

DKG-Alpha Omega October Rosette 2019



President's Message *Susan Fujii*

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

We had an amazing “kick off” meeting for this new 2019-2021 biennium. In honor of the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in 2020, we launched 2019-2020 as a special year in our Chapter with a theme of **“She Believed She Could...So She Did! Women Speak!”** Throughout this year we will hear from inspiring women who are making a difference.

In keeping with our theme, our own Janie Dobbs was our speaker for the evening. Janie’s program consisted of a moving and informative presentation on “Moms Demand Action.” She outlined the grassroots movement of mothers, teachers, students, and other Americans who are making a difference by fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Janie shared important statistics and information with members on how their participation can make a difference. She shared that she recently traveled with the group to Washington, D.C.

Virginia Williamson and I shared information about the upcoming Area III Conference on October 19. Virginia advised that each chapter has an opportunity to present a Chapter Honoree to be celebrated at this conference. She stated that this member represents a person who has contributed to the chapter by going “above and beyond.” After discussion, it was unanimously voted that Janie Dobbs would be this year’s Chapter Honoree. Janie will be celebrated for her many contributions to our chapter which include creating a chapter brochure and website, heading two SAVERS FUNDRIVES, purchasing Scholastic books for our CALICO fundraiser, hosting a blanket making session for the CALICO fundraiser, and co-editing our Rosette Newsletter. Virginia advised that she will be creating the Conference Honoree Insert and is actively obtaining Chapter Honoree Names and information.

A “Thank You” was announced to Susan Levy for her creating a basket which will be presented at the Area III Conference. Each Chapter will provide a basket to be used in a raffle as one of the two fundraisers. Susan Fujii mentioned that the other fundraiser will be a silent auction and members are welcomed to donate new and unused articles if desired for this event. Funds generated by both fundraisers will be used for student teacher grants and teacher or chapter grants.

Virginia informed members that each member should check the “Member Contact Information DKG-International Website” to ensure that their personal information is correct and up to date.

Susan reminded members of a HUSD fundraiser on October 5. Monica Rock had invited any interested members to attend, as well as to create a basket for the event.

Susan presented a brochure outlining meeting dates for the 2019-2020 year, along with potential speakers. The October meeting is on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at the China Bistro. Our speaker will be Sara Lamnin, Hayward City Council Member. 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 September 25, 2019

Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Barbara Bishr, Helen Condos, Rosemary Coyne, Janie Dobbs, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Linda Henika, Susan Levy, Jeanne Lycett, Nonnie Moore, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

Welcome Members and Guests: President Susan Fujii welcomed members as we launch a special year in Alpha Omega focusing on women making a difference with our 2019-2020 theme, "She believed she could, so she did! Women speak!"

Business Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 6:30pm.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Treasurer, Nonnie Moore, distributed and presented the Draft Budget for 2019-2020. It was moved by Marilyn Baker-Madsen and seconded by Virginia Williamson to adopt the Budget as amended (delete funds for membership brochures, change amount for dinner guests to \$25 from \$23 and change total amount from \$230 to \$250). The motion passed. Nonnie also distributed and presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2019. It was moved by Linda Henika and seconded by Jeanne Lycett to accept the report. The motion passed.

Correspondence: President Susan Fujii read a note from Carol Boyd thanking our Chapter for inviting her to our May Fundraiser at Books on B.

Old Business:

Update on the Fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro Memorial: Jennifer Gonsalves recognized the efforts of Barbara Bishr in organizing the event and coordinating the assemblage of baskets for the silent auction. It was noted that it was time consuming for participants to fill in their names of the tickets for the baskets. A discussion followed about the status of our Chapter, a not for profit organization, and the requirement for the fundraiser to be conducted by a 501-C-3 organization. A change in our status to a nonprofit would require a change in the By-laws at the international level.

New Business:

Area III Conference: President, Susan Fujii and Vice President, Virginia Williamson, spoke about the upcoming conference that is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at the Crow Canyon Country Club from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The guest speaker is Ms. Kari McAllister who has given over a hundred talks to students and community groups on Transgender, Health, Bullying and the things that make us all connected. A registration form for this event was distributed.

- a. **Chapter Honoree Nominations:** It was noted that there was a nomination form in the packet distributed by President, Susan Fujii, and members were encouraged to vote.
- b. **Chapter Basket:** Susan Levy was thanked for creating a wonderful basket for the silent auction that will take place at the Area III Conference.

New Business, Area III Conference, continued:

- c. **2019 Chapter Responsibility for Conference – Honoree Insert:** We will need to provide information on the member selected as our honoree for this insert. Linda Henika moved and Marilyn Baker-Madsen seconded that Janie Dobbs should be our honoree. The motion passed by acclamation.

Member Contact Information DKG – International Website: Vice President, Virginia Williamson informed us that in order to change information, such as change in address or change of email address, it is necessary to change it on the International Website and it can be done with your membership number.

Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award: Vice President, Virginia Williamson, directed members attention to the Guidelines for applying for this award and noted that the application deadline is November 1.

Chapter Rules Revised: President Susan Fujii informed the group that the revisions are due by February 1, 2020 and asked for volunteers to complete revisions.

FUNDrive: Janie Dobbs and Susan Levy spoke about this fundraiser that is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. This is the second time our Chapter will conduct this drive and members were encouraged to spread the word to friends and family. Bags for collecting items and instructions were available at the end of the meeting.

HUSD Fundraiser for Visual and Performing Arts: Susan Fujii spoke about an appeal that Monica Johnson Rock has made regarding this fundraiser which is scheduled for October 5.

Alpha Omega Meeting Dates/Potential Speakers: President Susan Fujii directed our attention to a brochure that was distributed that contained names of potential speakers and dates of Chapter meetings. It was noted that the May meeting is scheduled for the 20th.

Alpha Omega Scholarship Committee Report: Linda Henika spoke about the grant process which is open to classroom teachers in Hayward Unified School District grades preschool, K-12 for the current year. Copies of the grant and the cover letter were distributed.

Inspiring Women: President, Susan Fujii, and Vice President, Virginia Williamson, spoke about the journey women have made, since gaining the vote a hundred years ago, with courageous and inspiring women leading the way finding solutions for ills this country is facing. In our midst is Janie Dobbs who is part of a movement to curb gun violence.

Program: “Mom’s Demand Action”: Chapter member, Janie Dobbs, presented information about this movement of which she is a member. The movement is made up of mothers, teachers, students and other Americans who are making a difference by fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Through a powerpoint presentation, Janie shared more about the organization of 6 million supporters and the facts and statistics about gun violence that the organization has prepared. The presentation included ways in which the organization is working toward establishing stronger gun laws.

Announcements: Jeanne Lycett distributed a flyer about the Tips for Change fundraising event benefiting Scholarships, Inc. scheduled for October 21st.

Jennifer Gonsalves distributed a flyer about the Hayward High Mega Raffle on October 4th.

It was noted that former Alpha Omega Chapter member Cynthia Ball, who taught at Palma Ceia, had passed away.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm by President Susan Fujii.

Next Meeting: Our next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2019 at Chef's Experience China Bistro. Hayward City Council Woman, Sara Lamnin will be our guest speaker. Registration at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm followed by a program and business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary



OCTOBER 30 MEETING



OCTOBER SPEAKER, SARA LAMNIN



Our speaker for October will be **Sara Lamnin**, Hayward City Council Member, With a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreational Therapy from San Francisco State University and a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from California State University East Bay, Sara has a passion for the welfare of all in our community. These concerns brought her to seek public service, where she could make a difference. Sara was elected to serve on the Hayward City Council in June 2014 and was re-elected in November 2018. During her term in office, she has taken a leadership position on issues regarding affordable housing, economic development, homelessness, public finances, transparency, and public safety. Sara is proud to be the granddaughter of immigrants and lives near Downtown Hayward with her husband Jon.

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/mRqtS4ApXsAgdqjB6>

(It helps to right click on the link and then select "open link. Or you can copy the link and paste it in your browser.)

If for some reason you are unable to open the link, please contact Nonnie Moore at 510-507-2944 or email

nonniemoore303@gmail.c





**Happy Birthday to our Alpha Omega Sisters!
Enjoy your special day.**

October Celebrations

2 Peggy Collett
24 Karen Taylor



Treasurer's Report

Nonnie Moore

Treasurer's Report		October 2019	
Beginning Balance	9-10-19		\$5218.97
Expenditures			
Chefs China Bistro		\$350.00	
Janie Dobbs- bags		17.47	
Janie Dobbs- Chapter Honoree		35.00	
<i>Total Expenditures</i>		<i>\$402.47</i>	<i>\$4816.50</i>
Receipts			
Dinners		\$325.00	
<i>Total Receipts</i>		<i>\$325.00</i>	
Ending Balance	10-10-19		\$5141.50

Approved BUDGET

DKG - Alpha Omega 2019-2020

July 1,2019 Balance Forward \$3808.27

INCOME ESTIMATE

Dues to Chapter \$579.50

Virtual Meeting \$700.00

Annual Event/Fundraiser \$1000.00

Initiation (2 new members) \$ 50.00

TOTAL \$2329.50 \$6137.77

EXPENDITURES ESTIMATE

Insurance (\$1 per member) \$ 33.00

Area III Dues (\$2.75 per Active) \$ 71.50

Program Support (magnets, postage) \$ 150.00

President's Fund \$ 100.00

Dinner Guests (10 x 25) \$ 250.00

Membership Committee \$ 100.00

Conference Honorees(3) \$ 105.00

Convention \$ 450.00

Scholarship/Grant \$ 3000.00

Initiation to Chi State (2 new) \$ 10.00

TOTAL \$ 4269.50

Carry over to 2020-21 \$ 1868.27



Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

By Carl Baker-Madsen

Since my back surgery September 5, Marilyn has been doing all her normal chores and most of mine as well because I am restricted to no BLT. No Bending, No Lifting more than a gallon of milk, and No Twisting. So needless to say I have been reading even more than usual. I would like to recommend the following books, in no particular order, that I found to be fabulous each in its own way:

***The Women of Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell** – Another well researched fictionalized history of the 1913 Michigan Copper Mine Strike. Anything she writes is spectacular. This is a great story, well developed characters and excellent research.

***City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert** -- From the # 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Eat Pray Love* and *The Signature of All Things*, a delicious novel of glamour, sex, and adventure, about a young woman discovering that you don't have to be a *good girl* to be a good person.

***Time after Time* By Lisa Grundwald** -- A magical love story, inspired by the legend of a woman who vanished from Grand Central Terminal, sweeps readers from the 1920s to World War II and beyond. "Readers who enjoyed *The Time Traveler's Wife* will be enchanted."—*Publishers Weekly*

***The Whisper Network* by Chandler Baker** – A Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick. "Part page-turning thriller, part smart examination of the #MeToo movement, part feminist rallying cry...*Whisper Network* is the satisfying "beach read" we've earned."—*The Daily Beast*

***Chances Are* by Richard Russo** – The latest novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Empire Falls*. One beautiful September day, three men convene on Martha's Vineyard, friends ever since meeting in college circa the sixties. They couldn't have been more different then, or even today--Lincoln's a commercial real estate broker, Teddy a tiny-press publisher, and Mickey a musician beyond his rockin' age. But each man holds his own secrets, in addition to the monumental mystery that none of them has ever stopped puzzling over since a Memorial Day weekend right here on the Vineyard in 1971: the disappearance of the woman each of them loved--Jacy Calloway. Now, more than forty years later, as this new weekend unfolds, three lives are displayed in their entirety while the distant past confounds the present like a relentless squall of surprise and discovery. Shot through with Russo's trademark comedy and humanity, *Chances Are* . . . also introduces a new level of suspense and menace that will quicken the reader's heartbeat throughout this absorbing saga of how friendship's bonds are every bit as constricting and rewarding as those of family or any other community.

***The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall** – I've added this book to my all-time favorites list. It's a really exceptional page turner. I was worried that it would be a book for Christian believers. Instead I found myself identifying with all of these characters. I really enjoyed Cara Walls beautiful portrayal of the way we approach faith and/or lack thereof in our most intimate relationships.

***Game of Snipers* by Stephen Hunter** – The latest Bob Lee Swagger novel is thrilling as always. Bobby Lee is 72 now, not the young marine sniper he was back in Vietnam. That doesn't stop him from teaming up with the Mossad and the FBI to go after a sniper that is his equal. Like a Jack Reacher novel, I picked it up when it came out, read it in a day and a half and then read it again because I was sad it was over.

Book notes, continued:

***This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger** – A new stand-alone novel by the author of the Cork O’Conner series. A magnificent novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression, from the bestselling author of *Ordinary Grace*.

***The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware** – Another wonderfully dark and twisty tale from the bestselling author of *In a Dark Dark Wood*, *The Woman in Cabin 10*, *The Lying Gam* and *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*.

***Land of Wolves* by Craig Johnson** – Walt is back in Absaroka County to take up his Sheriff duties after his very harrowing adventures in Mexico. Another great read in the Walt Longmire series.

***The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott** – Another Reese Witherspoon Book Club selection. A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice--inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: *Doctor Zhivago*.

***Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman** -- Another Reese Witherspoon Book Club selection. “Beautifully written and incredibly funny, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is about the importance of friendship and human connection. I fell in love with Eleanor, an eccentric and regimented loner whose life beautifully unfolds after a chance encounter with a stranger; I think you will fall in love, too!” —Reese Witherspoon

***Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate** -- “Sure to be one of the most compelling books you pick up this year. . . . Wingate is a master-storyteller, and you’ll find yourself pulled along as she reveals the wake of terror and heartache that is Georgia Tann’s legacy.” —*Parade*

***The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris** -- This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

***Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng** – An earlier novel by the author of *Little Fires Everywhere*. “Lydia is dead. But they don’t know this yet.” So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

***Truly Madly Guilty* by Lianne Moriarty** – From the author of *Big Little Lies*, comes another New York Times #1 bestseller. Six responsible adults, three cute kids, one small dog; it’s just a normal weekend barbeque. What could possibly go wrong?

***There There* by Tommy Orange** -- “Powerful. . . . *There There* has so much jangling energy and brings so much news from a distinct corner of American life that it’s a revelation.” —*The New York Times*. Tommy Orange’s wondrous and shattering novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. Barack Obama stated that reading fiction helps us develop empathy. I really enjoyed the immersion to modern Native American culture and it’s also great that it mostly takes place in Oakland.



Committee News

What are we up to?

The Awards/Scholarship Committee

The DKG Alpha Omega Chapter in Hayward, is once again offering grants of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) to deserving classroom educators. The Grant is open to classroom teachers in Hayward Unified School District, grades pre-school, K-12 for the current school year. If you know a teacher who may qualify, please share the grant application. You can find a copy of the application at the following link:

<https://dkgalphaomegaarea3.weebly.com/yearly-scholarships-for-teachers.html>

TO APPLY:

- Complete the attached two-sided Grant Application detailing your personal information and description of your project. You will be notified of the results by email by the end of November 2019.
- Scan or email the completed application form (with attachment) to Grant Chair Linda Henika (hhshenika@yahoo.com). Be sure to write *DKG Grant* in the subject line.
- The application form must be returned no later than midnight on Friday, October 25, 2019



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. 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 or 925-413-7553



Do You Need to Update Your Member Contact Information?

In order to receive communications and publications from DKG California and DKG International, your contact information must be current in the DKG database. The following is a procedure for checking to be sure your email and mailing addresses are correct and for changing your information if not.

Procedure:

- Go to www.dkg.org , and click on "Sign In." To sign in, you will need your six-digit member number, which can be found on your membership card and any publication received from DKG. The chapter treasurer has all member numbers for the chapter, and I can also access your number for you.
- The sign-in process is:
 - **Username:** your six-digit member number
 - **Password:** dkg2014society
- Once signed in, at the very top of the page, you will see your first name. Click on that, and it will open the "My Account" page. Check your contact information for accuracy. If everything is correct, you do not need to do anything further. If you need to change anything, you will see these directions for making changes to the contact information: "To update your information, click the edit icon next to the section containing the information to be modified."

Please let me know if I can clarify or help you with this.

Virginia Williamson
California Connection Editor





Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar 2019 - 2020

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



DKG-Alpha Omega Highlights

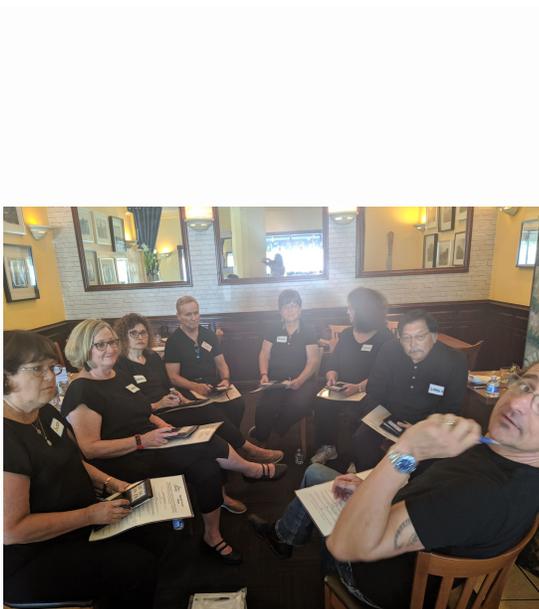
September 2019



Thanks to Barbara Bishr and Jenn Gonsalves for organizing our very successful fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro.



We raised almost \$500 on raffle tickets thanks to these two tenacious ladies, Linda Henika and Nonnie Moore.



Gianni trains his wait staff, Susan Fujii, Janie Dobbs, Susan Levy, Dan Morrison, Bonnie Hansen, Virginia Williamson and Warren Fujii.



Susan Fujii and Linda Henika



DKG- Alpha Omega members donated items for our raffle. Barbara Bishr put the baskets together. Several members, Susan Levy, Nancy Wales, Susan Fujii and Janie Dobbs also donated a basket.



Bonnie Hansen shows off her waitressing skills with our members, Donna Goldenstein and Monica Johnson Rock

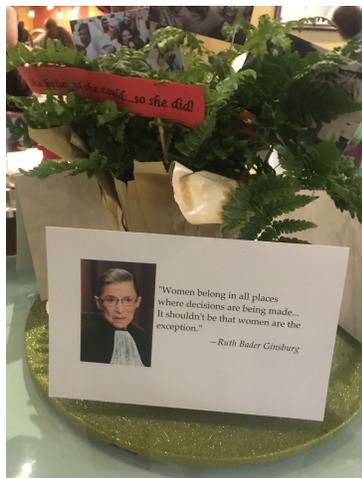


Servers finally sit down for a meal after a night of taking orders, serving drinks and food, and clearing plates. Waiting tables is harder than it looks. (Dan Morrison, Susan Levy, Virginia Williamson, Bonnie Hansen, Janie Dobbs and Warren Fujii not pictured here)

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the suffrage movement, Virginia Williamson created impressive table arrangements for our first meeting at China Bistro Restaurant featuring contemporary inspirational women.



Pakistani Activist Malala Yousafzai



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Chilean Writer Isabel Allende



President Susan Fujii leads us through the evening's agenda.



Virginia speaks about the centennial anniversary of the Suffragette Movement and the contemporary courageous women leaders who continue to advance the issues of equal rights today.

Members read meaningful quotes of women leaders.



Jennifer Gonsalves



Barbara Bishr



Marilyn Baker-Madsen



Rosemary Coyne



Susan Levy



Linda Henika



Helen Condos shares a moving experience that had a major impact on her compassionate approach to teaching.



Janie gives presentation on the work being done by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America



Susan Levy and Virginia Williamson listening to presentation about Gun Violence Prevention