

DKG-Alpha Omega Rosette

October 2020



President's Message

Susan Fujii
Area III Director, DKG California
President, Alpha Omega Chapter

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

It feels like Fall! We're beginning to feel a chill in the air!

Last month we began our 2020-2021 year with our first meeting via Zoom. We are so fortunate to have Janie Dobbs, one of our chapter members and a co-editor of our newsletter, *The Rosette*, to facilitate this meeting. Janie even presented us with a poll where members specified their preferences for meeting dates/times. The result of this poll indicated that members were pleased with the Wednesday dates, along with the scheduled time of 4:00 p.m., with a goal of the meeting being one hour in duration.

As Janie suggested in the most recent Rosette, members need to register in advance to attend the meeting once they receive an email link. Then a confirmation will be received.

At our September meeting, our three newest chapter members, Evelyn LaTorre, Toni Schlobohm, and Deanna Stemm, were introduced and provided a brief background. Then the remainder of the members each provided a few comments regarding their own backgrounds and teaching experience.

At this upcoming meeting, to be held via Zoom on October 28th, we will have a representative from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. We will be presented with information as to how the safety of our votes is ensured. A few questions that could be covered in the 20-30 minute discussion might be:

- How and when are the ballots from the official boxes collected?
- Where are they taken, and what are the procedures covering when they are opened and counted?
- When is the final tally expected?
- How are signatures verified?
- Are there any cases of "fake" ballot boxes in Alameda County like have been found in Southern California?
- Other questions will be addressed if time allows.

As per our last meeting, we ask that you review in *The Rosette* the meeting minutes as recorded by Linda Henika, our recording secretary, and the treasurer's report, compiled by our co-treasurers Nonnie Moore and Susan Levy, before the meeting. This will allow our Zoom meeting to keep to the time constraints of one hour through a brief discussion and vote.

We look forward to "seeing you" at our next Zoom meeting on Wednesday, October 28, at 4:00 p.m.



Alpha Omega Members' Corner

Virginia Williamson

“Members’ Corner” is a new feature in *The Rosette*. This will be a place to spotlight members, post information that concerns membership, and provide a member forum. This will also be a way for us to stay connected with each other, particularly until we are able to get together in person again, by sharing updates that you are invited to contribute... family news you'd like to share, activities you've been involved in, perhaps a new hobby you're trying, even recommendations of a recent book you've read or Netflix movie you enjoyed. Please send your items to me at ginnydon@pacbell.net.

Here are some updates about two of our Reserve members...

Gloria Gaylord

Nonnie Moore shared that she heard recently from a long-time member, Gloria Gaylord. Gloria has been a member of DKG since 1980, and she lives now in Three Rivers, California. Nonnie regularly sends the Rosette to Gloria, as she doesn't have email, and Gloria sent this message to Nonnie recently...

“I am returning to my home today after being in a motel in Visalia for the last 17 days due to evacuation from the SQF fire. It is still extremely smoky and ash is still falling but they are getting the fire contained. I will probably keep my stuff ready to go quickly until the fire season is over. I was so grateful to get a motel room and be able to extend my stay.”

Members who would like to write to Gloria may send correspondence to her at: PO Box 385, Three Rivers, CA 93271.



Jean Groth

Jean has been a member of DKG and Alpha Omega since 1994, and she became a Reserve member when she moved to Hawaii three years ago. She purchased a home on the Hilo side of the Big Island, Hawaii. Her son Bill and daughter-in-law Natalie also live on the island of Hawaii, not far from Jean.

Jean has continued to be very busy since she became an islander! She has spent a good deal of time making her new home truly "hers!" She has painted and organized and arranged things to her liking. Knowing Jean's love of gardening, it's not surprising that she has also totally re-done her extensive yard.



Member's Corner, continued:

She has 17 fruit trees now, a lemon and tangerine that were there and needed pruning, and several more that she has planted. She tried planting a persimmon tree, but unfortunately, the pigs that live on the island really like certain non-native plants... and they dug it up and ate all the leaves! As a finishing touch, Jean put a gazebo in her yard... a great place to see the ocean and view her handiwork!



Jean has also joined a gardening class, where they share ideas and crops. People are encouraged to grow their own food on the island, so neighbors share with each other and support the local food pantry as well. She created a raised flower bed for all the veggies she grows.

When she's not gardening, Jean relishes her daily walking routine with a great walking partner, who is also from Northern California. They're up before dawn so they can enjoy the sunrise as they walk... and they finish with a coffee at their local coffee house. What could be better?

Jean's walking routine is temporarily on hold, however, because she had a second knee replacement surgery four weeks ago and is still recovering from a blood clot that developed. She's taking medication and says she is "learning patience!" She's definitely looking forward to getting back to her usual routine. One of the things she truly enjoys and looks forward to again is swimming in son Bill's infinity pool with its gorgeous ocean view. Aloha, Jean!

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma



MEETING MINUTES

Linda Henika, Recording Secretary

September 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Susan Fujii, President, at 4:00 pm.

Present: Susan Fujii, Janie Dobbs, Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Donna Goldenstein, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Linda Henika, Virginia Williamson, Antoinette Schlobohm, Susan Levy, Donna Morris, Jeanne Lycett, Evelyn LaTorre, Deanna Stemm, Nonnie Moore, Bonnie Hansen, Nancy Wales

WELCOME: Susan introduced three new members: Evelyn LaTorre, Antoinette Schlobohm, and Deanna Stemm. Each was asked to tell a little bit about themselves. A more extensive bio is included in the September Rosette.

- Ice Breaker: Each member was asked to introduce themselves and name their favorite dessert.

BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2020

Moved: Donna Goldenstein, **Seconded:** Nancy Wales, Yea: 13 Abstain: 3 **PASSED**

Business, continued:

- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report – September 2020
Moved: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, **Seconded:** Virginia Williamson, Yea: 13 Abstain:3 **PASSED**

- C. Approval of Slate of Officers – Susan to read list:
President – Susan Fujii
Treasurer: - Co-Treasurer – Nonnie Moore; Co-Treasurer – Susan Levy
First Vice President – Virginia Williamson
Second Vice President – Virginia Williamson
Recording Secretary – Linda Henika
Corresponding Secretary – Bonnie Hanse
Parliamentarian – None
Moved: Donna Goldenstein, **Seconded:** Nancy Wales, Unanimous **PASSED**

- D. Poll of Potential Meeting Days and Times – Janie
Most members can meet at 4:00pm Weds. Members who were not present at today's meeting will be contacted for their preference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Technology Workshop – October 17, 2020. Deadline to register online is October 10. Members free; non-members \$5 fee. This information is also in the September Rosette.

- B. Penne Ferrell Application Due November 1. Literary Award to 1st-3rd year Teacher. There will also be an article in the State newsletter with a link to apply. DKG members need to make recommendations.

- C. Open Position of Vice President of Programs – A committee will be formed to design programs. Evelyn LaTorre will join this committee.

- D. Support for our Community Members were asked if they have knowledge of students in need at high school or elementary level. A suggestion was made to look into the South Hayward Parish Food Bank. Susan will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Virginia thanked Janie for the newsletter and Susan thanked Janie for setting up the Zoom meeting.

INSPIRATION:

Susan read a couple of passages from the book "One Heart At A Time"

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.



Next Chapter Meeting

October 28, 2020

4:00 pm

Our next meeting will also be via Zoom. The Meeting ID # and the link will always be the same for each of our meetings. You only need to register once for these meetings at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfumpqT8rG9yLci13BOy5Gykxt4rd7u5g>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you attended the last meeting, there is no need to re-register. You can log-on in one of two ways:

- Click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81890174118>
- Or go to zoom.us, click on “Join a Meeting”, Enter Meeting ID: 81890174118

Zoom should also send you a reminder before the meeting. See you there!



Treasurer's Report

October 2020

By Nonnie Moore

Beginning Balance July 2020		\$3627.72
Expenditures		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$0	
Receipts		
<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$0	
Ending Balance 10/01/2020		\$3627.72

Current members = 25 Active, 8 Reserve



Treasurer's Report, continued:



DRAFT BUDGET
DKG – Alpha Omega 2020-2021

September 2020 Balance Forward \$3570.72

INCOME	ESTIMATE	
Dues to Chapter	\$548.00	
Virtual Meeting	\$600.00	
Annual Event/Fundraiser	\$0	
Initiation (2 new members)	\$ 50.00	
TOTAL	\$1198.00	\$4768.72

EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATE
Insurance (\$1 per member)	\$ 34.00
Area III Dues (\$3 per Active)	\$ 78.00
Program Support (magnets, postage)	\$ 150.00
President's Fund	\$ 100.00
Dinner Guests (10 x 25)	\$ 0
Membership Committee	\$ 100.00
Chapter Honoree	\$ 35.00
Convention	\$ 450.00
Scholarship/Grant	\$ 2500.00
Initiation to Chi State (2 new)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 3457.00

Carry over to 2021-22 \$ 1311.72



Legislative Report

Nancy Wales

The only really important message this month is VOTE! The direction of the country and the rule of law may not actually be on the ballot, but that is really what this Presidential election is going to determine. Your vote is the most important factor of whether our Democracy will survive.

CTA and CalRTA are always out there working for the interests of teachers. Both organizations support Advocacy and Legislative actions. If you need guidance on voting, go to either or both of the websites: cta.org and CalRTA.

There is one Proposition on the ballot that has significant bearing on public education.

Schools and Communities First: Proposition 15.

Prop 15 would allow, starting in 2022-23, certain communities and industrial properties to be assessed at market value rather than the current base year values process under Proposition 13 of 1978. These assessments would be phased in over a three-year period. Forty percent of the new property tax would be allocated for preK-14 public education and would be allocated to the normal average daily attendance funding mechanisms. The Legislative Analyst Office estimates schools would receive between \$2.6 billion to \$4.6 billion at full implementation, depending on the market value of the affected properties.

Ballot Initiatives



Schools and Communities First: Proposition 15

The Proposition would allow, starting in 2022–23, certain commercial and industrial property would be assessed at market value rather than the current base year values process under Proposition 13 of

1978. These assessments would be phased in over a three-year period. Forty percent (40%) of the new property tax revenue would be allocated for pre-K-14 public education and would be allocated to the normal average daily attendance funding mechanisms. The Legislative Analyst Office estimates schools would receive between \$2.6 billion to \$4.6 billion at full implementation, depending on the market value of the affected properties.

Position: Support

Legislative Report, continued:

Affirmative Action: Proposition 16

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 would ask voters to permit the use of race, gender, and ethnic diversity as factors in college admissions, government hiring, and in awarding contracts. The current prohibition from utilizing these factors was placed in the California Constitution by Proposition 209 in 1996. Any preferences provided, if the proposition were enacted, would be subject to the United States Supreme Court decisions regarding allowable use of preferences. These court cases have been brought and decided as other states and private entities do allow preferences based upon race and sex. A major factor in the Supreme Court decisions has been that quotas are not permissible.

Position: Support

Realtor's Initiative: Proposition 19

This proposition would allow more seniors and people affected by natural disasters, such as wildfires, to transfer their current residential property valuation to new property. Currently under Proposition 13, when a residential property is purchased, the purchase price of that property becomes the base year value and that value can increase by no more than two percent a year.

Consequently, the property tax assessment value of property that has been around for a number of years is significantly lower than the market value. Under current law, excepting specified situations, the purchase of a new property would result in the purchaser paying property tax based on the new property purchase price. The California Constitution provides exemption for seniors and others for the sale and the purchase of a property by allowing the seller to keep the property tax assessment of the sole property rather than forcing the property tax assessment to be based on the new property. This Proposition would expand the number of people and types of property that would be subject to the initial property tax as opposed to the sold property tax assessment. According to the Legislative Analyst Office, if enacted, this proposition would provide schools significant new property tax revenue from between \$100 million per year to \$1 billion per year, depending upon the number of properties subject to the proposition and the value of those properties.

Position: Support

Regulation of Dialysis Providers: Proposition 23

This Proposition would require dialysis providers to document the staffing and healthcare at their facilities. This Proposition would provide greater patient protection and safety for individuals in need of dialysis treatment.

Position: Support





Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen has decided to step away from writing the *Book Notes* for *The Rosette* this year. All of us eagerly looked forward to reading her recommendations each month. Let's extend a big thank you to Marilyn for her much-loved and highly regarded piece. We will truly miss her expertly written book reviews.

To fill this void, Linda Henika brilliantly suggested that this column become an open forum for all Alpha Omega Members to share their favorite books with a one or two sentence summary. Thank you, Linda, for this wonderful idea and for being the first contributor.

Linda Henika

Baker's Secret by Stephen P. Kiernan. Recommended to me by Marilyn. It is 1944 on the Normandy Coast of France. A young baker bakes bread for the Nazi's, mixes the flour with ground straw to create enough dough for two extra loaves to feed her starving community. Great story of resistance.

Nancy Wales

James, the Connoisseur Cat by Helen Hahn. This was a free book for Amazon Prime members. It was a delightful read for cat lovers. James is really an extraordinary cat. He is wise and a connoisseur of the finer things in life. He is a good judge of character, too. Anyway, it was quick, fun read. There is a second book called *James, the Fabulous Feline*. It is also free with Amazon Prime.

Nonnie Moore

Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon - Based on the real-life socialite-spy, Australian Nancy Wake, this moving story chronicles the heroic work she undertook on behalf of her beloved French husband and the French people. Under four code names, she operated as one of the most effective leaders of the French Resistance. A love story amid the horrors of war.

Three Hours in Paris by Cara Black speculates on a gripping "What if?" about the only three hours Hitler spent in Paris immediately after its fall in June 1940. Seeking revenge for the deaths of her husband and child in a Luftwaffe bombing, a young female American sharp shooter attempts to take out the Fuhrer and make it safely back to England. Fast-paced and heart-pounding!

Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini - Four courageous and resilient women, two Americans and two Germans, wage a clandestine battle to bring the truth of Hitler's rise and the subsequent horrors to the attention of the US, other allied powers, and the German people. Like Erik Larson's *In the Garden of the Beasts*, Martha Dodd, daughter of the American Ambassador to the Third Reich, figures prominently in the behind the scenes political dramas. But the primary heroine is Wisconsin's Mildred Fish Harnack, whose birthday is still celebrated in that state's schools. Historical fiction at its best!

Janie Dobbs

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. The story follows the lives of two siblings, the house of their childhood and their struggle to make sense of their childhood.

***This article needs member input, so if you have just finished a great book that you would like to share with us, please send that information to Barbara Bishr or Janie Dobbs.**



The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award

Submission Deadline is November 1

It's not too late to nominate a new teacher for the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award

Who is eligible to apply for the award and how often?

- A non-Delta Kappa Gamma member
- A woman educator in her first through third year of assignment and prospective DKG member
- An educator who has not been a prior recipient

What does the award fund?

- The award is intended to finance the cost of books, e-books, or reading apps. These *reading/literacy* resources are intended to supplement curriculum or for a classroom library.
- A recipient may receive an award for an amount up to but not exceeding \$200.

How are applicants notified after applying?

- A limited number of applications will be funded pending availability of funds. When the award application is approved or declined, the applicant will be notified by email from the committee.
- DKG members are encouraged to donate to the Penne Ferrell Fund regularly.

What is the Application Process?

- Click on the [Application Form](#) to apply.
- Applicants must be recommended by a current DKG member.
- The information of the recommending DKG member and the applicant is required to complete the form.
- All fields must be completed in order to submit the application. Print a copy of the confirmation page for your records. If a confirmation page does not appear, your application has not been submitted.
- Applications are due no later than **November 1**. Late applications will not be considered.
- The committee will review the application and determine the eligibility of the applicant.
- Selected awardees will receive an electronic letter of recognition and be funded in a timely manner.
- The certificate and award check should be presented to the awardee at a chapter/area event or at her place of employment. Photos of such events should be sent to the committee at dkgcastep1@gmail.com to be included in the convention presentation the first weekend in May.
- Recipients are required to email a photo of the resources funded by this award to dkgcastep1@gmail.com by the end of April.
- Recipients will be acknowledged in the DKG California Convention program.

Contact Virginia Williamson at 510-604-1744 or ginnydon@pacbell.net if you would like more information.



October Celebrations

Happy Birthday to our Alpha Omega Sisters! Wishing you happiness on your special day and always.

2 Peggy Collett
10 Cindy Johnson
24 Karen Taylor



Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar

2020 - 2021

Wednesday, Sept 23	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 28	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov 18	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 9	Tentative Holiday Party	4:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan 27	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
February	Virtual Meeting	4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 24	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26	Chapter Meeting on Zoom	4:00 pm





DKG Alpha Omega Highlights

September 2020

Our first Zoom Meeting was a huge success, thanks to Susan Fujii's leadership in presenting an interesting agenda that included some interaction and lots of important information. It was so wonderful to see our fellow members including some new faces. I hope everyone can join us at the October meeting.

