

Alpha Omega Chapter May Rosette 2018



President's Message: *Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

We honored two very special ladies during our April meeting. Linda Henika introduced Angela Ma and Suzanne Hendrickson who were recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from our Alpha Omega Chapter. Linda provided a brief background of each recipient. Both Ms. Ma and Ms. Hendrickson addressed the members, expressing their appreciation for this award as well as detailing their future goals in the teaching profession. Angela Ma's spouse, Kevin Jiang, a photographer, took many photographs to memorialize the event. In addition, he took individual photographs of the attending members to add to our upcoming website.

There was a lengthy "Chapter Working Session" focused on identifying the areas of focus for the upcoming biennium. Ideas discussed are outlined below.

Meeting at the New Hayward Library

Members suggested that our first or second meeting of the new school year could be held at the Hayward Library. We could invite current teachers to this informational meeting and talk about our chapter. We could address the different library programs and how they support teachers and families. Our meetings could also be jointly sponsored with the Mayor or other city officials.

CALICO

We could have another sewing party to sew blankets for CALICO. Janie Dobbs offered to host this party again to get them ready for the children for their December holiday party. Members who participated last year spoke about the positive feelings about making the blankets for these children, and the enjoyment we had working and bonding together for such a great cause.

Hayward Street Parties

Members discussed the possibility of Alpha Omega having a booth at the Hayward street parties held on the third Thursday of each month to gain more recognition for our chapter. This is an area requiring additional research as to price, frequency, and members to man the booth.

Penny Farrell Fundraiser

Virginia Williamson addressed members, suggesting that our chapter consider utilizing the Penny Farrell Fund to provide funds for classroom libraries for teachers in their first three years of teaching and as an outreach to potential new members. In addition, she stressed that personal and professional development, along with leadership development, is a huge part of our membership. This, along with scholarship opportunities for teachers, needs to be communicated to potential members.

Working Teachers

A discussion was had with regard to how to attract additional working teachers to our chapter. Members agreed that a questionnaire should be distributed to all working teachers who are currently members, along with working teachers who recently resigned from our chapter. This could provide information as to what meeting times might be preferred, what speakers would be of benefit, and what assistance retired teachers who are members could provide to those in the classroom. This effort could provide THAT hours for our chapter.

Bunco Fundraiser

The idea of holding a Bunco fundraiser party was discussed. Details need to be defined and agreed upon as to a venue. Marilyn Baker Madsen advised that she has the materials stored and is willing to help with the silent basket auction as she has done in the past.

Book Club Presentations

We discussed having our book groups join us one meeting to discuss favorite books. Books could be donated or sold for \$1 or \$2. Janie Dobbs offered to head this committee. Some members present mentioned that they belong to book clubs and this may be an area of interest for next year. Elizabeth Geiger and Karen Bercovitz offered to look into their book club.

Savers.com Fundraiser

Another idea was presented by email from Janie Dobbs. This was a fundraising effort from Savers.com where the chapter can collect clothing and get paid for it.

Restaurant Fundraiser

Members discussed the possibility of joining up with a local Hayward restaurant as a fundraiser. Some members felt that this would involve more individuals than those who could participate.

Meeting Locations

Finally, different locations for meetings were discussed. One suggestion was the Union building next to the Fire Department. Meetings could also be held in different locations around the city such as the Japanese Tea Garden, as well as the new Hayward Library.

Chapter Bag Fundraiser

Linda Henika suggested creating a reasonably priced bag which could be personalized with a logo such as "Hayward Unified Super Teacher." These bags could be sold for \$10 and support our chapter.

Please keep your calendar open for the next meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Books on B, 1014 B Street, Hayward, at 5:00 p.m. This will be a DKG Alpha Omega Fundraiser arranged by Marilyn Baker-Madsen and her husband Carl. There will be a fun Book Quiz, a book talk, a recommended summer reading list, along with an opportunity to mingle and eat delicious appetizers and sweets. The cost is \$20 per person and guests of both sexes are welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Susan



Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting April 24, 2018 Minutes

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Bercovitz, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Jeanne Lycett, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

Guests: Suzanne Hendrickson, Angela Ma and Kevin Jiang

Presentation of Scholarships: President Susan Fujii introduced the recipients of \$1000 scholarships, Suzanne Hendrickson and Angela Ma and Angela's husband, Kevin Jiang. Scholarship Committee Chair, Linda Henika, presented the scholarship checks and certificates to each recipient and told us about each woman. Suzanne was an Instructional Aide and enjoyed working with children so much that she registered at California State University to get a teaching degree. She has an excellent reputation at Stonebrae for "interacting positively with all" and her California State Supervisor notes that she creates a "nurturing and challenging atmosphere" for her students. Angela was a language teacher in China and moved in 1998 to Canada where she became an Accounting Specialist; however, her heart was still in teaching and she began teaching Mandarin language classes part time. In 2006, she moved to California and attended California State University/Fullerton. She now works at Hayward High School where she motivates her students with her enthusiasm and love of learning.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 6:38 pm.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Jeanne Lycett and seconded by Bonnie Hansen to accept the March minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The April 2018 Treasurer's Report was distributed. It was moved by Nancy Wales and seconded by Virginia Williamson to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Bonnie Hansen spoke about former member Rachel Majors. She is currently having hospice services five days a week and improving. Susan Fujii informed us that she had received a thank you card from Carol Boyd who attended our 70th Anniversary Celebration in November.

Old Business: There were no outstanding items of old business.

New Business:

Chapter Working Session to Identify Areas of Focus for the Upcoming Biennium.

Expanding our Membership: Suggestions included 1) contacting current teaching members and concentrate on getting them to attend, 2) developing a questionnaire to ascertain when members could attend and what services or programs could be offered to them, 3) determine what our membership focus is – new teachers or more seasoned (5 – 10 year) teachers, 4) research what is available through DKG going for our membership and to attract new members by going through the DKG website, 5) provide programs for new teachers to help them discover more about Hayward, 6) sponsor memberships for starving teachers, 6) create a "cute" bag that could be given to teachers with our brochure and that the brochure should include scholarship opportunities, 7) join third Thursday Street Parties, and 8) focus on school district events such as new teacher training and conferences. In response to these suggestions, several things were noted and included the need to determine who our audience is and that new teacher goody bags never produced new members (although there was never follow through).

Fundraising: 1) sponsor a Bunco Party with more people attending than just our Chapter membership, 2) have book groups discuss favorite books and then have a used book sale following the discussion, 3) join with local Hayward restaurants to get sponsorship, have another mixed bag sale, 4) sponsor programs open to the general public beyond our membership with tickets at a higher price for the public than the membership. It was noted that some of these suggestions rely heavily on a dwindling number of members for their contributions.

Income-producing Activities: Savers.com pays so much per pound for clothing and other accepted items collected by the membership.

Ideas for next year: 1) conduct one of our meetings at the new library and join with the Library Foundation to sponsor a program, 2) have a sewing party for CALICO as one of our meetings to be hosted by Janie Dobbs, and 3) let 1st through 3rd year teachers know about the money available to them through the Penne Ferrell Fund for establishing classroom libraries.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next Meeting: Our meeting on May 23rd will be a fundraiser held at the new book shop, Books on B at 1014 B Street in downtown Hayward at 5pm or anytime thereafter. The cost is \$20/person.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary

Check It Out!

DKG Alpha Omega is on Facebook. If you haven't already, please visit and *Like Us*.
<https://m.facebook.com/DKGAlphaOmegaArea3/>

Alpha Omega has a website and it is up and running. Please check it out. We have important information there, pictures and even our newsletters can now be found on our site. If you have any suggestions, please let Janie know. Save the site as your favorite so it is always at your fingertips.

<https://dkgalphaomegaarea3.weebly.com/>

May 23 FUNDRAISER EVENT
5:00 p.m. or Anytime Thereafter

Books on B

1014 B St., Hayward

Please join us to mingle, sip wine (or other non alcoholic beverages)
and eat delicious appetizers and sweets.

There will be a fun Book Quiz, a book talk, and a recommended summer reading list.

The cost is \$20/person and includes sumptuous wine and food.

Guests are also welcome to attend. (Both Sexes)

We may conduct a brief meeting afterwards should there be necessary items for action.

Please RSVP by May 19 by clicking on the link below.

[https://goo.gl/forms/](https://goo.gl/forms/9wEuLeR7siRNiEQI3)

If for some reason you are unable to open the link, please:

1. Try to right click on the link and then select "open link" or
2. Copy the link and paste in your browser, or
3. Contact Nonnie Moore by phone or email at 510-507-2944 or nonniemoore303@gmail.com

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

We will be taking a group photo for our new DKG-Alpha Omega brochure!

Alpha Omega Treasurer's Report
May 2018

Beginning Balance	3/10/18	\$2953.68
Expenditures		
Check 1141	Scholarship- Suzanne Hendrickson	\$1000.00
Check 1142	Scholarship- Angela Ma	\$1000.00
Check 1143	China Bistro	\$ 410.45
<i>Total Expenditures</i>		<i>\$2410.45</i>
Receipts		
Dinners	(April)	\$ 335.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>		<i>\$335.00</i>
Ending Balance	5/10/18	\$878.23

Respectfully submitted,
Nonnie Moore

QUESTIONNAIRE

Soon, you will be receiving a questionnaire in your email. Please take time to let us know about your ideas to help strengthen and expand our chapter. Your ideas and opinions will give us valuable information about our vision and goals for the future.

Highlights From Our April 24th Meeting

Linda Henika Presents Suzanne Hendrickson
with Alpha Omega's Scholarship Award

Angela Ma Receives Alpha Omega's
Scholarship Award

Angela Ma with Kevin Jiang

Here are our photos from the last meeting! Y'all look great.

