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Delta Lambda Chapter



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Rose Report

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President's Message
By Cathy Findley



Cathy's chatter

I was at a mentorship meeting (for a program music educators have been trying to implement for a couple of years) September 16 and the speaker kept saying things like, 'you'll want to do such and such before the school year gets underway'. She wasn't from California and the meeting had to reboot as our school year was explained and modifications made to her presentation. All this is to say, that speaker and audience need to start with at least some understanding of the basis for the information.

1) We have two very important gatherings coming up. First is our **Bingo Fund Raiser**. Gail, Pat and the committee have been meeting and organizing so that we have a fun event – we want to spread the gospel of RIF and the importance of reading to education and our society, raise a ton of money and laugh, talk, check in with our friends and in general have joy with a purpose. Copy the Bingo flyer and give it to your friends.

If you are someone who needs a ride, PLEASE let any Board member, Kathy Morgan or Adrienne Jensen know – we want to see you!

2) Nov 5 is the **Area V conference** at Bayonet/Blackhorse (there is a registration page attached with more information). Our speaker, San Francisco City College Vice Chancellor of student affairs, Lisa Cooper Wilkins, will be speaking of the vision of the founders of DKG – and more importantly – how we need to keep the movement going.

To paraphrase Mary Marchi from last year's Birthday meeting: When she joined DKG (50 years ago), members had to dress for meetings and the number of members was restricted, but she enjoys the more casual and inclusive organization that has evolved. What will DKG be able to do in 2072?

I know that many of you have worked hard to get health benefits and maternity leave, etc. added to our employee packages. The first year I was teaching, I earned my 'golden foot' on a three day strike – I wasn't sure if I thought it was the right thing to do, but those incredible, master teachers with whom I taught were committed to better working conditions, and I knew that they knew what they were talking about.

What will the legacy of the DKG founders mean for us? What do we want to leave the young women who are now becoming teachers? How can we contribute to that evolution? Our song says, "Forward moving Ever".



Delta Lambda Service AWARD Winners 2022

Service to Profession Service to Chapter Service to Community

Christy Hertsch ~ Service to Profession

Christy has been a teacher for 28 years and last year was inducted into the 'Hall of Fame' of the California Association of Directors of Activities in acknowledgement of her years of service to Students by providing them with the skills and opportunities of leadership creating a culture of inclusion and belonging.

Lynn Galvan ~ Service to Chapter

Lynn, former teacher of 3rd grades, pianist and dancer, graciously (without any begging or bribing) took over the job of our Chapter's newsletter 'The Rose Report' a few years ago and has done an outstanding job. There have been wonderful editors in the past, and Lynn has joined that lofty club by attacking the job with creativity and professionalism, always looking for ideas to make us want to read the next issue. She also gives us deadlines.

Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney ~ Service to Community

The Dynamic Duo, the Power Couple, the Superhero Book Worms, have been our RIF organizers, sorters, pack mules, community liaisons, school intermediaries and RIF cheerleaders for a decade. They inherited a program established by the Incredibles, Donna, Ann, Barbara, Norma and others and have kept it going through Covid restrictions, lack of funds, at times - a paucity of volunteers, adding schools, collapsing schools, no storage space and any other obstacle imaginable. Both women are active in community organizations, professional activities and warm family relationships.

We are so proud that our Chapter has such capable, giving, intelligent and multi-faceted members. We thank you!

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| <p style="text-align: center;">RIF News <i>Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Poem of the Month</p> | | | | | | |
|  <p>We are looking forward to our RIF distributions which will be scheduled in the near future. The wonderful school coordinators are currently requesting data from their schools so that a book order can be placed. We are excited about our BINGO event and are very appreciative of everyone who supports this fun afternoon as the money raised will help to purchase wonderful titles for our six RIF schools. See you on October 29th.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Theme in Yellow</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BY CARL SANDBURG</i></p> <p>I spot the hills With yellow balls in autumn. I light the prairie cornfields Orange and tawny gold clusters And I am called pumpkins. On the last of October When dusk is fallen Children join hands And circle round me Singing ghost songs And love to the harvest moon; I am a jack-o'-lantern With terrible teeth And the children know I am fooling.</p>  | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RIF Coordinators 2022-2023 <i>Please contact a coordinator if you want to read for RIF.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">November Birthdays</p> | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Del Rey Woods School Alice Stoll 659-3273 Mickey Tachibana 333-0226</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Luther King School Kathy Poulson 408-605-4579 May Higuera 869-9648 Nancy Durein 373-0564</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marina Vista School Kate Wood 917-0854 Betty Ann Campbell 375-0953</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ord Terrace School Stephenie Meroney 625-2192 Marsha Leadingham 394-0513</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crumpton Bonnie Yoshinobu 915-9975 Sally Eastham 372-6919</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Olson School Shelia Deis 917- 8169 Kerry Conner 656- 9662</p> | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Stephenie Meroney</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11-06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May Higuera</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11-08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy Durein</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11-26</td> </tr> </table>  | Stephenie Meroney | 11-06 | May Higuera | 11-08 | Nancy Durein | 11-26 |
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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) 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!

October 29 : Bingo fundraiser for RIF - First Presbyterian Church Monterey,
1:00-3:00 PM **help needed ***

November 5: Area V Conference, Bayonet/Blackhorse
help needed

December 3: Holiday Party, Bayonet/Blackhorse

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



*most help needed

Bingo Fundraiser to benefit RIF!

Halloween Bingo is coming up! Wear your black and orange, a Halloween hat, sweater, socks, or even a costume if you wish! Bring a friend!

When: Oct. 29 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where: First Presbyterian Church Monterey

Pre-sale tickets will be coming your way via snail mail unless you picked them up at our Whispering Pines picnic.

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/1Hatv8lHsYZ8TTI9iHZlcXgCNUVhuZnCzJkb7fURnM4/edit?usp=sharing>

Penne Ferrell Awards Nominations

By Betty Aynaga

If you would like to give a new teacher an opportunity to enhance her classroom reading materials, here's your chance.

In order to promote literacy, the Penne Ferrell Award is a monetary award in the amount of \$200 or less, given to early career teachers to purchase printed books, eBooks, or reading app subscriptions in any language and curricular area.

Eligibility is a California woman educator in her **first through fifth** year of classroom teaching, TK-12 grades; who has not been a prior recipient; and who is **not** a member of DKG.

The due date for applying is **November 1**. The application is very simple and will only take a few minutes for you and your nominee to complete and submit online. If you know of a worthy candidate, please contact Betty Aynaga at nagaba54@gmail.com, and you will be sent a link for the application.



Membership Information

Once again, it is time to think of nominating prospective new members for our chapter. Do you know of a woman educator who has leadership qualities that may be interested in joining our fun, service-oriented organization? If so, please fill out the form which is on the last page of this Rose Report. Completed forms may be mailed to **Sherry Pettitt** at [10131 Blue Larkspur Lane, Monterey, CA 93940](mailto:s-pettitt@sbcglobal.net) or s-pettitt@sbcglobal.net

Member Spotlight

Full Circle

By Sheila Deis

Our life journey takes us in many directions. I am lucky and grateful. I had a wonderful, loving family when I was a child. We moved many times before coming to the Monterey Peninsula. I was born in Santa Cruz, the youngest of three children. After a few years we moved to Brookdale in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Every few years we moved: Rio del Mar, Los Gatos, Capitola, Walnut Creek and Boise, Idaho. When I was 15 we moved to Pebble Beach. All the moves were difficult at the time, but it taught me to be adaptable and prepared me for the future.

I met my future husband, Dennis that year. He lived in the house behind us and also went to Pacific Grove High School. That same year, my father died of cancer. It was a life changing event. It was a struggle to balance my grief and having to become an adult before my time. School was not a priority. At that time, there was a "new program" where you could independently do your work and check in on occasion. My mother reluctantly agreed to let me try it. I graduated early with honors. I never read a book, nor wrote a paper. I paid for that mistake later in college.



I went to work during this time to help pay the bills. My first job was cleaning an office. After that, I worked in the Blossom Floral Shop in Monterey and was a switchboard operator in the old San Carlos Hotel. It became clear that I needed to get my education. I went to Monterey Peninsula College and graduated. Dennis and I got married. I then worked at different temporary government secretarial jobs (Ft. Ord, DLI, NPS, EDD). Soon after, we had our first child, Rachel, and two years later Daniel. After a few years, I started a daycare/preschool. I was able to stay home with my children and make some money to help out. It was during this time that some of my daycare parents encouraged me to get my teaching credential. In my time at Monterey Peninsula College, I had not taken transferable units. So, two steps backwards to go one step forward. Luckily, I didn't give up.. I went to Hartnell College for two more years and caught up. Then I enrolled into San Jose State University's Distance Learning Program. We attended Hartnell Campus. The SJSU classes were live on TV and students could call on the landline phone with questions for the teacher. I had to travel to San Jose for my last semester. During this time, I kept my daycare business running. My children and the children I cared for were all school age. I attended night classes and took classes while they were in school. I could not have completed my education without the help of my family.

Dennis and I stayed near our parents and grandparents. We became caregivers for both sides of the family over the next few decades. It meant a few sacrifices, but no regrets. In 1991, during my first few years of teaching, Ft. Ord was downsizing. There was a rehire list with MPUSD. I subbed a bit, did summer school, then got my first teaching job at Hayes Elementary School for two years. During the school closures, I ended up at Fitch Middle School for two years. Then I was a long term sub at Del Rey Woods. It was difficult moving so often, but my early experiences moving with my family prepared me to adapt. Finally, I was hired for 2nd grade at Marina del Mar. I stayed there until the school closed. I moved to Olson with several staff and stayed in 2nd grade until my retirement in 2016.

After 30 years in Marina, we moved back to our beginnings in Pebble Beach. We remodeled our house there and returned to our old neighborhood. We had come full circle. Our children both graduated college years earlier. Rachel works for the City of Monterey Recreation Department and Daniel is a police officer. They both live close by and now have children. I love being a grandparent. I have three grandchildren and now I volunteer in their classrooms. It's great to be able to be a part of their lives. I was a volunteer at the aquarium, but due to a health issue and COVID I have not been able to return. I enjoy spending time with my husband, children and grandchildren, our 4th Bernese Mountain Dog, writing a Storyworth book, taking piano lessons, riding my ebike, following the SF Giants, exercising online, gardening and DIY projects. I also love going to the beach, meeting friends for lunch and staying in touch with family and friends over FaceTime. My husband and I took a River Cruise this year to Europe and had a wonderful time. We saw beautiful places and met so many great folks. Unfortunately, our trip was cut short due to COVID. It was another adventure in the life journey.

I had many outstanding co-teachers from CSUMB each semester. I participated in BTSA for many years and was on several committees. But, for me the best moments in my teaching were not all in the classroom. Each year my students would tell me when and where their after school events were taking place. I was able to see them shine outside the classroom. I would go to soccer games, baseball games, karate, ballet and piano recitals. The parents and students loved seeing me there as much as I enjoyed it.

I joined DKG in 2002. Gail Boger nominated me. I always felt so comfortable and welcomed as many of the teachers in the group were my children's teachers. I had worked in a few different schools over the years and met so many wonderful teachers who were also in DKG. I attend as many meetings as possible and have co-chaired committees. I am also a RIF coordinator at Olson School.

The life journey continues. I am a one year cancer survivor. Everything seems to prepare us for the next challenge. I am forever grateful for all the people in my life who have supported me. I am lucky that I had a strong foundation, loving family and kind friends. The hard road was sometimes taken and the lessons were learned. Life's like a roller coaster ride, it goes up and down. So, hang on tight.



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Bring Family and Friends
Let's buy BOOKS!!!!

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Saturday, October 29th

1st Presbyterian Church
501 El Dorado, Monterey

Doors open at 12:30 pm
Games begin at 1:00 pm

Fantastic gift prizes!

And a Spooky good time too!

For more info. Contact Delta Lambda members: Gail (831-373-6062),
Pat (831-277-9515), Cathy (831-649-6067)



[November 5, 2022 ~ Conference Program ~ Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club](#)

Doors open at **9:30** Registration ~ Silent Auction ~ Buck-a-Book ~ Coffee and Juice Bar

10:00 Welcome ~ Award Presentations ~ Brunch

***Speaker ~ Lisa Cooper Wilkins, Ed.D
California State Leadership Development Committee***

Please remember to bring books for "Buck-a-Book" and your checkbook.

*Please clip and mail the registration below - with your check payable to: **Delta Kappa Gamma – Area V***

Registration - **\$40** – Due by October 19

Late Registration - **\$45** – Due by October 26

Mail to: **Mary Stefan ~ 1172 Loyola Dr. ~ Salinas, CA. 93901**

No on-site registration available

Name* _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

* If including multiple registrants, please list names and registration information on reverse or attached sheet.



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Directions ~ Bayonet and Blackhorse Golf Club, 1 McClure Way Seaside, CA

From north or south of Salinas:

- Take Highway 101 to Salinas.
- Take the John St. Exit. Turn right.
- Proceed to Main Street. Turn left. Main St. becomes Hwy. 68. Take Hwy 68 to Hwy. 218.
- Turn right on Hwy. 218. Take Hwy. 218 to General Jim Moore Blvd.
- Turn right on General Jim Moore Blvd.
- Proceed to the entrance to the golf course. The entrance will be on the left. It may say Golf Club Road.
- There will be a sign that says Bayonet Blackhorse Golf Club. Follow the road to the parking lot.

From Santa Cruz, Aptos area:

- Take Hwy. 1 to Lightfighter Dr.
- Take a slight left onto Lightfighter Dr.
- Turn right on General Jim Moore Blvd.
- Turn right on McClure Way. There will be a sign on the right for the golf club. Turn right. Follow the road to the parking lot.

From the Monterey Peninsula: Take Hwy. 1 to either Hwy. 218 or Lightfighter Dr.

From Hwy 218:

- Turn left onto General Jim Moore Blvd.
- Follow the road to the golf club entrance which will be on the left.
- Turn left on McClure Way. Follow the road to the Parking lot. The Golf Club will be on the left.

From Lightfighter Dr.:

- Proceed to General Jim Moore Blvd.
- Turn right and follow General Jim Moore Blvd. to the golf club which will be on the right.
- Turn right and follow the road to the parking lot.



Recommendation for Membership

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

Community Activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

***Return to Sherry Petitt, 10131 Blue Larkspur Lane, Monterey, CA 93940 or s-petitt@sbcglobal.net**