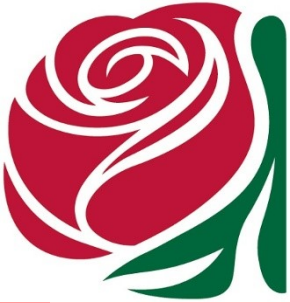


# Presidents' Message

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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS  
Area XIII

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

"We have been traveling through another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind; a journey" we all could NOT have imagined. Yes, it feels like we are in the *Twilight Zone*.

It's sad that our year had to end the way it did ... school suddenly closing, figuring out distance learning, staying at home, not being able to get together with family and friends, and now ... chaos in the streets.

But we are strong; we will get through all of this. Hopefully, school (and our DKG-Alpha Upsilon monthly meetings) will be able to begin again in September, even though both may look a little different. Since we are your newly elected officers, we need your help as to how we should go forward. Soon you will be receiving a survey to complete, and the results will guide us in making some decisions. Thank you in advance for your input.

AND thank you everyone for signing up for a committee on the new electronic sign-up! We think it went well. We still have a few openings though, so feel free to go back in and add your name again. We especially need volunteers for Finance and Auditors. Don't let the 'math' scare you!!!

First and foremost we are an Educational Society, so to all our members who will be teaching in the fall, what can we do to help? We are all here for you; please let us know how best we can support you

Until we meet again, stay healthy, stay safe, and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Willy Crouse & 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**

# Tentative 2020-2021 Schedule

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Mark your calendars with the following tentative dates for chapter meetings:

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Thursday, December 3, 2020: Decorate at Hillside

Sunday, December 6, 2020: Holiday Party

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Saturday, February 6, 2021: Area XIII Conference

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 2021: Field Trip

Thursday, March 18, 2021: Multi Chapter Dinner?

Wednesday, April 14, 2021: Friendship Tea

Thursday, May 13, 2021: Grant in Aid recipients/Final meeting of the year

## Membership

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Even though we can't get together for a meeting, don't forget to be on the lookout for potential members. Our chapter is the vital one that it is because we have consistently invited outstanding women to bring their talents to share. We are enriched by each and every member. So be sure to reach out to other women who would benefit from what DKG and Alpha Upsilon have to offer both personally and professionally.

## Virtual DKG Event



As noted below, the 2020 DKG International Convention has been cancelled. You are urged to read [DKG International Presi-](#)

[dent Cathy Daugherty's blog](#) and [listen to her video about the cancellation and the virtual event to be held July 7-10](#). This event will provide members with select convention events such as speakers and workshops. The exact schedule of events is being finalized and should be available within the next week or so. This will give you the chance to experience the quality of an International Convention without leaving home!

## Update on Mary Jane



Mary Jane is back home. The reason she went back to the hospital was due to a reaction she had to medication she received. Mary Jane is making progress, but her recovery will be slow and long. Let's fill

her mailbox with greeting cards!! Send her a card today!!

## Happy Birthday to....



### June

2—Gale Caswell  
6—Willy Crouse  
11—Nancy Gunther  
15—Connie Hanson  
22—Judith Craemer  
24—Pat Rabe

### July

3—Mary Linda Vandavelde  
4—Kathy Cockerill  
30—Jill Waters

### August

8—Ann Jones  
Mary Lou Rodearmel  
16—Marcelyn Bible  
22—Mary Lou Langedyke

## The City of Brotherly Love Awaits!!

At the time of publishing, the DKG International Convention has not been cancelled.

[Register](#) now for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia!!



# DKG California Celebration 2020

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Since this year's DKG California Convention was cancelled, the state Executive Committee planned the [DKG California Celebration 2020](#) to touch base with the membership. Held virtually on June 6, the Celebration provided the opportunity to recognize members throughout the state in many ways. Our own **Gayle Nicholls Ali** had one of her photographs highlighted as being part of the [International Online Art Gallery](#). The [DKG California Celebration Scrapbook](#) is full of ads including ones honoring our outgoing presidents, **Marion Darling** and **Connie Hanson**, one acknowledging the members of our chapter for all we do and one honoring **Beebe Neutzman** for her generous bequest that allows us to do what we do. **Mary Linda Vandevelde** is mentioned as being the outstanding member of Alpha Upsilon. And there is so much more in the Scrapbook including our newsletter being recognized as one of the eight outstanding newsletters in the state! In the [Chapter Share](#) portion of the Celebration, **Alpha Upsilon** is acknowledged as increasing DKG's visibility through the awarding of mini-grants. Check out all of the links above or go to [dkgca.org](http://dkgca.org) and select DKG Celebration 2020 on the scroll at the top of the home page.

## Going Green

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### The Intersections Between Covid19 and Climate Change

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3G1WdSW12Ao>

This very informative talk is given by a US professor who is visiting Oxford University. He is a cloud and climate physicist. By watching you will learn how big the droplets are that come out of your mouth, how far they travel and how long they stay in the air. A simulation of droplets in a supermarket aisle will convince you to wear a mask.

Due to far less flights and cars on the roads, pollution has dropped measurable over many countries worldwide. In terms of climate change, however, that has only taken us back to 2010 levels. The speaker shows that to really reduce the rate of climate change, methods of energy production must change worldwide. Coal power plants must go.

There is much of interest in the talk. It will make you better informed to filter the pronouncements of politicians on both the pandemic and climate change.

**Jill Waters and Patty Compeau, Global Awareness Chairmen**

## LIFE's Book Corner

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Summer reading takes on a little different twist this year. Those books may not be read at the beach, on the plane, or poolside at your favorite hotel or National Park. However, read we will-because reading takes us on journeys which delight and nurture our spirit.

One book you may enjoy is Sue Monk Kidd's Book Of Longings, her fourth novel which tells the story of Ana, the fictitious wife of Jesus and a woman's life in Galilee and Egypt during the first century. Here is a description for you :

**Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her.**

Other books to consider for summer reading are Lisa Wingate's Book of Lost Friends, a then and now story of seeking family roots using the Lost Friends column which was a paid advertisement seeking family published in the late 1800's. If you are a fan of Anne Tyler you may enjoy Redhead at the Side of the Road and meet one of her wonderful characters. Her books are all about people and relationships and this book is just over 100 pages but it will leave you with a lot to discuss or ponder.

If you get tired of reading try writing a found poem. All you need to do is get a blank sheet of paper, cut out a lot of random words from the newspaper or magazines and move them around and combine until you get your poem. I am sure the newsletter will find room to publish your creations.

**Mary Lou Langedyke, LIFE Liaison**

## STEP (Support Team for Emerging Professionals)

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Are you aware of the resources offered by the DKG California STEP Committee? The [STEP page on dkgca.org](http://dkgca.org) is full of things to help the working professional. The latest [STEP Blog provides Resources for Teaching for Racial Justice](#). Other Blogs are archived for you to review. The STEP page would be a great way to introduce a potential member to DKG. Check out this great resource for:

- THAT Information
- Penne Ferrell Award Information
- STEP Pinterest Boards
- And MORE!!!!



# School on Wheels

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Hi Ladies,

Little did we realize that the world would turn upside down with a pandemic, unemployment, and civil unrest. Since we cannot predict the future, we are proposing that this year we make monetary donations to School On Wheels. Please read the following letter that was sent to Kathy but includes all of our generous donations over the years.

**\*We will collect money in the fall at our first meeting.**

**\*Checks should be made out to **School On Wheels**.**

**\*We will send a reminder in the fall.**

**\*If we end up not meeting, please send your checks to Kathy in September.**

Kathy Cockerill  
3408 Markridge Rd.  
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Thank you for your generosity and caring. If you have any questions, please contact:

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**School on Wheels Chairmen**



# school on wheels

Dear Kathy,

Thank you so much for being a friend, tutor, and supporter of our students during this difficult time.

Before the pandemic, we had already tutored more than 1,600 students experiencing homelessness with 1,250 volunteer tutors this year alone. We were well on our way to achieving—or even exceeding—our goal of tutoring 3,700 students. Our new improved literacy and digital learning programs were in full swing, fostering a love of reading and narrowing the digital divide for our students. Then, suddenly, normal life ceased and our reality transformed. Many people adapted. Meanwhile, our most vulnerable children face increased challenges in receiving a quality education. We at School on Wheels are determined more than ever to ensure our students get the help that they desperately need and deserve.

Today, we are focused on making sure our students have access to a tutor, the internet, and technology so that they too can get online and access their classes. We are collaborating with our shelter partners, school districts, charter schools and other non-profit partners to maximize our impact.

## School on Wheels cont'd)

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With your continued support, here is our most recent progress:

- Conducted outreach to shelters, families and our volunteer tutors to gather information on their greatest needs and issues.
- Strategized with LAUSD, LAHSA, LACOE and Mayor Garcetti's team on ways to best support our students.
- Partnered with several organizations and other nonprofits to distribute over 3,000 books, school supplies, Chromebooks, Wi-fi hotspots, tablets, kindles, hygiene kits, activity and science kits, and educational games and toys.
- Re-trained our active volunteer base to tutor online and revamped our advanced training to address the new social and emotional needs caused by the pandemic.
- Currently, more than 350 volunteer tutors—with the support of our staff—are regularly meeting with their students. That number continues to increase as more and more students are referred to our program.

We recognize that this pandemic will impact the world long-term, and while our lives will hopefully return to some semblance of normalcy, we expect online tutoring to become increasingly important for our students' success over time. Our resource center is open for deliveries, but our staff is still working from home. As summer approaches, we need your support now more than ever, so that our kids don't fall behind even further and have fun activities (albeit online) to keep them learning all summer long.

With gratitude,



Charles Evans,  
Executive Director

805-641-1678 | [schoolonwheels.org](http://schoolonwheels.org) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Donate](#)

## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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Dear members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society,

Thank you for your generous funding of toy and game purchases for the speech and language department at Camino Grove Elementary School. These thematic toys and games have greatly promoted our students' social skills and language skills. With the funding, we were able to purchase 16 toys and 8 games. The results of using these toys and games have exceeded my expectation. We have seen a spike of interest in pretend play. Students are now learning to sequence play actions using toys, such as birthday cake toy set and garage toy. They are also enjoying simple turn-taking games, such as the Banana Blast game and the Jumping Jack game.

They love making the monkey or the bunny jump up in the air. It not only helped their turn-taking skills but also their joint attention skills, with which many of our students with autism struggle to do.

Through the use of these toys and games, the students has been making excellent progress and achieving their Individualized Education Program goals in a fun and engaging way. These materials will also benefit many other students for years to come.

I cannot express my gratitude enough. My students thank you too!

Cherie Yang



## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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Dear Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund Committee,

I want to again thank you for funding the grant for our hula hoops for our kindergarten physical education program. I am attaching the invoice and a picture of the hoops. Unfortunately due to the current situation, our students were unable to use them this school year. The hula hoops were delivered the day before we ended school for the year. But I took a picture of them, in our equipment bin, so that you know we received them. We know that they will provide students with fun exercise, which will promote an optimal aerobic workout. Cardio hooping is a fun way to get into shape as it incorporates all five components of physical fitness: cardiovascular, muscular endurance, strength, flexibility, and body composition. We have a variety of games that we plan to do with the hoops to keep students engaged. We anxiously await the time that we will be back at school and be able to use these.

Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Pasqua  
Kindergarten  
Camino Grove School*



I received a mini grant from Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund for use with the 5th grade classes at Camino Grove Elementary School. With the funds received, I was able to purchase two convertible benches.

In our classroom, there are several flexible seating options. Students are able to sit alone, with a partner, or with larger groups, depending on their individual learning styles and the requirements of their assignments. Students are not tied down to a single desk during their time in class, and have the freedom to be able to move about, interact, and collaborate. Having the chance to share a learning space helps to create a sense of community among the members of the classroom.

The convertible benches have already become a class favorite. When directed instruction is happening, students sit at the benches while facing the front of the classroom. During group and independent time, students are easily able to flip the benches and convert them into seating with work surfaces. The lightweight yet sturdy construction helps the kids move the benches into whatever formation works best for them.

I am extremely grateful to the BNEF for this opportunity to provide our students with the opportunity to grow and collaborate together with these multi-functional benches. These benches perfectly exemplify Arcadia Unified's core value that states, "We're better together." Thank you!



Lightweight and easy to move!



Collaborative work.



Face to face discussions.