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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS
Area XIII



DKG Mission Statement:

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

Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

"The greatest gift you could give someone is your time. Because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life you can't get back." Unknown

We hope you are all well and staying safe. The holidays are upon us with more pandemic restrictions again. We WILL get through this!

Thank you for your continued support by attending our virtual meetings. It is fun to "see" all of you.

Judi Healey has done a wonderful job providing us with interesting speakers. Our latest was Chris Erskine, a retired LA Times Consultant. His humor and talent had us all laughing. Many of our members knew him from his presence in the neighborhood. His newest book, Lavender in Your Lemonade, is available at Flintridge bookstore. He also entertained us with playing the trumpet which he learned to play during COVID. More information is available on FB and his website ChrisErskineLA.com.

Since we are unable to meet to decorate Hillside's nor hold our annual holiday get together, your responses indicated you would like an optional virtual get-together on December 10th from 5PM-6PM. We will call it our "Holiday Happy Hour" or "H³". No AU business, just a fun visit. Get into the holiday spirit by wearing a holiday outfit or hat, having a favorite beverage available to you, perhaps sharing an item showing a family tradition or how you celebrate the holidays, and if time and interest permits, playing a trivia game.

Another suggestion: for the January Newsletter, send **Judy Kearns** a picture of yourself showing something you do during the holidays.

Here are some quotes to think about during the season:

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." Dr. Seuss

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DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

DKG California

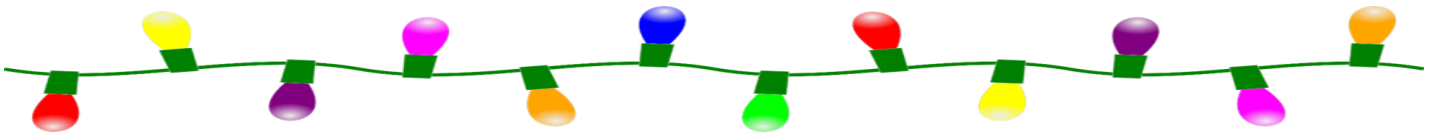
2019-2021 Theme:

Crossing Bridges Together



DKG California

**Educational, Professional,
Making an Impact**



Holiday Happy Hour

Thursday, December 10, 5-6pm

Talk and laugh with your fellow DKG friends!

Arrive virtually showing your holiday spirit!

Have your favorite beverage on hand!

Share (if you would like) a special holiday item with us!

Play a holiday trivia game!

Zoom invitation email coming December 5!!



Presidents' Message (cont'd)

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"The darkness of the whole world cannot swallow the glowing of a candle." – Robert Altinger on Hanukkah

"Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart." Chris Van Allsburg

"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color." Maya Angelou on Kwanzaa

And finally, *"God bless us, everyone!"* Charles Dickens

Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt
Co-Presidents

Thinking of you....

Alpha Upsilon is saddened to learn of the passing of.....

Long time member and past president, Nancy Thompson: Fielding Thompson
13600 Marina Pointe Dr., Marina Del Rey 90292

Beloved husband of Susie Vernand, Bob Vernand: Susie Vernand & Family
1280 Riviera Dr., Pasadena 91107

Holding positive thoughts for your healing....

Mary Jane Hufstedler
12622 Amboy Ave.
Sylmar 91342

Dorie Canavan
1116 Cresthaven Dr.
Los Angeles 90042

Happy Birthday to....



December

16—Judi Healey

17—Joy Gifford

29—Penny Schopflin

Membership News



WOW! Judi Healey really knocked it out of the park with the guest speakers she brought to our October and November meetings. I wish more people had been able to hear them. I know she has great people lined up for our remaining meetings and now is the time to invite new people to

share those times with us.

Why not start with our holiday social hour in December? It will be a great one-hour time to just meet and greet. Once we “hook” prospective new members with our fun and warm selves, we can encourage them to come back to hear our next round of fantastic speakers.

Please continue to stay in touch with each other as we prepare to lock-down again. That connection is so important right now. AND, please continue to think of and forward names of prospective new members to Pat Kalish, Pat Rabe, or me. I want to personally invite those people to join us that you would like to include as part of Alpha Upsilon.

As someone who has disliked Zoom intensely, I am really enjoying our virtual meetings. I’m finding the format is better than name tags as I continue to learn who is who in our chapter.

Stay well and Happy Holidays!

Marty Unger,
Second VP, Membership

THAT



At this ordinarily hectic time of year, one of the best gifts we can give is a helping hand to another teacher. Life continues to look very different this year, as most schools are still in the midst of distance learning, and

still trying to find ways to meet the needs of students during this unprecedented time. In spite of the differences, there are still numerous ways that we, as DKG members, can support our teachers with distance learning. As mentioned in previous newsletters, some ways that we might help include guest reading to the class, researching YouTube videos, helping to write grants, supervising a small break out session, and providing tech feedback to teachers.

In addition, if I can help in any way to spread the word regarding other areas where we might offer assistance to those who are teaching, please let me know. I am happy to generate a list of activities, and/or a list of teachers/schools/programs that could use a helping volunteer hand. As always, if you think of ways to show our gratitude and appreciation to current teachers, please don’t hesitate to do so, and share any ideas with all of us.

*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:*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4BD4SaHo50Oe1tgmZB3zX6d6Da4ETZdcP1zEAXkk491pQnw/viewform>

Simply 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. Find a method that works for you to record your hours either on an ongoing basis as soon as you provide a THAT service, or on a calendar or on your phone, and then transfer them to the website at the end of the month. All THAT hours **must be recorded online by 4/1/2021**.

Thanks for all you do to help others!

Happy Holidays to all! Stay healthy and safe!

Karen Wilcoxon
THAT Chairman

Thank you from SOW!



school on wheels

Members of Alpha Upsilon have totally embraced the School on Wheels project since it was first presented to members. We have donated backpacks, school supplies and money to help the homeless children involved in this worthwhile program. To thank their many supporters and benefactors, School on Wheels has produced [a thank you video](#). Click on the link and you will hear and see a heartfelt message from Charles Evans, SOW Executive Director.

CASA



Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Because of the generosity of our members Alpha Upsilon, was able to donate \$1701.00 to this vital support system for at risk youth. It wasn't as

much fun to raise the money as having our annual Holiday Party and raffle! But as the true educators you are, our members came through to support CASA.

Gratefully,

Patty Compeau and Donna Larson
CASA Chairmen

Going Green



Check out David Attenborough's most recent film released in October of 2020 and available on Netflix.

[YouTube has a 20 minute trailer](#) and is worth viewing to hear David's plea for all living to protect this planet by

changing our attitudes and behaviors. In this unique feature documentary, titled David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet, the celebrated naturalist reflects upon both the defining moments of his lifetime and the devastating changes he has seen.

Patty Compeau and Jill Waters
Global Awareness Chairmen

International Conferences

DKG International will be offering three conferences for all members this summer:



One will be in Portland, Oregon, July 7-10.



Another will be held in San Antonio, Texas. July 21-24.



And the third will be in Tampere, Finland, July 28-31.

At this time the speakers and programs are still works in progress. But DKG International President Becky Sadowski is encouraging the planners "...to consider how to find meaningful opportunities to contribute and to make a difference for a positive impact on women and children in our world."

At this time plans are proceeding for in person conferences. It is possible they will be changed to virtual conferences. If last summer's virtual convention is an example, the conferences will be powerful! So mark the dates on you calendars now.

DKG California Leadership Opportunity

Each year the DKG California Leadership Development Committee offers a [Leadership Retreat](#) in January. The January 2021 event will be a virtual one. So you don't have to fly or stay in a hotel! You can attend from the comfort of your computer! If you click on the words [Leadership Retreat](#) in either place in this box, you will be taken directly to the registration form (**DO NOT** click on the words [Click to Register on the flyer below](#)). This Retreat is for **ALL** members. So take advantage of this benefit of membership.

Leadership Retreat, Virtual

Connecting Through Mindful Leadership

Presented by
The Leadership Development
Committee

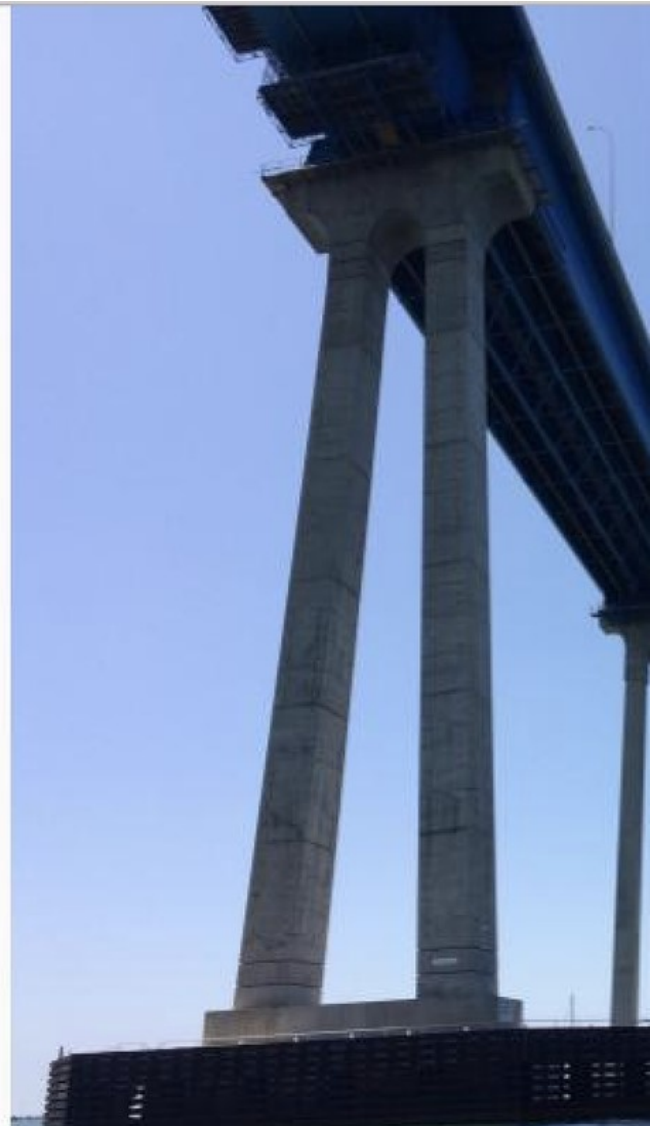
January 15, 2021

A Casual Evening Get-Together
Preview of Presentation

January 16, 2021

Special Guest Presenter
Wrap-up
Certificates and Pins for 1st Timers

[Click to Register](#)



Treasurer Report

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer Report
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
November 1, 2020

BALANCE ON HAND; October 1, 2020 \$ 7,412.62

RECEIPTS:

Interest \$ 9.10

Total Receipts \$ 9.10

Total Available \$ 7,421.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Disbursements for October _____

BALANCE ON HAND: November 1, 2020 \$ 7,421.72



Chapter Minutes: November 12, 2020

DKG Society International
DKG California
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Minutes: November 12, 2020

Co-President Karen Gollhardt called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Instead of the flag salute Co-President Willy Crouse read a poem as an inspiration and a salute to all Veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. There were 28 members in attendance.

The program was organized by Judi Healey who introduced speaker Chris Erskine, Retired LA times columnist. Chris surprised us with a trumpet intro and a toast to DKG ! Chris will be selling and signing his book at the Flintridge Bookstore on November 29 from 2:30-4:15 pm.

Co-President Karen Gollhardt asked for additions or changes to the minutes. Hearing none the minutes were approved as published.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Treasurer, Rose Gant reported \$9.10 in interest had been earned. She shared that the mystery of the missing checks was solved as the money was deposited in savings and not in checking account. This has been corrected.

**Jan Tappan let the chapter know 10 applicant applications for mini grants have been received. The committee added South Pasadena USD for possible applicants.

**Thanks to AU chapter's generosity final giving contributions are as follows:

School on Wheels \$ 1,450.00
Hillsides Home for Children \$ 650.00
CASA \$ 1,701.00.

**Laura Strametz reminded us of Covenant House needs: bring money to give to youth, gift cards, and twin sheets. They cannot accept toiletries but are accepting drive by donations.

**Pat Rabe mentioned the February 6th conference has been changed from morning to the afternoon, 1-3:30 pm. This will be a virtual conference; Area XIII will be using the state's zoom. Still looking for the main speaker and there will be a small registration fee to raise money for scholarships given.

Who's Who is AU introduced Karen Wilcoxon. UCLA at heart, worked concessions at Dodger Stadium, Paul McCartney fan, walks 5 miles daily !!

Karen and Willy wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as we all have a lot to be THANKFUL for. The December Happy Hour zoom is Thursday, December 10th, 5:00 pm. Bring a cocktail or favorite drink, wear a festive hat, time to share and answer trivia.

Next zoom meeting is Jan. 13th @ 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Frank, Recording Secretary