



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

Greetings Sisters!

Hope you have all had an excellent summer filled with great fun and great stories to tell! We can't wait to hear about them at our Fall Kick-off Breakfast coming in September! We will unveil all the amazing programs we know you are going to enjoy this year!

We would like to remind you that our group is eclectic! We have both retired and working members and some even working while retired! We will be initiating a couple of new members this fall and hope that you will consider nominating someone that you feel is worthy of becoming a member of our little group. Please think about all of the wonderful educators that you know that would enjoy spending time with us. Considering the 7 purposes might jog your thinking - especially the purpose of scholarship - any of your colleagues that you know are considering expanding their education into advanced degrees would definitely benefit from becoming a member.

We will also have some fun fundraisers this year - you will hear all about those at our September Kick-off and they will be posted on our website. If you cannot access the website, we will have a demonstration at the Kick-Off Breakfast or please call either Janice or Lynn and we can walk you through it. It's a fun place to browse (and show prospective members) to see what we are all about!

We look forward to seeing you at the Kick Off!
Janice and Lynn

September Kickoff Brunch



When: Saturday, September 15 from 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Where: Janice Freeman's Home

3909 St. Nicholas Drive, Modesto

209-484-3416

RSVP to Judy Trask by Tuesday, September 11 by phone or email:
209-918-5532 (call or text), jtrask1636@yahoo.com

Basket for Area Luncheon

Each chapter is responsible for assembling a large basket to be raffled at the Area XVII luncheon in October. The theme for the Eta Mu basket is reading and entertainment. Please use your imagination on those topics and bring an item for the basket to the Kick-Off Brunch on September 15.

Suggestions for the basket contents include the following: book, gift certificate to Barnes and Noble, movie tickets, popcorn, snacks, games, playing cards, crossword or puzzle books, color books. Denise Carlson-Nieto and Adele Little are responsible for assembling the basket. If you are not attending the Kick-off Brunch on September 15, you may send your contribution (entertainment item or cash) to Denise or Adele.

Dues Are Due

Our 2018-2019 year began on July 1, and it is now time to pay our annual dues. Why not pay Eta Mu as you pay your bills this September 1? Please make your check payable to DKG Eta Mu and mail it to Adele Little, 2805 Veneman Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356.

Dues for active members are \$100 per year and \$40 per year for reserve members. International and state entities of Delta Kappa Gamma take 70% -80% of our dues for active and reserve members, respectively. In addition, we voluntarily contribute a total of \$5 per member to the following Delta Kappa Gamma funds: Education Foundation, World Fellowships, and International Speakers' Fund.

In the past, some members have voluntarily added a contribution to their annual fees to help support the chapter. Last year Eta Mu members generously contributed \$445 in addition to their dues. If you feel inclined, your voluntary contribution in any amount would be very welcome as our carry-over from last fiscal year is only \$190.65.

As an alternative to mailing your dues to Adele, you may pay them at the Kick-off Brunch at Janice Freeman's home on September 15. You may also send your dues to Assistant Treasurer Lynn Lysko, 2328 Lovers Point Lane, Modesto, CA 95356.

Please pay your dues no later than October 20. The treasurer must mail dues to state and international by October 31.



On the 6th of August, **Mercedes Hart** celebrated her **90th** birthday!

Mary Lou Dieterich and a lady friend took a road trip to Newport, Oregon where they spent a week at her timeshare and enjoyed visiting with Karen and Ron, who were at their Thousand Trails campground. Mary Lou said, "We met each day and they became our tour guides for the week. We toured two light-houses, the beach, the marina, and had beautiful clear air!!!!"



SEPTEMBER	2	Carol Wharton
	4	Karen Harris
	4	Karen Mendonca
	7	Cyndi Fletcher
	14	Janice Chan
	29	Maureen Donovan



In Memoriam – Virginia Irons

Virginia Irons passed away at age 92, in Elk Grove, California on June 30, 2018. Initiated in 1973, she was a faithful member of Eta Mu Chapter for over 40 years. She played an active role in the chapter, participating fully, and willingly taking offices and committee assignments. She very graciously hosted many meetings in her home.

Virginia cherished the past as attested to by her love of literature, but she also embraced innovation. She was an early user of the computer. She had a passion for literacy that was fulfilled by her teaching of children and, after retirement, the teaching of adults in the StanRead Adult Literacy Program at the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, Virginia was an active member of Harvest Presbyterian Church, Ceres Persephone Guild, American Association of University Women, and Soroptimists. She was a docent at the Great Valley Museum.

A memorial service for Virginia was held at Harvest Presbyterian Church in Ceres on July 7. Her daughter, sons, and daughter-in-law gave moving eulogies. Kathleen Heinzinger, Trudi Sigmon, and Adele Little attended. Memorial donations may be made to Heifer Project (heifer.org) or Reading Is Fundamental (rif.org).

Members of Eta Mu Chapter value Virginia's service and will honor her memory. She is:

Gone from our sight,
But never our memory.
Gone from our touch
But never our hearts.



**AREA XVII, DKG CALIFORNIA 2018
FALL LUNCHEON**

"New Beginnings"

October 13, Martin Petersen Event Center
720 12th St, Modesto, CA
10:30 AM to 1:45 PM

Guest Speaker, Dr. Geni Boyer of Enterprise RESTART

Area XVII invites DKG members and their guests to the Biennial Fall Luncheon to celebrate with Area XVII DKG leaders as we recognize our past area directors and learn about the work Dr. Geni Boyer, a DKG member, is doing to help people transform their lives.

Buffet Salad Luncheon by My Chef Restaurant
Entertainment by "Funstrummers"
Opportunities to connect with other area DKG members
Vendors, Buck-A-Book, and California State Store
Raffle Baskets to support Early Career Educators

\$20 per attendee
Mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE.
Please forward this to all your chapter members.
Registration Begins September 4, 2018



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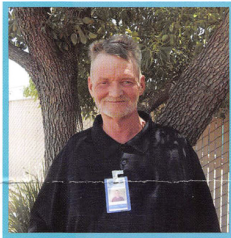
August 1, 2018

Dear Thomas and Janice,

This month I am excited to share with you about Freedom Road, a new program that has grown from a Sutter Health Foundation grant. Freedom Road launched on July 1st of this year and has grown rapidly. The program provides a much needed day center for the homeless in our community. The program is held in the chapel of Modesto Gospel Mission Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Freedom Road consists of structured activities such as life skills classes, peer support service, employment services, and Bible study. The day center program can also help guests obtain birth certificates, driver's license, CA identification and Social Security cards. Freedom Road seeks to provide **a refuge for recovery and restoration through the power and love of Jesus Christ.**

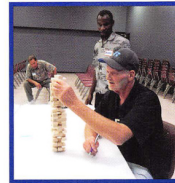
Allow me to introduce to you one of our Freedom Road guests Scott, who has attended daily since the program's inception. Scott was living in the bay area when he received a call from his mother saying she had cancer. He immediately quit his job, sold his home and moved to Nevada to be her caregiver. A short time later, Scott's father became ill and needed help. Without hesitation, Scott relocated his father from Bethel Island to Nevada to care for him as well. Scott spent the next seven months caring for both of his parents. When his parents died a week apart from each other, Scott was

devastated. *"Dealing with the death of both of my parents only increased my desire for drugs."* Scott had been addicted to methamphetamines for years and spent most of his inheritance on drugs and alcohol. Within a year, Scott found himself homeless. An ex-girlfriend led him to Modesto, where he lived on the streets for six years. Scott had several "scrapes with the law", his belongings were stolen multiple times, and yet he managed to hold onto one precious item...his grandmother's 100-year-old Bible. Last December, Scott was "high", in a dumpster and searching for food when Modesto Gospel Mission Chaplain Devon met him. The two men talked about the various mission programs and they prayed together. Scott quickly felt he could trust Devon and gave him his grandmother's Bible, knowing he could come to the mission anytime to pick it up.



Three weeks later Scott came to Modesto Gospel Mission for shelter. Scott liked what he heard the first night at the chapel service and he began reading the Bible. Scott said, *"I began to open my heart and let Jesus do the driving. Since January 7th, my want for drugs is gone and Jesus is keeping me."* Scott is thrilled to have obtained an identification for the first time in 6 years! With God's help, your support, and the Freedom Road day program, Scott's life is being restored.

"When you are homeless you are bruised, but the Lord Jesus has plans for you. It is possible for someone to get off the streets by coming to Modesto Gospel Mission and listening to the Word of Jesus Christ. With the power of Jesus and Modesto Gospel Mission, I've taken small steps forward to end my homelessness. I'm putting in the effort, I have faith and it is growing."



Scott strategizing a game of Jenga with other Freedom Road Day Center guests

The grant from Sutter Health Foundation has been **a huge blessing to so many!** But we have a need for people to come alongside to encourage, mentor, teach, share, and inspire. Would you consider volunteering to lead a workshop, teach a life skill, encourage or mentor someone? If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the program, **please call Chaplain Stephen at (209) 225-2913.**

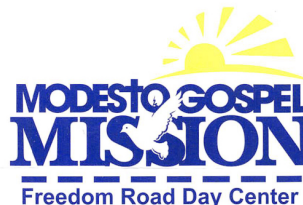
I would like to personally thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Sincerely,

Jason Conway
Executive Director

***"He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds."***

Psalms 147:3



MODESTO GOSPEL MISSION

REFUGE ■ RECOVERY ■ RESTORATION



Modesto Gospel Mission invites you to be part of a memorable evening celebrating God's Amazing Grace and Faithfulness over the last 70 years!

70th Anniversary

Gala

Celebrating God's Amazing Grace & Faithfulness

September 7, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Silent Auction Begins

Dinner and Evening Program to Follow

MODESTO CENTRE PLAZA

1000 L Street • Modesto

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE SUGGESTED

SILENT AUCTION

LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES

DINNER

TESTIMONIES

EVENING PROGRAM

With highlights from our
Executive Director Jason Conway

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

\$30

Tickets may be purchased online at 70thGala.planningpod.com
or by calling Rebecca at 209-225-2925.

