

The Upsilon Update

Upsilon Chapter, Eaton County, Michigan State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Coaches' Message

Welcome to Michigan! Last week we had a snow storm and today it is 52 degrees. I was in a Christmas shopping mood last week with the drifts and winter coat, but not so much this week. I hope you are all better than me and stay in the holiday spirit regardless of the weather.

At our October meeting we were pleased to present the Upsilon 2022 Early Career Educator Award. This is addition to the gran-in-aid for senior women attending college. This year the award went to Crystal Quintanilla-Howard. Money to fund this project was raised through items sold at Farmer's Markets. Thanks to Marilyn Hansbarger who was in charge.

At our December meeting hats and mittens will be collected to distribute to elementary teachers in Eaton County for distribution to children who need them Be sure to bring as many as you can. This is a very important project for our chapter.

Another event at our December meeting will be the Silent auction. Please bring lots of new items as we will use the money for the grants. We always enjoy this activity while winning some great items for ourselves.

If you are unable to donate hats, mittens or items for the silent auction you can donate money to purchase items. Send your money to your personal shopper, Judy Foster- 5791Howe Rd.- DeWitt, Michigan 48820.

We will be installing two new members at the December 10th meeting. Without saying, we are excited to have Sheila Dunagan and Pat Williams joining our chapter.

As you can see, we will have a busy meeting scheduled and expect a good time will be had by all. Please join us.

-Judy Foster



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**Upsilon Meetings
For 2022-23**

Christmas

Sat., Dec 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Marilyn's

Silent Auction

Hats and Mittens

***Executive Board Meeting
at 10:00 a.m.**



**Sat., Mar. 11, 2023 at 11:00
a.m.**

Coordinating Council

**Sat., Apr. 15, 2023 at 11:00
a.m. Tony M's**

**Thurs., May 11, 2023 at
5:00 p.m. House of Hsu**

**Sat., June 17, 2023 at 11:00
a.m. Marilyn's**



December Birthdays

Carolyn Shoaps - 4th

D'Lynn Smith - 13th

Mary Slag - 24th

PUT MARCH 11, 2023 ON YOUR CALENDAR

The Capital Area Coordinating Council will be March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Upsilon is hosting the event at Eaton Senior Center. All chapter members will be involved, so you may get a call to help.

-Judy Foster

2022-2023 Yearbooks: Seven members still need to pick up their yearbooks. After the December meeting I will mail those yearbooks not picked up.

-Mary Slag



Judy Nixon: Mark and I made up for a couple of years with a definite lack of travel in August, September, and October. We left home for Massachusetts on August 22 to visit family. After spending a few days in Massachusetts, we drove through Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, eventually taking the ferry to Newfoundland, where we spent 10 days. A highlight of Newfoundland was visiting Saint Pierre and Miquelon, two islands off the coast of Newfoundland that are still owned by France. We left Newfoundland just in time to avoid Hurricane Fiona and arrived home on September 25. We stayed just long enough to do laundry and repack (about 48 hours), before leaving for Copper Harbor and other parts of the Upper Peninsula for another 10 days with more family for a traditional annual get-together. We finally arrived home (for a few weeks, anyway) on October 10 just in time and see our grandson, Phelan Velez, play a trumpet solo in the Eaton Rapids Homecoming halftime show.

Vicki Sandstrom- I have a solo in "Sister Act" which is part of Delta Community Choir's Christmas Concert. It's at Our Savior Lutheran Church on St Joe in GL, starting at 3 pm on Sunday, December 18. Called Sleep in Heavenly Peace, it is a benefit concert for a non-profit that builds beds for kids.

**DKG Upsilon Chapter
Treasurer's Report
November 2022**

Checking	\$ 267.25
Savings	\$1,324.28
Cert. of Deposit	\$3,229.80
Spartan Saver	\$. 63.00

***** Please submit any dues, bills or reimbursements to me via mail or at the December meeting.**

**Thanks,
LuAnn Stuible
5222 River Ridge Dr
Lansing, MI 48917**



*The Upsilon Update is posted on our website <http://upsilonchapter-mi.weebly.com> and **emailed** to all members with an email address listed in the yearbook and **mailed** to those sisters who do not have email. It is posted and mailed about 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting. To assure that everyone gets their newsletter, I need to know about address changes or if you have trouble opening the newsletter on our website. You can email me at mllslag@aol.com or phone or text me at 517-231-4339. -Mary Slag*

Social Security Administration Announces New Start Dates for Part B in 2023

Continuing the implementation of the Medicare Enrollment reforms included in the Beneficiary Enrollment Notification and Eligibility Simplification (BENES) Act—which was [signed into law](#) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA)—the Social Security Administration (SSA) released updated consumer-facing information about when people can access their Part B benefits in 2023. Starting in January, people who enroll in the later months of their Initial Enrollment Period will have coverage the first day of the month after they sign up. People who use the general enrollment period, which runs from January 1-March 31, will also have coverage that starts the first day of the month after they sign up.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Information for 2023

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7 percent in 2023.

The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits)

Read more about the [Social Security Cost-of-Living adjustment for 2023](#)

The maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200.

The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (see [Full Retirement Age Chart](#)) will increase to \$21,240. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$21,240.)

The earnings limit for people reaching their "full" retirement age in 2023 will increase to \$56,520. (We deduct \$1 *(Cont'd on page 6)*)

October 2022 Minutes

The Michigan State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Upsilon Chapter met at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Eight members were present. Judy Nixon presided.

Our guests were Dan and Crystal Quintanilla-Howard, and Kathy Brown. Mary Slag presented Crystal Quintanilla-Howard with a certificate honoring her as our 2022 Early Career Educator. LuAnn Stuible presented an award check.

Secretary's Minutes as published in the October issue of the Upsilon Update were accepted as published.

In Correspondence a Thank You note was received from Galewood Elementary for the Teacher Basket our chapter provided in September.

The Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

Checking Account	\$ 763.60
Savings Account	1324.23
Certificate of Deposit	3213.00

Grant-in-Aid received \$800 from the Farmers'Market as conducted by Marilyn Hansbarger.

President's Report

Judy Nixon reported Judy Foster had attended the Executive Board at the State Fall Workshop. There is state wide consideration for having only two meetings in the future. The 2023 Spring Convention will see a proposal for reducing meetings to a Fall Workshop and Spring Convention.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance- LuAnn Stuible reported Barb Shepard is looking into the possibility of a restaurant providing us with a percentage of sales as a fundraiser event. Lissa Sell has contacted a Tupperware representative who will oversee an online Tupperware fundraiser for our Upsilon Chapter October 24-November 12. Orders will be mailed directly to the purchaser.

Membership- Lola Wilson will be looking into establishing penpals with nursing home residents. Marilyn Hansbarger expressed concern for membership attendance. Specifically, we need to support members who do not wish to drive at night.

Communications-Mary Slag requests members submit news for the Upsilon Update. Recipes, travel events, and book titles are also welcome.

Unfinished Business

Judy Nixon clarified that Judy Foster is our Parliamentarian.

Carolyn Shoaps shared a concern that Mary Slag as our Newsletter, Yearbook, and email communicator be officially included in the Executive Board. Judy Nixon will look into this. *(Cont'd on page 5)*

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The March Capital Area Coordinating Council will be Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Eaton Area Senior Center in Charlotte at 11:00 AM. RSVP's will be due by February 28, 2023. (Not March 4, 2023 as written on page 18 of the 2022-2023 Upsilon Yearbook.) Set up will begin at 10:00 AM. Judy Nixon will reach out to Shaila Jehle as a possible program presenter.

New Business

Motion to accept Debbie Hansbarger, Sheila Dunagan, and Pat Williams as new members **Passed**. Sheila and Pat will be inducted in December, Debbie sometime in 2023 as her schedule permits.

Motion Passed to donate \$25 to Wacousta Community UMC for facility use.

Motion Passed for Upsilon treasury to finance tonight's pizza dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Carolyn Shoaps
Recording Secretary



Our Early Career Teacher Grant recipient, Crystal Quintanilla-Howard, being presented with the grant certificate and check.

Book Recommendation:

Lady Justice by Dahlia Lithwick. She has written about women lawyers. Some very recent history is included. I found it quite interesting and informative.



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from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$21,240.)

The earnings limit for people reaching their “full” retirement age in 2023 will increase to \$56,520. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$56,520 until the month the worker turns “full” retirement age.)

There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year.

Read more about the [COLA, tax, benefit and earning amounts for 2023](#).

Recipe Contributed by Judy Nixon:

Chocolate Fudge

From the Prince Edward Island Canadian Potato Museum in O'Leary, PEI. I haven't tried this one but it sounds interesting. I love how the Canadians switch from metric to cups at the drop of a hat!

- 1 package (300g) milk chocolate chips (10.5 oz. in US measurements)
- 2 Tbsp. of butter
- 1/3 cup of mashed potato
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 4 cups icing sugar (that's confectioner's sugar to those of us from the US)

Melt your chocolate and butter over hot water in a double boiler.
Add mashed potato, salt, and vanilla.
Blend in icing sugar until smooth.
Put in an 8x8 greased pan and chill before cutting.
Enjoy.

Here is the website address, if you are interested in potatoes: <https://canadianpotatomuseum.com/>
They have a great restaurant with, guess what, lots of potatoes on the menu.

