

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



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President's Message By Cathy Findley



Chatter from Cathy

Use our organization Website!

If you want to use the [DKG International](#) website – you will need your membership number, which you can find on your DKG card (I also keep my membership number with my other account numbers because I can never find my card).

When you go to the [DKG California website](#), www.dkgca.org you will see a button that says 'members' - Click the button. – the password is < sisterhood >

[To go to a DKG state on-line meeting](#), click on "Calendar", find the meeting you want and click on the link to register. If you forget to register, you can usually click the link at the time of the meeting is scheduled and someone will let you into the zoom room. Those nominated for an office in our chapter, or interested in being on the Delta lambda Board should attend to hear what other chapters in our state are doing.

- Tech Tips: Sept 19; Oct 17; Nov 21; Jan 16, 2024 each at 4:30pm
- Money Talks: Sept 18 at 9am; Sept. 21 at 7pm; Oct 23 at 9:30am
- Membership Matters: Sept 28; Oct. 4; Jan 24; Feb. 1, 2024 each at 6pm
- Leadership: Jan 19 and 7pm or Jan 20 at 9am



Our three new members (**Rosanna M, Janet B, and Sue R**) were given the 'Heart of DKG' Pin, presented by the designer – our own **KATHY MORGAN!**

• At our August meeting, each member was given an envelope with a Bingo Flyer, 2 Bingo Tickets to sell or buy, some DKG 'business cards' and a template for the business card to run off as you like. If you were not at the meeting, you will be sent or hand-delivered the envelope. I will also be sending most of the items as PDF attachments for your electronic files

• **Publicity** "Adopt a School" – if you are giving treats or supplies, classroom assistance or anything else for an educator or school (keep track of those hours for THAT reports too), and you don't have any DKG or Delta Lambda displays, flyers, notes, etc, you can [leave one of the "DKG business cards"](#) that you have copied. You can also download the [template from the membership page on the DKGCA website](#).

• I want to thank the **Bonnie** and the August Kick-Off committee for a lovely fall party and meeting (Rose should give a workshop on preserving fall leaves)!

• **Barbara H** gave a wonderful presentation on the proposed budget, which we accepted. She brought up several solutions to line items that seem vague, including a way to help more members attend the state convention in May as many members will be needed since Mary Randall of Area V is the convention chairperson. Great job (as always) Barbara!

• I personally want to thank **Maureen B-B, Wendy M, and Rose K** for being my legs at the meeting.

• I apologize for my slothfulness since May. Thankfully our chapter has a plethora of kind, helpful, thoughtful members who have sent good wishes, told me not to worry about not getting things done. I particularly want to call out Gloria S, Char, Sherry Marsha, and Gail who handled specific problems.

October is FUND RAISING FOR RIF MONTH

Our Bingo Fund Raiser is Saturday, October 28 at Monterey First Presbyterian (thank you **Gail B** for all the arrangements)

- a Halloween theme, music
- snacks and sweets, silliness
- All ages welcome, plenty of prizes for any age
- We hope that every member will sell at least two (2) tickets.

Our **'TACO TUESDAY for TEACHERS'** will be **October 10** at the Taco Truck which will be in the Moose Hall parking lot and will be festive!

• This is a joint venture with Rotary Club, the proceeds split 50/50 between **RIF and College Scholarships** for Seaside High Seniors

• **Janet B** is spearheading the details – the meal for one will be about \$10 and she is working on a Family deal as well – all reasonably priced.

• Our main work will be in **publicity** – posting on our personal **FB, Insta, X** or other social media.



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Poetry of the Month

“THE SCHOOL BOY,” BY WILLIAM BLAKE

I love to rise in a summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree;
The distant huntsman winds his horn,
And the sky-lark sings with me.
O! what sweet company.

But to go to school in a summer morn
O: it drives all joy away;
Under a cruel eye outworn.
The little ones spend the day,
In sighing and dismay.

Ah! then at times I drooping sit.
And spend many an anxious hour.
Nor in my book can I take delight,
Nor sit in learnings bower.
Worn thro' with the dreary shower.

How can the bird that is born for joy,
Sit in a cage and sing.
How can a child, when fears annoy,
But droop his tender wing.
And forget his youthful spring.

O! father & mother. if buds are nip'd,
And blossoms blown away.
And if the tender plants are strip'd
Of their joy in the springing day,
By sorrow and cares dismay.

How shall the summer arise in joy
Or the summer fruits appear,
Or how shall we gather what griefs destroy
Or bless the mellowing year.
When the blasts of winter appear.

School Days – song 1907

School days, school days
Dear old golden rule days
Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the hickory stick
You were my queen in calico
I was your bashful barefoot beau
And you wrote on my slate
"I love you, so"
When we were a couple of kids

Gus Edwards and Will D. Cobb



The Following is an introductory letter from our new Area V Director with key points highlighted:

From the desk of Margaret Rodrigues

August 8, 2023

Dear Area V Leadership Team,

My name is Margaret Rodrigues, an 18 year member of Gamma Alpha Chapter, Morgan Hill, and I was sponsored by my long-time mentor, the late Loritta Bonfonte-Johnson. Loritta and I taught together in the Morgan Hill Unified School District since 1976 and she was my dear friend, colleague, and mentor. I have been our chapter co-president (two terms), Parliamentarian, Past President, and secretary plus editor of our newsletter. This year I co-chaired our state convention's registration with Mary Randall and our sisters from Gamma Alpha and other Area V members. My hope is that with all of us working together we can make this Biennium successful and beneficial to our communities. Our State Leadership team is highly energetic and excited to expanding DKG to others and forging a pathway to the future. Our State slogan for our convention is "Our Compass is on New Horizons" and our new President Kathlan Latimer believes that we can "Reach New Heights Together."

I spent four busy and inspiring days at the Summer Leadership Conference at Asilomar working with the DKG Leadership team and the eighteen new area directors. We were under the leadership of Barbara Bearden (2nd Vice President) and became "Bearden's Pit Crew" due to her love of NASCAR. This group of amazing women State leaders reminds us that when one woman shows up, she is never alone. A theme running through the entire week was "Reaching New Heights Together through Mentoring." My mind thought often of my mentor, Loritta, and how she was smiling.

I'm a writer, so I'd rather put out as much as I can on a silent agenda. I'm always open to ideas, thoughts, questions or concerns, but a silent agenda can get us through our needs much quicker. Below are the pressing issues for this year:

1. Our Area V Conference - Saturday, November 4, Bayonet-Blackhorse CC, Registration begins 9:30 AM. Program begins at 10 AM. Cost is \$40 for brunch. Thank you Mary for getting our place under contract. Our needs include:

- A. Establishing a theme possibly around our State's direction.
- B. Securing a speaker – I need help on this one.
- C. Gathering all of the award winners' names, Chapters, descriptions, and photos. Send these to mlrgiants@comcast.net.
I did this last year so I will complete it again.
- D. Chapter contributions – Mary stated that all chapters have decided to perform the same tasks as last year.
This is the information I have from her:

ZE Buck a Book and evaluations

Theta – Table Decorations

TO – Registration

TP Silent Auction (Do we need Area V baskets too this year?)

GA – Awards, names of awardees, photos, Area of Award, short write-up and longevity of members (in 5 year increments only). To Margaret mlrgiants@comcast.net

ZC – Publicity

Do we want to have a DKG Store? ____Yes, ____No

2. What are your chapter's year plans? (Meeting, time, place, event such as a speaker or luncheon).
I will need this information by October 1.
3. By-laws Updates are due November 1 but I will send area presidents procedures and information for you to submit.
4. Chapter social media presence- Which chapters have a social media presence? (Facebook, web site, Instagram, etc.)
5. Convention May 4-6. Santa Clara Marriott. This one is OURS. We will need help. Mary Randall is the chairperson and we all need to lift her up and offer as much support as we can! Remember there are Mary Marchi PD funds available to help as many members as we can attend.
6. Treasurer Report- we are happy to have Marylu back as our Area Treasurer.
7. Leadership Team – I'm so happy that these ladies have agreed to continue on our leadership team.

Secretary – Nancy Durein

Treasurer- Marylu Mesa

Educational Excellence – Karen Crumney

LIFE – Anita McKean

Letter from Margaret Rodrigues, New Area V Director (cont'd):

A little bit about myself.

I am a double graduate from San Jose State University with a BA in Social Sciences minor in PE and a Masters in Educational Leadership. I was on the California Association of Gifted in the state for two terms. I have two daughters who are both educators (Laura, Executive Director in the Palm Springs USD and Carrie, School psychologist in Piedmont USD and now part time working for the California Department of Education CALECSE project to support Early Childhood Special Educators across the state. I have two wonderful son-in-law and four grandchildren (Cole, 25, Caitlin, 21, Finn 12 and Sienna 10). My husband of 53 years retired from Westinghouse/Northrup Grumman after 43 years and 4 years serving our nation in the Air Force. He is a veteran of Viet Nam.

I love to travel and explore new adventures. I volunteer in classrooms during the school year and began a field trip program at the Morgan Hill Historical Society. History and baseball are my passions so visiting historical sites or exploring museums is always on my list. Since 1958, I have been a vociferous Giant's fan attending as many games (including play-offs, and World Series) as my budget allows. Disneyland is another great favorite of mine and my family as my father took us there the second day it was opened in 1955! I've managed to go every year (until Covid wrecked that streak).

I taught 4 through 6th grades and was principal of our district summer school for eight summers. I loved being in the classroom and was chosen as a mentor teacher for 15 straight years helping nurture new teachers. I also had many student teachers during my career and taught summer sessions on curriculum development at both San Jose State and Santa Clara Universities. I was our local AFT vice president until retirement.

We will begin our Area V Leadership meeting with a ZOOM meeting (our area is vast so we will try this at first). August 29 Tuesday 7:00 PM. Link will be sent the week before this meeting.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rodrigues

Area V Director

Kick-Off Meeting Recap

By Pat Gotch

It was a beautiful, sunny day for our DKG "Kick off 2023 -2024" picnic at Whispering Pines Park in Monterey. The committee brought delicious salads and desserts which we all enjoyed. Before lunch, however, our president, Cathy F. presided over the business of the day. Cathy spoke about the hard work of the nominating committee, and asked the membership co-chairs, Sherry P. and Sally H., the program co-chair Pat G., the treasurer, Barbara H. to explain their duties.

Barbara also gave a comprehensive report on the budget which was voted on, and accepted by the members present.

RIF coordinators, Stephenie, and Marsha, gave a report indicating they would be meeting the two new principals, and to let the membership know that this year we are going back to offering books for TK-3rd grades only.

Janet Belardo, a returning DKG member, is on the Rotary Club Board. She thanked DKG for our continued involvement in the RIF program, and explained about our part in the Taco Tuesday fundraiser on October 10th. The Rotary Club would like us to sell tickets for this event.

Cathy passed out "retireemints" for the new retirees. Rosanna McCormick was inducted by Sherry and Sally, and Janet Belardo was welcomed back. The DKG song was sung, and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.



Janet, Rosanna and Sue, Our New Members



TACO TUESDAY for TEACHERS

Benefiting **Reading**
Is Fundamental

Family Dinners include rice and beans:
Dinner for 2: \$25 (5 tacos either beef, pork, chicken or chorizo)
Dinner for 4: \$40 (10 tacos)

Order by October 3 and receive 1 liter of soda (Cola, Diet Cola or Sprite) with each order of 10 tacos. Advanced orders will be placed online and link will be shared in the "Save the Date" copy.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tacos-tuesday-for-teachers-tickets-704885269817>



SCAN ME

This project is in collaboration with Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG); Women Educators' Organization who support RIF in our elementary schools. DKG reads to the children and supplies students with books to take home and start their own library.



The Moose Monterey Lodge 876
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
3:30 PM-6:30 PM
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd,
Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940



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**\$25 adults \$10 children - includes snacks and
sweets**

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Saturday, October 28th

1st Presbyterian Church
501 El Dorado, Monterey

Doors open at 12:00 pm
Early Bird Game at 12:30 pm
Games begin at 1:00 pm

Fantastic gift prizes!

And a Spooky good time too!

For more info. Contact Delta Lambda members
Gail (831-373-6062), Pat (831-277-9515), Cathy (831-649-6067)

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Proposed Budget

2023-2024

Income

Carry over 2022-23	\$ 9000	
Dues collected 2023	\$ 8805	
Beginning Balance		\$ 17,805
Bingo/Bunco/Fundraising		\$ 500
Birthday Event (net income)		\$ 4,500
Miscellaneous donation		\$ 0
Dues collected 23-24		\$ 9,000
Total Projected Income		\$ 31,805

Expenses

Dues		
California	\$ 2,150	
International	\$ 3,550	
Area V Assessment	\$ 300	
DKG CA fees (Insurance/Schol/Publ)	\$ 400	
Total Dues and Fees		\$ 6,400
Operational		
Initiation fees	\$ 30	
Working Teachers \$25/mtg	\$ 200	
LIFE IMO gifts	\$ 150	
Rose Report supplies	\$ 75	
Conferences Chi State	\$ 1,500	
Area V	\$ 150	
Event Support/Entertainment/ SpeakersFees/Honorariums/Reimbursements (\$75 per meeting;150 Bingo/Bunco; 300 birthday)	\$ 1,200	

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Miscellaneous (printing/stamps/Sunshine)	\$ 150
Pins	\$ 200
Miscellaneous fees/raffle reg	\$ 120
Area V Basket	\$ 100
Installation & Initiation	\$ 75
Thank You Gifts (out going presidents)	\$ 200
\$100 Gifts Delta Lambda Working Teachers	\$ 1,300

Total Operational **\$ 5,450**

Donations

RIF	\$ 5,000
Girls Inc.	\$ 500
Mary Marchi Fund	\$ 500
World Fellowship	\$ 100
Chi State Emergency	\$ 100
International Emergency	\$ 100
LIFE	\$ 100
Grants (members for Convention)	\$ 1,000
Grants (non-members)	\$ 2,000





Total Donations **\$ 9,400** **\$ 21,250**

Reserved funds to allocate . . . \$ 1,555

Dues collected for 23-24 (Carryover) \$ 9,000

Total Projected Expenses **\$ 31,805**

RIF Project: Available Funds **\$ 19,396**

<p align="center">RIF News <i>Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney</i></p>	<p align="center">September Birthdays</p>												
 <p>We are very excited about the new school year. Stephenie and Marsha are in the process of reaching out to our six RIF schools in order to prepare our Scholastic order for the 2023 – 2024 school year. This year we will be distributing books the TK through 3rd grade students as well as Special Education students. Our school RIF coordinators will be contacting their schools to schedule our first Fall distribution. Please consider volunteering to be a “RIF Lady” this school year. It really is a fun way to spend your morning.</p> 	<table border="0"> <tr><td>Marilyn Higbie</td><td>9-05</td></tr> <tr><td>Rose Kershing</td><td>9-06</td></tr> <tr><td>Betty Aynaga</td><td>9-12</td></tr> <tr><td>Gail Boger</td><td>9-15</td></tr> <tr><td>Ann Ostenso</td><td>9-21</td></tr> <tr><td>Wendy Milligan</td><td>9-27</td></tr> </table> 	Marilyn Higbie	9-05	Rose Kershing	9-06	Betty Aynaga	9-12	Gail Boger	9-15	Ann Ostenso	9-21	Wendy Milligan	9-27
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<p align="center">RIF Coordinators 2023-2024 <i>Please contact a coordinator if you want to read for RIF.</i></p> <p align="center">Del Rey Woods School Alice Stoll 659-3273 Mickey Tachibana 333-0226</p> <p align="center">Martin Luther King School Kathy Poulson 408-605-4579 Nancy Durein 373-0564 May Higuera 869-9648</p> <p align="center">Marina Vista School Kate Wood 917-0854 Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953</p> <p align="center">Ord Terrace School Stephenie Meroney 625-2192 Marsha Leadingham 394-0513</p> <p align="center">Crumpton Bonnie Yoshinobu 915-9975 Sally Eastham 372-6919</p> <p align="center">Olson School Shelia Deis 917- 8169 Kerry Conner 656- 9662</p>	 <p align="right">SAVE THE DATE! DKG California Convention May 3-5, 2024 Santa Clara Marriott</p> <p align="center">“Setting our course together”</p> <p align="center">Join us for learning, leading, sharing, making new friends, dining, shopping, laughing, and so much more! Plan NOW to be there!</p>												