

The Upsilon Update

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

Coaches' Message

Happy Fall. The leaves are just beginning to turn and it soon will be beautiful Michigan.

Our September was a very busy one. Committees have been very busy and have reported many plans for the coming year. The 2022-2023 budget was also approved. When the Chapter meeting was dismissed we gathered to make baskets for teacher lounges in all elementary schools in Eaton County. Next year we will do middle schools. Placed in the baskets were sticky notes, pencils and a variety of other supplies. Also included in each basket was a brochure telling about DKG and our chapter. Those receiving the baskets will be very grateful but this is a very rewarding project for the nine members in attendance as well. Thank you to the nine members who put the baskets together and to those of you who did the purchasing.

We are in the process of preparing for the 2023 Coordinating Council Meeting. The menu has been planned and a date has been set with the Eaton Area Senior Center. Thank you Carolyn Shoaps for doing this. Hopefully, everyone will be able to help with this event.

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

-Judy Foster



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**Upsilon Meetings
For 2022-23**

Thurs., Oct 13 at 5:00 p.m.
Wacousta Com. UMC
Pizza
Induction/Initiation
Greet Teacher Grant
Recipient

Sat., Dec 10 at 11:00 a.m.
Marilyn’s
Christmas
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



November Birthdays
D’Lynn Smith - 14th
LuAnn Stuible - 24th

Important Dates for the November General Election

Voting early in person by absentee ballot begins at your clerk’s office

Thursday September 29th.

Last day to register to vote online

Monday, October 24th

Return absentee ballot by mail to avoid potential mailing delays

Monday, October 24th

Last Day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail

Up to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th

To avoid mailing delays, it is strongly recommended to request an absentee ballot no later than Monday, October 17th

Vote early by absentee ballot at your clerk’s office

Thursday, September 29th through Monday November 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Register to vote in person at your clerk’s office

Through Tuesday, November 8th at 8:00 p.m.

Eligible residents must provide official proof of residency if registering to vote between October 9th and November 8th

Return Absentee ballot to your designated drop box or local clerk’s office by hand by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8th

-Judy Foster

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Pay for student teachers: A new state law guarantees pay for Michigan’s student teachers, alleviating the financial strain during their mandatory internships.

Student teachers, who teach full-time while paying college tuition, will now be paid \$9,600 per semester they teach under a provision in the [new state budget](#). Most Michigan education programs require one semester of student teaching, but some including Michigan State University require a full year.

The provision was prompted by a [shrinking teacher pipeline](#) that wasn’t producing enough educators to fill Michigan’s needs.

Supporters of the stipends say the money will make it easier for prospective educators to complete their internship requirements without having to work weekend jobs to pay the bills. That means student teachers will be able to focus more fully on their students, they said.

-Judy Foster

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

(See minutes from the
September 8th meeting.)

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

**Thanks,
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A return to paying for lunch

This school year marks the end of free lunches for all students regardless of income, a benefit that was in place since 2020.

That could be a big change, particularly for parents of second-graders who have never had to pay for school lunch and who may not know they need to apply for free or reduced-price lunches this year. Most families will have to pay roughly \$3 to \$5 per meal, depending on prices set by local school boards.

Free and reduced-price lunches will remain available for those who meet [income guidelines](#), but in most districts, parents will have to apply. Income limits vary by family size. Children in a family of four, for example, would qualify for reduced-price meals (30-cent breakfasts and 40-cent lunches) if their family income is no more than \$51,338, or for free meals with an income below \$36,075.

-Judy Foster



Joanne Gardner: Wow! What a way to celebrate my 90th Birthday. A niece and a great niece flew in from Massachusetts and another great niece came from New York City to spend the weekend. They engineered a way to get my sister here too. While they were here, another great niece came with her two little boys that I had not been able to see before. What a treat!

After the weekend, another niece came to help complete the week of celebration. I had my first birthday cake (an ice cream cookie). A few days later a neighbor brought over a beautiful bouquet of fresh cut flowers. A wonderful ending to a great time.

Vicki Sandstrom: I have a ticket to see Diane Krall at the Wharton Center in October. She is SO good!

Minutes from the September 8, 2022 Meeting

The Michigan State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Upsilon Chapter met at 5:00 PM on September 8, 2022, at Wacousta Community UMC. Nine members were present. Judy Foster presided. After the Business Meeting, 23 Teacher Baskets were prepared for distribution to the Eaton County (primarily elementary) schools.

Secretary's minutes will be placed on file.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account	\$1109.21
Savings Account	1324.19
Certificate of Deposit	3226.52

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance:

Treasurer LuAnn presented fundraising ideas. An online Tupperware party, and an Usborne book sale are possibilities.

Grant-in-Aid:

Mary Slag reported Crystal Quintanilla-Howard had been awarded the 2022 Early Educator Grant. The Hansbarger Grant-in-Aid informational packet will now be awarded to a high school senior girl with an interest in teaching.

Membership:

Judy Foster and the Membership Committee are working through the details of an outreach program designed to support retirement home residents.

Initiation:

Marilyn Hansbarger will lead an Initiation Ceremony in October.

2023 March Coordinating Council:

Carolyn Shoaps reported this Upsilon sponsored event will be Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Eaton Area Senior Center in Charlotte at 11:00 AM.

On Thursday, September 29, 2022 there will be a menu planning meeting with Cindy Miller at the EASC at 10:30 AM. Committee members currently are:

Judy Foster, Joanne Gardner, Marilyn Hansbarger, Lissa Sell, Barb Shepard, Carolyn Shoaps, and Lola Wilson.

New Business:

Budget and Finance presented the budget for 2022-2023. It was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Carolyn Shoaps, Recording Secretary



Recommend a Good Book

Vicki Sandstrom: Things We Do in the Dark by Jennifer Hilliard. Twists and turns to this mystery!

Mary Slag: The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Wells and Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. You might be reading your first banned book. Extraordinary stories.



Supporting Our Teachers

One of the 25 baskets members assembled at the September meeting. The basket will be placed in teacher lounges in the elementary schools we represent in Eaton County. This is part of our program to support teachers and get our organization's name out there.

Fall Gatherings

Reminder: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Michigan State Fall Conference is Friday, September 30th through October 1, 2022 in Grand Rapids. October 14-15 is the Women in the Arts Retreat in Ortonville, Michigan. More information can be found in The Wolverine Vol. 74, No.1 Summer/Fall 2022.