



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

International Vision Statement

Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

DKG California Vision Statement

DKG California - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact



Presidents' Message

Happy Spring Sisters!

I sincerely hope this missive finds you healthy and happy and enjoying some spring weather! This communication is both our monthly Presidents' message and some personal updates. With re-birth of life occurring every which way you turn, I feel that it may be pertinent to focus our attention on Purpose 6 of Delta Kappa Gamma- "To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action". This month I would like honor this purpose in two ways:

1. To nominate Theresa Foote for membership in our chapter and
2. To inform you that I am working with a team of incredible educators to submit a charter petition to the Stanislaus County Office of Education to offer the Davis High School Language Institute to students in the entire county.

You will not be surprised about my nomination of Theresa especially if you attended the March meeting where she taught our members about iPhone editing and airdropping photos! She has had an incredible career at Roosevelt Junior High School and is well known throughout our community as an exceptional educator. She is the epitome of a life-long learner.

You also may not be surprised that I am failing miserably at "retirement". When I led the research team of Modesto City Schools 10 years ago to create new systems of support for our English learners, it was an incredible learning experience. I coupled that research with my doctoral study so you understand the extent of my passion for this group of "at-promise" students. A decade later, when I was approached to write the charter petition to take the Language Institute to the next level to serve even more English learners from a county-wide perspective, I didn't hesitate even a second!

We have created a mission, a vision, values statements, written a charter petition, and we will submit to SCOE in April for their consideration. We have found a home for the school, created a partnership for dual enrollment with Modesto Junior College and a partnership for English learner observations and learning for the California State University Stanislaus credential programs, and received letters of support from over 60 Stanislaus County leaders including those from faith-based organizations, service clubs, and other pillars of our community. We have the greatest confidence that our team of extraordinary educators will breathe new life for a group of children who have career and educational dreams but who stand little chance of achieving them without the life-changing intervention of learning the English language.

I am honored to be working with my colleague Lindsey Bird, from Epsilon Nu Chapter of DKG, and one of the 2019 SCCW Outstanding Women. Having the support of our DKG colleagues means so much to us. As we move forward in the process of authorization, we appreciate good thoughts and wishes for our success with SCOE. We believe they will be proud to authorize us and are doing everything in our power to begin this successful partnership.

Thank you to all our sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma for your support in this endeavor. Don't be surprised if we come asking for volunteers to work with our students! Lots of THAT hours in your futures! Don't forget Paint Night at Mistlin Gallery next week on April 11th! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Lynn Lysko
Executive Director
New Colossus Academy

PS. We are calling the school New Colossus after the Emma Lazarus poem on the Statue of Liberty. "Bring is your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..." We want to serve the students that no one else wants.

Mistlin Paint Night

When: Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm
Where: Mistlin Gallery
1015 J Street, Modesto, California

The deadline for our headcount and fees for this activity was April 1. Contact Pat Elston at 209-338-8361 with any questions regarding the \$30 payment for the paint night. Please bring a snack to share as we will arrive at 6 pm for refreshment and beverages, then the actual paint class will last from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Garden Party



When: Saturday, June 1, 2019, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Lynn Lysko's home
2328 Lovers Point Lane Modesto 95356
209-324-0399

Birthdays



APRIL	13	Janice Freeman
	27	Carol Vieira

Upcoming Dues Reminder

Early Warning:

It's not too early to be thinking about 2019-2020 dues. Beginning this year, DKG will collect dues to conform with the organization's fiscal year: July 1-June 30. Consequently, dues for 2019-2020 must be paid by June 30. Assistant Treasurer Lynn Lysko will be able to process credit cards through Square for a fee of \$2.75 in addition to the \$100 dues payment. Of course, checks for \$100 will continue to be accepted. This notice is advisory. Dues may be paid in May or June to Lynn (credit cards) or Adele Little (checks.)

Thanks,
Adele



The April Lunch Bunch will be on Saturday, April 27, 1:30 p.m. at Susan Neufeld's ABC Project Spring Tea, at Gemperle Gallery of the Carnegie Arts Center, 250 N. Broadway, Turlock. Tickets are \$18, payable to ABC Project and due by April 12th. Please send your check and reservation request to Susan Neufeld, 4011 N. Berkeley Ave., Turlock, 95382. This is Susan's new address.

The following month's Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, May 9th at 11:30 at Divine Swine, 825 West Roseburg Avenue, Modesto. No RSVP needed—just show up!



California Convention
May 3 - 5 2019
San Francisco Airport
Marriott Waterfront
Celebrating Purposeful Progress

The link below will provide lots of information on **DKG California Convention Resources 2019:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OVbz9Tx_EqYedMGwmV-r9h8xul2v398pFwPA8cbPoLY/edit?usp=sharing

River Lights Chorus

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Monday,
April 15
@ 7:30pm
Doors open at 7:15pm
Free

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Modesto, CA



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