



# Eta Mu Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan. 21** Soup and  
Salad

**Jan. 24**  
Leadership  
Retreat, Ontario,  
CA

**Feb. 20** Cooking  
for Chinese New  
Year

**Mar. 2** Read  
Across America

**Mar. 8** Annual  
Potato Fest



## Birthdays

**Jan. 16**  
Judy Aprile

**Jan. 20**  
Mary Lou  
Dieterich

**Jan. 28**  
Roberta Bica

## Mission Statement

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



## JANUARY MEETING

### SOUP AND SALAD TO WARM OUR SOULS

**DATE:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Adele Little's Home

2805 Veneman Avenue, 523-1275

Please RSVP to the upcoming E-Vite

## MARCH 2, READ ACROSS AMERICA EVENT AT MARY LOU DIETERICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND DONATIONS

Please consider donation of a children's book to read at the March event. We also need members to read in classrooms so save the date and spend some time celebrating literacy with students at the school named after one of our members. Signs ups will begin at the January meeting

# CHAPTER NEWS

## DECEMBER SPEAKER MEETING



Eta Mu members and guests gathered at the home of Kay Anderson for the December meeting. They enjoyed an assortment of holiday cookies and cake served by Mary Lou Dieterich, Karen Harris, and Karen Moore.

Special guests for the evening included California State Organization 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Daphne Cagle and Area XVII Director Barbara Nash. They invited members to attend the California State Organization Conference April 29, to May 1, 2016 in Fresno. Other guests included Sarah Mucha, a first year teacher and former student of Linda Chabas, and prospective member Heather Coons.



Special guest speaker, Lori Aderholt, from World Relief Modesto, a resettlement agency for refugees in Stanislaus County, informed members of the organizations efforts as well as partnerships with churches, individuals, and the community to assist refugees transitioning to their new life in the U.S. Mrs. Aderholt explained the rigorous screening that each refugee must pass before being admitted into the United States. She asked members to consider volunteering time to tutor newcomers or donations of supplies and household items to help settle the new families.

Jared Boxes and "no-sew" blankets were collected and Janice Freeman, Kathleen Heinzinger, Karen Harris, and Mary Lou Dieterich will distribute them to Doctors' Hospital, Modesto Gospel Mission and the Family Justice Center.

## ETA MU AWARDS A GRANT-IN AID

Eta Mu awarded Sarah Mucha, a first year teacher at Central High School in Ceres, a Grant-in-Aid fellowship. Sarah Mucha is a graduate of Sonoma State University with a BA in Mathematics with a concentration in secondary education. She also received her credential from SSU. Her student teaching experience was at Napa High School. As an undergraduate at SSU, Sarah ran a Calculus 1 Workshop twice a week emphasizing Calculus 1 concepts.

Sarah went through Modesto City Schools where Linda Chrabas first encountered her at La Loma Junior High School in Grade 8. She went on to graduate from Thomas Downey High School. Beyond a monetary grant from Eta Mu, chapter member Linda Chrabas is offering support through actively volunteering to assist Sara who is a former student of hers. Chapters provide Grants-in-Aid to non-member women educators. This Grant-in-Aid encourages young educators through our financial support and interest in them.

## **COMMITTEE MEETS FOR NOMINATIONS AND RULES UPDATE**

Carol Vieira, Pat Elston, Kathleen Heinzinger, and Janice Freeman met to work on updating the chapter rules and nominating officers for the next biennium. As the committee worked through nominations and responsibilities for each office, some restructuring to the rules was done. The major changes were in the slate of officers and in the committee's responsibilities being explicitly stated. Members will have an opportunity to vote on the changes at the January meeting. The changes are due to the California State Organization in February.

## **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR MODESTO AREA OFFICERS**

An Installation Ceremony and Celebration for the officers of all Modesto DKG chapters will be held on May 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Concetta Restaurant in Modesto. Area XVII Director, Barbara Nash will officiate at the installation. A luncheon will be served after the initiation of officers. Reservations and checks will be handled by Eta Mu, table decorations by Epsilon Nu, and flowers for the officers by Alpha Epsilon. The cost for the luncheon of \$22.00 will be due by May 3, 2016.

## **REMEMBER YOUR T.H.A.T. HOURS**

Please submit your THAT hours online. Here is a link that will provide information on what counts and direct you to the page where you can input your hours: [THAT PROGRAM](#). And PLEASE let us know how many hours you have worked since June. Our chapter would love to recognize you.

## **AREA AWARDS APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1**

Applications for Awards and Recognition are due on March 1, 2016. If you feel one of Eta Mu's members should be nominated for Area Service, Chapter Service, or Community Service/Youth at Risk Projects, please contact the Rewards and Recognition Committee, Kathleen and Linda. They will be working on submitting the forms.

# **AREA EVENTS**

## **MODESTO AREA DELTA KAPPA GAMMA EVENTS**

**ALPHA EPSILON** is raising money to buy musical instruments for elementary band and orchestra students in Modesto City Schools. The chapter is sponsoring a documentary film, YO QUIERO MUSICA, about the music of Cuba and the hope and joy that it gives to the Cuban people. Join Alpha Epsilon at the State Theater on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 6PM for appetizers before the film at 7PM. The donation for the event is \$25 or a musical instrument.

