

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
California Area V
Delta Lambda Chapter



<https://deltalambdachapter.weebly.com/>

Rose Report

September 2022



Lynn Galvan, Editor
lynngal88@gmail.com

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

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

DKG California - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact

In This Issue	Delta Lambda Board Members	Proposed Meeting Dates 2022-2023
President's Message 2 RIF News 3 Birthdays 3 Programs 4 Meeting Recap 5 Member Spotlight 7 Roses 8 Bingo Flyer 9 Area V Conference 10	President: Cathy Findley 1st Vice-President & Program Chairs: Gail Boger and Pat Gotch 2nd Vice-President & Membership Chairs: Sherry Petitt and Sally Shafer-Harr Treasurers: Barbara Hughes and Christine Warde Recording Secretaries: Camille Licinsky and Linda McClain Corresponding Secretary & Sunshine Lady: Charlene Lowery Member at Large: Maryjane Flagg Parliamentarian: Wendy Milligan RIF: Marsha Leadingham and Stephenie Meroney STEP Liaison: Betty Aynaga Rose Report: Lynn Galvan	Oct. 29, 1:00-3:00 PM- Bingo - First Presbyterian Church, Monterey Nov. 5, 10:00 AM - Area V Conference - Bayonet/Blackhorse, \$40 Dec. 3 - Holiday Brunch - Bayonet/Blackhorse Jan. 28 - Birthday Party - Hacienda, Carmel March 4 - Voting Meeting TBA April 15 - Field Trip TBA June 3 - End of Year Meeting

President's Message
By Cathy Findley



August 27 was a lovely day, friendly faces and LOTS of Delta Lambda Business. Gail Boger and Pat Gotch confirmed dates for our 22-23 meetings and gatherings (with some extras thrown in) and committee sign-up sheets for those who missed the summer sign-ups. Barbara Hughes did a great job presenting the proposed budget and answering questions. Char gave (as usual) a sweet and caring presentation of the issues and joys many of our members are experiencing. Bonnie and the committee set a plentiful table with aplomb. One of our guests, Rosanna McCormick, paid us a lovely compliment on our DKG anthem, "It was great to hear in-tune singing sung by a group of intelligent women!"

Because we are not all on each other's 'speed dials', there are **two things** I would like each of you to do:

First ask- I would like to have 'Roses and Thorns' at each of our gatherings (seems to me that when I first joined it was a thing) – not necessarily medical details that might violate HIPA, but if you know of a good thing (or sharable bad thing) in your life or the life of one of our members, please let Char know, or share yourself when we meet again.

□

The **second ask** is a result of the lack of replies to a plea in June – We need nominees for our Chapter Awards (Service to Community, Service to Chapter, Service to Profession). You or someone you know, is on a million community boards, committees, volunteering everywhere, lobbying officials, etc.;

You or someone you know has her fingers on everything DKG or Delta Lambda, or has mentored you in some way, or perhaps isn't a member, but seems to support Delta Lambda projects; You or someone you know is on every school committee, is a Union Rep, leads workshops, writes curriculum, is the 'go-to' Techie at your school or something similar. PLEASE take some time to mention one of those women, to a Board Member.

Website of DKG ca – The updated DKGca.org website has much information – one that caught my eye (because we always need new ideas or confirmation that what we're doing isn't 'bleh') was a reoccurring Zoom event called 'Tuesday Tips'. It seems to be held once a month. Go to DKGca.org, click on the Green 'members' button, enter the password, 'sisterhood' and go to 'Calendar' to find the link. I'm going to try it out.

Beautiful women of Delta Lambda – we all shall be together again **October 29th** at 1stPres Monterey, making \$\$ for RIF! Sell those tickets and get some more – we want our kids to READ.



RIF News

Marsha Leadingham & Stephenie Meroney



We are looking forward to our RIF distributions this year. We are anticipating a “normal” RIF experience, fingers crossed. A book order will be in the works, thanks to Donna B. and Ann O. If you are interested in volunteering for RIF just let Stephenie or Marsha know. Happy Reading!



September Midnight

BY SARA TEASDALE



Lyric night of the lingering Indian Summer,
Shadowy fields that are scentless but full of singing,
Never a bird, but the passionless chant of insects,
Ceaseless, insistent.

The grasshopper’s horn, and far-off, high in the maples,
The wheel of a locust leisurely grinding the silence
Under a moon waning and worn, broken,
Tired with summer.

Let me remember you, voices of little insects,
Weeds in the moonlight, fields that are tangled with
asters,
Let me remember, soon will the winter be on us,
Snow-hushed and heavy.

Over my soul murmur your mute benediction,
While I gaze, O fields that rest after harvest,
As those who part look long in the eyes they lean to,
Lest they forget them.

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

October Birthdays

Jane Gifford	10-01
Susan Holm	10-05
Corinne Long	10-05
Rochelle Davis	10-11
Vanessa Bredthauer	10-12
Claire Fuerst	10-24
Cleve Herring	10-29



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!

August 27 : Kick-Off Picnic at Whispering Pines - A warm hearted gathering of DKG sisters! Great fun.

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/1Hatv8IjHsYZ8TTI9iHZlcXgCNUVhuZnZCzJkb7fURnM4/edit?usp=sharing>

Recap of August 27th Kick-Off Meeting

By Lynn Galvan

It was so nice to be back together again to kick-off another fantastic year with our Delta Lambda sisters. **Cathy Findley**, our new President, welcomed us all with her words of wisdom and usual good humor. **Camille Liscinsky**, one of our new recording secretaries, diligently took copious notes during the meeting. **Sherry Petitt**, our new Membership Co-Chair, ensured that we all checked the roster and also kept track of our nametags. **Char Lowery** explained her responsibilities as Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine Lady and asked that we keep her informed if we know of any member who may be in need of a little sunshine. **Barbara Hughes** presented our new budget, which was approved and voted on. **Stephenie Meroney** gave an overview of previous RIF days and we can look forward to more traditional ones at the six elementary schools. Our new Program Co-Chair, **Gail Boger**, asked that members sign up for at least one (or more!) committee and discussed some of our upcoming events such as the Bingo Fundraiser, the Area V Conference, and the Birthday Meeting. **Sally Shafer-Harr**, our other new Membership Co-Chair, asked members to check the roster and inform her of any changes; she'll be sending out an updated copy in a few weeks. **Kathy Morgan** encouraged us all to consider attending the state convention in May, which is being held in San Francisco. **Karen Crummey** mentioned that even though we still don't have an Area V director, the rest of the Area V officers are continuing on with fulfilling their responsibilities. **Betty Aynaga** discussed the duties of the ad-hoc committee which is responsible for awarding new teacher grants. Our past presidents, **Nancy Henderson** and **Nancy Howe**, were each presented with a beautiful orchid to show our appreciation for all their hard work these past two years. We ended our meeting with our famous song.

As the sun broke through, we feasted on yummy salads and desserts provided by **Bonnie Yoshinobu** and her wonderful committee which included: Nancy Henderson, Nancy Howe, Catherine Hendrick, Christy Hertsch, Adrienne Jensen, Mary Livingston-Reed, Linda Brandewie, Char Lowery, Betty Ann Campbell, Marilyn Whitcomb, Sandra Jordan, Sheila Deis and Kerry Conner. A BIG THANK YOU to them all!!





Member Spotlight

A Strong Foundation

By Wendy Milligan

I am Wendy Milligan. I have been a member of Delta Lambda for less than ten years, so some of you might know me. To tell the truth, I can't remember what year I was initiated at Haze Braudrick's home. I know that my friends, Bette and Jen Hinton, were present along with dear sweet Barbara Sovereign, my second mom. They are all a part of my story, teaming up as they did at my 50th birthday party to let me know they wanted me to be a DKG member. You all are part of my story too, as each person is a brick in the foundation that has built my blessed and beautiful life.



To begin with, I was born on September 27, 1961 as the youngest of four in Hanford, California where we lived briefly while dad was stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station in the San Joaquin Valley. Mom and dad's Nebraskan upbringings made devoted parents and people, easily labeled as quintessential members of what Tom Brokaw coined as "The Greatest Generation." We moved a bunch, as dad's career required, so that I ended up living in 12 places before I turned 12 years old. These homes included the California cities of Coronado, Pacific Beach, and San Francisco, as well as the states of Washington, Virginia, and Nebraska. When dad finished his 30th year in the USN as the Chief of Staff at the Naval Postgraduate School in 1973, mom decided we would stay and enjoy retirement in Monterey. Moving was always hard, but with a rock strong family as my foundation I learned how to carry on.

My education was built in MPUSD at Walter Colton Jr. High and Monterey High School (Class of '79). There I was touched by so many memorable and influential teachers. Neva Gribble taught me grammar with sentence diagramming and gave me a glimpse of my gift for public speaking with a "HowTo" speech assignment that I chose to give on how to swing a golf club. Rich Lundy inspired me to read and analyze literature with so much writing about character and the connection to our own human experience. Randy Randall called home to let dad know I wasn't living up to my potential with a D in chemistry, which touched me as I learned how much teachers cared. I learned other lessons from good folks at my First Presbyterian Church of Monterey and was also fully engaged in Young Life during those formative years. It seems my future career in education was being built from this special foundation of teachers and leaders who made a difference in my life.

Fortunately, despite my academic flaws in chemistry at Monterey High, I was accepted and went to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. I loved my time in college. I dove into leadership roles as a part of the Week of Welcome and Poly Royal Committees, and enjoyed a fully enriched activity calendar and social life as a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity for Women. My studies in Speech Communications taught me more about public speaking and performance arts, pointing me toward my personal gifts and passions. Leadership skills and a love of connection and relationships with others were to be more of the bricks in my foundation.

I left SLO in 1983 and floundered for several years in a variety of jobs. I tried everything from radio ad sales at KMBY, to receptionist for the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, to retail sales at Macy's and Ocean Avenue. I enriched my life by singing in the church choir and performing in musicals at The Wharf Theater and MPC. However, the question kept coming up, what was I going to do with my life? Despite the fact that my mom always told me I should get a teaching credential, the real moment of clarity came when my future husband asked me what in the world I was doing selling soap in Carmel with a Bachelor's Degree!? Duh! I needed to be a teacher. By 1987 I had completed the Chapman University classes for my teaching credential and MA in Curriculum & Instruction and was finally headed in the right direction. I married that guy (Mark) in 1990 and his foundational support as my partner and friend has kept me moving forward.

My first teaching assignments in the late 80s occurred in a variety of schools at MPUSD. Fort Ord was closing and the district restructuring left me without a permanent position as I rode a wave of temporary jobs from Ord Terrace to Bay View to La Mesa. Until, finally, in 1993 I was hired by Principal Roger Dahl to teach 5th grade at Forest Grove Elementary in PG. I have been at PGUSD ever since. 4th and 5th grades were my favorite grades for many years but diving into a challenge, 9 years ago I settled in at Pacific Grove Middle School and began teaching 6th grade English, History, and a Keyboarding elective. It was an advantageous decision that strengthened my use of technology in the classroom and made surviving distance teaching a bit more tolerable. Who would have known? Over the years I have directed school musicals, run lunchtime student clubs, been part of the Instructional Leadership Team, served as president of PGTA, negotiated as a member of our Bargaining Team, and survived teaching from home during a pandemic. Patience, resilience, and relationships have added more bricks to the foundation of my teaching career.

Family, education, leadership, and relationships (like each of you) are the gifts that I have enjoyed thus far in my blessed and beautiful life. My after school enrichment activities still include making music with friends, enjoying family time with hubby Mark and Hazel the Bernedoodle, working on never ending home improvement projects, road-trips, bike rides, and wine tasting. As I embark upon this last year before retirement in June 2023, it is a cathartic treat to take time to reflect (as I write this) on all that has been, all that I am, and all that I will yet be. As with all foundations, each and every brick will be there to lift me up and allow me to move forward toward whatever may come next.



Meet handsome and happy Wade William Fuerst. Wade was born to Claire and George on June 30. He weighed in at 7 lb.11 oz. And stretched a very long 22 inches! We wish the Fuerst family much happiness.



Only Roses, No Thorns!

- ❖ **Rose Kershing, Maryjane Flagg, and Michele Neuhaus** have made a life change and retired in June! Congratulations, ladies!
- ❖ A BIG thank you to **Wendy Milligan**, who agreed to be Parliamentarian of the Delta Lambda board.
- ❖ Please contact **Pat Gotch** at 277-9515 if you would like to sign up for the Pac Rep performance of *School of Lies*, which she will schedule for either October 13 or 14.



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Chi State – Area V
Delta Lambda Chapter



\$25 adults \$10 children includes snacks and sweets

Sponsored by Delta Lambda Chapter benefiting



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)



SAVE THE DATE!

*Honoring Our
Founders' Legacy—
The Work Goes On*

**Delta Kappa Gamma California
Area V Conference**

**Saturday, November 5, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club
Cost \$40**

Guest Speaker

Lisa Cooper Wilkins, Ed.D

**Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs,
City College of San Francisco**

California State Leadership Development Committee