



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**Key Notes from Xi Chapter of Upsilon State**

**October 2009**

**Cerro Gordo and Adjoining Counties**

**Time:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009

**Place:** Lake Mills Community School - Media Center

**Program:** "The Magic of Service" presented by the Nominations and Research Committees

Please use the north entrance for the superintendent's office when you arrive. Lake Mills has a home volleyball game which will be going on at the same time as our meeting.

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Another October event Lorie urges us to attend is outlined below. Xi Chapter is one of four chapters hosting a visit from our new state president. The other chapters are Beta Omicron, Kappa, and Alpha Omega. See the details below.

**What:** President's Brunch to honor Donna Niday

**When:** Saturday, October 31, 2009

**Where:** Senior Center, 1306 North Main, in Algona, Iowa

**Menu:** Egg Bake, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, and Coffee

**Cost:** \$7.00

**Your Magical Presence:** Priceless! Hope to see you all there.

Plan

at our October 20 meeting to carpool.

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**Reminder**

Any member who has not brought an up-dated school picture or recent photo of themselves should bring one for the Research Committee. Many of you remembered in September. Thank you!

The Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, at the Wells Fargo Bank Building in Mason City at 6:30 PM.

Dinner was catered by Hy-Vee and included salad, pasta bar with chicken, and cookies.

The initiation of Carolyn Reeder was held after dinner. Colleen Christiansen, chair of the Membership Committee led the initiation.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by President Lorie Huffman. 20 members were present. There was a correction to the minutes. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$3,032.40. Correspondence was read.

Committee Reports:

Judy Piersma and Marilyn Ward audited the Treasurer's books and found everything in order. The Executive Board met in August and hosted the September meeting.

Courtesy announced that Mary Carlson had knee surgery.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

The NIACC Scholarship Recognition Luncheon will be held on October 2, 2009. Colleen Christiansen will attend.

President Lorie Huffman announced that the State Theme this year is Magic of Teaching and Learning. Our programs will follow that theme also. She encouraged members to attend the Fall Exec Board Meeting on September 19 at DMACC. The DKG State President Meeting will be on October 31 in Algona. Our chapter members held a discussion on re-organization of committees for the coming year. All information for the new yearbook will be sent to Barbara Wells.

Roses were given to Donna Becker for 35 years in Delta Kappa Gamma and to Kathleen Nelson on her Retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula Warren, Secretary

## Lorie's Lines

As the colors of fall descend around us, we can remember the *magic* of childhood... raking a pile of leaves and jumping into them! By now, our students have adjusted to their new classrooms and schedules while we *magically* guide them to new learnings. Delta Kappa Gamma, or DKG as it can be formally shortened now, has begun its 2009-2011 biennium with the theme of "The Magic of Teaching and Learning." Each state chapter is encouraged to sponsor a reading project during this time. Chapters like ours who already have a reading project are asked to bring it up a level. I challenge you all to find *magical* ways for members to participate in reading. I have several ideas to share with you at our next meeting. I'd like to hear yours, too.

The "M" in Magic stands for **membership**. Our state has been organized into 13 areas and has added a coordinator for each area. **Membership Quiz at the beginning of our October meeting:** *How many areas and coordinators does the Upsilon State DKG have? Who is our coordinator? Who in our Xi Chapter is an area coordinator, but not for our area? How many chapters are in our area?*

**Reminder: Xi Chapter Membership Dues** are: Active: \$71 and Reserve: \$39; **\*All Dues must be paid by Oct. 31st.** *If you cannot be at our October meeting, please send your dues to Judy Witte @ 617 Southview Drive, Rockwell, IA 50469-9538.*

As we are beginning our new biennium, we are also meeting our new Upsilon State President Donna Niday. We will be with our new area chapters. This is unique, to end the past biennium meeting our past president in April of 2009, and beginning our new biennium with meeting our new state president in October of 2009! *How magical to meet TWO state presidents in the same year!* We must have your reservation in at the October meeting, so please plan on letting us know if you can come. Those not attending will be called. Our chapter is responsible for donating \$15 to the President's gift, bringing an Autumn door prize (worth \$10 ~ \$15), and calling our reservations in. I hope we can have a really good ~ *magical* ~ turnout from the Xi Chapter.

## Great News

Karen Dole has created a web site for Xi Chapter! She has served for several years as the Upsilon State webmaster. The address is:

**<http://www.orgsites.com/ia/xichapter/>**

If you have information you would like included on the web page, Karen welcomes your input. She will tell you if it is appropriate and follows the international rules.

## **Mission Statement**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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