

Alpha Omega Chapter March Rosette 2018



President's Message: *Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

Happy March everyone! This is Women's History Month. At our March meeting we will be honoring Judy Harrison who is the Hayward Library Commissioner, President of Friends of the Library and founding member of the Hayward Education Foundation. She was also the Coordinator of Library Services for HUSD. Judy's extensive efforts have contributed to making the new library a reality. In addition, Judy is active in AAUW, including "Tech Trek," a STEM camp for girls. Thank you, Marilyn Baker-Madsen, for arranging this program. Marilyn has extended invitations to the Friends Board and AAUW. Please note that we will begin our evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by our program with the business meeting at the end. This should be a wonderful program, and we hope many of you can join us!

I hope all of you had a nice February, our Virtual Meeting month. Monthly payment for this meeting is still requested. The Virtual Meeting payment funds our scholarships to new teachers, as well as, supports our outreach into the community. If you haven't had an opportunity to turn in your payment, please do so at this time. You can forward your payment to Nonnie Moore.

We were delighted to have two authors join us and introduce their books at the January meeting. Marietta Harris spoke about her book, [The Other Side of Alzheimer's, A Caregiver's Story](#). Marietta shared her personal life-changing story of when her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She shared her challenging journey, along with resources she gained. Yvetta Franklin, a former Hayward Unified School District teacher, spoke about her books, [The Code Switch](#), and [Deleting Files](#). Yvetta shared her personal experience of teaching in the classroom and experiencing the different languages used by our students. She stressed the importance of understanding and giving value to all languages. Yvetta discussed the challenge of meeting the needs of students who may have been abused and offered insight and resources in identifying these students and providing support. If any of you would like to purchase these books, please contact me. These books offer much useful information and value to educators who are working with children.

Some of our Chapter members were able to attend a Joint Meeting with the Zeta Zeta Chapter on February 7th at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Those who attended were Bonnie Hansen, Annette De Julio, Virginia Williamson, Barbara Bishr, Linda Henika and myself.

We enjoyed a wonderful speaker who shared a program currently being offered to many Contra Costa Schools with a focus on child exploitation. This is a preventative program which provides knowledge and enriches the lives of children and parents in the community.

A Leadership Meeting of DKG Chapter Presidents and Area III board was held on February 10th at St. Raymond School in Dublin. Attendees were Virginia Williamson and myself. We met in the library/computer lab and reviewed the DKG California website in detail, with a focus on the many resources available to Chapter members. You are encouraged to browse this website at www.DKGCalifornia.org to see these resources, as well as the activities of the other Chapters. There are lots of programs and outreach projects currently being performed by our sister Chapters. We were able to share our partnership with Calico Kids and what we have done to enhance the lives of children in our community.

The Board of our Chapter met in February to discuss Chapter nominations which needed to be made by March 1. We also discussed strategies to expand our Chapter by both attracting new teachers and reaching out to past members in an effort to re-initiate them back into our Chapter. We discussed creation of a Chapter brochure and website. Janie Dobbs offered to begin work in these areas. We agreed that a brochure outlining our purpose and activities will be of great benefit to our Chapter.

Please keep your calendar open for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the China Bistro. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Program starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by our meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!
Susan



Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting/January 23, 2018/Minutes

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Janie Dobbs, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Susan Levy, Jeanne Lycett, Nonnie Moore, Virginia Williamson

Guests: Yvetta "Doll" Franklin, Marietta Harris and Pastor Gordon Thomas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 5:35pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Virginia Williamson and seconded by Rosemary Coyne to accept the October minutes as distributed. The motion passed. It was moved by Nonnie Moore and seconded by Linda Henika to accept the November minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, noted that the report that was distributed is a combined November 2017 and January 2018 financial account. She also provided us the results of the votes on various projects the Chapter might undertake: CALICO – 9, Career Online High School/Literacy Plus – 4, Yearly Scholarship – 14, Three \$300 Grants for Classroom Teachers – 7, Teacher Goodie Bags or Early Career Educators – 1. It was moved by Jeanne Lycett and seconded by Donna Goldenstein to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Donna Goldenstein shared with the group that she received a great thank you note from CALICO and thanked Janie Dobbs for spearheading blankets as part of our gift to the organization. Janie advises that she has already purchased fabric for 18 blankets for our gift this year. Linda Henika offered that she has a sewing machine in a wood cabinet that she would like to give away and noted that the machine could be used to hem the fabric for blankets for CALICO.

Old Business: Linda Henika spoke about the yearly scholarship and noted that the information regarding the scholarship goes to the Hayward Unified School District to route to student teachers and interns.

New Business: There were not any new business items to discuss.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm and followed by the program for the evening.

Program: Authors Marietta Harris and Yvetta "Doll" Franklin spoke about their books. Marietta wrote her first book after her mother passed away from Alzheimer's, The Other Side of Alzheimer's, a Caregiver's Story. After finishing her first book, Marietta turned to writing mysteries as her true passion. The first book in her Evelyn Jenkins Mystery Series is The Gospel Choir Murder, and the second is Thou Shalt Kill.

Yvetta is a widow, mother, teacher and author. She loves teaching and works to bring joy, values and confidence to her pupils. Yvetta co-authored her first young person's chapter book titled The Code Switch. Deleting Files is her second book and Switch-A-Roo: Who are You? is her latest release.

Next Meeting: February 2018 is our "Virtual Meeting" fundraiser. The meeting on March 28, 2018 will be at Chef's Experience China Bistro, 5pm Registration, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Women's History Month Program honoring Judy Harrison, followed by a business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary



March MEETING

China Bistro

Registration at 5:00. Dinner at 5:30. Women's History Program at 6:30, followed by Business Meeting

Please click on the RSVP link below.
(It helps to right click on the link and then select "open link.")

<https://goo.gl/forms/QLk6h064RPFbOjCn2>

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



A Note from the Treasurer

Collected for Virtual Meeting = \$390.00 plus \$252 = \$642.00.

If every member gives \$25, we would have \$1000.00 more for scholarships, perhaps for individual grants to teachers in the classroom.





Alpha Omega Treasurer's Report

March 2018

Beginning Balance 1/10/18		\$3763.67
Expenditures		
Check 1136	Virginia Williamson- 70 th Party	34.34
Check 1135	China Bistro (rewrote for lost #1125)	
Check 1137	China Bistro	434.60
Check 1138	CALICO	1000.00
Check 1139	Chi State- Ad for Convention	100.00
Total Expenditures		\$1568.94
Receipts		
Dinners (January)		\$351.00
Virtual#1		290.00
Virtual#2		100.00
Total Receipts		\$741.00
Ending Balance 3/10/18		\$2885.73

Respectfully submitted,
Nonnie Moore





Legislative Report Delta Kappa Gamma

March, 2018
Submitted by Nancy Wales

As this month unfolds, I hope all of you who are able will be joining one of the marches on March 24 for *March For Our Lives* and show the NRA that they do not speak for all of us. The National Rifle Association started out as a group who represented the gun owners of the United States. It has denigrated into a group that represents the manufacturers and distributors of all kinds of guns. Thus, they have vast sums of money with which to buy politicians of both parties. HUGE amounts of money buy them immunity from anything that would or could affect their sales. If NRA stuck to its origins, they wouldn't have the vast amounts of money they spend on lobbying and donating to politicians. Let's all get involved and get reasonable laws that protect hunters and gun owners but not the mentally ill, minors and others ill-suited to use firearms. There is no need to sell assault weapons which are made for only one purpose: to kill massive amounts of people. Hunters are not concerned that the animals they hunt will fire back. There is no need for non-military or any civilian to have these weapons. To find an event near you on March 24 click on the following link:

<https://event.marchforourlives.com/event/march-our-lives-events/search/>

Another National movement that should involve our members is the "*Me, Too*" movement bringing needed attention to sexual harassment that affects every woman everywhere. Almost every woman has a story to tell of her "*Me Too*" moment. More training is needed in the workplace in all areas. Join the Women's Marches if you can. You will find it uplifting to be united with other women fighting injustice.

Finally, are you using too much laundry detergent? The amount of detergent to use has been determined by a measurement device sold with the detergent. It has been found that washing with water alone can achieve similar results. I have been using about a 1/4 of the amount of detergent. Detergent manufacturers are motivated by the desire to sell you more detergent. I have also used just baking soda and vinegar with great results too.

Helpful link for how to remove dye stains, protein stains, combinations stains, dairy product stains and many others:

gardening/articles/8153/stain-removal-smarts-how-to-get-stains-out-of-your-clothes



Book Notes

By Marilyn Baker-Madsen

On a recent visit to the **Books on B** book store, I remarked to Renee Rettig, that one of the things I missed most about **The Book Shop** was having access to Advanced Reader copies of forthcoming books. On hearing this lament, Renee (in her inimitably dramatic fashion) swirled around in her seat and plucked a book from a stack on the shelf behind her desk and presented to me Charles Frazier's latest book, Varina, to be released April 2018. Charles Frazier is the author of Cold Mountain, published 1997, an international bestseller that won the National Book Award and was adapted into a movie by Anthony Minghella. He is also the author of bestselling novels Thirteen Moons (2006) and Nightwoods (2011). The first three books are set in North Carolina.

Varina, is a powerful novel of the Civil War. This prodigiously researched historical novel chronicles the life and times of Varina Howell, a teenager who marries Jefferson Davis when her family falls on hard times because of her father's gambling debts. Davis is much older than Varina; however, she sees the match as bringing her security as the wife of a Mississippi landowner. When Jefferson turns to politics and follows it as a career, Varina enters into the whirlwind of social life in Washington only to fall into a controversial life when Jefferson is appointed president of the Confederacy. When the Confederacy begins to fall, Varina and her children escape Richmond and flee to the south as fugitives.

Multiple time streams are woven together masterfully through seven Sundays of shared memories between Varina and James Blake. The book follows Varina through the devastation of the war and her journey to emerge from the tragedy of her life in the aftermath. The author skillfully draws an intimate portrait of a very likable and truly interesting woman caught up in a dark time in American history and forever dogged by the consequences of her complicit participation. This book is a captivating read rich in history and beautifully written.



Calendar for DKG Alpha Omega Meetings 2018:

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

Wednesday, March 28	Women's History Program with Judy Harrison
Tuesday, Apr 24	Installation
May 4-6	State Convention in Irvine, California
Wednesday, May 23	Books on B



Highlights From Our January 23rd Meeting



Marietta Harris talks about her books and reminds us that: "You're never too old to blow Bubbles."



Yvette Franklin shares her book new book, *Switcheroo: Who are You?*, with Janie Dobbs.



Members of DKG-Alpha Omega Chapter listen intently to author, Marietta Harris.