

DKG-Alpha Omega
September 2019
Rosette



President's Message

Susan Fujii

Dear Ladies of Alpha Omega,

Our last meeting in May, held at Books on B, was a wonderful way to kick off our Summer! Renee Rettig, the proprietor of this Hayward bookstore, along with Marilyn Baker-Madsen and her husband Carl, hosted the event. We completed a quiz of highly suggested reading and authors from Marilyn and Carl, and were able to purchase books that evening. Marilyn and Carl provided just enough information to pique our interest and get us started. We were treated to very delicious appetizers, wine, and beverages as well. It was a delight to see Dr. Carol Boyd, our Area III Director, join us on this occasion.

September is almost here! As a part of our program for this year, we have two great fundraisers planned. I sent out an email reminder to you in August about our September 9th Fundraiser to be held at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. We hope that many of you, your friends and family can join us. We also have another SAVERS fundraiser coming in October, so you may want to start saving your donations now. Watch for more information coming soon. Both fundraisers will help to fund our scholarships and community outreach.

Our first Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, at the China Bistro. Our schedule will be Registration at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Board of Directors met in August, and because we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, we have chosen to honor this milestone with a theme for 2019-2020:

"She Believed She Could, So She Did! Empowered Women Speak!"

In keeping with our theme, we have compiled a list of key women leaders for program speakers for 2019-2020. We are excited about the lineup of speakers and hope you will be inspired!

Looking forward to seeing you!



**MEETING
MINUTES**

Alpha Omega Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

Marilyn Baker-Madsen, Recording Secretary

No meeting in May.



Our Big Chapter Fundraiser

Monday, September 9th

5-8 p.m.

Gianni's Italian Bistro,
2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Hopefully you will forward the info to your friends and family to encourage them to make dinner reservations. It's important to let them know that we are going to make our money through their generous tips.

Baskets, baskets, baskets!!! We are collecting items that can be added to baskets that folks could bid on by buying raffle tickets. Barbara is willing to collect your items during the summer. Email her at bbishr@comcast.net to arrange for pickup. These baskets will be assembled by genre and wrapped with plastic wrap in late August. Lists will be attached with what the basket's contents contain. Members volunteering that evening are Jen, Bonnie, Nonnie, Janie, Warren, Linda and Virginia. **UPDATE!** At the moment we have 10 baskets with items donated from many members. Now we need your help to encourage friends to go to dinner and make those reservations!! Thanks all for your help.

Gianni's Italian Bistro

Tips for Change Fundraiser

Benefitting



Alpha Omega Chapter of
Delta Kappa Gamma

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE 5-8:00

Proceeds fund scholarships & grants for teachers' classroom projects, community outreach programs such as: Calico for Kids, Career Online H.S., FESCO, etc. Your servers are volunteers who support DKG. Your tips & 10% of sales support our projects.

For reservations call: 925-820-6969

or book at [yelp.com](https://www.yelp.com)

Gianni's Italian Bistro 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583



September 25, 2019 MEETING Chef's Experience China Bistro

Registration at 5:00. Dinner at 5:30. Meeting following.

Please click on the RSVP link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepfDLE_WDDopbxiiEJSUQ8jS20oSdHfSdtdKAVQXnZrzk9w/viewform?usp=pp_url

(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

**WE HAVE LOTS OF WONDERFUL PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Treasurer's Report

September 2019

By *Nonnie Moore*

Total Receipts	\$9877.25
Total Disbursements	\$7135.11
Ending Balance 6-30-19	\$3808.27
Total Dues Collected 2019-20	\$2657.00

This is the treasurer's report, with annual numbers, being submitted to Alpha Omega . As we are sending this out September 1st the numbers are more general. A more intricate report will be shared at the September 24th meeting. Thanks for your patience.



Legislative Report

Nancy Wales

Welcome Alpha Omega Chapter Members!

Teachers have been lobbying for years to get rid of the WEP/GPO. We still have it but need to continue the fight. Finally, we are seeing some baby steps taken. Did you know....

School Districts Must Inform New Hires of the WEP/GPO Section 419(c) of Public Law 108-203, the Social Security Protection Act of 2004, requires State and local government employers to disclose the effect of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset to employees hired on or after January 1, 2005, in jobs not covered by Social Security. The law requires newly hired public employees to sign a statement (Form SSA-1945) that they are aware of a possible reduction in their future Social Security benefit entitlement. https://www.ssa.gov/section218training/basic_course_7.htm

New State Budget Includes Funding for Education and CalSTRS. There is good news in the recently signed state budget. The following are the highlights of what was included:

Full state contribution to the Teachers' Retirement Fund and the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account (SBMA).

Supplemental payments to the Teachers' Retirement Fund to reduce a portion of the employer contribution rate increases required by the CalSTRS full-funding act. The supplemental contributions keep CalSTRS on the path to full funding in 2046 while providing some additional discretionary funding for schools. Significant increases for early childhood education (preschool and childcare) and special education. Thanks to Governor Newsom and the Legislature for protecting pensions and supporting public education in the 2019-20 state budget.

The US Department of Education lost billions in the president's budget which has been passed by both chambers.



FROM THE CTA WEBSITE

CTA President E. Toby Boyd issued the following statement today calling for immediate action to end the deadly gun violence epidemic that terrorizes our communities and threatens families indiscriminately nationwide:

"Our words are not enough. Our combined thoughts and prayers do nothing to stop the seemingly endless plague of mass shootings and violence in America that have claimed 255 innocent lives this year alone. In the aftermath of Gilroy and another tragic weekend that saw guns kill 20 at a shopping mall in El Paso, Texas, nine at an entertainment district in Dayton, Ohio, and three in ongoing gun violence in Chicago, we must stand together and do more than offer empty words to the families and communities grieving for their murdered daughters, sons, parents, friends and neighbors.

"In school, we teach our students to work together to solve problems. As educators, we help children develop a foundation of respect, celebrate diversity, and collaborate to overcome shared challenges. These have long been hallmarks of American democracy and part of what makes our country special. We may not always agree on difficult issues, but we are willing to put aside those disagreements to fight a shared threat. Gun violence and domestic terrorism are threatening our country.

From The CTA Website, cont.

“It’s time for immediate action to make our communities safe again. This doesn’t only mean changing laws to protect our communities and ending the scourge of gun violence; it will require a collective commitment to making our country better for all of us. It is our shared responsibility to set aside the rhetoric and divisive politics, and work together to provide mental health resources, demand commonsense gun laws, and fight the hate that often fuels this disgusting violence. Words alone won’t fix anything; it will take action. Something is fundamentally broken when a trip to the mall, a festival, or a night out with friends could end in a hail of gunfire.

“As families from Gilroy to El Paso to Dayton and beyond make unplanned funeral arrangements, continued inaction is not an option. [One place to start is by urging your U.S. Senator to support legislation expanding background checks for firearms and closing loopholes that make it too easy to buy guns.](#) We educators urge our fellow Americans to stand with us for safety in our communities and to work together to end the epidemic of gun violence and domestic terrorism.”



Book Notes

Marilyn Baker-Madsen

I came to [The Salt Path](#), by Raynor Winn from a review in the Chronicle Pink Pages some time ago. When I read the words “Cornwall Coast,” on impulse, I knew I had to have this book. I have family members who live in Cornwall and I have walked the coast during my visits. Little did I know what kind of read was in store for me!

Imagine, if you can, rebuilding a ruin of property in Wales where your raised two wonderful children, and sheep and established a vacation destination for holiday travelers, only to lose it to a best friend who makes a financial claim against you. Then imagine, only days later, to have your husband diagnosed with a terminal illness. This is the extraordinary, true story of Raynor and Moth Winn and how they survived after they lost their house, farm and livelihood.

This book is a deeply moving love story, an amazing story of hope and survival and a story rich in the discovery of the rarely seen wonders of nature. Ray and Moth, with nowhere to live and little left but camping gear decide to hike and “wild camp” the South West Coast Path. Here ensures the story of all the adventures and misadventures they encounter on their journey. This story is heartbreakingly tender and will at times inspire the reader and at others times leave you breathless with awe or outrage. It is an amazing journey undertaken by two most extraordinary people.

This informative book about the rugged landscape of England’s coastal paths is interwoven with the richly descriptive story of the endurance Ray and Moth bring to their life and circumstances. It is a beautifully rendered tale of a remarkable journey.





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 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 Penne Ferrell Fund, cont.

- 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.



Committee News

What are we up to?

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SAVE THE DATE!
October 26, 2019
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

 SHOES

 BEDDING / TOWELS

 ACCESSORIES - HATS,
MITTENS, SCARVES,
TIES, SOCKS, PURSES,
WALLETS, BACKPACKS,
BAGS, BELTS, JEWELRY

HARD GOODS

10¢ PER POUND

 ELECTRICAL ITEMS

 TOYS & GAMES

 KITCHEN ITEMS

 KNICK-KNACKS

 SPORTING GOODS -
BALLS, BATS, FRISBEEs,

 TENNIS RACKETS,
BASEBALL GLOVES



400 BAGS = \$1000!



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

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

June Celebrations

7 Emilia Martins

July Celebrations

5 Rosemary Coyne

20 Barbara Bishr

23 Marilyn Baker-Madsen

24 Jean Groth

25 Monica Rock

26 Donna Morris

August Celebrations

1 Donna Goldenstein

3 Nonnie Moore

14 Susan Fujii

17 Jeanne Lycett

22 Nancy Christensen

24 Jean Groth

September Celebrations

2 Norma Sakamoto

24 Nancy Wales

25 Norine Dolyniuk



**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.



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



Meeting Highlights

May 23, 2019

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 evening with delicious food and drinks, a book-talk, book quiz and a great summer reading list.







