



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

Amidst the flurry of post-Christmas bustle, 2019 has arrived. This is one of those transitional seasons in which we are more conscious of the preciousness of life. What a joy to welcome the safe arrival of Heather and Jeff Nonacas' little Emmett in late November! Yet we also share concern and sympathy with Trudi Sigmon in the loss of her mother, and with Stan and Adele Little as Stan has been seriously ill in the midst of their Costa Rica vacation. Stan and Adele are expected home on Saturday, and I want to thank those of you who have offered to help with meals for them. I'll be contacting you individually as I have more information about their needs.

I have been in the middle of many communications within the chapter as these events occur, and I am struck by the great heart our chapter has for each other and the desire to reach out and support each other as life's inevitable cycles work their way through our membership. This is possible, though, only if we know! So, in the words of that time-worn commercial - "Reach out and touch someone!" If you know a sister needs some TLC, please contact one of us on the executive board. This is the very essence of the words in our Delta Kappa Gamma anthem,

Loyalty and trust ere heeding,
Mindful of our sister's needing
Aid and guidance from those leading,
Helpful may we be!

Looking forward to being together with you very soon,
Janice

January "Souper" Supper

When: Monday, January 14, 2019, 6 - 8 p.m.

Where: Carole Vieira's home
424 Oakshire Avenue Modesto 95354
209-484-0150

Please join us for our annual soup dinner, provided this year by co-hostesses Trudy Sigmon, Denise Carlson-Nieto, and Judy Aprile. There will be an Art Presentation by our very own Carol Wharton. We are also initiating new member Deb Dooley, so please RSVP to the Evite by January 10th. You can also call or text Judy Trask at 209-551-3346 or email Herat.jtrask1636@yahoo.com .



The next Lunch Bunch will be Friday, January 25th, 1:00 pm at the Bayou Bar and Grill, 918 13th St, Modesto. You can check out the menu in advance at www.thebayoumodesto.com . No RSVP needed— just show up!

Jared Boxes Delivered



Eta Mu members met in December to fill shoe boxes and small bags to support the Jared Box Project. The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of chronically ill children. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope, and love.

With a bounty of donated items including, books, games, toys, drawing materials, and more, members filled 60 boxes. Janice Freeman and Linda Chrabas delivered them to the pediatric unit at Memorial Hospital where nursing staff was grateful to receive them.

While in line purchasing items for Jared boxes, member Adele Little struck up a conversation with the mother of a child who was a recipient of a Jared Box while at Memorial Hospital. She said when the nurse brought in the box and gave it to her daughter, she immediately calmed and was ready for treatment. Such stories make our work worthwhile.

On December 13th, several members attended the Opus Handbells presentation to see our Eta Mu sister, Judy April, perform with her group. As you can see by the photos, it made the holiday season all the merrier!





For the November Lunch Bunch gathering, members attended the River Lights Chorus 12 Days of Christmas tea to support our Eta Mu sister Carol Wharton, who is a member of the chorus.



Member Updates

Emmet James Nonaca was born on 11/17/18 at 7:52 p.m. by emergency c-section: 7 pounds 3 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Heather reports that she and the baby are both happy and healthy and she is recovering well.



Birthdays



December 12 Nancy Lee, December 16 Joyce Brooks

January 16 Judy April, January 20 Mary Lou Dieterich, January 28 Roberta Bica, January 29 Ty George



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Saturday, January 19, and Sunday, January 20, 2019

Saturday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM - Noon

- Registration: \$135.00. This includes a copy of the book: *The 7 Secrets of Exceptional Leadership*, Saturday lunch and refreshments. (Saturday dinner is on your own.)
- Lodging, free breakfast and Managers Reception from 5:00 - 7:00 PM each night is \$185.00 per night (plus tax) for one or two adults until December 28, 2018. Hotel reservations for the Leadership Development Retreat must be made through the hotel either by calling the hotel, or use the online link listed below. (Hotel reservations made after December 28, 2018, will be accepted on a space availability basis.) Retreat reservation deadline is December 28, 2018.
- Carpooling is encouraged. Free courtesy shuttle from and to the airport.
- Tour of the DKG California Education Center is optional, link to sign up: [January 18, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. or January 20, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.](#)

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Visit DKG California Education Center _____ Friday, Jan. 18 _____ Sunday, Jan. 20 or No _____		
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