



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

May the luck of the Irish be upon you!!!

I recently came across this quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." Whether you agree or disagree with Emerson, I think all of us would agree that a life without ANY purpose is a shallow life indeed. The same can be said of an organization, and I'm proud to be a member of a DKG chapter that fulfills both Emerson's criteria and the 7 Purposes of DKG International.

As I look at our activities this year, it's wonderful to see the many opportunities to make a difference by reaching "out" - Jarod Boxes, Read Across America, Literacy Network Luncheon, and Love Modesto. I think it's also important, though, for our chapter to make a difference in the lives of its own members! One of the more significant observations frequently made about our 21st century society is that technology is getting in the way of meaningful connections and relationships between people. I'm so pleased to see the way our chapter is making a difference by reaching "in" to our members. Our monthly lunch brunch gatherings, supporting our sisters in some of their special activities like Opus Handbells and the ABC Spring Tea, and sharing talents through programs offered at our meetings are so meaningful and give us a great opportunity to get to know each other better.



Our next meeting is the annual Potato Fest, and Lynn Lysko will be doing a program on phone photos. This is always a favorite gathering and the conversation flows easily over baked potato comfort food served in an ambiance of Irish conviviality. Hope to see many of you there!

Janice Freeman, Co-President

March Potato Fest/Phone Photos Presentation

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6 - 8 p.m.

Where: Nyla Rossiter's home

3420 Shawnee Drive #137 Modesto 95350
209-523-8678

Co-hostess for this gathering are Debbie Mar, Roberta Bica, and Judy Trask. Please RSVP to the Evite. You can also call or text Judy Trask at 209-551-3346 or email her at jtrask1636@yahoo.com.

Birthdays



MARCH	14	Lynn Lysko
	16	Heather Coons
	17	Anice Beary
	26	Valerie Spencer
	28	Betty Harrell



Phone Tree Revised

There is a correction to the Eta Mu Phone Tree. Deb Dooley's phone number was wrong in the earlier version.

PHONE TREE

Executive Branch

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® indicates reserve member/not able to attend meetings

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Join us for the March Lunch Bunch at Tasty Thai, 3020 Floyd Ave., #105, Friday, March 22nd at 11:30 a.m. No RSVP needed— just show up!

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.

You are Invited to the
10th ANNUAL
ABC PROJECT SPRING TEA

a fundraising event on

Saturday, April 27, 2019
From 1:30-3:00

in the Gemperle Gallery of the
Carnegie Arts Center
250 N. Broadway, Turlock

There will be light refreshments,
a silent auction, raffle items,
entertainment, plus a special drawing for 3
C O A C H items

\$18 donation or host a table for \$135

benefiting the ABC Project
a preschool literacy program serving children in Turlock

for more information contact
Susan Neufeld, ABC Project Director
[209-664-6719](tel:209-664-6719) or abcproject@att.net



Support The LIFE Foundation's
Literacy and/or Learning projects within California
by participating in the statewide

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Sunday, March 3 through
Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Purchase the 8th Annual "Read Across California" book entitled,

The Nancies, by Sue Pearson, a California author.

Join the DKG California Convention SKYPE break out session and speak
with Sue Pearson on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the San Francisco Airport
Marriott Waterfront

During this book fair, purchase books to read and/or donate
to shelters, schools or libraries from you, your DKG Chapter or Area

All purchases made during the Bookfair dates, March 3-17, 2019,
using the ID# _____ whether in-store or on-line*
return a generous % of the purchase price to The LIFE Foundation

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online from 3/3/19 - 3/17/19
by entering Bookfair ID # 12394375 at checkout



Spread the word!

Non-DKG members, family and friends

Contribute by shopping Barnes & Noble in store/on-line

Using Bookfair ID # 12394375 too!!

Find a Barnes & Noble:

<http://storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/storelocator>

Tuesday, February 12, 2018 Minutes

WOMEN EDUCATORS ON THE MOVE- MAKING IT HAPPEN TOGETHER! (California Biennium Theme)

1. Call to Order at 8:24 pm Janice Freeman
 2. Welcome guests Gloria Bracco, Area XVII Director; Guest speaker: Kevin Fox, Director of Student Engagement for the VOLT Institute
 3. Program: Kevin Fox presented information on VOLT Institute from SCOE. February 20 from 5-7pm is the Open House for touring the facility on H Street, the old Modesto Bee building.
 4. Refreshments
 5. Inspiration Deb Dooley
 6. Business Meeting
 - a. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2018: Kathleen Heinzinger moved to approve the minutes; Carol Viera seconded the motion. Approved.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Janice Freeman
 - ✓ Report on Electronic payment - Recommendation to use Square: 2.75% fee/members can add fee to payment or chapter can budget as a line item. Example – a \$10 payment would cost \$.28. Sign up bonus \$10 FREE processing. Lynn would be the proprietor of the Square account. Carol Viera moved to accept the recommendation to use Square Electronic payment processing with Lynn Lysko as administrator. Deb Dooley seconded the motion, which was approved. Pat Elston moved to authorize the \$10 cost for the lightning connector used to swipe credit cards, which attaches to a smart phone. The motion was seconded by Denise Carlson-Nieto and approved.
 - ✓ DKG California has an incentive plan for on-time dues payment. If deadline is met, chapter qualifies for a coupon and also earns point toward chapter honor status. Dues payment has been realigned to the fiscal year. The new deadline is June 30, 2019. Dues for 2019-2020 are due and payable in April-May this year. There will be no dues collected in October as was done previously.
 - ✓ Adele sent a donation check of \$25 to Reading is Fundamental in memory of Virginia Irons.
 - ✓ Donation in memory of Eloise Palecek went to the DKG LIFE Foundation.
 - ✓ An \$81 check was received from Area XVII for our share of the proceeds Fall Luncheon to be given to an early career teacher in the chapter. Carol Viera moved to authorize the Executive Board to select the recipient. Kathleen Heinzinger seconded the motion. Members present approved the motion.
 - c. Executive Board Janice Freeman
 - ✓ Forms were submitted to DKG International for Area Service Awards and for Honor Chapter Status
 - ✓ Area XVII Leadership meeting was held January 26th.
 1. State Convention May 3-5, Marriot Waterfront Hotel, San Francisco
 2. Convention Art Gallery applications due March 5 – Carol Wharton and Pat Elston will be submitting works
 3. Convention Choir applications due April 12
 4. All forms available on DKG California website – need help? Ask Lynn or Janice
 - d. Committee Reports
 - Membership Debbie Mar
 - o Phone tree report – copies available Janice Freeman
 - Heart-to-Heart News Updates: Marla is recovering from surgery to repair broken arm and hip replacement surgery. Marla will be married in March. Ty – developed phlebitis. Nyla – recovering from a couple falls. Carol Wharton's brother passed. Trudi Sigmon volunteered to bring a rose and card to her.
 - Program Judy Trask
 - ✓ Info for meetings in Newsletter and website/
 - ✓ Co-hostess recruitment for meetings Judy Trask
 - ✓ Potato Fest Update – Wed., March 13 Judy Trask
 - ✓ Mistlin Paint Nite Pat Elston
- April 11 at 6:30 pm. A \$30 advance payment is due by April 2.
Bring snacks at 6 pm to the Gallery to munch on before paint class.
- THAT Hours – Collection of hours Janice Freeman
 - Legislative Chair Heather Nonaca
 - ✓ Bill Evaluator: Heather has applied for this position
 - ✓ Legislative Study Session, June 8-20, Sacramento: Heather Nonaca will be attending this event.
 - Scholarships & Grants Committee Recommendation Janice Freeman
 - ✓ Meeting held Jan. 31 Committee recommends including intern teachers in program. Contact was made with Administrative personnel at CSU Stanislaus and Brandman for recommendations of potential candidates. Committee developed a new application and reference form for candidates – examples were distributed to members present. Please contact Janice if you desire a copy.
 - Eisenhut & Chrysler ES Partnerships Denise Carlson-Nieto
 - ✓ Love Modesto Sign-ups. Please volunteer to help at Chrysler.
 - Modesto Gospel Mission -Donated \$210 in January Janice Freeman
 - "Go To Lunch Bunch" Report: January: Met at the Bayou Bistro and Grill. February will be Saturday, Feb. 23, 11 am, Marie Callender's, Coffee & Sylvan
 - Barnes & Noble Bookfair to benefit DKG LIFE Foundation : March 3-17. Bookfair # is 12394375. Flyers for the event were passed out to members.
 - Read Across America, MLD Elem, Friday, March 1, 9 am: Members attending are Pat Elston, Heather Nonaca, Judy Trask, Janice Freeman, and Linda Chrabas. Contact Pat Elston if interested.
 - Celebrate Literacy Award Luncheon: March 8, 2019 from 11am-1pm at Petersen Event Center. Flyers distributed. Adele Little is contact person.
 - Epsilon Nu Fundraiser – Cat Ballou at the State Theater, April 25, 5:30 Wine and appetizers, 7:00 Film screening. \$25/person, limited tickets available at the door
 - Susan Neufeld's ABC Project Spring Tea Fundraiser – Saturday, April 27, 1:30-3:00pm. Gemperle Gallery of the Carnegie Arts Center 250 N. Broadway, Turlock \$18 donation, \$135 for a table. Light refreshments, silent auction, entertainment, raffles, special drawing for COACH item
 - Heather Nonaca thanked members for their support during her recent pregnancy. All rejoiced that Emmet is doing well and being loved on by a fabulous family.
7. Singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song
 8. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Linda Chrabas, Substitute Recording Secretary