

January Rosette 2017



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

Dear Friends,

Although 2016 posed many challenges for each of us, I believe that this new year, 2017, will bring us good health, closer and better relationships, safety in our daily lives and stimulating intellectual endeavors. Happy New Year, everyone!

I want to reminisce a bit when I say that our Christmas party was wonderfully successful. The delicious food insured that we shared a five star menu with each other! I do not want to sound boastful, but we did enjoy our own company for games and much conversation, too. We were finally able to recognize Monica Rock for all her efforts and commitment to our chapter. However, nothing could surpass the hospitality of Janie Dobbs and her lovely home. Many thanks to Janie, her family and everyone who attended and cooked.

In this coming year our chapter anticipates many efforts on behalf of furthering education through library literacy programs, partnerships with community organizations and teachers presently in education.

I must speak for myself only, but I need reminders during these busy times, so *The Rosette* is listing the members of our committees and their duties--No, that word sounds so heavy! ...the members of our committees and their responsibilities--YIKES, that word is not any better! Well, the fact is that if we all share in the tasks, together we can have a stronger voice and vibrant chapter. Please do as much as you can and come to the meetings. We want to see and hear each woman's ideas.

Our next meeting is January 17, 2017 at China Bistro, \$25.00; 5:00 registration; 5:30 dinner; 6:30 meeting.

Most Sincerely,

Annette



Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting/November 16, 2016/ Minutes

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Bercovitz, Barbara Bishr, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Annette DeJulio, Janie Dobbs, Noreen Dolyniuk, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Jean Groth, Linda Henika, Susan Levy, Emilia

Martins, Nonnie Moore, Laura Orabi, Colleen Spinato, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson.

Guests: Susie Huang, Cynthia Breeden-Johnson

Presentation. Cynthia Breeden-Johnson, Literacy Program Coordinator, of the Hayward Public Library, made a presentation on a new pilot program being offered by the Literacy Program in concert with the California State Library and Gale, that offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through Career Online High School.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents, Annette DeJulio and Susan Fujii.

Welcome Members and Guests. A warm welcome was extended to members and guests.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Nonnie Moore and seconded by Norine Dolyniuk to approve the minutes with the correct spelling of Marsha Riley's name. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, directed attention to the Treasurer's Report for November 2016. It was moved by Marilyn Baker-Madsen and seconded by Nancy Wales to accept the Treasurer's Report for November as presented. The motion passed.

Presentation to Monica Rock. The presentation to Past President, Monica Rock, will be made to her over the weekend by Co-President, Susan Fujii. Colleen Spinato was recognized as a member who is still teaching.

Calico Kids. Donna Goldenstein and Janie Dobbs spoke about our Chapter's support of this organization. Members can help Calico Kids fundraising efforts by addressing envelopes. We can also support the organization by bringing gifts for the children. Janie Dobbs had found a great website for ordering Teddy Bears and will collect money tonight to make additional orders of bears. It was noted that a box of books could be purchased at the Scholastic Warehouse for gifts. It was moved by Marilyn Baker-Madsen and seconded by Laura Orabi to authorize the expenditure of \$50.00 for two boxes of books to be distributed to children being served by Calico Kids. The motion passed.

Correspondence. No correspondence was received.

Old Business.

Scholarship Committee Report – A lively discussion about scholarships awarded by our Chapter was held. Currently the Chapter awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a future teacher. It was suggested that we might want to consider adding a scholarship for current teachers. It was noted that there were very strong applicants out of the 10 received by the committee last year. A suggestion was made that we could continue to give 1 scholarship and increase it to \$2,000. Another suggestion was to give smaller scholarships to working teachers similar to what the Education Fund does. It was suggested that the Scholarship Committee take this feedback and come back to the January Meeting with a proposal.

New Business:

Sign-up for Committees – Co-President, Susan Fujii read the names of members and the committees to which they are assigned.

Holiday Party – It was determined that the party would be held at Janie Dobbs house on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30pm.

Scholarship Committee Report – This item was moved to old business.

Next Meeting: January 17, 5:00 pm at China Bistro.

Meeting Dates: December 14, January 17, February 8 (joint meeting with Zeta Zeta), March Virtual, April 25, May 17.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laura Orabi and seconded by Donna Goldenstein. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary





JANUARY MEETING:

We will be meeting at China Experience on Tuesday, January 17th at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$25. Click on the link below to reserve your dinner.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVqec-FgXZt7u6RAW5Cs2wRx2DsBXInKPQQ4voY2Oie5BTg/viewform>



A big thank you to Cynthia Breeden-Johnson, the Literacy Program Coordinator of the Hayward Public Library. She spoke about an outstanding new pilot program being offered for adults to earn an accredited high school diploma. It is one of many great programs offered to the community of Hayward by the Hayward Public Library.

The DKG-Alpha Omega Holiday Party was a thoroughly festive get-together attended by 15 members. We indulged in fantastic food and drink while engaging in rousing laughter, interesting conversations, and great fun. The Reindeer Antlers game proved to be a great success. Congratulations to Bonnie's team who, through lots of team effort, oxygen, and outstanding stuffing deftness, created the beautiful antler creation seen below in just under five minutes.





Treasurer's Report
January, 2017

Beginning Balance 11/7/16	\$5916.29
Expenditures	
Chef's Experience-	526.00
Dues to Chi State (Donna Morris \$30)	30.00
Dues to Area III	2.75
Insurance (39x\$1)	1.00
Janie Dobbs (books for CALICO)	50.00
CALICO Donation	1000.00
Total Expenditures	\$1609.75
Receipts	
Dues	49.00
Dinners	548.00
Total Receipts	\$609.00
Ending Balance 1/07/17	\$4915.54

Respectfully submitted,
Nonnie Moore





Legislative News

Submitted by Nancy Wales

WHAT PASSED AND BECAME LAW (The summaries below are taken from the Congressional record.)

1. **S.1867 International Megan's Law** to Prevent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through Advanced Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders
2. **S.1482 Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015** -- This bill amends the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to extend through FY2022 the antitrust exemption that allows institutions of higher education that admit all students on a need-blind basis to enter or attempt to enter into agreements among themselves regarding the administration of need-based financial aid.
3. **S.612** This bill amends the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to extend through FY2022 the antitrust exemption that allows institutions of higher education that admit all students on a need-blind basis to enter or attempt to enter into agreements among themselves regarding the administration of need-based financial aid.
4. **S.524 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016** -- HHS must advance education and awareness regarding the risk of abuse of prescription opioids if they are not taken as prescribed. (Opioids are drugs with effects similar to opium, such as certain pain medications and heroin. A more complete summary (Can be found at Congress.gov.)
5. **H.R. 2576 Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act** -- This bill amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to revise the process and requirements for evaluating and determining whether regulatory control of a chemical is warranted. Passed the House but was not acted on in the Senate.
6. **H.R.5587 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act**: This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, divides career and technical education (CTE) students into CTE concentrators and CTE participants, and revises requirements for within-state funding allocations.
7. **STUDENT LOAN RELIEF**: Of the five or more bills to provide financial relief for those with substantial student loan obligations none made it out of committee and to the floor of either chamber for a vote.
8. **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**: Drug patents apply from the moment that a new drug is discovered and the patent protection is good for twenty years. In fact, the time when a drug is on the market and protected by a patent is considerably less than twenty years because the average time it takes to

gain approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is eight years. After the patent protection expires generic versions of popular drugs which are much less costly are manufactured and sold. Drug companies often extend patent life by combining two or more drugs on which the patent has expired thus gaining a new patent. If one knows that a prescribed drug is a combination of cheaper drugs, it is possible to get prescriptions for the each of the component drugs and save a considerable amount of money.

9. Recently the cost of prescription drugs has been skyrocketing. The cost of two medications in particular is of great concern as these medications are the difference between life and death. One is insulin in treating diabetes and the second is the epipen which delivers epinephrine to an individual in the throes of a life threatening allergic reaction.
10. EpiPens cost less than \$100 in France, slightly over \$200 in Germany, and a two-pack retails for \$615 to \$650 in New York City. The production cost for EpiPens was only \$57 a shot when Mylan (the current producer) took over sales in 2007. To further raise the cost, the pens have a limited shelf life, but the person needing the medication must keep a viable pen on hand in case of emergency. The pens in the US are only available in packs of two and have a shelf life of 12-18 months before they become ineffective. This means that often pens become ineffective prior to need and have to be replaced without being used.
11. Insulin costs have also increased considerably regardless of the type of insulin being used. Because there are a number of insulin medications on the market a cost comparison is beyond the scope of this publication.
12. **LEAD IN DRINKING WATER:** With the discovery of excessive lead in the water in Flint, Michigan, the question arises "how safe is the water that I use daily?" Lead in water can come from several sources. The pipes themselves can be made of lead or the pipes can be joined together using a lead solder. Lead pipes were commonly used well into the 20th century, so if you are living in a home that was built before 1920 there is a good possibility that, unless the plumbing has been replaced, the plumbing in the house is lead or is joined by lead solder. The other source of lead in drinking water is pipes in the community water supply which were either made of lead or soldered together with lead solder. You can ask your local water supplier about whether or not your water has been tested for lead and if it has been tested request the results of the test. Even if the local water has been tested and does not contain appreciable lead, your tap water may contain unacceptable amounts of lead. You can have water in your house, school or other facility tested at a laboratory which does this type of analysis.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

Email access and addresses

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

Book Notes



By Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Best Sellers - Fiction/Trade Paperback: I came to the author, Fredrik Backman, through an Advanced Reader copy of his third book, *Britt-Marie Was Here*. I liked that story so well that I went back and read his first two books. The first, *A Man Called Ove*, is so much more than the story of a grumpy old man. When readers begin this book, they are not aware of what informs the life of Ove; however, as the story unfolds, readers begin to understand the depth of Ove's life experiences. As Ove is introduced to new situations and experiences, his life and the

lives of those around him change in unexpected and wonderful ways. This charmingly heart-warming and funny story is a "thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life can have on countless others." *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, is the story of 7 year old Elsa who is different and her crazy 77 year old grandmother. When her grandmother dies, Elsa is thrown into a bizarre adventure delivering a series of letters written by her grandmother apologizing to people she has wronged. Along the way to delivering letters, Elsa encounters a bizarre cast of characters on this very unlikely adventure. We meet Britt-Maria in Elsa's story and get to know her better in *Britt-Marie Was Here*. Britt-Marie stumbles out of an unsatisfactory marriage into a part-time job in the small town of Borg, which is inhabited with misfits and is on the edge of collapse. The quirkiness of the first two books is continued in this charming tale of an outsider who becomes the unlikely savior of the residents of Borg.

Best Sellers- Nonfiction/Trade Paperback: The first Bill Bryson book I read was *A Walk in the Woods*, which was recently made into a movie starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. A hilarious account of Bryson's hike on the Appalachian Trail with a very out-of-shape buddy. This book was not only laugh out loud funny, but a historically accurate history of the trail and a plea for the environmental preservation of this great American wilderness. The second book I read was *In a Sunburned Country* a stunningly

funny book of Bryson's travel log adventures in Australia. For me, Bryson is a laugh out loud, fall off your chair, snort milk through your nose author and he did not disappoint in *The Road to Little Dribbling*, listed in the number one position of the Northern California Best-Sellers on Sunday, December 18, 2016. In this book of his travels through Britain, we are entertained by an older, grumpier and very plainly outspoken Bryson who reminds me of the way someone near and dear to me is aging! Bryson is still the astute observer and funny chronicler; however, a good dose of impatience and irreverence laces this book that examines the aging of British places he visits – those that have survived gracefully and those locals whose decline is painfully described. There are numerous Bryson titles I've yet to read; however, the three described above were delightful romps with Bill through America, Australia and Britain.



Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Omega Chapter Committee Duties

Awards and Scholarship

- Dispenses information to Chapter members concerning monetary awards for educational purposes available from International, State, Area and Chapter funds.
- Assists interested applicants in obtaining necessary forms
- Coordinates recommendations for scholarships and/or recognition awards such as Outstanding Credential Candidate, Outstanding Student Teacher, Distinguished Service, recruitment grants, etc.

Legislative

- Researches current issues related to education and/or educators
- Provides information for members through articles in *The Rosette*

Community Partnership and Outreach

- Monitors community service projects
- Communicates with Community Partner
- Collaborates with Fundraising Committee to assist with needs of Community Partner
- Coordinates the New Teacher Goodie Bag project

Finance and Fundraising

- Prepares the Chapter budget for approval by the Chapter
- Supervises expenditures and investments
- Provides for an annual audit of the accounts of the Chapter
- Completes Biennial Report, Form 40-C, due February of even-numbered years

- Recommends an Assistant Treasurer who will help collect dues and money for special functions and/or projects
- Plans fundraisers as necessary
- Presents fundraising options to membership.
- Coordinates fundraising projects
- Facilitates participation by membership

President's Support

- Committee of Past Chapter Presidents
- Advises and supports the President as she fulfills her duties

Communications

- Publishes Chapter newsletter, *The Rosette*
- Takes pictures at meetings, activities for *The Rosette*
- Coordinates efforts of Chapter members to communicate effectively with each other and with other groups
- Emails announcements, flyers, etc. to members
- Seeks opportunities to publicize information about the Chapter, its activities and its members

Membership and Nominations

- Publishes Chapter directory and distributes to members
- Provides member highlights for *The Rosette*
- Encourages members to actively seek qualified prospective members
- Presents names and qualifications of those persons recommended for Chapter membership
- Conducts orientation of prospective members
- Prepares for and participates in the initiation ceremony
- Maintains accurate membership records
- Keeps up-to-date files of biographical data on all Chapter members
- Prepares biographical data for members who are being honored
- Focuses Chapter efforts on achieving regular attendance by all members, especially by newly initiated members
- Keeps accurate records of attendance
- Prepares necrology reports
- Seeks nominations for new Chapter officers
- Presents slate of officer nominations to membership for vote

Program and Program Support

- Plans the Chapter's programs and activities for the year
- Secures speakers for meetings
- Makes reservations at location for meetings
- Develops the program plan so that it includes projects, activities and programs related to Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Legislation, Research and Current

Issues, Music, Ceremonials (Founder's Day, Chapter Birthday, Initiation, etc.) Leadership Development and World Fellowships

- Involves members in the program
- Welcomes guests and members (prepare/provide name tags)
- Coordinates arrangements at the meeting site: set-up, decorations, and clean-up.
- Provides a short musical, inspirational, motivational, or challenging component to the program: e.g. ice-breaker, member performances, storytelling, poetry, games, art, etc.

 <p>DKG – Alpha Omega Committees (2016 - 2017)</p> <p>Presidents: Annette DeJulio & Susan Fujii</p>	
<p>Awards and Scholarship</p> <p>Donna Goldenstein Linda Henika Jeanne Lycett Donna Morris Marsha Riley</p>	<p>President's Support</p> <p>Monica Rock Virginia Williamson Rosemary Coyne Nancy Wales Elisabeth Gieger Jean Groth</p>
<p>Legislative</p> <p>Stephanie Magallon Nancy Wales Sandy Daly</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>Barbara Bishr Janie Dobbs Karin Bercovitz Norine Dolyniuk</p>
<p>Community Partnership</p> <p>Elisabeth Gieger Mary Ann Gonsalves Norma Sakamoto</p>	<p>Membership and Nominations</p> <p>Virginia Williamson Peggy Collett Joanne Malta-Weingard Colleen Spinato</p>
<p>Finance and Fundraising</p> <p>Nonnie Moore Bonnie Hansen Emilia Martins Susan Levy Nancy Wolf</p>	<p>Program and Program Support</p> <p>Marilyn Baker-Madsen Jennifer Gonsalves Laura Orabi</p>



Thank you, Donna Goldenstein, for delivering all of the books, blankets, and stuffed animals that DKG-Alpha Omega donated to CALICO. What a remarkable donation from our exceptional group!

