



Eta Mu Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June TBA--Bridge to Bridge Cruise and Lunch



Birthdays

June 13
Kathleen Heinzinger

June 20
Diane Massetti

June 22
Sheila Efflandt

Mission Statement

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

New Officers To Be Installed May 14

The officers for the next biennium are Co-Presidents, Pat Elston and Lynn Lysko; First Vice-President, Janice Freeman; Second Vice-President, Kathleen Heinzinger; Recording Secretary, Linda Chrabas. Adele Little accepted the appointment for the office of Treasurer and Carol Vieira for Parliamentarian.

New officers will be installed on May 14, 2016, at 11:00 AM at Concetta Restaurant, 1205 J Street, Modesto. Area XVII Director, Barbara Nash will officiate at the installation. A luncheon will be served after the initiation of officers.



Celebrating Year's Accomplishments

When: Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Lynn Lysko's home, 2328 Lover's Point Lane, Modesto 209-324-0399

Please join your Eta Mu sisters at the Celebrating Accomplishments May meeting where we will initiate new members, honor members, and award grant recipients. The Executive Board will serve as hostesses for this meeting.

Our grant-in-aid recipient, Yusra Shouman, will be a guest at the meeting. Yusra is a student at Modesto Junior College with the goal of majoring in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Teacher Preparation. She will relate how her love of learning was nurtured, what motivated her toward a teaching career, and will describe her current teaching and volunteering experiences. She is inspired to be a great teacher who strives to influence her students to be the "best versions of themselves that they can be."

LearningQuest Stanislaus Literacy Centers **April Meeting**

On April 19, fifteen Eta Mu members attended a meeting at LearningQuest-Stanislaus Literacy Centers in downtown Modesto. After a wine and cheese reception hosted by the literacy center, Karen Williams, executive director, spoke about the scope of services offered -- literacy, family literacy, ESL, Adult Basic Education, and high school diploma equivalency programs. Two adult students, who had been recipients of Literacy Network of Stanislaus County awards, related their personal stories of overcoming barriers to achieve their goals. Following a tour of the facilities and opportunities for questions, the group adjourned to Fuzio's for dinner.



Member News

Recently **Janice Freeman** and granddaughter Alyssa were inspired by the no-sew quilt project Eta Mu did last November to make a couple of quilts. Janice says, "She was able to earn some community service hours for school, the Gospel Mission got two quilts, and I had fantastic one-on-one time with Alyssa!"



Trudi Sigmon and **Kathleen Heinzinger** enjoyed celebrating **Virginia Irons'** 90th birthday Open House hosted by her family. Virginia was delighted to see many friends from her church and sisters from Eta Mu. She is adjusting to her new home in Elk Grove, however Virginia misses her home in Ceres and visiting with her friends.



Wonderful Opportunities

Several committees are waiting for you. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved with your sisters for the good of Eta Mu and DKG. Available opportunities are:

Legislative Chair

Membership Committee at least 2 members

Finance Committee, Kathleen Heinzinger and at least 1 more member

Program Committee, Adele Little and at least 2 more members

Legislative Committee, and at least 1 more member

Scholarship and Awards, Kay Anderson and Linda Chrabas

Membership Committee will work with Kathleen Heinzinger and the Program Committee will work with Janice Freeman. Please call Kathleen if you have questions about the committees. Thank you to these sisters who have already volunteered: Carol Vieira, Parliamentarian, Adele Little, Kay Anderson, and Linda Chrabas. If you volunteered at the March 8th meeting and you are not on the list, please call Kathleen Heinzinger, 572-3420, or email kathleenetamu@att.net.



River Lights Chorus Spring Tea

River Lights Chorus is preparing for its 5th Annual Spring Tea, scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 2 pm at the Grace Luthern Church in the Spirit Center. The address is 617 West Orangeburg Ave., Modesto.

This year's theme is fairyland. Carol Wharton is in the middle of painting several large fairies. She has already completed a number of brightly colored dragonflies.

The music, homemade food, and raffle are always amazing. Young ladies are welcome. There will be a special raffle table set up for them with wands, wings, and tiaras. It promises to be a magical event. For further information your contact person is Linda Conley at 209-576-7010.

Eta Mu Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Pat Elston at 7:00 p.m.

The January 21, 2016 minutes were approved on a motion made by Janice Freeman, seconded by Janice Chan, and passed by a vote of members present.

Treasurer's Report by Adele Little: balance on hand is \$1,243.62. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion made by Trudi Sigmon, seconded by Kay Anderson, and passed by a vote of members present. There was discussion that the balance is low due to a decrease in membership. To increase the balance on hand, ideas were brainstormed by the members and Pat Elston shared the successes of the other Modesto chapters.

Election of Officers: The Slate of Officers for the 2016-2018 Biennium were approved on a motion by Nyla Rossiter, seconded by Linda Chrabas, and passed by a vote of members present. The officers will be: Co-Presidents—Pat Elston and Lynn Lysko; First VP/Programs—Janice Freeman; Second VP/Membership—Kathleen Heinzinger; Recording Secretary—Linda Chrabas. Appointment for Treasurer was Adele Little. Appointment for Parliamentarian—Carol Vieira. Appointment for Legislative Chair--**NEED**

Committee Reports: LIFE (Learning is for Everyone) – Kathleen reported that LIFE's Fundraiser with Barnes and Noble is March 6, 2016 to March 26, 2016. THAT – Pat asked each member to report their hours online at dkgcalifornia.org . If a member needs help, please contact Pat or Kathleen. Committee members needed for 2016 – 2018:

- Membership Committee, **NEED** at least 2 members
- Finance Committee, Kathleen Heinzinger and **NEED** at least 1 more member
- Program Committee, Adele Little and **NEED** at least 2 more members
- Legislative Committee, **NEED** at least 1 more member
- Scholarship and Awards, Kay Anderson and Linda Chrabas

Other Business

Communications: None

Events and Community Support: Modesto Gospel Mission: Janice Freeman reported \$365 was collected in February. Read Across America: Kathleen reported that Pat, Judy Trask, Linda Chrabas, Kay Anderson, and Kathleen Heinzinger enjoyed reading to TK, K, 1st and 4th grade students at Mary Lou Dieterich School.

Literacy Network Luncheon: Adele reported that Susan Neufeld will receive The Jean and Clyde Dunlap Award for outstanding contributions to the cause of Literacy. The Literacy Network Luncheon is Friday, March 4, 2016.

Upcoming Events Reminder

LIFE Foundation Barnes & Noble Bookfair Fundraiser, March 6 – 26

April Learning Quest Tour, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 5:00 p.m. No host dinner.

Fundraiser for Epsilon Nu at State Theater, April 28, "My Fair Lady."

California State Convention, April 29 – May 1.

Joint Chapter Installation of Officers, May 14, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Heinzinger