

# DKG-Alpha Omega November Rosette 2019



## President's Message

*Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

First of all, I wish to express my appreciation for all the thoughtful cards, prayers, and notes that I received on the recent passing of my mother. Your kindness at this time provided comfort to my family and to me.

I understand that we had an amazingly successful Area III Conference this year! With over 70 attendees, and ten Chapter Honorees being celebrated at this event, we have received many compliments. An excerpt from a card addressed to Members of the Area III Board that I just received from Kathlan Latimer, DKG California Second Vice President: "Kudos to you all for a job well done. I enjoyed the Fall Conference immensely, from the Fellowship, Food, and Keynote Speaker, everything was superb.....how your team pulled together to make the event run smoothly." Marilyn Reid, DKG California Treasurer, reported that the income from both the Silent Auction, as well as the Chapter baskets, contributed to this success. A big "thank you" also to all members of Alpha Omega Chapter who attended this conference to honor Janie Dobbs, our Chapter Honoree this year. Janie, we are so fortunate to have you!

The October Chapter meeting was chaired by Virginia Williamson in my absence. Virginia communicated to me that our speaker, Sara Lamnin, Hayward City Council Member, provided a very informative talk, outlining her own career path and her journey to the Hayward City Council, as well as the issues which concern her that she is working to improve. Her talk was in keeping with this year's 2019-2020 focus of WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Another Chapter success for October included the FUNDrive, headed by Janie Dobbs. This is the second year Chapter members donated clothes and items to this cause, which not only contributes to our community in a big way, but also provides income to our Chapter towards scholarships for our Hayward teachers.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind are the **Calico Blanket Sewing Party, at Janie Dobbs' home, November 23, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, and our **Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 10, location to be announced.**

The November meeting is on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019**, at the China Bistro. Our program for the evening will be something a bit different. Please see an article in this issue of The Rosette for more information! Our schedule will be Registration at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Susan



## MEETING MINUTES

# Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

October 30, 2019

*Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary*

**Present:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Barbara Bishr, Peggy Colett, Janie Dobbs, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Linda Henika, Jeanne Lycett, Nonnie Moore, Karen Taylor, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

**Guests:** Chyna Galloso, Ghislaine Gery, Sara Lamnin, Lynette Njeri and Nancy Ogden.

**Welcome Members and Guests:** Vice President Virginia Williamson welcomed members and guests. She invited Linda Henika to present Alpha Omega Grants. Linda acknowledged the good work of her fellow committee members, Donna Goldenstein, Jeanne Lycett, Donna Morris and Marsha Riley. Linda introduced Lynette Njeri who works with autistic preschoolers and who will purchase sensory items for her pupils. Ghislaine Gery, a French teacher at Mt. Eden High School was introduced. She explained that grant monies she received will be used for her students to make pop-up books that will help them master French.

**Program:** Vice President Virginia Williamson introduced Hayward City Councilwoman, Sara Lamnin who spoke about her initial run for City Council which she lost and her subsequent run for the HUSD School Board, which she also lost. Sara shared that she accepted that public office was not something in store for her when she was asked to run again. She was elected to service on the Hayward City Council in June 2014 and re-elected for a second term in November 2018. She discussed the leadership positions she has taken on issues regarding affordable housing, economic development, homelessness, public finances, transparency and public safety.

### Business Meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Virginia Williamson at 7:24pm.

**Announcements:** Vice President Virginia Williamson informed us that longtime member Rachel Major has passed away and that President Susan Fujii's mother had passed away.

**Minutes from September 25, 2019:** Recording Secretary Marilyn Baker-Madsen presented the minutes from the last meeting. It was moved by Donna Goldenstein and seconded by Nonnie Moore to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, distributed and presented the Approved Budget for 2019-2020. Nonnie also distributed and presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2019. It was moved by Jennifer Gonsalves and seconded by Barbara Bishr to accept the report. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Hansen reports that no correspondence has been received.

**Committee Reports:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen informed the group that the leadership committee made the decision to ask for volunteers to serve on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee in order to raise awareness about our Chapter through community service. Marilyn has served on this committee since its inception and thought other members would represent DKG better. Bonnie Hansen and Virginia Williamson have been serving as members for a year. Marilyn noted that our Chapter might wish to make a donation to this free community event as our Chapter would be acknowledged in the program.

## Old Business:

**Area III Conference:** Virginia Williamson noted that Janie Dobbs was our Chapter honoree at the conference and distributed the program inset in which honorees biographies were contained. She also spoke about the keynote speaker, Kari McAllister, a Hayward resident who serves on the MLK, Jr. Celebration Committee and the Library Commission, and her moving presentation on Transgenderism.

**Savers Fundraiser:** Janie Dobbs informed the group that we made \$507.23 during this fundraiser.

**Penne Ferrell November 1 Deadline:** Virginia Williamson encouraged us to nominate eligible teachers for these grants and directed us how to do this online on the DKG website.

## New Business:

**Update on Grants:** Linda Henika informed us that there are four more recipients in addition to the two introduced tonight. Three will be introduced and presented grants at our November meeting. The committee was thrilled that the grants ranged from preschool to high school teachers.

**U.S. Forum:** Nancy Wales informed us about the DKG Forum that serves the interests and concerns of members in regards to major issues affecting women, children and education and the e-newsletter that keeps members informed about current legislation. She advised us that there will be a National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, Virginia March 15-18, 2020.

**NAACP Event:** The Hayward/South Alameda County NAACP host a religious leaders appreciation dinner each year and Bonnie Hansen and Virginia Williamson were invited to this event. In addition, this group presents an annual Awards Gala. Members of DKG were invited to attend; however, response to the invitation was required before this meeting. In response, Virginia Williamson crafted a business card sized ad that will be placed in the program for our Chapter. Virginia and Marilyn split the cost of the ad.

**Global Awareness Survey:** In the interest of time, Virginia said she would email this survey to members to complete.

**Sister Chapter Zeta Alpha's Toiletry Sorting Party, December 7:** Virginia informed us about this Fremont Chapter that is struggling to stay a vital chapter and invited those interested to join them in putting together packages for the homeless.

**Announcements:** No further announcements were made.

**Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019:** Chef's Experience China Bistro, registration at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm followed by a program and business meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Vice President Virginia Williamson.

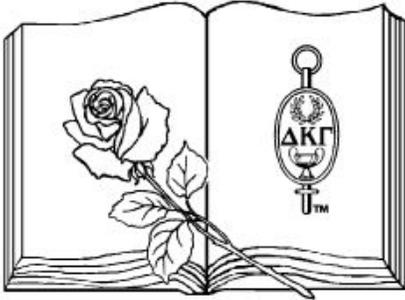
Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Recording Secretary



## NOVEMBER 20 MEETING



I was not able to schedule a speaker for our November Program. I thought about our Chapter year theme - "She Believed She could . . . So She Did!" and realized that each of us have probably had several such moments in our lives driven by a passion for something or given an unexpected opportunity to do something we might not have done otherwise. I am asking members to bring a story of a time in her life when "She Believed She Could . . . So She Did!" You might also want to consider bringing artifacts, pictures, etc. from your experience. I am looking forward to hearing your stories at our November 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Marilyn Baker-Madsen

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### China Bistro

22436 Foothill Blvd, Hayward,

Registration at 5:00. Dinner at 5:30. Meeting following.

Please click on the RSVP link below.

<https://forms.gle/swBL7G48Sq8B4L3D8>

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



## Treasurer's Report

Nonnie Moore

### November 2019

Beginning Balance	10-10-19		\$5141.50
Expenditures			
Chefs China Bistro		\$450.00	
Grant- Ghislaine Gery		\$492.00	
Grant- Lynette Njeri		\$414.00	
<i>Total Expenditures</i>		<i>\$1356.00</i>	<i>\$3785.50</i>
Receipts			
Dinners		\$350.00	
Savers		30.00	
Dues		49.00	
<i>Total Receipts</i>		<i>\$429.00</i>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>11-10-19</b>		<b>\$4214.50</b>





## Legislative Report

*Nancy Wales*

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Nancy shared a brochure from the United States Forum. We thought there was some valuable information that would benefit us all. And we can all access the Rosette instead of searching for a brochure. Below is the information.

Let Your Voice Be Heard on issues concerning women, children and education.

- Call toll free at **866-327-8670** or use the U.S Capitol Switchboard at **202-224-3121**
- Ask for your congressional representative by name
- Visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) for House of Representatives and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) for U.S. Senate
- Track the progress of bills at [www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us)
- Know the bill number and expedite your search by going to [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov)

### Advocacy Websites:

**American Association of University Women**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**American Library Association**

[www.childrendefense.org](http://www.childrendefense.org)

**Department of Education**

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

**Institute for Women' Policy and Research**

[www.iwpr.org](http://www.iwpr.org)

**League of Women's Voters**

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

**National Education Association**

[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

**National Women's Law Center**

[nwlc.org](http://nwlc.org)

**United States Congress**

[www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov)

**Women's Research and Education Institute**

[www.WREI.org](http://www.WREI.org)



## Book Notes

*Marilyn Baker-Madsen*

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By Carl Baker-Madsen - November 2019

Well Marilyn is still extra busy, doing a lot of my chores. I'm not fully released from bending, lifting and twisting restrictions. So here are a couple more book recommendations from Carl:

The Body -- A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson - I love everything he writes and this new one is no exception. I'm about two thirds of the way through and really enjoying it. It's not quite milk coming out of the nose funny, like In a Sunburned Country, or A Walk in the Woods or The Road to Little Dribbling. However Bryson does his usual excellent research and describes the workings of our body in exquisite detail. The cover leaf says:

"Bill Bryson, best selling author of a Short History of Nearly Everything, takes us on a head-to-toe tour of the marvel that is the human body. As addictive as it is comprehensive, this is Bryson at his very best, a must-read owner's manual for everyone.

Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as he guides us through the human body—how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail. Full of extraordinary facts (your body made a million red blood cells since you started reading this) and irresistible Brysonesque anecdotes. The Body will lead you to a deeper understanding of the miracle that is life in general

and you in particular. As Bill Bryson writes, "We pass our existence within this wobble of flesh and yet take it almost entirely for granted." The Body will cure that indifference with generous doses of wondrous, compulsively readable facts and information."

Blue Moon by Lee Child - The reason I am only two thirds of the way through Bill Bryson's new book is because, last Tuesday, the new Jack Reacher novel was released. I think you all know that I am a total sucker for the Reacher books. Blue Moon is really great - I finished it in two and a half days (it took longer than usual because we had Maggie for a five day sleepover) and then read it a second time.

because I was sad it was over. The cover leaf says:

"Jack Reacher returns in this heart-racing new novel from #1 bestselling author Lee Child, creator of "today's James Bond, a thriller hero we can't get enough of" (Ken Follett)

"This is a random universe," Reacher says. "Once in a bluemoon things turn out just right." This isn't one of those times. Reacher is on a Greyhound bus, minding his own business with no particular place to go and all the time in the world to get there. Then he steps off the bus to help an old man who is obviously just a victim waiting to happen.

But you know what they say about good deeds. Now Reacher wants to make it right.

An elderly couple have made a few well-meaning mistakes, and now they owe big money to some very bad people. One brazen move leads to another, and suddenly Reacher finds himself a wanted man in the middle of a brutal turf war between rival Ukrainian and Albanian gangs. Reacher has to stay one step ahead of the loan sharks, the thugs, and the assassins. He teams up with a fed-up waitress who knows a little more than she's letting on, and sets out to take down the powerful and make the greedy pay. It's a long shot. The odds are against him. But Reacher believes in a certain kind of justice...the kind that comes along once in a blue moon.

Renee at Books on B has copies waiting for you - HAPPY READING!

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## Committee News

*What are we up to?*

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### Scholarship Committee Awards

Our Scholarship Committee was very busy this month reviewing scholarship applications and awarding grants to classroom teachers in Hayward Unified School District, grades pre-school, K-12. Thanks to Linda Henika, the Chairperson of the committee, and Donna Goldenstein, Jeanne Lycett, Donna Morris and Marsha Riley for identifying two very deserving teachers who came to speak to us at our October meeting to tell us how they would use their grants.

Ghislaine Gery is a fourth year French teacher at Mount Eden High School. She teaches French to 10th-12th grade students. She received a grant of \$492 for a book-making project for 57 intermediate French students. Each student will make a pop-up book to remember foundational grammar elements and structure in the French language. Once completed, these books will serve as a reference tool for students to correct their own grammatical errors, identified by the instructor, during the journaling portion of the class period. Students will develop a stronger ownership of their own writing and their own learning through the use of their newly constructed reference tool, and will experience deeper learning of the grammar concepts. Additionally, students will create a log of their mistakes to better understand which concepts need to be reinforced. Using the log, they can notice which errors are most common for them. Students will benefit by targeting and mastering their weaknesses through an active learning environment.

Lynette Njeri is a first year Preschool Special Day teacher at SIAC and was awarded \$413.99 to purchase sensory items for her students. Children in special day classes are often expected to follow a visual routine schedule. However, due to the differences in their nervous system function, they require various modifications to process all incoming stimuli from the school and the environment. They have sensitivities to light and noise and need modifications in their learning environment to cater to various proprioceptive input. These students need breaks to refocus. They need a multi-sensorial environment to learn and enrich their senses by learning through their eyes, ears, touch and gross motor play. The various sensory supplies Lynette will purchase will help enhance her students' learning experiences and assist them in developing their fine motor, communication and socialization skills.

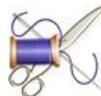
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**November 23, 2019**  
**Blanket Sewing Party for CALICO**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Janie's House**  
**3440 Vermont Place, Pleasanton**



Everyone is invited to Janie's house on November 23 to help sew fleece blankets for the children referred to CALICO. If you can't come, but have a portable machine we can borrow, please let Janie know. You do not have to stay the entire time. Just come and leave as your schedule allows. If you are unable to come that day, but want to help, let Janie know and she can get the fabric to you. Drinks and snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share. Please bring your electric sewing machine if you have one. Janie has enough fleece to make 20 blankets and lots of thread. Feel free to bring any thread or fleece that you have. Bring scissors, too!



Please RSVP: [janie.dobbs1@gmail.com](mailto:janie.dobbs1@gmail.com) or 925-413-7553

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## FUNDRAISER



Our fundraiser on October 26 at Savers, Dublin was a huge success, thanks to all of the DKG-Alpha Omega members who collected donations. In total we collected 1,855 pounds of soft goods (clothes, accessories, linens, etc.), 939 pounds of hard goods (kitchen items, knickknacks, sports equipment, etc.), 1,222 pounds of books and 5 large items. We raised \$507.23. Members expressed an interest in doing it again. In the meantime, please tell other organizations and groups about our success, and let them know that if they do a fundraiser with Savers and mention us, we will receive \$50 for the referral.

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*Happy Birthday to our Alpha Omega Sisters!  
May your day be filled with lots of love and happiness.*

### November Celebrations

4 Rosella Wick-Lescher  
17 Virginia Williamson  
29 Marsha Riley



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### Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar 2019 - 2020

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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



## Meeting Highlights

October 30, 2019



Linda Henika presents a scholarship award to Lynette Njeri, a first year Special Day Preschool Teacher.



Linda Henika presents a scholarship award to Ghislaine Gery, a French teacher at Mount Eden High School.



Hayward City Council Member, Sarah Lamlin speaks to DKG-Alpha Omega group.



DKG-Alpha Omega members, Barbara Bishr, Nancy Wales, Jennifer Gonsalves, and guests, Nancy Ogden and Lynette Njeri listening to Sarah Lamlin.



Sarah Lamlin with her intern from Mount Eden, Chyna Gallosa



Virginia Williamson presents Janie Dobbs with a picture of the 2019 DKG Chapter Honorees.