



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

California Biennium Theme

Crossing Bridges Together



Presidents' Message

Dearest Sisters,

As Janice and I near the end of our biennium as co-presidents, we hope you will help us achieve our goals and lead our chapter to a strong finish. We are so very proud of all of you who have completed your **member biographies** or assisted a sister to complete her bio. Please try to have those sent in to Kathleen or Pat by the February deadline.

In addition to our biography goal, we have a goal for each member to attend **at least 1 Visual and Performing Arts** event this year - to support that goal our Lunch Bunch next Thursday, January 30 will be headed to see Little Women at the Riverbank Galaxy theater. Please call, email, or text me if you would like to carpool.

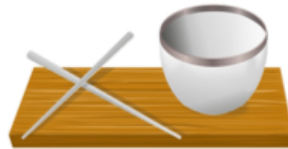
Our third goal is for each non-retired member to bring in a new sister from the field - we need to keep our membership strong - the Society is not just for retired people - we need actively working members too! Our target date for recruiting new members is March but the Paint Night event at Pinot's Palette might be a fun introduction to our group! Our annual Potato Fest in March is also a great event (this year we are adding Bunko) to introduce someone to our sisterhood. Bring a friend!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible chez Nonaca on February 6th for some excellent Asian food prepared by our own Debbie Mar - it's one of my favorite events on our program! If you attend and pay that night for Paint Night, you will also be eligible to vote on which painting we will do in April. We should have our officers slate to preview that night as well to see who will lead us into the future.

See you in Riverbank on January 30 if you can make it!

Lynn and Janice (Co-Presidents)

Chinese Cooking Demonstration



When: Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6 - 8 p.m.
Where: Heather Nonaca's home
4305 Crown Valley Way, Modesto 95356
209-324-3837

Please join us as Debbie Mar does a Chinese Cooking Demonstration (we get to eat the finished product!) and Heather Nonaca makes a presentation to keep us informed of what's going on in education legislation. Co-hostesses for this event will be Linda Chrabas and Judy Trask. Please RSVP to your Evite or contact Judy Trask at 209-918-5532 so we can get an accurate head count.

Save the Date

2020 DKG California Convention
May 1 - 3, 2020
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
Exploring New Pathways
Speakers / Breakout Sessions
Professional / Personal Development
Fellowship and Fun

Dear Sisters,

Today Kathleen Heinzinger found out from Standiford Place staff that Nyla Rossiter had passed away a couple nights ago. At the time of her passing, Nyla was still a patient at Garden City Health Care Center following a 3-week hospitalization in December from complications of chemo therapy she was undergoing for cancer. I had stopped by to visit with her last week, and we had a sweet conversation. It was brief, however, because she was noticeably weak. She had been trying to regain her strength to be able to walk so she could return to Standiford Place, which she absolutely loved. I prayed with her before I left, and promised to visit again soon with a strawberry smoothie. May she have now be enjoying all the strawberry smoothies heaven can hold!

I have spoken with her brother, Jene Rossiter, to share our sadness and condolences. Since he and all his extended family live in Nevada, there will be no service here in Modesto. He promised to contact me when he comes to Modesto to collect Nyla's personal belongings. I shared with him how much Nyla always enjoyed hosting the Potato Fest for Eta Mu every year. This year, I think we must plan to observe a Celtic toast in Nyla's honor at the beginning of our Fest, don't you?

Mr. Rossiter's contact information is Jene Rossiter 1845 Alpine St., Reno, NV 89703, 775-882-0523. Debbie Mar will be sending a card on behalf of the chapter, but I'm sure they would be blessed by any cards and reminiscences from individuals, as well.

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Please keep family and friends in thought and prayer as we remember our dear sister, Nyla.

Janice Freeman



January 21, 2020

Dear Friends of Literacy,

On March 6, the Literacy Network of Stanislaus County will hold its 21th annual Celebrate Literacy Awards Luncheon highlighting literacy and literacy-related training in the county. At the celebration we will:

- recognize three outstanding adult education students
- highlight exemplary education and training programs
- hear an inspirational speaker
- present the Betty Mulnix Service Award to an individual who has performed distinguished service in the field of literacy
- present the Jean and Clyde Dunlap Award to a community member who has made outstanding contributions to local literacy efforts

The luncheon will be held at the Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto. Free parking will be available at the 12th Street Parking Garage provided that you mention that you are attending a Literacy Network/SPIE event. Sign-in will commence at 11:00 a.m. The buffet luncheon catered by O'Brien's Market will be served at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at 11:50 a.m. and conclude by 1:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Audra Casanova, Project Coordinator for the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program of the Stanislaus County Office of Education, Preventions Division. As a former foster youth, Audra has dedicated herself to uplifting and empowering marginalized youth and communities. She will speak about her life journey and how one person can make a huge impact on another's life.

Every year this event is truly inspirational and joyous. I hope you will make it a priority to attend the celebration and bring personnel from your organization to congratulate and support the award winners. Registration is \$35 including lunch. Please seriously consider a sponsorship of \$175 or \$500 to help cover the costs of lunches provided gratis to nominees, award winners, and their families. The enclosed registration form provides details. Your paid registration should be returned no later than Friday, February 28. Please see flyer for registration details. I hope to see you on March 6.

Sincerely,

Linda Alaniz
Chair, Literacy Network of Stanislaus County

CELEBRATE LITERACY!

21ST ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

ALL WELCOME

MARCH 6, 2020

11 AM - 1 PM
CATERED LUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

PETERSEN EVENT CENTER
720 12TH ST., MODESTO

FREE PARKING AT 12TH & H STREET GARAGE
MENTION THE "LITERACY NETWORK/SPIE EVENT"



**INSPIRATIONAL
SPEAKER**

**LITERACY AWARDS &
STUDENT STORIES**

**FOCUS ON
ADULT EDUCATION,
TRAINING PROGRAMS &
WORKFORCE SERVICES**



SAVE YOUR SEAT! RETURN THIS PAID REGISTRATION FORM BY February 28

Submit registration info:

MAIL
Stanislaus County Office of Education
Attn: SPIE
1100 H St., Modesto, CA 95354

ONLINE (fee applies)
CelebrateLiteracy.eventbrite.com

Make checks payable to:
SPIE/Literacy Network of Stanislaus County

Additional Info: Debbie Ruiz, 209-238-1766
druiz@stancoe.org, Fax: 209-238-4254

ONLY \$35 per person!

Name _____
Company Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

[] MAKE ME A PARTNER!

I'd like to support literacy in our community and receive live and printed advertisement of my organization at the event by becoming a...(choose one)

- [] Luncheon sponsor - \$175 (includes advertisement and 2 lunch tickets)
- [] Table sponsor - \$500 (includes advertisement and 8 lunch tickets)



Birthdays

JANUARY	16	Judy Aprile
	20	Mary Lou Dieterich
	28	Roberta Bica
	29	Ty George

November Meeting



Eta Mu
Crossing Bridges Together!
(California Biennium Theme)



Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Welcome :The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Janice Freeman and Lynn Lysko.
2. Program: A Slide Show of Carol Vieira's travels. Carol Vieira

Business Meeting Actions and Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2019 Lynn Lysko moved to accept the minutes and Carol Vieira seconded the motion.
- b. Treasurer's Report see attached report that states that ETA MU has a balance of \$2,387.25. Adele Little
- c. Executive Board Report Janice Freeman
 - ✓ **Member Biographies Goal Update; we still need biographies on 5 members. Five members will help to get those completed by the Target date of February 6, 2020.**
 - ✓ **The next meeting will be February 6, 2020 and Debbie Mar will be demonstrating Chinese Cooking.**
- d. Membership Committee Debbie Mar
 - ✓ **Membership Growth Goal**
 - Non-retirees: 1 person each = 6
 - Target Date: March 11, 2020
 - ✓ Heart-to-heart
 - ✓ TY George fell in August or Sept. and had to have a rod put in her hip.
 - ✓ Nila Rossiter has been in Garden City for 3 weeks for a reaction because she had a reaction to a Chemotherapy drug.
 - ✓ Maureen Donovan was visited by Janice Freeman and Kathleen
 - ✓ Sheila Efland is bedridden.
- e. Program Committee, This committee is busy working on Paint Night. As reported by Judy Trask. This event will be on April 15th.
- f. Visual and Performing Arts Committee
 - ✓ VAPA Goal: 1 event/person for the year update
 - ✓ Gallo Event: 15
 - ✓ Paint Night Lynn to update for Carol W.
 - ✓ We will also be volunteering to read at Chrysler and Mary Lou Dietrich schools for Read Across America on March 2nd and March 6th. Both activities begin at 9:00 a.m.

- ✓ The State Convention for Delta Kappa Gamma will be on Feb. 1st, in Santa Clara. Register on line quickly if you would like to go.
- g. Legislative Report Heather Nonaca
- h. Nominations Committee Update Adele Little
 - ✓ Target Date: February 6, 2020
- i. Other Business: Janice Freeman
 - ✓ "Go To Lunch Bunch" (02.06.20) 4:00 PM @ Riverbank Galaxy to watch the film *Little Women* if it is still playing. TBD
 - ✓ THAT hours, post your hours on line at the Delta Kappa Gamma web site.
 - ✓ Eisenhut and Chrysler Partnerships
 - ✓ Modesto Gospel Mission is ready for your donations of school supplies or cash.
- j. Next Meetings:
 - ✓ 02.06.20: Chez Nonaca – Asian Cooking by Debbie
 - ✓ 03.11.20: Potato Fest and Bunko; Location Needed
- k. Inspiration Denise Carlson-Nieto
- l. Singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song
- m. Adjournment moved by Marla Rucobo and seconded by Lynn Lysko.

n. Biographers for Members' Biographies: DUE DATE 2.6.20

Bio Needed	Biographer
Kay Anderson	Kay
Judy Aprile	Sally Price
Anice Beary*	Biographer needed
Roberta Bica*	Linda Chrabas
Joyce Brooks	Mary Lou Dieterich
Janice Chan	Janice Freeman
Linda Collins*	Biographer needed
Maureen Donovan*	Kathleen and Janice
Deb Dooley	Kathleen
Bev Eaton*	Biographer needed
Cyndi Fletcher	Biographer needed
Theresa Foote	Lynn Lysko
Mercedes Hart*	Kathleen
Eleanor Huskins*	Biographer needed
Caroline La Bass	Denise Carlson-Nieto
Nancy Lee*	Adele Little
Debbie Mar	Debbie
Karen Mendonca	Adele
Karen Moore	Mary Lou Dieterich
Sally Price	Janice Freeman
Marla Rucobo	Lynn Lysko
Valerie Spencer*	Trudi Sigmon
Elena Vasquez	Elena
Carol Vieira	Lynn Lysko
Carol Wharton	Lynn Lysko

*no email



This Year's Special Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Smart

*She is not "just" a survivor,
she is an overcomer and one who empowers others*

The abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. Elizabeth was abducted in June 2002. Her captor threatened to kill her and her family if she tried to escape. Fortunately, in March 2003, the police safely returned Elizabeth to her family. Elizabeth's life is a testimony to the power of healing as she has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs, and National legislation.



*New Day Provides Hope and Healing
for America's Sex Trafficked Girls*



And Save the date for our 5K Walk/Run for Freedom, April 18th!

YOU'RE INVITED



Annual Brunch
Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 22, 2020 | 9:30 AM | CORNERSTONE CHURCH
348 N CANYONS PKWY, LIVERMORE



Special Guest Speaker Elizabeth Smart

Men invited too!

Tickets \$60 per person

Register at www.newdayforchildren.com





YOU'RE INVITED!

On March 14th, we will be hosting our annual **Heart of a Donor** breakfast fundraiser and we would love to have you join us.

The breakfast promises to be a morning full of fun, testimonies, hope, and of course, great food, so come hungry.

When: March 14th, 2020 | 9:00am-11:00am
With optional tour of the campus from 10:30am-11:00am

Where: 1400 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto, CA 95354

Remember, the Modesto Gospel Mission is **YOUR** mission, so **SAVE THE DATE** because you won't want to miss this.

Jason Conway
Executive Director

If you are not able to attend but would still like to give, click the donate button below.

DONATE

