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# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International California Area V Delta Lambda Chapter

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## Rose Report

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

#### April - May 2016

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

#### 2015-2016 Calendar of Events

Chi State Convention
April 29 - May 1
DoubleTree by Hilton Fresno
Convention Center
Fresno

End of Year Luncheon 10:30 am, Saturday, June 4 Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Clubhouse

## The California Connection

(previously called the *Chi State News*) is now to be emailed to all members with an email address. The subject line will read: DKG California Connection -- When opening the email, there will be an announcement page with a link to the newsletter. (mailto:chistateeditor@g mail.com)

#### FINAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF THE 2014-16 BIENNIUM

Aren't we fortunate to be having a lovely start to Spring. Wild flowers and green on the hillsides...showers promising flowers for May...the end of allergy season.

Delta Lambda is also fortunate for the coming of a wonderful new Board of Directors for the next Biennium of 2016-18: Gayle Paul and Suzanne Siegelman your new Co-Presidents, Marilynn Whitcomb - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership, Member At Large - Charlene Lowery, and Susan Holm our next Corresponding Secretary. **WELCOME and THANKS to them!** The rest of our fabulous Board remains unchanged including: Bonnie Yoshinobu and Kathy Caves bringing us quality programs as 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Program, Nancy Henderson as our Recording Secretary, and Co-Treasurers Marilyn Higbie and Bette Hinton. You can't imagine (well perhaps you can!) how much fun it is to work with a group of ladies of their caliber.

\*\*\* But the most "fortunate of Delta Lambda" is that: our **ROSE REPORT** with the amazing **Ellen Maupin** as Editor and **Ann Ostenso** as co-Editor has been selected one of the winners in the **DKG California State Newsletter Competition**. We won Second Place in the Best Format division – Super Fabulous. **CONGRATULATIONS** dear ladies! And Thank You! \*\*\*

I have two final business items to relay:

The first is that there is still time to sign up for the California Convention in Fresno, April 29-May 1<sup>st</sup>. It promises to be a good time. Check out your **California Connections** newsletter that came via email format for the first time on March 21<sup>st</sup>, or my President's Message in the Feb-Mar Rose Report.

The second item is to sign up for **icontact** to receive very short snapshots of activities that are going on in other DKG chapters. Simply click on the icontact logo at the chistateca.org homepage and fill in the required information.

Our final meeting of the year is **June 4<sup>th</sup> at Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Club.** There will be lots going on, and I'd love to see you at this last meeting of the year...but only if you RSVP ©

Fondly,

Gail

## March Voting Meeting



Thanks to Committee Members: Mary Bankston, Wendy Banks, Chair-Cathy Findley, Patricia Cox and Michele Hoover. Not pictured: Julie Montero, Michele Neuhaus, Andrea Sayas, and Cristy Campanaro.

Below clockwise from lower right: Pat Gotch, Vickie Davidson, Sherry Petitt and Bonnie Yosinobu enjoying a Yummy dinner at From Scratch.



To the left are Nancy Durein, NormaVoth and Suzanne Seigelmann.



## **April Travel Meeting**

Betty Hodgins gave a fascinating presentation on travelling in Mongolia, the land of yurts, the Mongols, nomadic life and the Gobi Desert. Marilynn Whitcomb presented the The DKG Chapter Scholarships awards. Delta Lambda members had time to chat with each other over tea and elegant tea fare. Many brought books for a Buck-a-Book Exchange. Thanks to the committee, it was an especially delightful afternoon.



Committee members: Carolyn Palmer, Lynn Galvan, Co-chair Kathey Felt, Kim Jimenez, Co-chair Cindy Cardinale, Diane Butler, Colleen Bettiga, and Bonnie VanMeter



Betty shows on the map of Mongolia where she traveled.



Betty's camp in the remote land of the goat and sheep herders.



Charming teapots of posies decorated the tables.



Gail presides over her last full meeting before passing the gavel to Gayle Paul and Suzanne Seigelman.



Betty Hodgins, our presenter on Mongolia,

## Delta Lambda 2016 Recruitment Grant Recipients

Present at the April meeting with Marilynn Whitcomb, Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee, are grant recipients:Haley Kostas, Meagan Hopkins, and Allison Brint



This year Delta Lambda's Grants and Awards Committee selected six outstanding teacher candidates. Each will receive a \$350.00 grant from our local chapter. All six of the winners are part of CSUMB's Education Co-teaching Program, and are in the process of completing their preliminary multi-subject teaching credential requirements. Listed below are the recipients, their school, and their co-operating (master) teacher. We are very proud to welcome these outstanding young ladies into the profession to which we have dedicated our lives. Their letters of interest described their passion and commitment to making a difference in the lives of students.

Laci Hampton Del Rey Woods /4th Grade Kelly Garcia

Megan Hopkins Del Rey Woods/ 1st Grade Elyse Etcheverry

Allison Brint Del Rey Woods/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dorna Stoken

Kristin Lockridge Del Rey Woods/4th Grade Ashley Siemensma

Stephanie Spross Olson/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Judy Baca

Haley Kostas Del Rey Woods/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Theresa Ferrante

These young women were invited to join us the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to be presented with their award. Thanks to the Delta Lambda Grant and Awards Committee: Betty Ann Campbell, Claudia Coury, Karen Crummey, Catherine Hendrick, and Marilynn Whitcomb

#### Delta Lambda Outstanding Student Teacher NomineeSelected for the Area V Award

Every year each local DKG chapter is encouraged to nominate one outstanding student teacher to be selected from the area and recognized with a small monetary award and beautiful certificate. Each area recipient is then submitted to Chi state to compete with nominees from all of the areas for the state award.

This year Delta Lambda sisters Kerry Connor, a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> combination teacher at Olson, and Catherine Hendrick nominated Alanah Waples to represent our chapter. Alanah was then selected from our area 5 to be nominated for the Chi State award. Kerry and Catherine speak highly of Alanah's "can-do" positive attitude and the respect she has for her students. They are also impressed with Alanah's knowledge of the common core standards and the curriculum in which they are embedded. Alanah is completing her preliminary multiple subject credential through CSUMB.

Kerry and Catherine tell us Alanah is very excited about being a teacher. She understands it is a lot of work, but is up to the challenge, and finds reward in working with students. She is one of those "natural" teachers. Alanah wrote in her letter of introduction: "I have wanted to become an elementary teacher for almost as long as I can remember! I hope to teach children about the power of knowledge and how much fun it can be to learn and discover new things"

We are very proud of our nominee, Alanah, and wish her many successful years influencing the lives of children.

## RIF News

March was a busy month for RIF. On March 10, the RIF school coordinators met at Ord Terrace library to open and distribute many boxes of books. It is always very enjoyable to see all the new titles that Donna and Ann so expertly selected for the children. We will meet again on April 9th to organize the Scholastic order. That will be the final distribution for this school year. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Marsha and Stephenie went to Del Rey Woods School to participate in the second RIF day of the school year for Del Rey Woods. The children and teachers are always so appreciative. Stephenie and Marsha then guests at the Kiwanis Club of Monterey monthly meeting. They were treated to a very nice lunch at the Marriott. They then did a presentation for the members about the RIF program. It was the Kiwanis Club who originated the RIF program on the Monterey Peninsula, and they were very pleased to hear that RIF is still going strong.

#### **RIF Coordinators 2015-2016**

Please contact a coordinator if you would like to read for RIF.

Highland School Camille Liscinsky 643-9331 Nancy Durein 373-0564

Del Rey Woods School Alice Stoll 659-3273 Mickey Tachibana 333-0226

Martin Luther King School Pat Gotch 375-986 Patty Cox, 250-7589 Wendy Banks, 624-0317 Marina Vista School Ginny Hall 375-0315 Betty Ann Campbell 375 0953

Ord Terrace School Donna Bessant 625-7714 Norma Voth 372-2607

Crumpton School Kathy Knight 649-3582 Bonnie Yoshinobu 384-2039

### Read Across America

Every year on March 2, the birthday of Dr. Suess and designated Read Across America Day, Delta Lambda member, May Higuera, second grade teacher at King Elementary, puts on a reading fest for the whole school. Students each choose a book from a selection that May acquires from various resources. They celebrate reading in tents and elsewhere around the school library, even



Wilbina, the paper mache pig her students made for a fair. This year MPUSD Superintendent, PK Diffenbaugh, paid a visit to the event. Hooray for May!











#### Delta Lambda Dues

Just a note to remind members that it is not too early to pay dues for the 2016-2016 DKG year. Checks should be written to DELTA LAMBDA for \$100. I will not be depositing any checks until after July 1, 2016, so checks may be dated from July 1, 2016 to September 1, 2016. Checks received after September 15 will need to be written for \$105.

Starting early means that Bette and I won't need to bother you in late summer. Thanks for being a proactive member.

Marilyn Higbie

# LOVE, LOSS, and WHAT I WORE

Did you miss this sprightly Nora & Delia Ephron play a couple of years ago?? It's coming Baaaaack and will be loads of fun for firsttimer viewers as well as repeats! At the Carl Cherry Center (4th and Guadalupe in Carmel) from May 20 to June 12, produced by Camille Liscinsky, Michael Bond, & Donna Bessant. Accompanying the play will be an exhibit of local fashion-related artwork. A play by Nora Ephron AND an art exhibit for only \$20.00 a ticket! Come May, call the Cherry Center for tickets at 624-7491 or order online at carlcherrycenter.org.



#### April/May/June Birthdays

Gwen Harper Metoyer	4/3
Shelia Deis	4/4
Linda Brandewie	4/6
Mary Marchi	4/8
Diane Butler	4/17
Michele Neuhaus	4/18
Donelia Dooley	4/19
Julie Montero	4/19
Kathy Knight	4/25
Jackie Munoz	4/29
Marsha Leadingham	4/30
Haze Braudrick	5/4
Colleen Bettiga	5/9
Judy Therrien	5/11
Cathy Findley	5/14
Erika Arquilla	5/16
Carole Johnson	5/26
Dorothy Becker	5/27
Marilynn Whitcomb	6/2
Kerry Connor	6/14
Kate Wood	6/14
Katie Kelley	6/19
Donna Bessant	6/22
Bonnie Yoshinobu	6/25
Janet Belardo	6/25
Susan Jackson–Hewitt	6/28
Adrienne Jensen	6/29
Gayle Paul	6/29

## Three Big Hurrahs

- 1. Hurrah to the 38 Delta Lambda ladies who contributed to the Chapter's 1794 hours of classroom assistance in the Teacher Helping Another Teacher Program T.H.A.T.!
- 2. Hurrah to our Rose Report for winning second place in the Format Division of the California State Newsletter Competition!
- 3. Hurrah to the April 9th Explore the World Program Committee for an exemplary event.