



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



Presidents' Message

Happy February Sisters!

Such a stressful time for those still working- budgets, staffing, and enrollment issues all work together to create uncertainty in our schools. People get nervous, think about next year, and wonder what their future holds with new administration or new students. If you are retired, please take a moment to **contribute THAT hours** to help another teacher who might be experiencing any of the above. It is quite amazing to be on the receiving end of this support! It's one of the reasons I love being a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Important reminders to all members: please consider nominating someone from our chapter for a Chapter or Area Service Award. Forms are due to presidents and we submit them by March 1 - deadline is looming! Pat and I are working to ensure that we gather the most points possible for the honor chapter criteria. Outstanding Student Teacher nominations are also due if you know someone at your school! Please send your nominations to either Pat Elston or me. It is also time to **nominate someone** from our chapter for next year's leadership roles! It's even ok to volunteer or nominate yourself! We have all positions open and would love to freshen the blood line with new people stepping up. Adele, Janice, and I are hoping to have the nominations all settled by the end of February. The installation will be in April so that the new leadership team may go to May Convention knowing their new roles and learning what is expected over the next biennium. It's a wonderfully refreshing way to begin your new position.

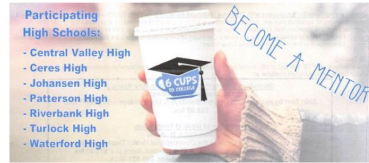
Even if you are not taking on a leadership role, attending **Convention** is a rejuvenating way to end the school year. This year it will take place in Irvine at the Marriott on May 4th - 6th. Any Delta Kappa Gamma member is welcome and if you have never attended a Convention, let this be the year you do! You may even want to consider being a **vendor at Convention** if you have something cool to sell. Eta Mu will be purchasing an ad in the Convention Program to honor Dr. Neufeld and brag about our 50th but there may be lots of other reasons to buy an ad - **share what you are celebrating** with other sisters around the state! Perhaps you earned your masters or a doctorate? Let's **showcase Eta Mu!** And if you like to sing, Convention has a **choir group** - applications are online on our California Delta Kappa Gamma site! Tag on a trip to Disney or other sites in SoCal while you are there! Fulfill purpose 1 and unite with other key women educators at Convention.

Looking forward to seeing you at our February meeting to learn more about how SCOE is supporting students through the **6 Cups to College** program. See you there! Lynn

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018

**7 – 9 pm, at home of Janice Chan,
3200 Bridle Path Lane, Modesto
Co-Hostess Roberta Bica**

**Guest Speaker - Kandy Woerz,
6 Cups to College**



RSVP by Tues., Feb. 13, to Janice Freeman 209-484-3416

Winter Leadership Conference

By Pat Elston

Kathleen Heinzinger and I had the privilege of attending the Leadership Conference in Irvine, January 20-21 with our Area XVli Director, Gloria Bracco. Linda Moore, a professional trainer and a member of Beta Iota Chapter, Area XII, presented “DKG Women Make It Happen.” After a short introduction on how teams evolve, attendees completed the Gregorc Style Delineator to determine their leadership style. Everyone was then grouped by the four different leadership styles: Concrete Sequential, Abstract Sequential, Abstract Random or Concrete Random. The next activity included the different leadership styles talking together about which descriptions were accurate and which ones were not. All three of us were Concrete Sequential. Check out what that means.



Groups were formed in which least three of the four leadership styles were represented. Once everyone was in a group, Linda explained the task. Each group was to create a travel agency and plan a 7-10-day vacation. Using their various learning styles, the groups worked together to create a name for the travel agency, a destination and activities as well as visuals for a presentation. Part of the assignment included explaining how the various learning styles contributed to the overall product. The level of engagement by each group was intense. Who would not want to plan their dream vacation?

The presentations were interesting and fun. There were some who planned trips to locations in Texas connected to the DKG International Convention, while others planned exotic trips to Costa Rica, Australia, New Zealand, and the Galapagos Islands. One group took it to the next level by creating a jingle. Needless to say, when DKG women are not limited by finances, they can plan some amazing vacations! The conference was also an opportunity to connect with other California State DKG leaders and learn from them.



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. The official Convention Registration Form will be available February 12. You can 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.

50th Anniversary

It won't be long before we celebrate Eta Mu's 50th Anniversary! So mark your calendars to **save the date** for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. We'll be celebrating at the Gallo Center for the Arts on April 22 from 2 - 4 PM. Tickets will be \$35.



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Member News



Susan Neufeld, member of Eta Mu Chapter since September 2005, was recognized by DKG California State for the 2017 Distinguished Public Service Award. This recognition is for an outstanding contribution to public service. Since 2004, Susan has been director of the Abundant Books for Children (ABC) Project, the Turlock affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The ABC project provides individual children with a book each month from birth to age five.

Susan makes presentations to local Head Start programs, MOMs groups, and service organizations. Once each month, she presides at an information booth at the Turlock Famers' Market. Each fall, Susan coordinates a reading event for area teachers to encourage their students to read; in October 2015, students in 41 participating classrooms read over 623,000 minutes in one month. Susan's colleagues selected her as the 2015 Outstanding Community Service Professor.

Susan is a full professor at CSU Stanislaus in the Department of Advance Studies, working with graduate students. She coordinates both the Reading Specialist Credential Program and the Master of Arts in Education, Curriculum and Instruction Programs. Susan teaches graduate courses and Educational Research. Susan was initiated in the Gamma Chapter in Delta, Missouri, December 1997. Eta Mu appreciates Susan's enthusiasm for reading and sharing her enthusiasm with future and current teachers, children, colleagues and families. Susan will be honored at the 2018 California State DKG Convention in Irvine.

Celebrate Literacy!

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DATE:
Friday, March 2, 2018

PLACE:
Petersen Event Center
720 12th Street, Modesto, CA
Parking: 12th Street Garage,
Stanislaus County Office of
Education

TIME:
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

REGISTRATION:
\$30
Registration includes materials and
lunch catered by O'Brien's Market

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Business owners, CEOs, managers,
human resources and training
personnel, community members,
school personnel, literacy program
volunteers and participants and
adult education providers.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:
Personal stories of literacy
achievements; services for
upgrading the skills of your
workforce; how to impact
productivity through training and
education; and about existing adult
training programs.

Literacy Network Awards Luncheon

On March 2, the Literacy Network of Stanislaus County will hold its 19th annual Celebrate Literacy Awards Luncheon at the Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto. (Please note the new venue.) At the celebration, three outstanding adult education students will be honored for their achievements. Additionally, the Betty Mulnix Service Award will be presented to an individual who has performed distinguished service in the field of literacy, and the Jean and Clyde Dunlap Award will be presented to a community member who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of literacy in Stanislaus County.

Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, Stanislaus Center, of Central Valley Opportunity Center will be the featured speaker. He came to the U.S. at age 17, knowing no English. For five years, he

worked in the agriculture fields while he attended Hughson High School and Modesto Junior College. In his third year at MJC, he began working at the 99-Cent Store while simultaneously working as a tutor for Mini-corps. He started his work at CVOC as the driver of a mobile unit and subsequently rose to the positions of job developer/manager, purchasing manager, and current position as Director of the Stanislaus office of CVOC.

Eta Mu members are cordially invited to attend. See the enclosed registration form for details. Registration is \$30 including lunch. A check with your reservation should be returned no later than Friday, February 23.

Paid reservations due by Feb. 23	Registration for Celebrate Literacy! 2018
Mail reservations to Stanislaus County Office of Education Attn: SPIE 1100 H Street Modesto, CA 95354 Phone: 209.238.1766 Fax: 209.238.4284 Email registration info to SPIE@thevision.net Make checks payable to SPIE/Literacy Network of Stanislaus County	Name _____ Company Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone/Email _____ An individual or company may elect to be a sponsor for \$160. This includes two paid registrations and recognition as a sponsor. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if interested in a sponsorship. Duplicate form for additional reservations.

Birthdays

No February Birthdays

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Thursday, March 1, 2018

DKG Zeta Rho Chapter is inviting all chapter members who would like to attend our March meeting. It will be held at U.O.P. in the art department, at 5:30

Our guest speaker will be *Lisa Cooperman*.

She is the university's newly appointed curator and will share with us her duties as curator of the permanent Powell collection and how she is collaborating with faculty to reinforce the roll of art as central to a 21st century education. She is also organizing an exhibition of the Powells' art for a fall 2018 opening.

Dinner will follow at a location TBA. RSVP

Maurie Jacinto by 2/24/18 209 327-7990 acampoj@att.net

BENEFITS: Education Foundation of Stanislaus County, MJC Scholarships, Library Books, & Great Valley Museum
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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

April 26, 2018
5:30 Wine and Appetizers
7:00 Film Showing

Donation \$25
Limited tickets at the door...

State Theatre - 1307 J Street, Modesto

Contact Gloria - (209)545-0883
Reservations online - dkgmodesto@gmail.com