

# October Rosette 2017



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## **President's Message:** *Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

Our September meeting was a memorable one! The members present renewed and celebrated their membership with a candlelight ceremony led by Virginia Williamson. We shared with words and thoughts our commitment to our chapter. After the candles were extinguished, Virginia provided everyone with a beautiful long-stemmed rose, a symbolic reminder to take home. Thank you Virginia!

I am soooo excited to announce that we have three wonderful authors scheduled to speak this coming year! Please don't miss the opportunity to listen to their life lessons, become more informed about serious issues in our community, and obtain a personally autographed book these evenings. One author speaks especially to our active teachers in the classroom where autism is ever present and often misunderstood by educators and students alike. Another author speaks about our diverse body of students who speak in many different languages, both at home and at school, giving us insight into this challenge. Finally, Alzheimer's disease is a very real issue which many of us have or may face in our lives. Here are the dates. Please don't miss these opportunities, and please feel free to bring a teacher guest or two!

Tuesday, October 24      Dr. Lola Taylor, Ed.D  
Author, Professional Speaker, and Educator  
[The Spirit King](#)

Dr. Taylor writes about the experience of raising her son, Lenny, who is autistic. She writes, "He is almost 37 and continues to surprise us every day with his gifts....." A KTVU reporter writes, ".....it's people like Lenny who remind me what's really important."

## President's Message, cont.

For our January meeting we will be privileged to welcome two authors:

Tuesday, January 23      Yvetta D. Franklin  
Author and Educator  
The Code Switch  
Deleting Files

and                      Marietta A. Harris  
Author and Motivational Speaker  
The Other Side of Alzheimer's, A Caregiver's Story

As an accomplished musician, vocalist, writer, composer, and motivational speaker, Ms. Harris shares her personal story serving as a caregiver for her mother when diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She writes, "If you asked me when growing up what I want to be, 'an author' would never have been my answer. But life changes your dreams and journey."

Ms. Franklin is a local author and educator who writes educational stories. She brings her many years of educational experience to share very difficult situations children may encounter. It has been said that she "is not afraid to tackle difficulties children face with communication skills, and a host of life-altering issues."

Wednesday, November 29      **"70th Anniversary and Reunion."**

Our November meeting is another "must" where our Alpha Omega Chapter is honored to be celebrating its 70th Anniversary!! This is a time to be cherished and we hope as many members as are able can join us for this extra special event. There is a committee planning this date and special meeting as we speak. If any members who were unable to attend the September meeting are interested in helping with this celebration, please contact Nonnie Moore, and she will be pleased to add you to the list! We are hoping that many of our members, both past and present, will join us.

All the above referenced dates will be held at the Chef's Bistro in Hayward.

This restaurant has continually accommodated us with a private room, and this venue has proven to be just the space that our speakers and members need to effectively communicate with one another.

Please keep your calendar open for the second meeting of our Chapter which will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.; Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Susan



## Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting September 27, 2017 Minutes

**Present:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Bercovitz, Barbara Bishr, Rosemary Coyne, Janie Dobbs, Norine Dolyniuk, Susan Fujii, Donna Goldenstein, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Bonnie Hansen, Linda Henika, Emilia Martins, Nonnie Moore, Norma Sakamoto, Nancy Wales, Virg Virginia Williamson.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 6:15pm.

**Welcome Members and Guest.** President Susan Fujii extended a warm welcome to members. She advised us that Annette DeJulio, who served as a Co-President last year, was unable to continue in that capacity; however, she will continue as a member and join us when her schedule allows.

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

**Treasurer's Report.** Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, drew our attention to the DKG Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 that was distributed to members at the beginning of the meeting. She noted that the balance at the end of the year was \$3,108.28 and will be carried forward into the new fiscal year. Nonnie noted that we funded 3 grants - \$1,000 to Calico Kids, \$1,000 to a first year teacher and \$1,095 to support one scholarship for the Career Online High School offered through the Literacy Plus Program of the Hayward Public Library. Nonnie observed that we started last fiscal year with 43 members, added 2 members and dropped 4 members ending the fiscal year with 32 active and 9 reserve members. Since that time 2 active members have become reserve members resulting in new totals of 30 active and 11 reserve members. It was moved by Linda Henika and seconded by Norine Dolyniuk to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed.

**Correspondence.** Corresponding Secretary, Karin Bercovitz, shared letters from 3 of our reserve members, Gloria Gaylord, Jean Groth and Rosella Wick-Lesher.

**Old Business.** No old business was carried forward this month.

### **New Business.**

- ❖ **Area III Conference** – Virginia Williamson informed us that the Conference will be held on October 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Crow Canyon Country Club. At this event, Chapter members will be honored, the DKG California President will speak, and a presentation will be made on the Road Scholar Program. The cost is \$35.00 per person.

## September 27, 2017 Minutes, cont.

- ❖ **Chapter Honoree** – Nonnie Moore informed the group that nominations for the Alpha Omega Chapter honoree at the Area III Conference would be welcome. She asked those in our Chapter who had already been honored to raise their hand. Nonnie distributed slips of paper for members to use to nominate someone from our ranks.
- ❖ **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – The Membership Committee, Nonnie Moore, Joann Malta-Weingard, Peggy Collett and Virginia Williamson invite members to help them plan this special event by volunteering ideas or help. This event is scheduled for our Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee is suggesting that we invite past and present members to join us in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alpha Omega Chapter of DKG.
- ❖ **Future Meeting Sites** – members were asked to comment on various sites that could be used for meetings. It was noted that Chef's Experience China Bistro had many positives to recommend it as a meeting site, including location, parking, a private room with technology for presentations, a reasonable price for a good buffet dinner that had variety at each meeting. Marilyn Baker-Madsen shared that she researched both the Historical Society and SkyWest Banquet facilities. The Historical Society rents space for \$200/hour and requires \$1,000,000 in Liability Insurance, not to mention the cost of the meal. SkyWest offers banquet facilities at no cost for the first 3 hours. They require minimum attendance of 30 persons, offer a buffet menu for \$35/person that does not include taxes and gratuities. It was suggested that we might consider having one meeting at the Golden Tea Shop.
- ❖ **Alpha Omega Chapter Projects:**
  - **CALICO** – Donna Goldenstein provided information about the way in which our Chapter has supported this organization – monetary grants, volunteer services by members for fundraisers and gifts of stuffed toys, books and blankets for the clients.
  - **Career Online High School** – Marilyn Baker-Madsen shared that our Chapter provided a scholarship of \$1,095 in May for this program of the Literacy Plus Program of the Hayward Public Library which offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and a career certificate online.
  - **Scholarships** – Linda Henika spoke about the yearly scholarship that our Chapter has provided to a new teacher every year. This year one \$1,000 scholarship was awarded. Last year our Chapter designated three \$300 grants for teachers in classrooms; however, these grants were not publicized and no awards were made. Our Chapter needs to determine if we have the funds to award all the grants (\$1,900 total) in this fiscal year. We also need to factor in on-going support of CALICO and the Career Online High School.
  - **DKG Emergency Fund** – Nonnie Moore advised us that DKG first established this fund in 1948 in response to a flood in Oregon. Thousands of dollars have been collected in response to recent disasters and more is still needed. Members of our Chapter can donate individually or by check to Nonnie who will submit monies for our Chapter.

**September 27, 2017 Minutes, cont.**

- **Supporting Early Career Educators** – our Chapter has supported new educators in the past by distribution of “Goodie Bags.” This effort was not conducted last year as significant roadblocks in the distribution of the bags were encountered. The Penne Ferrell Award is available to teachers in their first three years who are not members of DKG for establishing classroom libraries. We can recommend teachers for these awards.

**Program:** Recommitment to Alpha Omega Chapter of DKG – a recommitment ceremony was conducted by Virginia Williamson. Members reviewed the Seven Purposes of DKG and promised to work toward service goals of the organization.

**Honoring Working Teachers.** Nonnie Moore presented Emilia Martins with gifts to honor her continued work in education.

**Red Roses.** Nancy Wales was thanked for producing refrigerator magnets with the 2017-2018 meeting dates of our Chapter.

**Announcements.** Newsletter editor, Barbara Bishr, invited members to suggest ways in which the Rosette might be improved. She also suggested that Committees could submit reports for the Rosette and reminded us that submissions are due by the 10th of the month to Barbara and Janie Dobbs.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by President, Susan Fujii, at 7:13pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 27 at Chef’s Experience China Bistro. Registration at 5pm, dinner at 5:30 pm followed by a meeting and program. Dr. Lola Taylor will speak about her book, Spirit Journey: A Parent’s Journey with Her Autistic Son. Dr. Taylor earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership. She is an experienced educator whose work includes teaching, Literacy Coach, Project Assistant in the State and Federal Department in a public school district. She currently supervises teacher candidates at California State University East Bay as an Adjunct Professor. Dr. Taylor will have books available for purchase and signing following her presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Baker-Madsen  
Recording Secretary



## TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT

Benefitting Scholarships, Inc.

Monday, October 30

Reservations Available between 5:00-8:00 pm

At Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583; [www.giannissanramon.com](http://www.giannissanramon.com);

For reservations, call 925-820-6969 or go to [YELP.COM](http://YELP.COM)

Scholarships, Inc. is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization formed to pool community resources in order to assist Hayward's low income public and private high school graduates in obtaining scholarships.

Volunteers and Supporters of Scholarships Inc. will be your servers for the evening with all tips and 10% of sales going to support their organization. You enjoy a wonderful dinner and support a worthy cause. It's a Win-Win.



## OCTOBER MEETING

China Bistro **Tuesday, October 24th at 5:00.**

Please click on the RSVP link below. (It helps to right click on the link and then select "open link.")



<https://goo.gl/forms/86UuqKi4Qme57czF2>

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)

**IF YOU CAN, PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY OCTOBER 17TH.**

**DO IT TODAY!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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## Alpha Omega Treasurer's Report October, 2017

Beginning Balance 9/1/2017		\$3108.28
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Chef's Bistro		\$ 352.00
<i>Total Expenditures.</i>		<i>\$ 352.00</i>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dinners		\$ 400.00
Dues		\$2384.00
Scholarships		\$ 11.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>		<i>\$2795.00</i>
Ending Balance	10/09/17	\$5551.28

Respectfully submitted,  
Nonnie Moore



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**Donate to the  
DKG  
Emergency Fund  
To help our sisters  
Who have been  
affected  
By recent hurricanes.**

## DKG Emergency Fund

If you are interested in making a personal donation to the DKG Emergency Fund, which supports DKG sisters affected by the recent hurricanes, you can access the donation form by clicking on the following link. (Right click and select “open link.”)

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)



## The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Application Due November 1

If you know a woman educator who is in her first through third year of teaching, please consider submitting her name to receive an award for an amount up to but not exceeding \$200, 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.

All applications must be submitted **electronically**. [Click here](#) for the nomination form. (Right click and select “open link.”)

Contact [dkgcastep1@gmail.com](mailto:dkgcastep1@gmail.com) if you have questions.



## Legislative Report

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Click on the link below to catch up on the latest news in California Education K-12

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## Book Notes

*By Marilyn Baker-Madsen*



**Favorite Authors:** I am always thrilled when a favorite author releases another book. I just read the thirteenth 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. My sweet guy, Carl, is taking care of me even though we shuttered The Book Shop. Imagine

my delight to find the latest Longmire hardcover book on my placemat recently! 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. The Western Star 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 Serpent's Tooth, Any Other Name, Dry Bones and An Obvious Fact. 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:** All the way through Carl's reading of John Grisham's latest book, Camino Island, he wanted to talk to me about the book. I told him it would spoil my reading of it and he agreed not to talk about it; however, he told me it was a difficult promise to make because he liked the book so much. I agreed to read it directly after he finished so we could chat about the book. After slogging through the first chapter, with 21 sections, I was not encouraged. Thieves stage a daring heist from a secure library vault at Princeton University and get away with priceless treasure. Princeton has this treasure insured for twenty-five million dollars. My assessment of the story skyrocketed after getting into the second chapter. This engrossing story is set mostly in the little resort town of Santa Rosa on Camino Island in Florida. It is the story of book store owner Bruce Cable who makes his real money as a prominent dealer in rare books and occasionally trades in the black market of stolen books and manuscripts. It is also the story of a young novelist, Mercer Mann, who returns to her grandmother's beach house to combat writer's block. Mercer is recruited by a mysterious company to infiltrate Bruce Cable's circle of literary friends to learn his secrets. Mercer is unsure about the offer; however, she is in debt and the substantial sum of money offered to her influences her decision to take the job. Mercer learns many of Bruce Cable's secrets and "there's trouble in paradise as only John Grisham can deliver it!"

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## Committee News



Dear Members,

We would like to highlight some of the wonderful work our committees do each month over the course of the year. When your committee would like to post something in the newsletter, just email Barbara Bishr or Janie Dobbs by the 10th of the month. We will be sure to publish your news here.

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## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International SEVEN PURPOSES

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
  2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
  3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education;
  4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interests of education and of women educators;
  5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries;
  6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action;
  7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues to the end that they may become intelligent, functioning members of a world society.
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## Highlights of our September Meeting



### **Recommitment Ceremony to Alpha Omega Chapter of DKG led by Virginia Williamson**

I am proud of my membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and in Alpha Omega Chapter. I am proud to rededicate myself to the purposes of the society and our chapter.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

I believe that membership in DKG brings us rewarding relationships and provides unlimited opportunities to enrich

our personal and professional lives.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

I believe our society can assume ever greater leadership in the improvement of education and in the advancement of women.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

I believe that through expanding membership, personal relationships, and service, we can contribute greatly to world understanding and peace.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

I believe that our members can contribute significantly to the quality of life of those we touch.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

I believe that I have the opportunity to offer the honor of membership to others, and to promote dedicated and involved membership within my chapter and state and to encourage members of my chapter to put their efforts into strengthening the society.

I will work with enthusiasm to do the best job that I can, in and for my chapter and my state, thus strengthening our local and international impact.

I WILL WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

Nonnie Moore presents Emilia Martins, with an appreciation gift as one of our dedicated working members.



### Calendar for DKG Meetings 2017:



4th week of each month, alternating Wednesday and Tuesday:

Wednesday, September 27	Recommitment meeting: Setting Course for the Year
Saturday, Oct 21	Area III Fall Conference
Tuesday, Oct 24	Author #1
Wednesday, Nov 29	70th Birthday Celebration Alpha Omega
Dec TBD	Calico party
Tuesday, Jan 23	Author #2
February	Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, March 28	Women's History
Tuesday, Apr 24	Installation
Early May	State Convention in Southern California
Wednesday, May 23	Books on B

We will invite Zeta Zeta to join us in Oct, Jan or March.