Upcoming Meetings and Events

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<td>October 11, 2018</td>
<td>Thursday 4:30-6:30</td>
<td>ELSC 2500 Edgewood Rd SW</td>
<td>Yolanda Harden, Program Specialist for Teens Against Human Trafficking, will present information on Human Trafficking and what we can do about it. <strong>The program will start at 4:45 and run to 5:45. There will be a brief business meeting from 6:00-6:30.</strong> Hostesses: *Patty Kucera, Deanne Robinson, Emily Emonin, Anne&quot;</td>
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<td>October 21, 2018</td>
<td>Sunday 1:00-4:00</td>
<td>Safe Halloween: Ushers Ferry Historic Village, 5925 Seminole Valley Tr. NE</td>
<td>Join the fun and promote DKG through this annual service event for Theta Chapter. Meet at the old school house in Ushers Ferry and help pass out treats. Contact Betty Stewart for details at 319-393-2554. Hostesses: &quot;Patty Kucera, Deanne Robinson, Emily Emonin, Anne.&quot;</td>
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<td>November 8, 2018</td>
<td>Thursday 4:30-6:30</td>
<td>Kids’ Sight Program: First Congregational Church, 631 17th St. SE</td>
<td>Barb Taylor will give a presentation on Kids’ Sight, a program dedicated to enhancing the early detection and treatment of vision impairments in young children in Iowa communities through screening and public education. Hostesses: “Ann Nicholson, Carol Cassells, Chris Evan-Schwartz, and Jan Jirouch.&quot;</td>
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Important Dates

**America Reads October 26** – If you are interested in reading to students at Grant Wood Elementary anytime between 9:00 – 1:30, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Bergquist at jbergquist@cr.k12.ia.us or 319-558-3905. Let her know the times you are available and if you prefer to read to a particular grade level.

**Dues are Due by October 31:** Bring your dues to the October meeting or send them to Patty Kucera. Dues are $75.00 for regular members and $50.00 for reserve members.

**June 14-15, 2019** - The 2019 Upsilon State Convention, “Cruising the Corridor with the 3 C’s: Collaborate, Captivate, Contemplate,” will be held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott.

**Celebrate October birthday(s):**

October 26 Michelle Anderson
Czech School Presentation

Caroline Wilson gave a program on the Czech Language School in Cedar Rapids. Czech School, which offers students ages 6-14 an opportunity to learn about Czech language, history and culture during five-week summer sessions, is in its 149th consecutive year of operation in Cedar Rapids.

Caroline shared the history of Czech school, typical curriculum and resources, and led the members in a lesson on days of the week.

School Supplies Project

We will still be collecting school supplies at the October 11th meeting to bag up and give to new teachers. So far, we have the following items:

- Glue Sticks – 28 packs (122 total), Elmer’s Glue - 2
- Pencils – 29 packs (356 total)
- Pens – 10 packs (85 total)
- Crayons – 22 packs of 24
- Spiral Notebooks – 34, 2-pocket Folders – 59
- Colored Marker Sets - 13
- Dry Erase Marker sets – 6
- Sticky Notes Cubes – 3, Erasers - 4
- Magnetic Note Pads – 3
- Colored Pencils – 7 packs of 12
- Scissors – 12, Rulers – 5, Magic Tape - 4

BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)

To make life easier for meeting hostesses, the summer planning committee decided that we should encourage members to bring their own beverages to meetings. In the past, hostesses have lugged in coolers of bottled water, pitchers of tea, etc. and then lugged them back out after the meetings. Hopefully this new policy will make things easier for hostesses and ensure that members have beverages that they enjoy.

Also, I have accumulated a large collection of paper products over the past few years, so I will bring paper products to meetings where we will have food, eliminating another concern for hostesses. 

- Ann Nicholson

Convention Responsibilities

Several Theta members are on the convention planning committee and meeting each month with Alpha Nu to prepare for 2019 state convention. Here is a preliminary list of things that our chapter will be responsible for at the Upsilon State Convention, June 14-15 2019:

- Hospitality – Friday afternoon/evening and Sunday breakfast.
- Signage
- Founder’s Day Presentation and Display
- Hostesses

Panera Fundraiser

Our chapter earned $38.79 from Panera for our Sept. 13 fundraiser, plus we had $30.00 donated by members who weren’t able to participate for a total of $68.79. We will do a second fundraiser on April 11, 2019. At the March meeting, we will have flyers available for members to pass out to friends and family. We will also have the flyer available online at the Theta website and we will send out the flyer to all members via e-mail. At the May meeting, we will evaluate the success of the two fundraisers and determine if we will continue doing Panera fundraisers.
## News from Upsilon State

### What’s on the Websites?


On the Iowa state website, iowadkg.weebly.com, you can find state and chapter news, forms and publications, information about projects, important dates and events, a list of what’s in our state archives, and links to information from the state committees.

### Constitutional Amendments and International Standing Rule Changes

A list of the amendments adopted at the DKG International Convention was attached to my September newsletter and is available on the state website under the News/New News tab. Items that specifically impact chapters:

- Membership can include a woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator at the time of her election.
- A collegiate membership classification was added.
- Our membership year will be July 1 - June 30, instead of November 1- October 31. Dues for FY 2019-2020 will need to be received by June 30, 2019.
- The new induction fee is $10 - $2.50 to state and $7.50 to chapter. No longer requires a portion to International.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Applications for Upsilon State Scholarships, Road Scholar, and Memorial Scholarships are available and can be found under Documents/Forms tab on the state website. **Applications must be postmarked/ submitted electronically by April 15, 2019.** (If you need assistance accessing the application forms, contact Ann Nicholson.)

The Roads Scholar scholarship is for $600 towards a Roads Scholar trip and applicants must be DKG members for 3 years prior to April 15, 2019.

The Upsilon State Scholarships are for $600 towards graduate work and applicants must be DKG members for 3 years prior to April 15, 2019.

The Memorial Scholarships is for $800 toward graduate work and is awarded to members with at least five years in DKG. **A chapter member does not apply for this scholarship. She is to receive it as an honor by being recommended by her chapter.** She is to know nothing about the recommendation until the scholarship is awarded at the Upsilon State Convention. If you are interested in nominating a member for this award, please contact Ann Nicholson.

### Legislative Focus 2018-2019

Upsilon State, in following Purpose #4: To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators, will focus on the following during the 2018-19 years:

- support the passage of a comprehensive Safe Harbor Law to protect victims of human trafficking in the State of Iowa.
- support a rate of Supplemental State Aid for public schools that ensures adequate, equitable and timely funding of Pre K-12 education.
- support legislation to ensures public tax funds are only allocated to public schools.

Upsilon State, in following Purpose #7: To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society, will focus on the following during the 2018-19 years:

- encourage and assist Upsilon State Chapters in efforts to advocate, lobby, build coalitions and engage in actions that support and improve public education at all levels, including PreK-12, Community College and Regents Universities.
Social Security Protection Amendment  
(From the U.S. Forum Connection #177, Sept. 2018)

The Seniors Group for Social Security is proposing an amendment to the Constitution which they are labeling the Social Security Protection Amendment.
1. Prohibit Benefit Cuts -- Current Social Security and Medicare levels will be guaranteed by law – and exempt from cuts.
2. A Guaranteed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which is fair and accurate and guaranteed by law
3. An End to the Trust Fund “Raids”. (Congress should stop borrowing from the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for wasteful pork barrel projects.)
4. And Pay Back Social Security IOUs NOW. The Trust Fund is full of IOUs that have no real cash value and only represent a promise to pay. (Congress must repay the more than $3.87 trillion it has raided from the Social Security Trust Fund.)
This Amendment should provide permanent protection for Social Security benefits and it would prevent Congress’ from using Social Security and Medicare monies to fund other projects.

Legislative Updates
We have about 5 weeks until the midterm election. While you may be tired of the political ads and the barrage of phone calls and door knockers, this is a critical election for education related issues. At the state level, many important decisions about vouchers, public school funding and the future of IPERS will be determined by the outcome of this election. At the federal level, there continues to be an erosion of the Dept of Education, Title IX and protection from sexual assault on college campuses. Funding for many public school programs has been reduced, having a direct impact on our classrooms.
Following is a list of ISEA endorsed candidates:
- First Congressional District - Abby Finkenauer
- Governor & Lt Governor - Fred Hubbell & Rita Hart
- Secretary of State - Deidre DeJear
- Senate District 33 - Rob Hogg
- Senate District 35 - Todd Taylor
- House District 65 - Liz Bennett
- House District 66 - Art Staed
- House District 67 - Eric Gjerde
- House District 68 - Molly Donahue
- House District 69 - Kirsten Running-Marquardt
- House District 70 - Tracy Ehler

It is encouraged that you vote early, either by Absentee Ballot or by voting at a satellite voting site or at the Linn County Auditor’s office beginning October 8.

As we approach November 6, please consider ways that you might support the “Get Out the Vote” effort. Can you make a few phone calls, knock on some doors in your neighborhood? Campaigns also need food, water, people to chase down absentee ballots, people who can drive others to early voting or to the polls on election day. Can you man the office so the organizers can get out to knock doors? Can you make a financial contribution to a campaign? Can you put up a yard sign for the candidates? Can you write a Letter to the Editor explaining why you support a candidate?

If you have any questions about what you can do or how to get involved in a campaign effort, just let me know.  cjgarlock@aol.com  (319) 310-4763