

DKG-Alpha Omega September Rosette 2018



President's Message

Susan Fujii

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

We hope all of you had a very nice summer break and are ready to begin another meaningful year of supporting our educators and community with activities projected for the next year.

The Executive Board of our Alpha Omega Chapter met this summer, as well as the Membership Committee, headed by its Chair, Virginia Williamson. Thank you for all your input for our meeting dates for the 2018-2019 year. Outlined below are the tentative dates:

Monday, September 17, 2018

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Tuesday, December 11 - Holiday Party

Monday, January 21, 2019 - Chabot College - Martin Luther King, Jr. Event

February, 2019 - Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

So far, we have discussed two fundraisers for this year. One, our continuing support of CALICO Kids, with our donations of teddy bears, books, and hand-sewn blankets. The get-together to sew the blankets will be held at Janie Dobbs' home on Saturday, December 1, two weekends before the Christmas party. Those who are not able to attend this date may pick up materials from Janie beforehand and do the sewing at home. You can either sew the edges of the blankets by hand, or use a sewing machine. It was especially exciting to hear comments from Donna Goldenstein as to how much the children enjoyed this warm, cuddly, gift of love from all of us.

The other activity planned will be a fundraiser for scholarships with donations to SAVERS Dublin. This is a win-win fundraiser where chapter members, and/or family and friends, can clean and clear unneeded items from their homes and give back to the community by donating them. Janie Dobbs is heading this effort and will provide details at the upcoming September meeting. Our chapter's donations will not only be a welcome gift to our community, but our chapter will receive monies toward our scholarships to women educators. Please place the date of Saturday, October 27, between 1:00-2:00 p.m. on your calendars. This is the drop-off date and time for our donations.

We are very excited about the upcoming year and activities planned, as well as activities yet to be planned. We heartily welcome your input and look forward to a year filled with much promise for the future of our Chapter.

Please keep your calendar open for the first meeting which will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at the China Bistro. Registration is 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



MEETING MINUTES

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma May 23, 2018

Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary

Present: Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Karin Bercovitz, Barbara Bishr, Janie Dobbs, Susan Fujii, Elisabeth Gieger, Mary Ann Gonsalves, Linda Henika, Nonnie Moore, Nancy Wales, Virginia Williamson

Guests: Carl Baker-Madsen, Lindsay Dobbs, Renee Rettig, Dorothy Ritchie, Wade Ritchie

The May Meeting was held at Books on B owned by Renee Rettig and hosted by Carl and Marilyn Baker-Madsen as a fundraiser for the Alpha Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Members completed a Book Quiz as they enjoyed finger foods and wine tasting.

Book Quiz, Book Talks & Summer Reading List: Carl asked the group for their responses on the quiz which required the takers to match the quote to the corresponding book title and author. The second quiz required takers to match literary characters with their "sidekicks" and for extra credit to match the authors to their characters. Carl and Marilyn directed members attention to the Summer Reading List and "book talked" each recommendation.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Fujii at 7:05pm.

Preliminary Approval of Board of Directors for Biennium 2018-2020: A ballot with proposed officers Susan Fujii, President; Virginia Williamson, Vice President; Nonnie Moore & Susan Levy, Co-Treasurers; Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary; Barbara Bishr & Janie Dobbs, Newsletter Editors; was distributed to members for their vote.

Approval of FUNDrive Fundraiser: Janie Dobbs presented information regarding a fundraiser for our Chapter that would entail collecting soft goods (clothing, shoes, bedding, etc.), and hard goods (electrical items, toys & games, kitchen items, etc.) that would be weighed by the pound. Each pound of soft goods would earn \$0.20 and each pound of hard goods would earn \$0.10. It is estimated 167/30 pound bags of soft goods would bring in \$1000.00. Janie recommended that our Chapter consider doing this drive on October 27, 2018 and believes we could probably raise \$500.00. Several members volunteered to serve as drop off points for bags and will transport them to a Savers location. It was moved by Barbara Bishr and seconded by Nonnie Moore to conduct this fundraiser in October. The motion was approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Next Meeting: Our meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 will be held at Chef's Experience China Bistro; registration at 5pm, followed by a buffet dinner and meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Baker-Madsen
Recording Secretary





SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING



China Bistro

Registration at 5:00. Dinner at 5:30. Meeting following.
Please click on the RSVP link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hbt5dNnyONpTaglm1>

(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.com

COME LEARN ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER IN OCTOBER AND HELP PLAN FOR AN EXCITING YEAR!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Treasurer's Report

Nonnie Moore

Chapter Available Fund Balance, July 1, 2017.....	\$3108.28
Total Receipts.....	\$6690.90
Total Disbursements.....	\$8733.05
• Total Awards: Three (3) totaling \$3000.00	
Chapter Available Fund Balance.....	\$1066.13
Total Assets of Chapter, June 30, 2018.....	\$1066.13
Membership as of June 30, 2018= 38 members (29 Active, 9 Reserve)	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's Dues Time!

\$\$DUES\$\$ are due by October 1, 2018. Active members = \$89; Reserve members = \$49. Please send check payable to Alpha Omega to Nonnie Moore, 3309 Streamside Circle #303, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Questions? Nonniemoore303@gmail.com or 510-507-2944.

Thank you for supporting Alpha Omega!



The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Application

Due November 1

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 many 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?

- Applications must be submitted *electronically* at <https://goo.gl/forms/WClhZ0rqY2WqRLsD3>
- 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 state 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.

Please consider recommending a beginning teacher for this award! Feel free to contact Virginia Williamson at 510-604-1744 or ginnydon@pacbell.net if you would like more information.



Legislative Report

Nancy Wales and Sandy Daly

Welcome back everyone!

It's a new year, new beginnings, a clean slate. The political and legislative landscape is ever changing, ever worrying, and a real minefield for those of you working so hard in classrooms. I ran into this quote on Facebook and it needs to be shared.

"I disagree with you. It doesn't mean I dislike you or that I'm mad at you. It just means that like you, I have my own opinions. I won't treat you disrespectfully just because we share differing opinions. Give me the same respect."

If everyone from the President on down would just do this, our country would be much better off. The hatred and name calling and disrespect are terrible for our country.

Have you chosen your weapon yet? Some people want to give teachers guns. The Secretary of Education wants to use Federal funds to arm teachers! Those of us who have worked with struggling teachers know this is a recipe for disaster. Can every teacher always keep his/her temper in check? Do we have to wear holsters? The whole idea is appalling. Working teachers, retired teachers, teacher trainers must stand up and stop this from happening. Contact our Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris to voice your opinion on this important matter. Let your Congressional Representative know it, too. Now is not the time to be silent. I have included contact info at the end of this article.

Finally, this November is likely to be the most important election in your life. You must vote. You must help get others to vote. Women's rights are in serious jeopardy. Young women need to vote. There is no staying home. If all the eligible young women voted, they could control the elections and this country. **JUST VOTE!**

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Washington, DC 20510
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Senator Kamala Harris
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Washington, D.C 20510
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<https://www.harris.senate.gov/contact/email>

Nancy Pelosi (202) 225-4965
Barbara Lee (202) 225-2661
Eric Swalwell (202) 225-5065

Nancy Wales



Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

Following are my favorite reads of this summer:

Armor Towel's, **A Gentleman In Moscow**, is a compelling and beautifully told story about Count Alexander Rostov who is labeled an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik Tribunal in 1922 and is sentenced to house arrest in the luxurious Metropol hotel in Moscow. He is made to vacate his opulent suite of rooms and to move to small attic quarters in the hotel where he lives out the rest of his days. This charming novel boasts a cast of well-developed characters that people the passing decades as Rostov makes a whole world out of his hotel confinement and limited circumstances during the thirty year saga. Just the right amount of historical background is incorporated into the book that chronicles the conditions and changes in Russia following the Revolution. The finely composed book is structured with chapters advancing by a doubling principle - 1 day after the arrest, 2 days, 5 days, 10 days, 3 weeks, 6 weeks, 3 months, etc. This charming story of Count Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, unfolds wonderfully as new opportunities and adventures present themselves to him over the years.

Andy Weir, the best-selling author of **The Martian**, is back with a techno-thriller **Artemis**. This action-packed novel takes place in the late 2080's and is set in Artemis, the only city on the moon. Jasmine "Jazz" Bashara, the protagonist, has debts and her job as a porter barely covers the rent on a sleep pod, so she smuggles contraband on the side to help ends meet. Jazz has a chance to get out of her meager circumstances when she is offered a lucrative award if she is willing to commit the perfect crime. Pulling off the heist is just the start of a brick wall of problems she runs into as she discovers a conspiracy for control of Artemis. Her only chance of survival is dependent on a calculated move even riskier than the first. This heist story is a fast paced adventure with all the fascinating scientific explanations that peppered **The Martian** which I liked better than **Artemis**; however, I enjoyed the book and think it would make as good, if not better, movie than **The Martian**.

Worldwide bestselling author, Ruth Ware, adds **The Death of Mrs. Westaway**, to the list of her first three books, **In a Dark, Dark Wood**, **The Woman in Cabin 10** and **The Lying Game**. This latest book continues Ware's signature suspenseful style. This psychological thriller was hard to put down. The cast of intriguing characters swirl through dark and menacing situations with suspense growing with each new revelation. Just when you think you know "who done it," the plot twists and turns in new and ever darkening intrigues. The heroine, "Hal" (Harriet Westaway) is at the end of her ability to cope following the death of her mother and a growing debt to a shyster who is sending thugs to threaten her for more money. When she receives a letter about a possible substantial inheritance, Hal jumps at the chance to change her dire circumstances even though she knows that she is not the person for whom the letter was intended. We ride a roller coaster of emotions with Hal as she attempts the most impossible deception. This was my first Ware book and quite the page-turner. I will certainly read the first three of her novels!



Committee News

What are we up to?

FUNDRAISER

FUNDrive™



SAVE THE DATE!
October 27, 2018
1:00 - 2:00

Drop off location: Dublin Savers 7117 Regional St., Dublin

DON'T COLLECT BOOKS

They only pay \$0.02/pound for books AND they must be in a separate box.

DON'T COLLECT LARGE ITEMS

Anything that doesn't fit in a 20" x 20" box will only net us 5 ¢ per item.

Decide whether or not you will drop off your own bags and boxes at Dublin Savers between 1:00-2:00. If you don't drive your own items to Dublin Savers, you will have to arrange to drop off your items or have them picked up by one of the volunteer drivers.

Current volunteer drivers are Susan Fujii, Virginia Williamson, Susan Levy and Janie Dobbs. Contact one of us and we will can make arrangements. All drivers will want the items **BEFORE** the drop-off date, **October 27**.

START PRE-COLLECTING NOW! TELL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS NOW TO START SAVING CLOTHES, ETC FOR YOU!

See the flyer below to know what to collect!

Questions? Call or email Janie Dobbs - 925-413-7553 or janie.dobbs@aol.com.



**HELP US RAISE \$\$
WITH OUR FUNDRIVE FUNDRAISER**

ITEMS WE ACCEPT AND THE PRICE WE ARE PAID FOR THEM

SOFT GOODS 20¢ PER POUND	 CLOTHING	 ACCESSORIES - HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES, TIES, SOCKS, PURSES, WALLETS, BACKPACKS, BAGS, BELTS, JEWELRY
	 SHOES	
	 BEDDING / TOWELS	
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HARD GOODS 10¢ PER POUND	 ELECTRICAL ITEMS	 KNICK-KNACKS
	 TOYS & GAMES	 SPORTING GOODS - BALLS, BATS, FRISBEES, TENNIS RACKETS, BASEBALL GLOVES
	 KITCHEN ITEMS	
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 14 LBS. SOFT GOODS	400 BAGS = \$1000!	 30 LBS. SOFT GOODS
		167 BAGS = \$1000!

**PLEASE DO NOT COLLECT ITEMS LARGER THAN WILL FIT IN A 20"X20" BOX.
THESE LARGER ITEMS WILL ONLY BE PAID "BY THE ITEM" AT 5¢ EACH (NOT BY THE POUND)**

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE IN WEARABLE/USEABLE CONDITION

FUNDRIVE KICKSTART YOUR COMMUNITY FUNDRIVE 

Alpha Omega Chapter Calendar 2018 - 2019



September 17	Chapter Meeting at Chef's Experience China Bistro
October 27	Chapter Fundraiser -Dublin Savers, 7117 Regional St., Dublin from 1:00-2:00 If you can't drop off the items you collected, contact a driver and arrange to have them take your items for you.
October 30	Chapter Meeting
November 1	Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award Deadline for Submission
November 27	Chapter Meeting
December 1	Blanket Making Party at Janie's
December 1	Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award Deadline for Submission
December 1	Distinguished Service to DKG California Deadline for Submission
December 11	Tentative Holiday Party
December 31	Scholarship Grants/Awards Deadline for Submission
January 21	Chabot College - Martin Luther King, Jr. Event
February	Chapter Virtual Meeting
March 1	Chapter Service Award Deadline for Submission
Tuesday, March 19	Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, April 30	Chapter Meeting
May 3-5	California Convention in Burlingame
Tuesday, May 28	Chapter Meeting
Thursday, August 15	Hayward Third Thursday Street Party



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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Best Wishes to our Member Birthday Gals!



August Celebrations

1 Donna Goldenstein
3 Nonnie Moore
14 Susan Fujii
17 Jeanne Lycett
22 Nancy Christensen
24 Jean Groth

September Celebrations

1 Mary Kincaid
2 Norma Sakamoto
24 Nancy Wales
25 Norine Dolyniuk



Meeting Highlights

May 23, 2018

We had a great evening at our fundraiser at Books on B in Hayward. A big thank you to independent bookstore owner, Renee Rettig, for hosting DKG Alpha Omega. Thanks to Carl and Marilyn for a fun book quiz, book talk and a great summer reading list. And thanks to Lindsay Dobbs for taking a picture of the Alpha Omega Chapter for the new brochure. And, most of all, thanks to all of the people who came to this marvelous event.



Bookstore owner, Renee Rettig



Carl and Marilyn sponsored this amazing event.



Karin Bercovitz and Elizabeth Geiger



Linda Henika, Mary Anne Gonsalves and Peggy Stenson



Lindsay Dobbs and her proud mom, Janie



Nonnie Moore and Dorothy Ritchie



Nancy Wales, Barbara Bishr and Virginia Williamson



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