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 Delta Lambda Chapter



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Rose Report

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President's Message
By Cathy Findley

Cathy's Chatter ~



Well Ladies, we celebrated the 66 years of Delta Lambda's existence with inspiration, dancing, music, color, and philanthropy!

We were reminded of why we get together for the betterment of educators and educational support. We also learned a few new things: Gail delved into pre-Lenten traditions and choreography; Donna and Haze researched aspects of Mardi Gras, DKG and RIF; Susan Holm figured out how to make Hurricane punch; Gail-Pat-Sally-Lynn strutted their stuff in a chorus line; we decorated masks, played kazoos, and there were women aplenty for drums, guiros and maracas (Betty Ann smiled as she said, 'I've never played a drum before'). We also honored our working teachers, introduced guests, welcomed members we hadn't seen for months and were silly, serious, and happy to enjoy each other and our organization.

As I grow older (much faster than I would like), and the aches, pains, etc. become less easy to ignore – I need to do things differently. I'm teaching with less movement, walking with a stick, driving slower, cleaning less, brushing more, avoiding foods, or eating others, moisturizing..... and the list goes on. As we start our 67th year (and move toward DKG's 100th year), we must acknowledge what we do and welcome changes and ideas. Betty Aynaga has a great idea with 'adopt-a-school'. We need to get out there and let educators know what we do and why we do it. DKG has been relevant for nearly 100 years let's not let others forget – we have much to offer educators and those we are educating.

I recently read a review of MTT's interpretation of Mahler's 9th Symphony with the LA Phil. I have always been moved by Mahler's work (several decades ago I was fortunate enough to sing the Kindertotenlieder song cycle with a small orchestra), and was aware of his concerns with life, life's meaning, and as being a bridge to changing melodies and harmonies. However, I had missed the fact that he was diagnosed with a rheumatic heart which could stop beating anytime. He had much to do, to express, and to invent and would not dwell on the length of his life. In a letter to Bruno Walter, he wrote "At the end of a life, I must learn once again to walk and stand like a beginner." I certainly feel that at my stage in life and as our chapter moves toward seven decades of existence, we might want to think about what adjustments need to be made to grow, thrive, flow and continue to be relevant another 70 years.

Congratulations Staunch, Courageous Women Teachers! Duty calls – and you answered! Let's continue to answer.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report
DKG/Delta Lambda Chapter
January 19, 2023

BALANCE ON HAND: 11/1/2022 **\$ 14,580.04**

RECEIPTS: 12/1/2022-12/31/2022

Receipts from December Meeting	\$ 1300	
Interest income	\$.13	
Total Available		\$ 15,880.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Bayonet & Black Horse	\$ 1295.27	
Betty Aynaga (Gift Cards for Working Teachers)	\$ 275	
Total Disbursements for 12/1/2022-12/31/2022	\$ 1570.27	

BALANCE ON HAND: 12/31/2022 **\$ 14,309.90**

Delta Lambda RIF Project **\$ 22,113.27**

Interest income	(.18+.19)	\$.37	
Donation		\$ 90	
Ending Balance			\$ 22,203.64

(On 1/6/23 wrote a check to Scholastic Inc. for: \$ 7662.06; Balance: \$ 14,541.58)

Mardi Gras Birthday

By Gail Boger

We had a festive time at our Mardi Gras 66th Birthday Party Fundraiser on Saturday, January 28th. It seemed like there was a lot going on, and at times things were a bit chaotic – in the nice way.

We heard history and stories, made masks and noise, sang songs and danced to songs, paraded all around in our lovely Mardi Gras attire, and ate yummy jambalaya and King Cake.



Most importantly, we made money for our worthy philanthropies. We missed seeing you Delta Lambdas that had to miss this event. But if you'd like to send a check for the philanthropies – Treasurer Christine Warde will be happy to have checks sent to her at: 512 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove 93950.





In Lieu of Minutes...

We masked Saints did more than march. We sashayed in a conga line and fluttered our hands. We beat on bongos and puffed through kazoos. We oohed over gumbo and red beans and rice and licked our lips of frosting and chocolate birthday cake. What a fun time we had at our birthday party, January 28, at Hacienda Carmel!

There was no business meeting so there are no minutes. Here is a recap of the gathering: Donna Bessant led us through a game focused on RIF, DKG, and Mardi Gras, all three having a history of community action.

Focus then was on three philanthropic areas Delta Lambda supports.

Marsha Leadingham and Stephenie Meroney, our **RIF** leaders, said we have begun distribution at the six schools we support. We touch the lives of around 3,000 students, TK – 6, through books and stories. Each distribution costs around \$13,000.00 so Marsha and Stephenie will apply for a grant. Through photos, they recalled 2009 when Barbara Sovereign received national honors in Washington DC as Volunteer of the Year.

Betty Aynaga, our **STEP** chair, told about the three ways we support teachers:

1. We award grants of up to \$500.00 to four or five new teachers, based on their applications.
2. We give gift cards to our members who are working teachers.
3. We have an Adopt a School program for acknowledging all the teachers in our community, or as many schools as we can reach.

Gail Boger mentioned that we also give financial support to **Girls, Inc.**, the organization that teaches girls how to be smart, strong, and bold. We have much to be proud of!

Camille Liscinsky





Poetry of the Month

February Twilight

Sara Teasdale

I stood beside a hill
Smooth with new-laid
snow.
A single star looked out
From the cold evening
glow.
There was no other creature
That saw what I could see –
I stood and watched the evening star
As long as it watched me.



Membership

By Sally Shafer-Harr & Sherry Petitt

The deadline for nominating a new member has been extended to **February 16th**. Names that are submitted will be presented at the DKG board meeting on February 23rd. The nomination form can be found at the end of this Rose Report. If you would prefer filling out a form online, please contact Sally Shafer-Harr at heartyharrs@sbcglobal.net. She will then send you a Word document that you can fill out online and send it back to her.

Or you may mail or deliver completed forms to:

Sherry Petitt, 10131 Blue Larkspur Lane,
Monterey, CA 93940 or
s-petitt@sbcglobal.net



DUES NEWS

Please send your \$100 dues checks made out to Delta Lambda to:

Christine Warde
512 Fountain Ave.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

****BIG Thanks to everyone who made donations on January 28th. Please send additional donations to my address as well. Much appreciated!!****

Thanks!!

Young Readers Mural Dedication

The Monterey Public Library invites you to a dedication ceremony for the Young Readers Mural on Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. Registration is kindly requested. Painted on the west wall of the Monterey...

montereypl.libcal.com



Please note that the registration for the mural dedication is live:

<https://montereypl.libcal.com/calendar/events/muraldedication>

RIF News

Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney



We are in the middle of our RIF distributions and having a wonderful time. We have visited Olson, Crumpton and Del Rey Woods. The students were so appreciative, and we were able to offer some fun, new books. Our next RIF days are Friday, February 10th at King, Wednesday, February 15th at Marina Vista and Wednesday, March 8th at Ord Terrace. If you are interested in experiencing a RIF Day, please let the coordinators know. They are always looking for readers and stampers. We are anticipating second RIF distributions in the spring, so you will have other chances to help out. I highly recommend being a "RIF Lady".

Save the Date!

*DKG California Convention 2023
Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
Burlingame, May 5-7, 2023*



Shaping Tomorrow Together



RIF Coordinators 2022-2023

Please contact a coordinator if you want to read for RIF.

Del Rey Woods School

Alice Stoll 659-3273
Mickey Tachibana 333-0226

Martin Luther King School

Kathy Poulson 408-605-4579
Nancy Durein 373-0564

Marina Vista School

Kate Wood 917-0854
Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953

Ord Terrace School

Stephenie Meroney 625-2192
Marsha Leadingham 394-0513

Crumpton

Bonnie Yoshinobu 915-9975
Sally Eastham 372-6919

Olson School

Shelia Deis 917- 8169
Kerry Conner 656- 9662

March Birthdays

Barbara Hughes 3-02
Camille Liscinsky 3-02
Kristin Searle 3-02
Pat Gotch 3-04
Jennifer Colby 3-09
Nancy Henderson 3-10
Suzanne Siegelman 3-12
Norma Voth 3-13
Mickey Miyamoto 3-16
Jennifer Ortiz 3-23
Jo Dee Krebs 3-35
Marijane Flagg 3-26



Adopt-a-School

In support of working teachers, please consider signing up to adopt a school. You (and a friend or two) may choose to support a school or any of our working teachers at any time, but we have targeted the week of **March 13-17**, the week before most schools close for spring break, to honor the **entire school staff**. For that week you will be given information sheets about DKG and Delta Lambda to include with your offerings.

Here are a few ideas to show your appreciation to the staff:

Bring food items such as bagels, cookies, fruit, chips and dip, coffee and donuts, a sheet cake; and/or bring flowers or a basket of school supplies. In addition, for particular support of Delta Lambda working teachers, you might volunteer to do an art lesson, read to the class, or do yard duty for her.

Below is a link to sign up for schools. The schools listed are those where we have Delta Lambda teachers, but please feel free to list any school you'd like to support. Please check the list after you've signed up to see if anyone else has signed up for your chosen school so you can coordinate with each other

Adopt-A-School sign up link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XYtCRh5oJhMZSKnsVnDk5kZYQ6Baj9XU5t03-X6cKtk/edit#gid=0>

If you have any questions please contact the Committee to Support Working Teachers.

Michele Neuhaus, Marijane Flagg, Betty Aynaga



T.H.A.T. (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours

If you have volunteered to help another education professional and would like to receive credit for your hours, click on the link below, which will take you to the DKGCA website where you will find a form to fill out. The STEP committee's THAT report will be based on hours submitted by April 1st and will be shared at the state convention. Hours may be submitted as often as you wish, July 1-June 30.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFvKaWfxOr64hHQNJENm9A-vWqUaxCRDH1WFJgaUibMibANw/viewform>



Recommendation for Membership

Please complete and return this form to a Delta Lambda Membership chairperson (see below*) no later than February 16, 2023.

Type of membership: ___ Chapter Active ___ Chapter Honorary

Name of person recommended

Mailing Address

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Current Position:

Title _____ Employer _____

Total years as an educator _____ Field _____

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development, presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations, honors/awards. Use other side or additional pages if necessary.

Community Activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Name(s)

Signature(s)

Date _____

***Return to Sherry Pettitt, 10131 Blue Larkspur Lane, Monterey, CA 93940 or s-pettitt@sbcglobal.net**