



# ΔΚΓ Upsilon Chapter

## Biennium 34, Issue #4, April 2013



### Presidents' Thoughts

Hello Upsilon Sisters,

I am happy to be writing this looking out the window at blue skies and sunshine. It seemed like winter was going to hold on f.o.r.e.v.e.r, but spring is finally here! The trees are on the edge of bursting out in brilliant greenness, the crocuses are in full vibrant bloom, and the hostas and bleeding hearts are beginning to break ground.

Mother Nature is in full change mode, and many of us may feel the same pull. Spring is a time of change...a time for clearing the clutter, taking stock of the "keeps", and mapping out goals for the things that need to be changed. I do this in each room of my home, in my gardens, at work...I guess I do it in all aspects of my life.

It is my thought that this goes beyond thoughtful planning for change; I see this as a kind of adventure. There is no promise that things will go as planned, only a promise that once change has started, the need for more change always follows.

As we come to the last meeting of this year, I hope that we can all look back on the changes our chapter has adopted. We have initiated new members, implemented new member funding initiatives (Student Success Grant and Growth Scholarship), provided direct support to teachers in our area through Donors Choose, and streamlined our practices by including more electronic options for communication.

Though we have accomplished much this year, as with most things, there are still changes to be made. Camey and I are excited to continue this adventure along side each of you. We welcome your feedback regarding this year and would love to hear your thoughts for next year.

I also wanted to take a moment to let each of you know that I will not be at the May meeting. I will be working out of state that weekend with a group of first grade instructional coaches from Tennessee. This will be my second trip of 2-year project designed to support the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Tennessee. This is my newest

adventure...one that I find both challenging and rewarding. I look forward to being able to share my experience outside of PA with all of you in the near future.

Until then, I hope you find an adventure and remember that you are in the world to change the world.

Kristin &  
Camey



### Upsilon Officers

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### May 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Information:

- ❖ **Location:** Ramada Inn, Greensburg, PA
- ❖ **Program:** "Extraordinary Women", we will
  - Honor our Grant-in-Aid awardee.
  - Select our Growth Scholarship and Student Success Grant winners.
  - Welcome our guest speaker, author and Civil War field guide, Linda Clark, from the Beta Delta chapter.
- ❖ **Hostesses:** Educational Excellence
- ❖ **Donors Choose Raffle:** Wine & Wicks Basket
- ❖ **RSVP:** By Monday, April, 29, to Michele Bridges, 115 Wayne Drive, Lower Burrell, 15068

*This is the perfect meeting to bring a guest, so remember to invite your local female history teacher!*

### March Agenda

9:00-9:30

*Socializing & Committee Chats*

9:30-10:30

*Business Meeting*

10:30-11:00

*Grant and Scholarship Awards*

11:00-11:45

*Lunch*

11:45-12:45

*Extraordinary Woman:*

*Linda Clark*

### Extraordinary Woman of the Month

*Marie Curie, 1867-1934:* Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.



### 2012-2014 Meeting Date

May 4, 2013  
September 7, 2013  
November 16, 2013  
March 8, 2014  
April 26, 2014

## Celebrations:

- **Klingensmith Family**—Sandi & Kristin welcomed a new addition to the family. Little Marshall was born on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Sandi will have pictures at the May meeting!
- **Linda Raschiatore**: Linda was “Spotlighted” in the November 2012 “Heinz Catch-Up” newsletter as a Club Attendant and Tour Guide with PSSI Stadium LLC. She was also featured in KDKA’s Treasures of Pittsburgh.
- **We need more to celebrate!** If you have something to celebrate—a new job, a promotion, a new grandchild, or community award—please let Camey and Kristin know so that it can be added to the meeting agenda.

## Reminders:

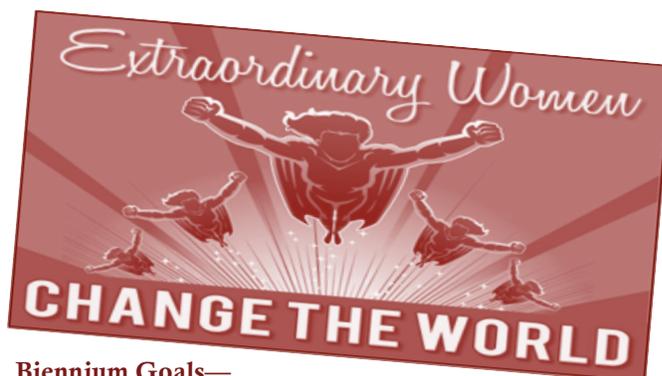
- **Student Success Grant**: Applications are due at the beginning of the May meeting.
- **Growth Scholarship**: Applications are due at the beginning of the May meeting.
- **Rest & Relaxation Basket**: Camey will be collecting items for the Rest & Relaxation basket that will be taken to the state convention in June.
- **State Convention**: Registration is open until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration information has been included with this mailing. Register before prices go up!
- **Books by the Inch**: Geri will be heading up our usual Books by the Inch at the May meeting. Spring-cleaning your bookshelves is a great way to find gently used books to donate for a lucky sister to enjoy.
  - ✓ I will be donating many educational books—some brand new! If you know an early career educator, there will be some great titles from which to choose.

## State Save-the-Dates:

- April 26-28, 2013—Seminar of Purpose @ Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA
- June 14-16, 2013—AA State Convention @ Nittany Lion Inn, State College

### Websites to Bookmark

- **DKG Upsilon Website**: Check out our newly updated website, complete with weekly postings  
<https://sites.google.com/site/dkgupsilonaastate/>
- **DKG Upsilon Donors Choose Giving Page**: This publicly tracks our Donors Choose donations—  
<http://www.donorschoose.org/dkg.upsilon.aastate>
- **DKG Alpha Alpha State**: This is the official Alpha Alpha State website—<http://www.alphaalphapa.com/>



## Biennium Goals—

*Everyone’s special something is needed to reach these goals!*

- ★ Grow Upsilon sisterhood by at least 4 members over the next two years.
- ★ Increase Upsilon name recognition through direct community service events.
- ★ Support local teachers through “mini” grants sponsored by Upsilon.
- ★ Increase the number of Upsilon members receiving DKG scholarships.
- ★ Increase the number of Upsilon members attending and/or presenting workshops at the AA State Convention.

*What special thing could you share with the ladies of DKG by conducting a workshop at State Convention?*

**Community Outreach Event Update:** There has been a minor set back in pursuing our community events. Due to Barnes & Noble policy, they are unable to partner with us for community or educator events. All suggestions and recommendations for locations and potential community partners are welcome.

## DONORS CHOOSE UPDATE

### Inspire the Next Steven Spielberg

*“Thanks so much, DKG Upsilon, for supporting our project. We’re so grateful for your contribution.”*

Ms. Sullenberger  
~the Teacher

