

# DKG-Alpha Omega Rosette

## September 2020



### President's Message

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

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

I am hoping that all of you and your families continue to be safe and healthy during this current health pandemic.

As you know, I have sent out a list of proposed dates for our Chapter Meetings for your information and review. Our first meeting will be a Zoom meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 23, at a time you will see in our Link.

I am very pleased to announce that we have added three new members to our Alpha Omega Chapter! The ladies who have joined us are Evelyn LaTorre, Antoinette Schlobohm, and Deanna Stemm. There is a brief biography of each in the enclosed Rosette. A big “thank you” to Virginia Williamson for highlighting our newest members

As you are aware, we lost a very special member of our Chapter this past year – Helen Condos. Helen hosted the Christmas party in December 2019 and was honored to be a part of our Chapter. We will miss her lovely presence and active participation in our meetings.

I have been very busy the past six months attending Zoom meetings in my role as Area III Director of DKG California. We had a Presidents' Training with all the Chapter Presidents in Area III – 13 total (including me!) This training was done via Zoom and historically is a training held at the Annual Convention. It was quite a challenge as I was in charge of this training as Area Director. I was fortunate enough to have a wonderful Co-host, Kathlan Latimer, who is Second Vice President of DKG. We hosted together and divided up the presentation package. I am continually surprised and amazed at how much support the DKG members provide to one another. There is always someone to share her expertise and experience so you are never alone. I certainly feel the same level of support in my role of Chapter President.

This afternoon I had the opportunity of joining another Chapter, Theta Psi, for their Chapter meeting and it was very interesting and eye-opening to see what activities are presented in other chapters. As I communicated to you earlier, Virginia Williamson and I joined a Chapter Meeting of Zeta Zeta earlier in this biennium, and again, I came away with many great ideas I will share with you.

We are certainly looking forward to our upcoming meeting next week, and hope all of you can join us. With meetings being held via Zoom for a period, even our Reserve Members can join us!



## Alpha Omega Members' Corner

Virginia Williamson

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We are happy to welcome three new members who have transferred to Alpha Omega Chapter from Zeta Alpha Chapter in Fremont!



**Evelyn LaTorre** - Evelyn joined DKG's Zeta Alpha Chapter in 1981. Over the past 39 years she served as president of the chapter twice. She served as an Area III Director in 1989-91, on numerous State level committees between 1992-2000, and on the first International Strategic Planning Committee 1994-96. She attended the State and International Leadership Development Conferences and was an International Speaker to Guanajuato, Mexico in 1994. Her 32 years in public education have included fourteen years in Fremont and San Jose as a School Psychologist and twelve years in San Jose Unified and Contra Costa County COE as a Special Education Administrator. She holds a Doctorate in Multicultural Education as well as assorted bilingual credentials and therapy licenses. Evelyn

retired in 2002 to travel to close to 100 countries and write her memoirs. *Between Inca Walls, A Peace Corps Memoir* was published in August.

**Antoinette "Toni" Schlobohm** - After working for 15 years in high tech, Antoinette left the field to raise her two young sons. Volunteering in their schools, she was drawn to education and made it a second career. After earning a master's degree in Cross-Cultural Teaching and a multiple subject credential, she began teaching fifth grade. Toni then earned National Board certification in Early Adolescent Science, a second master's in Educational Leadership, and an administrative credential. For the past 17 years, she has taught sixth grade in a self-contained classroom at Ardenwood School in Fremont.



Antoinette continues to be a technophile. She loves employing current technologies to empower her students to see their place in society. Promoting science and technology, she serves as the school site technology liaison, the middle school Science Bowl and Science Olympiad coach, the Math Olympiad coach, and facilitates "Ardenwood STEMgirls" (Girls Who Code). Every summer Toni travels internationally with students on science or history expeditions – having traveled to Guatemala, Iceland, Costa Rica, and Italy; in summer of 2021, she'll be taking students to Egypt.

Outside of teaching, Antoinette is a church deacon, works with Scouts of America, AAUW and DKG. Toni served as chapter president of Zeta Alpha and contributed her expertise on the DKG California Communication and Technology Committee. She is also an avid quilter and loves to read and garden.



**Deanna Stemm** – Deanna has been teaching for 19 years and currently teaches second grade at Brier Elementary School in Fremont. As it happens, Brier is the elementary school that her boys attended. She joined DKG in 2013, after her mother-in-law told her about the DKG chapter she belongs to in Southern California. Deanna served as treasurer for Zeta Alpha Chapter.

Deanna’s favorite things to do are running, especially trail running at Pleasanton Ridge, taking her dog for his walks, crocheting prayer shawls or baby blankets for her church, and crocheting hats for the homeless. The “hats for the homeless” project is one she became involved with through fellow DKG member Shelley Bartley who was also in Zeta Alpha Chapter. Deanna also cherishes spending time with her sons and their families, and she says of her three grandchildren, “They’re a joy to be with!”

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## HELEN CONDOS



Beloved retired teacher, Helen Condos, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Helen was a wonderful and passionate educator who shared her joy of teaching with students for over 30 years in the Hayward Unified School District. Most of those years were spent at Lorin

Eden Elementary School.



As a master educator, Helen left a legacy of education by sharing her love of learning with countless students, families and educators. She was the master/mentor teacher for many teachers and administrators in HUSD. During her career she was recognized as Teacher of the Year, was an HUSD HERO Award recipient, and continued mentoring teachers into her retirement as part of the New Teacher Induction Program.

She gave the gift of education to so many students, families, educators everyday. She truly made the world a better place.

Helen was a new DKG member and so excited to join Alpha Omega. She hosted the Christmas Party last December and enjoyed sharing her home and table with everyone who came. She will be greatly missed.



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## Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma



### **MEETING MINUTES**

*Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary*

**January 29, 2020**

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**Present:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Peggy Collett, Rosemary Coyne, Susan Fujii, Donna Goldenstein, Jennifer Gonsalves, Jeanne Lycett, Donna Morris, Virginia Williamson

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Freddy M. Davis, President of the Hayward/South County NAACP

**Guests:** Dr. Carol Boyd, Chairperson of the DKG Global Awareness Committee; Alanda Johnson, Secretary of the Hayward/South County NAACP; Teresa McLean and Diana Sawin, Chi State Leadership Team and Co-Chair of the 2020 DKG California Convention

**Welcome Members and Guests:** President Susan Fujii welcomed members and guests. Dinner was served following this welcome.

**Program:** “Women Making a Difference . . . She Believed She Could, So She Did! Women Speak!” Marilyn Baker-Madsen introduced Ms. Freddy M. Davis, President of the Hayward/South County NAACP. Ms. Davis, a woman with a burning passion, shared the composition of chapters in her life. She noted that there is power in every story and said that every person should tell their story. Prologue: Her story began as her father, Fred, wanted her to be named after him and her mother prevailed to feminize her name, hence Freddy. Ms. Davis’ parents were hard working people. Her father was a laborer and her mother was a maid. Her parents instilled in her the importance of hard work, opportunity, vision and promise and that your environment does not determine your future. In the segregated school she attended in Birmingham, Alabama, the first thing she learned was the Lord’s Prayer, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing (the Negro National Anthem) and the Pledge of Allegiance. Her school received old textbooks from the schools white students attended. During her time in school, Ms. Davis became active in the Civil Rights movement and the NAACP.

**Ignition:** Ms. Davis marched and demonstrated in Birmingham, Alabama with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She sought higher education and received her Nursing Degree in 1967.

**The Fire:** Ms. Davis worked for 25 years in a major medical center where she held several positions in the field. She then worked for 16 years in a correctional facility. She held the position as Branch Secretary for the Hayward NAACP branch, during which time she chaired events. Ms. Davis traveled with her husband as he toured for his military duty, seeing the world in the process.

**The Hierarchy of Flames:** Ms. Davis became the Branch President of the Hayward NAACP in 2001. She chaired the Hate Crimes for California State Conference and traveled to different areas seeking to resolve issues and held the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the California State Conference. She Chaired the Affirmative Action Committee for the city of Hayward where a plan was developed to

## **Program, continued:**

address the issue. In 2006, Ms. Davis was selected as the Woman of the Year for Alameda County by the California State Legislature and in the same year was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame. She founded Reality Mentor, Inc., a mentoring program for at risk youth and low income families. Six HUSD schools are currently served by this program.

As the Light Dawns On, the Strong Fire Continues to Burn: Ms. Davis continues to be a passionate Community Advocate. She has been a member of the Palma Ceia Baptist Church since 1972. She continues to hold the President's seat in the Hayward/South County NAACP. She served as a Commissioner for HUSD and continues to work for the California State Conference and is a committed member of the California State Conference team. She sits as Vice Queen Mother of the Red Hat Divas. She and her husband Al Davis have been married for 54 years. They have one son, Todd E. Davis, who graduated from UC Berkeley with honors in Political Science and African American Studies and has plans to attend law school.

Ms. Davis closed by reminding us that it is not where you come from, but where you are going; that all of us should be in it, to win it and that we should all be guardians not warriors. She noted that the greatest national security is EDUCATION!

## **Business Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 7:40pm. She directed our attention to two MLK Day worksheets that we were not able to get to because of time constraints.

**Minutes** from November 20, 2019: Recording Secretary Marilyn Baker-Madsen presented the minutes from the last meeting. It was moved by Donna Goldenstein and seconded by Virginia Williamson to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vice President, Virginia Williamson, distributed and presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 in the absence of Co-Treasurers, Nonnie Moore and Susan Levy. It was determined that the discussion about allocating more funds to pay for guest dinners should be placed on the March agenda or taken up by email vote in the absence of the Treasurers. It was moved by Donna Goldenstein and seconded by Donna Morris to accept the report. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Donna Goldenstein informed the group that she had received a lovely thank you note from CALICO and put it in a "safe" place so she could bring it to the meeting to share with our Chapter. As all of us are wont to do from time to time, she was unable to find the note!

**Committee Reports:** No committee reports were made.

## **Old Business:**

**Report on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2020 Birthday Celebration:** Marilyn Baker-Madsen and Virginia Williamson spoke about the successful celebration, noting that our Chapter was acknowledged in the printed program as a donor to the event. Highlights of the program included M persuasive speech by Danny Munoz and an oral interpretation by Maya Ito, both Chabot College

### **Dr. M LK, Jr. 2020 Birthday Celebration, continued:**

Forensics team members; the Cherryland Elementary School Dramatic Chorus gave an outstanding performance of songs, oration and dance; the Bret Harte Slam Poets presented original, inspirational poems and the Mt. Eden High School Men's and Chamber Choirs led by Vince O'Connell, Music Director sang three beautiful acapella numbers. The event was well attended and received.

**Zeta Alpha Chapter Toiletry Sorting Party:** Virginia Williamson reported on this gathering that was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December and resulted in the preparation of 186 bags for the homeless.

**Alpha Omega Holiday Party Recap:** Many members who attended spoke of the gracious reception given to our Chapter by Helen Condos who hosted the event at her house with appetizers, a full sit down meal, dessert and favors. It was a fabulous evening of celebration and we all owe Helen a debt of gratitude. The evening was over the top!

**Membership Expansion Meeting:** Virginia Williamson shared that the new Hayward Public Library charges for use of their meeting rooms and that we might rethink the way we conduct our outreach to new members. We need to re-energize the Membership Committee to help with this endeavor. It was noted that most schools have short days that might be good for this effort and that prospective members don't want to leave school and comeback. Perhaps we could pick one school to begin this effort. Jennifer Gonsalves suggested she could check into the use of the library at Hayward High School for our first meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Global Awareness:** Susan Fujii introduced receptacles that are labeled "Change \$\$ Brings About Change" that can be set out at each of our Chapter meetings to collect money for the Schools for Africa that is one of three projects of Global Awareness. program, yet another way to raise awareness about our group. Our Agenda Packets contained extensive information about this project to which Dr. Boyd spoke. She informed us that this project is a partnership with UNICEF that benefits nearly 30 million children. We learned what donations fund and different ways that donations are received.

**International Women's Day Celebration:** Virginia Williamson advised us that she was approached by organizers of this event to see if our Chapter was interested in supporting the event, Celebrate Our Legacy, 100 Years of Women's Progress: Political, Social Economic and Cultural, scheduled for March 13, 2020 and held at the Hayward City Hall. The Keynote Speaker is Alameda County District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley. There is free admission and light refreshments will be served. Our Chapter's sponsorship of \$100 would give us display space to educate celebration goes about DKG. It was noted that we lacked a quorum, so a vote on this issue will be conducted on line.

**Chapter Rules Update:** Virginia Williamson distributed copies of the updated Chapter rules.

**DKG California 2020 Convention:** Diana Sawin, Co-Chair of this year's convention gave a very enthusiastic presentation about the convention. The theme is "Exploring New Pathways" and the logo is a compass. The convention will be held in Santa Clara, May 1 -3 and will feature many exciting workshops and events. She encouraged all of us to attend since it is "in our backyard!"

**Next Meeting:** February is our “virtual” meeting. Please send your diner fee as a fundraiser to: Nonnie Moore, 3309 Streamside Circle #303, Pleasanton, CA 94588

**Announcements:** Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 25 at the Chef’s Experience China Bistro. Hayward City Council Woman, Elisa Marquez, will be our guest speaker.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm by President Susan Fujii.

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## Next Chapter Meeting

September 23, 2020

4:00 pm



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## Zoom Meeting



Because of the coronavirus and the importance of Sheltering in Place, we are beginning our DKG Meetings on Zoom Video Conference. Our first meeting will be September 23 at 4:00 pm. I personally am really looking forward to seeing everyone again, even if it will be on my computer screen. Meeting virtually will be a way for all of us to stay connected and remain engaged with our DKG-Alpha Omega chapter work. Many of you may already be very familiar with Zoom, while others may be feeling a little intimidated by it.

First and foremost, you must register in advance for this meeting by clicking on the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfumpqT8rG9yLci13BOy5Gykxt4rd7u5g>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Go ahead and click on the link above right now to register. Even if something comes up and you can’t make the meeting after all, I encourage you to register now.

If you have never been on Zoom before you will need to download the Zoom App. I encourage you to [click on this link](#) to watch a short video that explains absolutely everything you need to know about joining a Zoom meeting for the first time.

It is also a good idea to join the meeting early to make sure your connection is working and that all of your audio and visual controls are working.

We will be taking a short and quick poll at the meeting, to find the best time to meet. Based on this poll, our future meetings may begin at a different time. See you there!



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## Treasurer's Report

September 2020

By Nonnie Moore

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Beginning Balance July 2020	\$3570.72
Expenditures	
Dues to DKG International (3 Transfers x\$40)	\$120.00
Dues to DKG CA (3 x \$24)	72.00
Fees to DKG CA (3x\$4)	12.00
Dues to Area III (3x \$3)	9.00
Dues to International (1x\$20)	20.00
Dues to CA State (1x\$14)	14.00
Dues to Area III (1x\$3)	3.00
<i>Total Expenditures.</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
Receipts	
Dues 3 Active Transfers	\$267.00
Dues (1 Reserve to Active)	40.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>\$307.00</i>
Ending Balance 9/01/2020	\$3627.72

Welcome, Transfers:

Evelyn LaTorre  
Antoinette Schlobohm  
Deanna Stemm

Welcome back, Reserve to Active:

Nancy Wolf

Current members = 26 Active, 8 Reserve



**ACTUAL BUDGET**  
DKG – Alpha Omega 2019-2020

July 1,2019	Balance Forward	\$3808.27
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Dues to Chapter	\$579.50	\$486.00
Virtual Meeting	\$700.00	\$640.00
Annual Event/Fundraiser	\$1000.00	\$1971.22
Initiation (2 new members)	\$ 50.00	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3097.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	
Insurance (\$1 per member)	\$ 33.00	\$31.00
Area III Dues (\$3 per Active)	\$ 71.50	\$66.00
Program Support (magnets, postage)	\$ 150.00	\$62.77
President’s Fund	\$ 100.00	\$100.00 (MLK)
Dinner Guests (20 x 25)	\$ 500.00 *	\$375
Membership Committee	\$ 100.00	\$0
Chapter Honoree	\$ 35.00	\$35
Convention	\$ 450.00	\$0
Scholarship/Grant NAACP	\$ 3000.00	\$2455 + \$500
Initiation to Chi State (2 new)	\$ 10.00	\$0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3624.77</b>
Carry over to 2020-21	\$ 1688.27	\$3570.72
Budget amended January 29, 2020		



## The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Due November 1

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DKG California, through the “Support Team for Emerging Professionals” (STEP) committee, awards money each year to beginning teachers to help them build their classroom libraries. This award is known as the **Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award**. A bequest to DKG California from the estate of Penne Ferrell was the basis for the establishment of this award. Penne was an outstanding member of Epsilon Omicron Chapter in Orange County. A dedicated teacher and a lover of books, Penne instilled the joy of teaching in the new teachers she mentored, always encouraging enthusiasm and excellence in being an educator.

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.

### **The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Guidelines**

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

- A non-Delta Kappa Gamma member
- A woman educator who is in her first through third year of assignment and who is a prospective Delta Kappa Gamma 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 Process, continued:

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](mailto: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](mailto:dkgcastep1@gmail.com) by the end of April.
- Recipients will be acknowledged in the DKG California Convention program.

Please consider recommending a beginning teacher (first through third year of teaching) for this award! Feel free to contact Virginia Williamson at 510-604-1744 or [ginnydon@pacbell.net](mailto:ginnydon@pacbell.net) if you would like more information.



## Did You Know?

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### DKG Alpha Omega Website

Check out [DKG-Alpha Omega's website](#). If you are interested in adding to it, let Janie know. And, if you would like to help with the website, your help would be welcomed and appreciated.



### 2020-2021 Membership

The 2020-2021 Alpha Omega Member spreadsheet is up to date with all of the information about our members. Click [here](#) to view.

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## DKG Virtual Technology Workshop



Please join us for a FREE one-day online technology workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Free for members. Fee of \$5 for non-members. Workshops include: Google Suite, G-Mail for Area or Chapter, Google Classroom, Video Conferencing (Zoom/Google Meet), Building a Beautiful Website, Social Media Tips, Creating Eye-Catching Ads or Newsletters [click here](#) TO REGISTER!



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## September Celebrations

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

2 Norma Sakamoto

24 Nancy Wales

25 Norine Dolyniuk



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## Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar

2020 - 2021

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

**\* Subject to change after we take a poll**



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Seven Purposes

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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.

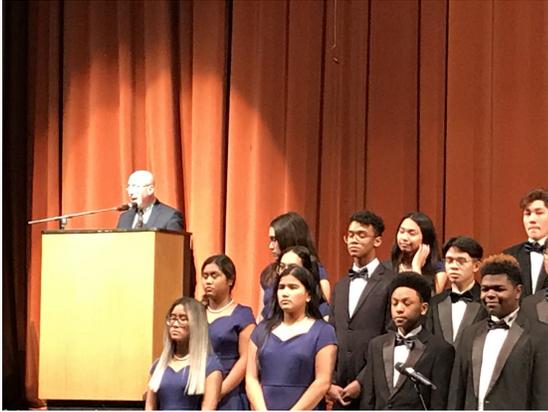


### DKG Alpha Omega Highlights

*January, 2020*

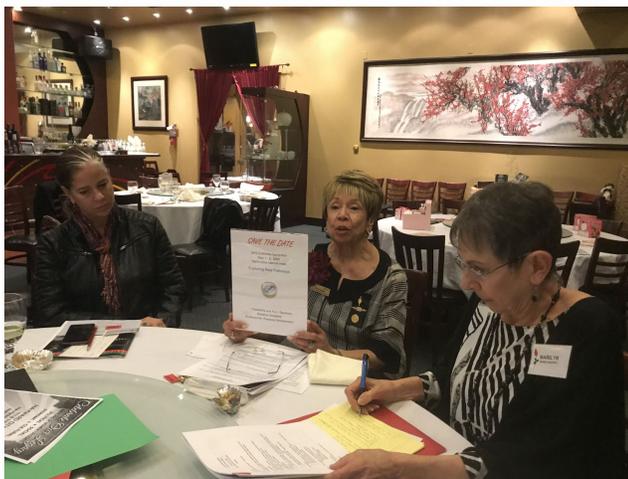
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, January 20, 2020 at Chabot College. Performances by Mount Eden High School Choir, Mount Eden's Men's Choir, Mount Eden Chamber Choir, Chabot College Forensics Team, Cherryland Dramatics Chorus and Bret Harte Slam Poetry Group



Alpha Omega Chapter Meeting, January 28, 2020, Guest speaker: Freddy Davis, President South Alameda County NAACP, Alana Johnson, Secretary of Hayward Chapter of NAACP, Dr. Carol Boyd, Chairman, DKG CA Global Awareness Committee, Diana Sawin, DKG CA 2020 Convention, and Co-Chapter President, Zeta Zeta Chapter.





Welcome Reception for newly appointed Hayward Chief of Police, Toney Chaplin, Palma Ceia Baptist Church, February 9, 2020. Invitation extended to Virginia and DKG by Freddye Davis.



Zeta Zeta Chapter Meeting, Crow Canyon Country Club, February 16, 2020. Speaker Christina Clemons, Mah Teacher, gave a presentation of her month spent in Tanzania mentoring teachers. Co-President Kit King and Diana Sawin of Zeta Zeta. Virginia and Susan in attendance.

