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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS

# Presidents' Message

International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

What extraordinary times we are living in right now! We hope you and your family and friends are well and safe! We are so sad to have had to cancel both the yearly field trip, the Multi-Chapter Gathering, and our annual Friendship Tea. Hopefully, we will be liberated by our May meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>! Look in the newsletter for more details.

Thank you to **Rhoda Coleman** for heading the Recruitment Committee. We are especially grateful for her leadership as she is well versed in the use of Zoom. Last year, the committee had to interview a candidate on this internet medium, so the committee is ready to do this year's interviews via the internet.

Although this year's DKG California Convention has been postponed, we did apply for and received the 5-Star Honor Chapter award again this year! Way to go, ladies! Feel free to invite guests to the final meeting of the year, so we can continue to grow our chapter.

Again, we hope you're staying healthy and making the best of this break from the normal hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, and we look forward to seeing you at our final meeting during which we initiate the new board.

Sincerely,

Connie Hanson and Marion Darling Co-Presidents





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**DKG Vision:** Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



DKG California
Educational, Professional,
Making an Impact

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2019-2021
Theme:
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### **Next Meeting!!**



Due to the "Shelter at Home" mandate our wonderful Annual Friendship Tea at Pat Kalish's lovely home on April 16<sup>th</sup> is canceled

We will miss this always fantastic time of being together, but these are very different times...

Our prayer is that you and your families stay safe and well. We will celebrate when we are together again!

Love,

Marion and Connie

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### Membership



We may be social distancing and self isolating, but you can always give a phone call to a potential member. Let her know all is on hold right now but we would love to see her at a future meeting. Remind her of the advantages of membership. Share the wonderful things our minigrant recipients are doing (this newsletter and the March newsletter have information). Share about Gayle Nicolls Ali pictures being in the online art gallery. Just keep DKG in her focus!!

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#### LIFE



Do you keep a reading journal? I started one in July 1995 with entries until the advent of the Kindle. I found my journal the other day and enjoyed reading

over the entries for each book which included the title, author, date read, a brief commentary about the story and where I was when I read the book. My first entry was Alice Walker's <u>Temple of My Familiar</u> with a note celebrating my 50th birthday. You might consider starting your own reading journal as a "shelter in place" project. Just Google "reading journals" and you will find many suggestions and samples. The best advice is keep it simple, use any kind of notebook and enjoy! A journal is a nice alternative to your book clubs.

Buck a Book will return at our next meeting. Please bring your books and enjoy the extra time we all have to relax with our favorite authors.

Mary Lou Langedyke LIFE Liaison

### Happy Birthday to....



#### **April**

- 1—Patty Compeau
- 3—Karen Gollhardt
- 8—Shirley Sauvageau Sue Feulling
- 13—Pat Kalish
- 18—Dianah Greenlees
- 23—Kim Frank
- 28—Marty Unger

### Time to Pay Dues!



It is that time of the year again! Dues for Alpha Upsilon are \$85 for Active Members and \$50 for Reserve Members. Please send your check payable to Alpha

Upsilon to Mary Jane Hufstedler.

### The City of Brotherly Love Awaits!!

Here is your opportunity to see that famous piece of American history plus so much more!

Register now for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia!!



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#### DKG California Convention 2020



DKG California Convention May 1 - 3, 2020 Santa Clara Marriott Hotel

**Exploring New Pathways** 

### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN**



Fellowship and Fun / Speakers
Breakout Sessions
Professional / Personal Development

Due to the worldwide situation at this time, the 2020 DKG California Convention has been postponed. DKG California is working with the Santa Clara Marriott to reschedule in August or September. If the situation by then is not such that a large gathering may be held, alternative plans will be made for members of the Executive Board (Chapter Presidents, Elected State Officers, Past State Presidents) to transact the business of the state.

### Kudos to Gayle Nicholls Ali!



Alpha Upsilon is so proud of our own **Gayle Nicholls Ali!** Her photography work has been selected for display in the DKG International online art gallery. Congratulations, **Gayle**, on your beautiful work and for discovering the advantages of membership in DKG!!



Peru Salt Ponds



Girl in the White Hat

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#### 2020-2022 Slate of Officers



The following slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium was presented at the February meeting (Chapter Rules VIII, 5,b):

President: Willy Crouse/Karen Gollhardt

First VP: Judi Healy

Second VP: Marty Unger

Recording Secretary: Kim Frank

Corresponding Secretary: Judith Craemer

Nominating Committee: Betsy Bazdarich, Chairman

Jean Chubb, Connie Hanson

You will be receiving a separate email for you to vote approval of this slate. Watch your inbox!

2018-2020 Nominating Committee Mary Lou Langedyke, Chairman Judy Kearns, Pat Rabe

### LIFE Foundation Selects Book of the Year



The Secret Life of Mrs. London by Rebecca Rosenberg has been selected as the DKG book for this year. Each year, LIFE selects a book for us all to enjoy and this year's selection does not disappoint. This fictionalized account of two years in the life of Jack London's second wife Charmian tells the story of life with Jack London on his ranch in Glen Ellen, a trip to Hawaii and the developing friendship with Harry Houdini. Set in the days before the United States entered World War I, the reader is treated to a page turner of events, romantic trysts, a window on the life of a great author and the challenges to women of the day. A reading group guide is included. This book is clearly a work of fiction with real life people as the characters. I turned the pages with enjoyment and am now researching Jack London's life and works and will read more about one of California's great authors.

Mary Lou Langedyke, LIFE Liaison

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### Mini Grant Recipients Share

My name is Carrie Landin and I am a third grade teacher at Lorne Elementary STEM Magnet in Northridge. I was a recipient of a \$500 grant from Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund. With this \$500, I was able to purchase 3 Lenovo Chromebooks, 2 Flexy Space Comfy Floor Seats, and a mouse to use with the new laptops.

My students were thrilled when I came back from winter break with these new items. The floor seats are in our library and are used almost every day. They are cushioned and easy to adjust so the students can sit comfortably on the floor. When we work in small groups, they move the floor seats to a new quiet location in the room to work in their group. The three Chromebooks are also used on a daily basis. The students who finish their work early are able to sign in to programs like Amplify Reading and Zearn and work on their language arts and math skills. The students also use the computers in small groups during language arts rotations to listen to stories from the unit we are working on. They do research for projects such as their famous African American for our Wax Museum during Black History Month, their famous woman for a project during Women's History Month, the lifecycle of a specific animal or violent storms for projects for science, and a Native American tribe for their social studies report, just to name a few. The students are very excited to be able to sign in to the computer and do what they need to do without having to wait for the one day a week that we go to the computer lab. The Chromebooks were also used to participate in the Be Internet Awesome program where the students learned about Internet safety. After completing the program, the students took the Chromebooks to a first and second grade classroom and helped the first and second grade students to complete the program as well. Another amazing thing that we are able to use the Chromebooks for is controlling our Dash and Dot robots. The students are learning how to code, and the Chromebooks work great with our robots and Lego We Do kits.

My students are able to comfortably access technology because of the supplies purchased with this grant. They are very excited to come to school because they have the things they need to be successful in their classroom. They have become a lot faster at signing in and accessing websites because they are able to practice everyday with the Chromebooks that are in the classroom. These purchases have had a tremendous impact on my classroom and I am forever grateful.









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I received a mini grant from Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund for two Ipevo recording cameras. It's already proven to be an invaluable tool in the classroom.

I use the Ipevo throughout the day, as it lends itself to all subject areas. During math, students take math notes to help organize their thoughts. I am able to project from the Ipevo onto the whiteboard at the front of the class. I am able to quickly show examples of math concepts based on the topic. I also use the Ipevo to record as I am demonstrating, so that students will have a bank of information to draw from if they missed that day's lesson, or if they need to review a concept.

The Ipevos have already been put through its paces as the 5th grade team uses them to record directions, content, samples, and scaffolded pathways for students to access whenever they need them. These videos give students the opportunity to review as many times as needed in a more personalized setting.

In a district that strives to challenge and inspire students to make a profound and positive impact on their world, it's important to have tools that will impact not only the 95+ students this year, but hundreds of students in the years to come. Thanks to this grant, we are now able to provide accessible curriculum that will be beneficial for all.



Ipevo used to demonstrate activities.



Kids love the Ipevo!



Recording a math Valentine's Day lesson.

## Treasurer Report

			Pro	pposed	January		March	
<u>Receipts</u>								
Member Dues (\$85)			\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00
Bank Interest			\$	20.00	\$	13.34	\$	17.27
LIFE (Buck a Book)			\$	100.00	\$	66.00	\$	66.00
Transfers In from BNEF			\$	5,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations			\$	-				
TOTAL			\$	9,620.00	\$	6,579.34	\$	6,583.27
Disbursements								
International Dues			\$	2,080.00	\$	2,080.00	\$	2,100.00
State Dues & Fees:				·		·		·
	Dues		\$	1,240.00	\$	1,240.00	\$	1,252.00
	Scholarship		\$	51.00	\$	51.00	\$	51.00
	Insurance		\$	52.00	\$	52.00	\$	52.00
	Publications		\$	104.00	\$	104.00	\$	104.00
	Inductees		\$	10.00				
Area XIII Assessment			\$	232.00	\$	232.00	\$	232.00
Initiation Fees			\$	15.00				
Programs:								
	Honorariums		\$	300.00	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
	Meeting Supplies		\$	750.00	\$	595.30	\$	751.75
Conferences & Conventions:								
	State Convention		\$	2,000.00				
	Other Conferences		\$	1,000.00	\$	58.60	\$	58.60
Postage			\$	50.00				
Printing			\$	125.00	\$	138.93	\$	138.93
Five Chapter Dinner Subsidy		Ш	\$	250.00				
Area XIII Conference Subsidy			\$	250.00	\$	490.00	\$	-
LIFE Donation		Ш	\$	100.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Miscellaneous		Ш	\$	1,011.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
TOTAL			\$	9,620.00	\$	5,491.83	\$	5,190.28









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