

# Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

What a wonderful beginning we had this year at our September Dinner Meeting! **Pat Rabe** opened her lovely home, incredible patio and deck, so we could greet, meet, and eat outside. Thank you, Pat, for all your hard work, which made the day terrific for all of us! Thanks, too, to **Donna, Ardis, and Marion** for the delicious food.

Our speaker, former Alpha Upsilon grant recipient, Graciela Valdez, touched us deeply by sharing her life story and thanking us for the grant that so powerfully and positively impacted her life and teaching career.

We were also inspired by Alana Weinroth and Brittany Strametz (Laura's daughter), who shared the amazing work Covenant House does, providing sanctuary and support for homeless and trafficked youth. (We in Alpha Upsilon support their efforts by giving Covenant House Hollywood the toiletries we collect when traveling and staying in hotels.) To make our meeting even more complete was the collecting of backpacks and school supplies for "Schools on Wheels."

Our important work for students and teachers is already in full swing and there are three things upcoming for which we need to be aware:

**Please bring your "treasures"** to the October and November meetings for our Holiday Raffle, which will be held on Sunday, December 8, at Robin's beautiful home. Thank you, Robin! As you know, the money we raise from the raffle goes to CASA. So important!

**Please also bring \$35** to the October meeting for your ticket to the Area XIII Conference, on Feb. 1. The Conference will be a fantastic event, as always! You can also send a check to Mary Jane Hufstedler.

**Please email Marion or Connie** your nomination for our Chapter Honoree, who will be honored at the Conference. In 50 words or less, write a biography about your nominee, describing her work towards DKG's goals and purposes. ALSO, write a 15 word "Catch Phrase" that describes your Chapter Honoree concisely. The member who receives the most nominations, will be Alpha Upsilon's Honoree. Hopefully, we'll see you all at our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at Betsy Bazdarich's.

Gratefully,  
Marion Darling and Connie Hanson



**DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.**



**DKG California**

**2019-2021 Theme:**

**Crossing Bridges Together**

**DKG California**

**Educational, Professional, Making an Impact**

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

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Area XIII

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## Next Meeting!!

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**DATE:** Thursday, October 10, 2019

**TIME:** Social, 4:00; Meeting 4:30

**PLACE:** Home of Betsy Bazdarich  
2033 Orchard, La Cañada

**PROGRAM:** Gayle Nicholls Ali and La Cañada Students: Trip to Peru

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** Judie Bakly (Chairman), Betsy Bazdarich, Donna Stassel, Laura Strametz, Marty Unger, Mary Linda Vandevelde

**RSVP:** Joyce Hamdan, artisticjoy@yahoo.com

**ATTENTION:** Bring your personal device (Smartphone, iPad, tablet, laptop) to the meeting for a quick lesson on how to access and use the DKG International website



## Membership News

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The October meeting is a great time to introduce friends and colleagues to DKG. We will be learning about the DKG website and hearing from one of our own members. Great resources and great opportunities for new people to learn about DKG.



Be sure to let Joyce know if you are bringing guests.

**Judie Bakly** judith@reterotargets.com

**Marcelyn Bible** Bible4cats@aol.com

## Happy Birthday to....

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### October

4—Karen Wilcoxon

5—Irene Mendon

15—Donna Stassel

20—Judie Bakly

## Jared Bags

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Yes, it's that time again to start shopping for the holidays! While you are out and about thinking of what to get all your family members, don't forget the children at City of Hope to whom we donate to each year through our Jared Bags program. At the next meeting, there will be 24 bags available for members to grab and participate. This year you will see the ages and suggested items have changed. Last April when Willy and I brought all our items to the hospital, the director was very appreciative, but she had a suggestion (we asked her for ideas to make our program better). She said they get plenty of donations for younger children but they actually had more older patients. Plus very often, older siblings of young patients are sitting in the waiting areas with nothing to do. The items are simple to find and gather. Bags will be available for the taking at the October and November meetings; they are due back at the February or March meetings. Thank you in advance for your help with these donations!!

**Karen Gollhardt**

**Jared Box Chairman**

## THAT

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Just a reminder to please record your THAT hours (the time you spend helping another teacher) online by going to the state website, [dkgca.org](http://dkgca.org). Select the [THAT](#) icon on the

homepage and you will be directed to the form which you can then easily complete.

The form is very easy to fill out. All you need to do is 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. As you find more ways to volunteer your time, or become aware of a teacher, program, or school that could use our assistance, be sure to share this information with us. Find a method that works for you to record your hours - - 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 4/1/2020**.

Thanks for all you do to help others!

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

## Make Plans Now!

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When is the last time you visited the City of Brotherly Love? Or have you never visited it?

Well, DKG International is offering you a great opportunity to revisit or visit for the first time!!!!

Mark your calendars now and plan to experience Philadelphia **and** a DKG International Convention!!!!



## Holiday Raffle!!

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Congratulations to four Alpha Upsilon members who will moving to the head of the class!!! They did their homework and brought RAFFLE ITEMS to the first meeting. BRAVO!

As for the rest of you.....

The next drop off of items is at the October meeting in TWO WEEKS!!!

The final drop off before the Holiday Party is at the November meeting in 6 weeks!!!!!!!!

I know you want to "turn in your Homework on time," so get going and find those treasures that will reduce clutter and waste, get recycled and be reused. The raffle raises a lot of money for CASA and is A LOT OF FUN!!!

**Robin Williams**

## Please Note....

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### Directory Correction

The amount listed for the grant received by Jennifer MacKenzie was listed incorrectly. Jennifer received \$3000 not \$6000 as printed.



## School on Wheels



On Friday, the thirteenth, Penny Schopflin and Kathy Cockerill delivered the chapter's donations to School On Wheels in Glendale. It was a large donation, and they were thrilled to get it. The estimated value was \$600 including \$395 in cash and checks. The new director, Charles Evans (pictured with us and our gifts), invited us to visit the skid row facility. Maybe next time. We

found out that schools in the area each have people in each school who know who the homeless students are and provide them with the materials they need. The donations are only for homeless students.

They really like receiving the backpacks. Spiral notebooks are plentiful there, but they need workbooks. Keep that in mind for next time. Of course, money is really appreciated. It was a good adventure for us. The facility is really inviting. It is on San Fernando in Glendale in the Goodwill building.



**Kathy Cockerill  
Penny Schopflin  
Christine Werner**

## BNEF Fall Update



Lucky us! The BNEF Board of Directors has allotted \$40,000 to the chapter for the Scholarship, Mini Grant and Recruitment Committees to award to deserving recipients.

Once again, \$1,000 is available for Chapter Scholarship. If you are working toward a degree, credential or in advanced studies to add to your professional growth, please apply by submitting a request to Jean Chubb, Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair.

This year \$14,000 will be awarded for Mini Grants. The Mini Grant Committee is currently reaching out to various school districts and sending out Mini Grant applications. Applications will be due in October and reviewed by the committee in November. Grant recipients will be awarded their Mini Grant in a public forum either in December or January. If you have any questions regarding Mini Grants please contact Rose Gant, Mini Grant Chair.

Grantees for the 2018-2019 year are submitting their course documentation to Rhoda Coleman in order to receive their awards. Rhoda and her committee will start the Recruitment Grant process again in January for the 2019-2020 year, for which \$25,000 will be available.

Thank you, Beebe, for your generosity and foresight. What an amazing legacy!

**Mary Linda Vandavelde  
Grants/Scholarships Coordinator**

## SAVE THE DATE!!



### 2019 HOLIDAY PARTY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Party with raffle to benefit CASA!!

Held at the festive home of Robin Williams

Sunday, December 8, 2019: 4:00 P.M.

Get your raffle donations to Robin prior to the event!!



# Going Green

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Discussions continue to swirl around climate change. Below are some websites you might find helpful in learning about the issues involved:

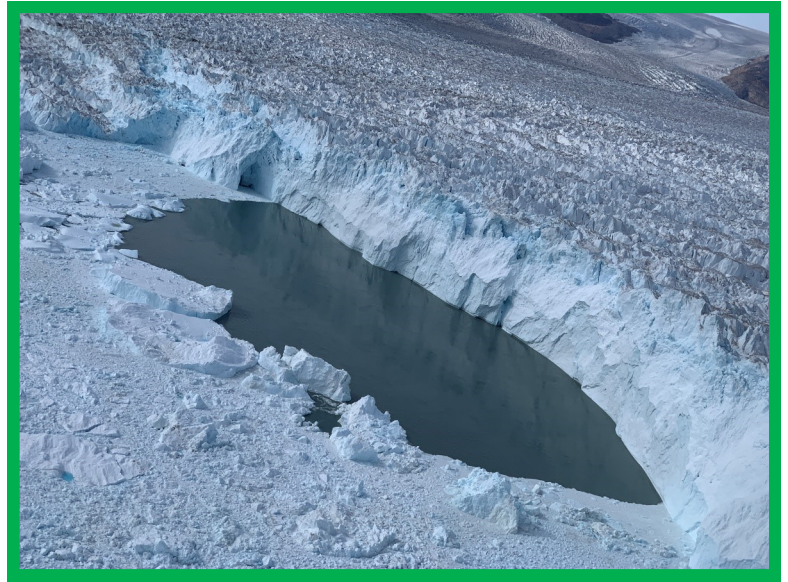
[Greta Thunberg](#)

[NASA Climate Change and Global Warming](#)

[Extinction Rebellion](#)

[Climate Change](#)

[Climate Change Impacts](#)



**Patty Compeau  
Jill Waters  
Global Awareness Chairmen**



## Decorating at Hillsides

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Hi DKG Ladies!

Come volunteer for the annual holiday decorating at Hillsides Sierra Cottage on Thursday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. Hillsides is located at 940 Ave. 64, Pasadena 91105. It will be a rewarding experience for you and the 12 children living there. We need: 12 Christmas stockings, 12 plastic holiday mats, 4 tiny artificial pine trees, tiny unbreakable ornaments for the trees, 1 holiday door mat, holiday gel stick-ons, garlands, 12 candy canes and 12 small stuffed animals. Also, we need cookies, apple juice and holiday napkins and cups.

Thanks so much. Please text or call me with what you're bringing: cell=(626)484-9958

**Susie Vernand  
Hillsides Coordinator**



## Minutes: September 11, 2019

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Marion Darling and Connie Hanson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. They thanked Pat Rabe for hosting.

Marion reminded the members to put February 1st on their calendars. That is the date of the annual Area XIII conference at the South Hills Country Club. Connie asked if there was someone to be in charge of the Art Show at the conference. Let her know if interested.

Connie introduced guests: Grace, former grant recipient and Alana and Brittany from Covenant House.

Connie thanked: Jean Chubb and Dianah Greenless for revising the "Chapter Rules"; Mary Lou Langedyke, Norma Russel, and Gale Caswell for working on the Budget; Judy Kearns for working on the Directory.

Ana Haskins led the members in a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and a time of silence for those who died, including thoughts and prayers for the safety of our country and schools and students.

Alana Weinroth, Development Officer at Covenant House, shared the work the organization does for young people coming off the streets, and Brittany Strametz, Covenant House Board Member, shared information about their powerful outreach. Toiletries collected from DKG go to the house and are appreciated by the residents. Laura Strametz will be collecting the donated items. Interview clothing, underwear and socks are also needed

Grace Valdez visited as a previous grant recipient. She shared the story of her plan for success and how the Alpha Upsilon grant helped her reach her goal to become a teacher.

Chapter Rules have been modified. Dianah Greenlees shared the update in this year's directory.

Grants and Scholarships: Mary Linda Vandavelde has no updates this month.

The 2019-2020 budget was presented by Mary Jane Hufstedler. Budget was approved.

LIFE: Mary Lou Langedyke: \$200 from buck a book was contributed last year to the LIFE Foundation. A virtual book club will be started and the book to be discussed this year is "Educated"

Jared Bags/Boxes: No update as of today

School on Wheels: Kathy Cockerill and Penny Schopflin will take the chapter's donations this week. Make checks payable to School on Wheels

Nominating Committee: Mary Lou Langedyke, Judy Kearns, and Pat Rabe. Please consider accepting a position on the board. It is fun and rewarding.

Holiday Party at Robin Williams' home will include music from the LCHS chorus. Bring raffle items to the meeting or to Robin's house.

Publicity position is still open. Please consider this position.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Werner, Recording Secretary



# September's Meeting in Review!

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# Mini Grant Letter

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**SHARE THIS LETTER WITH A CLASSROOM TEACHER YOU KNOW!!**

BeebeNuetzman Endowment Fund  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Upsilon Chapter

## Mini Grant

**Mission Statement:** The Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund shall promote and support educators in their professional and personal growth

### Purpose and Eligibility

- The purpose of the Mini Grant is to provide financial assistance and encouragement to credentialed teachers who wish to pursue a project or conference that enriches themselves or their students in the educational process.
- Applications will be accepted from credentialed teachers in the geographical area represented by Alpha Upsilon membership.
- Mini Grant awards are limited to teachers who did not receive a Mini Grant in the 2018-2019 school year.
- At the time of application, teachers must provide evidence of fees and/or costs of materials.
- Grants must be used during the school year in which they are awarded.
- Each Mini Grant will not exceed \$500.
- Preference will be given to new teachers and those changing grade level or subject area.

### Application Procedure

Interested teachers should submit their application to the Alpha Upsilon Mini Grant Committee.

Email applications to [Rose95gant@gmail.com](mailto:Rose95gant@gmail.com) or

Mail applications to Rose Gant  
911 Swiss Trails Rd.  
Duarte, CA 91010



# Mini Grant Application

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**DO YOU KNOW A CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO NEEDS FUNDING FOR A CLASSROOM PROJECT?  
IF SO COPY OFF THIS APPLICATION AND PASS IT ALONG!!**

## Mini Grant Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Site \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

New teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Changed grade level or subject area? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of mini grant request \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$500)

Have you received funds for this project elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the amount of that award? \_\_\_\_\_

On another piece of paper, briefly describe your project or conference; attach supporting materials that include product description and price.

**If you are approved, you will be required to submit an article for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter's newsletter and receipts for your purchases.**

Applications must be received by **October 30, 2019**.

Email applications to [Rose95gant@gmail.com](mailto:Rose95gant@gmail.com)

Alternatively, mail to Rose Gant  
911 Swiss Trails Rd.  
Duarte, CA 91010

## Treasurer's Report: October 2019

			Proposed	Current
<b>Receipts</b>				
Member Dues (\$85)			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Bank Interest			\$ 20.00	
LIFE (Buck a Book)			\$ 100.00	\$ 14.00
Transfers In from BNEF			\$ 5,000.00	
Miscellaneous Donations			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 9,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,514.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
International Dues			\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00
State Dues & Fees:				
	Dues		\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00
	Scholarship		\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00
	Insurance		\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
	Publications		\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00
	Inductees		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Area XIII Assessment			\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00
Initiation Fees			\$ 15.00	
Programs:				
	Honorariums		\$ 300.00	
	Meeting Supplies		\$ 750.00	\$ 179.90
Conferences & Conventions:				
	State Convention		\$ 2,000.00	
	Other Conferences		\$ 1,000.00	
Postage			\$ 50.00	
Printing			\$ 125.00	\$ 113.93
Five Chapter Dinner Subsidy			\$ 250.00	
Area XIII Conference Subsidy			\$ 250.00	
LIFE Donation			\$ 100.00	
Miscellaneous			\$ 1,011.00	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 9,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,087.83</b>



# Surveying the Past – Shaping Our Future



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International:  
Key Women Educators



*California State Area XIII Conference*

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

8:00 am – 12:00 noon (Breakfast seating at 8:45)

South Hills Country Club  
2655 South Citrus Street, West Covina

- Join us for a delicious breakfast
- Honor outstanding Chapter and Area members
- Raffle and door prizes
- Enjoy the company of DKG sisters
- Learn about Los Angeles's agrarian past

Cost: \$35

*Keynote Speaker: Rachel Surls, Ph.D*

**Rachel Surls** is the Sustainable Food Systems Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles County. She has been involved with school gardens, community gardens, and urban agriculture around Los Angeles for more than twenty five years. She holds two degrees in agriculture sciences. In her book, with co-author Judith Gerber, she explores the early bounty of Los Angeles and the deep historic roots of agriculture. Was LA the original wine country of California? **From Cows to Concrete: The Rise and Fall of Farming in Los Angeles** explores the once paradise filled with grapevines and bovines!

Rachel's book will be available for sale at the conference.

Reminder: This is the only fundraiser for Area XIII

\*South Hills Country Club has a dress code. Please no denim jeans, shorts, T-shirts, tank tops, halters or extreme tops, or warm-up suits.



Please click on the link below to complete  
the Area XIII 2020 Conference Registration Form.

<https://forms.gle/cWygB5LA9gHkccbQ7>

DISCLAIMERS: Attendance at the Area XIII Conference constitutes permission for you to be photographed for DKG Publicity purposes. If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify the photographer.

South Hills Country Club, while providing the facility with reimbursement, in no way supports or endorses this activity.