



Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

"Fall is a time when nature dresses in its many beautiful colors." Laura Coffman

Hopefully the heat will subside and we will see some trees changing colors in our area! It was wonderful to see everyone last month at our first meeting. Many thanks go out to **Betsy Bazdarich** for hosting, **Connie Hanson's** committee for all the yummy refreshments, **Mary Lou Langedyke** for setting up Buck-a-Book, and **Judi Healey & Karen Wilcoxen** for our speaker, Larry Stewart. We are off to a great start!

We encourage everyone to reach out and help another teacher. Last year's reported THAT hours were much lower than in the past years for all chapters throughout the state. Let's get back on track and assist our hard-working teachers.

If you know of someone you'd like to nominate for the **Penne Ferrell Award**, which is a monetary award for classroom libraries or curricular related books for a teacher who is NOT a member of DKG, has taught 3 years or less, OR has changed to a new grade level, let us know ASAP. The applications are due November 1, 2022.

The annual Area XIII Conference will be held again at Kellogg West on the Cal Poly Pomona campus on February 4, 2023. Believe it or not, registration is already open!

Everyone please look through your Alpha Upsilon Directory to make sure you "save the dates" of our monthly meetings and other activities, as well as look for your name to see what month you are helping bring refreshments. We had to add a few names to committees, so please look those positions over also. You may be surprised!!

**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**

Ready for Our First Meeting of the Year?

First Meeting: Wednesday, October 12

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Home of Gale Caswell
4604 el Camino Corto, La Cañada

Program: DKG and Alpha Upsilon: History and Benefits

The topic for this program grew out of a member's desire to learn about the history of our Chapter. Norma Russel, Judy Kearns and Jean Chubb will tell the story of Alpha Upsilon including the accomplishments of members! Which members have been their district Teacher of the Year? One of the grants the chapter awards is named in honor of Alice Kenison—who was she? Where did she teach? Who was Beebe Neutzman and why do we have a fund named in her honor? What is this legendary Silent Auction I've heard about? What are the advantages to membership in DKG?

Get answers to these questions and more!!

REMEMBER TO RSVP TO KAREN WILCOXEN

Beebe Keeps On Giving!!

Thanks to the BNEF Endowment Fund, Alpha Upsilon once again has the good fortune to invest \$40,000 this year in teachers and prospective teachers. Our three committee chairs and their committees will continue the wonderful tradition of awarding teachers, and those aspiring to be teachers, monetary support for their classrooms and educational advancement. The amount of money designated to each committee will be determined by the chairs of those committees.

The Mini Grant Committee will be very busy in the fall identifying school districts and schools in our membership area to contact and ultimately send applications. With applications sent and completed by teachers, the review process will begin. Disbursement of funds will be awarded at the end of the calendar year and possibly into the new year. **Jan Tappan** will again chair this group.

The Recruitment Grant Committee will start in earnest after the first of the year contacting Universities and identifying students majoring in Education that may benefit from applying for a Recruitment Grant. After applications are complete, interviews will be conducted. The Recruitment Grants are awarded and the awardees are invited to the final meeting of the year of Alpha Upsilon. **Sue Fuelling and Betsy Bazdarich** will share this chairmanship.

The Scholarship Committee is available to all Alpha Upsilon members (active for a minimum of 2 years) to pursue advanced degrees and professional growth opportunities. This scholarship is available throughout the year. Contact **Jean Chubb** for an application.

Beebe Nuetzman blessed Alpha Upsilon with a very generous gift and Alpha Upsilon continues to pay it forward by making a difference in the educational lives of dedicated teachers and students.

Mary Linda Vandavelde, Grant and Scholarship Coordinator



Happy Birthday to....



October

- 4—Karen Wilcoxen
- 5—Irene mendon
- 20—Judie Bakly

New Email

PLEASE NOTE:

Add Mary Lou Rodearmel's email to your directory:



odearme501@gmail.com



In Memoriam

Alpha Upsilon extends sympathy to **Donna Larson** and **Dianah Greenless** on the passing of their mothers. Many of us know the pain of losing our mothers. The child inside of us believes she will always be there—and so she is, in our hearts.

Donna Larson

1337 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale 91207

Dianah Greenlees

900 W. Sierra Madre Ave., #96 Azusa 91702

Membership News



WELCOME BACK!

What a great first meeting we had. I could have listened to Larry Stewart for hours. How fun was it to know that he and his wife are friends of our very own Karen Wilcoxen? We had thirty-one (31) members attend and WELCOME BACK **Judith Craemer!**

Sooooo good to see you and everyone else.

We also had five (5) guests, two of whom had attended before, one of our college scholarship awardees, and two new guests, one of whom was the wife of our speaker. That's efficiency!

I'm really looking forward to our next meeting, I'm sure we'll all learn more about Alpha Upsilon and what a great opportunity to bring these guests and others so they can learn more and become as excited about DKG as we are. Looking ahead, all of our meetings sound interesting and exciting, so please invite your friends and fellow educators. I really feel this is our year to grow our chapter!

See you on October 12th!

Marty Unger

P.S. Sean Griffin Unger was born September 22, 2022 (a European date palindrome – 22/9/22). He weighed in at 10 pounds and was 22" long. The family is fine and doing well. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Marty Unger

Second VP, Membership



Keep Those Raffle Items Coming!!

The October and November meetings are your easiest opportunities for bringing donations for our CASA Fundraiser that takes place at the December Holiday Party. (Otherwise, you'll need to contact **Robin Williams** in order to arrange a pick up or delivery – no donations the day of the party please!!)

So far, seven generous and organized members have brought some fabulous items to the September meeting. Remember our goal is to have all members contribute something – hopefully that something will help you “**Recycle, Reduce or Reuse**” and will raise money at the same time.



If you have any questions, talk to **Robin** at the meeting or call, text or email.

REMEMBER—all profits from the holiday raffle are donated to CASA. So, instead of writing a check come to the party, buy raffle tickets and help CASA at the same time!!

Happy Hunting - I hope to see the donation pile grow at the October meeting!!!

Thanks - **Robin Williams**

Legislative FYI

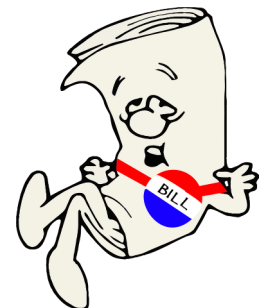
The governor vetoed:

- **SB 70 (Rubio) Elementary Education.** This bill proposed expanding compulsory education to include kindergarten, beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Governor Newsom cited the costs of this bill as the rationale for his veto. "SB 70 is estimated to have Prop. 98 General Fund cost impacts of up to \$268 million ongoing, which is not currently accounted for in the state's fiscal plan" and acknowledged that California is facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months and the need to prioritize existing obligations and priorities.

- **AB 1973 (McCarty) Kindergarten: Minimum School Day.** This bill proposed requiring all elementary schools to offer at least one full-day kindergarten class by 2030-31, with phased-in implementation beginning in 2027-28. Governor Newsom, vetoed the bill, and again used the significant costs of the bill as the rationale for the veto.

For full texts of the bills please go to this link: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

Connie Hanson, Legislative Chairman





Hi Ladies,

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

Although we are starting the year with in person events, some of us may not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, October 12. We are proposing this year we continue to make monetary donations to School on Wheels.

*We are suggesting the following:

*We will collect money at the Chapter meeting on **Wednesday, October 12.**

*Our goal is \$1000

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

***Cash** is also welcomed.

***Gift Cards** such as **Amazon and Target** with attached **Activation Receipts** are greatly appreciated.

*If you cannot make the meeting On October 12, send your checks/gift cards to Kathy on or before October 12.

*Checks and gift cards seem to be preferred. However, if you have already purchased school supplies, please bring to the **October 12** meeting.

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

Co-Chairs

*It would be wonderful if we could give them \$1000 towards their technology goals.

NOTE:

"Making a connection with my tutor was the best thing that ever happened to me while being homeless, and since then I have maintained a constant relationship with them."

Angela Sanchez
School on Wheels alumni



Kathy received [an email from School on Wheels](#), thanking donors for their continued contributions. [View it here](#) and learn a bit about students like Angie who benefit from your generosity.

Treasurer's Report

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
September 1, 2022



BALANCE ON HAND: July 1, 2022

\$ 6,704.81

RECEIPTS

Active dues	46 X \$ 85	\$ 3910.00
Reserve dues	2 X \$ 50	100.00
Collegiate	2 X \$ 30	60.00
LIFE		131.00
Interest		2.08
Total receipts for July		\$ 4,203.08
Total available		\$ 10,907.89

DISBURSEMENTS

Total disbursements for July \$ 0.00

2023 DKG CA Convention

Save the Date

DKG California Convention 2023

*Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel
Burlingame, May 5-7, 2023*



Shaping Tomorrow Together

Contact: Pamela Townsend
2023 Convention Arrangements Chair
pamelatownsenddkgca@gmail.com



REMINDER: Since the 2023 DKG California Convention will be in the north this year, Alpha Upsilon will pay the registration fees and hotel charges for interested members to attend.

Minutes: September 15, 2022

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Upsilon Chapter, California State Organization
September 15, 2022

*Prior to the meeting: New directories were available for pick-up and the Buck-a-Book table had offerings.

4:35 p.m. With 31 members and five guests in attendance, Co-President Willy Crouse began the meeting with flag salute and thank you to Betsy Bazdarich (hostess) and the refreshment committee.

Guests were introduced: 3 by Pat Kalish, 1 by Marty Unger, and 1 by Karen Wilcoxon

Seven Purposes: Co-President Karen Gollhardt pointed out which of the DKG Seven Purposes are being implemented during the meeting: to unite women (I), to stimulate growth (specifically writing) (VI), and to inform members (VII)

Inspiration: Ana Haskins shared an original inspirational song for this year in Alpha Upsilon to the tune of Gilligan's Island, "So, buckle up for a tour!"

Program: Judi Healey introduced the speaker, Larry Stewart, sportswriter for the LA Herald Examiner and Los Angeles Times (30 years).

Business: An updated Treasurer's report was read by Willy as Treasurer Rose Gant was ill. Robin Williams gave a positive audit report. Mary Lou Langedyke presented the 2022-2023 budget. The budget was approved by the members.

Committee Reports: Robin Williams (for Penny Schopflin) encouraged cash/checks for Schools on Wheels. Donations (recycled items) for the holiday party raffle were requested to be brought to the next meeting. Marty Unger asked members to note if they need a new name tag, Karen Wilcoxon (Corresponding secretary) sent cards to Ardis Bunn and Nancy Gunther and she distributed a flyer about THAT (supporting current educators). Mary Linda Vandavelde mentioned that we have \$40,000 for grants this year.

Who's Who in AU: Karen Gollhardt shared about Who's Who in AU. Robin Williams was a "dorm hasher" (food server) back in college!

6:00 p.m. Co-President Willy Crouse adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is October 12th as Gale Caswell's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bump, Recording Secretary

Being a Leader is Many Things....

Leadership is much more than simply being in charge. As American statesman John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." Here are a few ideas to develop or improve your leadership skills.

Inspire others: Being a leader means you are part of a team, and as a leader, you should be able to motivate and inspire those you work with to collaborate as best they can. When a team member needs encouragement or guidance, offer it. Sometimes, all a person needs is someone to listen and be sympathetic.

Be a discerning listener: Becoming a leader doesn't mean you always have to be in the spotlight. An important trait of a good leader is someone who listens to suggestions, ideas, and feedback from other people and builds on them. Good listeners know that communication is not only about words, but picking up on non-verbal cues, such as eye contact and body language.

Keep learning: The best path to becoming a good leader is to be open to learning new things. It keeps your mind sharp and your skills fresh. It primes you for new challenges that may come your way, which is always a good thing for a leader.

Here's a fun leadership/personal growth opportunity that may be of interest:

The USC Pacific Asia Museum (46 N. Los Robles, Pasadena) is recruiting new **Volunteer Docents**. The primary role of the museum's docents is to lead discussion tours with school groups. They also assist in art workshops and give adult tours. Volunteer Docents have the opportunity to attend special lectures, field trips and social events arranged by the museum's Docent Council. New volunteers will participate in training classes held weekly on Tuesdays, beginning in January 2023, and continuing for 10-12 weeks. The museum is looking for volunteers who are curious about Asian art and culture (no prior knowledge/experience needed) and with good communication skills, an enthusiasm for leading discussions and time to lead tours.



Applications to become a Volunteer Docent are available on the museum's website:

<https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/support/volunteer-docent/>.

For questions, please contact Janelle - jsangala@usc.edu

Laura Castagnari, Dianah Greenlees
Leadership/Personal Growth Committee

Back Together in September!!

