



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.



UPCOMING
EVENTS -

[TBA]



Birthdays

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



Eta Mu's Annual KickOff Breakfast

Hosted by Eta Mu Executive Committee 209-484-3416

WHEN: Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 AM

WHERE: Famiglia Bistro 2501 McHenry Avenue, Modesto



Flapjack Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Eta Mu's first Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Each ticket is \$10 and at our Kick-Off breakfast you will receive 5 tickets to sell. Of course you can sell more! The flapjack breakfast will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each sister will be asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m., serve breakfast and clear tables. A few sisters may be hostesses. We will also dress for Halloween. For each ticket sold, Eta Mu will receive \$6.50. We are looking forward to a successful and profitable Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's, 3900 Sisk Rd., Modesto. If you have any questions, please call, 577-3420 or email, kathleenetamu@att.net.



Welcome to the 2016-2018 Biennium of Eta Mu. I am pleased to return to the position of Co-President this year. Lynn Lysko will be my partner. We have a really great Executive Committee that met over the summer to plan for the year. We have some great programs planned for this year and we look forward to having you, the Eta Mu sisters, involved with the organization. Janice Freeman, VP in charge of programs, has worked hard to plan events that fit with the Seven Purposes of DKG. She will share these events with you at our first meeting, the September Kick Off.

Kathleen Heinzinger, VP in charge of membership, is initiating Heather Coons at the September Meeting. We will be sharing some member stories and talking about ways to get more women teachers to take part in our group. The Kick Off would be the perfect event to invite potential DKG members to learn what Eta Mu does and how being a part of this organization can benefit them. Increasing our membership will provide more funding for the projects that we support.

This year we are going digital. We will show you how to access the information formerly in the "Yearbook" that is now on our website, etamucaliforniadkg.org. I encourage you to fill out the member biography that I email to you. It will be available to other members in a secure area, as will all personal data. For those of you who are not Internet users, we will have a version of the information in print form and will continue to mail you the newsletter.

I recently attended the Area XVII meeting. The main topic was planning for the Fall Luncheon on October 15. The theme for the baskets is gardening. Each chapter is to donate a basket for the "Opportunity" basket draw. Please bring an item to the Kick Off for the basket. Suggestions include garden tools, seed packets, garden gloves, watering cans, pots for plants, plant food, soil, etc. Your help with the items is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Kick Off. Pat Elston, Co-President



for the Early Career Grant-in-Aid. I am humbled and honored by the award. I am thankful to have had Ms. Chrabas as a teacher and hope that I can make as much of an impact on my students as Ms. Chrabas did for me. I had a very successful first year. Next year, I will be teaching Math 2 and Math 3 at Central Valley High School. This summer I am taking two courses through Stanislaus State and Dominican University to further my education. Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks for your generous support. *Sarah Mucha*



Dues Are Due

Our 2016-2017 year began on July 1, and it is now time to pay our annual dues. Why not pay Eta Mu as you pay your bills this September 1? Mail your check to Adele Little, 2805 Veneman Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356. Please make your check payable to DKG-Eta Mu. 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 and \$1 for insurance.

In the past, some members have voluntarily added a contribution to their annual fees to help support the chapter. If you feel inclined to do so, a voluntary contribution in any amount would be most welcome. This year, an additional contribution would be very helpful as our carry-over from last fiscal year is only \$336.25.

As an alternative to mailing your dues to Adele, you may pay them at the Kick-off Breakfast at Famiglia Bistro on September 17. Adele will not be in attendance; please give your check to Pat Elston or Lynn Lysko. Please pay your dues no later than October 20. The treasurer must mail dues to state and international by October 31.



Membership Update

By Kathleen Heinzinger

We are pleased to initiate Heather Coons at our Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday, September 17th. Heather is a delightful and energetic young lady and a passionate high school teacher. Please welcome Heather by attending the Kick-Off Breakfast where she will be initiated. Thank you Betty for hosting Heather's Orientation and thank you Trudi, Janice, Pat and Linda for attending.

I challenge each of you and myself, to Each One, Reach One. It is up to each of us to reach one educator to be a member of our wonderful Society. Why did you join Eta Mu? What have been the benefits of Eta Mu and The DKG International Society for you? What is your Eta Mu and DKG story? Two marvelous and absolutely must see videos found on dkgcalifornia.org are Be a Member-Join DKG and Each One, Reach One.

Please complete your Chapter Member Biographical Data Sheet that Pat emailed on August 27. If you have any questions about the sheet, please call or email Pat or Kathleen. Please complete the Sheet as a narrative. Pat also emailed her completed Sheet as an example. For those without email, you will complete the sheet and I will transfer your information for it to be included on our website. The information on the Sheet will only be accessible to Eta Mu members. You will receive the password at our Kick-Off Breakfast.

Member News

● ● ● ● **Kathleen Heinzinger** and husband Mark spent a wonderful three weeks in Italy visiting Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Lucca and Venice. They saw many historical sights, museums and beautiful churches, ate delicious food and took many, many walks, some guided and some on their own. Kathleen says, "A highlight for us was seeing Pope Francis in the Popemobile just five feet in front of us. As we planned our own trip and lodgings it was fun to be in local neighborhoods. After Italy we flew to Skopje, Macedonia for a week. My nephew married a lovely lady from Macedonia who has lived in the U. S. for many years. Her parents and her sister and family live in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia. The wedding took place in Lake Ohrid, a gorgeous area."

Kathleen also reports that, "Thanks to Lynn Lysko's suggestion, I am now an employee of Brandman University, Modesto Campus. I follow Lynn as the new Campus Clinical Coordinator. After three great years at Womb's Window, I resigned as my new job is 20 hours a week, Monday through Thursday."

In July, **Judy Trask** and husband Ray flew to Alberta Canada to attend the Calgary Stampede. They also rented a car for a week and traveled the Banff to Jasper route, stopping at Drumheller on the return loop to take in the Candian badlands and visit the Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016



GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS
■ 1000 I St, Modesto, CA 95354 ■

Mary Stuart Rogers Theater | A RED CARPET EVENT BENEFITING
MODESTO GOSPEL MISSION

7:00 PM
PreShow Reception & Silent Auction
5:30 P.M.