

Nineteen Cowgals from Montana Attend the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming



(Back row) Audrey Collins, Eva English, Mary Meissner, Sally Macmillan, Judy Peach, Lloyd-Ann McMahan, Ruth Carlstrom, Jan Nerem, Ardice 'Dusty' Kuehner, Madalen Sugrue, Marilyn Hamer, Joyce English, Kathy Stuart (sitting) Sharon Britton, Elva Pilling, Maureen Watt, Joan Micheletti, Charmaine Mansheim, Linda Clark, Juli Dufresne. Picture courtesy of Jacqueline Price, Golden, CO

Tidbits 'rounded up' in Cheyenne

Linda Clark (Theta)

It was time for Northwest Regional. I'd never been before!
So excited I could just explode, I knew fun times were in store.
We planned and packed and checked the map. It looked like quite a trip.

Full eight hours behind the wheel, I had to get a grip!

Finally it was time to go and we headed down the road.
We picked up Charmaine on the way, then conversation flowed!
Our destination was far away but we didn't fret a bit.
The miles slid by as in a snap. Then the sign said THIS WAS IT!

Cheyenne, Wyoming was the place. Little America Hotel.
We found our room and settled in. Explored a bit, as well.
The next day, on a city tour we had a ton of fun.
The horse and wagon were a blast—enthraling everyone.

Down to business—that's why we're here, workshops due to start.
Barbells Strengthen chapters and swimming starts your heart.
Social media, Golden Gift, Laughing For The Health of It.
Skirt Strategies Cosmetic Bag, What's in your Membership Tool Kit?

Wyoming Night performers filled everyone with awe.
Put on the cutest Melodrama that we ever saw.
Phil'n the Blanks would joke and sing
Sign-singing kids beat everything!

Night On The Town offered big fun, indeed
Melodrama, *Sound of Music* or Barbecue feed.
Then the Banquet Night speakers impressed the whole crowd.
Alas, all good things end. Annie Blanton would be proud.

My first Northwest Regional is now in the books.
I will do it again by hook or by crook.
The long journey home gave me time to make plans
Here's to the next Sisters' gathering for this DKG fan!
(More ideas on page 3 and 4)



Jan Nerem (Sigma Nu),
Lloyd-Ann McMahan
(Mu) and Linda Clark
(Theta) working on a
project at Northwest
Regional Conference in
Cheyenne.



“COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT TO UNITE”

by

Alpha Mu State President
Joan Micheletti

With forced and exaggerated stealth, I slip by the room - the room that holds the dreaded box. Cobwebs seemingly magnify the accumulated dust surrounding the frighteningly unleashed responsibilities held within those four sides of cardboard. For some of you, the “box” may be a cold, unfeeling plastic tub securing its contents with an unbendable lid. The idea of a colored box only provides a facade to make its new owner actually believe this is all in fun. No matter the construction of the holder, the contents are the same. By now the new owner asks herself, “Why did I ever say I would do such a thing! I can’t believe I actually committed myself to this, this horrible two year sentence!” By now, the box has taken residence in my home since last spring. Oh, that dreadful day at a meeting when I, in a weakened state, found myself nodding my head - the head that needs to be examined - and I innocently accepted a Delta Kappa Gamma position. Out of pure fear, I have procrastinated so long to retrieve the ghastly contents. What if I fail? What if I do not fully understand my responsibilities?

We serve in many capacities in Delta Kappa Gamma. Those of us in leadership positions were chosen because someone saw something special in us. Really, that is how we were selected to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member in the first place. For many of you reading this article, you may be the next chapter president and you do not even know it yet. Imagine stepping into a leadership position where people look to us for guidance. We are never alone because someone is always there to support us.

The contents in the box (however big it is or how many there are) are not ghastly; instead those vessels hold history, dreams, ideas; and accomplishments of those who have come before us. We are now a part of the life-line of Delta Kappa Gamma. We all need each other in leadership, fellowship, community and commitment. Rather than promoting the feeling of pending doom, accept our new-found Delta Kappa Gamma position as one that offers excitement and opportunity. I encourage each of you to imagine and create as we work through the end or the beginning of our biennium. Members, support your chapters by attending meetings and offering ideas for programs. Chapter chairman and Alpha Mu State chairmen, I encourage you to think outside of that box and forge your own way with your individuality. Light a fire (not to burn the box) to spread excitement about what we have to share.

What will we need to ignite the flame? One spark can get a raging fire on its way. What can we do as members of Delta Kappa Gamma to initiate a spark within our chapters? I suggest we first take care of our members. Be supportive and attentive to each DKG sister. Then, why not take a look at those who have recently dropped their membership. Perhaps all they need is a phone call or a personal note to suggest reconsidering membership. Let each member realize her

importance within the chapter. Chairmen, start your engines, which by the way, also requires a spark. Make your programs interesting. Open that inherited box and unleash the contents while creating your own contribution to the legacy of your chapter and Alpha Mu State.

DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15, 2013 - deadline for international nominations
October 31, 2013 - deadline for members to pay dues.
November 1, 2013 - Members dropped for non-payment of dues.
November 1, 2013 - Lucile Cornet Seminar Awards
November 15, 2013 - deadline for Chapter Treasurers to file Form 990
November 15, 2013 - deadline for Chapter Treasurers to submit membership dues to State Treasurer, Pat Jones
December 1, 2013 - deadline for Golden Gift applications for Leadership Management Seminar
December 6, 2013 Application for Golden Legacy Mini-Grant
December 23, 2013 - Articles for January issue of Alphamusings due to the State Editor
 February 1, 2014 - Scholarship applications due to Chairman Linda Clark.
 March 15, 2014 - Applications for Seminar in Purposeful Living stipend due
 July 23-26, 2014 - Seminar in Purposeful Living - Fort Wayne, IN
 July 28-August 1, 2014 - International Convention - JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
 2015 - Northwest Regional Conference - Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
 July 5-9, 2016 - International Convention - Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN



☞ Alpha Mu State presidents Mary Meissner and Joan Micheletti waiting to be introduced at the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 3, 2013.



☞ Joan Micheletti and Juli Dufresne with the bandanas waved when Alpha Mu State members were introduced and sang “My Home’s in Montana..”

Nineteen Montana Cowgals share 'rounded up' experiences in Cheyenne

Mary Meissner (Omega)

"It doesn't take barbells to strengthen a chapter" was the catchy title of a worthwhile workshop presented at the recent 2013 Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Attending the session were Madalen Sugrue, Mary Meissner, Linda Clark and Charmaine Mansheim. Member-at-large Barbara Whiting (MN) offered several simple but meaningful ways to help chapters of all sizes and locations to move chapters forward.

The components of the first "formula" were persistence + actions = success. In other words, give it more effort and with actions (not hopes and dreams) a chapter can move forward. She advised participants to turn negative conversations into positive experiences. Her second equation was to prune meeting times to be more purposeful. Many workable options were discussed along with the various ways to "mix-it-up" at chapter meetings.

The most important suggestion was to structure the chapter according to the needs of the chapter. What are those? Presidents have to ask these questions: What would you like to do for the chapter? What meaningful long term and short term projects would you like to participate in? What community service would you like to do? How can you make your chapter's work more purposeful: Finally keep in touch with each other, potential members and past members.

Madalen, Mary, Linda and Charmaine are committed to helping your chapter lift some barbells if necessary. Why not give them a call?

Charmaine Mansheim (Alpha Alpha)

Charmaine writes she enjoyed the time at the Northwest Regional Conference: "I went earlier than I usually go to conferences, but I had a ride so I took advantage of it. It worked out great as our president had many meetings to attend and could not go on the tours she had paid for. So I used her ticket and went to The Nelson Museum of the West and High Tea at Nagel Warren Mansion. The Mansion was a bed and breakfast and we had tea. The manager told about the history of the mansion. Thank you Joan!

"Madeline Sugrue had fallen so was unable to go to the Dinner Theater in Johnstown, CO and I thank her for giving me the opportunity to see *The Sound of Music*. The ride down was in a lumber wagon-no, it just felt like one-it was not a very comfortable ride!



"I enjoyed the workshops especially *Laugh for the Health of it*. Much information and a fun way to get it was presented at the Info Fair. The workshop, *Speak Up! Speak Out!* explained a plan in the making on changing the way we vote for international officers.

"I always enjoy seeing friends and making new ones. Wyoming did an excellent job with entertainment, workshops and tours, even throwing in some exercises." (Picture courtesy of Charmaine Mansheim shows Juli Dufresne (Gamma) having High Tea at Nagel Warren Mansion)

Janice Nerem (Sigma Nu)

(Picture shows Jan at the info table for Eunah Temple Holden)



Wyoming Governor Matt Mead set the stage for a highly motivated 2013 Northwest Regional Conference which was attended by nearly three-hundred Delta Kappa Gamma members and guests. Speakers during the week continued to challenge and motivate participants - electrical engineer and leadership specialist Katie Snapp, ranch wife and

Wyoming poet laureate Pat Frolander plus California special education teacher, Xylene Sanders who was attending her first regional conference and shared her pride in her Delta Kappa Gamma membership. It was International President Dr. Beverly Helms whose banquet address challenged members to continue "*Sharing Our Vision...Strengthening Our Society.*"

Each regional conference celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Education Foundation through the sale of birthday candles and members from the Northwest Region purchased 35 of them at \$50 each. The International Emergency Fund which provides financial assistance to members who experience disasters such as floods or fires totaled over \$4000.

Special events included dinner with past Northwest Regional Directors, singing in the convention choir directed by June Bowers (Nebraska) and accompanied by Janice Moen (Washington), breakfast with past state presidents and the opportunity to connect with and meet new friends - those are the highlights.

Cowboy boots and beautiful flowers marked the trail to the convention center at Little America and the display of western art throughout the hotel made for a pleasant atmosphere. Plans for the 2015 regional conference in Regina, Saskatchewan are already underway. It's not too early to begin getting your passport so that you are ready to "head north to Regina."



Katherine Stuart (Delta)

(picture courtesy of Dusty Kuehner)

Kathy says, "I enjoyed the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne for several reasons. One reason was that out of the five lodges, I was in Lodge five where the restaurant and meeting rooms were located. Another reason was the boots with the flowers in them that marked our hallway path to the meeting rooms. How clever was that? Another reason was that everyone was so friendly and easy to talk with, even the yard bunnies didn't run from us. You would have thought everyone was from Montana!



"The trolley tour of Cheyenne was very interesting and the big boots were really neat. The melodrama was a blast, a hot blast! The speakers were good and the governor was very gracious. All in all, it was a good conference. Thank you, Cheyenne."

(more Tidbits on page 4)

More NW Regional Tidbits

Audrey Collins (Omicron)

Audrey Collins, State Membership Chairman writes, "Attending the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming was yet another opportunity to experience just how awesome Delta Kappa Gamma can be. There were opportunities to build leadership skills, boost professional skills, enhance personal growth and share genuine spiritual fellowship with DKG sisters."



Audrey attended the pre-conference training for Membership Chairmen. The International Representative, Cynthia Moore was an amazing speaker/facilitator. She provided a great deal of resources. We also participated in several activities and discussions to share concerns and ideas regarding recruiting and retaining members. It was good to exchange ideas but also to know that our state is not alone in the struggle against decreasing numbers. She found that we are already doing many of the things that were offered as suggestions, which gave her a more positive feeling about where we are in our membership efforts.

Audrey says, "I attended an excellent workshop for active teachers and brought back ready-to-use resources for my classroom. I went to "Lyrics & Literature" presented by Elaine Hall and Janice Moen. I didn't realize until I got into the workshop that I had gone to their presentation at International Convention in Spokane, but was more than happy to see them again. They had a new volume of literature units, as well as a Reader's Theater Notebook. These presenters are DKG members and are an aunt/niece team who has put together literature units and songs for some great kids/ books. They are incredibly talented, inspiring women. I know that I will enjoy using the materials in my classroom!:"

"Of course, another highlight of the trip was the Night on the Town. I went to the dinner theater and saw The Sound of Music. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We had quite a bus ride but it was a great chance to visit with one of my Montana sisters, which is something we often run out of time to do when we are busy attending to responsibilities at state meetings.

"As always, I came away with a sense of awe seeing the level of abilities and talents shown by the International Personnel, the members from across the region and our own Alpha Mu State Sisters. I look forward to my next chance to attend."



Janice Nerem, Northwest Regional Director 1979-1980 accepted a floral bouquet on behalf of all past regional directors.

Ardice "Dusty" Kuehner (Omega)



Up early, still dark, met friends, sense of excitement; short flight to Denver, fogged in, circle, circle, circle, run out of gas; hop to Colorado Springs, Yaay!, they have fuel. Shuttle to Little America, nice ride, nice motel, pool side rooms, keys offer challenge. Look who's here! I know her! Hi! Been a long time, glad you're here, anyone hungry? Chat with Dr. Lace Brogden - welcome from NW Regional Director, very nice; Wyoming members show the way to registration; "Sharing our Vision -

Strengthening our Society"; this is gonna be good! Sharon Britton writes her Cascade article; watch little cotton tails cavort on the lawn; toured Cheyenne Days museum; walked to botanic garden; enjoyed the cool, green, quiet; more touring; admired eight foot cowboy boots; took pictures; shopped for jeans and jewelry. Sharon and Maureen Watt to aquacise; good for them: get a cab;



enjoy Wyoming State Museum; Madalen Sugrue fell, broke finger; Trotters perform; impressive; one fell; not hurt; embarrassed.



Welcome from both Governor and Mayor at the first general session; good performance by sign language group; second general session ignited bath towel super heroes; Sharon won first block drawing; Bravo presentation; excellent ideas on making presentation; useful to all; good laughs at author's humorous presentation of "I Married Into It."

Hot pretzels and cheese at patio party; wine; and beer; and lots of laughing; and camaraderie.

Dusty on early three mile walk with tall, athletic International President, Dr. Beverly Helms leading; Dusty with shin splints, Ooooooh!



(Continued on page 5 - Dusty Kuehner)

{Ardice 'Dusty' Kuehner (Omega) continued from pg.4}

Info Fair noisy, busy, interactive, creative, informative, fun; historic Plains Hotel for salmon and steak; boo, hiss, authentic melodrama; Mary Meissner and Sharon bussed by singing MC, Keynoters inspiring; workshops intriguing; stem cell research; secret to success; develop leadership skills.

Get the big picture; outgoing presidents recognized; new presidents presented; members inspired; choir thrilled; chocolate mousse Devil's Tower delighted; well done, Lace. Aaaaaah! that was good. See ya next time.

(Pictures for her article courtesy of Dusty Kuehner: 1. Ruth Carlstrom and Sharon Britton texting while on the plane. 2. Sharon Britton by one of the big boots. 3. Early morning aquacise. 4. Bath towel 'super heroes'. 5. Joyce English, Eva English and Mary Meissner and the hot pretzel with cheese)

Is Leadership Management For You?

Lloyd-Ann McMahan (Mu)

Dr. Rhonda Anderson (SD) invited Lloyd-Ann McMahan and three other members of the LM Class of 2006 to participate in the Leadership Management Seminar Workshop during the Northwest Regional Conference. They shared stories which brought back fond memories. The sharing of their experiences was intended to motivate potential participants to understand the program.

What is the Leadership Management Seminar? Leadership Management Seminar is an intense residential learning experience taught by world-renowned experts in the fields of leadership, management and communication. It is funded by interest on investments and contributions to the Golden Gift Fund established to commemorate the Society's 50th anniversary in 1979.

Where and when does the Leadership Management Seminar take place? The Seminar is held on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin in even-numbered years. In 2014 the Seminar will be held June 29 to July 11.

Where do I get an application for the Leadership Management Seminar? Go to the Society website <http://www.dkg.org>. Click on *Forms* across the top of the Society's home page and you will find an interactive form. Gather your information and begin to apply immediately.

How much do I pay to participate in the two week Seminar? The registration fee for the two week seminar is \$500. The Golden Gift Fund pays the balance in excess of \$5,500 for tuition, full board and lodging, round trip travel and teaching materials.

How many participants may attend the Leadership Management Seminar? Thirty Delta Kappa Gamma members may participate in the two week seminar.

When are the applications and the supporting documents due? The completed application form and all supporting documents (a chapter president and a professional reference form) are due December 1, 2013.

Lloyd-Ann and the other eight seminar recipients urge members to apply. It is filled with fun, laughter, intense learning and incredible opportunities to experience a life changing event while at the same time bonding with other strong, amazing and talented women leaders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative

Mary Barnett (Phi), chairman

The following are articles that were found on the U.S. Legislative Forum DKG Web Site.

The first article is about "Violence against Women". Steve Gilmore, Deputy Director of the Wyoming Division of Victim Services spoke at the NW Regional Conference on violence against women and noted that every state has laws on the subject. He introduced attendees to the "Power and Control Wheel" which defines the cycle of physical and mental abuse which describes the cyclical nature of abuse. Congress recently passed national legislation on this subject which extended past legislation and also expanded those who are protected. The recently passed law still does not cover all places where violence may take place.

The second article "Scams abound" tells of a recent scam as reported by Judy Jackson who received a telephone call informing her that the installation of an alert system would notify authorities should she encounter an emergency. The system, so the caller said, was paid for and asked to arrange a time for installation. The service would only cost \$20 per month once it was installed. She encouraged persons to alert others who may be approached by this and similar situations.

Parliamentarian

Geraldine Bantz (Alpha)

This may not seem to be parliamentary business, but it left an impression with me when it was brought up at our seminar concerning making a point when you are using hand-outs. Remember they should only take as much time to read as it takes to walk to the wastebasket! Make your statement meaningful and action inspiring. Use a "hook" (something to grab their attention and make them want to respond).

Scholarship

Linda Clark (Theta) Chairman

Delta Kappa Gamma members are the kind of people who "give the best that is in them" to everyone in their lives and, often, end up putting themselves at the end of the line, sometimes, dead last. Put yourself at the front of the line this year. Start, work on, or complete your Master's or Doctoral Degree! Do this for yourself! We all know how expensive graduate credits can be, but don't let that stop you! Alpha Mu State has a 'doosey' of a deal for you and all you have to do is apply!

Every year Alpha Mu State offers four \$500 scholarships for members who are seeking an advanced degree. Additionally, during each even-numbered year, the \$2000 Memorial Endowment Scholarship is available. Many Alpha Mu State members are qualified to apply for these scholarships and the committee is determined to give this money away! **Please** consider applying this year! The recipient of one of these awards could very well be YOU!

Copies of the application form will be sent to all Alpha Mu State chapter presidents so that they will be available to all DKG members. Also, the Scholarship Application form will be on the state website. <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MT/>. Completed applications are due to Scholarship Chairman, Linda Clark by February 1, 2014.

If you have questions about the scholarship application, please contact: Linda Clark, State Scholarship Chairman, 321 3rd Ave. SW, Sidney, MT 59270, ljklark@yahoo.com.

Personal Growth and Services

Lori McCurdy (Upsilon) Chairman

Art and tennis lessons. Lifeguard training. A school trip to Washington, D.C. These are ways Alpha Mu State members have expanded their horizons in recent years, thanks to a **Lifelong Learning Grant**. Could this be your year? Find something you love to do - a travel opportunity, a hobby, a class that reflects your creativity and let us help! Information and applications for a \$50-\$200 stipend will be emailed to your chapter presidents in October.

The committee, which includes Cathy Stone (Alpha) and Mandy Ramesar (Upsilon), will also promote ways for your chapter to grow! Let's get started.

Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award

Joyce English (Alpha Zeta) Chairman

It is not too early for chapters to start thinking of a member to nominate for the Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award that will be presented during the state convention in Bozeman in 2015. This prestigious award is to honor a member that has made outstanding contributions to education and to the Society and has not been a state president or served on an international committee. The member shall have been a member of DKG for at least four years.

A member may be nominated several times but may receive the award only once. I urge you to begin the process of nominating someone from your chapter. Nomination forms were given to chapter presidents at the fall executive meeting in Billings. The Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award nomination form is on the state web site <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MT/>.

Joyce English, 2013 recipient of the award, stated, "Receiving the Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award is one of the highlights of my life. What an honor! What a surprise! I agree with Dusty Kuehner when she said it is better than getting an Oscar!"

Committee members: Dusty Kuehner, Betty Lou Berger, Carolyn Pfrimmer and Chairman Joyce English

Membership

Audrey Collins (Omicron) State Membership Chairman

Audrey Collins writes, "As we begin a new school year and a new year in Delta Kappa Gamma chapters, I would like to share an excerpt from the March/April 2013 Membership Memo with you."

In her convention acceptance speech, Dr. Beverly Helms, stated, we should develop or enhance our relationship building process; one in which every member in a chapter is reached or engaged. We cannot leave it to chance. As we face declining membership numbers we must continue to emphasize the importance of strengthening chapters by identifying and initiating more key women educators. Perhaps just as critical is the next step. What kinds of engaging experiences are we providing for these members?

This is really the key issue that we all must address in working to build our chapters. Again, we must find key women educators to invite to membership. Once they are at our meetings, we must make sure they are included and become connected in order to make membership important to them. This connection is what DKG is all about. We need to plan our programs so that they do provide this engaging experience. It is of utmost importance that we approach these endeavors in a purposeful way in order to be successful as chapters.

A couple of resources to support chapter efforts are member profiles and chapter profiles. These allow you to gather information about your members and their needs and use that data to best plan

for your chapter. This is also a good time to check in with those members that have dropped and ask if they'd like to reinstate their membership. Some of the statistics from international suggest that more of our former members would rejoin if asked than we might think. It certainly doesn't hurt to try to make that re-connection.

As always, if I can be of any assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Rules

Marilyn Hamer (Sigma Nu) Chairman

Changes to the Standing Rules happened at the state convention in April and at the recent Executive Board meeting in September.

Here are the changes to **Section 2 Finances**:

2.05 Upon the death of a member, it is recommended that each chapter voluntarily send \$5.00 to the state treasurer for the Memorial Fund to cover the cost of printing the memorial book;

2.21 Executive Board

a. Elected officers, treasurer, editor, webmaster, parliamentarian and committee chairman shall receive allotted expenditure for mileage.

b. Past state presidents shall receive one-half allotted expenditure for mileage.

c. Chapter presidents shall receive one-half allotted expenditure for mileage by the state. The remaining one-half may be paid by their chapter. Only one president per chapter may request reimbursement.

d. Payment for hotel accommodations at executive board meetings will be divided equally among qualified executive board members from the budgeted amount for executive board meetings once mileage has been paid.

2.24 Workshops

a. Incoming chapter presidents shall have one-half allotted expenditure for mileage paid to the workshops. The other one-half may be paid by the chapter.

c. Workshop program presenters shall have allotted expenditure for mileage paid by Alpha Mu State Organization.

e. Hotel expenses for participants will be divided equally among those attending from the allotted workshop budget once mileage and other workshop expenses have been paid.

Section 3 Newly Formed Chapters

3.0 It is recommended that each chapter voluntarily contribute a minimum of \$5 to each newly formed chapter.

The rules committee also asks that each chapter review their own rules and email a revised copy to marilyn_hamer@msn.com.

Memorial

Maureen Watt (Omicron) Chairman

The Memorial Committee reminds chapter presidents to send in the biographies of their deceased members to Maureen Watt as soon as possible. Also the Report of the Death of a Member (Form 6) should be sent to the Membership Services Administrator at Headquarters, the State Organization Treasurer, the State Membership Chairman (2nd Vice President) and also to the Memorial Chairman.

Because only chapters may assess members, State Standing Rules 2.05 FINANCES GENERAL and 3.02 NEWLY FORMED CHAPTERS are now voluntary contributions. The committee encourages members to continue this since it funds the printing of "Those Who Served." The most recent publication was in 2007.

Remember to honor your deceased members with a special ceremony at your chapter meeting.

Communications

Donna Lee (Kappa) Chairman

The thesaurus on my computer gives synonyms for communication as message, communicate, announcement, statement, letter, email, phone call, contact, exchange of ideas, interaction, transfer, consultation and transmission. *Communication* is the means for you to nurture the members in your chapter as well as reaching out to new members and women to reinstate. This committee encourages chapters to communicate using electronic means, printed materials, telephone calls, publishing chapter happenings and participating in community events as a DKG chapter.

At the next Alpha Mu State Convention, chapters will have the opportunity to sign up for drawings; one chance for each different type of communication used by your chapter. Also at convention, the Communications committee will replace the newsletter competition with a people’s choice award for communications. For this competition, we are asking you to collect and submit examples of communications used in your chapter.

Wyoming Night at NW Regional Conference



These are the “Trotters” Dusty Kuehner mentioned in her article. They did Cavalry routines. One horse fell on the slick pavement but did not get hurt. (Two photos courtesy of Dusty Kuehner)

Eva English (Iota) Mary Meissner (Omega), Ruth Carlstrom (Omega) and part of Sharon Britton (Omega) watching the horses during their routines.



Following the routine the spectators were allowed to greet the horses and meet the riders. Mary Meissner and Sharon Britton

Mission Statement

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

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The members of the Alpha Mu State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promote quality education and the professional development of Montana women educators.

Chapter News:

Iota Chapter

submitted by Sandra McNeil (Iota)



Iota chapter President, Colleen Overcast, was named Montana Rural Teacher of the Year for 2013. Colleen is the head teacher at Zurich Elementary School teaching the seventh and eighth grades. Colleen will compete with winners from other states for the National Rural Teacher of the Year Award for 2013 in October in Branson, Missouri.

Iota member, Lisa Stroh, has resigned as Blaine County Superintendent of Schools to take the position of Superintendent of Schools in Valdez, Alaska.

Alpha Zeta Chapter

submitted by Joyce English (Alpha Zeta)

Alpha Zeta had another surprise for Joyce English, recipient of the Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award. Noisemakers, a card, ice cream cake and congratulations greeted Joyce at the September meeting in Malta. Wow!

The program for the year was organized and the Speciality Fair was set for November 2, 2013. Vivian Taylor read a tribute to September 11, 2001 for the collect.

An Author Among Us!

Geraldine Bantz (Alpha) published an alphabet coloring book, *Aa Bb Cc*. The book came about due to first and second graders in the Outlook school some 30–some years ago. They wanted to write an ABC book so they started an ABC animal book.

The animals in the book can be colored with washable crayons and wiped clean with a dry cloth and then reused by another child.



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