



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Key Notes from Xi Chapter of Upsilon State

March 2011

Cerro Gordo and Adjoining Counties

Time: Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Place: NIACC Activity Center, Room 101 (near the vending machines)

Program: "The Magic of Membership Growth"

Could you be a Founder? Our International founders were women who had much in common with all of us. Come and learn about these amazing women who founded our International Society.

Hostess Chairman: Donna Ellingson

Program Chairman: Doreen Lechner

Planning Team: Pat Severson, Karen Dole, Alice Phillips

Membership Reminder

Now is a good time to be thinking of new members for DKG, Xi Chapter. If you have someone in mind... that is great....It's really easy to get a form...you can even do it in the middle of the night...just go to www.dkq.org. and click on forms. Next go to Chapter/Member which will bring you to Recommendation for Invitation....just fill it in and bring it to the next meeting. We want the forms to be in by/on the March meeting. We will vote in April....thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.... Membership Committee

75 for the 75th Anniversary

As a continuation of our "75 for the 75th" participation, our chapter voted at the February meeting, to donate to gift cards for the two NIACC international students, Tanesha and Mark, who spoke to us. Please remember to bring your donation in an increment of 75 (\$.75, \$1.75, \$7.50, etc.) to the March meeting.

State Convention Information

Early registration deadline for the Upsilon State Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration is April 27; hotel deadline for convention rates is May 20. The event will be held

June 10-12, 2011, in Burlington. Registration forms and other information are on the State Website.

Xi Chapter to Participate in 75th Anniversary Observance

The 75th anniversary committee decided to recognize state founders in a special way this year. Those chapters with a state founder whose grave is in their area have been asked to honor her memory by placing a rose or other flower at the grave site near Memorial Day and take a photo of the gravesite and stone and send it to the state historian. We have been asked to honor Jessie Parker, who is buried in Lake Mills. Mary Carlson has agreed to do this.

Jessie M. Parker was born February 25, 1879, in Lake Mills, Iowa. She taught the third and eighth grades in the Lake Mills school system and became the city's first woman high school principal. When she became superintendent in 1927, she was appointed school supervisor and inspector for Iowa's Standard Rural Schools. In 1938, she became State Superintendent of Public Instruction. As superintendent, she reorganized the school system, established professional teacher certification guidelines, expanded curriculum aids, revised the school accounting system, and developed the "home-to-school" phone system for ill children. She served one term on the Lake Mills Community School Board. She was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Vocational Rehabilitation Building was renamed in her honor in 1988.

Northwest Regional Conference

Thinking about attending the Northwest Regional Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada? Information on the conference, tours, and speakers is available at <http://www.dkg.org/site/c.meJMIOOwErH/b.6453339/k.F93C/Northwest.htm>.

Mission Statement

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

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Xi Chapter Website: <http://www.orgsites.com/ia/xichapter/>

