

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



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# Rose Report

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

*Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.*

DKG California - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact

DKG Meeting Dates 2022	Delta Lambda Board Members
<p><i>Please pencil in the following dates on your calendars. Due to the COVID situation, meeting dates and topics are subject to change.</i></p> <p>FEBRUARY 8, Tuesday, 2PM, BOARD MEETING, 2PM, ZOOM</p> <p><b>February 27, Sunday, Voting Meeting, 3pm, ZOOM</b></p> <p><b>March 26, Area V Conference, 10 AM, Virtual</b></p> <p>MARCH 29, Tuesday, 2PM, BOARD MEETING, 2PM, ZOOM</p> <p><b>April, Birthday Meeting, TBD</b></p> <p><b>End of April, State Conference, TBD</b></p> <p>MAY 17TH, TUESDAY, 2PM, BOARD MEETING, ZOOM</p> <p><b>June 4, Saturday, Final Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Co-Presidents:</b> Nancy Howe and Nancy Henderson <b>1st Vice President and Program Chair:</b> Cathy Findley <b>2nd Vice President and Membership Co-chairs:</b> Camille Liscinsky and Linda McClain <b>Treasurers:</b> Barbara Hughes and Christine Warde <b>Recording Secretary:</b> Kathy Poulson <b>Corresponding Secretary:</b> Charlene Lowery <b>Member at Large:</b> Adrienne Jensen <b>Parliamentarian:</b> Marilyn Whitcomb <b>RIE:</b> Marsha Leadingham, Stephenie Meroney <b>STEP Liaison:</b> Betty Aynaga <b>Rose Report:</b> Lynn Galvan</p>

**Presidents' Message**  
*By Nancy Howe & Nancy Henderson*

Dear Sisters,

We had hoped that after the lovely Christmas Party we would be able to continue with our in person gatherings. But COVID has reared its ugly head again and we have had to change course and pull back.

The **Area V Conference** committee has also decided to move the Area Conference to a **ZOOM meeting on March 26th**. (See link information on the next page). Everyone is proceeding with care. In planning the proposed Birthday Celebration we are hoping to celebrate it at the end of year meeting on June 4th.

We know that this year has been hard on all of us, but we are asking for your patience, support and understanding during these frustrating times.

The Two Nancys

## DKG Area 5 Conference Info and Link

Time: Mar 26, 2022, 10 a.m. (will go live at 9:30 a.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83721809863?pwd=MDZVUS9sbW95a2wyQ1oyR2JxMHNVT09>

Meeting ID: 837 2180 9863

Passcode: 1234

One tap mobile

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## January Meeting Memories



*Our Dear Barbara*



*Norma Voth Gives a Heart-Warming Tribute to Barbara*



*Jen Ortiz Introduces Veronica Brambila*



*Veronica Brambila, Penne Ferrell Award Recipient*



Valerie-Jean Rivera

*Val Rivera Receives Lunar New Year Themed Books*



Wendy's iPad

*Wendy Milligan, Happy With Her Tiger Book*



*Betty Aynaga Wins Starbucks Giftcard*

## RIF News

Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney



Our wonderful RIF coordinators are in the process of arranging distribution days with their schools. We anticipate that it may look different at every school but we are determined to distribute books this school year. If you are interested in helping please contact the RIF coordinators who are listed in the Rose Report. Happy Reading!

## RIF Coordinators 2021-2022

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

### Highland School

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

### Del Rey Woods School

Alice Stoll 659-3273  
Mickey Tachibana 333-0226

### Martin Luther King School

Kathy Poulson 408-605-4579

### Highland School

May Higuera 869-9648

### Marina Vista School

Kate Wood 917-0854  
Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953

### Ord Terrace School

Stephenie Meroney 625-2192  
Marsha Leadingham 394-0513

### Crumpton

Kathy Knight 649-3582  
Sally Eastham 372-6919

### Olson School

Shelia Deis 917- 8169  
Kerry Conner 656- 9662

### Foothill School

Karen Crummey 624-4154  
Kathy Morgan 373-6728

## THEN & NOW: DELTA LAMBDA HAS RIF!!

By Donna Bessant

Delta Lambda chapter has proudly supported READING IS FUNDamental for many years.

Look at our accomplishments THEN & NOW:

### Members in our chapter:

Then—about 60 when we adopted RIF

Now—about 100

**GOAL:** (determined by research in reading and literacy)

Then—Encourage learners to read more at home by providing books for each child

Now—Same

**Participating Schools:** (all in MPUSD, based on Title I & similar statistics)

Then—Del Rey Woods, Highland, Ord Terrace, King Jr., Marina Vista, Crumpton

Now—Same plus Foothill and Olson (Note: Highland & Foothill close in 2022-23)

### Number of students participating:

Then—about 1700 Grades K – 3

Now—about 3200 Grades T/K - 6

### Number of RIF visits to each school:

Then—Three per school year

Now (with COVID):--One per school year

**Number of RIF volunteers at each visit** (for Reading Aloud & for Book Distribution

Then—2 RIF Coordinators plus 6-10 RIF Volunteers (members of Delta Lambda)

2-4 Read Aloud books by Volunteers per classroom

Now: 2 RIF coordinators plus 1-2 extra Volunteers

0 Read Aloud books in any classroom (COVID)

### Browsing time per student:

Then: 15-20 minutes per class

Now—ASAP, often in the classroom

### Cost of books for distribution:

Then—\$1.00 - \$2.00 per book (one visit = \$3400.00; three visits = \$10,200.00)

Now—\$1.50 - \$4.25 per book (one visit = \$11,109.00)

### Raising money:

Then—raffles, birthday auction, Bunco, donations...later, Macy's Sharing & Caring

Now—RIF appeal, BINGO (maybe), donations, Macy's (hopefully) & our 65th Birthday, Mike Sovereign's offer

### Happy Days for ALL:

Then—Everyone who participated (giving money, Reading Aloud, distributing books,

organizing the date(s), seeing the light in everyone's eyes & grins on their faces!

Now: Same

**KEEP RIF GOING THIS YEAR AND NEXT....READING IS FUNDamental!!**

At Saturday's meeting, Mike Sovereign **generously** made the offer to match all donations to RIF made in Barbara's name. We also need to keep in mind that we need Birthday Donations as well to support 15 other programs. At the suggestion of a friend, I am writing two checks.

So if you are making a donation to RIF In Barbara's memory please write the check as follows:

### Delta Lambda-RIF

In the memo line write: Barbara Sovereign

### For Birthday Donations:

### Delta Lambda

In the memo line write: Birthday Donation

As always, thanks for your generosity.

### Mail checks to:

Christine Warde  
512 Fountain Ave.  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

## Membership

Camille Liscinsky & Linda McClain

### New Is Better

A New Year.

New Beginnings.

New Ideas.

How about New Members?

Seeing New Faces at our meetings would be delightful!

Do you know a woman educator who has leadership qualities and a willingness to use them in our chapter?

In return, we can offer her opportunities to serve and to learn that are spiced with the fun of female comradery.

Please nominate this woman for membership. Use the form in this Rose Report and return it to Camille via email, mail, or in person.

Voting for newly nominated members will be at our February 27th meeting. Nominations are due **February 14th.**

So far, we have no Newbies nominated. 😞

Take care. Stay well.

Camille Liscinsky and Linda McClain



## And the Nominees Are...

By Linda McClain

The very diligent, hardworking nominating committee has presented a slate of nominees for the new board for 2022 through 2024. We will vote on these nominees at the February 27 Zoom meeting.

The committee has contacted over half the membership, but please note the Vice President in charge of programs is still available and needed. Many of the Board positions are shared with a friend, and that may be an appealing possibility. Contact Bonnie Yoshinobu or Donna Bessant if you can serve in this very important position.

**President:** Cathy Findley

**VP Programs:** vacant

**VP Membership:** Sally Shafer-Harr,  
Sherry Petitt

**Recording Secretary for Board meetings:**  
Linda McClain

**Recording Secretary for Membership meetings:**  
Camille Liscinsky

**Corresponding Secretary and Sunshine:**  
Charlene Lowery

## February & March Birthdays

Christine Warde	2-04
Linda McClain	2-05
Andrea Sayas	2-05
Andrea Stephenson	2-05
Marilyn McMasters	2-06
Kimberly Jimenez	2-07
Ellen Maupin	2-21
Cristy Campanara	2-22
Alice Stoll	2-26
Linda Bynoe	2-27



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	3-25
Marijane Flagg	3-26



## January Meeting Recap

By Lynn Galvan

**Nancy Howe** opened the meeting by expressing her thoughts about changing to a Zoom format out of an abundance of caution due to Covid concerns, and we will look forward to rescheduling our Birthday Celebration for later this spring when hopefully, the Covid situation will improve. Highlights of the business portion of our meeting include:

- \$11,109 was spent on books for **RIF**.
- So far, **Barbara Hughes** has received \$1700 - \$1800 in donations in memory of **Barbara Sovereign**, which will be matched by Mike Sovereign, Barbara's husband.
- Longevity pins were delivered to **Suzanne Siegelman** and **Christine Warde**.
- **Nominees** for the 2022-2024 board were announced and will be voted on at our February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- We discussed how to best handle writing checks for Birthday Donations and donations to RIF in honor of Barbara. (See information on page 4 of this Rose Report).

Afterwards, **Norma Voth** gave a wonderful tribute to **Barbara Sovereign**. (See the transcript of Norma's presentation on page 8 of this Rose Report). **Mike Sovereign** expressed his gratitude and let us know how much DKG, and especially RIF, meant to Barbara.

**Jennifer Ortiz** introduced our Penne Ferrell award recipient, **Veronica Brambila**, who is a first-year 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Ord Terrace. She will be using the money she received to stock her classroom library. Congratulations, Veronica!

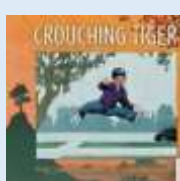
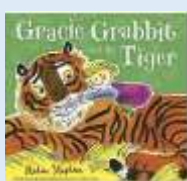
**Cathy Findley** discussed plans for our future Birthday Celebration, which will be held "live," most likely in the spring or at the end-of-the-year meeting in June. Also, we voted to postpone our Bingo meeting until the fall. In addition, Cathy led us in an interactive activity called the "JamBoard," as well as a book give-away for our working teachers who attended the meeting. Read on for more details ...

### Book Give-Away

By Cathy Findley

At the last meeting we were able to give some books of Tiger stories to the active teachers present, to tie into Lunar New Year.

Penne Ferrell awardee, Veronica Brambila received:



Pat Gotch also delivered some of her library to add to Veronica's school library.



Val Rivera received:

Wendy Milligan received:



We forgot to do the drawing for the Starbucks' 'Year of the Tiger' \$10 gift card.



After the meeting it was won by: Betty Aynaga



**Legacy, Future and What's Important**  
**Sixty-five years and counting "forward moving ever"**

*By Cathy Findley*

Delta Kappa Gamma, like a diamond, has many facets. There are the 'six purposes' and then there are subtle individual takes on what membership means and why each individual decided to join the organization.

**The purposes:**

- unite women educators in fellowship
- honor women who evidence potential for distinctive service in education
- advance professional interest
- initiate, endorse, and support legislation in the interest of education and women educators
- to endow scholarships to aid women educators
- stimulate personal and professional growth of members and appropriate programs of action



Over the years there have been modifying changes and/or expansion of existing programs as society and needs have changed. I don't think that the original founders would have used the recently added wording that 'membership is open to individuals who identify as female', yet that adjustment now exists.

There have been changes and modifications to Delta Lambda's interests and focus as well. Support of Reading is Fundamental, teacher morale, education of underserved students, student extra and co-curricular education, participation in the organization's greater programs.


As we celebrate this 65th year, it is a good time to look at what is of importance or value to most of us. At the last meeting we had a 'JamBoard,' and some of us shared what individuals felt was important. We all like, need, appreciate different activities, programs, needs – so 'sprs yourself'.



We only spent about 3 minutes on this and there were others who didn't get a chance to add anything and many of you did not have an opportunity to join the meeting. So.....

Here is the link to add your thoughts:

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1wLLxLOAHLdPmZQckveMyivKO42JdvnbesmRtAlx8ki8/viewer?f=0>

Everyone now has the right to 'edit'. On the LEFT side there are several icons. Click on the 4<sup>th</sup> one  and a 'post it' will magically appear – then type your thought.

### Norma Voth's Presentation at Our January Meeting In Memory of Barbara Sovereign

"We remember Barbara Sovereign, who was a Delta Lambda member since 1983 and who touched us in many ways. She was kind, gracious, and genuinely cared about what was happening in other people's lives. She was reticent about sharing details of her own health struggles, but she always had time to listen to other people talk about their lives.

Barbara was above all a superb educator. She was a Reading Teacher not only in MPUSD, but also in private schools. She willingly volunteered her time and talents to make life better for others. All of us in DKG were aware of her love of RIF and the many hours she spent making sure that the program not only survived, but became better because of her dedication and commitment. Barbara and Connie Lynch took over RIF when Jim and Joan Hull stepped aside. Then in about 2003 or 2004, Katie Kelly took over as a coordinator with Barbara. She and Katie worked tirelessly for several years, organizing the six schools for RIF Days. This included getting all the volunteers, ordering the books, transporting the books to the schools, planning the days with each of the six school principals, and filling out stacks of paperwork that was required. When I took Katie Kelley's place, it was suggested that to make this an easier task, there should be a coordinator at each of the six schools. What a great idea (Thanks, Donna). Barbara was also involved when Macy's started the program to support the RIF program nationwide. Summers at Del Monte Shopping Center and travels to other Macy's stores in the area were always a joy for Barbara. Thanks also to the many DKG members who helped to support this program. All of these efforts on behalf of RIF were rewarded (although Barbara thought she was not worthy) when she was one of three nationwide RIF volunteers who won the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2009. This included an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. which culminated with meeting the RIF staff and a banquet honoring the three national winners.

This is a lot about RIF, but Barbara also volunteered in many other organizations during her life including at her church, the Monterey Public Library and other educational organizations. At her memorial service which many of you had a chance to attend, either in person or by livestreaming, it was beautiful to hear and see her grandchildren, children, and husband speak about her and her life. It was obvious the love that she had shared with all of them in her life and the impact that she made on all of them. It was a lovely tribute to a very special lady who is and will be missed by so many of us.

In addition to all her other wonderful gifts, Barbara had a subtle but puckish sense of humor. A few weeks ago there were eight of us sitting around a dinner table. Most of us had been educators, and we got around to telling some of our favorite stories about experiences in the class room. Barbara listened intently to our stories, but she didn't contribute one until one of us asked her. She thought for a moment and then told us about working on reading with a little boy. She noticed from his chart that his birthday was coming up the next week. She asked him when his birthday was, to which he replied that he didn't remember. She said that it was coming up soon and then told him the date. The little boy got very excited and exclaimed, "That's the same day it was last year!" Among all the other memories I have of Barbara, I will always remember her warm laugh, her gentle spirit, and her kind heart. My wish for all of us is that we will carry the memory of Barbara Sovereign with us tomorrow, and the day after, and the day after that. She taught us a lot about how to live our lives—if we were listening.

A big thank you to Mike, Barbara's husband, who would like to contribute to our RIF program in her name. He is willing to match whatever funds we donate in Barbara's name to keep the RIF program alive and flourishing. Now, it's in our hands; let's contribute what we can to make our RIF program one that Barbara would love, one that is thriving and making sure that we get books to all those wonderful and deserving students in our RIF schools. Thank you, Mike, for your very generous offer. Barbara would be so proud and happy."





# Recommendation for Membership

**Please complete and return this form to a Delta Lambda Membership chairperson (see below\*) no later than February 14, 2022.**

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.

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Community Activities:

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Endorsed by one or more members:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Return to Camille Liscinsky: 717 Redwood Lane Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or [camm22@gmail.com](mailto:camm22@gmail.com)**