

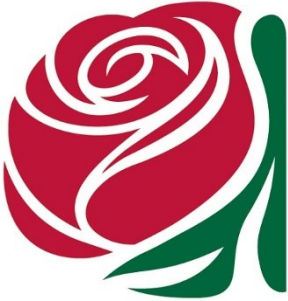


DKG Mission Statement:

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

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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS
Area XIII

Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink in the wild air." Ralph Waldo Emerson

We'd like to thank **Gale Caswell** for hosting a beautiful evening poolside in her backyard. **Harriet Furuya** and committee provided delicious appetizers, drinks, the meal, and dessert. What a wonderful celebration for ending this biennium 2020-2022! We've managed to continue our meetings through the pandemic, followed through on our philanthropic commitments, and supported one another in a variety of ways. You are an inspiring bunch!

Some of our recruitment grant recipients attended and shared their aspirations for becoming future teachers. We wish them well and hope they will become collegiate members of Alpha Upsilon.

Our current teachers in Alpha Upsilon thank all of you for the Teacher Appreciation cards and gifts. We know the last couple of years have been challenging and you rose to the occasion with professionalism.

As this year comes to a close, a big thank you to **Kim Frank**, our outgoing recording secretary (we love the "Advice from A Firefly" parting gifts). We are pleased that the rest of the board will continue into the next biennium; **Judi Healey** (1st vice-president, programs), **Marty Unger** (2nd vice president, membership), **Rose Gant** (treasurer), **Debbie Bump** (recording secretary), **Karen Wilcoxon** (corresponding secretary, and **Judy Kearns** (parliamentarian). **Jean Chubb** and **Connie Hanson**, we thank you for your kind words of appreciation and all Alpha Upsilon members for the beautiful roses.

This board will be meeting in the near future to plan next year's meetings and activities. We've heard a few suggestions and encourage you to e-mail us with more. It takes all of us to continue making Alpha Upsilon a great DKG Chapter!

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt, Co-Presidents

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DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



DKG California
2021-2023
Theme:
Invitation
to a New
Beginning

DKG California
Educational, Professional,
Making an Impact

Who Has Program Ideas??

Last year, the theme I had in the back of my head was, "Rejuvenate Ourselves." Of course, emerging from COVID was part of this choice. Accordingly, we had Bernie Van de Yacht, an author and casting director, a very special tour of Lanterman House, Sue Fuelling sharing the curriculum on California water history that she and her brother created, Lisa Di Vita Bowman, who has reinvented herself successfully multiple times, Dr. Kim Eggleston from USC, speaking on the connective power of movement and creativity, Parker Davis, naturalist and authority on what we residents can do to conserve and protect our native plants, and Karen Hurley, our Mad Hatter speaker who actually happens to know how to make hats!



For next year, I would again like a balance of speakers who inform us, entertain us, spike our creative souls and keep us connected with our profession. Several of you have made excellent recommendations, which I will bring to our board this summer.

And it's not too late! If something pops into your mind that you think we would enjoy, please email me: judi-healey27@gmail.com.

Judi Healey,
Program Chair

Have you paid your 2022-2023 dues??



Dues Reminder

Date to Remember: NOW!!!!

Please pay your dues to: Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Amount: Active: \$85.00
Reserve: \$50.00

Treasurer: Rose Gant, 911 Swiss Trails Rd., Duarte CA 91010

For: Professional honor as a key woman educator

(Your Name goes here!)

The Importance of Programs



Historically, the DKG Society International has been a key driver for change owing to our interdisciplinary knowledge. However, we must not be complacent, we must always remain relevant and step up to new challenges. In Andrew Wilson's book, "Ukraine Crisis: What the West Needs to Know," Wilson discussed the importance of education to build up a common knowledge and about social challenges as well as democracy. The dynamic educational process guides us as citizens towards solutions for wellbeing, resource management and the global sustainable development goals. Therefore, programs on the chapter level, as well as on conferences and conventions, are the backbone of the Society. They empower us as members and allow us to act for a better world through the education of our students.

What are the current programs that win hearts and minds? Your chapter certainly has a long list already. Some good examples are outdoor learning, psychological effects of distance learning, sustainability and entrepreneurship in science teaching, game as a teaching tool and the reflection of modern literature on society. Outdoor learning is a practical way to let the students experience nature, but spending time outside also increases your students' health and wellbeing. You can invite authorities and politicians who are responsible for the schools and universities to find out what the educational future looks like.

Choose a theme for a string of meetings. This helps you to concentrate and allows many aspects to be highlighted. This string of meetings can be short, over a semester, or long, over a year. Write a summary of each meeting on your webpage or Facebook. Then you will build up a library of knowledge. To get more perspectives on your subject as well as a more high-spirited discussion, invite neighboring chapters to a webinar or extend your network to all the chapters in your region. By sharing program ideas your chapter will have a wider pool of topics to enlighten your members. Last year, the European Director started a common program for all members with a speaker from each of the eight state organizations/countries.

The program can also be a tool to interest potential new members. Choose a "hot topic" that may be perceived as a barrier in today's education, i.e. language disorder. Ask a chapter member who has worked with the problem to give a lecture. Invite teachers from a diverse pool of educational institutions, not only schools.

There are so many opportunities to build interesting programs to empower members. DKG is an international organization and your friends worldwide are ready to help and bond with you and your chapter.

Credit: DKGSI Blog

**** Help Judi Healey by sending her program ideas for this important part of our personal and professional growth!**

Happy Birthday to....



June

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

July

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

August

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

Thank you, Beebe, for making it all possible!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

Alpha Upsilon Chapter is very proud and grateful for the leadership of **Jean Chubb, Scholarship, Jan Tappan, Mini Grants** and **Sue Fuelling, Recruitment Grants** and their very capable committees for making it possible for the Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund to support teachers and prospective teachers. I'm certain we all enjoyed seeing the many creative and varied Mini Grant projects in the monthly newsletter. Also, it was a pleasure to meet many of the Recruitment Grant recipients at the last gathering of the year and learn of their educational goals. It was truly exciting and inspirational. As always, we are very thankful to Beebe for her generosity, in addition to the Scholarship/ Grant Committees for their dedication and professionalism.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Mary Linda Vandavelde
Grant/Scholarship Coordinator



Membership News



In May, we awarded grants to and congratulated five (5) students from various colleges. Should we look at them as potential members of Alpha Upsilon? You bet! Several of them have expressed information regarding membership and **Pat Kalish** has been in touch with them inviting them to participate as collegiate members. Thank you, Pat!!

In her email to them, Pat outlined what collegiate membership entails. Collegiate members can attend monthly meetings (two are required for membership, grant award meeting counts as one), enjoy the benefits of membership by participating in meetings, events, conferences, outings, everything except holding office. They will receive our monthly newsletter with chapter, state, and national information as well as resources to help them. Advantages to them include the support of retired teachers, collaboration with teaching members, mentoring, classroom volunteers, and learning from our speakers. DKG membership also falls under professional development for future employment applications.

If you think you don't know any teachers, look around you at college students you may know. I just talked to one of my Rose Bowl walking friends. His daughter is working in an elementary school while she attends community college. She is thinking of becoming a pre-school teacher. I mentioned to him that she could be a candidate for one of our grants AND DKG membership. You never know what casual conversations can generate.

DKG believes in our members because we provide scholarships or grants to further their personal educations on the chapter, state, and international levels. International and state organizations created foundations to provide money for members and non-members to attend conferences, purchase resources for classrooms, work on advanced degrees and certifications. Members in DKG donate and fundraise to support these worthy programs.

Another focus of the Society is on Early Career Educators. Chapters around the globe encourage beginning teachers by providing notes of encouragement, treats, school supplies and money to these young educators. Yes, members are impacting students around the globe by supporting and mentoring early career educators.

Membership matters because members are passionate about making the world a better place to live and work. Members matter because your dues and donations create a ripple effect that spreads globally.

Let's hope we receive several new members – I'm hoping we achieve the Order of the Rose in the coming year. With your help, we can realize that goal. Who do you know that you could invite next year? Be thinking over the summer!

Have a great summer – see you in September!

Marty Unger
Second Vice President, Membership



Reflect, Relax, Recharge



Aahhhh...summer days ahead! Time to take life a little slower, appreciate the gifts that life has given us and perhaps, with things opening up and people getting out more, to try something new! There are many activities and places in our nearby communities that offer great experiences for little or no fees. Here are some ideas! Perhaps try one or two over the summer to re-engage with people and the world, to get some fresh air and some new perspectives.

La Cañada has a whole series of “horse trails” that are perfect for lovely walks! Many are flat, or relatively so, and can be tailored to be as short or long as you like. A couple of my flat favorites are the following:

- One begins on Beulah Dr. very close to Berkshire Ave. Look for the horse symbol (rider on a horse) to pick up the trail. This is a flat walk that takes you to Commonwealth, Oakwood, and to Chula Senda. Altho’ it continues, I often turn around and return at this point.
- Another favorite begins on Foothill Blvd. almost directly opposite St. Francis just west of Daleridge (where you can park.) It’s very flat and wide and continues for 2 long blocks. A map of these horse trails is available to the Flintridge Bookstore for a few bucks and has all the trails marked. They are really quite lovely!

Another idea is to visit some of the Historical California Landmarks. We see them marked along the roads, but how many of us have actually checked them out?

- Number 235 is Casa Adobe de San Rafael located at 1330 Dorothy Dr. in Glendale.
- Number 531 is the Lummis Home located along the Pasadena Frwy.
- Or how about Number 1011, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Ennis House? I’d tell you more about these, but I haven’t checked them out either—but this summer might just be the perfect time to get out and go some place new!

Whatever you do, try to recharge AND relax. And remember, although there is much in our world that needs fixing, take a moment to be grateful for the beauty that is around us and take time to “stop and smell the roses.”

Laura Castagnari, Liliana Castillo, Carol Leining
Leadership/Personal Growth Committee



school on wheels

Hi Ladies,

It has been quite a year of wonderful in person and online meetings. Since we cannot predict the future, we are proposing that once again this year we make monetary donations to School On Wheels. Technology is something that is always needed.

This is a letter we received from Charles Evans that shows what is currently need.

Hi Kathy,

It is great to hear from you. I hope all is well. We are still giving out devices such as tablets and Chromebooks, so accessories such as headphones or earbuds would be great. We could use monetary funds to purchase devices, but gift cards such as Amazon and Target are greatly appreciated. Let me know if you have questions.

Charles Evans
Executive Director



school on wheels



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

*Our goal is \$1000

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

*Suggested **Gift Cards with** attached **Activation Receipts** are welcomed

*We will send a reminder in the fall.

*If you cannot make the meeting in the Fall, please send your checks/gift cards to Kathy in early September.

Kathy Cockerill,
3408 Markridge Rd.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

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

Kathy Cockerill katsltr74@aol.com

Penny Schopflin schopflin@aol.com

School on Wheels Co-Chairs

Minutes: May 18, 2022: Home of Gale Caswell

Call to Order: Co-President Willy Crouse welcomed everyone at 4:40 PM. Willy thanked the chapter for the convention program acknowledgement which included the co-president's picture and other AU awardees for years of service. Karen Gollhardt inspired us all by reminding us that "sunny days" are the best; good for health and soul and gives you the power to pick up your mood. Today's program purposes: #1 unite women educators and #5 to endow scholarships. Judie Bakly introduced her guest Candace Bautista. Other guests included four recruitment grant scholarship recipients. Sue Fuelling welcomed the grant recipients and had them introduce themselves.

Correction to the April minutes: Harriet Furuya has 30 years of membership not 35 years.

Treasurer's Report: Rose Gant gave an updated treasurer's report money. Current balance is \$8,233.13. Send dues of \$85 for active members and \$50 for Reserve members to Rose ASAP.

DKG California Convention 2022: Debbie Bump shared she appreciated learning about the Finnish Education system which gave all an insight into another culture. Their accelerated reading program tipped off problems early. Harriet Furuya mentioned Judy Kearns being honored and highlighted the Alpha Upsilon pages in the program.

Membership: Marty Unger honored DKG members for their years of service. **5 years:** Carol Leining, Christine Werner; **10 years:** Joyce Hamdan; **15 years:** Karen Wilcoxon, Laura Strametz, Ana Haskins, Mandy Redfern, Jan Tappan; **20 years:** Judie Bakly. Who's Who in AU introduced us to Mary Lou Langedyke.

Co-Presidents Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt presented Kim Frank with a DKG pin for serving on the board as recording secretary for the last 2 years. Kim Frank surprised and acknowledged the board members for serving another 2 years along with Debbie Bump as the new recording secretary with "Fireflies in a Jar" each receiving "Advice from a Firefly" Be full of bright ideas - Pulse with excitement - Have a healthy glow - Delight in summer evenings - Keep a childlike sense of wonder - Set a shining example- Lighten Up. Jean Chubb and Connie Hanson thanked all the board members and new board member Debbie Bump who all received red roses.

Co-Presidents Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt thanked Gale and Tom Caswell for hosting the meeting. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions for programs and/or are willing to host a meeting, email Judi Healey. Red Folders will be given to new chairs to guide them through the next two years.

The year closed with everyone in chapter holding hands and Harriet Furuya and Jan Tappan leading us in the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Frank, Recording Secretary

Global Awareness



Last year I purchased and shared from a collection of articles in a book entitled **ALL WE CAN SAVE: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis.** In chapter 2, titled **ADVOCATE**, there is a nice introduction that speaks to women of the world. I would like to share. Here is the quote:

"Whether we suffer greatly or build together---it is our choice We must choose whether this moment will lead us to regression or evolution, authoritarianism or greater democracy, extraction or preservation. Our greatest choice is to move towards a cooperative, collaborative world that aligns with scientific consensus."

--Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Patty Compeau,

Good Luck Mary Lou!

Longtime member, Mary Lou Rodearmel, is moving to Texas the end of June. Some members traveled to Dana Point to enjoy lunch with her, Ann Jones and Shirley Sauvageau. "O Dear Me," California won't be the same without you!!



LIFE is More Than an Acronym!



Thank you, Alpha Upsilon sisters. Your contributions to Buck a Book during 2021 - 2022 enabled our chapter to send a \$200 donation to LIFE Foundation.

LIFE is a non-profit that largely relies on donations from DKG members and chapters to fund. Let's see if we can raise that amount to \$250 next year!

LIFE Foundation has selected THE HENNA ARTIST by Aika Joshi as its book of the year. The author will be speaking at the 2023 convention. If you like this book, why not read THE SECRET KEEPER OF JAI-PUR which continues the story. I have read both of these books and enjoyed the emersion into Indian culture, henna artistry and use, a look at the class system and a good family story. You might suggest these titles to your book clubs for enjoyment and discussion.

Want more out of LIFE? How about thinking of some ways to promote the love of reading with underserved children in your community. Is there an agency that serves families that could benefit by having books for children and families? LIFE offers you a grant to fund your project. Read over the samples of past projects on the LIFE website for ideas. Would anyone like to join me in brainstorming a project to serve the Pasadena area? We can bring LIFE to a child near you! Writing and implementing a grant would be a wonderful goal for 2022 -2023.

Your generous support of Buck a Book is amazing, appreciated and inspiring. Our donation is making a difference!!! Thank you all so much.

Mary Lou Langedyke
LIFE Liaison

Treasurer's Report

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
June 1, 2022

BALANCE ON HAND: May 1, 2022 **\$ 8,233.13**

RECEIPTS:

Interest \$ 2.08

Total Receipts for May + 2.08

Total Available **\$ 8,235.21**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing, zooming \$ 54.41

Convention registration (new members) 190.00

Conventions registration (5 members) 425.00

Supplies for April's Tea 493.00

Total disbursements for May - \$ 1162.41

BALANCE ON HAND: June 1, 2022 **\$ 7,072.80**



Final Meeting of 2021-2022!!

