

# Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

**Happy New Year, Everyone!**

*"So long, 2020! Do not let 2021 hit you on the way out!!! Here's hoping 2020 really is hindsight and the new year can't be worse than the last!" Anonymous*

We hope everyone had a nice, quiet holiday season. A big thank you to all the members who attended the Holiday Happy Hour! We looked festive, shared items from our holiday traditions, and participated in a Holiday Trivia Game (congratulations to **Jan Tappan** for getting all ten questions correct = A+). We believe everyone enjoyed themselves! A big thank you to **Gayle Nicholls-Ali** for taking pictures during our virtual party! You will find these on page 8 of this newsletter!

A huge Thank You to **Pat Rabe** for all her hours of hard work trying to organize the Area XIII Virtual Conference scheduled for Saturday, February 6. The flier describing the conference is on page 7 of this newsletter. The link to the registration form is contained in the flier ([look for the words in blue and underlined](#)). There is no charge for the conference. The registration is for you to indicate which session you will attend. However, donations to the Area XIII scholarship fund are encouraged and will be gratefully accepted.

The Chapter's next Zoom Meeting is Wednesday, January 13. It will take place in your den, kitchen, living room, or wherever your internet connection and device will work! Our previous meetings have been averaging 28 members in attendance. If we have not seen you for a while, please join us!

Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt,  
Co-Presidents

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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

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**DATE:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m., Social; 4:30 p.m., Meeting

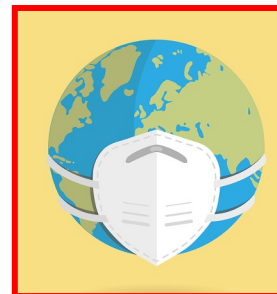
**PLACE:** Zoom (virtual meeting)

**PROGRAM:** "Covid 19 Update"

Joyce Ruygrok and Amy Ross

We've made a change in January's program. Instead of Super Agers sharing tips on ways to live long and laugh lots, we'll be learning timely information about COVID and the vaccination procedure in our Foothill communities.

Joyce Ruygrok, a TED Talk presenter and one of our originally planned Super Ager speakers, will instead introduce her daughter, Amy Ross, a dynamic gal who has the latest COVID updates and explains things well. Amy has a Ph.D in Experimental Pathology from Keck School of Medicine and is a USC trustee. She worked in cancer diagnostics for over 25 years. (A retired LCHS teacher known to many of us, Ellie Wildermuth, is alive today because of Amy's bone marrow research). She was Senior Vice President of Scientific Affairs at Nexell Therapeutics, holds three patents, and currently serves on the Foundation Board at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.



## Jared Bags

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Our Jared Bags project has been on hold this year since City of Hope is currently not accepting donations. In fact, they cannot yet take the bags we assembled last year due to COVID.

At this point in time, Willy is graciously storing the bags at her house. Come January, we will determine a source that might use those bags and perhaps be open to more donations. Some of our thoughts include police departments, the Red Cross, and foster care homes.

We will update in the next newsletter

With thanks,

**Sue Fuelling, Mandy Redfern**

## Happy Birthday to....



### January

12—Laura Castagnari

13—Rhoda Coleman

## Membership News



I hope you all had wonderful holidays. We celebrated with our younger son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, and brand new grandson who was born on Christmas Eve! We'll get together with our older son and daughter-in-law when they return from Northern California.

Welcoming a new member to our family reminded me that we are behind on welcoming new members into our chapter of DKG. My New Year's resolution is to invite at least one person to join us in January. How about you?

OK, here's my whine: I would hate for this to be the year that we have no new members, so please, please invite your friends!

Stay well and Happy New Year!

**Marty Unger,**  
**Second VP, Membership**

## THAT



Happy and Healthy New Year! It's a brand new year which hopefully will provide us with lots of opportunities to volunteer our time, and help another teacher. Life continues to look very different as we begin this new year, since we are still in the midst of distance learning in most of our schools, and still trying to find ways to meet the needs of our 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 non-THAT 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.

**Reminder:** please [record your THAT hours](#) (the volunteer 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. 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**.

Have a great 2021, and thanks for everything you do to help others!

Stay healthy and safe!

**Karen Wilcoxon**  
**THAT Chairman**

## Global Awareness: Schools for Africa

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**Going Green** was a project of DKG California, started about ten years ago. Another project in the Global Awareness category is **Schools for Africa**. For this DKG International has combined with UNICEF to increase awareness and raise funds to help African children have an improved education.

At the DKG International Virtual Convention in summer 2020 a presentation was made about Schools for Africa, which you can watch on You Tube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAYir7IjBh0&feature=youtu.be>

You can read more about the Schools for Africa project and donate by going to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and looking under Programs/Projects on the banner headline.

## International Conferences

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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.

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. So mark the dates on you calendars now. In person or virtual these conferences will be DYNAMIC!!

## Still Time to Register for 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

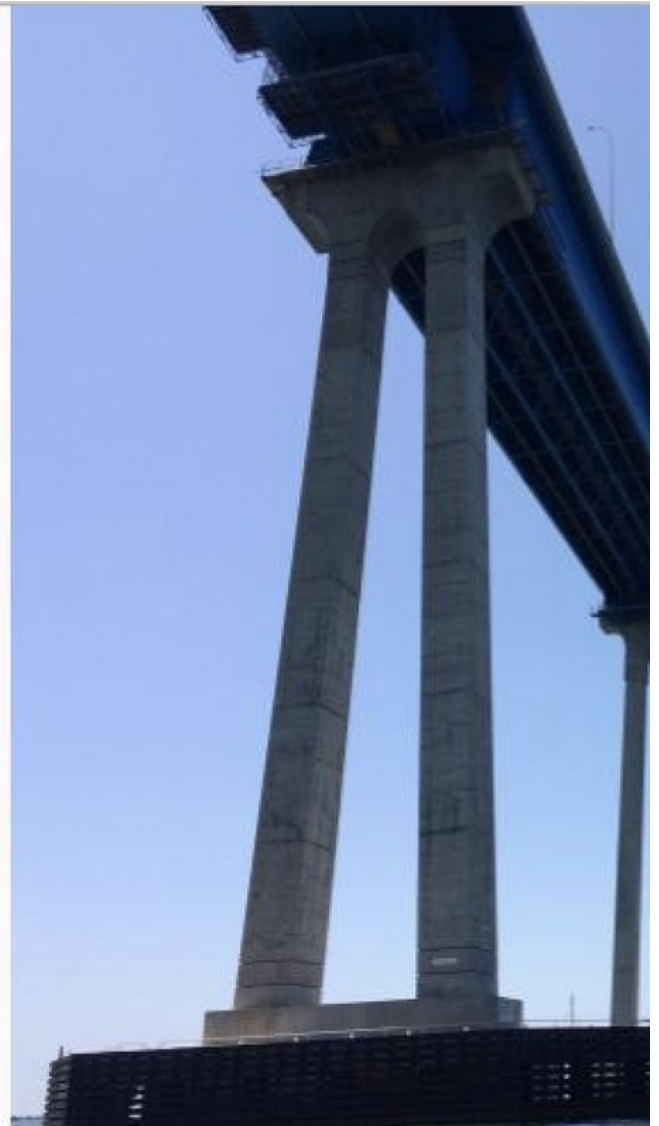
**January 15, 2021**

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

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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report  
Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
December 1, 2020

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

RECEIPTS:

Interest \$ 8.80

Check—Buck a Book \$ 52.00

Total Receipts \$ 60.80

Total Available \$ 7,482.52

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Disbursements for November \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE ON HAND: December 1, 2020 \$ 7,482.52**





**DKG**

*Leading the Way*

*Area XIII Virtual Conference  
Saturday February 6, 2021  
9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.*

Our conference this year will feature talent from within Area XIII. We will enjoy a hands-on art demonstration (have paper, pencil, colored makers or pencils handy), science experiments, a recap of a hike up Mount Kilimanjaro, and a lesson on how teaching science has changed. It will be a fascinating, diverse, and very different conference.

Since this year will be a virtual conference, there will be no charge to attend. However, support for Area XIII student teacher scholarships is needed. Consider donating what you would normally pay for registration and raffle tickets. Send your check, payable to Area XIII, to:

Pat Bell  
660 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Apt F  
Sierra Madre CA 91024

Two different sessions of the conference will be offered, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. Each session can accommodate 100 people, so [registration is required](#). If attendance exceeds 200, we will add a third session at 1:00 p.m. You can register by clicking on the link in blue above.

***See you there!!!!***

# Holiday Celebration in Review!

