



Upsilon Update

President Monica Wertz 100 Years Ago - Reflections and Observations



Reflections of your grandparents . . . walking to school, perhaps 5 miles or so! Today, it's door to door service (if school bus drivers are available).

School was secondary, as children worked. Today,

we classify those who don't attend truants.

Students had specific attire that they would wear to school. Today, we try hard to enforce the "dress code" – not just for students, but teachers as well.

School sports and uniforms were very different. Today, they are made of spandex, worn tight and the body is somewhat exposed.

The Schoolhouse was only one room and housed different grade levels. Today, our schools have a new design, large, open space, room specific,

labs, conference and planning rooms, etc.

Punishment use to be hands on. Today, we practice "hands off" and send students home via suspension, alternative school placement or expulsion.

Class size was around 20 and considered large. Today, we may have 35, but with multiple aides/assistants.

School attendance was at an all time high as students were eager to learn. Today, many students use social media as their ready

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Membership Meetings Scheduled

Our December meeting is fast approaching, and we will be meeting at TPC in Avondale on December 11 at 9:30. The theme will be "A Tisket a Tasket, a Very Special Basket" auction. Bring a basket, filled with goodies related to whatever theme you choose (it can be anything).

There is an article by Loretta Brehm on page 3 that gives us some history and explanation of the theme of our meeting. Be

sure to read it!

Also, don't forget to bring your personal service project form. The idea is to compile all the individual projects Upsilon members engaged in with serving others in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. For many of us, the past few months have been focused on cleaning and recovering from the storm. Some more than others. But, no doubt, we have all had a hand in the recovery of our area, in big and little ways.

Another way we can help,

that is directly related to DKG is to volunteer for the International Convention in New Orleans next summer. This is a huge event and a great honor for our city to host an International Convention. Please see Judy's explanation on the next page of how you can help out.

See you soon!



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Convention Dates

Louisiana State Convention
March 11-13, 2022

DKG International Convention
July 12-16, 2022

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resource to learn facts (they think) and information.

Kids just starting school were afraid to leave the parents. Now, the parents want to leave the kids.

Buses used to be drawn by horses, today we provide free services for transport in buses which can hold 60 students at a time.

Some students had their mothers as their teachers. Today, mothers tell

their children not to become a teacher.

The school year used to be shorter, now we start early and end later. We are required X number of minutes and make-up time seems to be the norm due to pandemics, hurricanes and the like.

Discipline back then was enforced. Today, School Resource Officers are placed in schools.

Students were taught how to hold and use a scissors, today we are taking weapons from students at school.

Teeth and Fingernails were inspected for dirt, now we must check for the length of nails as they can be used as weapons.

Take time to reflect. Take time to continue our mission as DKG Educators. Schools are still the best place to be and teaching is still the greatest profession one can have.

We all hold special memories. We have all touched the lives of so many!

International Convention, New Orleans - Update - Judy Rongey

Mark your calendar for the 2022 DKG International Convention from July 12-16, 2022. Join DKG sisters from around the world at the



Sheraton Hotel at 500 Canal Street. Make plans to volunteer to help with registration, properties room, setting up events or monitoring rooms. Look for the link to sign up using Sign Up Genius. This link

will be included on the convention

registration form available in January on the dkg.org website under events.

Another opportunity for LA DKG sisters to help is by decorating a fleur de lis. You can contact Martha Turner at marthajune.turner@gmail.com if you are interested in decorating a fleur de lis centerpiece (see sample picture) for our convention luncheons.

We are looking for presenters for the breakout sessions. If you would love to share your expertise, please submit your proposal by January 7, 2022 located on the dkg.org website.

If you know any crafters, please invite

them to become vendors at the convention marketplace on July 14-15, 2022. The vendor form is currently available on the dkg.org website so you can download and share with any prospective vendor.

To stay connected to all the exciting news about the convention, download the DKG app on your electronic device.

To join the good times in New Orleans this summer, register early in January to volunteer and attend the convention. Let's have a great showing of LSO Upsilon Chapter.

Reciprocal Museum Memberships - Judy Perhay

As the holiday season approaches, consider gifting a loved one (and yourself!) with a museum membership. This is a wonderful way to support our local cultural, historic, and artistic institutions. It also is a marvelous avenue to lifelong learning and personal growth that extends well beyond a particular institution or geographic locale.

For example, did you know that by purchasing a Dual Membership at either The Ogden or the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), you will also qualify for free admission to over 1,000 museums throughout the United States and Canada via the North American

Reciprocal Museum program!

So, with a Dual Admission Membership to The Ogden, you and your guest also qualify for free admission to NOMA, The Cabildo, The 1850 House, The Hermann-Grima/Gallier Historic Houses, The Historic New Orleans Collection, Longue Vue House and Gardens, Madame John's Legacy, New Orleans Jazz Museum, and The Presbytere. There are several Baton Rouge and Gulf Coast museums in the program, too. For a full listing of participating North American museums, go to narmassociation.org.

Note: The Ogden offers everyone a

25% discount on memberships during the month of August. That same discount is offered all year long for Senior Citizens, active-duty military, veterans, educators, and students. The discounted Dual Membership only costs \$75.00 for one year, which includes the reciprocal museum memberships for you and a guest. Check the museum's website for other membership benefits, including discounts in the gift shop. For the membership discount, you need to contact the museum at membership@ogdenmuseum.org or call the museum at 504-539-9616.

A Tisket a Tasket, a Very Special Basket - Loretta Brehm

Can you remember how excited you were as a child to play this rhyming game? Well, you can renew that excitement when you bring a basket to auction at the December 11th meeting at TPC. Funds generated benefit the International Emergency Fund and the Epsilon State Florence Amy Emergency Fund.

Many members of our chapter have been recipients of these funds throughout the years, and as recently after Hurricane Ida ruined so much for so many.

Please be generous in your giving to replenish these funds.

The topic/theme of your basket is of your own choosing. Creativity abounds when members make their own baskets, however, if you prefer you may bring a ready-made basket. Also, brush-up on the lyrics to this most beloved rhyme!

This is how we will introduce the auction at the meeting. Should you need anything from it, feel free!

The rhyme was originally sung while children danced in a circle. One of the children would run on the outside of the circle and drop a handkerchief. The nearest child would then pick it

up and chase the dropper. If caught, the dropper either was kissed, joined the circle, or had to tell the name of their sweetheart.



Original lyrics were:

"A-tisket a-tasket
A green and yellow basket.
I wrote a letter to my friend
And on the way I dropped it,
I dropped it, I dropped it,
And on the way I dropped it.
A little boy he picked it up
And put it in his pocket.

I lost my supper, last night,
And the night before,
And if I do this night,
I never will no more.
I carried water in my glove,
And by the way I dropped it,

I did so, I did so.

I had a little dog that said bow-wow!
I had a little cat that said meow-meow!
Shan't bite you, shan't bite you,
Shan't bite you.
I dropped it, I dropped it,
And by the way I lost it."

"A Tisket, A Tasket" is a nursery rhyme first recorded in America in the late nineteenth century. It was used for a very successful and highly regarded 1938 recording by Ella Fitzgerald, composed by her in conjunction with Al Feldman (later known as Van Alexander.) Since then it has become a jazz standard. As a recording, the song was a major hit of the "pre-chart era, reaching number one in Billboard's sheet music and Record Buying Guide, and was also number 1 on Your Hit Parade. The song and lines from it have been included in the recordings of Bing Crosby, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Half Man Half Biscuit, Gangsta N-I-P, Shangri Las, Scarface, Eminem, Madonna, and Boondox. Even Nabisco did a take-off of the song for its ad campaign in the 1970's changing the lyrics to "A Triscuit, A Triscuit, Baked only by Nabisco."

Randolph Solves the Mardi Gras Mystery!

You will find out how "Randolph Solves the Mardi Gras Mystery" from Pat Hornsby Crochet, author of the book with the same name. Pat will be our guest speaker at the December 11 meeting at TPC.

Randolph is back, and this time it's to save Mardi Gras! It's Randolph's first time at a Mardi Gras parade, and the little coonhound and his best friend, Olivia, are having the time of their lives. Until... Oh no! Disaster strikes! A masked bandit tries to ruin Mardi Gras, and Olivia is sure her outing to the parade is over. Randolph, the cutest, most curious puppy, would do anything to see his best friend smile. He knows that it's up to him to save

the day! Together the pair takes off in search of the only thing that can get the parade back on track. What's that thing, you ask? Follow along to see if the Mardi Gras mystery gets solved! Randolph learns lessons about friendship, intertwined with a little Louisiana tradition in this adventure that will have readers exclaiming, "*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*"

Pat is a retired speech and theater teacher from Montegut, LA, with more than fifty years of experience. She earned her B.S. in speech education from Nicholls State University and her M.S. in theater from Florida State University. Highly involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, she has held many

leadership positions on all levels of the Society. Pat is a member of Iota Chapter and chairs the Epsilon State Music Committee.

Members wishing to obtain a personalized copy offer new book will be able to do so at the meeting.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Purposes

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1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.



Save These Dates!

We all get so busy that it's easy to let important dates slip through the cracks if we don't write them down in our calendar right away.

So to make sure that we don't miss any wonderful opportunities to get together with our sisters at any upcoming events, be sure to mark these dates.

December 11, 2021, 9:30am TPC, Avondale - "ATisket a Tasket, a Very Special Basket" auction

January 15, 2022, 9:30am New Life Comm. Church, 134 Lakewood Drive, Luling

March 11-13, 2022, Doubletree Hotel, Lafayette – Epsilon State Convention "Blooming on the Bayou"

April 2, 2022, Dana Perilloux's home, 17956 River Road, Montz "Here's the Scoop"

April 23, 2022, 11:00am GNOAC Meeting, Boomtown Casino, Acadia Ballroom, Belle Chasse

May 7, 2022, 11:00am, Kitchen Table Café, 7005 St. Claude Avenue, Arabi

July 12-16, 2022, New Orleans, LA - DKG International Convention

