



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Key Notes from Xi Chapter

September 2010

Cerro Gordo and Adjoining Counties

Xi Chapter to Begin New Biennium with New Leaders and New Members

Time: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 5:30 p.m. Arrive, pay dues, and greet each other

Place: Prime and Wine, Mason City. Private Dining Area. You will select your own entree from the Early Bird menu.

Program: Chapter Initiation and Planning for the New Year

President's Perspective

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope your summer was relaxing and rejuvenating and you were able to enjoy reading a favorite book or two! With summer vacation behind us, many of us are now settling into a new school year after spending hours the last several weeks creating bulletin boards, arranging desks, filling out forms for incoming students and planning back to school lessons! Along with the fresh new school year, it is time to start the calendar of activities for Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meetings!

We kick off our year with initiation of five new members on September 21. Our meeting will be held at the Prime N Wine restaurant in Mason City where we will enjoy a great dinner and conversation! Along with initiating new members, we will distribute committee lists, plan our meetings for the year, pay dues and update members' directory information. Our new members will include Sharon Steckman, Karen Regal, Kimberly McKenna and Louise Meyer.

I am sure that the programs planned by our members this year will be both informative and enjoyable. Please plan to be actively involved in Xi chapter this year!

~ Barbara Wells

Xi Chapter Minutes, April 20, 2010 Meeting

The Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on April 20, 2010, at Hoover Elementary Library in Mason City. Many members met at 5:30 to package Books for Babies. A buffet supper was served at 6:00 and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Lorie Hoffman. 23 members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,505.39. A bill for \$398.32 was presented for supplies for Books for Babies.

Correspondence: A thank you note was read from the NIACC Foundation.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chairman Colleen Christiansen presented four names for active membership and one name for honorary membership. The vote was favorable for all.

Nominations: Mary Carlson presented the following names for officers for the next biennium.

Barb Wells, President: Katie DiMarco, Vice President: Paula Warren: Secretary. The slate was approved without further nominations.

Auditing committee will be Judy Piersma and Becky Alexander.

Nominations committee will be Laurie Haugen, Sue Neuwohner, Lori Quinlan and Karen True.

Literacy Chairman, sue Oetken reported that 140 packets had been assembled by members.

Unfinished Business:

The shoe-in challenge report will be sent in. Recognition will be given at the International Convention in Spokane, Washington in July.

New Business:

Carol Iverson encouraged members to attend the State Convention June 11-13 in Waterloo.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The program on Household Hints was given by all members in attendance. The hints included window washing solution, Barbasol foam as a carpet cleaner, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser for soap scum, peanut butter for removing price tags, etc. Meradic acid with water is an effective ceramic grout cleaner. One large egg equals 1/4 cup.

The hostess chairman for this meeting was Sue Oetken, Nd Program chairman, Katie DiMarco. The planning team was Caryl Dahn, JoAnn Helland, Laurie Haugen, and Karol Wallskog.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Warren, Secretary

DUES

Dues are payable at the September meeting. Treasurer Judy Witte recommends that dues remain unchanged. Active dues are \$71; Reserve dues are \$39.

(Active = \$40 International; \$15 State; Scholarship \$1; Chapter \$15)
(Reserve = \$20 International; \$10 State; Scholarship \$1; Chapter \$8)

If you will not be at this meeting, you may send your dues to Judy Witte at 617 Southview Dr., Rockwell, IA 50469.

2011 UPSILON STATE CONVENTION

There are just **284 days** to the 2011 Upsilon State Convention! This is a very special convention for us—it is our **75th Anniversary!** The convention will be held **June 10-12, 2011, at the Comfort Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington.**

The convention planning committee and the 75th anniversary committee have been working to make this a convention members will not want to miss. Plans are underway for a special program on Friday night to celebrate our 75 years. Our birthday luncheon will honor our founders. We are asking you to wear hats and gloves to the luncheon, so start searching your attics and resale shops to locate these items from the past.

The registration fee has been set. We are trying something new this year, an **early bird registration fee.** The registration fee breaks down as follows:

- Early Bird Registration--\$15.00 if postmarked **BEFORE** April 28, 2011.
- Regular Registration--\$20.00 if postmarked April 28, 2011 to May 26, 2011.
- Late Registration--\$30.00 if postmarked after May 26, 2011.

The committee is working on workshop topics. If there is a topic you would like to see offered, please let Pam Wittkamp know **BEFORE** October 20, 2010. We will see if it is possible to offer your suggestions.

The committee would also like to know if anyone has an interest in having activities for a spouse and/or family. Possibilities could include golf, a minor league baseball game, IMCA auto races, Catfish Bend Casino, Fun City and Water Park. Let Pam Wittkamp know **BEFORE** October 20, 2010.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this special convention.

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Mission Statement

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

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President: Barbara Wells

Newsletter : Karen Dole and Carol Iverson

Report on 2010 International Convention in Spokane (Karen Dole)

The theme of the 2010 Convention was "From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society". We did that in many ways. We heard about how the society is using technology, including the new DKG Network. We passed a revised Constitution, with changes that will streamline our society structure and move us forward. We heard about new partnerships with TOMS Shoes and Schools for Africa. We heard great speakers, including John Brock, Chairman and CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Amanda Gore, a wonderful motivational speaker who spoke on leading from the heart, and Anne Marie Rhoades, who spoke on trends for the future. There were workshops on everything from Twitter and Facebook to living life to the fullest.

I heard lots of "elevator speeches", as members enlightened those we met about who DKG is and what we do. Oh, and we managed to have some fun with tours of the city and the wineries, rides on a 100-year-old Looft carousel, and strolls through Riverfront Park, site of the 1974 World Expo. The best part was renewing old friendships and making new friends from around the world – the genuine spiritual fellowship that is at the heart of our Society! I hope some of you will consider attending the next International in New York City in July 2012.

Reflections on the Seminar In Purposeful Living at Tacoma (Karen Dole)

Prior to each International Convention, the DKG Educational Foundation hosts a Seminar in Purposeful Living in the vicinity of the Convention location. This year, about 200 of us from many different countries met in Tacoma, WA. The theme of the Seminar was "Tacoma: Where Art and Nature Meet!" During our 3-day stay, we heard music from a local youth ensemble, learned about art from a 12-year-old artist who loves to paint water colors of nature, and learned about the history of Tacoma through a style show of clothing from the 1800's to the 1970's.

We heard from the education directors of the Museum of Glass, the Tacoma Art Museum, and the Washington State History Museum and then got to spend an afternoon visiting the museums. We laughed and rocked to Tacoma Musical Playhouse's performance of "All Shook Up" and looked at nature through the lens of a photographer's camera. We also learned about all of the projects and awards funded by Delta Kappa Gamma's Educational Foundation. We even had time for DKG Farkel!

Everyone was already making plans to attend the next Seminar in Washington, D.C., in 2010.