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JULIA'S JOTTINGS



We hope you have had a nice summer. Please plan to enjoy the 5:30 p.m. joint 3 chapter meeting at Central Commons September 16. Upsilon members are to bring desserts. The officers have been asked to furnish a main dish. Enjoy visiting during the meal. Please sit with your chapter committee at this meeting.

It would be great to have several attend the State Meeting in Casper; the evening of Sept. 20 and 8:30am – 2:00pm on Saturday Sept. 21. We would love to have you come with us!

Read the article and find out more about helping new teachers in the district at the Treasurers of Teachers Swap It.

Thanks to all 28 who attended and helped at the NW Regional at Little America, so many did so much I won't attempt to include names. Just know you were appreciated by the 320+ in attendance.

Your officers are busily working to make this a special year with interesting and valuable experiences.

Warmly,
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

Julia Burke

SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING

This Joint Chapter meeting will be held at Central High School in the Commons Area at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share.

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BITS AND PIECES

Please check to see if your name is on each chapter profile chart at the September meeting. It's quite an eye opener and committees will report the results to us in October.

Giovonna Ferguson and Mary Ann Fritz will be recognized as new retirees from the District.

April minutes were published in the May Upsilon Update newsletter. Due to not holding a business meeting in May they will be approved at the September meeting.

KEEP YOUR COPIES! Please hang on to your Yearbook and Program as only the 2013-2014 Program of Work, corrections and additions will be run this year. The committee assignments are essentially the same for this second year of the biennium.

Website reminder: If you have forgotten how to find us, here is our web address
<https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/>

TREASURES OF TEACHING STUFF SWAP

SPREAD THE NEWS!!!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 8:00 - 2:00 pm

Organized by Kathy Orr a.k.a. big-time treasure hoarder and Joan Schade a.k.a. inventor

All those teaching items that still lurk in your storage, now have a place to be passed on to other teachers, to be used.

DROP OFF: Friday, September 27th from 5-8, bring your treasures (gently used are fine) to Grace United Methodist Hall at 2950 Spruce Dr. Table space is free to our Upsilon members.

SHOP AND VOLUNTEER: Saturday, September 28th for \$5, which gets you a bag and a 50/50 raffle ticket. Upsilon members get one bag free. Your treasures will be offered to help new teachers, grade-changers, or other interested teachers. Even if you don't need any more treasures come on by and help other teachers find treasures!

Profits will go to The Friday Food Bag program and the winning ticket holder, 50/50.

Please find the flyer located on the website to print and post at your school.



WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER!

Jeni Wolfe is a Health Occupation Instructor at Triumph High School.
Welcome Jeni!

ALPHA XI STATE FALL WORKSHOP

September 20 - 21, 2013

From the State President:

Dear DKG members,

I don't know what happened to August but it is sure disappeared fast. Most of the teachers have already started school. I have already attended several soccer games. I hope your summer was good and your fall will be, too.

Our Alpha Xi Fall Workshop will be held in Casper on September 20-21. The place for the Friday evening dinner is not listed but after registration is completed registrants will receive an e-mail telling where it is. Registration is due by Sept. 16. We do have a new place to stay, Holiday Inn Casper East and I hope everyone will enjoy it. Make sure you reserve a room by Sept. 9th.

At the fall meeting we will pat ourselves on the back for hosting an awesome 2013 Northwest Regional. Glenda will be there to give a full report. We will analyze our Strategic Action Plan and look at our progress and make plans for the upcoming year. We also need to discuss if we still want scrapbooks to be judged for each Chapter President's biennium. They would be due next fall.

The Alpha Xi State newsletter, the Roundup, is published twice a year. Articles for the fall edition need to be sent to Glenda Reynolds by October 4, 2013. We need to know if a member, school, or a chapter has won an award. What did you do for your first meeting of the year? This gives other chapter ideas for programs or activities. Send articles to grlehart@aol.com

Have a good month and I hope to see you Sept. 20-21 in Casper.

Shirley Tranas
Alpha Xi President

From the Chapter President:

Dear Upsilon Members,

If you wish to go to the state meeting please send the following form to JoAnn Baumhover so she can write one check for all chapter members who will be attending and get them sent in. FYI the Chapter pays the registration for those who attend.

We'd like to have a group going from Upsilon Chapter. Check your calendar, share car rides and enjoy visiting and discuss what you heard at the meeting on your way home. It's a terrific way to learn more about a fellow DKG member and the Society. Let JoAnn or me know and we can help organize if you wish.

Julia Burke
Upsilon President

ALPHA XI STATE FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

“Stepping Stones to Our Future”

Delta Kappa Gamma

Alpha Xi State Fall Workshop

Saturday, September 21, 2013 8:00 am -3:00 pm

Casper Classical Academy/Frontier Middle School - 900 S. Beverly

Registrations due by: Monday, September 16, 2013

Please enclose a check in the amount of \$30.00 to cover the cost of registration, continental breakfast, lunch and meeting expenses, made out to Beta Chapter and mail it with this form to Marie Puryear, 2620 Osprey St., Casper, WY 82601-5174.

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Chapter or State Office _____

_____ I also plan to attend the Executive Committee dinner and meeting on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm at a location to be determined (this will be emailed to people who have registered when it is in place.)

Special Dietary Needs for Lunch on Saturday, September 21

Breakfast will be on your own, but small continental breakfast items will be provided at the meeting)

_____ Vegetarian _____ Allergic to _____

_____ Diabetic _____ Other _____

Questions? Email State President, Shirley Tranas at dtranas@tctwest.net or call at 307.765.2849

Hotel rooms have been reserved in the Delta Kappa Gamma block at the Holiday Inn Casper East 721 Granite Peak Drive, Casper 82609 for \$89 each. We thought we would try this new hotel... just off of I-25 on the Hat Six Road exit.

Rooms must be reserved no later than September 9th to get this great rate.

Please call 307-577-5000 to reserve your room today!

A LOOK BACK AT THE NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE

It's hard to know where to start since so much took place with each member in attendance busy with helping at the tours/trips desk, being a tour or trip host, helping at registration, meeting members from many states when they served as luncheon or dinner host, directing someone or answering questions as a hall host. Other helps included the properties room, early morning swimming guidance, collecting money for the emergency fund at the regional brunch, singing in the choir, attending a workshop or general session, having a table at the marketplace, meeting the international guests, and the list goes on.

Yes, 28 from Upsilon Chapter helped the regional be the success that it was. Six members helped on the steering committee. Upsilon Chapter was truly represented and each member is to be thanked for all they did. You were truly appreciated. HIP, HIP, HURRAH!!!

CHILD CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR AFTERNOON MEETINGS!

By Dr. Michelle Aldrich

After much discussion and attending to detail we will be able to offer child care for our October, November, January, March and April meetings which are all at 4:15 in the afternoon. This will be a great selling feature for new teachers with young children as well as retired teachers who care for grandchildren! In order to facilitate this we will be having our afternoon meetings at Triumph High School in the Art Room and Music Rooms with childcare offered by the foster grand parenting program in the Laramie County School District #1 Child Care Center.

Grandma Dot Bassey and Grandma Dora Jones have been foster grandparents for three years and began their foster grand parenting experience at the Triumph Early Learning Center which is now the LCSD#1 Child Care Center. Both of them love working with the children and have lots of personal experience. Grandma Dot retired from the Cheyenne Police Department where she worked in the Domestic Violence Patrol Unit. She has 4 sons, 12 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild! She is originally from Pennsylvania and moved to Cheyenne in 1998 when her brother was stationed at F.E. Warren AFB.

Grandma Dora retired from Super 8 Motel as the Head Housekeeper. She has 5 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. She moved to Cheyenne in 1963 from St. Louis, MO and has been here ever since.

Please make sure you let them know how much we appreciate them providing childcare so that our members can attend the meeting and not have the expense or stress of arranging childcare.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Program of Work schedule and refrigerator magnet will be available to each of you at the September 16th chapter meeting. It will also be placed on the website and in the next newsletter.

We are looking forward to a great year and lots of fun activities!

MEET A MEMBER - ABI PAYTOE GBAYEE



Abi Paytoe Gbayee has been a member of the Upsilon Chapter since May of 2008. She is in her 7th year of teaching K-6 Art at Freedom Elementary. Last May, Abi earned her MA in Educational Leadership, with a Principal Endorsement. Abi serves as our graphic design and website committee chair, and has attended several DKG regional conferences and an international conference. All of our beautiful newsletters are designed by Abi.

Abi is married to Gee Paytoe Gbayee, whom she met in Sierra Leone, West Africa in 2003. Abi also has three wonderful children, Victor – age 9, Geela – age 3, and David who just turned 1. In addition to work and a family, Abi has a freelance graphic design business, teaches bi-monthly Wine and Painting classes at The Suite Bistro, and is a lia sophia independent jewelry advisor.

Abi enjoys being a member of the Upsilon chapter for the camaraderie, fun and the occasional opportunity to see her mother, Dr. Michelle Aldrich.

THIS YEARS OFFICERS



Back Row Left to Right: Marca Fox Grigsby, JoAnn Baumhover, Janice Berry
Front Row Left to Right: Patrice Denisson, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Mara McDonald Funk, Julia Burke
Not Pictured: Patricia Urasky

2013-2013 DUES AND FEES

This is just a reminder that it is time to renew your membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for 2013-2014. We value you and appreciate having you in our chapter of key women educators.

You may pay your dues at the September meeting or mail your dues to:

JoAnn Baumhover, Upsilon Chapter Treasurer
8604 Yarina Way, Cheyenne, WY 82009-9514

| Membership Classification | Amount Due |
|---------------------------|---|
| Active | \$ 80.00 (Chapter \$10, State \$25, International \$40, Scholarship \$1, Misc \$4) -30.00 Chapter pays \$ 50.00 You Pay |
| Reserve | \$ 38.00 (Chapter \$5, State \$8, International \$20, Scholarship\$1, Misc \$4) - 13.00 Chapter pays \$ 25.00 You Pay |
| Active Life | \$ 5.00 (Scholarship \$1, Misc \$4) |

Make checks payable to: DKG or Upsilon Chapter

Dues Receipt for 2013-2014

Paid: \$ _____ on _____ by check number: _____

Cut on dotted line above and return the lower portion and your payment to JoAnn:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Membership Classification: _____ (Active/Reserve/Active Life)

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

By Mara MacDonald Funk

As we begin our new season in Upsilon Chapter, it is good to recall who our potential members are. Below you see the information from the International website. Let us work this year to include women educators who provide a variety of educational services in many different settings.

- Retired educators who want to maintain contact with other women of their profession are also an excellent target group.
- Former members who took time off and would like to reinstate are welcome. Let them know there is no charge, just an interest in taking part and again being a member of Upsilon.
- Brand new teachers who could use professional support and a network of experience, as well as being a source of fresh and innovative ideas.

Think about women you know who are or who have been educators and consider inviting them to our chapter. We are asking that you bring women who are interested in learning more about our chapter to the October meeting. They will be welcome to continue to attend. Initiation of new members will be in December.

Who Can Belong?

Women educators who:

- 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.

Benefits & Privileges

- Membership benefits include leadership training, scholarships, grants, insurance offerings, group discounts and networking opportunities through attendance at conferences and conventions.
- A juried professional journal, newsletter and other publication are also provided to members.
- Members are empowered with new knowledge and professional development targeted towards reaching their full potential.

As a group of more than 90,000 strong, DKG members are women educators impacting education worldwide.

PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS

By Marca Fox Grigsby

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to effectively “move” through the business while allowing the minority voices to be heard. The parliamentarian should insure that the President always looks good (my job is easy!). When you wish to propose a motion to be voted on by the group, the correct language is “I move” The person also sponsoring your motion says “I second the motion.” The President will then restate the motion and open the issue for discussion. When all voices have reasonably been heard the President will call for a vote of those in favor, those opposed, and those abstaining. Most motions are adopted with a simple majority vote.

Parliamentary procedure should assist you with accomplishing your goals. We are a friendly group and will work with you to get your motions to the floor!

DATES TO NOTE

JOINT FALL MEETING

Alpha, Phi and Upsilon
September 16, 5:30 pm
Central H. S. Commons

Upsilon members bring a dessert
Additions and Corrections for Yearbooks and
Refrigerator Magnets will be distributed

STATE FALL WORKSHOP

September 20 & 21
Holiday Inn, Casper, WY

This is a great opportunity to get to know
others and learn about DKG.

Open to all members.

See article in this newsletter or talk to an officer

TREASURES OF TEACHING STUFF SWAP

September 28, 8am – 2 pm
Grace Hall, 2950 Spruce Dr.

Set up and Drop off - Friday, Sept. 27, 5–8 pm
See article in this newsletter

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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