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# Rose Report

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## President's Message

By Cathy Findley

Cathy's chatter ~



The Speaker at the Area V conference began her presentation with a quote of her mother's, which I didn't write down, but it reminded us that all must give service to others, not just the 'noblesse oblige' of the aristocrats. Our organization offers many opportunities to 'give back' and to serve.

**BINGO** - Well, it's been a Delta Lambda week of riches! On the 29th we had a fun-filled, crowd-pleasing **Halloween Bingo Bash**. Many of our members filled the seats with former teaching partners, children, grandchildren, a neighbor here, a book-club member there and visitors from Oregon (Ginny Hall). **Many thanks** to the committee and the Gail & Pat organizational prodding which created a flawless event.

**RIF** - I ran into a seldom-seen member at Target yesterday, who told me how much fun she had and 'it was for a good cause too!' Speaking of the cause, the students in MPUSD Title I schools will be the recipients of nearly \$5000 of books, approximately 1/3 of one complete TK-6 distribution. Marsha and Stephenie presented some ideas on how best to use these limited funds - such as only 1 distribution a year, or 2 distributions for K-3 only. We would all like the students to have access to more reading materials. We can be proud of the money brought in, but also disappointed that we can't do more.

**AREA V** - A couple of days ago, we went to the **Area V conference** where the **DKG CA president, Toni Cook**, addressed us and reminded us of the resources available at [DKGCA.org](http://DKGCA.org) - password 'sisterhood'. **The DKG PODCAST** can be found on Spotify (or DKGCA website). Most episodes are 30 - 45 minutes.


Our members Lynn Galvan, Christy Hertsch, Stephenie Meroney, and Marsha Leadingham were given their Service Awards and we heard an inspirational talk regarding diversity, inclusion and opportunity from the KeyNote speaker, DKG member, **Lisa Cooper Wilkins, Ed.D** of the California State Leadership Development Committee. I will be sharing some of her thoughts and we will have opportunities to discuss them in our chapter gatherings. We can certainly see that Delta Lambda is made up of many talented individuals - representing the retired, elementary classroom teacher demographic group, and not necessarily that of our community.



**LEADERSHIP** - The DKG Leadership VIRTUAL seminar will be January 20-21 "**Leadership Lessons from Trailblazer Dr. Belle Wheelan**", registration forms are on the [DKGCA.org](http://DKGCA.org) website. Our own, [Christy Hertsch](#) won the drawing for a free registration! Early- bird registration ends December 15. You can also get more information using the QR code.



**MEETING - Our December 3 Holiday** event will:

- acknowledge the decade(s) membership anniversaries of several of our members.
- have 'Change for Change' container for donations to , the International fund which supports: Schools for Africa, International Speakers, Early-Career teaching grants, and many individual chapter projects (check out the DKG International website to see what chapters are doing).
- RIF donation jars at all of our meetings.
- A Jewelry Exchange - If you have some jewelry that's no longer your style, bring it and pick up something else - maybe it will be just the thing for 'that' dress.
- Invite a teacher or two, to share brunch with our group

**Teachers helping Teachers** - Keep track of your hours of helping schools and/or teachers and remember to report your THAT hours on the website.

Also, watch for information from Betty Aynaga regarding helping our active teachers, Adopt-a-School or other projects. If you want to join the committee, contact Betty.

**RIDE SHARING** - If you find yourself in need of transportation to a meeting, [Kathy Morgan](#) (373-6728) [kathymorgan24@gmail.com](mailto:kathymorgan24@gmail.com) and [Adrienne Jensen](#) (484-1619) [adeand3@att.net](mailto:adeand3@att.net) have volunteered to offer rides. You can also call or email any board member and we will assist in finding a driver.

We also hope to have volunteers who will call some of our 'seldom seen' members to offer transportation. If you are interested in calling and/or driving, please let a board member know or sign up on the Google doc <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hatv8ljHsYZ8TTI9iHZlcXgCNUVhuZnCzJkb7fURnM4/edit?usp=sharing>

Thanksgiving is my favorite Holiday - nothing but being appreciative and hanging with family and/or friends, not doing anything big. I did have an unusual Thanksgiving when I lived in Japan: My mom signed us up to volunteer to serve meals to those on R&R at the USO - well, it was different.

With students, I sing a Hap Palmer song that says, 'I am thankful for \_\_\_' and each kid adds something. I am constantly amazed or touched by what the kids say. Thanksgiving is also attached to the saddest days of my life, which reminds me to be more grateful for Everything and I go through just about every possible emotion. Thanksgiving lets me know that I'm experiencing life and I am overwhelmed by what I find to be thankful for - there is so much.

## BINGO Recap

*By Pat Gotch*

BINGO! Our Bingo fundraiser for RIF was an enjoyable afternoon spent at the First Presbyterian Church in Monterey. DKG members, and guests alike, arrived in various degrees of Halloween finery, and were rewarded with a free raffle ticket for their trouble! Wendy Milligan, as the caller, and her support team kept the 6 Bingo games going at a smooth, manageable clip. In between games, raffle tickets were drawn, and the lucky winners got to meander over to the prize tables to pick one of their choice.

Refreshments, including a variety of cookies, cakes, breads, veggies, and nuts were available for consumption throughout the afternoon. And... to work off some of those calories, Christy Hertsch led us in a spirited stretch break to the tune of the "Monster Mash" at half time.

The many hands of the Bingo committee were responsible for the success of this event which garnered us about \$4500 for RIF. Many thanks go to those members including Gail Boger, Pat Gotch, Wendy Milligan, Kathy Caves, Jennifer Ortiz, Mickey Tachibana, Christy Hertsch, Kate Wood, Kathy Poulson, Betty Ann Campbell, Kristin Searle, Marijane Flagg, and Claudia Coury.



### **Area V Conference**

*By Lynn Galvan*

On Saturday, November 5th, Delta Lambda hosted the Area V Conference at Bayonet Black Horse. Toni Cook, DKG CA President, welcomed us all, and Mary Randall, our Area V President, kept the program moving along smoothly. Several of our members took advantage of the offerings at the “Buck-A-Book” table, and others were pleased to be the “winners” of some of the very creative Silent Auction items. Nancy Durein announced the names of those members who received longevity pins, and our own Mary Marchi and Dorothy Becker both hit the 55 year mark-what an accomplishment, ladies! We were then treated to a delicious buffet brunch, followed by an enlightening talk given by our guest speaker, Lisa Cooper Wilkins, Ed.D, who spoke about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Finally, chapter awards were presented to our members Lynn Galvan, Christy Hertsch, Marsha Leadingham, and Stephnie Meroney, as well as to award recipients of the other Area V chapters.

A big thank you to Betty Aynaga, our Area V committee chairperson, and her fellow members: Christy Hertsch, Rose Kershing, Neva Peterson, Michelle Hoover, Michele Neuhaus and Camille Liscinsky, for facilitating this very successful event!

### **Delta Lambda Longevity Anniversaries 2022**

#### **55 Years**



Mary Marchi and Dorothy Becker

#### **45 Years**



Corinne Long



Katie Kelley

**20 Years**



Sheila Deis



Pat Gotch



Stella Kumagai



Sally Shafer-Harr

**10 Years**



Rose Kershing



Camille Liscinsky



Wendy Milligan

## Area V Conference Highlights



### RIF News

*Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney*



BINGO! We want to take this opportunity to thank the Bingo committee, all who attended and the best Bingo caller, Wendy “Life is Better in a Tutu” Milligan, for making our Saturday Bingo meeting such a success. We had so much fun and raised money for RIF that will enable us to purchase quality books for our six RIF schools. The students are always excited about RIF day and seem to really enjoy selecting quality books for their home libraries. If you’re every curious about what a RIF Day is like, just let Stephenie or Marsha know and we can sign you up to volunteer. It really is a fun morning and the best way to get your kid fix.

### Poetry of the Month

#### The Pumpkin

*By Joh Greenleaf Whittier*

Ah! On Thanksgiving day, when  
from East and from West,  
From North and from South comes  
The pilgrim and guest;  
When the gray-haired New  
Englander sees round his board  
The old broken links of  
Affection restored,  
When the care-wearied man seeks  
His mother once more,  
And the worn matron smiles where  
The girl smiled before,  
What moistens the lip and  
What brightens the eye?  
What calls back the past, like the  
rich Pumpkin pie?



#### Poor Mrs. Peel

*By Caroline Smith*

There once was an old Mrs. Peel  
Who cooked till her hands could not feel  
A Thanksgiving feast  
One nap, at least.  
Then she slept right through the meal.

### 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  
May Higuera 869-9648  
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

### December Birthdays

Karen Crummey 12-03  
Catherine Hendrick 12-07  
Valerie Rivera 12-12  
Joy Chandler 12-22  
Nancy Howe 12-22  
Ginny Hall 12-27



## Programs Report

*By Pat Gotch*

Below is the list of programs we will enjoy in 2022-2023. If you have not signed up for a program committee yet, please let Pat ([patriciagotch@gmail.com](mailto:patriciagotch@gmail.com)) or Gail know your choice. We have indicated which programs still need the most help. You may even decide to sign up for more than one committee!

**December 3:** Holiday Party, Bayonet/Black Horse

**January 28 :** Mardi Gras Birthday FUNdraiser, Hacienda Carmel  
**help needed\***

**March 4:** Voting Meeting

**April 15:** Cultural/Adventure meeting, TBA

**June 3:** End of Year meeting



### COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS

Sign-up for a meeting committee, as well as some **Chapter Support Committees:**

- New teacher grants (April 22)
- Support Working Teachers
- Contact/rides for members
- Global Emphasis
- Funding and/or 501©3
- Legislative

**All committee sign-ups are found at:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hatv8ljHsYZ8TTI9iHZlcXgCNUVhuZnCzJkb7fURnM4/edit?usp=sharing>

### Resource for Working Teachers

*By Betty Aynaga*

Do you need books for your library, supplies, containers, craft items, or ????

Mary Simon, founder and former executive director of Resource Area for Teachers in San Jose, has converted her Monterey garage into a teacher supply “store”. She calls it the “The Sandbox” and collects cast-off items to

provide to teachers FREE. As a bonus, Mary can offer advice on how to use items for a STEM or art lesson. To visit “The Sandbox” contact her at [sandbox4teachers@gmail.com](mailto:sandbox4teachers@gmail.com).

**Retired teachers**, are your school materials taking up valuable space in your garage? Mary will happily take your donations.







## Recommendation for Membership

**Please complete and return this form to a Delta Lambda Membership chairperson (see below\*) no later than January 31, 2023.**

Type of membership: \_\_\_ Chapter Active \_\_\_ Chapter Honorary

Name of person recommended

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Mailing Address

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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)

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Signature(s)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Return to Sherry Petitt, 10131 Blue Larkspur Lane, Monterey, CA 93940 or [s-petitt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s-petitt@sbcglobal.net)**