

November Rosette 2016



President's Message: *Susan Fujii and Annette DeJulio*

Happy Thanksgiving to All,

There is always a strong feeling of comradeship when we meet. There is an air of mutual support and a desire to achieve some kind of altruistic yet authentic goal for education. AND we aren't bad at socializing! As we speed along in our own active lives during this season, let's remember to give thanks even if it is just a smile or word of appreciation to each and every person who touches us whether it is the recycling folks, the mail carrier or the people who serve us. It has made me so very happy to receive that note of care myself.

This month we will have an opportunity to hear from Cynthia Breeden-Johnson, the Literacy Program Coordinator for the City of Hayward Public Library, who is working in conjunction with the California State Library Association Career Online High School program. This program changes lives and creates unimaginable opportunities. Let's support this program.

We look forward to seeing you at our November 16 meeting at the China Bistro,

Susan Fujii and Annette DeJulio





Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting/October 25, 2016/Minutes

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Bercovitz, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Janie Dobbs, Noreen Dolyniuk, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Mary

Ann Gonsalves, Jean Groth, Jeanne Lycett, Joanne Malta-Weingard, Emilia Martins, Nonnie Moore, Laura Orabi, Nancy Wales, Rosella Wick-Lesher, Virginia Williamson

Guests: Ruby Goodall, Emma Ochsner, Nancy Ogden, Peggy Stenson

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Susan Fujii, who advised that Co-President, Annette DeJulio, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Welcome Members and Guests. Co-President, Susan Fujii, extended a warm welcome to members and guests, with a special welcome to Rosella Wick-Lesher. Susan noted a change in the usual order of the meeting was made to accommodate our guest speaker. Jennifer Gonsalves introduced, Suzanne Barba, from the League of Women Voters, who gave a presentation on the 17 State Propositions on the November 8, 2016 Ballot.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Nancy Wales and seconded by Jean Groth to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, directed attention to the Treasurer's Report for October 2016 distributed at the beginning of the meeting and noted that the Report was developed to meet the Rosette deadline. Since that time, dues have been paid which brings the total down to \$5,000. It was moved by Marilyn Baker-Madsen and seconded by Virginia Williamson to accept the Treasurer's Report for October as presented. The motion passed. Presentation to Monica Rock. The presentation to Past President, Monica Rock, will be deferred to a meeting when she is in attendance.

Honor Working Teachers. Gifts were presented to Laura Orabi in honor of her continued service to make education a force for excellence.

Correspondence. Corresponding Secretary, Karin Bercovitz, read letters from Marsha Riley, Rosella Wick-Lesher and Mary Kincaid.

Old Business. No items were offered.

New Business:

Sign-up for Committees – Jean Groth is contacting members to sign-up for committees. It was noted that the group decided not to fill two officer positions and do the work of these positions in committees. We all need to serve on a committee to make this work.

Location for Holiday Party – Co-President, Susan Fujii, invited volunteers to host the holiday party.

CALICO - Donna Goldenstein asked members if they would be interested in providing presents for Calico Kids as we did last year. There was general agreement to do this.

Scholarship Committee Report – this item will be carried forward to the November agenda.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 5:00pm at China Bistro.

Meeting Dates: November 16, December TBD, January 17, February 8 (joint meeting with Zeta Zeta), March Virtual, April 25, May 17.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Co-President, Susan Fujii.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary



A huge thank you to Suzanne Barba, from the League of Women Voters who gave an outstanding presentation on the 17 State Propositions on the November 8, 2016 Ballot.



NOVEMBER MEETING:

We will be meeting at China Experience on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$25. Click on the link below to RSVP. Deadline is Monday, 11/14/16.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVqec-FgXZt7u6RAW5Cs2wRx2DsBXInKPQM4voY2Oie5BTg/viewform>

Cynthia Breeden-Johnson, Literacy Program Coordinator for the City of Hayward Public Library will speak to us about the new joint venture with the California State Library Association: Career Online High School.

I'm hoping our group finds this a worthy cause for support. We could sponsor one student for \$1,095. For more information you can Google.



Treasurer's Report

November 7, 2016

Beginning Balance 9/1/16	\$8149.34
Expenditures:	
Chef's Experience-25 dinners (3 guests)	\$550.00
Dues to Chi State (31 x \$64, 8 x \$30, 39 x \$3)	\$2341.00
Dues to Area III (31 x \$2.75)	\$ 85.25
Insurance (39 x \$1)	\$ 39.00
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$3015.25</i>
Receipts	
Dues	\$ 227.00
Dinners 21 dinners	\$ 525.00
Decorations	\$ 35.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>\$ 787.00</i>
Ending Balance - 11/07/16	\$5916.29

Respectfully submitted,
Nonnie Moore

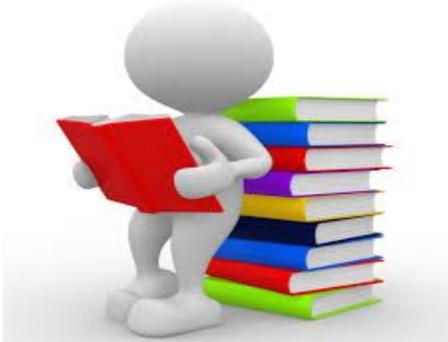


Legislative News

Propositions 52, 55, 58, placed on November 8's ballot passed overwhelmingly in California. What do these propositions mean for education? Proposition 52 supports the more than half of all medi-cal users;

children. This will ensure they are able to come to school ready to learn. These federal funds will be used specifically for medical and will free up state funding for other important programs. In Alameda county alone 169,006 children are covered by medi-cal. Because this Prop was passed, \$3,685,768,284 helps maintain billions of dollars in funding to support health for low-income children as well as seniors. Proposition 55 protects critical funding for education and keep vital services intact. Voters did not want to return to the days of teacher layoffs, larger classes and skyrocketing tuition, or see cuts to other important services. California's schools are still recovering from the cuts made during the recession. Proposition 55 will allow the state to improve access to healthcare for low-income children and invest in its Rainy Day Fund. This is especially important for the nearly 7 million children who rely on Medi-Cal for their health care needs. Children have the best chance of succeeding in school when they are healthy and ready to learn.

Proposition 58 also known as the LEARN initiative helps students learn English as quickly as possible and helps those second language learners to master a second language. Its proven that programs taught in more than one language achieve higher levels of academic success. This gives parents more say in what programs they want their children to participate in. Previously, Prop 227 restricted the instructional methods school districts could use to teach English and it limited English only students the chance to participate in language immersion programs. Prop 58 restores local control to the schools and gives parents more of a voice. It also give English only students a chance to learn a second language. One last thought: Education seems to finally be a top priority for California.



Book Notes

By Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Favorite Authors: As booksellers, we are fortunate to receive Advanced Reader copies of forthcoming books. This past year I read advanced copies of books of two of my favorite authors. These two authors have many things in common. There is storytelling magic in the hands of these authors. Both take a slender thread of historical fact and weave it into stories that come magnificently alive. These authors are consummate

researchers who create stunningly original novels. Their stories are humorous and heartbreaking, poignant and unvarnished, with hope hovering through the darkest moments. Strong characters, especially female characters, are so tangible that the reader feels their every emotion. These are astounding literary and significant authors of our time. Geraldine Brooks and Chris Cleave tell stories with breathtaking emotional insight.

Chris Cleave makes a departure by psychologically forcing us to step outside of our comfort zones to let the world in and embrace our own and others humanity. He weaves history and a love story with humor and heartbreak through vast sweeps of World War II, in [Everyone Brave is Forgiven](#). It is the story of a young British socialite and her departure from a blueblood political family to support the war effort, her relationships with her friend, two men she falls in love with and a young black American boy. This book is an extensive epic with unforgettable characters, cultural insights, and indelible scenes that are both heartbreaking and hopeful. The promotional materials for this book tell us if you like [All the Light We Cannot See](#) (Anthony Doerr) and [Nightingale](#) (Kristin Hannah) you will find [Everyone Brave is Forgiven](#) your next beloved book.

The story of [Little Bee](#) (#1 New York Times Bestseller) springs from the unspeakable atrocities that occur in the African oil exploration and exploitation. From a Nigerian beach to upper class London, this harrowing and heartwarming story full of poignancy and grace grips the reader from the first lines that Little Bee speaks as the story opens. Cleave leads his readers to a deep understanding of ethical and personal accountability. It is a disservice to give away the powerful conclusion to this book in whose darkest moments come a searing ray of hope.

[Gold](#) is the story of Zoe, Kate and Jack who are competitors in Olympic speed cycling and Sophie, the daughter of Kate and Jack who is battling cancer. In this story, readers wade through the shifting sands of ambition, loyalty and love as the adult characters grapple with these emotions. I have not read Cleave's debut novel, [Incendiary](#).

I was late to discover Geraldine Brooks; however, when I did, I jumped on the bandwagon hook, line and sinker! When the Advanced Reader for [The Secret Chord](#) came to The Book Shop, I was thrilled. I am not a Bible scholar, but I didn't need to be as the author tells the story of the life of King David through

the prophet Nathan. All of the story in the Bible is in this astounding book and the blank spaces in the historical record are filled in with the author's imaginative account of the lost histories of Nathan chronicling the life of David.

The first book of this Pulitzer Prize winning author that I read was People of the Book, a story that traces the journey of the Sarajevo Haggadah from its salvation during the Bosnian War back to its creation. The Sarajevo Haggadah is one of the earliest illuminated Jewish volumes and the author uses tiny artifacts found in the pages of the book – an insect wing, wine stains, salt crystals and a white hair – to unlock the Haggadah's mysteries.

Caleb's Crossing is the story of a young Indian man from the area around Martha's Vineyard in 1665, who becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard. From this slender fact, Geraldine Brooks creates a gripping story of pioneers and Puritans, of discrimination in many forms and of human triumph. The narrator of the book is Bethia Mayfield, an inquisitive young girl who yearns for an education that is denied her by her sex. Bethia is a wonderfully multidimensional and inspiring character. "The way she creates her life using the best of whatever is handed to her, puts the struggles of American women today into perspective." Susan Salter Reynolds, *The Los Angeles Times*. Other books by this author are the Pulitzer Prize-winning, March and Year of Wonder.

Here is wishing happy reading to all of you!

