



**DKG Mission Statement:**

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

# Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

*"If Plan A doesn't work, don't worry the alphabet has 25 more letters to go through - 204 if you're in Japan."*

Well, we think we are on Plan M by now! Thanks to everyone for hanging on! We hope most of you have received at least your first vaccine (if not the second), and hopefully we will be back to meeting in person very soon.

Thank you to all who attended the Area XIII Conference and made a donation to the scholarship fund! You made Alpha Upsilon proud!!! Congratulations to **Pat Rabe**, for putting on such a wonderful Area Conference. There was so much work involved with plans changing constantly. AND Congratulations to **Pat** for being our Outstanding Chapter Member 2021! It was a very well-deserved award!! Thanks to our own **Joyce Hamdan** for the relaxing art lesson, and to **Judi Healey** for sharing her Mt. Kilimanjaro adventures!!! We have such talented members! And finally, congratulations to **Patty Compeau** for having the winning ticket drawn to receive the stained-glass spinner!

Thanks to **Judi Healey** for having our "Super Agers" Joyce Ruygrok and Ted Davis share their *joie de vivre* for a happy life. We were reminded to know yourself and set your own path, enjoy your many friends with whom you have common interests, and always to be thoughtful of one another. We can all only hope we live to the ripe age of 99 and still be so happy and healthy!

March is usually the month with no formal meeting because we have our outing and a multi-chapter dinner. But unfortunately, the pandemic has temporarily taken that away from us. We've explored virtual 'cooking classes' but most places require a minimum of 25 attendees and charge from \$25-\$50 plus you have to purchase all the ingredients yourself ahead of the 2-hour class on Zoom. So, to make it simple and totally inexpensive, we have created a St. Patrick's Day Game Night!!! **Look for more information about this event on page 2** in this Newsletter! (continued on page 2)

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS  
Area XIII

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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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### “FAMOUS WOMEN IN HISTORY” BINGO

Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

After you have had your corned beef and cabbage,  
Put on something GREEN,  
Pour yourself a Guinness, Jameson, Bailey’s Cream or Irish Coffee!!  
Join DKG ladies for three BINGO games of fun!!

You will be sent a game card with a list of incredible women.

Prizes to the winners of each game!

An email with more information is  
coming soon.

Will you be the lucky winner?

Will the luck o’ the Irish come your way?

Plan to join all of us for an evening of  
fun and friendship!!

No business——just fun!!

### Presidents’ Message (cont’d)

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On a final note, Willy talked with Mary Jane Hufstedler on February 26. She is doing better each day! A physical therapist comes to the house to help her with gaining her mobility. Her husband is taking good care of her. Her son and daughter-in-law from Colorado have been there and are returning home in April; her daughter and son-in-law from Pennsylvania will be coming out next month. Mary Jane is taking it a day at a time and seems to be in good spirits as she recovers. She thanks you for your good thoughts and prayers.

We hope to ‘see’ you on March 17<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate Women in History and enjoy an evening ‘virtually’ together!

Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt

Co-Presidents

## Happy Birthday to....

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### March

- 10—Mandy Redfern
- 11—Carol Leining
- 13—Jan Tappan
- 20—Carol Vargas

## Membership News

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This year has certainly been a challenge to grow our membership and I hope we will have one new member.

Willy's friend Debbie Bump, has attended several of our meetings this year. I have sent her information on DKG and I hope she will want to join our chapter as a new member. If so, I hope to be able to have an email vote and a virtual induction ceremony next month.

Please, please invite your colleagues, retired, working or ??? to our next meeting with the goal of membership next year. I think once we can hold IRL (in real life) meetings in the new school year (I hope), we will all feel more comfortable inviting people to join us. So, keep thinking of prospective new members!

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

P.S. In re-reading this, I am filled with HOPE!

## Mentoring Members

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Imagine a new member walking alone into a room for her first DKG chapter meeting.

First impressions will determine how that new member feels. How quickly you show hospitality when she arrives at the meeting shows her the focus of the group. Are you so involved with catching up with old friends that you do not even notice her? Do you stop to introduce yourself, encourage the new member to come sit with your group, and involve her in the conversation? Little acts of kindness can put her at ease and make her feel a part of the group. This is one small way to mentor.

All members can be mentors through actions and deeds. This is why it is important that everyone is willing to invest time and energy in the new member and take a strong interest in the success of the chapter/Society. As the new member shares her interests and passions through conversation, the chapter president can begin to involve her in committee work and chapter projects to help her have a sense of belonging and purpose in the chapter. Recognizing the leadership potential of new members gets them involved and keeps them active plus gives them value in the Society.

Mentors can also assist by sharing information about the chapter, state organization, and international levels. The Society encompasses a wide range, and even though orientation is provided for new members, it takes time to learn about DKG. In this role it is important that mentors determine the best way to communicate--text, email, or phone call--so members can build a relationship and a mentor can remind the new member of the next meeting or project coming up. Learn about their educational role, family, pets, and interests to become friends. Listening to what they care about builds trust. Sharing in new members' lives allows members to provide professional support and encouragement, and thus be a good mentor.

Determine your DKG legacy by mentoring leaders where everyone is accepted for their strengths, their unique individuality, and their culture by modeling acceptance. How will you impact the lives of the members in your chapter?

# THAT

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Happy Spring! The deadline to record THAT hours is fast approaching! This is one of your final reminders to [record THAT hours](#) (the time you spend helping another teacher) online. It is important to our chapter that all of your volunteer THAT hours are counted.

As schools begin to open in person, you may become aware of some new ways to volunteer time. Share with us the names of any teacher, program or school that can use assistance. There is still time to help out this year. Since this is the last opportunity you will have this school year to record your hours, please estimate volunteer hours that you anticipate helping in the remaining months of this school year, and count them as well. **All THAT hours must be recorded online by 4/1/2021.**

Thanks, as always, for everything you do to help others! Now, more than ever, all your help is greatly appreciated.

Stay healthy and safe!

**Karen Wilcoxon, THAT Liaison**

## International Conferences

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DKG International will be offering professional conferences for **all** members this summer:



One will be in Portland, Oregon, July 7-10.



The other will be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 21-24.

Registration is now open for both the [Portland Conference](#) and the [San Antonio Conference](#). At this time it is anticipated the conferences will be held in-person. However, there is a possibility they will have to be totally virtual or a hybrid. When you register for the event note that the registration fee will be non-refundable as it will be used to facilitate whichever version of the conference is held.

## DKG California **Virtual** State Convention: April 30-May 2, 2021



The DKG California Executive Committee is now making plans for a virtual convention. There are just too many unknowns for an in-person convention at this time. Plus the hotel was amenable to letting us out of the contract as long as we are willing to host the 2025 convention at the LAX Marriott. This was not a problem as this is one of the very best hotels for the convention. The Executive Committee is working on plans for the virtual event. Keep checking the website for information!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE VIRTUAL DKG CALIFORNIA CONVENTION!**

# Treasurer Report

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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report  
Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
March 1, 2021

BALANCE ON HAND: February 1, 2021		\$ 7,150.89
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	\$ 3.36	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 3.36</u>
Total Available		\$ 7,154.25
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Total Disbursements for February		_____
BALANCE ON HAND: March 1, 2021		<u>\$ 7,154.25</u>



## Advantages of Membership

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### Cornetet Award: Professional Development Opportunity



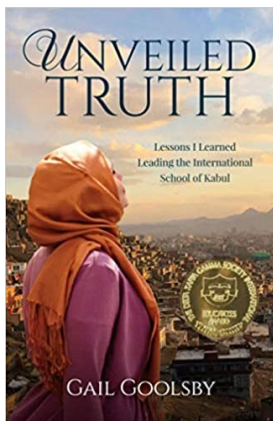
The Cornetet [Award](#) is an award available through International. It was established from the estate of Lucile Cornetet for professional and personal growth of women educators. Awards are given for individual professional development and educational seminars.

For individual professional development, electronic applications need to be submitted before the award dates of May 1 and November 1. Only employed educators may apply. This is an opportunity to get help paying for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, food, and other expenses necessary for participation in professional development activities. As of February 2020, \$801,200 (USD) has been granted to individuals for professional growth.

The Cornetet [Award](#) also may assist state or province organizations of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in sponsoring a professional development educational seminar. Electronic [applications](#) need to be submitted by November 1.

For more information on the Cornetet Award, go to the [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) website and locate the [DKGIEF tab](#).

### Educator's Book Award



Each year the International Book Award Committee selects a book for members to further their personal or professional growth. The most recent book selected is *Unveiled Truth* by Gail Goolsby. Gail, a member of Beta Rho Chapter in Kansas, discusses the lessons she learned leading the International School of Kabul.

Susan Perkins, Kansas State Organization Webmaster and Editor and Past Kansas State Organization President wrote this about *Unveiled Truth*, "Gail Goolsby has written a book that tells the story of her time as the leader of the International School of Kabul and the challenges she faced as an educator and woman living in Afghanistan. Her accounts of the experience allow us to view a different culture and how challenges like this make us a better person..."

The committee selected the book for its readability and shared topics with the other books reviewed and recommended by the committee this year. Included in those topics were women's issue of equality, inequities in educational opportunities based on financial status, engaging the reader in using the Socratic Method of inquiry, and a story of inspiration of growth through both failure and success.

The Educators Book Award Committee encourages members to read this book and highlight it in newsletters, websites and at chapter meetings. Using it in a book discussion would introduce members to the Afghan culture and people. Gail's questions at the end of each chapter would also encourage members to think creatively about their own lives.

## LIFE Foundation

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That's **LIFE!!** Life is a non-profit foundation created by DKG California to foster literacy in our schools and community. Once you are a member of DKG you are automatically a member of **LIFE**. Funds are raised by donations, an Amazon Smile account and a book sale and raffle at the annual DKG convention. Buck a Book sales at our Chapter meetings raises funds for our chapter's annual donation of at least \$100. With virtual meetings, we need an alternate method to collect donations. If you would like to donate to LIFE, send a check payable to Alpha Upsilon, mark LIFE donation in the memo line. Mail to our treasurer by April 1:

Rose Gant  
911 Swiss Trails Rd.  
Duarte, CA 91010

LIFE achieves its goal of fostering literacy by offering grants to individuals or chapters who partner with community groups creating a variety of methods to foster literacy. Projects funded include distribution of books to families of newborns, distribution of books to schools that serve families in need and many more. [Check out the most recent LIFE newsletter to read about funded projects.](#) The deadline for grants has passed, but the time for ideas and creativity has not. Look around your community, talk with members who live around you, is there a way you could make a difference???? Let your ideas and creativity emerge in a project and apply for a grant next year due March 1, 2021.

**Mary Lou Langedyke,**  
**LIFE Liaison**

## Congratulations, Pat Rabe!!!!

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Congratulations to our own Pat Rabe for a job well done in coordinating the Area XIII Conference. It was a positive, engaging experience for all. Thank you, Pat, for organizing everything resulting in a professional event. We are so proud of you!

**AND** congratulations to Pat as well for being selected as Alpha Upsilon's 2021 Outstanding Member! She has willingly given her time being an effective recruiter of prospective members, served as co-president in 2016-2018, shared her home for meetings, served as chairperson for the Area XIII annual conferences for 3 years, and adds tremendously to every committee on which she participates. Pat is a retired math teacher from Glendale Unified School District. She is a highly creative person working with stained glass and using her own kiln to make jewelry, plates and décor. She has even taught us to make glass jewelry!



## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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App Academy is a four year long computer science program at Pasadena High School, designed to develop programming skills through a variety of tools and languages. 9th grade students take a Web Development course using the programming language Javascript. This course is designed to be an introduction to the fundamentals of programming, as well as an introduction to the process of web development.

However, one of the issues that the course ran into - and that many high school computer science courses run into - is that there was not an academic high school level textbook available that covered the concepts using Javascript and the p5.js library. Available textbooks covered different curriculums, were not at a high school level, or were extremely technical and difficult to read.

Deborah Orret, 9th grade App Academy teacher, designed a course book specifically to be used alongside the 9th grade Web Development class. A digital version was provided to the class - but there was no printed version available. While ebooks offer more accessibility, research has shown that students learn more effectively from print textbooks than from digital versions. Thanks to the generosity of the Alpha Upsilon's Beebe Neutzman Endowment Fund, 60 course books were printed for student use this school year and for the future ones to come. While the digital version will remain available to students, the course books will allow students to check out a book and read it both in class and at home.

The following are student quotes regarding this course book, displaying the impact it had on their educational experience:

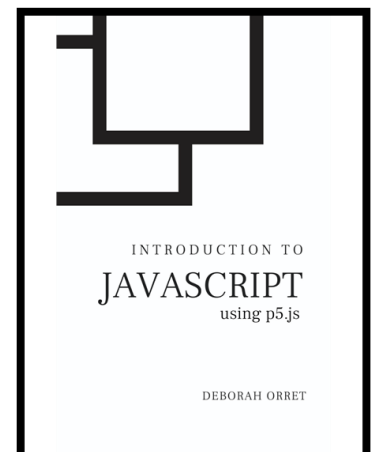
*"I looked back to the course book whenever I felt lost, or forgot about a concept in class. "*

*"It was helpful for quizzes and a little on assignments, but it helped a lot on understanding the concepts of coding."*

*"I would use it for quizzes and on some assignments. It was pretty easy to find what I was looking for. The little drawings in it were also pretty cute!"*

Thank you so much BNEF! The students and educators of App Academy are incredibly grateful.

Deborah Orret



## Chapter Minutes: February 11, 2021

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Co-president Karen Gollhardt called the meeting to order at 4:30. There were 32 members in attendance including returning guest Debbie Bump and the two guest speakers. Karen reminded us that February is filled with special dates: Black History Month, 100th day of school, Groundhog Day, President's Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and of course spring training.

A big thank you to Harriet Furuya for her special "Country Medley" performance. Harriet is fiercely patriotic and reminded us to "Give it all you got!"

Judi Healey introduced the speakers for the day: Joyce Ruygrok (92 ½) and Ted Davis (99). They talked about "How to Become a Super Ager."

Meeting:

- \* No corrections to the January minutes
- \* Rose Gant gave the treasurer's report: a check for \$150 for Area 13 scholarship was written. The ending balance is currently of \$7,150.89

Committee Reports:

Co-President Willy Crouse reported shared the Jared Bags from last year have found a new home at The Children's Advocacy Center helping children ages 4-17. It had been hard to find a place that would accept them due to the pandemic.

Karen Wilcoxon reminded THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) should be recorded. Members need to log in and turn in hours: go to [DKGca.org](http://DKGca.org) to fill out form or click on the link in the newsletter

Mary Lou Langedyke gave a LIFE update. Since it is not possible to do the Buck a Book sales, members are encouraged to make a donation to LIFE by sending a check (payable to Alpha Upsilon, put LIFE in the memo line) to Rose Gant. She will then write a check from the chapter in the amount received. The deadline for an application for a LIFE grant for a classroom grant is fast approaching.

Nominees for the Outstanding student teacher award are due by March 15th. Willy Crouse will ask APU and University of La Verne for some recommendations.

THANK YOU to Pat Rabe for a wonderful Area XIII Conference and to the two Alpha Upsilon conference speakers, Joyce Hamdan and Judi Healey!!

Who's Who in AU introduced Kim Frank. A native California, she attended GCC, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is a Gamma Phi Beta. She enjoys playing games, sports, reading and some favorite TV shows. She worked her entire 36-year teaching career at Toll Middle School in Glendale.

The March Chapter Outing will not be held because of the pandemic. Other options are being investigated.

Karen asked what to do with the scrapbooks of Alpha Upsilon history. It may be possible to digitize due to the importance of preserving historical documents. There used to be a position of historian in the committee structure. It might be time to think about adding an office of historian back to the board in Alpha Upsilon.

Karen Gollhardt picked the winning ticket for the Area XIII conference/donation incentive drawing. The winner of a hand-crafted glass spinner was Patty Compeau.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Details about a March "outing" will be forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Frank, Recording Secretary