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Connie Hanson

Presidents' Message

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

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

The end of our DKG year is quickly coming to an end, but we have several fun and important meetings before then. RSVPing seems to be losing its importance, so please remember to let the appropriate people know if you're going to be attending any one of the following events please.

On Saturday, March 16th, those who can will be having lunch at the Langham in Pasadena at 11:00, followed by a docent led tour of the Old Mill. Connie Hanson is handling this outing during Joyce's recuperation from knee replacement.

On Thursday, March 21st, the annual Multi Chapter Dinner will be held at the Women's City Club in Pasadena. Mary Jane has been collecting the checks. We will receive the list and be in touch before then.

As a heads' up, our French-themed Friendship Tea will be held at Pat Kalish's home on Thursday, April 11th at 4:00. If you've ever thought about bringing a friend to check out our group, this is the time! We just celebrated a wonderful initiation at our last meeting and welcomed 6 new members! Next year, we hope to add many new members as well. Please let Susie Vernand, the Refreshment Chair know if you're going to attend and if you're going to bring a guest.

Let's keep Joyce Hamden, Betty Bates and Judy Kearns in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to heal and recover! Each of these beautiful women is so important to our group!

Connie Hanson and Marion Darling, Co-Presidents

> DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

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DKG California 2017-2019 Theme: Women Educators on the Move Making it Happen Together!

DKG California Educational, Professional, Making an Impact

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Chapter Outing

DATE: Saturday, March 16, 2019

TIME: 11:00 a.m: Lunch at the Langham

1:00-4:00 p.m.: Tour of Old Mill

PLACE: Langham Hotel

1401 S. Oak Knoll, Pasadena

The Old Mill

1120 Old Mill Road, San Marino

RSVP: Connie Hanson cccpnch@aol.com



Membership News



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It is with a great deal of joy that we welcome our newest members! We look forward to sharing the joys of membership in DKG with all of you.



Left to right: Judi Healey, Houry Mandjikian, Marcelyn Bible, Kim Frank, Judie Bakly, Judith Craemer, Gail Nicolls-Ali

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Happy Birthday to....



March

11—Carol Leining 13—Jan Tappan

DKG California Convention



Convention is coming! Convention is coming!

Registration is now open for the 2019 DKG California State Convention. Hotel registration is also available. Remember Alpha Upsilon will pay the full registration for any member who wishes to attend. AND since the convention is in the northern part of the state, the Chapter will also pay for members' hotel accommodations. So get someone to be your roommate and make travel plans! Learn about DKG outside the chapter level.

May 3-5, 2019

San Francisco Airport Waterfront Marriott

THAT



What lucky teacher is benefitting from you volunteering in the classroom? This is a reminder to please record your THAT hours (the time you spend helping another teacher) online by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAlpQLSf4BD4SaHo50Oe1tgmZB3zX6d6Da4ETZdcP1zEA Xkk491pQnw/viewform

When you reach the THAT recording page, all you need to do is enter your name and volunteer information, as well as Area XIII and Alpha Upsilon. That's all! If you hear of a teacher or school that needs assistance, please let me know. It is important to our chapter that all of your volunteer THAT hours are counted. Find a method that works for you - - 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 April 1, 2019**.

Thanks for everything you do to help others!

Karen Wilcoxen, THAT Liaison

DKG Conference

Plan now to attend the DKG International Conference in July at the Orange County Hilton in Costa Mesa.

July 17-20, 2019

Registration is open at the DKG International website.



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Mini Grant Recipients Share

With the gracious Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund grant, the ASB Student Council Garden Committee expanded the Baldwin School garden by adding a garden herb wall which was made from recycled soda bottles. The structure of the garden was designed by our ASB Garden Committee and our school's engineering mind, Mr. Byer who is the Instructional Coach. It was nice to see the collaborative effort between the students and Mr. Byer. It became a STEM Project within the ASB!

The herb gardens all consist of recycled soda bottles, a large wooden plank, about 100 feet of nylon rope and various types of herbs. To recycle the bottles into makeshift pots, a combination of 6-8th grade students cut a big hole in the top of the bottle to make it more accessible. Next, they poked several tiny holes at the bottom of the bottle to prevent the plants from drowning. Then they made a bigger hole above the base of the bottle to thread the rope through. Our garden committee cut the rope into strips of about five feet each, then proceeded to thread the rope through three of the soda bottles. They also tied about five feet of rope around the bottles' necks. To complete the bottles, students attached about half a foot of rope to the top bottleneck, and the excess amount to rope left from when they threaded the rope through the bottles. This resulted in a way to hang up the bottles, without having to secure the bottles to the wall. The Garden Committee kept repeating this process until they had ten columns of bottles in rows of three.

Mr. Byer and some other students placed a wooden bar onto the wall, securing it with brackets. Next, Mr. Byer drilled holes about 1 ft apart into the wooden board and added a screw into each hole. Students then looped the string on top of the screw for all 10 bottles. The last step was to fill all 30 bottles with soil and various herbs. This STEM Project made the students proud to make a smaller footprint in the world and add to the Baldwin Garden which we continue to expand. Thank you again for supporting teachers and the generous grant to help us accomplish this project.

Patricia Allaf Baldwin School, Alhambra USD

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Graphic Novel Classics

Traditional Stories; Non-traditional Presentation Baldwin Stocker School, Arcadia Unified Erica Hecht, ELD Teacher

Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund (BNEF) Mini-Grant will provide for the diverse and unique needs of the English Learners (ELs) at Baldwin Stocker School. An array of leveled, "graphic novel classics" purchased with the grant will enable ELs to access quality literature while enhancing vocabulary, reinforcing comprehension, and understanding literary and cultural concepts.

Traditional stories presented in a "non-traditional" way through graphic novels tend to be visually appealing and welcoming. The side-by-side illustrations and text entice students to look closely and follow the storyline while providing clues about story structure and grammatical nuances in English. Moreover, the visuals that accompany comic panels demonstrate how characters use facial expressions, gestures and position when conversing.



The dialogue in graphic novels is conducive to oral reading. Features such as frequent punctuation, bolding of key words, and accompanying illustrations are beneficial in providing clues as to how the dialogue should be read. ELs enjoy developing their oral language skills in a natural manner and learning about the sounds and cadences of spoken English while reading graphic novels aloud.

As in traditional novels, the graphic novel classics reinforce cultural and social values, such as how children are expected to relate to their parents and peers. At the same time, the graphics help students make inferences and gain an understanding of figurative language such as idioms which can be particularly challenging for ELs. For instance, an EL would likely be able to infer that the expression, "Penny for your thoughts" is an idiom if a panel depicted characters engaged in discussion rather than money exchange.

The English Learners at Baldwin Stocker School are extremely grateful for the recently acquired graphic novel classics that have been incorporated into the ELD program. The novels are motivating and beneficial to English Learners at all levels as they adapt to American culture, strive to acquire English, and engage in our classrooms.



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Going Green

Patty Compeau's report from the February meeting:

NRDC Natural Resources Defense Council - several projects for 2018....and into 2019

Ban on pesticide that hurts developing brain tissue (children) =chlorpyrifos

Blocked Interior Department to mine 80 billion tons of coal in Montana and Wyoming

Stopped *Montsanto* in Calif court to remove Roundup as cancer causing chemical

Attempting to Order the Energy Dept to publish Energy Efficiency Standards; could save

Consumers \$8 billion dollars

Still keep in Fuel Standards in CA; Committed to 100% Carbon-free electricity by 2045

Maintain the "Northeast Canyons and Seamounts" as marine monument (fishing out)

Pruitt Resigned at EPA, concern about replacement....in process

Alaska's Pebble Mine efforts = one major investor stopped their part of project

Stanford Alumni and Stanford Magazine

Mindfulness = Center for Compassion and Altruism Research

All 4 of these add calmness to your Mind; meditate, express gratitude, go to nature, service to others

Female diver found 1000's of golf balls off coast of Pebble Beach, CA; Hopkins Marine Station post doc

suggested she address this as plastic pollution

TED Talk "Greta Thunberg" (February, 2019)

The Disarming Case to Act Right NOW on Climate Change

TED Talk "Danielle R. Moss" (TED Woman 2018)

Help the Forgotten Middle Reach their Full Potential

TED Talk "Karen Armstrong" (TED Monterey, 2008)

My Wish: The Charter of Compassion

UNESCO - Green Citizens

Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) = fantastic photo display

Education for Sustainable Development



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Chapter Minutes: February 13, 2019

Call to Order, 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to Pat Rabe for Area XIII Conference

Pat reported there was \$1,700 donations, \$1,600 baskets,\$200 centerpieces

3 \$750 scholarships were awarded instead of 2

Connie – Joyce Hamden is recovering from recent knee surgery. She is recuperating nicely at her daughter's house.

Betty Bates has a serious health issue; Thinking of You cards will be sent.

Inspiration – Ana Haskins

Valentine's Day – "for the Love of Reading" and "I Opened a Book"

Initiation of New Members – Judie Bakly

6 new initiates: Kim Frank, Judith Craemer, Judi Healy, Gail Nicollis-Ali, Carol Vargas, Houry Mandjikian

Speaker - Grace Valdez (mini-grant recipient) - unable to attend

Treasurer's Report

State Finance Committee – ALL dues must be in by June 1

Each member needs to correct individual email addresses on DKG International website

Login – member #; Password – DKG2014 Society

Many of our chapter's members' addresses are incorrect; therefore, members are NOT receiving news and weekly blurbs

Recruitment Grants - Rhoda Coleman

Open to primary and secondary teachers

Buck-A-Book - Mary Lou Langedyke

PLEASE take/bring a book

Global Awareness – Patty Compeau

The Home Planet (book)

Compares Russia/US space programs

Set of Resources Defense Council regarding climate issues

Jared Boxes - Willy Crouse

Today is the last day to collect them. If anyone has a Jared Box at home, please make arrangements to get them to Willy Crouse

THAT Hours - Karen Wilcoxen

All THAT hours are due April 1

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Chapter Minutes: February 13, 2019 (cont'd)

New Business

Covenant House - Laura Strametz

All hygiene products and other donations to Youth Homeless Shelter in Hollywood. This shelter is for 18-24 year olds

- b. Publicity Still open!
- c. Field Trip Saturday, March 16; Lunch at Langham at 11:00 a.m. with outing to the Old Mill in Pasadena (1:00 p.m. docent tour); Connie is in charge of reservations.
- Multi Chapter Dinner Thursday, March 21 at Women's City Club
 - i. Dr. Lois Rankel is the speaker "Ageless Women/Timeless Wisdom
 - ii. \$40 checks for reservations made payable to Alpha Upsilon; MARCH 13 DEADLINE
- e. Next Meeting Annual Friendship Tea; 4:00 p.m., April 11 at Pat Kalish's home
- XII. Meeting Adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy West

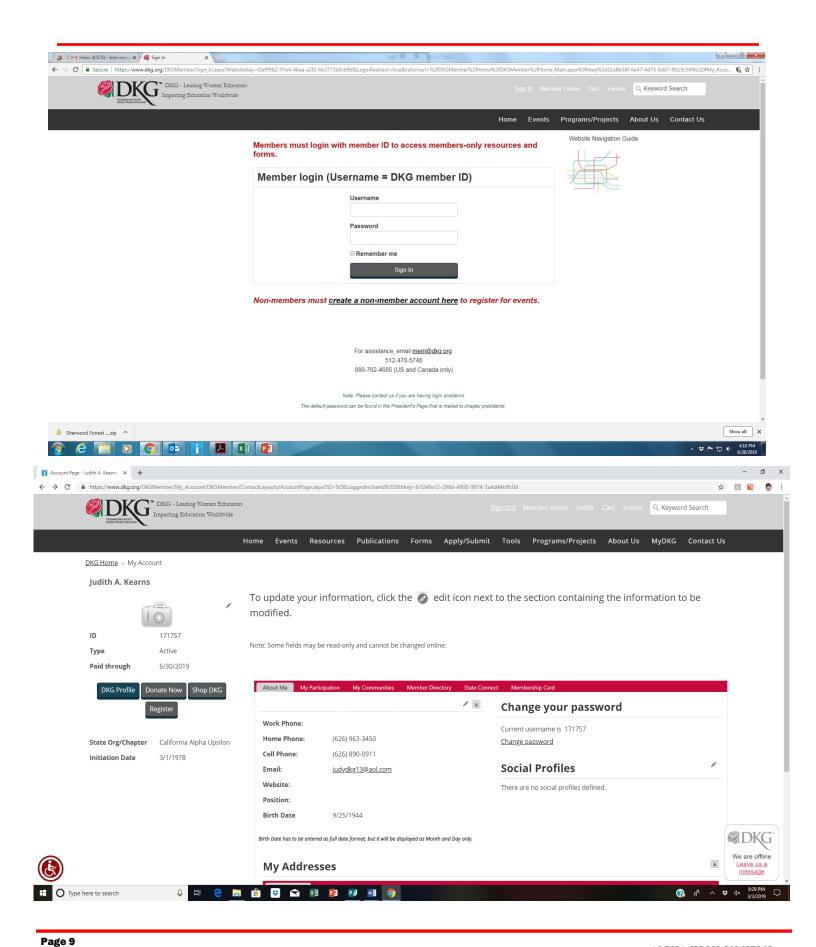
Get Connected!!

Have you been receiving the DKG News? What about the California Connection? Weekly Highlights?

If not this means your email needs to be updated at the International website. Follow these steps:

- 1. Go to www.dkg.org
- 2. Select "Sign In"
- 3. This will bring you to the <u>login page for members</u> (top screen shot on page 9); enter your membership number for the Username; enter dkg2014society as the Password (you can change the password if you like to a more personal one)
- 4. You will see your first name at the top of the page in the choices for the page; click on your name
- 5. You will come to a page that allows you to update your information (bottom screen shot on page 9); you can also change your password on this page
- 6. At the top of the page you will see a variety of titles including Publications; this is where you will find the *DKG News*, past and current issues. This is also where you will find the *DKG Bulletin* and the *Collegial Exchange*.
- 7. The items listed at the top of this page are for members only, they are not accessible by someone just searching the website
- 8. Once you have updated your information at the International website the information will automatically come to California and your email will be updated so you can receive *California Connection* and the weekly *Highlights*

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March 21, 2019

6:00 p.m. Women's City Club

Of Pasadena

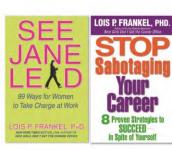
Cost \$40.00

Delta Kappa Gamma Presents

Ageless Women, Timeless Wisdom: How to Go From Invisible to Invincible

Based on the book, Ageless Women, Timeless Wisdom, Dr. Lois Frankel will talk about the ways in which society marginalizes women as they mature. More importantly, she will illuminate how you can ensure your voice is heard and your needs are known at *any* age. Dr. Frankel loves audience participation so be prepared for an interactive, lively, and thought-provoking evening.











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