

Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

Thank you, again, **Carol Vargas** for the fabulous pocket-sized diary/journal. This year is really flying by and is actually winding down now. However, more fun is in our future, and we have some work to do as well.

On Saturday, February 1st, we will gather at the South Hills Country Club in West Covina for our Area XIII Conference. This is always a fun way to visit with friends and connect to DKG, hear an entertaining speaker, and maybe win a terrific basket!

Our February 12th meeting will be held at the La Cañada Public Library on Oakwood in the Community Room. As **Robin** pitched at the January meeting, Jenny Watts, author and TED Talk contributor, will be the speaker. Well worth your time!

On Saturday, March 14th, **Joyce** and others have planned a fabulous outing to the Vincent Price Art Museum followed by lunch at Ravello Osteria in Monterey Park. We only do one "field trip" a year, and they are always enlightening!

The Annual Multi-Chapter Dinner is planned for Wednesday, March 19th. To date, the planning committee is still struggling to find a location that fits our needs and has some degree of ambiance and great food, all within a slim budget. Several options are being researched; you will be notified when a decision has been made.

Mary Lou, Judy, and **Pat** are very busy trying to fill the slate of officers for the next biennium. Please, search your heart and schedule and see if you could be of service to our chapter. Ours is a vital and growing chapter, while many others are floundering and diminishing. We obviously have Beebe to thank for her generous endowment which enables us to do so much productive and generous outreach. Without people willing to serve on the Board, however, we wouldn't be able to do the work we have done in years past.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the February/March activities!

Marion Darling and Connie Hanson
Co-Presidents



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DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



DKG California
Educational, Professional,
Making an Impact

DKG California
2019-2021
Theme:
Crossing
Bridges
Together

Next Meeting!!



DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2020

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: La Cañada Library, Community Room
4545 N. Oakwood, La Cañada

PROGRAM: Speaker: Jenny Watts of TED Talk fame!

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: Carol Leining (chairman), Liliana Castillo, Rose Gant,
Dianah Greenlees, Gayle Nicholls Ali, Norma Russel, Karen Wilcoxon

RSVP: Joyce Hamdan, artisticjoy@yahoo.com

Membership News



We will be inducting one new member into Alpha Upsilon this month. Come to the February meeting at the La Cañada Library and introduce yourself to: **LAURA CASTAGNARI**. Laura is a local – born and raised in San Gabriel Valley. She is currently Head Counsellor at Toll Middle School in Glendale.

Laura will be a great addition to our already vibrant and enthusiastic membership.

Judie Bakly judith@reterotargets.com

Marcelyn Bible Bible4cats@aol.com

Happy Birthday to....



February

4—Harriet Furuya

7—Norma Russel

10—Mary Jane Hufstedler

11—Peggy West

19—Betsy Bazdarich

23—Laura Strametz

Jared Bags



Reminder: Have you purchased items for your Jared Bag? We hope so because now is the time to bring your filled bag to the next meeting, February 12. If you aren't coming to the meeting, please try to send it with someone who will be attending or drop it off at Sue Fuelling's home - 4336 Beulah Dr. in La Cañada. A special **THANK YOU** to all who participated in this activity.

Karen Gollhardt

Sue Fuelling

Willy Crouse

THAT



Happy Valentine's Day! There's no better way to spread some love than by volunteering your time to help a teacher! This is a reminder to [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 everything you do to help others!

Karen Wilcoxen
THAT Chairman

On a Marmalade Hunt!



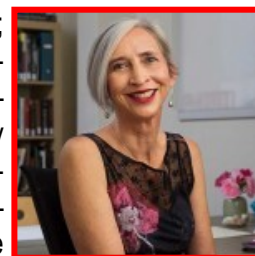
Message from **Pat Rabe!**

"I received a jar of the best marmalade I've ever tasted in a basket at the CASA raffle a year ago. I would love to buy another jar of it, but cannot find it. Does anyone know where it came from?"

Contact **Pat Rabe** if you know the origin of this marmalade!!!!

February Speaker

Jenny Watts is a gifted speaker; articulate, knowledgeable and funny. Jenny retired this month after a stellar 27-year career as the Curator of Photography and Visual Culture at the Huntington Library. Her final assignment was to curate the centennial exhibition for the Library and write the companion book "NINETEENNINETEEN". Talking about this would make a great program... in the future.



Instead, Jenny will be presenting her "TED Talk" to us on February 12. Her fascinating talk traces her early years as a member of an extremely wealthy New York family and her subsequent journey towards finding a way to deal with the origins of that wealth. Hopefully, she'll also have time to talk about the rigorous procedures involved in giving a TED talk.

This is a meeting you'll want to attend!!

Have You Seen the Liberty Bell??

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!!



DKG California Convention 2020

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.

Going Green

There seem to be two big climate issues facing us right now and they are both world wide:

#1 is the fires in Australia and its influence on that continent. I just heard that a few California fire-fighters lost lives in Australia, so California is helping with the problem. Here is a good link for those interested: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00173-7>

#2 is the wonderful outspoken Greta Thunberg's sharing at the DAVOS Economic Forum: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/greta-thunberg-climate-change-speech-at-davos-watch-live-stream-today-2020-01-21/>

I know these are large issues and much bigger than any of us can really influence; but I hope we can pay attention to the issues and emotionally support our children and grandchildren.

Patty Compeau and Jill Waters
Global Awareness Chairmen

Mini Grants Awarded



Jan Tappan had the privilege of presenting two minigrant awards to teachers at Lorne Avenue Elementary School. Lorena Rourarkissian and Carrie Landin were the happy recipients. Lorena will use her grant to purchase flexible seating for her classroom. Lorena will be purchasing Chrome books for her students. Jan will be presenting

other awards to teachers at Sunland Elementary and a Pasadena (Sierra Madre) Middle School

2020-2022 Slate of Officers



The Nominating Committee is delighted to present the following slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium:

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

The slate will be officially presented at the February meeting as per Chapter Rules. Voting on the slate will be held at the April meeting.

2018-2020 Nominating Committee

Mary Lou Langedyke, Chairman
Judy Kearns, Pat Rabe

State Budget Update



The [2020-2021 budget](#) has been sent to the State Legislature. There are several implications for education. You can access the document explaining the budget and its implications on the DKG California website or by clicking on the words 2020-2021 budget above.

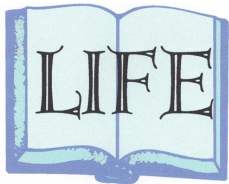
Covenant House



Thank you so much for any items you have donated to the residents of Covenant House. All are greatly appreciated. Please continue to donate the hygiene products. You can bring them to any meeting and give to either me or Judi Healey.

Laura Strametz

What Is LIFE??



LIFE (Learning is for Everyone) is a non-profit foundation associated with DKG California but with a separate non-profit status and set of bylaws. LIFE's mission statement reads, "The mission of LIFE Foundation is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California." Contributions sent to LIFE each year from our chapter's Buck a Book sales helps to fund the grants available through LIFE. Any teacher may apply for a LIFE GRANT, which is similar to our chapter's mini-grants - a grant to fund a teacher designed project to foster literacy and learning. LIFE also facilitates the privately funded Helene Going Green Award. This is only available to DKG members who are classroom teachers. This grant will fund a project that will create a desire in students to protect Planet Earth by reducing, refusing or recycling items that would otherwise fill landfills.

[Both grant applications](#) are due March 1st. More information and applications for these grants are available on the California DKG website, LIFE link. Consider applying for one of these grants. The grants are reviewed by the LIFE Foundation Board and are announced at the annual convention. I hope this explanation of LIFE is helpful to new and old members who may have wondered What is LIFE?

Mary Lou Langedyke, LIFE Liaison

Interested in Being A Bill Evaluator?

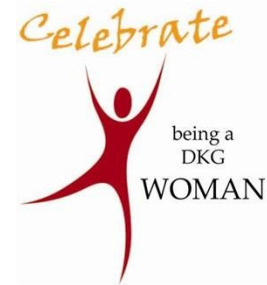


DKG California offers a unique opportunity for members to be involved in the legislative process by being a Bill Evaluator. This means members read bills before they go before the legislature

and offer their opinion on them. The recommendations of the Bill Evaluators are used by the DKG California Legislative Advocate, Martha Zaragoza Diaz, as she works for teachers and children in Sacramento.

If this sounds like something that interests you, there will be a [Bill Evaluator Training](#) (done electronically through Go To Meeting) on February 29. You will be trained by Martha in the comfort of your own home using your computer, laptop, phone or tablet.

This is a great way to influence what happens in Sacramento without ever leaving home!!



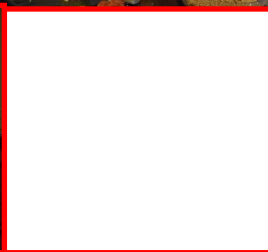
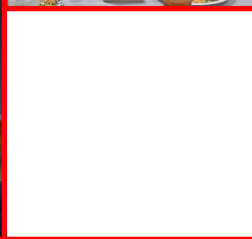
Treasurer's Report

			Proposed	January
<u>Receipts</u>				
Member Dues (\$85)			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Bank Interest			\$ 20.00	\$ 13.34
LIFE (Buck a Book)			\$ 100.00	\$ 66.00
Transfers In from BNEF			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations			\$ -	
TOTAL			\$ 9,620.00	\$ 6,579.34
<u>Disbursements</u>				
International Dues			\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00
State Dues & Fees:				
	Dues		\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00
	Scholarship		\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00
	Insurance		\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
	Publications		\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00
	Inductees		\$ 10.00	
Area XIII Assessment			\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00
Initiation Fees			\$ 15.00	
Programs:				
	Honorariums		\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
	Meeting Supplies		\$ 750.00	\$ 437.68
Conferences & Conventions:				
	State Conference		\$ 2,000.00	
	Other Conferences		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 58.60
Postage			\$ 50.00	
Printing			\$ 125.00	\$ 138.93
Five Chapter Dinner Subsidy			\$ 250.00	
Area XIII Conference Subsidy			\$ 250.00	\$ 490.00
LIFE Donation			\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous			\$ 1,011.00	
TOTAL			\$ 9,620.00	\$ 5,234.21



Crafting With Carol!!

Thank you, **Carol Vargas**, for a fun and productive January meeting!



Minutes: January 9, 2020

Welcome and Announcements –

Connie Hanson and Marion Darling thanked Ana, Joyce and Carol for arranging for the use of the church. The refreshment committee was also thanked.

Inspiration – Ana Haskins

Membership – Judie Bakly and Marcelyn Bible

A motion was made and passed to accept Laura Castagnari as a new member to Alpha Upsilon. She will be inducted at the February meeting.

Getting Connected with DKG – Judy Kearns attempted to get everyone connected to the DKG website; however, there were unexpected technical difficulties for some people.

Grants/Scholarships –

Mini-Grants: Rose Gant shared how after presenting awards to the Alhambra teachers at a Board meeting, she was awarded a certificate thanking our group for our generous service to teachers.

Recruitment: Rhoda Coleman stated the applications have been distributed.

Jared Bags – Jared bags were collected. If you want to drop them off, they can be left at Sue Fuelling's home or can be brought to the February meeting.

Nominating Committee – Mary Lou Langedyke: Please say "Yes!" to a request!

New Business:

Next meeting – Robin Williams spoke about the February speaker, Jenny Watts.

Programs – Joyce Hamdan

Introducing: Carol Vargas and her crafts