

# UNO Pxi Delta Kappa



October 2009 Newsletter and Meeting Announcement

## Kappans and Research

The November 11, 2009 meeting at the Thompson Alumni Center will focus on research. Drs. Tami Williams and Julie Delkamiller will share the results of research they completed for their doctoral dissertations in Educational Administration and Supervision at UNO. Both studies were completed in 2009.

Tami investigated the academic effectiveness of re-teaching initiatives in home rooms in a middle school. The “sample of participants was a naturally formed group of eighth grade students who participated in the school-wide differentiated home room academic re-teaching initiative . . .”

Julie investigated the developing sign language in Nicaragua. To complete her research, she immersed herself in the Nicaraguan culture during visitations to conduct her field study. Julie describes her first day in Managua in her dissertation. In part, she wrote: *My first day in Nicaragua was full of contrasts. The beauty of the volcanic high country surrounding Managua suggested to me an impenetrable, breathtaking, and spectacular vista. Yet, here I was, not in the verdant hills, but in the barrio where the poorest of the poor live in Managua. Part of the barrio is built on both sides of a deep ravine filled with trash. Children were playing and rummaging in the trash. . . . Two women invited us to see their homes made out of pieces of corrugated steel and sheets of plastic that we can assume were retrieved from the dump.*

The meeting cost, including the meal, will be \$22.00. The menu includes grilled chicken breast with tangy apricot sauce, herb roasted baby red potatoes, fresh steamed sugar snap peas with julienne red peppers, mixed green salad, dinner rolls, and coffee or tea. There will be a cash bar, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, Social hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

### Remaining Meeting Dates 2009-2010



January 13, 2010  
Thompson Alumni Center, UNO

March 31, 2010  
Mahoney State Park, Kiewit Lodge

May 5, 2010  
Soaring Wings Winery

### Please Provide Your E-mail Address

We would like to send all communications via E-mail to reduce expenses, but we do not have the E-mail addresses of over 80 members. We encourage you to provide us with your E-mail address. You can do so by simply sending it to: [rburmood@unomaha.edu](mailto:rburmood@unomaha.edu)

### 2009-2010 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact President Sue Evanich, [sevanich@westside66.org](mailto:sevanich@westside66.org).

### Meeting at Metro Report

Who could complain about Lobster Thermador at \$26.00 a plate? 37 members and guests at the Metro College Sage Bistro on October 7, 2009, did not. They only had praises for the meal, and they enjoyed meeting the chefs/students and learning about their goals and aspirations.

The meeting speaker, Dr. Anne El Omami, provided a depth of information about the educational program at the Joslyn Art Museum. Dr. El Omami, an Egyptologist, also is trained and certified as a K-12 teacher. She encouraged members to engage in even more cooperative educational efforts with Joslyn.

## Recruit a New Member

There are many reasons to become a member of PDK. The publications, especially the *Kappan* are a standard for the profession. Personally go online to review the International website at: [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org), and then recommend persons you encourage to join our chapter to do the same.

A new reason to join is the many new ways to use the *Kappan* information electronically: you can share individual articles with colleagues, you can engage in online chats with other educators, and members can read articles online.

If you or a prospective member has questions, contact our Membership Vice President Barb Sheppard at: [besheppard@mpsomaha.org](mailto:besheppard@mpsomaha.org).

An application form is enclosed. Please give the form to an outstanding educator who is not a *Kappan* and encourage them to join!

## Area Board of Education Members Will Be Invited to Attend the January Meeting

Area Board of Education members will again be invited to attend our Wednesday, January 13, 2010, meeting to be held at the Thompson Alumni Center. Letters will be sent to area superintendents in the near future informing them of the meeting and encouraging Board of Education members to attend. This has continued to be a popular meeting for members and area members of boards of education. It provides a social atmosphere for persons to network and become acquainted.

Vice President, Programs, Steve Joekel, is preparing a program for our January Meeting that will focus on activities that encourage high school students to become educators.

## THIRTY YEARS AND COUNTING . . .

### Counting on You!!!

The chapter scholarship program began thirty years ago (1969-70) during the chapter presidency of Jack Hallstrom. Jack is proud of the program that has provided support to children and grandchildren of members as well as other students who are entering the education profession. We do not have an accurate count, but over 30 years it is likely we have provided scholarships to over 100 students. And, the program continues. But, it counts on members, like you and I. *If you are unable to attend a meeting, we encourage you to consider a contribution of any amount to the scholarship fund.* You can mail contributions to: UNO PDK, Kayser Hall 414, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0161.

Scholarship application forms will be sent to all high school counseling offices in the Omaha area in December. If you wish to have an application sent directly to you, please contact Ron Burmood at: [rburmood@unomaha.edu](mailto:rburmood@unomaha.edu).

Vice President of Projects, Anna Bley, is the officer in charge of the scholarship program for the 2009-2010 school year.



"It wasn't me jumping up and down and yelling in class. It was the sugar talking."

## Use the Chapter Website

Bookmark the following address for our chapter website:

[www.unocoe.unomaha.edu/pdk](http://www.unocoe.unomaha.edu/pdk)

Use this site to check the schedule of meetings and the locations, the officer listing and contact information, minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, and pictures of activities and meetings. If there is something you would like to see added, contact our Chapter Historian and Publicity Chair, Barb Jones, at [teachbj@hotmail.com](mailto:teachbj@hotmail.com).