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JULIA'S JOTTINGS

Good news for Upsilon. Members had a great time at the September meeting and the attendance was terrific. It's always nice to get to visit with the members from all three chapters.

Four Upsilon members attended the State Meeting in Casper. See article and letter from Shirley Tranas, state president.

Please see the list of corrections and additions in this newsletter and bring your yearbook up to date.

Hopefully each committee will be in touch, study the chapter rules for committee duties listed on pages 4 to 8, meet, and enjoy working together. The chapter functions with the support and strength from

committee member participation. The chapter rules are available on the Upsilon website <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/> Some of you are on special support committees appointed by the president and listed in the yearbook. Every committee is important to chapter success and I thank each and every one of you. Remember the president is an ex-officio member of all committees and will support you in any way I can.

Thanks to all who helped make the Treasures of Teachers Swap It a success. Excitement abounded as teachers found a treasure they felt would help them and provide learning for their students.

I've discovered that going beyond ones comfort level is challenging but rewarding. What would you like to do but haven't given it a try yet? Perhaps now is the time.

Warmly,
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

Julia Burke

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OCTOBER 21ST MEETING

This October meeting will be held at Triumph High School at 4:15 pm.

MORE ABOUT THE OCTOBER MEETING

You won't want to miss the October meeting. The topics and information will be interesting to all whether you have an iPad or not. Kathe Dahill, Speech/language Pathologist at Carey Jr. High will cover iPadbasics and application information to include great apps and how to find good apps.

Child care will be offered for children and grandchildren of DKG members during our meetings held at Triumph High School as long as the service is used. Triumph is a licensed child care facility. Experienced Foster Grandparents will watch the children.

The membership committee will summarize the chapter profile. Remember adding your name to the chart each meeting last year? It shows an interesting profile of our membership. See if you guessed correctly which area would have more when you added your name to the graph.

TREASURES OF TEACHING STUFF SWAP

By Joan Schade



Borders, Seasonal decorations, books, units, puppets, manipulatives, flash cards, posters were some of the items on tables at Grace Methodist fellowship hall September 27th, ready for the first customers at the Teachers Treasures of Teaching Stuff Swap. At 8am a teacher and an office worker from Albin were the first to load bags of treasures. She was excited to have new things for her classroom at such a discount price. We were not as busy as hoped, but all who came were very appreciative. Fifty dollars was won by a customer in the 50/50 raffle.

Kathy Orr and I would like to thank those who donated treasures, the six members who spend Friday night setting up the items, the four member who collected money, bagged items and kept the tables organized. Thank you Kathy for taking an Idea I mentioned and running with it. All your organization paid off. We would like to say thank you Upsilon Executive Board thanks for letting us tackle this project. We would also like to say thanks to all who helped during the event and those who furnished the great variety of materials which were offered. Left over books and special materials will be offered at the book sale.

FROM THE TREASURER

Upsilon Update Article
From JoAnn Baumhover, Treasurer

Reminder that your 2013-2014 dues need to be paid by October 31st! Active dues are \$50. They can be paid at the October 21st meeting at Triumph High School or by sending a check directly to JoAnn Baumhover, Upsilon Chapter Treasurer, 8604 Yarina Way, Cheyenne, WY 82009-9514.

At the September meeting it was decided to create a Caring Fund to assist members in financial need. Contact Julia or JoAnn for more details.

'Thank You' to Debbie Patton for auditing the chapter financial records for 2012-2013. They were found to be in order.

A decorative border of red rose petals frames the top and bottom of the page. The petals are scattered and overlap, creating a soft, textured border.

BITS AND PIECES

Keeping You in the Loop

A special thanks to Kathy Orr and Joan Schade for their leadership developing the Treasures of Teaching Swap It opportunity. Thanks to all who helped during the event and those who furnished the great variety of materials which were offered. Left over books and special materials will be offered at the book sale.

Thanks go to Committee Chairmen for introducing their committee members at the September meeting. All of us were able to put some new faces with names.

Membership Chairman, Mara Funk, will soon be asking that we update our chapter Biographical Data Sheets. These are referred to when making nominations for such things as achievement awards, recognizing members for participation and years they've belonged, state memorial services, etc. Please start locating information for schools attended, special honors, professional positions held, Delta Kappa Gamma Activities you've participated in, positions held, community service, talents, hobbies, special skills, family members, other information you'd like to share.

If you enjoy giving workshops here's a great opportunity. Workshop proposal forms and information for the 2014 International Convention are available on www.dkg.org. Proposal forms are due January 3, 2014. International will be held July 28 – August 1, 2014 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Educational Foundation is offering fifty(50) \$1,000 awards to fund individual classroom, school and community projects involving learners in an educational environment. Examples of items this award will fund are classroom or art supplies, books, computer software, field trips, etc. The award may not be used for salary purposes. All employed educators are eligible to apply. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2013. Go to www.dkg.org Educational Foundation, to find more information or ask Ardath Junge or Julia.

MEMBERSHIP

By Mara MacDonald Funk, Membership Chairman

We have already received several nominations for our December initiation.

Remember that you can find the application form at our website <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/> under on the Forms page or at dkg.org. Go to Committees>Membership>Forms. You want Form 11.

Since we meet in November on the 15th and will vote on nominees at that time, please submit your nomination forms by October 21 so your nominee can attend orientation. The Membership Committee will meet in the interval to check over the forms and make sure all the information is included.

For our October meeting, please invite any nominees whose names you have submitted or intend to submit. Also, bring along anyone who might be interested in attending a meeting before completing an application.

YEARBOOK 2013-2014 CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Janice Berry, 1st Vice President, will provide copies of the refrigeration magnet program schedule and copy of the program schedule for 2013-2014 to add to the yearbook, for those who did not get copies at the September meeting.

Refrigerator Magnet

January Meeting changed to January 20, 2013

Committees stayed the same except for the

Scholarship Committee—change of some committee members

Sheri Kelley, Chairman , Marca Fox Grigsby, Rae Ann Purdy, Kathe Dahill

On the red cover

Carol Johnson is the newly elected Member-at-large for 2013 - 2015

Julia Burke is now State Educational Foundation Chairman

Dr. Irene Story is the new State Retention Committee Chairman

Corrections for member info for the green pages (please make corrections in your yearbook)

JoAnn Baumhover- change to retired

Terry Ball- add retired

Giovonna Ferguson- change to retired

Mary Ann Fritz- change to retired, add (c)970-443-4467

Dona Gates- change address to Sierra Hills Rm. 118, 4606 N. College Dr. 82009

Cindy Hager- change to retired

Carol Johnson- change email to small j- johnsoncar@laramie1.0rg

Judy Kallal, add phone number 630-2026

Peggy Leland- correct birthday to Nov. 15

Debbie Patton- change email to debpatton@bresnan.net

Abigayle Paytoe Gbayee drop 307-514-3921 and keep cell phone

RaeAnn Purdy- change address to 6703 Moreland Ave. 82009 and email to raeannpurdy@gmail.com

Gwen Vines- add cell 286-2636

Jan Widdel add email JanWteach@gmail.com

Add new member- Jeni Wolfe, Triumph, 1267 Coke Rd. 82009, 631-2889, jeniwolfe64@gmail.com

Drop:

Shannon Roberts, deceased July 2013

Shirley Moore

Susan Skaar

Jennifer Tyner

Vonna Anderson Webb



FROM THE STATE MEETING

Four Members attended the State Meeting; JoAnn Baumhover, Michelle Aldrich, Abi Paytoe Gbayee and Julia Burke traveled to Casper. During the day they participated in working on the state strategic plan. Abi did graphic design work for a state project postcard and the Wyoming state Alpha Xi logo which will be used for the Round Up. Each of the other three gave reports to fulfill state responsibilities. JoAnn is state treasurer, Michelle is the south area representative, and Julia is state educational foundation liaison with headquarters. Irene Story is the new chairman of the state retention committee. See the letter which follows from the State President for more info.

Dear DKG Members,

September flew by and fall is definitely in the air. Thank you for coming to the Fall Meeting. We accomplished quite a bit.


We have a committee to look into ways to save money on the newsletter. We learned there is a lot that goes into printing and getting the newsletter mailed after Glenda has put it together and had two people check it over carefully. We are continuing the newsletter like always and the due date is just a few days away.

The Strategic Action Plan has been updated and is on our web page. Please take a look at our web page at alphaxidkg.weebly.com. It has information about scholarships, achievement award, grants, etc. It has the officers, committee chairs, and chapter presidents listed. I am still working on getting it all updated.

We also talked about all the “stuff” we have in our chapters and the officers just keep handing down the boxes not knowing what to do with it all. Nina is writing the 4th book of 21 years. This is a history of the chapters that the chapter presidents have turned in. (You would have heard from Nina if you don't have this information turned in.) Discuss it with your chapter officers. If they have done this, you may not need to keep the extra agendas or the papers from the state meeting five, ten or, twenty years ago or whatever is in the files. Most forms have been updated and are on the dkg.org website.

Have a great fall. I am leaving for a short vacation and will be home on October 10.

Sincerely,
Shirley Tranas
Alpha Xi State President
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MEET A MEMBER - CAROL JOHNSON



I was born and raised here in Cheyenne, attending Cole, Jessup, McCormick, and Central. Then I went to LCCC for two years and got an Associates degree in education. In 1982, I married my high school sweetheart, Matt. We always joked when people ask how we met that we met in the playpen because our parents have been friends from the time small. About a year ago, I was cleaning out the basement, I found a picture of the two of us standing together in a playpen when we about 1 1/2 years old. We moved to Spokane, WA, for about four years. I completed my BA in elementary education at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA. In 2010, I received a MA in reading instruction from Walden University.

In 1987 we moved back to Cheyenne to be near our families and had two daughters, Megan and Tabetha. I stayed home with the girls and did both home daycare and was the Nursery supervisor for my church. Our youngest daughter was married this summer in Cheyenne.

In 2001 I began subbing for the district and eventually got the job of compensatory tutor at Lebhart/Fairview. From that I got the job of CLIP replacement teacher at Lebhart and Bain. Since that position often gets shuffled, I have also worked at Goins, Buffalo Ridge, Saddle Ridge and am currently at Gilcrest and Freedom.

When I first started on my journey as a teacher, I vowed I would never work with students younger than second grade, because I couldn't figure out how they learned to read and I wouldn't want to mess that up. I'm glad now that I did not follow that plan. My job is never boring; there is always something new to learn. Working with children, especially teaching them to read, is like having a new mystery puzzle to solve each day. And boy do I love a good mystery. You have to look for clues as to what is working and what is not. Then you have to shuffle through all the clues and come up with solution to the mystery. And there is never one right answer because the puzzle is constantly moving and changing.

I've been in DKG about 3 years. I've helped with the book sale each year, and have been on the calling committee. I did one program about CLIP. I joined DKG when Mara Funk asked me about it. I have been a faithful book sale fan for a number of years, always showing up when it opened. So when Mara asked me to belong to the group, I jumped at the chance. I am also now the new Member-at-Large.

PROGRAM OF WORK 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Program of Work schedule is now posted on our chapter website on the Program of Work page. Go to our site at <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/> to check it out.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon 9/16/2013 7:00 PM @Central High School

Julia Burke called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM following the joint chapter carry-in dinner.

Marca Fox Grigsby determined that a quorum was present with 37 members.

Roll call Committee chairpersons introduced the members of their committees.

Michelle Aldrich introduced a guest, Val Montgomery, who is being nominated for membership.

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

Correspondence – Patricia Urasky

Judy Kallal – Thank you for the rose bowl when Will died.

Cindy Hagar – Thank you for the red rose for my retirement.

Treasurer's Report – JoAnn Baumhover - Balance TBA. JoAnn reminded them that if they did not pay at this meeting they needed to get their dues to her.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Report – Debbie Patton presented the proposed budget. Michelle Aldrich moved that we approve the budget as written. Seconded by Marca Fox Grigsby. Motion passed.

Membership Report – Mara Funk. Bring a potential new member to the October meeting at Triumph. Child care will be provided.

Summary of August 12 Board Meeting – Janice Berry and Julia Burke

Thank you to Janice for the Upsilon Program of Work magnets. The Master Gardener will be moved to the April meeting.

Courtesy – Jackie Busacker

A rose bowl was sent to member Shannon Robert's parents following her death.

Alpha Xi State Meeting – Julia Burke

The state meeting will be held in Casper Sept. 20 and 21. Julia Burke, JoAnn Baumhover and Michelle Aldrich plan on attending.

A Special Time Together – Kathy Orr

"Stars" of our chapter helped at the regional convention this past summer. "Where Are You?"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Julia Burke

Gio Ferguson was recognized for her retirement.

Julia announced that the committee would soon meet to work on the strategic action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Project "Treasures of Teaching Swap It" – Kathy Orr and Joan Schade. Grace United Methodist Church. Set up will be Sept. 27, 4 – 8 PM. Swap will be Sept. 28, starting at 8 AM. Cost will be \$5 per bag. New teachers will get a free bag.

Caring Fund – JoAnn Baumhover. State has a caring fund to assist members in paying dues. The Upsilon Board recommended that the chapter do likewise. Members approved a caring fund for our chapter.

Election of new Member at Large. Patrice Denisson's term has ended. The nominating committee met on Sept. 9. Carol Johnson was nominated by the committee and the members voted that Carol would be the new Member at Large.

Kathy Orr led the group in singing Happy Birthday to our members with summer and September birthdays.

Next meeting will be on October 21, 2013 at 4:15 at Triumph High School.

Door prize winners were selected.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

Submitted by Patricia Urasky, Secretary

DATES TO NOTE

OCTOBER 21st MEETING

Triumph H.S. 4:15 pm

Wear your name tag

Program: iPad/tablet, new technology

Presenter: Kathe Dahill

Bring potential new members to visit

Child Care provided at Triumph

ORIENTATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

Date, Time and Place to be Announced

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD

November 15, 2013

(See Bits & Pieces Item)

NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING

Triumph H.S. 4:15 pm

Vote on New Members

WHAT'S ON THE WEBSITE?

On the home page has current announcements members should be aware of. The website also has general information about DKG, including the vision, mission, and purpose. There is a page dedicated to the Book Sale, one for chapter rules and another with information about the executive board. There are also links to the State and International DKG websites. The present and past newsletters are all on the website.

Scholarship information and due dates are listed on their own page and the page for Forms has current event flyers, information about who is eligible to belong to DKG, forms for the Let Your Light Shine Project, Membership Recommendation and Reinstatement forms, and Permission to Publish forms.

Please take some time and look around our site and let us know if you have any ideas for other content to include or should be altered.

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