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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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Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

Presidents' Message

Dear Delta Lambda sisters ~

As always, we are wishing you good health and safe keeping. We now have new life parameters, interests and routines. How quickly things have changed.

Do you remember our voting meeting at the Lugano Swiss Bistro in March? Doesn't that seem ages ago? We were talking then about volunteerism, transitioning to the next year, families, and travel plans. And wasn't it nice to just rub shoulders with friends?

Our Program chair, Cathy Findley, organized a ZOOM meeting for anyone interested, and it proved to be quite enjoyable. We visited for about an hour, and we saw familiar and happy faces during that time. One of the things we decided to do was to organize a phone tree to contact everyone in the membership. I have made a few calls, and it is heartwarming to talk with women I haven't spoken with in a long time. The talk inevitably went to what was good in our respective lives: gardens, pets, friends, families, and children in their neighborhoods. It struck me how forward thinking and generally hopeful and appreciative our members are.

I am going to include a list of individuals who have offered to be of help, if you should have a need. These are some women who are on our Executive Board. I will include names, phone numbers and a general locality of those who are available.

Cathy Findley (PG) 649-6067

Bonnie Yoshinobu (Seaside) 915-9975

Kathryn Knauf (Castroville/Prunedale) 905-7719

Adrienne Jensen (Salinas) 484-1619

Marilynn Whitcomb (PG) 238-5777

Finally, I want to share with you some graffiti I saw sprayed on the brick wall of a local business this morning:

"WACH YOUR HANDS!!!"

All good to you, Bonnie and Ginny

Our Zoom April Meeting Was Great Fun



Nancy Durein, Ellen Maupin, Sally Eastham, Gloria Souza

Stephenie Meroney, Catherine Hendrick, Nancy Howe, Kathryn Knauf

Lynn Galvan, Marsha Leadingham, Mary Marchi, Kathy Morgan

Gail Boger, Diane Butler, Camille Liscinski, Pat Gotch

Bonnie Yoshinobu, Haze Braudrick, Nancy Henderson

And a couple more who came on, but then disappeared, plus Cathy Findley who had audio but not video

Our April 7 Zoom meeting proved that you can teach old teachers new tricks. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and laugh with our friends.

News From the Teachers on the Front Lines

Teachers, coaches, and other support staff (RSP teachers, Intervention aides, music teachers, etc.) spent a week learning Google Classroom, Google Meets and other technology they need to do Distance Learning. We have all learned how to "meet" online and have been supporting one another with this new journey. It has been frustrating, but also gives a feeling of accomplishment and pride as we learn. We have also enjoyed connecting with colleagues via Google Meets and planning together so the students will feel supported and continue learning at home. Some of our families are experiencing challenges getting online because they don't have a chrome book yet (from the district) or internet (from the district, if they need) and/or they don't yet know how to connect online. We will persevere through this and everyone will come out with new skills and appreciation for one another! Jennifer Ortiz

Dues Are Due

Remember that the DKG dues due date has changed. We are trying to have all dues received by **May 1**. Thanks to the more than half the membership who have already sent in their check. If you have not yet paid,

Please send your check made out to **Delta Lambda for \$100 to**

**Barbara Hughes
9734 Bluestem Path
Salinas CA 93907**

Looking for New *Rose Report* Editors

Our two wonderful Rose Report gals, Ellen Maupin and Ann Ostenso are ready to retire! We thank them for doing such a wonderful job for the past eight years. We hope one or two of you tech savvy people will step up to the plate. There is already a template set up. The Rose Reporter takes pictures with the help of others, goes to board meetings and writes up articles on events, gathers articles from other members, sends the electronic copy to our membership, and prints and sends hard copies to about five members.

March Voting Meeting

We met at Lugano's in the Barnyard in Carmel. The committee did a beautiful job of making the atmosphere welcoming with daffodils by Sherry Petitt and Charlene Lowery. The meeting celebrated volunteerism as well as voting on new members.



The committee: Charlene Lowery, Bonnie Van Meter, Sherry Petitt, and Cathy Findley



The cheerful spring and St. Patrick's Day table setting



Nancy Howe and Nancy Henderson



Stephanie Meroney and Wendy Banks



Mickey Miyamoto, Mary Marchi, Dorothy Becker, Linda Brandewie, Nancy Howe, and Nancy Henderson



Camille Liscinsky, Pat Gotch, and Betty Aynaga



Gloria Souza and Bonnie Yoshinobu



Karen Crumme

RIF News

As with everything else in our world, the RIF program has been put on hold for the remaining of the school year. Marsha and Stephenie have submitted the application to RIF for the 2020 grant cycle. We are keeping our fingers crossed that Macy's will continue to support the program, but only time will tell. We miss visiting the schools and seeing the excited kids selecting their RIF books. We want to thank all the amazing volunteers and the RIF coordinators for supporting Delta Lambda's RIF Project.

Marsha and Stephenie

RIF Coordinators 2019-2020

Please contact a coordinator
if you wish to volunteer for RIF

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

Ord Terrace School
Stephenie Meroney 625-2192
Marsha Leadingham 394-0513

Del Rey Woods School
Alice Stoll 659-3273
Mickey Tachibana 333-0226

Crumpton School
Kathy Knight 649-3582
Sally Eastham 372-6919

Martin Luther King School
Gayle Paul 484-0222

Olson School
Shelia Deis 917-8169
Kerry Conner 656-9662

Marina Vista School
Kate Wood 917-0854
Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953

Foothill School

DKG State Convention

May 1-3 at Santa Clara
is officially cancelled.

March/April/May/June Birthdays

Kristin Searle	3/2
Barbara Hughes	3/2
Camille Liscinsky	3/2
Pat Gotch	3/4
Jennifer Colby	3/9
Nancy Henderson	3/10
Suzanne Siegleman	3/12
Norma Voth	3/13
Mickey Miyamoto	3/16
Jennifer Ortiz	3/23
Laura Thorpe-Southerland	3/23
Jo Dee Krebs	3/25
Marijane Flagg	3/26
Gwen Harper Metoyer	4/3
Shauna Cooper	4/4
Sheila Deis	4/4
Linda Brandewie	4/6
Mary Marchi	4/8
Neva Petersen	4/8
Michele Neuhaus	4/18
Donelia Dooley	4/19
Julie Montero	4/19
Kathy Knight	4/25
Marsha Leadingham	4/30
Haze Braudrick	5/4
Colleen Bettiga	5/9
Judy Therrien	5/11
Cathy Findley	5/14
Erika Arquilla	5/16
Mary Lind	5/17
Carole Johnson	5/26
Dorothy Becker	5/27
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-Hewit	6/28
Adrienne Jensen	6/29
Gayle Paul	6/29



In Memoriam

Linda Lee Bassett

1929, Lansing, MI - 2020, Chico, CA

In 1950 she met Norman Bassett, a handsome Navy sailor who swept her off her feet. They married three months later on May 10, 1950 in Traverse City, Michigan and then had 2 daughters, Debby and Melanie, and a son, Chris. In 1957 they moved to Seaside, CA where Norm was stationed at the Naval Air Facility. Linda Lee plunged into what would be a lifetime of volunteer service. She started as a room mother, PTA president, Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader, elementary school teacher's assistant, and then went on to serve on the Board of the Regional Parks District helping to create Garland Ranch in Carmel Valley, and was elected to the Monterey School Board. She was very proud that in 1981 she was honored as the Monterey Peninsula "Woman of the Year".

Delta Lambda Approves 2020-2022 Slate of Officers

At our March 7 meeting the membership voted to approve the slate of officers for the 2020-2022 term. It is a wonderful balance of members who are returning to their positions and members who will be new to positions (see below) These officers will become official during our Zoom meeting on June 6.

Thanks so much to the members of the nominating committee for putting this fabulous slate together—Donna Bessant, Pat Gotch, Claudia Coury, Christine Warde, and Gayle Paul.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your second vice-president, in charge of membership, for the past four years.

President(s) Outgoing/Incoming:

Bonnie Yoshinobu and Ginny Hall/Nancy Howe and Nancy Henderson

First Vice President Outgoing/Incoming

Cathy Findley/Cathy Findley

Second Vice President(s) Outgoing/Incoming

Marilynn Whitcomb/Camille Liscinsky and Linda McClain

Recording Secretary Outgoing/Incoming

Kathy Poulson/Kathy Poulson

Corresponding Secretary Outgoing/Incoming

Susan Holm/Susan Holm

Watch for an Important Email

Due to successful fundraising this past year, we have \$4,800 additional funds to spend.

Our Delta Lambda Board recommends that \$4,300 go to RIF, and an additional \$500 to the Mary Marchi fund.

You will soon receive an email from treasurer **Kathryn Knauf** asking your approval. Please be prepared to reply with your YES or NO response.

Program and Meetings Updated

from Cathy Findley

March 7

Well, we squeaked by the 'stay home' policy and met in person for the last time at Lugano's in the Barnyard, filled with cheery daffodils arranged by Char and Sherry. Bonnie V. was our money manager and greeter. We celebrated Women's Day with quotes from well known activist women and our own members.

The theme was Volunteerism and boy does Delta Lambda have a lot of volunteers from JoDee's 30+ years at CHOMP to Catherine's newest gig as a Home Schooling support person.

- Haze encouraged us to get involved with elections, political parties and advocacy.
- It seems that Karen volunteers for every possible cause and she also put in a plug for Carmel Foundation.

We have members:

- sewing pillowcases for CASA kids,
- docent-ing for State Parks and museums;
- sorting and bagging rice and beans to deliver to workers in our rural areas;
- grief and cancer support counselors;
- arts organizations (Bach Festival, Symphony, Pac Rep, Monterey Museum of Art, etc);
- and many activities involving education – Farm Day, RIF, Aquarium, parent organizations and Adult Literacy.

Our group exemplifies the true statement:

“Teaching is the Greatest Act of Optimism”

April 4

Our first 'virtual meeting'. We weren't sure what would happen, but 23 of us met on our cell phones, Ipads, laptops and computers to say 'Hi' and share tips on best shopping times, things to do on line (such as Monterey Museum's virtual tour), and sharing our activities while hibernating. Everyone was curious about our other members which prompted the phone call spree – I hope that each of you were contacted by one of the 23 members present that day.

Main outcomes: It was great to see the faces of our fellow DLambdaers and IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS NEEDS SOMETHING – CALL ONE OF US! Someone can shop for you, or bring something to you, or tell a joke if that's what is needed.

(A couple of our members have done a book exchange post meeting – other things to exchange: puzzles, DVDs, or even play a virtual game of monopoly or other board games.

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BIGGEST NEWS

JUNE 6 at 10:30AM – we will have a Zoom meeting.

If you haven't used Zoom before, it's not hard. Be patient; many of us are still learning. You need a Smartphone OR a laptop OR a computer OR a notebook/chrome book/Ipad.

A week or two prior to the meeting, you will be sent an email link that says:

Sample:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: June 6, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://_____zoom.us/meeting/register/_____

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The email you use when you register is the one you need to use when you join the meeting. It will have both connecting information for cell phones and for laptop/computers. I would suggest that you register at least 15 mins prior to the start of the meeting.

On June 6, when you sign on, you will be sent to a 'waiting room' and one of the zoom co-hosts will have to allow you to enter (so we don't get an unwelcome guest).

You can join or leave the meeting at anytime we are active.

If you are having trouble signing on, you can contact one of us (more info later) and we can send another sign-on link.

PROGRAMS for 20-21

As you would suppose, there is a lot of uncertainty right now. Venues that we normally use are hesitant due to the massive spring cancelations and dates will be in flux. Some of us may be wary of meeting in a large group in the fall, so we may try an outdoor meeting at a local park.

Hey, we're all teachers and we know that the best laid plans are interrupted by announcements over the intercom, office phone calls, unannounced fire drills, earthquake inspections, superintendent's visits, bloody noses, and on and on. We can cope!