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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.*

**End of the Year, 2020**

*Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.*

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## Presidents' Message

We have come to the end of another school year, and we are going through some changes, as always. With the pandemic, of course, we cannot gather in close quarters, so our dear Cathy Findley has been finding ways for us to Zoom with fun. On Saturday, June 6, many of us met online with hats, head bands, and a tiara, tea cups, and roses for a general meeting. There were reports and encouraging updates on scholarships and grants from young women new to teaching.

We are also delighted to welcome several new members, who have each had impressive accomplishments in various aspects of education. Please see Marilyn Whitcomb's article about the new members.

The new Board members are as follows~

Co-Presidents: Nancy Howe and Nancy Henderson

1st Vice President and Program Chair: Cathy Findley

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Camille Liscinsky and Linda McClain

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Corresponding Secretary: Susan Holm

Member at Large: Adrienne Jensen

Parliamentarian: Marilyn Whitcomb

RIF: Marsha Leadingham, Stephenie Meroney

Rose Report:

Please note that we have no one listed for the Rose Report. We are badly in need of someone to fill this vacancy. Please, please consider doing this vital job. You will have lots of support, will make many new friends, and will have the added benefit of being the happy recipient of compliments and gratitude on a regular basis.

It has been a pleasure and an honor being a co-presidents for the Delta Lambda Chapter of DKG. We both thank all of the Board members as well as the membership of this chapter for a happy and progressive two years.

Warmly,  
Bonnie and Ginny

# **Delta Lambda Welcomes Four New (highly talented) Members**

**At our recent Zoom meeting four new members were introduced. Below you will find a brief description of their many contributions to education as well as their many talents. We are very excited to welcome these four exceptional educators to our local Delta Kappa Gamma chapter and look forward to learning more about them in the future.**

## **Anne Congleton**

Most of Anne's educational experience has been at the primary level at Ord Terrace, teaching both first and second grade. Her highlights include: Serving as a member of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District leadership team focused on learning new initiatives and plan for site level training with the other members of the Ord Terrace leadership team. She was the grade level lead teacher on the Ord Terrace Leadership team for about the last 5 years. She served as one of the founding members of the social emotional learning team, which led to the first Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) teams in the district. She created family nights for reading, science, and math, which provided the opportunity for families to participate in fun learning with their children and members of the community. Finally, she has been a California State University Monterey Bay cooperating teacher (master teacher) to several student teachers.

## **Rochelle Davis**

Rochelle's extensive educational background centers around the performing arts and sensory motor development. Highlights include: Teaching children's performing arts classes overseas. Master teacher for the use of movement sensory motor development and dance. She delivered presentation of teaching techniques to improve student's concentration, focus, and eye-tracking to improve reading skills. Served as a trained Scoliosis examiner and developed exercise remedial therapies for children diagnosed with Spinal Curvatures. She organized a conference in Jerusalem, bringing Palestinians, Jordanians, Yemenites and Israelites together in "Education for Peace" Conference. Led dance programs and theater arts programs for pre-school through high school students including All Saint's Day School. She received the American Red Cross Award for extraordinary personal action for using lifesaving skills that saved a toddler from drowning. Self-published a "Handbook for Stress Management."

## **Victoria Lucido**

In her eyes, Vickie has spent “a lifetime in education” as a student and teacher. In the teacher role she has spent 33 years at Fitch Middle School (now Seaside Middle) and Colton Middle School teaching English, social studies, leadership and drama. Highlights include: During the many years teaching at Colton Middle, Vickie was often asked to be the “voice” for Colton. With so many administrative changes at times, it was comforting to the teachers to be able to look to Vicky for leadership. While she first advocated against the K-8 configuration that eventually happened, she grew to enjoy having the “sweet” little ones at the school. Vickie recently retired and quickly went to work completely an already popular book “Classroom Confidential How I Survived 33 Years In Public Education.” She has received many awards including recognized seven times by “Who’s Who of American Teachers, Monterey Teacher of the Year in 1999, Mildred Willemssen Excellence in Teaching award in 2011, named “Art Hero” by Monterey County Office of Education in 2018, and most recently the Colton Middle School stage was dedicated to her in 2018 and is now called “The Victoria Lucido Stage”. She directed and performed a one-woman-show Pretty in Hollywood at the Wharf Theater in Monterey. Lastly, she and her husband Frank have formed The Lucido Band donating their musical talents to charity fundraisers. Sounds perfect for a future Delta Lambda event.

## **Valerie Rivera**

Valerie is just finishing up her 17<sup>th</sup> year with the Monterey Peninsula School District almost all of those years at Seaside Middle School (formally Fitch Middle). During that time she taught classes in the areas of English Language Development, English, History, Theater, Mexican Folk Dance, Visual Art (2-dimensional and 3-dimensional, ceramics, and digital art) and film. Highlights: She served as the Associate Student Body advisor for several years, and was the first Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) lead for the school. She is currently the advisor for the student equity team as well as serving on the Instructional Leadership Team. She has served on several district committees, which include the superintendent’s council for Dr. Diffenbaugh, budget team under Superintendent Shepherd, ELD team, vapa team, and district equity team. She is the proud recipient of the Mildred Willemssen Excellence in Teaching award in 2008 and also the recipient of the Bill Walsh Memorial award for writing teachers from the Carmel Authors and Ideas Festival (now the Pebble Beach festival) in 2008. She has been a long time member of both LULAC and NAACP and is a member of the California Art Educators Association and National Art Educators Association. She is currently working on her National Board Certification in art. Finally, she is a visual artist and flamenco dancer. Again, sounds perfect for a future Delta Lambda event.

# RIF News

We are excited to report that we have received funding from RIF for 2,000 books for next school year as well as \$750.00 from the Life Foundation. These generous donations will be added to our RIF fund and will go toward acquiring more quality literature for our eight RIF schools. We will be meeting to brainstorm how RIF will be run next school year as soon as we know what the district plan is for 2021-2022. Thanks, again, to all who help to make RIF such a successful project.

## RIF Coordinators 2019-2020

Please contact a coordinator

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Stephenie Meroney 625-2192  
Marsha Leadingham 394-0513

*Del Rey Woods School*  
Alice Stoll 659-3273  
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*Martin Luther King School*  
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Shelia Deis 917- 8169  
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*Marina Vista School*  
Kate Wood 917-0854  
Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953

*Foothill School*  
Karen Crummeay 624 4154

## DKG California Convention 2020

It was exciting to see the webinar that replaced the in-person DKG California Convention. You can see it on the DKG website. You will also be able to view the International Convention that is scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon July 7 – 12 this summer. This is such a great opportunity to view an International Convention from your home.

You should be receiving, online, two surveys from DKG. Both will concern your thoughts about state conventions in the future. Please let the leadership team know what you think.

Be sure and view the DKG California Convention Scrapbook! Delta Lambda has a page honoring our chapter service awardees and a memorial to Marge Troutman who did so much for our chapter.

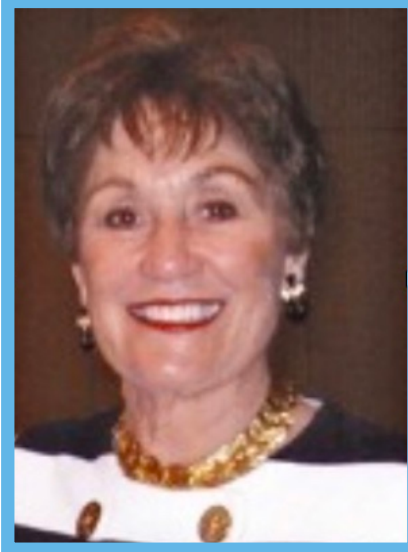
The DKG website has so much information! Please enjoy it! You will learn a lot.

## June/July/August/September Birthdays

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Marilynn Whitcomb     | 6/2  |
| Kerry Connor          | 6/14 |
| Kate Wood             | 6/14 |
| Marie Geiszelmann     | 6/19 |
| Katie Kelley          | 6/19 |
| Donna Bessant         | 6/22 |
| Bonnie Yoshinobu      | 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  |
| Christy Hertsch       | 7/9  |
| Sally Eastham         | 7/13 |
| Michele Hoover        | 7/24 |
| Sherry Pettitt        | 8/2  |
| Rena DiGirolamo       | 8/3  |
| Charlene Lowery       | 8/5  |
| Sandra Jordan         | 8/9  |
| Kathy Poulson         | 8/10 |
| Linda Alderman        | 8/14 |
| Maureen Baroni-Boogay | 8/17 |
| Vickie Lucido         | 8/19 |
| Lynn Galvan           | 8/19 |
| Tina Glenn            | 8/21 |
| Mary Livingston-Reed  | 8/21 |
| Sally Shafer-Harr     | 8/26 |
| Cynthia Cardinale     | 8/27 |
| Kathryn Knauf         | 8/29 |
| Alice Bowhay          | 8/31 |
| Marilyn Higbie        | 9/5  |
| Rose Kershing         | 9/6  |
| Betty Aynaga          | 9/12 |
| Phil Smith            | 9/12 |
| Gail Boger            | 9/15 |
| Ann Ostenso           | 9/21 |
| Wendy Milligan        | 9/27 |

# In Memoriam

## Leslie Geyer 8/8/1939 - 5/18/2020



Leslie Geyer passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 18 with her son and daughter near just after midnight.

Leslie was born in Sumatra Indonesia where her father, Lester Geyer, managed the Goodyear rubber export/import to the United States. They escaped before the war broke out and moved back to the US where her mother, Jessie Geyer, bought a lemon ranch in Carpenteria, California.

A few years later they settled in Carmel where she served as Junior class president and graduated from Carmel High.

Leslie attended USC where she met the love of her life, Gerry Mowat, earned a BA and later 2 MA's. They lived in Alhambra, California where she taught high school English literature and had two children, Tracy and Charlie.

She later moved to Santa Barbara, California where she hosted numerous charitable and social events. She worked at Hughes Aircraft Santa Barbara research as a Buyer of high reliability materials for their spacecraft payloads, a training coordinator training others how to buy, and an HR retirement benefits counselor. She was enthusiastic about the symphony and the arts, particularly Oriental arts. She was Chairman of the Board for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

After returning to Carmel, consistent with her lifelong goal of learning something new every day, she entered the digital age and was Director of the Library Media Center at Salinas High. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honorary teaching association. Leslie was a fierce advocate for the vulnerable and was actively involved with Legal Services for Seniors, Coalition for Homeless Women, and American Red Cross Disaster Relief. She was twice the head of 210 volunteers at the AT&T Golf Tournament.

Leslie was an avid world traveler with five trips across the US by car, nine trips to Europe, four trips to Asia, including six weeks in India by herself. She traveled to Africa and Australia and participated in several medical/humanitarian missions to Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, and Russia.

Leslie had a big heart, and her mission was always giving back through service to whatever community she lived in. She was involved in more social and charitable groups than are able to be mentioned. She received many awards for her service. More than all the work she did though, she was a good friend with a bold, infectious laugh, who loved a good party, had a great sense of humor and always saw the best in people. She had the heart of a lifelong learner and of a mentor to other women. Everything she did, she did with excellence, always striving, with her enormous capacity to make things better. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her two children, Tracy (an ultrasound technician) and Charlie (a pilot for United Airlines); three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monterey County Fund for Homeless Women at [www.cfmco.org/FHW](http://www.cfmco.org/FHW) or via check mailed to Community Foundation for Monterey County 2354 Garden Road Monterey, CA 93940.

# Delta Lambda Supports New Teachers



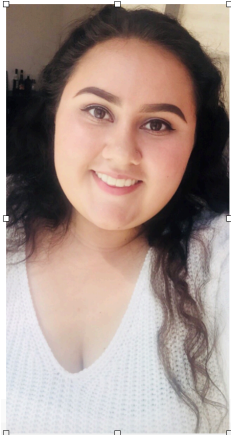
Bonnie Yoshinobu presenting the Penne Ferrell Award to Alyssa Mah

**Penne Ferrell Award:** Each year Chi State selects a number of first, second, and third year applicants to receive a Penne Ferrell monetary award to finance the cost of books, e-books, or other reading materials intended for classroom library or to supplement curriculum. Alyssa Mah, a second year teacher at Del Rey Woods, was this year's recipient of \$200. She plans to purchase "a diverse range of books, including bilingual books, and culturally responsive material" to meet the needs of her students. Alyssa Mah was also a prior recipient of Delta Lambda's New Teacher Recruitment Grant in 2018.

A bequest to Chi State from the estate of Penne Ferrell was the basis for the establishment of this award. Penne was an outstanding member of Epsilon Omicron Chapter in Orange County. A dedicated teacher and lover of books, Penne instilled the joy of teaching on the many new teachers she mentored, always encouraging enthusiasm in being an educator.

**Outstanding Student Teacher:** This year Delta Lambda nominated Chandler McKean to represent our chapter. We are pleased to announce that she has gone forward to represent Area V as Outstanding Student Teacher to compete for the Chi State title. As The Area V representative she received \$150.00.

**Delta Lambda New Teacher Recruitment Grants:** Delta Lambda's Grants and Awards Committee selected three outstanding teacher candidates to receive \$500.00 each. All three winners were part of CSUMB's Education Co-teaching Program this past school year and were coached by Andrea Sayas. Listed below are the recipients, their assigned schools, and their cooperating teachers. We are very proud to welcome these ladies into the profession to which we dedicated our lives. Their letters of interest described their passion and commitment to making a difference in the lives of students.



Christina Putnam is currently looking for a position in the Bay Area.



Hannah Byrd will teach fifth grade at Santa Rita Elementary this fall and will continue to work on a Masters of Education degree at CSUMB



Chandler McKean will teach second grade at Foothill Elementary this fall and will continue to work on a Masters in Education degree at CSUMB.

|                  | School  | Co-teachers            |                                   |
|------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chandler McKean  | La Mesa | Amanda Kort            | Susan Morgan                      |
| Hannah Byrd      | La Mesa | Jacqueline Lautzehirer | Lisa Buckley Blackwell            |
| Christina Putnam | La Mesa | Ivan Torba             | Kim Jimenez (Delta Lambda member) |

Thanks to the Delta Lambda Grants and Awards Committee: Erika Arquilla, Jennifer Ortiz, Claudia Coury, and Betty Aynaga.

# Memories from 2019-2020 When We Were All Together

