

February Rosette 2017



President's Message: *Susan Fujii and Annette DeJulio*

Dear Friends,

Our year has begun with challenge, excitement and enlightenment. The information that each of us received at our last meeting was terrific! It included the seven purposes of DKG, announcements of the many award guidelines, committee responsibilities and moreover many opportunities through DKG for us.

One of the seven purposes is to endow scholarships to outstanding educators in pursuit of graduate studies. The Awards and Scholarship Committee: Donna Goldenstein, Linda Henika, Jeanne Lycett, Donna Morris and Marsha Riley are working towards our goals. A program that is directly related to the endowment of scholarships and dear to many of our members' hearts is the *Career Online for High School* scholarships. It is hoped that we can garner enough money from the virtual meeting in March to fund a full scholarship for one applicant. One cannot go forward and earn a Bachelor's, Master's or any other degree or certificate without a high school diploma. Please give as much as you can for our virtual meeting fundraiser. Although there are six other significant purposes for our society, we need to gather together in the attraction and support of new members. It's probably hard for you to believe me when I tell you that I remember being a novice and even as an experienced educator, if I needed support, my colleagues rescued me. Now through DKG, we have many opportunities to support new teachers. Let's do it!

I would like to thank everyone for their work and collegiality on behalf of our chapter. There are several women that sparkle this month. Norine Dolyniuk has created a professional and attractive directory that is so much more than a directory! It has loads of information beyond names and addresses. Another KUDO goes to Donna Goldenstein for organizing and transporting the books, blankets and toys to the Calico Organization. It is uncertain if her car's trunk will ever be the same! There are other members that work behind the scenes to make our chapter run smoothly--Virginia Williamson, Barbara Bishr, Janie Dobbs, Nonnie Moore,

Karen Bercovitz, Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Jennifer Gonsalves, Jean Groth and so many more. If your name does not appear, please know you are not forgotten, but appreciated. Roses to all.

Our February meeting was a joint meeting with the Zeta Zeta Chapter of DKG at the Crow Canyon Country Club (BTW, the chicken was delicious. I know nothing about the pasta!). We carpooled with conversation and laughter, making the distance short. It was an enjoyable way to share ideas and make new friends. A feeling of unity in working towards life changing goals in education was present all through the evening. A grand thanks to our hosts, Zeta Zeta.

Don't forget that our March meeting is a virtual one. Please send in your dollars to Nonnie Moore or Susan Levy.

Nonnie Moore: 3309 Streamside Circle, #303, Pleasanton, CA 94588
Susan Levy: 3386 Estero Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583

Stay safe, warm and dry,

Annette and Susan



Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting/January 17, 2017/ Minutes

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Barbara Bishr, Peggy Collett, Noreen Dolyniuk, Susan Fujii, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Jean Groth, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Susan Levy, Stephanie Magallon, Nonnie Moore, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson.

Guests: Cynthia Ball, Diana Sawin

Presentation. Following dinner and the business meeting, Diana Sawin, DKG California State Support Team for Emerging Professionals (STEP) committee and Virginia Williamson, DKG California State Membership Committee and Past President of Alpha Omega Chapter, made a presentation on "Building Our Voices Through DKG." The presentation provided an historical background on Delta Kappa Gamma International, founded in 1929, Chi State-California, founded in 1936 and Alpha Omega Chapter-Hayward, founded in 1947. Virginia charted International with 17 Countries and an International Convention in even years, Southwest Region with 4 Regions and a Regional Conference in odd years, California with 18 Regions and a State Convention every year in May, and Area III with 9 Chapters including Alpha Omega and an Area Conference every year in October. Virginia reminded us of the 7 Purposes of DKG and spoke about our areas of focus – Making a Difference, Having an Impact, Giving to the Community and Lifelong Learning. She also spoke about attracting women to our organization

by giving the gift of membership. Diana Sawin spoke about opportunities through DKG and the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Awards for non-DKG educators. She also spoke about THAT hours. Diana shared the story of her journey with DKG. The presentation ended with a video produced by DKG California called Each One Reach One.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Susan Fujii. She advised that Co-President, Annette De Julio, was unable to attend due to illness.

Welcome Members and Guests. Co-President, Susan Fujii, extended a warm welcome to members and guests, Cynthia Ball and Diana Sawin.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Bonnie Hansen and seconded by Nonnie Moore to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, directed attention to the Treasurer's Report for December 2016. She noted that \$1,000 was provided to our Community Partner, CALICO. It was moved by Norine Dolyniuk and seconded by Virginia Williamson to accept the Treasurer's Report for November as presented. The motion passed.

Correspondence. Donna Goldenstein read two letters from CALICO thanking the Alpha Omega Chapter for their generous monetary donation and for the of books, toys, blankets and Teddy Bears for the children who are served by their organization.

Old Business.

Scholarship Committee Proposal – Linda Henika related that the Scholarship Committee is proposing that the annual \$1,000 scholarship for a new teacher be continued and that three \$300 scholarships be made available to classroom teachers in support of classroom projects. It was moved by Barbara Bishr and seconded by Jennifer Gonsalves to accept this proposal. The motion passed.

Rosette Deadline – Barbara Bishr reminded the group that the Rosette is published online on the 10th of each month. She and Janie Dobbs would be grateful to receive submissions before the 10th of each month, or early on the 10th to be included in each addition that is posted later in the day.

New Business:

Library Literacy Program – Jean Groth moves and Virginia Williamson seconds the money raised from the Virtual Meeting be used to provide a scholarship for the Career Online High School that is being offered by the Literacy Program that offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate. A discussion follows the motion and includes the suggestion that money raised at the virtual meeting go instead to support an additional scholarship for a new teacher. Concern for our chapter having enough money to support all our sponsorships was raised. The question was called and the motion passed.

February Joint Meeting with Zeta Zeta Chapter – Virginia Williamson informed the group that the Alpha Omega Chapter will join the Zeta Zeta Chapter for a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. A registration form was distributed and the registration deadline is January 30, 2017. The cost of the dinner is \$35.

Fundraising – Jennifer Gonsalves suggested that we consider holding a Bunco fundraiser at the China Bistro. There was general agreement that this was a good idea.

President's Handbook – Co-President, Susan Fujii spoke about characteristics of a healthy Chapter outlined in the President's Handbook and noted that our Chapter met many of the criteria.

Red Roses – Norine Dolyniuk was recognized for publishing a beautiful Directory for our Chapter. Kudos were given to Barbara Bishr and Janie Dobbs for their work in online publishing of The Rosette, our Chapter's monthly newsletter.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Co-President, Susan Fujii, at 7:20pm.

Next Meeting: February 8, Joint Meeting with Zeta Zeta at the Crow Canyon Country Club. 5:15 Social/6:00 Dinner.

Meeting Dates: February 8 (joint meeting with Zeta Zeta), March Virtual, April 25, May 17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary





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Our joint meeting with the DKG Zeta Zeta chapter was a huge success and a lot of fun. Thank you so much for inviting our Alpha Omega chapter to join you!

Co-presidents, Carmen Burks and Carol Rowley, of Zeta Zeta Chapter



Donna Goldenstein & Jeanne Lycett



Virginia Williamson, Susan Fujii and Annette DeJulio



Linda Henika, Barbara Bishr, and Nancy Wales



Jean Groth, Marilyn Baker-Madsen and Virginia Williamson

March is Virtual Meeting Month

By Jean Groth



March is Virtual Meeting Month when we donate the amount we would have spent for dinner to go toward a scholarship. This year with your donation we will raise money for a scholarship for the Career Online High School- a joint partnership with the California Library Association and our Hayward Library's Literacy Plus Program.

In this 18 month program students:

- . Earn a high school diploma
- . Prepare for career entry or advancement by earning a career certificate in one of eight high-growth, high demand fields
- . Gain employment search skills and support tools such as a resume, cover letter, and interviewing tips.

This program will help our Hayward residents who may have missed high school graduation, for one reason or another, and are now ready to earn their diploma and a career certificate in a chosen field, taking steps toward a positive future.

We hope our generosity will provide a full scholarship of \$1, 010 for one student. Thank you



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By *Marilyn Baker-Madsen*Æ Æ



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