graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa and have additional graduate hours from the University of Wyoming, City College of London, England (!) and the State University of New York.

I enjoy working with the junior high age students and always look forward to the start of the school year. My other passion is service to the education profession through the National Education Association/Wyoming Education Association/Cheyenne Teachers Education Association. As my husband will attest, meetings are my life!

Speaking of husbands, mine is Gary Grigsby (proud graduate of East High, University of Wyoming and Colorado State University) and an actual Cheyenne native. He owns his own business (Western Research and Development) which provides professional surveying and civil engineering services. In addition, he has a second division within his company to provide aerial surveying for which we own and operated a Bell Long Ranger helicopter! As a certified pilot and instructor, my husband is teaching me to fly helicopters! I figure if you can handle a junior high class and class load, then managing the multiple inputs necessary to fly a helicopter should be no big deal!

I look forward to getting to know all of you better and growing within the DKG sisterhood.





JOANN BAUMHOVER - TREASURER

I have been a proud member of DKG Upsilon Chapter for ten yrs. serving as chapter treasurer for six years and state Alpha Xi treasurer for one year.

My husband Bob and I have been married for 37 years. I am a mother of three, one girl and two boys and grandmother of 2 granddaughters and one grandson all living in Cheyenne. I'm enjoying motor homing with my husband and sheltie dog.

My educational background includes a B.A. in Secondary Math Education from the University of Northern Iowa and a Master of Science in Teaching from UW in 2000.

Thirty two years have been spent teaching, 2 years in Colorado, 2 in Iowa, 16 yrs. at Burns HS in LCSD2 and 12 years at LCSD1.

During the two years as special education teacher on special assignment I was busy providing special education teachers with assistance in preparation and presentation of math concepts. Co-writing a practical mathematics curriculum for special education students who are 2 to 5 years behind their peers was part of my assignment. This year I am back at South teaching high school math.

HOW HEALTHY IS OUR CHAPTER?

Did you know that DKG International has collected years of data that has been mined to help chapters recognize the warning signs of being at-risk? At the fall conference of Alpha Xi I was tasked with facilitating a discussion to help chapters self-reflect about their current health status. Unfortunately we ran out of time to begin the dialogue with the chapters at the state meeting.

Here are a few highlights that I found interesting. The benchmarks that are being utilized are if reports are done and submitted on time, if the treasurer submitted the IRS tax form on time, and how many represented our chapter at state meetings and the number that serve in state leadership roles.

While president I was asked to rate where I thought our chapter would score on a continuum from Growing, successful to at risk of dissolving. I believed that in 2011 we were growing and successful; although I only gave the state organization a rating of fair in their effort to help strengthen our chapter.

International also created a list of 21 red flags that indicate an at-risk chapter. In looking over the list there are two that are true about our chapter---the majority of our members are retired and we have had a loss of 4+ members each of the last two years.

I would encourage all of you to be thinking about an individual that you know would be an excellent DKG member in our Upsilon chapter. Who do you know that works in education---not just for the school district but as a patient educator, early childhood educator, WIC educator, college educator or for the state department of education? We have an amazing chapter but let's not rest on our laurels and become too comfortable!

Michelle Aldrich, Ph.D. - Past President



PRESIDENTIAL TRAVELS

Julia represented Upsilon Chapter and fulfilled her duties for the International Credentials Committee at the July International Convention in New York. Due to the Aurora incident the week before members of the credentials and pages committees stood door watch checking to be sure everyone entering was wearing their name tag—a security measure in a large New York hotel. She also helped check in members who were attending the International Executive Board Meeting. The Amendments to the International Standing Rules that were adopted were listed in the recent DKG News. Those pertinent to our chapter will be part of committee reports at upcoming meetings.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Lace Marie Brogden, Regional Director, was in Cheyenne September 27 to work with the steering committee for the Aug. 28 - Aug. 3 regional to be held at Little America. She toured the facility, visited with the lady helping set up the tours, and worked with the steering committee to see how each job plan was progressing. Members will be hearing a lot more about the plans. Upsilon is in charge of tours and trips. Hostesses are needed at each table for the luncheon and banquet and greeters are needed each day to answer questions and direct members to the right location. It's not too early to volunteer to help.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Julia Burke at 6:50 PM following the joint potluck dinner, held at First Christian Church.

Dona Gates and Beth Schieck were recognized for their 50+ years in DKG.


Membership Minute - Carol Johnson provided a review of our purposes.

Roll Call - Mara Funk - Initial your name on the list to save time.

Special Introductions - Julia introduced herself as President and the following officers: Marca Fox Grigsby - Parliamentarian, Patrice Dennison - Member-at-large, JoAnn Baumhover - Treasurer, Patricia Urasky - Secretary, Mara Funk - 2nd VP, Janice Berry - 1st VP, and Michelle Alrich - Immediate Past President and South area representative.

Minutes of the April 2012 meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence:

- Mara Funk - Thank you for the rose bowl.
 - Michelle Powers - Thank you for the rose bowl.
 - Abi Paytoe Gaybee and Family - Thank you for the rose bowl.
 - Michelle Aldrich - Thank you for the opportunity to represent our chapter at the summer leadership meeting in Sheridan.
 - Sandy Ross and the Holmes Family - Thank you for the contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of our dad.
 - Chaisley Smith - Thank you for the scholarship.
 - Cassandra Neisen - Thank you for the scholarship.
 - Angel Katen - Letter of resignation.
 - Shannon Roberts - Will not be able to attend meetings but will still pay dues and help out with the book sale.
 - Julia Burke - It is a pleasure to serve as your 2012 - 2014 President. Thank you for the financial help to attend the International Convention in NY.
- Motion by Michelle Aldrich to accept Angel Katen's resignation. 2nd by JoAnn Baumhover.
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Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - JoAnn Baumhover -

Balance - TBA

Announcements

Thanks to Janice Berry for our refrigerator magnets of meeting dates.

Communications & Roundup – Let Barb Freudenthal know if you have received any awards.

Courtesy – Let Jackie Busacker know of any marriages, births, illnesses, or deaths so cards or rose bowls can be sent.

Telephone Calling – Cindy Hager. Thanks to all who helped. Let her know if you did not receive a phone call.

Newletter – Abi Paytoe Gbayee. Newsletter sent via email. Let Julia know if you didn't get it. Send Julia any information that should be included in the October newsletter.

Name tags – Debbie Patton. If you do not have a name tag, sign Debbie's sheet or let her know.

Reports - International Convention – Julia Burke was on the International Credentials Committee. She represented Upsilon Chapter at all meetings.

Chapter Executive Board meetings – Officers attended two meetings this summer. Only 33 of 68 questionnaires were returned. Better communication is needed with our membership.

Carol Johnson - Filled plastic bags to remind us of "Our Purposes".

Yearbook Activity – Circle your name every time it appears in our yearbook. Correction to Mara Funk's email – marafunk70@gmail.com. Mara is taking over as 2nd VP in place of Angel Katen

Thank yous – Julia Burke thanked everyone who has helped over the last months and last few weeks to get ready for this meeting.

Special – Kathy Orr - Music – "I've Got the Delta Kappa Spirit" and "This is My Country".

Unfinished Business

Chapter Rules Revision – JoAnn Baumhover. Thank you to the committee. We have a 12 page living document. Please look it over. Michelle Aldrich made a motion to table discussion until the October meeting. 2nd by Dottie Wallis. Motion passed.

JoAnn stated that a dollar amount should be assigned to the books that we donate so that our chapter receives credit for serving our community.

Judy Kallal needs help boxing up Norm Stark's book collection. Meet tomorrow at 10 AM.

Michelle Aldrich spoke about using Dineen's for the book sale. The old Town and County Liquor building is also a possibility.

New Business

Fall Workshop in Casper Sept. 28 – 29. Please let JoAnn know today if you are going.

Next meeting @ Carey Junior High on Oct. 15, refreshments and social time at 4:15, meeting starts at 4:30.

Julia Burke, with Marca Fox Grigsby conducted the door prize drawings.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM

Submitted by Patricia Urasky, Secretary



BOOKS ALREADY

Steve Sunderman, Lois Adams, Judy Kallal and Julia Burke, Upsilon members and Chuck Burke. Steve and Chuck are adult Scout leaders who help collect books. Thirty boxes of books were packed and carried from the basement and loaded into the truck to take to storage.

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.

DUES DUE

Dues need to be paid by October 31st. Please send checks for dues to JoAnn via school mail to South HS or via snail mail to 8604 Yarina Way, 82009.

Active - \$50.00
Reserve - \$25.00
Active Life - \$5.00

CHECK ONE OUT!

Want to know more about DKG? There are copies available for check out. The new 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.

DATES TO NOTE

Upcoming Upsilon Meeting
October 15, 2012

Articles for Roundup Due
February 15, 2013

Achievement Award Deadline
March 15, 2013

State Convention, Newcastle
April 19 -21, 2013

North West Regional Conference
JULY 31 - AUGUST 3, 2013

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