

Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

Personally, we cannot believe how fast this year is passing! The holidays are here! Our membership continues to be absolutely amazing! The mini-grant committee has been hard at work and will be awarding much deserved checks to many teachers before their winter break. In addition, as you will see in the newsletter, Judith Craemer and Betsy Bazdarich were very busy making petit fours for the kids at Covenant House. We are sure they were accepted enthusiastically!

Speaking of the holidays, we begin December by decorating Hillside Homes' Family Cottage on Thursday, December 5th. Without us, the kids would not have holiday cheer in their home. Please remember the appropriate method to attach whatever decorations you bring, i.e. painter's tape or anything that won't damage the walls. These children are all wards of the court through the foster care system.

Then on Sunday, December 8th, **Robin Williams** will be hosting our annual Christmas party and raffle. The proceeds of the raffle go directly to CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocate program of LA. Approximately 25,000 foster children reside in LA County, and only about half of them are in good homes with loving caregivers. When you purchase your raffle tickets, you can make your check out to CASA and record that on your taxes or you can donate cash to the raffle. A fun addition to the party will be some special attendees, the LCHS singers!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, whatever you're doing, wherever you'll be! We are certainly an active and very blessed group of women!

Gratefully,
Marion Darling and Connie Hanson
Co-Presidents



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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS
Area XIII

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DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



**DKG California
2019-2021
Theme:
Crossing
Bridges
Together**

**DKG California
Educational, Professional,
Making an Impact**

Next Meeting!!



DATE: Sunday, December 8, 2019

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Robin Williams' Home
562 E. Mendocino, Altadena

PROGRAM: CASA Raffle and the La Cañada High School Singers

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: Kathy Cockerill, Penny Schopflin (Chairmen), Jean Chubb, Patty Compeau, Kim Frank, Harriet Furuya, Nancy Gunther, Houry Mandjikian, Jill Waters, Christine Werner, Robin Williams

RSVP: Kathy Cockerill, katsltr74@aol.com

Membership News



Be sure to bring potential members to our holiday party! It is a great time for them to experience the wonderful camaraderie of our chapter. Plus they can see firsthand how we support CASA.

Judie Bakly judith@reterotargets.com

Marcelyn Bible Bible4cats@aol.com

Happy Birthday to....



December

9—Judy Goldman

16—Judie Healey

17—Joy Gifford

29—Penny Schopflin

Jared Bags



Thanks everyone for taking all 24 Jared Bags! You have a few months to gather the items inside. Remember to return the filled bags to the February or March meetings! THANK YOU in advance for your generosity! The story of the [Jared Box Project](#) is a touching one. Visit their website to learn more

Karen Gollhardt

Sue Fuelling

Willy Crouse

THAT



At this hectic time of year, one of the best gifts we can give is a helping hand to another teacher.

This note is a reminder to please [record your THAT hours \(the time you spend helping another teacher\)](#) online by going to the state website: dkgca.org. Select the [THAT](#) icon on the homepage, which allows you to easily complete the form.

All you need to do is enter your name and volunteer information, as well as Alpha Upsilon and Area XIII. It is important to our chapter that all of your volunteer THAT hours are counted. As you find more ways to volunteer your time, or become aware of a teacher, program, or school that could use our assistance, be sure to share this information with us. Find a method that works for you to record your hours - - either record hours on an ongoing basis as soon as you provide a THAT service, or record your hours on a calendar or on your phone, and transfer them to the website at the end of the month. All THAT hours **must be recorded online by 4/1/2020**.

Thanks for all you do to help others! Happy Holidays to all!

Karen Wilcoxon
THAT Chairman

The Holiday Party & Raffle Are Coming!



Aside from the great time you'll have socializing at this special time of the year you can also have a great time "shopping" at our AMAZING Alpha Upsilon raffle.

"These are a few of the wonderful things" you'll encounter:

Original fine art, terrific gift certificates, tons of jewelry, wine, gift

baskets of all kinds, purses, clothes, antiques, home décor, plants, tools, children's toys and games, and **OH SO MUCH MORE!**

It's still very possible to donate – there are 14 days left. Call Robin and leave a message if she doesn't pick up: 626 794 9824

Hope to see you all there to celebrate the season!

Robin Williams
Raffle Coordinator

Make Plans Now!

Have you put the dates July 7-11 on your 2020 calendar for the DKG International Convention?

Have you visited the DKG website to see the 7 reasons for attending or watched the videos?

If not, WHY not????



Outreach to Covenant House



Don't these petits fours look delicious?! These were hand crafted by **Betsy Bazdarich** and **Judith Craemer** and personally transported to Covenant House for enjoyment by the residents. **Betsy** and **Judith** were so inspired by the presentation at our chapter meeting by the Director of Covenant House that they wanted to do something special for them. After delivering the goodies, they learned there are currently thirty people in residence. The toiletry articles you donate are greatly appreciated by the residents. Laura Strametz and Judie Healey will be delighted to accept your donations at any meeting!

It's Time to Party!



It's time for all of us, spouses/partners and prospective members included, to gather together for our annual Holiday Party with Silent Raffle to benefit CASA at the lovely home of Robin Williams.

Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 PM

562 E. Mendocino, Altadena, CA

RSVP to Kathy Cockerill at katsltr74@aol.com

Leadership Retreat

Every year the DKG California Leadership Development Committee hosts a Leadership Retreat...one year in the north, one year in the south. It will be held in the south in January 2020! So get ready to take advantage of this benefit of membership!

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN WISHING AND ACCOMPLISHING IS...



January 18-19, 2020

Doubletree

Irvine Spectrum

[Registration is open](#) and waiting for you!

[Registration stipends](#) available through the DKG California Scholarship Committee.

How to Make Your Air Travel Greener

Travel non stop to your destination, since an intermediate landing and take off burns extra fuel. However, the further a plane is going, the more fuel it has to carry. There is a point where more fuel is needed to carry the fuel itself. The break-even point is around 3000 miles for a Boeing 777. Less than that and you should look for a non stop flight, further than that and two flight segments are good.

If possible chose a more fuel efficient plane. The Boeing 787-8 and 9 Dreamliners are made of light-weight materials compared to the older 747 or 777, so use much less fuel per kg of mass transported (passengers and cargo). For more see <https://simpleflying.com/boeing-777-vs-787/> and scroll down to the fuel efficiency chart.

If you can stand it, sit in economy in a full plane with only carry on luggage - hard for us older ladies on an international flight !

And choose a plane with mostly economy seats. Norwegian from LAX to London Gatwick carries 282 economy and 56 premium economy passengers in their 787-9. Some British Airways flights are in 747s or the two level A380, with many First Class and Business Class seats which take up much more space, so less total passengers.

Choose an airline that is making attempts to be more green Read about your favorite airline here <https://www.alternativeairlines.com/eco-friendly-airlines>

Happy Holidays from Patty and Jill and please make them green:

- Save and reuse wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, tissue paper
- Recycle cards or use ecards. Note photo cards are not recyclable.
- Flatten shipping boxes before recycling.
- Avoid using Amazon Prime. Note if you are paying for Prime, you can get a credit by choosing regular delivery.



Minutes: November 14, 2019

Community Church of God, Glendale, CA
Joint meeting: Alpha Upsilon and Omicron

Welcome by Connie Hanson and Marion Darling

1. Inspiration by Ana Haskins: In light of the Saugus High School shooting, Ana shared 2 quotes.
Life can only be understood backwards but it must be lived forwards.
It always seems impossible until it's done.
2. Ann Louise Bannon-Author
Shared her novels about the history of crime in Los Angeles
3. Judi Healey share her hiking life after retiring from teaching.
4. Judie Bakly encouraged bringing perspective members to meetings (like the upcoming Holiday party)
5. Treasurer's report: Mary Jane Hufstedler
Reminded members who want to attend the February multi chapter conference to please send a check for \$35.00.
Reminded members that money donated to CASA at the holiday party in the form of a check is tax deductible.
6. Hillside Home Holiday Decorating: Email Susie Vernand with what you will bring or to ask what is needed for the event (Date: Thursday, December 5th, 4 pm).
7. Buck A Book for LIFE: Robin Williams reported that we are a little behind are usual in this fundraising and encouraged buying those books.
8. Jared Bags: Karen Goldhardt and Sue Fueling rallied the members to take Jared bags (due by Feb/March meeting to take to City of Hope).
9. Judy Kearns: World Fellowship Donation
Judy asked for a motion to donate \$250 toward a conference for Sheema Khawar, a Pakistani former World Fellow ship recipient, studying Women's Studies. The motion was moved, seconded and passed.
10. The Holiday Party is Sunday, December 8th at 4 pm at the home of Robin Williams. She thanked those that have donated raffle items and is still open to donations for this event. Please RSVP to Kathy Cockerill if you are attending.
11. The Publicity position is still OPEN.
12. The Friendship Tea date has been changed to April 16, 2020. Please mark your calendars.
13. Next meeting is Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at The Glendale Community Church of God. Carol Vargas will be doing craft kits. Be sure to RSVP for this event so she can plan accordingly for supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Werner, Recording Secretary

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

Exploring New Pathways



Fellowship and Fun / Speakers
Breakout Sessions
Professional / Personal Development

Remember: Alpha Upsilon will pay your full registration (registration and convention meals). Since this year's convention is in the north, the Chapter will also pay for your hotel.

Hillsides Decorating



Thanks for those who have volunteered to bring items for holiday decorating at Hillsides Sierra Cottage on Thursday, December 5 at 4 pm. It's located at 940 Ave.64, Pasadena 91105.

We still need: 4 tiny artificial pine trees, tiny unbreakable ornaments for the trees, holiday gel stick-ons, 12 candy canes, garlands, apple juice and holiday napkins & cups. Please text me what you're bringing: (626)484-9958. You'll be blessed if you join us! ♥

**Susie Vernand
Coordinator**

A Call to Lead, A Call to Serve



Soon the Nominating Committee will begin contacting members with an invitation to lead and to serve. Every two years, new officers are elected for our chapter. Alpha Upsilon is a strong chapter because of members' willingness to answer the invitation to serve with a YES, creating a leadership team that works so well.

The elected officers are listed in the directory on page 31. Please consider one of these leadership roles. **Remember** you were invited to DKG membership because of your evidenced leadership or potential for leadership. I know I am delighted that I said "yes" to serving the chapter as one of the presidents. It gave me the opportunity to learn more about the Society, get to meet new people and grow as a person. Besides it is great fun to work with the wonderful women in our chapter!

Remember what Judi Healey said at the November meeting, "Just say yes!"

**Mary Lou Langedyke, Nominating Committee Chairman
Judy Kearns, Member
Pat Rabe, Member**

Remember Covenant House!



Don't forget to collect toiletries for the residents of [Covenant House](#)! You can bring them to any meeting and with Laura Strametz or Judi Healey. Besides toiletries like toothpaste, lotion, soap, etc., don't forget those sample makeup items you receive when buying your own product. Young girls love to look good!

November Meeting Gallery!

