

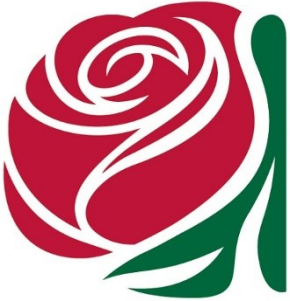


**DKG Mission Statement:**

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,

*"Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats." - Voltaire*

It was great to see everyone's faces - especially the smiles – at the September meeting. After so many months behind masks and on Zoom, it seemed there was a sense of joy in coming together. We sincerely thank our wonderful executive board for their organization to begin our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year. We hoped you enjoyed the appetizers, food, and dessert as well as our guest speaker (thank you, **Judi Healey**). Thank you to **Mary Lou Langedyke** who was ready and set up the Buck-A-Book table at the entrance. All monetary donations go to LIFE (**L**earning is for **E**veryone).

Everyone should have received their Alpha Upsilon Directories which contain important information for each one of us. Please find how YOU will be participating as a member.

The annual Area XIII Conference will be held at Kellogg West on the Cal Poly Pomona campus in February 5, 2022. You will find the flyer on **page 11** of this newsletter. We encourage **ALL** members to attend this worthwhile event. Registration is already open. Let's have a good turnout for Alpha Upsilon.

Something else that needs to be mentioned as we navigate into having in-person meetings, we respectfully ask you to keep the CDC as well as the LA County guidelines in mind (wear a mask indoors) and participate with concerns for your fellow members at all times.

We would also like to thank **Ana Haskins** for giving every attendee two notebooks so we could record what we are thinking about, what makes us happy, what we have learned, etc. And then she raffled off to 10 lucky winners copies of the book, "Chasing The Wind" by Maria Rivera (her cousin and DKG member). **Ana** is definitely our 'Inspirational' leader!

We are looking forward to our upcoming monthly meetings and hope you are too.

See you soon,

Willy Crouse & 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**

## Next Meeting

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 14  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Lanterman House  
4420 Encinas Dr., La Cañada  
**Program:** Tour of Historic Lanterman House  
**RSVP:** Karen Wilcoxon, [wilkare101@aol.com](mailto:wilkare101@aol.com)



We are in for concierge treatment at Lanterman House this October 14th. Our own Sue Fuelling, who is on the board at Lanterman House, came up with the idea, and she and Mary Lou Langedyke, who happens to be president of the board of directors, are making it possible for us to tour this special place, which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The 11,500 square foot home, the first reinforced concrete house west of the Mississippi, was built in 1915 by Dr. Roy Lanterman for his wife and two sons. Son Frank, whose first career as a movie theater organist dried up with talkies, went on to become a prominent member of the California State Assembly. Today Lanterman House is the mainstay of Crescenta Valley history, earning five stars online for its tours and special events.

Chairs and tables will be set up when we gather on the beautiful grounds at 4, where we'll socialize and have a short business meeting. After a welcome from Lanterman's director, docents will give us an overview of the family, local history, and key features of the house, and lead us on tours in small groups. Have a mask ready for any indoor time, but -- as we did in September -- we anticipate being outside much of the time.

**Judi Healy,**  
**First Vice President, Programs**

## 2021 Holiday Party

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The committees for the Holiday Party and CASA met September 23rd to determine how to proceed with these two events. After much discussion, it was decided to NOT have an in person holiday party due to the uncertainty of Covid and the inability to serve buffet style in a healthy manner.

We will again meet on ZOOM for the Holiday Party at 4:00 on December 5th, so have your Santa hats and reindeer antlers ready to celebrate! Donations will be collected for CASA beginning now until November 20th. Send donations with checks made out to CASA to:

Donna Larson  
1337 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale 91207



## Happy Birthday to....

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### October

4—Karen Wilcoxon  
5—Irene Mendon  
20—Judie Bakly

## School on Wheels

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# school on wheels

This is an in-progress report. We will have more to report next month. We are still collecting checks that you have been sending to Kathy. At this point we have met our \$1000 cash goal and \$75 in school supplies has also been donated.

Thank you for your generosity,

**Kathy Cockerill** [katsltr74@aol.com](mailto:katsltr74@aol.com)  
**Penny Schopflin** [schopflin@aol.com](mailto:schopflin@aol.com)

**Co-Chairs, School on Wheels**

## Membership News

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What a great September meeting we had. Our speaker, Bernie VandeYacht, was engaging and inspirational. But what was the best, was the opportunity for us all to be together in person! I will say that Zoom meetings really gave me the chance to put names and faces together better than I had in all the previous years of my membership, I really felt like I was greeting long-lost friends and family. It was balm to my tortured and isolated soul.

Now that we've had our first meeting with "just us," let's reach out and invite more people to join us. Our meetings this year promise to enlighten, encourage, and entertain us all year, don't you want to share that?

I'm excited about Candace Bautista's pending membership. For those of us who are unclear about what a collegiate membership is, here is a description from DKG California.

**Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:**

**a. Undergraduate student collegiate members shall (1) be enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and (2) be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree.**

**b. Graduate student collegiate members shall have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.**

Let's pursue those still in college who could use our support and resources. If you know any candidates, bring them along! As I said last month, DKG has many wonderful opportunities to participate in including our charitable endeavors and our scholarship and grant opportunities. Who wouldn't want to be part of our organization?

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



## Leadership/Personal Development

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Several of the Purposes of DKG include promoting the personal and professional growth of women educators. Both the International (see page 8) and State branches of the Society offer opportunities to grow as a leader.

**Here are 10 traits to consider to be a successful leader:**

- Practice resilience
- Have humility
- Play to your strengths (not your weaknesses)
- Be of service to others
- Take risks
- Find mentors
- Don't compare yourself to others
- Demonstrate strength with grace and kindness
- Offer support not criticism
- Take care of yourself

Can you think of others??

DKG California opportunities for all members include:

**Cafe Chats** - Each member needs to be informed of the events, as well as know how to access and attend DKG California offerings. Chapter presidents and area directors are invited to attend [Cafe Chats](#). These informal gatherings are presented by the **DKG California Leadership Development Committee**. Everyone is welcome to join a Cafe Chat and network with members from all over the state, get tips on livening up chapter meetings, and learn from sisters in other areas.

**Tech Talks** - These mini-tech sessions are offered by the **DKG California Communications and Technology Committee**. For a Saturday morning refresher course try a [Tech Talk](#). Each session gives some helpful tech tips. The next session will be Navigating the DKG California Website. You may attend as many as you find helpful. Just be sure to register.

The links take you to a calendar for Café Chats and Tech Talks. You will be able to register with the links provided there.

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

## Annual Leadership Seminar: January 22, 2022

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The DKG California Leadership Development Committee annually offers a Leadership Retreat/Seminar. The 2021 Retreat was held virtually for the first time. Plans for the 2022 Seminar are for it to be virtual as well.

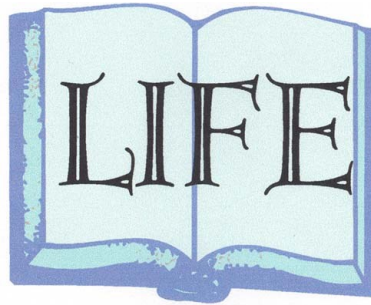
**Mentorship/Sponsorship in YOUR Life, Career, and DKG Virtual Leadership Seminar (Reimagined Annual Retreat)**  
**Friday, January 21 (Optional Evening Social) and Saturday, January 22, 2022.**  
**Open to ALL Inquiring, Aspiring, and Inspiring Leaders**

Additional details will be forthcoming but mark your calendar NOW for this always valuable opportunity!



# LIFE Support Needed!

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The LIFE Foundation (Learning Is For Everyone) was established in 1998 as a separate entity with its own governing board, bylaws and standing rules. The purpose of LIFE is to provide grants to DKG Chapters in California to enable them in turn to help children and schools in their communities. The LIFE Foundation is funded solely through contributions and fundraising. Normally there is a LIFE raffle during the state convention. Due to COVID restrictions, the convention has not been able to be held since 2019. As a result LIFE funds are very depleted.

The LIFE Foundation Board of Directors has been working hard and are now presenting an online [Silent Auction](#) in place of the annual raffle! You are urged to visit the [Silent Auction](#) site and see what is available. There are numerous interesting items. Why not do your holiday shopping with the LIFE Foundation?! Some sample items include—



Stained glass gift box; candles can be inserted inside for a lovely holiday glow in your home!



Lovely lavender peony quilt!

Everyone can use another Santa!



One of many original prints and or paintings available!

## Penne Ferrell Award



Penne Ferrell, 1938 - 2008  
Epsilon Omicron Chapter Area XIV

Do you know teachers in their first through third year of teaching? Are they not members of DKG? Do you think they would like some money to pay for books for their classroom library or for a curriculum project? Then help them apply for a Penne Ferrell Award!

Penne Ferrell was an educator with the Newport Mesa School District and a member of Epsilon Omicron Chapter. She loved teaching reading, mentoring young teachers, and DKG. This award, funded by a bequest from Penne and continued contributions, answers all these loves of Penne. It is designed to help new teachers and introduce them to the benefits of DKG at the same time!

Applications are available at the DKG California website and are due on or before November 1. Read the [Guidelines for applying](#) first and then help a young teacher to apply. [Applications must](#) be submitted electronically using the [Google form application](#).

You as the recommending DKG member should assist the young teacher complete the form. Recipients of the award are decided by the DKG California STEP Committee (Support Team for Emerging Professionals). The awards are presented at chapter or area meetings. This way the new teacher gets an idea of DKG. Hopefully she will be a future member!

## BNEF:

## Beebe Neutzman Endowment Fund



Beebe Neutzman was a devoted member of DKG as a loyal and loving member of Alpha Upsilon. An administrator for the Culver City School District, she was soft spoken and gentle in manner. Beebe could convince any business in Pasadena to donate to the annual silent auction the chapter held for many years as a fundraiser. It seemed no one could resist her quiet charm!

Always generous with her time and talents in life, Beebe was also very generous in her will. Her estate was divided among Alpha Upsilon, the Pasadena Symphony and the Antelope Valley Indian Museum. Funds received by the chapter were invested and the dividends and interest received has funded the mini-grants, recruitment grants and scholarships given by Alpha Upsilon for the last ten years. Money is also designated each year for the chapter if funds are needed for operating expenses. This allows Alpha Upsilon to provide programs and services without raising dues.

The BNEF Board of Directors function separately from the chapter officers. The Fund has its own by-laws and standing rules. There are five directors. The chapter president(s) and treasurer serve in an ex-officio capacity. At their recent meeting, the BNEF Board approved an allotment of \$40,000 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. How this money is spent is decided upon by the Grants/Scholarship Committee. The funds are used to support:

- Mini-grants: grants for working teachers to supplement their classroom instructional programs. The amount awarded varies based on the requests received and the decisions of the Mini-grant committee.
- Recruitment grants: grants for students in their final years of completing their degree in education or working on their credential.
- Scholarships: money available for chapter members to work on a master's, doctorate, special credential, or attend professional growth conferences

## Chapter Minutes: September 15, 2021

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Co-President Willy Crouse opened the meeting at 4:33 pm. She reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet, media release and emergency contact sheets which were available at the social. Those in attendance received the 2021-2022 directories and special awardees received Anniversary pins. This year the meetings will focus the monthly program around DKG purposes, located in the front of the directory. Alpha Upsilon's theme for this year is to Rejuvenate Yourself! Today's program focused on Purpose #1: to UNITE women educators.

Ana Haskins focused her story of inspiration on purpose #2 and #6 of DKG : to HONOR and to STIMULATE. Don't underestimate the power of the story and the written word. She challenged us to think of the stories of our life that can be shared with generations and to "Write your own Story." Ana provided us with Believe in Yourself notepads and brought 10 books, "Chasing the Wind." written by her cousin Maria Rivera. These were given to 10 lucky winners at the end of the meeting.

Judi Healy introduced speaker Bernie VandeYacht, author of "A Man Walked Into a Hardware Store." Bernie does voice overs through his looping company, writes screenplays and books. He spoke about the importance of using your talents and bringing those talents back in a new way. "Use those talents again and again." He autographed some of his books that were bought by our members.

### ALPHA UPSILON BUSINESS:

- Robin Williams reported the annual financial audit was certified with everything being done properly. Thanks to Robin W., Gale C., and Rose G. for accomplishing the huge task of the audit.
  - Marty Unger introduced our new board members: Karen Wilcoxon is taking over as Corresponding Secretary and Judy Kearns as Parliamentarian.
  - Rose Gant gave the treasurer's report and thanked everyone for their generosity to the LIFE donation
  - Karen Wilcoxon reported she sent out get well, condolences, and birthday cards. She also handled all the RSVP's for this meeting. She heard from Dorie Canavan from Maine and she is doing well physically, using a walker and going to PT.
  - Mary Lou Langedyke provided an Excel spread sheet of the proposed budget which is more in line with the way the state wants it to look. The budget was approved by the members.
  - Kathy Cockerill reminded us that School on Wheels provides educational enhancement for homeless children. They would love to purchase ear phones this year. A lot of members turned their donations in at the meeting and for those not in attendance checks can be sent them to Kathy by the end of September.
  - Laura Strametz reminded the members about Covenant House, a facility that helps those in age from 18-25 that are too old for the system. They still have needs and told us if we buy from Amazon they get a portion if you designate Covenant House at time of purchase.
- Karen Wilcoxon gave us a hand out on THAT guidelines: what can qualify as activities and ways to help. Asked those still teaching how we can help you. Feel free to send your ideas to Karen

Who's Who in AU highlighted our newest member Debbie Bump. She was born in Alhambra and attended John Muir HS and Pomona College. She was a Nutrition clerk and compliance inspector. Laker fan, reads biographies and historical fiction, enjoys classical and jazz music, is an avid traveler and an herb garden docent.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Kim Frank

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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report  
Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
September 1, 2021

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|---|---------|---------------------|
| BALANCE ON HAND: August 1, 2021           |         | \$ 11,040.90        |
| RECEIPTS:                                 |         |                     |
| Interest                                  | \$ 3.68 |                     |
| Total Receipts for August                 |         | <u>\$ 3.68</u>      |
| Total Available                           |         | \$ 11,044.58        |
| DISBURSEMENTS:                            |         |                     |
| Total Disbursements for July              |         | -----               |
| <b>BALANCE ON HAND: September 1, 2021</b> |         | <b>\$ 11,044.58</b> |





## STEP/THAT

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Happy Fall! Temperatures still feel like summer, but teachers are knee-deep in navigating a new school year. This note is a reminder to support your fellow educators through the **T**eachers **H**elping **A**nother **T**eacher (THAT) Program. Life continues to look very different this year, as California school districts have started their year with in person education. Volunteers are not yet permitted on campus but teachers need help, perhaps more now than ever, as they continue to struggle with the new “normal.” As teachers determine the needs of their students, there are numerous ways DKG members can volunteer:



- Work directly with students online
- Help with grading
- assist teachers with materials and activities, planning and evaluation.

THAT volunteer activities allow us to remain connected to the field of education and continue to have a positive impact on students, fellow educators, and our local schools, whether we are retired or currently still working.

For those of you on the frontlines in the classrooms, please be thinking of ways our retirees can assist you. Based on your responses, I will generate a list where the THAT Program can offer assistance. You know best what your needs are and how we can be of service to you. For those of us who are retired, or working part time, and have extra time on our hands, please share any information with me regarding a teacher, program, or school that you hear about that could use our help, or an idea you might have for volunteering our time.

To record THAT hours, select the **THAT** icon on the home page of the DKG California website ([www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org)), or click on the blue link provided above. 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. You will need to keep track of the hours you spend in THAT activities and record your hours by **March 1, 2022**.

While you are on the DKG California website, be sure to explore DKG's **STEP Program** (**S**upport **T**eam for **E**merging **P**rofessionals). Follow the link in blue to discover many tips for teachers (veterans as well as emerging professionals), a STEP Pinterest board, a blog, information about conferences, resources, and other professional learning opportunities, and a variety of ideas to support new teachers. I encourage you to take advantage of this wealth of valuable information.

**Karen Wilcoxon**  
**THAT/STEP Chairman**

## Visual/Performing Arts

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### Upcoming Events:

★ **Stacey Tappan** (Jan's daughter) will be performing in Eurydice at the Metropolitan Opera in November/December. It will be live broadcast on December 4 and repeated on December 8. Local theaters for both performances are on <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/The-Metropolitan-Opera-Eurydice> and you can get tickets there.

★ Our own **Gayle Nicholls Ali** will be showing her fine art photography at the [Altadena Arts Festival](#). The event will be on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Charles White Park in Altadena. Click on link above to learn about the Arts Festival.

# September Meeting Photos



# An Invitation to... “Why Not?”

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International:  
Key Women Educators

Area XIII 2022 Conference

Kellogg West Conference Center, Pomona

**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

8:00 am – 12:30 (Breakfast seating at 8:45)

Registration: \$40



**Meet Dr. Jackie**

- Join us for a delicious breakfast
- Honor outstanding Chapter and Area members
- Raffle and door prizes
- Enjoy the company of DKG sisters

## **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jacqueline L. Sanderlin**

**Dr. Jacqueline L. Sanderlin** (Dr. Jackie) is an accomplished educator, empowerment speaker, and leadership guru whose commitment to urban school-communities has led to dramatic improvements in some of Southern California’s toughest schools! She is the author of *The Why Not Challenge: Say Yes to Success with School-Community Partnerships*. Her passion and expertise for community partnerships is unparalleled! She has been able to forge sustainable partnerships with over 350+ corporations and local businesses with under-served schools. In addition, she has trained numerous educational and corporate teams about best practices for successful community partnerships. Dr. Jackie has been outspoken about her “Why not?” message, which is to build community, unity, and partnerships. She believes there is no better time than now to build unity!

Her work led to an appearance on the **Ellen Show**. Moreover, she became the consulting producer of the NBC reality show, **School Pride**. She is also on the board of the **Goldie Hawn Foundation MindUP**.

Dr. Jackie is currently the Founder/CEO of the Why Not Incubator, which is a non-profit organization and designed to foster wellness, hope, and resilience to all communities. Her passion and wide knowledge of community wellness and engagement is truly unequalled! Her motto is: **community empowerment starts with you...why not?**

**Please click on the link below**

**[Area XIII 2022 Conference Registration Form](#)**

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