

The Upsilon Update

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

Coaches' Message

Hopefully by now all of you have all your flowers planted, lawns in order, and your gardens thriving. Enjoy all that nature has given us, but don't forget to encourage Mother Earth to send a little rain.

LOTS TO DO

Our June 17 meeting at Marilyn Hansbarger's home will be a busy one. Please bring a dish to pass because it will be a summertime picnic. We will be plopping dots to plan dates for meetings, planning programs, making contacts for places to have meeting, including our Program of Work Meeting on July 13 at the Congregational Church in Charlotte. We will finalize our plans for the year, so put on your thinking cap and bring ideas.

We will attempt, for the fourth year, to have our Coordinating Council meeting in March. The committee will meet soon to begin the planning.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m. Our treasurer, LuAnn Stuible, will host the meeting at her home at 5222 River Ridge Drive, Lansing.

Marilyn Hansbarger will be at the Diamondale Farmer's Market on June 22, July 20, and August 17. All market times are 3-7 p.m. Marilyn would appreciate any help at the Farmer's Markets or additional products to sell.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our picnic. Many thanks to Marilyn for hosting the picnic.

-Judy Foster



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**Upsilon Meetings
2023**

Saturday, June 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Marilyn Hansbarger's

13650 Wacousta Rd

Grand Ledge, MI 48837

*** Executive Board Meeting**

10:00 a.m. at this address

Program of Work

July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Congregational church

Charlotte, MI 48813

Budget Committee

July 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

LuAnn Stuible

5222 River Ridge Dr

Lansing, MI 48917

Thursday, Sept 14, 2023

5:00 p.m.

First Congregational

Church

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Wacousta Community

UMC

December TBD

Minutes of the May Meeting

The Michigan State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Upsilon Chapter met at 5:00 PM on May 11, 2023 at the House of Hsu Restaurant in Grand Ledge. Fourteen members were present. Joanne Gardner presided.

We welcomed the following guests:

-2023 Hansbarger Grant-in-Aid recipient Jessica Steury and her father Jess Steury,

-Molly Buffington, who presented Potterville's Capturing Kids' Hearts Program,

-Educator Grant-in-Aid recipient Crystal Quintanilla-Howard, who gave an update,

-Debbie Hansbarger, who will be inducted into Upsilon in June, and

-Susie Dalebout, who visited with Upsilon prior to moving to Virginia.

Secretary's minutes were published in the Upsilon Update and will be placed on file.

There was no Correspondence.

Treasurer LuAnn Stuible reported:

-\$183.05 in the Spartan Saver account, and

-\$4563 in the Organizational Savings account.

-All DKG Upsilon dues are due in June.

-The Budget and Finance committee will meet on July 19, 2023 at LuAnn's home.

-The Budget and Finance committee is in need of an additional member.

Presidents' Reports:

-Judy Nixon attended the Michigan State Convention in April. New officers were installed, and there was discussion regarding two yearly conferences. It was determined Coordinating Council March Luncheons would continue, The Capital Area Coordinating Council will divide the tasks required to present next March's event.

Upsilon has been assigned to secure a location. An Exemplary Award was received by the Upsilon Chapter for its 2022-2023 Yearbook. We recognize Mary Slag's hard work make this award possible for our chapter.

The Fall Conference is set for September 29-30 in Midland, Judy will not be attending.

-Joanne Gardner noted that anyone wishing to change committees should contact Mary Slag. *(Minutes cont'd on page 3)*

**DKG Upsilon Chapter
Treasurer's Report
March 30, 2023**

Checking	\$1,067.25
Savings	\$4,562.99
Cert. of Deposit transferred to Savings	
Spartan Saver	\$ 178.04

***** Your dues should be paid by now. Any bills or reimbursements mail to me
5222 River Ridge Dr
Lansing, MI 48917
Thanks,
LuAnn St**

*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 mkslag@aol.com or phone or text me at 517-231-4339. -Mary Slag*

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Announcements:

- We will have a Remembrance Service for Barb Shepard at our June meeting.
- Our Program of Work is set for Thursday, July 13 at the Congregational Church Annex in Charlotte. Work begins at 9:00 AM, hoping to finish within a morning timeframe.
- Marilyn Hansbarger will be set up the Upsilon Sales Table at the Wacousta Community UMC Block Party on June 3, from 3-7 PM. She'll be at the Dimondale Farmers' Market on June 22, July 20, and August 17 from 3-7 PM. Hanging Dish Towels are needed.
- September 8-9 will be our Garage Sale at Joanne's home. Time to declutter and contribute. All proceeds go to our Hansbarger Grant-in-Aid program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.
Carolyn Shoaps

Convention Report

I attended the DKG Spring Convention in Port Huron on April 21 through April 23 as a representative of Upsilon chapter. I always enjoy attending these conventions as they are a chance to reconnect with members from other chapters and learn new information from attending sessions.

Friday night was the official business meeting. A number of amendments and minor changes to the By-Laws of the state organization were proposed and voted on. These were not earth-shaking changes; they were made to make language and practices more modern and logical. For example, one bylaw mentioned the safety deposit box, an item that is no longer needed. Another change set up the procedures for the dissolution of a chapter and possible remediation steps that will hopefully help stave off the need for a chapter to go through the process of dissolution. Another approved proposal eliminated the words "chairman" and "chairmen" and replaced them with the more modern and less sexist "chair" and "chairperson." One approved proposal with connections to Upsilon chapter is the awarding of the Jane Goudreault Memorial Grant. The previous wording had the grant awarded two times per biennium to first-time attendees at the International Convention. Now there are two international events, a convention and a conference, with one or the other held every year. The new wording *(cont'd on page 4)*

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just makes the awarding of the grant possible each year to one attendee rather than limiting it to every other year. By the way, the International Conference is being held in Detroit in July.

If you are interested in attending the convention, please see the most current President’s Newsletter. It is available on the Alpha Iota website, <https://dkgmichigan.org/> By the way, if you visit the website for some reason and you need the password, please text me at 517-282-3931. I am not allowed to give it out in a newsletter or email.

Another change is that newsletters are no longer going to be given awards of recognition at the spring convention. The Newsletter award has been changed to a Communication Award, to reflect the fact that chapters are using more than just newsletters to communicate these days. The new award is going to be called the Communication Award. We will see how that develops in the coming months.

Carolyn Shoaps and I gathered a basket of crocheted items (carryall bags, dishcloths, a small afghan, and coasters) and it was placed in the Funding Our Purposes auction. It gained a number of votes and was won by Nancy Higgins. Sorry, but I don’t know her chapter.

On Sunday, at the breakfast, the final event of the convention, I met with other Presidents of the Capitol Area Coordinating Council to discuss whether to continue the annual Coordinating Council event. The other chapters were unanimous in wanting to continue the event, in spite of the issues we have encountered trying to coordinate the event for the past few years. It was decided to divide up the tasks required to plan the event, with each chapter taking on a different task (venue, program, auction, etc.) on a rotating basis. More information will be forthcoming. One item that is certain is that Upsilon will be in charge of choosing and securing the venue and sending invitations again for the 2024 year.



Our 2023 Hansbarger Grant-in-Aid Recipient
Jessica Steury, Valedictorian, Maple Valley HS



- Summer Birthdays**
- Judy Nixon 6-4
 - Anita Cote 6-12
 - Judy Foster 6-14
 - Eileen Harrison 6-20
 - Lissa Sell 6-22
 - Joan Gardner 8-24

GARAGE SALE

Yes, it is time again to have a “Garage Sale” as a fund raiser. (Grant -in-Aid)

WHEN: Sept. 8 -9, 2023 (Friday and Saturday of Charlotte Frontier Days.)

WHERE: 1575 Battle Creek Rd, Charlotte

CONTACT PERSON: Joanne Gardner – 515-588-965 or 517-588-1145

HOURS: 9 am to 5 pm each day

WHAT TO SELL: No clothes, please. Clothing does not sell well. We need items that are decorative and useful and in good condition. None of the items need to be priced as that will be left up to the customer. We will need lots of help. It would be nice to have two sisters working at the same time, if possible.

There will be a sign -up sheet at our June Meeting.

Thursday afternoon at 1:00 to set up

Friday – all day and Saturday – all day

We will be cleaning up in the late afternoon on Saturday.

NOTE: Items for the sale may be dropped off at Joanne’s any time. Just let me know, Joanne

Michigan Lawmaker proposes dedicated funds for school safety (CBS News, Detroit, May 3)

Former educator and state Sen. Darrin Camilleri has proposed creating a nearly \$350 million fund for the state budget to help schools improve campus safety. The proposal doesn’t outline what the money could not be used for. However, there will be a list of items that are eligible, which Camilleri says makes this fund more flexible than the current process. That flexibility is a move the Michigan Education Association applauds. “What’s best for Monroe might not be what’s best for Marquette, and what’s best for Lansing might not be what’s best for Laingsburg. Every school district is different and has its own unique challenges,” said Thomas Morgan, a spokesperson for the MEA.

Poll finds majority of voters oppose efforts to ban books and attack libraries (Michigan Advance, May 4)

A newly released poll of 800 Michigan voters found that 87% opposed banning books at any time or only on rare occasions. Of the same sample of voters, 75% said they agree we must protect the ability of children to access books that offer differing perspectives, and 80% agreed with the statement that “individual parents can set rules for their own children, but they do not have the right to decide for other parents what books are available to their children.”

Member News

Vicki Sandstrom: Going to see musicals Jersey Boys (Saugatuck) and Six (Detroit) with Nancy Lewis and Jackie Jancek. Going to see Kinky Boots, the musical, in Saugatuck with my sister . Going to Traverse City in June to see my college best friend who lives there.