

DKG-Alpha Omega March Rosette 2020



President's Message

Susan Fujii

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

I hope all of you had a wonderful February. Even though our Chapter had a Virtual Meeting during this month, there were lots of activities and events to be had.

On January 20, the Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was held at Chabot College. Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Virginia Williamson, and Bonnie Hansen were involved in the planning of this event. I also attended this event and was amazed at the young talent displayed. Performing were the Mount Eden High School Choir, Mount Eden Men's Choir, and the Mount Eden Chamber Choir. There were also performances by the Chabot College Forensics Team, Cherryland Dramatic Chorus, and the Bret Hart Slam Poetry Group. The Superintendent of the Hayward School District, Dr. Matt Wayne, was on hand, as well as the Mayor of Hayward, Barbara Halliday, and the former Mayor of Hayward, Michael Sweeney. Freddy Davis, President of the Hayward- South Alameda County Chapter of the NAACP, who serves on the planning committee of this event, was also in attendance.

On January 29th Alpha Omega's Chapter Meeting was quite meaningful. Freddy Davis was our Program Speaker, and she provided a wonderful transition from the celebration of Martin Luther King to the celebration of Black History Month in February. Ms. Davis gathered us around her in a large circle to relay the history and personal stories of the Civil Rights movement from her childhood. She spoke about meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., about segregated schools in the south, and the importance of sharing this history with students today. Freddy's secretary, Alana Johnson, was also in attendance, and she shared the responsibilities she carries out with the Hayward Chapter of the NAACP.

Also in attendance at our January meeting, from DKG State Leadership, were Dr. Carol Boyd, Chairman of the DKG California Global Awareness Committee, and Diana Sawin, DKG California 2020 Convention Co-Chair and Co-President of Zeta Zeta Chapter. Dr. Boyd shared the partnership DKG has with UNICEF in support of Schools for Africa, and shared the theme, "Spare change can bring about change!" I advised that our Chapter will be actively contributing spare change to this effort beginning with our next meeting in March. Dr. Boyd presented a very nice container which can be used by our Chapter for this purpose. Diana Sawin provided information on the upcoming 2020 DKG Convention to be held May 1-3 in Santa Clara. She encouraged members to attend this annual event. Convention registration information is available at www.dkgca.org. Click on "Convention Resources."

On February 8, Virginia and I attended the "Welcome Reception" for our newly appointed Hayward Police Chief, Toney Chaplin, at Palma Ceia Baptist Church. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Mr. Chaplin's vast background from serving in the San Francisco Police Department. He and members of the church spoke about the importance of the Faith Community partnering with law enforcement to ensure our youth have the support they need. Members mentioned the program of DARE in the Hayward schools, along with additional outreach programs such as visitations by Mr. Chaplin and police officers to the Hayward schools.

President's Message, continued

Finally, on March 6, Virginia and I attended our sister Chapter Zeta Zeta's meeting to listen to a very inspirational speaker, Christina Clemons, a sixth grade math teacher in their district. Christina gave a powerpoint presentation of a month spent in Tanzania with other educators. Christina shared that the focus was to mentor teachers there and work on student engagement and promoting student understanding in the classroom. Christina shared that she began teaching in 2010, and after teaching several years, she felt a personal need to place her efforts into a global sphere to share what she has learned with others. We are so excited that Christina will be the keynote speaker at our Area III Conference on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Hope all of you will mark your calendars!

The March meeting is on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**, at the China Bistro. Our speaker will be Hayward City Council Member Elisa Marquez. Our schedule will be Registration at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Speaker at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your spare change for Schools for Africa!!! Every little bit counts! Looking forward to seeing you.



MEETING MINUTES

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

January 29, 2019

Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Susan Fujii, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Jeanne Lycett, Donna Morris, Virginia Williamson

Guest Speaker: Ms. Freddie M. Davis, President of the Hayward/South County NAACP

Guests: Dr. Carol Boyd, Chairperson of the DKG Global Awareness Committee; Alanda Johnson, Secretary of the Hayward/South County NAACP; Teresa McLean and Diana Sawin, Chi State Leadership Team and Co-Chair of the 2020 DKG California Convention

Welcome Members and Guests: President Susan Fujii welcomed members and guests. Dinner was served following this welcome.

Program: "Women Making a Difference . . . She Believed She Could, So She Did! Women Speak! Marilyn Baker-Madsen introduced Ms. Freddie M. Davis, President of the Hayward/South County NAACP. Ms. Davis, a woman with a burning passion, shared the composition of chapters in her life. She noted that there is power in every story and said that every person should tell their story.

Prologue: Her story began as her father, Fred, wanted her to be named after him and her mother prevailed to feminize her name, hence Freddie. Ms. Davis' parents were hard working people. Her father was a laborer and her mother was a maid. Her parents instilled in her the importance of hard work, opportunity, vision and promise and that your environment does not determine your future. In the segregated school she attended in Birmingham, Alabama, the first thing she learned was the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing (the Negro National Anthem) and the Pledge of Allegiance. Her school received old textbooks from the schools white students attended. During her time in school, Ms. Davis became active in the Civil Rights movement and the NAACP.

Ignition: Ms. Davis marched and demonstrated in Birmingham, Alabama with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She sought higher education and received her Nursing Degree in 1967.

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The Fire: Ms. Davis worked for 25 years in a major medical center where she held several positions in the field. She then worked for 16 years in a correctional facility. She held the position as Branch Secretary for the Hayward NAACP branch, during which time she chaired events. Ms. Davis traveled with her husband as he toured for his military duty, seeing the world in the process.

The Hierarchy of Flames: Ms. Davis became the Branch President of the Hayward NAACP in 2001. She chaired the Hate Crimes for California State Conference and traveled to different areas seeking to resolve issues and held the position of 2nd Vice President of the California State Conference. She Chaired the Affirmative Action Committee for the city of Hayward where a plan was developed to address the issue. In 2006, Ms. Davis was selected as the Woman of the Year for Alameda County by the California State Legislature and in the same year was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame. She founded Reality Mentor, Inc., a mentoring program for at risk youth and low income families. Six HUSD schools are currently served by this program.

As the Light Dawns On, the Strong Fire Continues to Burn: Ms. Davis continues to be a passionate Community Advocate. She has been a member of the Palma Ceia Baptist Church since 1972. She continues to hold the President's seat in the Hayward/South County NAACP. She served as a Commissioner for HUSD and continues to work for the California State Conference and is a committed member of the California State Conference team. She sits as Vice Queen Mother of the Red Hat Divas. She and her husband Al Davis have been married for 54 years. They have one son, Todd E. Davis, who graduated from UC Berkeley with honors in Political Science and African American Studies and has plans to attend law school.

Ms. Davis closed by reminding us that it is not where you come from, but where you are going; that all of us should be in it, to win it and that we should all be guardians not warriors. She noted that the greatest national security is EDUCATION!

Business Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 7:40pm. She directed our attention to two MLK Day worksheets that we were not able to get to because of time constraints.

Minutes from November 20, 2019: Recording Secretary Marilyn Baker-Madsen presented the minutes from the last meeting. It was moved by Donna Goldenstein and seconded by Virginia Williamson to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Vice President, Virginia Williamson, distributed and presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 in the absence of Co-Treasurers, Nonnie Moore and Susan Levy. It was determined that the discussion about allocating more funds to pay for guest dinners should be placed on the March agenda or taken up by email vote in the absence of the Treasurers. It was moved by Donna Goldenstein and seconded by Donna Morris to accept the report. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Donna Goldenstein informed the group that she had received a lovely thank you note from CALICO and put it in a "safe" place so she could bring it to the meeting to share with our Chapter. As all of us are wont to do from time to time, she was unable to find the note!

Committee Reports: No committee reports were made.

Old Business:

Report on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2020 Birthday Celebration: Marilyn Baker-Madsen and Virginia Williamson spoke about the successful celebration, noting that our Chapter was acknowledged in the printed program as a donor to the event. Highlights of the program included a persuasive speech by Danny Munoz and an oral interpretation by Maya Ito, both Chabot College Forensics team members; the Cherryland Elementary School Dramatic Chorus gave an outstanding performance of songs, oration and dance; the Bret Harte Slam Poets presented original, inspirational poems and the Mt. Eden High School

Meeting Meetings, continued

Men's and Chamber Choirs led by Vince O'Connell, Music Director sang three beautiful acapella numbers. The event was well attended and received.

Zeta Alpha Chapter Toiletry Sorting Party: Virginia Williamson reported on this gathering that was held on the 17th of December and resulted in the preparation of 186 bags for the homeless.

Alpha Omega Holiday Party Recap: Many members who attended spoke of the gracious reception given to our Chapter by Helen Condos who hosted the event at her house with appetizers, a full sit down meal, dessert and favors. It was a fabulous evening of celebration and we all owe Helen a debt of gratitude. The evening was over the top!

Membership Expansion Meeting: Virginia Williamson shared that the new Hayward Public Library charges for use of their meeting rooms and that we might rethink the way we conduct our outreach to new members. We need to re-energize the Membership Committee to help with this endeavor. It was noted that most schools have short days that might be good for this effort and that prospective members don't want to leave school and comeback. Perhaps we could pick one school to begin this effort. Jennifer Gonsalves suggested she could check into the use of the library at Hayward High School for our first meeting.

New Business:

Global Awareness: Susan Fujii introduced receptacles that are labeled "Change \$\$ Brings About Change" that can be set out at each of our Chapter meetings to collect money for the Schools for Africa that is one of three projects of Global Awareness. program, yet another way to raise awareness about our group. Our Agenda Packets contained extensive information about this project to which Dr. Boyd spoke. She informed us that this project is a partnership with UNICEF that benefits nearly 30 million children. We learned what donations fund and different ways that donations are received.

International Women's Day Celebration: Virginia Williamson advised us that she was approached by organizers of this event to see if our Chapter was interested in supporting the event, Celebrate Our Legacy, 100 Years of Women's Progress: Political, Social Economic and Cultural, scheduled for March 13, 2020 and held at the Hayward City Hall. The Keynote Speaker is Alameda County District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley. There is free admission and light refreshments will be served. Our Chapter's sponsorship of \$100 would give us display space to educate celebration goers about DKG. It was noted that we lacked a quorum, so a vote on this issue will be conducted on line.

Chapter Rules Update: Virginia Williamson distributed copies of the updated Chapter rules.

DKG California 2020 Convention: Diana Sawin, Co-Chair of this year's convention gave a very enthusiastic presentation about the convention. The theme is "Exploring New Pathways" and the logo is a compass. The convention will be held in Santa Clara, May 1 -3 and will feature many exciting workshops and events. She encouraged all of us to attend since it is "in our backyard!"

Next Meeting: February is our "virtual" meeting. Please send your dinner fee as a fundraiser to: Nonnie Moore, 3309 Streamside Circle #303, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Announcements: Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 25 at the Chef's Experience China Bistro. Hayward City Council Woman, Elisa Marquez, will be our guest speaker.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm by President Susan Fujii.



MARCH 25 MEETING THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

China Bistro

Registration at 5:00. Dinner at 5:30. Meeting following.
Please click on the RSVP link below.

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(It helps to right click on the link and then select "open link.
Or you can copy the link and paste it in your browser.)

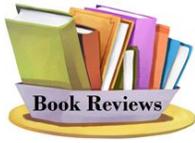
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Treasurer's Report March 2020

Nonnie Moore

Beginning Balance	1-03-20		\$2922.72
Expenditures			
Chefs China Bistro		\$425.00	
<i>Total Expenditures</i>		\$425.00	\$2497.72
Receipts			
Dinners		\$350.00	
Virtual		\$565.00	
<i>Total Receipts</i>		\$915.00	
Ending Balance	3-10-20		\$3412.72



Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Another Favorite Author: In the past, I have reviewed many of the books in Craig Johnson's "Longmire Series." I wait, really, with bated breath for the next installment and I am never disappointed. The most recent release, Land of Wolves, follows Walt Longmire's return to Absaroka County, Wyoming after suffering almost mortal wounds in his bid to save his daughter, Cady, from the despicable Tomas Bidarte, the head of one of the most vicious drug cartels in Mexico. Bidarte is no stranger to Longmire as he has harmed and killed people in Longmire's orbit in rabid acts of revenge against the Sheriff and that revenge grows stronger by the minute. Still recovering from his wounds, Walt faces roadblocks from the Extepaes, a powerful family of Basque sheep ranchers, as he investigates the death of an itinerant shepherd. This high stakes investigation leads to a dark and shocking conclusion.

Both Carl and I are fans of these Craig Johnson's books for many reasons, foremost, is his deftness in phenomenal character development. This reader knows all of Johnson's recurring characters because of his considerable abilities to give us insight into human nature in all of its manifestations. I just keep coming back for more of these wonderful characters!

"Walt Longmire still bears the impenetrable stoicism of the American West balanced with an irrepressible humanity . . . he is balanced, like the West itself, by poetry, sensitivity and culture – a character of tremendous strength and sometimes surprising violence". The Washington Post. Walt is an armchair scholar of considerable acumen. An example of his intellectual prowess quoted from the Land of Wolves follows: "Current hypothesis is that the planetary body was formed when debris collided with the earth 4.5 billion years ago, late in our planet's growth process. It has been surmised that a fraction of that debris went into orbit around the earth and aggregated into our current moon. One of the main indications that the moon did not derive from the earth is the fact that our planet has an iron core and the moon does not; and our planet, in fact, is one of the very few that has a moon an appreciable fraction of its own size."

Cady, Walt's daughter, is a toothsome redhead with smoky gray eyes. She is a lawyer and the single mother of Lola (named after Henry Standing Bear's 1959 Thunderbird). Walt affectionately refers to Cady as "The Great Legal Mind of our Time." Cady's husband Michael Moretti and Victoria's brother were killed by Bidarte.

Ruby, Walt's dispatcher, who has been with him since he began his service as Sheriff is an efficient, no nonsense woman, who doesn't suffer fools easily and who works against the tide to bring Walt into the Age of Technology.

Victoria (Vic) Moretti, is Walt's Under Sheriff. She is feisty and foul-mouthed, good at her trade and very attractive with tarnished gold eyes. A glimpse into her character and her relationship with Walt in this latest book is summed up in an observation from Longmire . . . "She rolled her eyes and retrieved her boots (where she unceremoniously put both her feet up on his desk), then curtseyed before flapping her imaginary skirt up to moon me and then made an exit, stage left."

Lucian Connelly, former Sheriff who lost a leg during his stint as Sheriff before Walt, has retired to an Assisted Living home, but is still a crusty, yet capable old curmudgeon who plays chess with Walt, serving Walt his special Pappy Van Winkle whiskey. Lucian also consults with Walt on various investigations and, at one time, sent Walt on a mercy investigation when one of his old friends allegedly commits suicide.

Henry Standing Bear, the proprietor of the Red Pony Bar & Grill, is a longtime friend of Walt. They played college football together, served in Vietnam and continue to be friends and co-investigators on some crimes. Henry is a big guy, very handsome and is referred to by Walt as "The Cheyenne Nation".

Book Notes, continued

Threaded throughout the Longmire series are many references and stories that contain Native American mysticism and a recurring figure in these stories in Virgil Standing Bear, a seven foot Crow Shaman.

I hope the description of just some of the characters in this series will entice you to read them in order of publication. The character development and the evocation of the scenery of the vast and beautiful countryside of Wyoming will keep the reader coming back for more.

Part of a review in **The Denver Post** captures my feelings perfectly: "Stepping into Walt's world is like slipping on a favorite pair of slippers, and it's where those slippers lead that provides a thrill. Johnson pens a series that should become a must read, so curl up, get comfortable, and enjoy the ride."

The Longmire Series: The Cold Dish, Death Without Company, Kindness Goes Unpunished, Another Man's Moccasins, The Dark Horse, Junkyard Dogs, Hell Is Empty, As the Crow Flies, A Serpent's Tooth, Any Other Name, Dry Bones, An Obvious Fact, The Western Star, Depth of Winter and Land of Wolves.

Novellas: Spirit of Steamboat, Wait for Signs and The Highwayman.



Legislative Report

Nancy Wales

March, 2020

If you hear the politicians talking, the economy is booming and this little glitch called the corona virus will soon pass. The economy is strong. We will come back. (Trump and the Republicans). If that is true, then why are so many of our areas' school districts looking at budget cuts and reductions in force? This is very troubling. I am hearing the words "reassignment, RIF, Program cuts in a "Booming Economy." Why is there such a funding shortfall?

Mt. Diablo district has its music program on the chopping block. Hayward has positions on the chopping block. The taxpayers are getting weary of tax increases. Many school tax proposals failed to get the support needed. Now the stock market is tanking and that will affect retirement decisions, pension funds and much much more. It's an uncertain and scary time. If you have cash, it's a great time to buy stock. If not, try to stay healthy and ride the wave.

Some schools districts in the area have cancelled all field trips. Gatherings, including classes, of fifty or more are prohibited. More us coming.

The state legislature has a budget to start for the next fiscal year. Can Governor Newsome deliver "on time budgets like Governor Brown did? We will see.

Meanwhile, be grateful for all that you have and appreciate all those who are working the front lines, first responders, health care personnel, fellow teachers, administrators trying to develop a budget in trying times. We have much to be thankful for. Look out for each other, help when you can.

Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar 2019 - 2020



Monday, September 9	DKG fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro
Wednesday, September 25	Chapter Meeting at Chef's Experience China Bistro
Saturday, October 26	Chapter Fundraiser -Dublin Savers, 7117 Regional St., Dublin from 1:00-2:00
Wednesday, October 30	Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, November 20	Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, December 10	Holiday Party
Wednesday, January 20	Chabot College - Martin Luther King, Jr. Event
Wednesday, January 29	Chapter Meeting
February	Chapter Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, March 25	Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, April 29	Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, May 20	Chapter Meeting



*Happy Birthday to our Alpha Omega Sisters!
May this year be special in every way, just like you.*

March Celebrations

7 Nancy Hansen
20 Linda Henika



Meeting Highlights

January 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, January 20, 2020 at Chabot College. Performances by Mount Eden High School Choir, Mount Eden's Men's Choir, Mount Eden Chamber Choir, Chabot College Forensics Team, Cherryland Dramatics Chorus and Bret Harte Slam Poetry Group





Alpha Omega Chapter Meeting, January 28, 2020, Guest speaker: Freddye Davis, President South Alameda County NAACP, Alana Johnson, Secretary of Hayward Chapter of NAACP, Dr. Carol Boyd, Chairman, DKG CA Global Awareness Committee, Diana Sawin, DKG CA 2020 Convention, and Co-Chapter President, Zeta Zeta Chapter.





Welcome Reception for newly appointed Hayward Chief of Police, Toney Chaplin, Palma Ceia Baptist Church, February 9, 2020. Invitation extended to Virginia and DKG by Freddy Davis.



Zeta Zeta Chapter Meeting, Crow Canyon Country Club, February 16, 2020. Speaker Christina Clemons, Mah Teacher, gave a presentation of her month spent in Tanzania mentoring teachers. Co-President Kit King and Diana Sawin of Zeta Zeta. Virginia and Susan in attendance.



