

Eta Mu Newsletter

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Mission Statement The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

Eta Mu Fall Kickoff Brunch

When: Saturday, September 9, 10:00 AM **Where:** Famiglia Bistro Ristorante 2501 McHenry Avenue, Modesto

Hostess: Janice Freeman



The cost for the brunch is \$20 per person, payable that day. Please RSVP via your Evite invitation or contact Janice at 209-484-3416.

The theme of our September Kick-Off Brunch will be “What Gets You Moving?”. Let’s hope that the September meeting gets us moving . Read the presidents’

message to find out more about the Kickoff.



Presidents’ Message From Pat and Lynn

Our annual Kick-Off Breakfast will be held at Familia Bistro, Saturday, September 9, at 10 AM. We are looking forward to seeing our members and sharing our chapter’s plans for the coming year. We also we be having some “Opportunity” drawing gifts to support our chapter. The executive committee met twice this summer to plan our programs for the coming year. VP Janice Freeman who is our Program Chair will present the program schedule at our Fall Kickoff. This coming April our chapter will be 50. The Executive Committee is busy planning a celebration for April 22, 2018. The committee also worked with Treasurer Adele Little to establish a budget. The purpose of DKG that we will focus on this year is Purpose Six, “To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action”. As part of that we are establishing a partnership with Eisenhut Elementary School. We need your help to make this a vital part of our program. We will have more information about our partnership at the meeting. Please join us and bring prospective members as guests. We have a lot to share with you.

Dues Are Due

Eta Mu dues are due for the 2017-2018 year. Dues for active members are \$100 per year. Of this amount, \$67 is paid out for state and international dues and fees, \$3 for area assessment, and \$1 for insurance. In addition, we voluntarily contribute a total of \$5 per member to the following Delta Kappa Gamma funds: Education Foundation, World Fellowships, and International Speakers’ Fund. We keep only \$24 of each active member’s dues for our chapter budget. Dues for reserve members are \$40. Of this amount, \$33 is paid out for state and international dues, \$1 for insurance, and \$5 for the DKG funds. In the past, some members have voluntarily added a contribution to their annual fees to help support the chapter. Last year, members made a total of \$350 in voluntary contributions in addition to dues. This amount and the \$963 profit from the 2016 October fundraiser at Applebee’s gave us a healthy budget for the year. We are left with a carry-over of \$821.67, compared with the previous year’s carry-over of only \$336.25. If you feel inclined to do so, a voluntary contribution in any amount would be most welcome and helpful. Please make your check payable to DKG-Eta Mu and mail it to Adele Little, 2805 Veneman Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356. As an alternative to mailing your dues, you may pay them at the Kick-off Breakfast at Famiglia Bistro on September 9. Please pay your dues as

early as possible but no later than October 20. Adele must have the check in the mail to State and International by October 31.

Dear Eta Mu Sisters, I can't believe another year has rolled around again - time to pay dues. I've marked September 9th on my calendar for the Kick-Off Breakfast at Famiglia Bistro. We'll see how I'm doing at that time. So far my days are peaceful and good. Love to all, Maureen Donovan



Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

It is time to sell your Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Tickets. You should have received five Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser tickets in the mail from Kathleen. The cost of each ticket is \$10. Our goal is for each sister to sell 5 tickets. If you need more tickets or have any questions, please call Kathleen. Thank you, Heather, for stuffing the envelopes for mailing. Included in the breakfast are 2 pancakes and 2 slices of bacon with coffee or tea or juice or milk. Family and friends who purchase the tickets must bring them on the day of the Flapjack Fundraiser. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door. Checks for tickets are to be payable to Eta Mu.

To make this event a success we need sisters to serve and plate the breakfasts. Please email kathleenetamu@att.net or call Kathleen, 572-3420, to let her know you will be at Applebee's for greeting, serving, clearing tables or working in the kitchen.

In addition, we will have a raffle at the fundraiser to support our grants. If you would like to donate items for the raffle or ask a business to make a donation, please contact Kathleen. The donation must be raffle ready. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at the door on the day of the fundraiser.

Flapjack Fundraiser Tickets must be sold by Thursday, September 28, 2017.



Eisenhut Elementary School

We have exciting news! Eta Mu has adopted Eisenhut Elementary School. The Adopt-A-School Committee is Cyndi Fletcher, Joyce Brooks and Kathleen Heinzinger. Joyce and Kathleen met with the principal, Trish Anderson, who was thrilled that Eta Mu Sisters would volunteer at Eisenhut School. Would you be willing to volunteer? This could be one day a week or once or twice a month, for an hour or more, whatever fits in your schedule. All we ask is that you commit to the schedule you choose. We know even with the best plans, life happens. In that case, we would ask you to contact another volunteer to take your place or switch times with you.

Joyce has offered her home for all volunteers to meet to establish a schedule and a contact list. There are several Early Career Educators beginning their teaching career at Eisenhut and they would appreciate your support. We hope to support them and the school as we fulfill the purposes of DKG.

Area XVII Fall Conference

The Fall Conference (formerly known as the Retreat) will be Saturday, October 21, 8:30AM to 1:30 PM at the Stanislaus County Office of Education Building. The theme for the fall conference is "Life Is a Journey of Learning". A light breakfast will be available. There will be great raffle prizes, outstanding vendors, educational and fun interest sessions, a Buck-A-Book table for LIFE, a California State Store, a Keynote Speaker from "Come Back Kids", a catered lunch from Panera Bakery, and entertainment by River Lights Chorus.

To raise money for grants, there will be a raffle for 10 themed baskets. Eta Mu's basket theme is Bath/Leisure. Please bring any item you feel ought to be included in the basket to the Kickoff Brunch or contact Pat Elston, and she will arrange for your item to be picked up. Also, please bring previously read books to the Kickoff Brunch to donate to the Buck-A-Book table. You may also bring them to the conference on October 21. Look for registration information about this exciting event on September 1. Invite fellow teachers to join you for the Fall Conference, which is a great way to gain new members for our chapter.

New Day for Children Annual Dinner

Eta Mu has received an invitation to the annual dinner benefiting the New Day for Children organization. The event takes place on September 24 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum, at 5:30 p.m. The evening will include live music, silent auction, buffet dinner, and guest speakers. Tickets are \$85.

New Day for Children provides restorative care, education, and healing to American girls rescued from sex trafficking. A representative from New Day for Children made a presentation to Eta Mu members at a meeting last year. Reservations for the dinner may be made at www.newdayforchildren.com. If you have questions, contact Adele Little for further information.

Inspiration



Many of our members asked for the Inspirational poem that Kathleen shared at the May Garden Party. The author's poems are without titles. Please enjoy the poem:

Did I thank you
For your friendship?
Have I let you know with spoken words how much better
My life has been with you as my friend?
Did I thank you for the quiet way you make my road smooth and my burden light?
Did I mention how much it means to me that you listen patiently if I call you late at night,
To laugh or cry at the way my life has been that day?
Have I told you how your encouraging smile makes me feel worthwhile?
If I've forgotten somehow, with all my heart,
I thank you now.

By Rae Turnbull *From her book, I hear the Whispers in the Twilight, copyright 2001, published by Friend of the Family Features 680 Fifth Avenue Orland, California 95963*



Birthdays

September 2	Carol Wharton
September 4	Karen Harris
September 4	Karen Mendonca
September 7	Cyndi Fletcher
September 14	Janice Chan
September 29	Maureen Donavan