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# Theta Chapter News

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## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Theta Chapter, Upsilon State Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### Chapter News

**Billie Parr** is recovering from a broken arm.

**Mary Ann Kucera** had a wonderful family vacation to Ft. Lauderdale, FL for a wedding. Her advice—Don't go to Florida in July! Mary Ann will have a new left hip as of November 9.

**Jill Olsen** was initiated into the Marion School Foundation on September 19.

**Chris Evan-Schwartz** is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is back rocking babies at Metro H.S. Daycare as well as teaching Kirk-

wood classes on Monday and Tuesday nights.

**Zinnia Lim** will present a paper, *Current Issues in Undergraduate Chemical Education*, at the Symposium of the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Wichita, Kansas on October 28.

**Mary Craven** is selling Younkers Community Sale Coupon Books for the benefit of our Chapter. We must sell 75 by November 12, so please plan to purchase several. Booklets are \$5 and our chapter retains the full

purchase price for scholarship funds

**Heather Feuerhelm's** father-in-law participated in the September 14 Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

**Ann Nicholson** is seeking photographs to post on the Theta website. Please send any program photos to her.

**Joyce Riggle** is recuperating from back surgery in Rochester, MN.

### Deadlines, Important Dates and Plans

**International:** Check [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for pertinent information

**International Theme:** Embracing our Vision—Designing our Future

#### State:

**State Theme:** The Magic of Teaching and Learning

Upsilon State will celebrate its 75th birthday in 2011.

State Convention: June 11-12, 2011 in Burlington.

Northwest Regional Conference: July 27-30, 2011 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

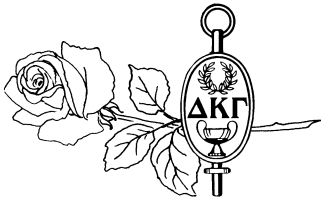
#### Local:

**Younkers Community Day Sale: November 13, 2010.** Purchase your coupon booklets from Mary Craven for \$5 and Theta Chapter retains 100% of the booklet price!

#### Theta Plans for 2010-2011:

- Continue development of website for Theta Chapter
- Increase active membership and visibility within the community
- Involve members in new and continuing service projects
- Raise funds for recruitment grants for students going into education

## Theta Chapter Meetings: 4:30-6:15 p.m. unless noted



### Change in Date of Next Meeting

October 14, 2010

Are you familiar with an iPone, FLIP, Mimio Board, Skype, Wiki, Elmo or Google.doc? Many of these technology tools are being used with our children to assist advancement in the 21st Century. Michelle Anderson will use these tools to demonstrate classroom projects in which she uses blogs, the mimio, and Google.docs. Heather Feuerhelm will explain how we can use Skype and other conferencing tools for our committee meetings. There will be an opportunity for everyone to interact with the technology! Join Chapter Members at Prairie Creek Intermediate School from 4:30-6:15 p.m.

*Please note that program summaries are published in the Theta Program Booklet.*

#### October 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday:

Prairie Creek Intermediate, Cedar Rapids 401 76<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Room #611 (map will be sent)

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills*

**DKG Purpose:** To inform and advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

**Hostesses:** Rosemary Berckes, Dr. Jill Olsen, Mary Jane Jacobson, Marilyn Lodge, Mary Craven, Zinnia Lim

**October 24<sup>th</sup>(Sunday):** Safe Halloween Service project at Usher's Ferry  
**Time:** 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Volunteers needed, please contact Betty Stewart**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** "Warm Soups & A Good Book" @ First Congregational Church, 361 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: Author Visit: I Never Thought of That by Dr.*

*Anita Barta (retired University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse professor)*

**DKG Purpose:** To unite women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

**Hostesses:** Betty Ehlinger, Heather Feuerhelm, Mary Ann Kucera, Nancy Danforth, Barb Taylor, Laura Wheeler

#### December 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):

Blue Toad, 88 16 Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: "Silly, Sexy, Selfish and Sixty (+/-)"*

**DKG Purpose:** To unite women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.- ?

**Fee:** Order from the menu.

**Contact Marilyn Lodge if interested.**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>: Moscow Ballet, Nutcracker @ US Cellular. Contact Michelle Anderson if interested.**

#### January and March:

\*All committees are encouraged to meet several times during the year.

**DKG Purpose:** To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

**Time: One meeting is required.** The first person under each committee will set up the meeting, meeting between January and March are suggested. Meet via Skype or Adobe Connect Pro or face-to-face!

**March 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** Hand in Harmony 2701 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE Suite 104, Cedar Rapids (www.myhih.com)

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: "Massage Therapy for Health"*

**DKG Purpose:** To unite and stimulate personal growth

of women members in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

**Time:** 10 a.m. -?

**Fee:** \$5.00 for a 10 minute chair massage

**March 15<sup>th</sup>: Cirque Viola @ US Cellular. Contact Michelle Anderson if interested.**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Initiation Dinner @ First Congregational Church, 361 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: "Celebrate the New and Old -Making History"*

**DKG Purpose:** To unite, honor and initiate women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship

**Time:** 4:30-? p.m.

**Fee:** \$8.00 LJ's Catering: Potato Bar

**Hostesses:** Kelly Panoch, Lori Bruzek, Char Zrudsky

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** "Cedar Rapids History Comes Alive" @ First Congregational Church, 361 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids

**Program:** *The Magic of Teaching and Learning: "Cedar Rapids History Comes Alive" by Mark Stoffer-Hunter Historian*

**DKG Purpose:** To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members.

**Hostesses:** Emily Emonin, Thann Daniel, Denise Alger, Jennifer Hamel, Ann Nicholson

## Program Book Changes

All meetings listed at First Congressional Church should read FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Address is correct.

Lisa Fry should be removed from the Membership Committee and added to the Legislation Committee.

Priscilla Pohlen has resigned, so please remove her from committees and

membership listing.

Arthur School is misspelled in the listing for Mary Ellen Kaness.

For the March 5th program, the location is Hands in Harmony.

Please use the following email address for Lori Bruzek:

LoriBruzek@hotmail.com

The October meeting has been changed to Thursday, October 14, due to a conflict of our speaker.



ΔΚΓ is an organization of key women educators.

## Annual Dues

It's time for annual dues payment. Dues are not increasing this year and are \$65 for Active Members and \$40 for Reserve Members. Most of that amount (\$55 for Active Members, \$30 for Reserve Members) is for State and International Dues. The Scholarship Fee is \$1 and the remaining \$9 is retained by Theta Chapter for expenses.

Please submit your dues

to:

**Lori Bruzek, Treasurer**  
**1827 23rd St. NW**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA 52405**

Please note that you may opt to pay dues in installments as long as the last payment is made prior to October 31. Any dues not paid in full by that time results in the membership being dropped. On October 1, the Treasurer will generate a list of non-paid members for further follow-up.

Please help us out by paying dues by October 1 or contacting Lori Bruzek (phone 396-6794), Nancy Danforth (366-4383) or Barb Taylor (393-0844) by that time regarding your intentions relative to paying dues by the end of October.

*Please send news about awards, accomplishments, and other items to the newsletter editor, Betty Ehlinger, [bettyge@mchsi.com](mailto:bettyge@mchsi.com)*

## On-going Theta Chapter Service Projects

**At each monthly meeting, bring a school supply for school students or faculty.**

**Bring your Campbell's Labels for Education, your Boxtops for Education and your pop tabs to each meeting.** These will be donated to local schools that are collecting for various projects. Contact **Heather Feuerhelm** if you

have questions.

If you are interested in becoming a **Reading Pen Pal** (reading the same book as a student and writing to kids about what they are reading), sign-up will be at the October meeting. Contact **Heather Feuerhelm** for details. **Nancy Danforth** is currently working with a student from North English

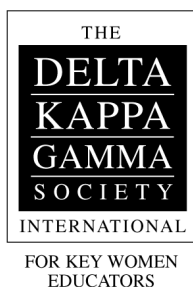
as part of this project.

Become a **RIF (Reading is Fundamental) volunteer!** Give **Millie Wendt** your name and phone number and you'll be contacted to assist with this public library program which gives books to students. **Carol Erickson** and **Char Zrudsky** are also RIF Volunteers.



### September Birthdays

Judy Chihak, Enid Benda, Mary Jane Jacobson, Lorie Bateman, Denise Alger



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**Next Meeting:  
October 14, 2010**

Each member is asked  
to bring a bag of candy  
to the October meeting  
for distribution at Safe  
Halloween at Ushers  
Ferry.

### State Convention Report

What an experience! I highly recommend that all Delta Kappa Gamma members should go to a State Convention sometime. It is a great experience to meet so many wonderful Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from across the state. They are really dynamic.

Mary Jane Jacobson, Michelle Anderson and Barb Taylor went to Waterloo, Iowa in June to attend the 74<sup>th</sup> State Convention. Because Barb is a first time President she attended a meeting for Incoming Presidents after the Friday evening meal. Mary Jane and Michelle joined other attendees in an evening of Fun Activities. Barb joined them after her session.

Saturday morning was filled with Workshops. Barb attended the Presidents workshop where ideas were shared on parliamentary procedure, ways to make meetings interesting and exciting, ways to gain and retain members and what the role of the president should be. There were also sessions on the Promethean Smart Board which Michelle attended and

MaryJane was in the session for Membership, these sessions lasted for two hours. There were eight other workshops in the morning for Chapter treasurers and secretaries, and persons interested in membership, scholarship and legislation. Several workshops were also available for members to enhance their understanding of students with Special Needs and Autism. Technology also had a session on using the Kindle and how several Waterloo HS language arts teachers incorporate its use into their classroom. Needless to say, we all were busy and gaining new ideas.

Following the workshops the first General Session opened to conduct the business of the society. It was exciting to hear Corlea Plowman share information about what happens at the National and International level of Delta Kappa Gamma. Did you know that we are 100,000 members strong, active in 17 countries and have seven representatives that attend and participate in the United Nations Economic and Social Council?

At the Saturday luncheon, the National Teacher of the Year was to have been present. Due to schedule conflicts we viewed a video presentation of her speech in Washington, D.C. when she was presented with the award. Scholarships were also presented and we celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Saturday afternoon was spent in General Session. At this time committees continued giving their annual reports, our Michelle gave the State report on World Fellowship. A presentation was given inviting everyone to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention June 11-12, 2011 in Burlington, IA. The convention site and date for the 2015 convention was also set for June 12-14 in West Des Moines.

It was reported that we had 171 registered for this year's convention with 38 first timers.

After the business meetings there were two workshops, Michelle toured the Iowa Veterans Museum and Barb and MaryJane attended a workshop presented on how to develop

and maintain a Butterfly Garden in your yard.

The Saturday evening banquet honored the outgoing and incoming Chapter President's and also the past Achievement Award winners. Theta Chapter was also presented with a Gold Award based on membership, participation, and representation of a cross-section of educators. The evening entertainment was a young magician, Eric VerSteegt, who gave an outstanding presentation on magic. The evening concluded with a skit about the International Convention.

The convention concluded on Sunday morning with a very moving Ceremony of Remembrance, where we honored those members who have passed away in the last year. Dr. Mary Wilson of Theta chapter was remembered during this ceremony. The ceremony was followed with Brunch and Corlea Plowman gave an inspirational talk entitled, "Amelia, did you eat eggplant?"

*Submitted by Barb Taylor*