

October Rosette 2016



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

Dear Friends,

We are most happy to greet you this October. This meeting is a special one in that we are privileged to have a representative from the League of Women Voters as our speaker. The executive committee is continuing to work on future meeting activities with your support. Please make sure that your name is on a committee; we need you. We greatly appreciate the efforts of working teachers and the members of our chapter who continually support all of us.

Our finances are strong and will allow us to increase scholarship amounts and donations. If you have additional ideas, let us know.

One of our goals is to expand our membership by actively seeking new educators to further enhance our chapter.

We are looking forward to seeing and visiting with you on October 25 at 5:30 at the China Bistro AKA the Chef's Experience. The speaker will begin her program at 5:30 promptly.

Susan Fujii and Annette DeJulio





Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting/September 28, 2016/Minutes

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Rosemary Coyne, Annette DeJulio, Janie Dobbs, Elisabeth Geiger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Jean Groth, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Jeanne Lycett, Stephanie Magallon,

Emilia Martins, Nonnie Moore, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson. **Guest:** Cynthia Ball

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

Welcome Members and Guests. Co-President, Annette DeJulio, extended a warm welcome to returning members and guest, Cynthia Ball.

Presentation of Appreciation Gift for Monica Rock and Gifts for Working Members. The presentation to Past President, Monica Rock, will be deferred to a meeting when she is in attendance. Gifts were presented to members present at the meeting who are still teaching in honor of their continued service to make education a force for excellence. Jennifer Gonsalves, Stephanie Magallon, Emilia Martins and Virginia Williamson were honored. Seven more members will be honored at the October Meeting.

Approval of Minutes. It was noted by Linda Henika that she made she made the Scholarship Committee Report and that Marsha Riley was a member of this committee whose name had been omitted. Linda also noted that Jennifer Gonsalves introduced the winner of the scholarship. It was moved by Jean Groth and seconded by Donna Goldenstein to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report. Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, directed attention to the Treasurer's Report for May 2016 distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Nonnie also called attention to the Alpha Omega Treasurer's Report/End of Year Report for 2015-2016 and informed the group that she conducted an audit with Past Treasures, Colleen Spinato.

Proposed Budget. Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, walked the group through the Draft Budget for 2016-2017. Co-President, Annette DeJulio, appreciated Nonnie for all her work on behalf of Alpha Omega and the members.

Correspondence. Notes from Mary Kincaid, Karen Taylor and Ardelle Ward were shared with the group.

Old Business:

Membership. Dues are to be paid by the 1st of October. It was moved by Linda Henika and seconded by Virginia Williamson that Mary Kincaid should be retained as a reserve member. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Committees. Members were asked to choose a committee on which to serve.

Membership Committee's 3 R's.

Virginia Williamson spoke about the Membership Committee and how this Committee will work to keep our Chapter strong. There are three things that our Chapter does that Virginia feels are most important: 1) supporting education and educators, 2) reaching out to the community at large and forming partnerships, and 3) providing enrichment for our members. With this in mind, the Membership Committee will have a three-fold focus – Recruit, Retain and Reinstate – to bring in new members, provide existing members enrichment and inviting past members to come back. It was noted by Donna Goldenstein that when our Chapter is recruiting, we should think about past scholarship awardees. She also noted that two Hayward teachers are finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science; Mia Buljan for Math and Nancy Wright for Science.

Linda Henika spoke about the Scholarship Committee. They will bring recommendations to the next meeting. She also asked the group to consider another scholarship and/or consider increasing the amount of one scholarship.

Jennifer Gonsalves asks for a description of our organization that can be sent to prospective members. The Scholarship Committee has a description and is a printed brochure that has useful information.

Virginia Williamson advised the group that there is a fund for women teachers who are not current members of DKG. The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award provides \$200 for building classroom libraries.

Jennifer Gonsalves spoke about the upcoming HUSD School Board election. There are 3 candidates being supported by CLASS (Civic Leaders Advocating School Success). There is a candidate's forum on October 5th. Jennifer encouraged members to become educated in regards to the election and to get out and vote.

Date & Location for Holiday Gathering. Co-President, Annette DeJulio asked for a volunteer to host the Holiday Meeting. It was noted by Elisabeth Geiger that it was too early to consider and suggested this item be carried forward.

Committees. Members were encouraged to choose a committee on which to serve. The job of running our organization depends on the participation of each member to ensure our success.

Chi State Convention 2016. Co-President, Annette DeJulio, shared her experiences in attending this convention along with Susan Fujii. Annette felt empowered and learned that we have a voice as women and educators.

Announcements. The Area III Conference is scheduled for October 29th at the Crow Canyon Country Club from 9:30 – 12:30. The theme is The Arts and the Importance of Arts in our Student’s Lives. Executive Director, Carol Zilli, of Music for Minors II will present “Why Music?” Attendees are encouraged to bring a sample of their creative work to share. The DKG California convention is scheduled for May 5 – 7, 2017 and will be held in Los Angeles at the LAX Airport Marriott.

Red Roses to Nancy Wales for making our Meeting Dates refrigerator magnets, to Norine Dolynuik for agreeing to produce our directory again, and to Nonnie Moore for a great membership dues campaign and for assembling the gifts for members who are still teaching. Jeanne Lycett announced the Tips For Change Event benefitting Scholarships, Inc.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 5:00pm.

Meeting Dates: October 25, November 16, December TBD, January 17, February 8, March Virtual, April 25, May 17.

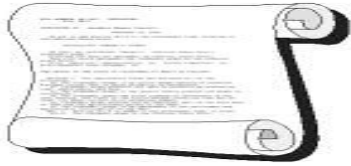
Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Co-President, Annette DeJulio, who encouraged members to visit the Committee Sign-Up table. *“What we can’t always do alone, we can do as a group.”* Jean Groth, Past President

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary



OCTOBER MEETING:

We will be meeting at China Experience on Tuesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$25.



Legislative News by Nancy Wales

November 8 is Election Day. Don't forget to vote!

After doing several days of weight lifting and getting new eyeglasses, I tackled the voter information tome. Lots of stuff in there! I decided that we retirees have better things to do with our time than strain our backs

trying to hold and read that document. There are seventeen propositions on the ballot. After some searching I found a condensed version and want to share it with all of you. The author is Damian Carroll. He summarized the ballot propositions in haiku. If you are not a fan of haiku, check out Balletopedia. This November 8th Seventeen propositions Are on the ballot:

Proposition 51

Nine billion dollars
Of bonds for school buildings
Term: thirty-five years

Proposition 55

For high-earning folks
An income tax that funds schools
would remain in place

Proposition 52

A hospital fee
Matched with federal dollars
Funds Medi-Cal boost

Propositions 56

The cigarette tax
Would go up, two bucks a pack
E-cigarettes too

Proposition 53

Bonds for big projects
(Like high speed rail and Delta)
Would need people's vote

Proposition 57

Earlier parole
Of prisoners serving time
For non-violent crimes

Proposition 54

Bills must be posted
On the web, for three days straight
Before they are passed

Proposition 58

Kids learning English
Won't need a waiver to take
Bilingual classes

Proposition 59
Asks to overturn
Citizens United, but
Shucks, it's non-binding

Proposition 60
Adult film makers
Would have to require condoms
Or risk lawsuit

Proposition 61
In theory, lowers
The cost of some state-bought drugs
(But it could backfire)

Proposition 62
Vote for this one if
You want to eliminate
The death penalty

Proposition 63
Requires a permit
Issued by the DOJ
To purchase ammo

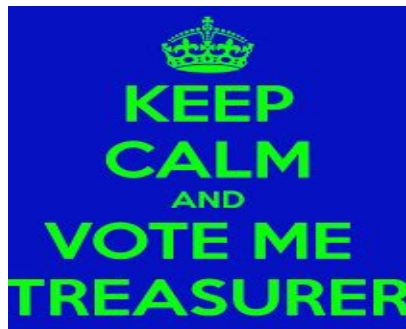
Proposition 64
Legalizes pot!
Also raises some tax funds
(Perhaps a billion?)

Proposition 65
Plastic bag makers
Put this one on the ballot
To punish grocers

Proposition 66
If you want the state
To execute more people
This one is for you

Proposition 67
"To ban plastic bags
Vote "Yes" on 67
"No" on 6





Treasurer's Report October 12, 2016

Beginning Balance 9/1/16	\$5476.49
Expenditures	
Chef's Experience- 17 dinners	\$ 374.00
Nancy Wales -magnets, ink	93.93
Annette DeJulio- Convention	177.00
Nonnie Moore -Peet's, postage, wine bags	189.38
Annette DeJulio- frame, copies, decorations	71.84
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$ 906.15</i>
Receipts	
Dues	\$3130.00
Dinners	425.00
Decorations	24.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>\$3579.00</i>
Ending Balance 10/12/16	\$8149.34
Respectfully submitted, Nonnie Moore	



Book Notes

By Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Favorite Authors: I am always thrilled when a favorite author releases another book. I was not disappointed by the twelfth book in the Walt Longmire Mystery Series by Craig Johnson. I have had the good fortune to read the entire series, many books already published when I began reading and the following books as they were

released as Advanced Readers to our Book Shop. I like everything about these books - - the indelible characters, the mesmerizing scenery and the absorbing mysteries. Walt Longmire, Sheriff of Absaroka County in Wyoming, is a gun toting, crime fighting wonder, and a prolific reader who often quotes great literature and the Bible. Walt and his longtime friend and frequent crime solver, Henry Standing Bear, his irreverent Under Sheriff, Victoria Moretti, and an extended cast of wonderfully crafted characters at work in the Wyoming landscape that is deftly and evocatively described, pull you into their daily lives and the challenges they face in their line of work. [An Obvious Fact](#) joins the other compelling mysteries by a great storyteller whose writing is laced with just the right amounts of suspense and humor: [The Cold Dish](#), [Death Without Company](#), [Kindness Goes Unpunished](#), [Another Man's Moccasins](#), [The Dark Horse](#), [Junkyard Dogs](#), [Hell Is Empty](#), [As The Crow Flies](#), [A Serpents Tooth](#), [Any Other Name](#) and [Dry Bones](#). [Spirit of Steamboat](#), [Wait For Signs](#) and [The Highwayman](#), also by Craig Johnson, contain a Walt Longmire Story. These books are perfectly paced and beautifully written must reads!

Best Sellers/Hardback: Since the release of [All The Light We Cannot See](#), by Anthony Doerr, this book has resided on the Hardback Best Sellers list and with good reason! This is one of the most beautifully written books I have encountered. Two parallel stories, of Marie-Laure in France and Werner in Germany, are told in breathtaking imagery. All the threads of these two stories are woven together expertly in an epic tapestry that depicts the world's beauty, the horrors of war, the conditions of the human heart and the healing power of time. This is a truly compelling and uplifting novel!

Best Sellers/Trade Paperback: I read this book in hardback edition and waited for it to reach the Best Sellers list. [The Little Paris Bookshop](#), by Nina George finally made the list as a trade paperback. This enchanting book details the peoples and landscapes of France, as well as the landscape of the heart and the healing properties of books. It is a poignant love story - of people, of places, of food and of books. It is the story of a bookseller in his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine who chooses the exact book a reader needs. He unmoors his boat and departs on an astounding journey with a blocked author and an Italian chef. The ensuing adventures and eventual outcome are enchanting, heartwarming and heartbreaking.

