

# January Rosette 2018



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## **President's Message:** *Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and are off to a great start to 2018.

The November 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion of our Alpha Omega Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was quite exciting! Many members got into the spirit of the evening by wearing hats and gloves, common attire worn by women in the 1940s. Our private room at the China Bistro was decorated beautifully by our Anniversary Committee members. The walls and tables were adorned with Chapter Membership lists dating back to 1947, a binder containing news articles about the founding members of our chapter, the Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, along with a beautiful 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary poster containing a collage of photographs from various events throughout the years. We even had 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cupcakes and chocolates to mark the occasion!

Chapter members took us on a trip down "Memory Lane" from the founding of our chapter to 2017. We discovered the history of the founding members, current events which took place during the 70 years, notable people and songs from this period, along with the various activities and projects provided by our chapter through the 70 years. Many members highlighted colorful descriptions of events which took place over the years, along with memorable testimonials to what the chapter has provided to them and the community.

We were most honored to have two special guests join us for the evening. Dr. Carol Boyd, Area III Director, and Mary Ann Davis, President of the Epsilon Omega Chapter. We were also happy to welcome another special guest, former member Marina Xavier-Klotz.

Virginia Williamson, Chair of the Membership Committee, distributed Chapter Membership Certificates for 2017 to all members in recognition of their years of service to the Alpha Omega Chapter.

In December many Chapter members celebrated with a Christmas get-together. We participated in a series of holiday games and enjoyed many delicious appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages.

We look forward to our January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting where we will continue with our author talks, highlighting the two authors noted below:

Marietta A. Harris  
Author and Motivational Speaker  
**The Other Side of Alzheimer's,  
A Caregiver's Story**

Yvette D. Franklin  
Author and Educator  
**The Code Switch and  
Deleting Files**

Please keep your calendar open for our next meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at the China Bistro. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.; Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; followed by our meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Susan

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**



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## **Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting**

**November 29, 2017  
Minutes**

**Present:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Cynthia Ball, Karin Berkovitz, Barbara Bishr, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Annette De Julio, Janie Dobbs, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Susan Levy, Jeanne Lycett, Stephanie Magallon, JoAnn Malta-Weingard, Nonnie Moore, Karen Taylor, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

**Guests:** Carol Boyd, Area III Director and member of Epsilon Omega Chapter; Mary Ann Davis, Co-President of Epsilon Omega Chapter; and, Marina Xavier-Klotz, former member of Alpha Omega Chapter.

### **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 1947 – 2017**

**Welcome Members and Guests:** Chapter President, Susan Fujii, extended a warm welcome to all those present.

**Setting the Stage With Our Place in History – What It Was Like in 1947:** Janie Dobbs, Bonnie Hansen and Susan Levy, in gloves and hats, gave us a glimpse of what the world was like in 1947.

**DKG, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – A Timeline for Our Organization:** Cynthia Ball and Virginia Williamson gave us a look at the timeline of DKG International and our California organization.

**Alpha Omega Chapter – In the Beginning, This is Where We Come In:** Nonnie Moore takes us back to 1947 and tells us the story of Alpha Omega Chapter.

**What We're About – The Seven Purposes:** Our Chapter has been guided by the seven purposes that were set forth by our founders. They remind us that we exist to honor and support women educators and to promote excellence in education. They also acknowledge that there is a strength in joining together that gives us impact to make a difference as we reach out beyond ourselves. Over the years we have participated in many such "appropriate programs of action" from Purpose 6.

**Community Outreach Projects** – Marilyn Baker-Madsen spoke about the many outreach projects our chapter has supported including programs of the Hayward Public Library – Adult and Family Literacy, Mini-Learning Center and Career Online High School and members serving on the Literacy Council; Eden Youth & Family Center – Child Development Center, Youth Computer Lab, Family Resource Center and members serving on the Board of Directors; CALICO – Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination – helping in fundraising efforts and providing books, blankets and stuffed toys for the children served by CALICO; the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition, Salvation Army, Bay Area Diaper Bank, Deaf Women Against Violence, Sulphur Creek Nature Center and more.

**Support for Education and Educators** - Woven throughout the seven purposes is the focus on honoring and supporting educators and education. Linda Henika spoke about the many ways our Chapter has done this including providing "Goody Bags" for new teachers, yearly scholarships in conjunction with the Teachers Education Program, monetary awards for student teachers and classroom teachers.

**Legislation** – An important aspect of our support of education is to be informed about current issues and to take an active role in initiating, endorsing or supporting desirable legislation in the interest of educators and education. Nancy Wales spoke about our Chapters involvement with legislation.

**The Value of Membership** – The first of the seven purposes of DKG is to "unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship," and that fellowship begins at the chapter level. We can appreciate the value of association and the bond that comes from joining together. We get to know one another, we enjoy each other's company, we learn, have fun, and celebrate together for joyous occasions, and we help to support one another in trying times.

**Celebrating Memberships** – We truly value our members, whether that membership has been for one year or 50! Virginia Williams invited each member to receive a certificate congratulating them for the number of years of their membership.

**Memories** – Through our years in Alpha Omega Chapter, we all have memories that stand out for us. Marilyn Baker-Madsen shared some of her fondest memories and then invited other members to share their memories.

**What is Important to Me** – As we looked back and as we think about where we are at the moment, members shared what is meaningful about being together as a chapter and as part of DKG.

**Looking Toward the Future** – Seventy years and onward! President Susan Fujii asked where do we go from here? She noted that there is so much we can do to make a difference for our fellow educators, for education and the students in Hayward and for our community. She reminded us that as one of our members has said many times, “We can do so much more together than any of us can do alone.” So if we have ideas that will strengthen our chapter and will help us to be more effective, let us be willing to share those ideas! Member’s glasses were filled with sparkling cider or champagne and we joined in a toast to Alpha Omega – to 70 years of supporting educators, education and our community! Susan thanked members and guests for coming and celebrating this milestone occasion.

**Next Meeting:** January 23, 2018 at Chef’s Experience China Bistro, 5pm Registration, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting followed by a program featuring author’s Yvette Franklin and Marietta Harris.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
*Marilyn Baker-Madsen*  
Recording Secretary



## JANUARY MEETING

China Bistro **Tuesday, January 23 at 5:00.**

Please click on the RSVP link below.

(It helps to right click on the link and then select “open link.”)

<https://goo.gl/forms/ybYfj8xqqmEIJdKY2>

If for some reason you are unable to open the link, please contact Nonnie Moore at 510-507-2944 or email [nonniemoore303@gmail.com](mailto:nonniemoore303@gmail.com)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## Notes from the Treasurer



1. We will vote at our January meeting on how we would like to spend our scholarship/grant/partnership money. This year we will have \$2000.00 to allocate. The proposed recipients were discussed at our October meeting and listed and described in the November Rosette. If you are not able to attend the meeting on January 23 but would like your voice to be heard, please respond to [nonniemoore303@gmail.com](mailto:nonniemoore303@gmail.com) or 510-507-2944 by January 22. Vote for two.

To recap, the proposed projects are:

- CALICO
  - Career Online High School through Literacy Plus
  - Yearly \$1000 scholarship
  - Three \$300 grants to teachers in the classroom
  - Teacher Goodie Bags for Early Career Educators
2. Years ago, our membership voted to designate February Virtual Meeting Month. Rather than venture forth in the dark and cold, we would send our dinner check to the Treasurer to bolster our Scholarship Fund. Generally we collect around \$700. If every member donates \$25, we would collect \$1050 and could fund three projects rather than two!

You may pay at the January meeting or send your check for \$25 payable to Alpha Omega to:

Nonnie Moore  
3309 Streamside Circle, #303  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

**Thank you for your generosity! Our recipients thank you!**





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## Alpha Omega Treasurer's Report January 2018

Beginning Balance 9/1/2017	\$5551.28
Expenditures	
Chef's Bistro (Oct)	\$458.75
Fall Conference Honoree S.Fujii	35.00
Area III Dues (29x\$2.75)	79.75
Insurance (38x\$1)	38.00
Dues to DKG (29 A, 9R +Scholarships and Publications)	2240.00
Nancy Wales -meeting magnets	73.90
Chef's Bistro (Nov)	627.75
Nancy Moore- champagne, cider, roses	56.46
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$3609.61
Receipts	
Dinners (Oct)	\$450.00
Dinners (Nov)	577.00
Dues	543.00
Scholarships (gift R. Wick-Lesher)	102.00
New Teacher Fund (gift M. Riley)	100.00
CALICO books (Jean Groth)	50.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$1822.00
Ending Balance 1/10/18	\$3763.67

Respectfully submitted,  
Nonnie Moore



## Book Notes

*By Marilyn Baker-Madsen*

John Grisham's latest book, *The Rooster Bar*, is based on an article by Paul Campos in the September 2014 edition of *The Atlantic* titled "The Law School Scam." The main characters, Gordy, Mark, Todd and Zola, are third-year students at a mediocre, for-profit law school and heavily in debt. When they realize the situation they are in, still in law school, a couple of hundred thousand in debt to a school whose graduates rarely pass the bar exam or find good jobs, these friends cook up a scheme to remedy the situation. The story of their creative and unorthodox approach to escape crushing debt and expose the hedge-fund operator who owns a chain of these bogus law schools and who owns a bank specializing in student loans makes for a fast-paced read. As the dust jacket blurb encourages, "pull up a stool, grab a cold one, and get ready to spend some time at The Rooster Bar!"

I found another Peter May book, *Runaway*, and enjoyed, once again, the strong and wonderful writer that he is! This is a very different book than the two May books I previously reviewed, *Coffin Road* and *Entry Island*. The story unfolds in shifts between Glasgow, Scotland and London, England and spans fifty years in the lives of five friends and fellow bandmates. May skillfully weaves the two time spans and the individual and shared stories of Jack Mackay and his friends to a satisfying ending. This book is not only a thriller, it is a beautifully written tale of fragile, youthful friendships and dreams that are dashed by failure and mediocrity. The chance of redemption and hope for Jack is a poignant ending to the story.



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## Committee News



### Sewing Get Together for CALICO on November 26

Several of our Alpha Omega sisters gathered together at Janie's house to make cozy, fleece blankets to donate to CALICO. Donna Goldenstein, Bonnie Hansen, Susan Levy, Susan Fujii, Virginia Williamson, and Janie Dobbs completed 20 blankets. CALICO helps with child abuse investigations by coordinating twenty-nine agencies in one spot to provide a comprehensive response to child abuse. Calico also provides valuable Family Support Services, Community Outreach and Professional Training.



Bonnie Hansen and Susan Levy lend their expertise by hand stitching the edges with a beautiful blanket stitch.



Susan Fujii and Virginia Williamson put their wonderful sewing skills to use.



Janie Dobbs sewing the edges with the aid of her Handy sewing machine.

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Thanks to the very generous donations from all of our Alpha Omega sisters we were also able to purchase 116 children's books from the Scholastic Warehouse Sale and 66 stuffed animals from MSteddybear.com. Donna Goldenstein dropped off our donation to the very grateful staff at CALICO.



Dear Members,  
We would like to highlight some of the wonderful work our committees do each month over the course of the year. When your committee would like to post something in the newsletter, just email Barbara Bishr or Janie Dobbs by the 10th of the month. We will be sure to publish your news here.



## *Highlights From Our November 70th Anniversary Celebration*



Nonnie Moore and Susan Levy check in Donna Goldenstein.



Virginia Williamson & Barbara Bishr chatting.



Joann Malta-Weingard & Marina Xavier-Klotz



The Seven Purposes of DKG



DKG Key Pin & DKG Coat of Arms



Scrapbook of our DKG-Alpha Omega History



Celebrating 70 Years. Made by Bonnie Hansen



Celebratory Chocolate Chip Red Velvet Cake Cupcakes Made by Janie Dobbs.



Joann Malta-Weingard and her delicious handcrafted chocolate treats with Rosemary Coyne



Members, Nonnie Moore & Bonnie Hansen participate in a celebratory toast.



Alpha Omega members enjoying the delicious food at China Bistro.



Virginia Williamson, Chair of the Membership Committee



Linda Henika and Joann Malta-Weingard



President Susan Fujii welcomes members and guests



Susan Levy, Janie Dobbs and Bonnie Hansen set the Stage with our place in history



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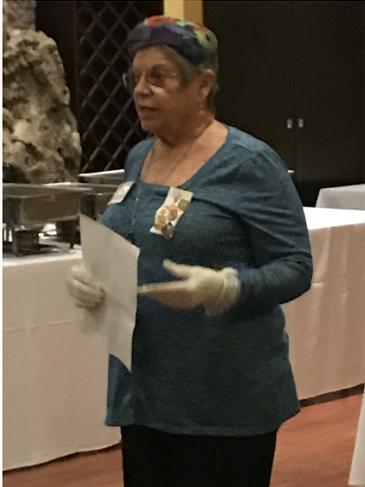
Stephanie Magallon reminds us of the value of membership.



Marilyn Baker-Madsen spoke about the many outreach projects our chapter has supported over 70 years.

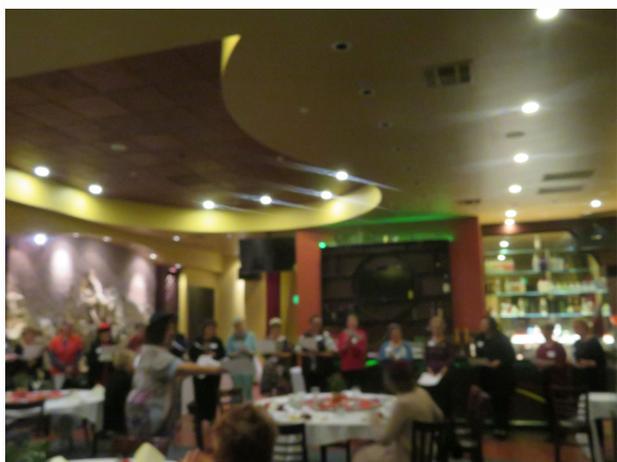


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Rosemary Coyne shares some of her favorite memories.



Jeane Lycett reflects on her experiences as a member.



Elisabeth Gieger reminisces about her Involvement with DKG-Alpha Omega.



Jennifer Gonsalves talks about how meaningful DKG-Alpha Omega is to her.



MaryAnn Gonsalves shared her thoughts about the importance of being part of DKG-Alpha Omega.



Members and guests listening to Virginia Williamson speaking.



Members & guests enjoying the program.



Members and guests listening to Jeanne Lycett speak.



President Susan Fujii talks about the future of our Alpha Omega Chapter.

## Calendar for DKG Alpha Omega Meetings 2018:



**4th week of each month, alternating Wednesday and Tuesday:**

Tuesday, January 23	Authors, Marietta Harris and Yvetta Franklin
February	Virtual Meeting Fundraiser for Projects
Wednesday, March 28	Women's History
Tuesday, Apr 24	Installation
Early May	State Convention in Southern California
Wednesday, May 23	Books on B

We will invite Zeta Zeta to join us in Oct, Jan or March.



**Holiday Party at Susan Fujii's**



