



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



We're very excited about our upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm! There will be a lovely reception in the Carnation Room at the Gallo Center for the Arts and we will have some special guests.

Officers from DKG California will be there, along with Jeff Conway, the new executive director of the Modesto Gospel Mission. State Senator Tom Berryhill will be in attendance, along with his director Bob Phelan. The office of Representative Jeff Denham will be sending field representative Eric Alvarez.

Many thanks to all the Eta Mu sisters who have worked so hard to make this special event happen.

New Officers



New officers have been selected for the 2018-2020 year. The Co-Presidents will be Janice Freeman and Lynn Lysko. The First V-P will be Judy Trask and the Second V-P will be Debbie Mar. The new Recording Secretary will be Janice Chan. Adele Little will continue as Treasure assisted by Lynn Lysko and the new Parliamentarian will be Pat Elston. Thank you Eta Mu members for your commitment to leadership for the upcoming Biennium.



Convention

The annual California State DKG convention will be held May 4 - 6 in Irvine at the Irvine Marriott. Steer Toward the Future is this year's theme. You can make reservations now through the following link: www.dkgca.org/convention-arrangements.html You can also call the hotel directly for reservations: 1-800-228-9290. State that you are a DKG member to receive the best rate.



Heather Nonaca was granted a scholarship to the Colonial Williamsburg Institute from June 30-July 6. The intensive Teacher Institute will immerse her in American history while staying in Williamsburg, the restored capital city of eighteenth-century Virginia. During the Institute, Heather will learn techniques that will actively engage her students in the study of history. Throughout the session she will work with Colonial Williamsburg staff and interpreters, analyze primary sources, and take part in historic simulations. Heather says, "I am extremely excited about the opportunity and I'm so grateful to Janice Freeman, who made me aware of this amazing institute and encouraged me to apply for the scholarship."

Mary Lou Dieterich had a total knee replacement and the surgery went very well. Daughter Karen Harris reports that her mom chose to have an epidural instead of being knocked out and watched the entire procedure! She is recuperating at home and doing very well.

The Turlock Journal has an article about **Susan Neufeld**, who will be honored this May at the state convention with the Distinguished Public Educator Award. You can read the newspaper article online: <http://www.turlockjournal.com/section/12/article/36146/>



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March 2018

Spring is in the air! Which means that our annual 5K walk/run at the Lafayette Reservoir is right around the corner - Saturday April 14, to be exact. *Please register yourself or team on our website ASAP at 5k.newdayforchildren.com*

But logistics aside, the 5K has symbolic meaning as well. The Bible uses the metaphor of a race to spur us on in our life journey. The Apostle Paul gives us a bracing example: "My only aim is to finish this RACE and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

Paul uttered these words as he journeyed toward what he knew was imprisonment and immense suffering. A costly personal journey, yet Paul's main objective was to share the grace of God with a hurting world. Our world today is no less broken, and the girls we labor to restore dearly need that healing message of God's grace.

Paul also says, "Do you not know that in a RACE all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Walk/run in such a way as to get the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24. Here we are exhorted to go for it - to see that our life has purpose and meaning, and to have a fixed goal in sight. This is anything but a fatalistic, lackadaisical approach to life. Even in the midst of obstacles and struggle, we are to run to the best of our ability. This is a view of life we offer to the girls in our care, and it informs our deliberations as we strive for continued improvement in our program.

Unlike Paul's metaphor, at our 5K we hand out many prizes, some of them pretty fantastic! But the greatest prize is the satisfaction of helping to save a life, and empower one more girl to run in grace and freedom. Our hearts are very full and grateful as we have seen INCREASE in the past several months

- INCREASE in the number of girls to care for,
- INCREASE in faithful supporters,
- INCREASE in creative energy,
- INCREASE in funds to do the work!

A Huge Thank You! Our ANNUAL BRUNCH in Orinda

Our thanks to our inspiring speakers – our New Day Graduate and her mother, Paul Figueroa and Jim Hampton. We were entertained by our New Day songbird and assisted by Lamorinda NCL volunteers. But most importantly, those who attended to helping us reach our \$10,000 donation goal.



This amount will be matched by Sparrow's Nest Studio - dollar for dollar. Then, incredibly, this \$20,000 has been matched by Premier Talent Partners, The Content Bureau, Markstein Beverage Company, the Klein Family and Menke Family! What an amazing effort -- **we hit our \$40,000 goal!**

Thank you to those who provided raffle items: Republic of Cake, Suzanne Koze for the Sanvitalia orchid and gift card, Woodhouse Day Spa gift card, Malas by The Sparrow's Nest Studios, and many other individuals who provided donation baskets and items! We are thrilled by the efforts of so many for being part of transforming the lives of our girls providing them a new day of care and hope!



IN NAPA: Mrs. McDonald's Breakfast

Mrs. McDonald and a host of volunteers cooked up some of Mrs. McDonald's famous breakfast items – biscuits and gravy, homemade jams, eggs, bacon plus more at First Christian Church in Napa. The public was invited for breakfast for a donation. We had 147 people attend to

raise \$3,400! New Day is so grateful to Mrs. McDonald, her husband John, Pastor Rick at First Christian Church of Napa and all of the volunteers! It was a wonderful and yummy morning!



**New Day for Children
5K Walk/Run**

**Saturday, April 14th, 9 am
Lafayette Reservoir
Register: 5k.newdayforchildren.com**

**And don't forget to
join us for our
Annual 5K walk/run**

***Get Friends to join
you – form a team
and fundraise!***