



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
 Chi State Area V
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Rose Report

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

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June-July-August

Birthdays

Marilynn Whitcomb	6/2
Helen Brogno	6/13
Kerry Conner	6/14
Kate Wood	6/14
Katie Kelly	6/19
Donna Bessant	6/22
Bonnie Yoshiobu	6/25
Susan Jackson-Hewitt	6/28
Adrienne Jensen	6/29
Gayle Paul	6/29
Kathy Caves	7/1
Mickey Tachibana	7/4
Bonnie Van Meter	7/4
Carolyn Palmer	7/12
Sally Eastman	7/13
Barbara Hill	7/27

**Kickoff Meeting
 Thursday Evening
 August 29, 2013
 5:30 pm**

Presidents' Message

Can you believe that our DKG year is nearly over, for most purposes, and we are writing a “ year-end” letter? We want to give a big thank you to everyone for all you have done to make this year so successful. Our committee structure has worked out really well, allowing many people to become involved in the various activities. In October, we had the most productive Bunco event ever and we thank all the people that worked so hard to bring about such fabulous results. RIF readers and coordinators have been diligent with all the organization that is involved with bringing our wonderful program into the hands of so many needy and receptive young readers. Let’s not forget our Funsters events each month where our retired educators have had the chance to gather for friendship and delicious lunches. Our beautiful Christmas tea at Del Mesa was a great event where we gathered for singing, homemade cannoli, and, of course, our very own author, Mary Marchi, speaking about her process for writing two children’s books. The numerous donations made to Elm House were so well received by the women in need. Raising monies at our DKG birthday party in January has allowed us to offer assistance to RIF, Girls Inc., and some other calls for financial support. The year ended with a wonderful luncheon meeting at Marilyn McMaster’s lovely home, where we initiated five new members to our Delta Lambda Chapter. We feel fortunate to be co-presidents of such a vibrant and active chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma! We are grateful for our outstanding board and fabulous members. We now look forward to our summer activities with RIF at Macy’s and planning the Area V Conference. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer and we will see everyone at our first meeting on August 29th - a Thursday evening - at the Markham Ranch Clubhouse.

Kristin and Linda

PS. I am especially thankful to Kristin who has had to carry the load for the many times I found myself needed on the other side of the USA. What a wonderful partner she has been as my co-president!

Meet the Board Members

Ann Ostenso Entering the world in Hollywood, California, Ann Ostenso is the eldest of the three Gregg children. Early years were spent in Los Angeles within walking distance of the La Brea tar pits which were open and surrounded with grass. After World War II the move to the Palos Verdes Peninsula required a ten mile trip to the grocery store. The 61 eighth graders on the Peninsula went to Redondo High School. I entered UC Santa Barbara in its third semester with 2200 other young folks living in marine barracks and a long bus ride into Santa Barbara for movies etc. Halfway through I left for a year in Honolulu to find myself and decided education would be a good fit after spending my Wednesday afternoons in a friend's fifth grade class at Punahou. After graduation I taught in Palos Verdes, married, and taught in Simi Valley with 50 second graders with no help for two years as new schools were built for the growing population. I went back to teaching after my daughter was born and moved to Santa Barbara staying, with time out for library school, until I was asked to come to Monterey to work in the newly developed library program. During this time, Amy and I were very fortunate to be able to travel to many interesting places. Thirty five years later, I'm sure glad I made the move!!

Ellen Maupin I grew up in Chester, Virginia, a tiny town near Richmond. I was graduated from Hollins College with a B.A in English and art history. I came to Ft. Ord with my husband during the Vietnam War. Both of my daughters were born on the Central Coast. We then moved all over the West with the U.S. Forest Service. In 1982, I relocated to Carmel to teach seventh and eighth grade English at All Saints Day School. After three years I moved to MPUSD so I could teach in the elementary grades. I taught a variety of grade levels before getting my MLS at San Jose State in 1995. I then served as the librarian at Foothill for seven years, my dream job. After the Library program was cut, I taught second grade there until I retired in 2007. After spending five years as a very active grandma, my docent job at the Monterey Museum of Art turned into a part time job arranging field trips for school children to our Museum and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Last winter the part time job turned into a full time job. Although too busy to do many of the leisure activities I enjoy, I am finding this new job working with education and art very rewarding. Still an active grandma, I visit my two daughters and their families in Berkeley several times a month.



Jim Harrison, Ray Stevenson, Neil Fern and Bob Deweese pose with Karen.



Ginny Hall and Mary Ann Campbell chat at table at

Who Remembers These Guys? Several of our chapter members attended the Girls Inc. Luncheon/Fundraiser.

Karen invited Jim Harrison, Ray Stevenson, Neil Fern, and Bob DeWeese to attend the fundraiser. Delta Lambda sends a donation every year to Girls Inc. This year our donation was \$720.00. A "Save the Date" for the Girls Inc. Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 7, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Tanimura & Antle in Spreckels has also arrived. More information on that when the invitation arrives.

Chi State 2013 Convention Reports

The Chi State convention this past May 3-5 was located in Burbank and, for some 650 women, it was a total success. The theme, "Celebrate The Bounty of Excellence", was found at every turn of events, displays and meetings. Our initial leadership workshop gave a message regarding leadership techniques, even using the film clips from *Gone With The Wind* and *Crimson Tide*. Now, I'm anxious to come back and watch the entire re-runs of both movies to dissect leadership styles. Inspirational/motivational speakers were phenomenal with *Soaring Stone*, *Wind*, *Pyramids*, and *Obelisks* to initial ideas coming from the inventor of Baby Eisenstein videos to our final speaker on how she approaches life wearing *Rose Colored Glasses*. I think one of the highlights of the convention came on Sunday with the *Celebration Of Life Ceremony*--very moving as we reflected on the lives of *Tootie Denahy* and *Joan Hull*. If you have never attended a DKG convention, the next 2 years will be held in N. California, specifically *Santa Clara* and *San Francisco*. GO!! You will be amazed. I've now been to 2 conventions and looked forward to the next.

Linda Foy

It was enjoyable to re-connect with friends at Chi State Convention 2013 in Burbank. This year's speakers were some of the best ever. Friday evening's meeting with Areas III, V and XII gave us a chance to catch up on news and chat in a relaxed setting. Newly installed President *Judy Kearns* and the others of the new leadership team will do a great job.

Mickey Miyamoto

Although busy with my duties as Area Director, I did manage to have time for fun. From the very first hug I received from a sister I haven't seen for awhile to the last "see you next year", the convention was awesome. It was filled with inspiring speakers, great interest sessions, fun shopping in the vendors room (Yes, I bought something.), several "meetings" (aka parties), and good friends, old and new. I was proud to walk with Kristin and Linda as they received The Order of the Rose for our Chapter. I was honored to participate in the Celebration of Life ceremony, although I couldn't hold back the tears as Tootie's and Joan's names were called. As usual, I came home with renewed respect for our wonderful organization and its fabulous women members.

Kathy Morgan

Mary Marchi and I had a fabulous trip to the Chi State Convention on the "Starlight" AMTRAK. We were picked up at the Monterey Hyatt and bussed to Salinas for the on-time train. Everyone was so helpful and friendly and we made friends with others in our car. Lunch was brought to us and later we had dinner in the dining car. The Burbank stop is right by the airport and the Marriott Hotel. The Convention, of course, was fun - good friends, good food and I learned a new trick to make beautiful book marks. The trip home on Monday was another great adventure. Since it was drizzling, we got a ride to Van Nuys on an earlier train since there was a train station there and we could wait inside. When our train arrived, the friendly folk took our luggage and us to the spot down the track where we boarded the right car. We enjoyed another fine dining experience on the way home with good company. Way to go!

Dorothy Becker



Linda Williams, Cathy Findley, Marilyn McMasters, Nancy Durein, Betty Ann Campbell, Laura Southerland, Jackie Munoz, Erika Arquilla. Marilyn Whitcomb is not in the picture.

Thank you to our wonderful June luncheon committee. Everyone was so enthusiastic about providing salads, desserts, breads, coming early to help, and staying to clean up. We had a great time "entertaining" our DKG sisters. Marilyn McMasters, and Alan, too, made our task so easy. Thank you for their wonderful hospitality.
Nancy Durein



Public service Award

Carolyn Palmer is the quiet, behind the scenes, "Worker Bee" that keeps many organizations running smoothly. She is our chapter's Sunshine Chair. She sends out all the birthday, sympathy and miscellaneous cards. She is Corresponding Secretary for Teddy Bears with Heart and mails many thank you cards for all the donations, and keeps the records of the donors. She also bags and tags bears—thousands of them! She preps and mails our "Teddy Talk", and does the same for the CaIRTA newsletter. She volunteers for RIF in as many slots as she is needed. She volunteers hours in booths at events such as Good Old Days, The Turkish Festival, Macy's RIF Day etc. Carolyn gracious answers requests for help. We are most grateful for all her time and hard work for these and other organizations. Carolyn is most deserving of Delta Lambda's Award for Service to the Community.

Service to Profession Award

Mary Marchi, our multi-talented and former leader. She's done everything! Her professional career spans the gamut – preschool, including television, elementary teacher and administrator, associate administrator plus working with every kind of special need – speech therapy, learning disabled, gifted and talented and reading specialist. To top it off she was awarded the Sr. Miriam Joseph Farrell National Distinguished Teacher Award in 1988. She had filled every slot at the chapter, Area and State level – too many to mention – as well as many responsibilities at the International level. And now in retirement she has taken up painting and then writing and has now published two children's picture books and is working on a third. Not satisfied with just creating these lovely books, she now goes to classrooms and shares her experience in the writing world and encourages young writers to create their own. As she says, "Everyone has a story inside her/him." So she continues to motivate students and adults to use their creativity and share.



Our new Delta Lambda members just finished their initiation at our final meeting of the year. They are: Kim Jimenez, Michele Hoover, Kathey Felt, Cynthia Cardinale, and Cristy Campanaro. Linda Bynoe not pictured.

Be Book Smart!

Macy's Annual Be Book Smart Campaign 2013 will be held June 21 - July 21. Again we will need volunteers to help with this campaign. Last year we received over \$9000 from this collaboration with Macy's toward the purchase of books for our own RIF program. Please plan on helping with this RIF Event.

Be sure to stop by our booth at Macy's on Sat. July 13 11:00-3:00. We will be selling our Macy's coupons, reading books, giving away books, visiting with Clifford the Big Red Dog and hopefully raising money for RIF.

If you took candy to be one of our "Secret Shoppers" at our June meeting, be sure to wander the store and pass out the rewards to the salespersons who are selling the coupons. We need to keep the spirit going. The campaign ends July 21. Thanks so much.
Karen



Marsha Leadingham, president of Altrusa, presented a \$400 check from Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula to Delta Lambda's Reading Is Fundamental program.

LEGISLATIVE TRAINING SESSION

The DKG Legislative Training Session was held in Sacramento on June 18-20. There were 31 attendees from Chi State. Leslie Geyer represented Delta Lambda. Leslie is also Health Committee Chair of Junior League's State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC). She had visited many of the legislators in Sacramento last May: Assembly Members Mark Stone, Luis Alejo, Joan Buchanan (Chair of Assembly Education Committee) and Senator Bill Monning. She also visited the Commission on the Status of Women with Geena Davis, the movie actress, as Chair. The group of three delegates from Santa Cruz, Hazel Powell, Linda Murphy, Jean Calvert, and Leslie decided to advocate mainly for CalSTRS's unfunded obligation.

Major talking points:

*As a result of two major financial downturns in less than 10 years, CalSTRS has suffered significant investment losses.

*Based on the latest Actuarial, June 2012, the unfunded obligation is now greater than \$70 billion, with a ratio of 67% funding.

*CalSTRS will run out of money in 2041 if nothing is done to correct this situation.

*California, as the state sponsor, will be obligated to pay the difference between benefits paid and contributions received (pay as you go). If CalSTRS does run out of money the state will have to float bonds to fund the state pensions, and Moody's will downgrade the bonds.

*The Legislature has the power to resolve this problem because CalSTRS contribution rates are set in statute.

*Action should be taken now, not later, in order to provide a resolution that is less costly and more financially sound.

*DKG Chi State supports swift legislative action to resolve the problem of CalSTRS unfunded liability.

The Session also discussed Common Core Systems Implementation and the Long Term Care fee hikes.

All agreed it was an excellent training session.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore

Love, Loss, and What I Wore, a play written by Nora Ephron (who also wrote *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When Harry Met Sally*, and other outstanding works) and her sister Delia Ephron, was on stage at the Carl Cherry Center in Carmel from June 7-30. The play is a bittersweet portrayal of events in women's lives as reflected by the clothing worn at the time. It played on Broadway for over three years.

DKG members Camille Liscinsky and Donna Bessant plus Camille's husband, Michael Bond formed the production company (Off the Rack Productions) to bring this charming slice of life to the Cherry Center. It was packed the whole month of June; impossible to get tickets. Congratulations to the producers. On Sunday afternoon, June 23 a group of our DKG members and others enjoyed a get together before seeing this great show.

Our New Members

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Funsters

Funsters needs hostesses for:

August, September, and November, 2013.

If you are interested in being a hostess, please contact either:

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Dues Are Due

Dues for the 2013-2014 years are due. If paid before Sept 15, dues are \$95 and to be sent to: Marilyn Higbie. 874 Gibson Avenue. Pacific Grove CA 93950.

Dues paid after 9/15 are \$100. Chi State increased dues by \$5 for the year 2013-2014. Our chapter will absorb the \$5 if checks are post dated by 10/1 or earlier and received by 9/15. \$100 Checks mailed after 9/15 should be mailed to Bette Hinton at: 26405 Birch Place, Carmel 93923.

Member News

Gloria Souza's mother, Ursula Di Mercurio Souza, passed away in Atwater, CA on April 24, 2013 at the age of 88.



A big thank you to Kathy Morgan for all her hard work as our Area V Director. Congratulations to her on her new position as a member of the Chi State Nomination Committee.

