

DKG-Alpha Omega
May
Rosette 2019



President's Message

Susan Fujii

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

Our April Meeting was filled with celebrations! We had an Induction Ceremony of Helen Condos, a retired Hayward Unified School District teacher. Donna Goldenstein provided a background of Helen's teaching career. Helen stated that she is thrilled to be a part of our Chapter and looks forward to offering her talents toward the goals of DKG.

We then continued with our celebrations, presenting Service Recognition Awards to four of our Chapter members. Bonnie Hansen provided a brief background of Janie Dobbs, who is the recipient of a Service to Chapter award. Virginia Williamson read aloud the Certificate of Recognition, which will be presented to Janie at the May meeting. Virginia advised that Janie was responsible for creating a website and brochure for Alpha Omega, contributing to the publication of the Rosette, along with spearheading two fundraising efforts during the year. One fundraiser was organizing the gathering of clothing and other useful items from Chapter members as a scholarship fundraiser with Savers. The other fundraiser was to create and sew blankets for our annual donation to CALICO Kids, along with gathering books, journals and toiletry items, for Christmas.

The next speaker was Jeanne Lycett who introduced Linda Henika, the recipient of Service to Profession. Jeanne provided a brief background of Linda's teaching career and heading the BTSA program for the Hayward Unified School District, along with heading the Chapter Scholarship Committee for new teachers. Linda works closely with Cal State East Bay to develop candidates. Many members offered their comments of working with Linda, and how she inspired them to become better educators through her coaching, and expertise.

Next, Barbara Bishr introduced Jen Gonsalves, one of our recipients of Service to Community. Barbara provided a brief background of Jen's contributions to the community, highlighting her active participation in Habitat for Humanity. Jen shared that she is now involving students in this effort, who on their own, are actively creating groups of young people to participate.

Finally, Marilyn Baker-Madsen introduced Cynthia Breeden-Johnson, our second recipient of Service to Community. Marilyn provided a brief background of Cynthia, outlining her many efforts to ensure that underserved families receive equity in education. Among her efforts, Cynthia spearheaded a program, which our Chapter sponsored, for an online high school education program, along with a Literacy Program at the Hayward Public Library for students and families.

The May meeting is on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**, at Books on B. Marilyn Baker Madsen and her husband will head this event. Please join us for exciting book reviews, as well as onsite shopping. Renee Rettig, the proprietor of this newly established book store, will be hosting this event.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Susan



MEETING MINUTES

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary

April 30, 2019

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Berkovitz, Barbara Bishr, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Jeanne Lycett, Nonnie Moore, Norma Sakamoto, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

Guest: Cynthia Breeden-Johnson

Inductee: Helen Condos

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 5:30pm.
Welcome Members and Guests: President Susan Fujii welcomed members and guests.
Induction of Helen Condos to the Alpha Omega Chapter of DKG: Helen Condos was introduced by Donna Goldenstein and the induction ceremony was conducted by Vice President, Virginia Williamson and President, Susan Fujii.

Service Recognition: Bonnie Hansen introduced Janie Dobbs who was honored for her service to our Chapter. Jeanne Lycett introduced Linda Henika who was honored for her service to the Profession, Barbara Bishr introduced Jennifer Gonsalves who was honored for her service to the Community and Marilyn Baker-Madsen introduced Cynthia Breeden-Johnson who was honored for her service to the Community. Each honoree was presented a certificate and a bouquet of red roses.

Dinner was served.

Business Meeting:

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Nonnie Moore and seconded by Donna Goldenstein to approve the March 19, 2019 Minutes with noted corrections under Old Business, c. Scholarships to correct the spelling of Lycette to Lycett and to change spring to fall. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, distributed and presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2019. It was moved by Bonnie Hansen and seconded by Rosemary Coyne to accept the report. The motion passed.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received this month.

Old Business:

Memorial Bench for Yvonne Thrower: Barbara Bishr provided an update on a memorial bench to be placed at Winton Middle School to honor Yvonne Thrower.

New Business:

Update on New Fundraiser: Alpha Omega will conduct a fundraiser on September 9, 2019 at Gianni's Restaurant in San Ramon. Barbara Bishr and Jennifer Gonsalves are leading this endeavor. Jennifer reported that the six servers who have volunteered will need to report to Gianni's at 4pm. Members are encouraged to make baskets for the auction or to gather items that can be placed into baskets. These can be brought to the May meeting and Barbara will receive these items or baskets.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm by President Susan Fujii.

Next Meeting: Our next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2019 at Books on B, 1014 B. Street in Downtown Hayward from 5-7. Carl & Marilyn Baker-Madsen and Books on B will host an evening of wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and books. The cost is \$15 per person and guests are welcome. This is a fundraiser for our Chapter's Scholarship Fund for teachers. 10% of any purchases made during the fundraiser will go to the fund.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary





May 22, 2019 MEETING
Books on B
1014 B Street
Hayward



Delta Kappa Gamma
at



Books on B



Tuesday, May 22, 2019
5pm--7pm

A Fundraiser for
DKG Scholarship Fund
for Teachers

\$15 per person
guests welcome

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Please click below to RSVP.

<https://forms.gle/kNAtnXfSBc4evdfj7>

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





Treasurer's Report

May 2019

By *Nonnie Moore*

Beginning Balance 4-5-19	\$4322.09
Expenditures	
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	
Janie Dobbs - ink cartridge Rosette	90.65
Susan Fujii- favors for meetings	28.00
Edward Zhu- 18 dinners Chef's	454.35
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$573.00</i>
Receipts	
Dues – 10 A, 5 R	\$1135.00
Virtual for Scholarships	35.00
Dinners (16 + 2 guests)	400.00
Pin- H. Condos	15.00
Installation to DKG	2.50
Dinner for May	15.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>\$1602.50</i>
Ending Balance 5-10-19	\$5377.59

UPDATE ON DUES COLLECTION



Bravo to all members who heeded the call and paid early! We have only two members left and both have indicated they will send their checks or bring them to the May 22 Books on B event!

Unfortunately Joanne Malta- Weingard and Nancy Christensen will not be continuing at this time. We'll miss them and hope that they will wish to be reinstated later. Sandy Daly has moved to Arizona. It's still unclear whether

she will become a reserve member or transfer to a local chapter.

Cynthia Breeden- Johnson asked to be reinstated at the April 30 meeting. Helen Condos was welcomed as a new member at that same meeting.

We end the 2018-2019 year with 34 confirmed members: 7 Reserve and 27 Active.



Our Big Chapter Fundraiser
Monday, September 9th
5-8 p.m.

Jen and Barbara will be sending an email to all sometime in August with details. Hopefully you will forward the info to your friends and family to encourage them to make dinner reservations. It's important to let them know that we are going to make our money through their generous tips.

Baskets, baskets, baskets!!! We are collecting items that can be added to baskets that folks could bid on by buying raffle tickets. Barbara is willing to collect your items during the summer. Email her at bbishr@comcast.net to arrange for pickup. These baskets will be assembled by genre and wrapped with plastic wrap in late August. Lists will be attached with what the basket's contents contain. Members volunteering that evening are Jen, Bonnie, Nonnie, Janie and Virginia. We will add details for additional help as needed in the email in August.



DKG CALIFORNIA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Overlooking San Francisco Bay at the SF Airport Marriott Waterfront, nearly 500 DKG members gathered on May 3 – 5 for the 2019 DKG California Convention. The convention was astounding! With the theme, “Celebrating Purposeful Progress,” there were activities and inspiration at every turn! From professional development workshops and interest breakout sessions to wonderful, inspiring speakers, there was truly something for everyone.

There were 39 workshops and interest sessions available, and they ran the gamut. Here are just a few that were offered...

- A technology “clinic” addressing “how to” requests from attendees
- Road Scholar: Adventures in Lifelong Learning
- Story-Telling in Emerging Writers’ Workshop
- Legislative Updates
- Medicare Questions and Answers
- Igniting the Power of Families for Improving Their Children’s Literacy
- Cake decorating!



The keynote speakers were truly inspiring! On Saturday we were encouraged to “Focus on Life” by **Kathryn Winslow**, or “Captain Kate” as she is known. With an extensive background as an educator at all levels, elementary through university, Kate is now a professional guide and boat captain in Southeast Alaska, where she enjoys all manner of outdoor activities and establishes her “sense of place” by learning and interacting with people as she leads them to explore the wonders of Alaska. Her message was to explore where we are and to embrace lifelong learning... to focus on life!



Our speaker on Sunday morning was **Rachel Hibler**, a middle school theatre teacher and forensics coach who is also a DKG member. She spoke about her journey, beginning as an English teacher at a STEM-focused middle school and being asked by her principal to create something in the arts to offer as an after-school alternative to the STEM curriculum. Long story short, her small beginning in teaching theatre on the stage after school has grown into an overflowing multi-section theatre arts and forensics program. Citing research indicating the vast academic benefits created by exposure to the arts, as well as the overwhelming response by students, Rachel concluded with a convincing argument in favor of including the arts in ANY academic program. As one of her students wrote, “My theatre class has given me more confidence, more bravery, and ability to talk in front of an audience without nerves. I LOVE IT!”

Here are a few more highlights of the Convention...

- The business meeting provided an opportunity for representatives from each chapter to vote on changes to the state bylaws.
 - Membership is now extended to “collegiate” members, undergraduate or graduate students pursuing an education degree intending to continue in the field of education
- A new slate of state officers was installed for 2019-2021. The new state president will be **Sue Noyes**.
- Three DKG California Distinguished Service Awards were presented:
 - **Daphne Cagle** for Distinguished Service to DKG California
 - **Dr. Audry Lynch** for Distinguished Service to the Profession
 - **Christopher Steinhauser** for Distinguished Service to the Community
- A Treasurer’s workshop outlined new procedures for chapter treasurers.
- The Visual and Performing Arts Committee held a beautiful art gallery featuring art by DKG members
- “Order of the Rose” recognized two chapters from Area III for three or more new members.

IN THE CONVENTION PROGRAM...

Alpha Omega was recognized as a
Five Star Chapter!

Alpha Omega's Penne Ferrell Award recipient was recognized:
• **Sabine Menette**
Thank you to her sponsor!
• **Jennifer Gonsalves**

Alpha Omega's Chapter Service Award recipients were recognized:

- **Janie Dobbs** – Service to Chapter
- **Linda Henika** – Service to the Profession
- **Jennifer Gonsalves and Cynthia Breeden-Johnson** – Service to the Community

Alpha Omega was recognized for our support of CALICO as a Youth at Risk project.

Our loving remembrance of **Yvonne Thrower** was featured.

Two Alpha Omega members were honored as 55-year members:

- **Lila Chambers**
- **Ardelle Ward**

Next year's DKG California Convention will be May 1 – 3, 2020, and will be in Santa Clara! Hope you can come!

~ Virginia Williamson



Best Wishes to our DKG Alpha Omega Birthday Gals!



May Birthdays

13 - Mary Ann Gonsalves

29 - Lila Chambers





Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Carl and I have been traveling, so the following notes are based on the **Audible** versions of the following books.

Where The Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens, is a coming of age account that is part mystery, legal drama and love story. It is a story of loneliness, love, loss, abandonment, betrayal, desperation, prejudice, hope, survival, resilience, determination and strength. Catherine Danielle Clark, “Kya”, and the supporting characters in this book are expertly crafted and memorable in this stunning debut novel. At six years of age Kya is abandoned, one by one, by her family and left to fend for herself in a shanty in the marsh. This poignant story is an account of how Kya survives alone in the North Carolina marsh. In heartrending detail, the reader comes to know the reclusive “Marsh Girl” and marvel at her persistence and strength as she encounters betrayals by family and friends. We root for her as she transcends each set back and continues her self-education to become a noted author of a number of books on marsh life. Upon her death, the reader discovers new facts about Kya and finds the solution to the mystery in the story. The **Audible** version is delivered by a wonderful reader who brings each character and the marsh, and the lush life that inhabits it, to life. Both Carl and I enjoyed this story and recommend it in either format.

Michelle Obama’s, Becoming, is an honest, inspiring, thought-provoking and moving story of her life from her childhood in the South Side of Chicago, to Princeton University, to Harvard Law, her courtship and marriage to Barak, their family and her career choices, and her days as First Lady to the present. Michelle Obama is a gifted writer and this three part memoir – Becoming Me, Becoming Us, and Becoming More – is her deeply personal story that provides in depth accounts of life with her family as a child, life as a single young lawyer, life with Barak and her children, and life in the White House. This poignant, and sometimes heartbreaking account is a gift to the reader. I laughed and I cried as I listened to Michelle read her uplifting story. I gained deeper respect for this woman that I have admired since coming to know her as First Lady. She exemplifies those qualities that many of us aspire to but seldom reach. Throughout the book, the reader is encouraged to reach deep and to do more. This powerful book made me wistful for a return to the kind of civility and dedication to country that we experienced with the Obamas. I would recommend listening to the **Audible** version so you can experience this memoir read by the author and also buying the hardcopy of the book to revisit for a dose of inspiration when “*this old world is getting you down.*”



DKG Alpha Omega Highlights April Meeting



Bonnie Hansen presents Service to Chapter award to Janie Dobbs



Virginia Williamson reads Janie's award aloud



Jean Lycette introduces Linda Henika



Alpha Omega group



Virginia Williamson presents Linda Henika'a Service to Profession Award



Alpha Omega members listen to introduction of service awards



Virginia Williamson presents Jennifer Gonsalves with Service to Community award



Marilyn Baker-Madsen introduces Cynthia Breeden-Johnson



Virginia Williamson presents Service to Community Award certificate



Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar 2018 - 2019

September 17	Chapter Meeting at Chef's Experience China Bistro
October 27	Chapter Fundraiser -Dublin Savers, 7117 Regional St., Dublin from 1:00-2:00
October 30	Chapter Meeting
November 1	Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Deadline for Submission
November 27	Chapter Meeting
December 1	Blanket Making Party at Janie's
December 1	Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award Deadline for Submission
December 1	Distinguished Service to DKG California Deadline for Submission
December 11	Tentative Holiday Party
December 31	Scholarship Grants/Awards Deadline for Submission
January 21	Chabot College - Martin Luther King, Jr. Event
February	Chapter Virtual Meeting
March 1	Chapter Service Award Deadline for Submission
Tuesday, March 19	Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, April 30	Chapter Meeting
May 3-5	California Convention in Burlingame
Tuesday, May 22 updated	Chapter Meeting at Books on B
Thursday, August 15	Hayward Third Thursday Street Party