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# Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

We hope you enjoyed a bit of rest, relaxation and recreation this summer. The Executive Board has met and is in the process of putting together a fabulous calendar. As you've seen from the emails, **Jean Chubb** and **Dianah Greenlees** have been very busy revising the Chapter Rules. Thank you for a job well done! Connie and I really appreciate your looking at the changes and getting back to us regarding our many emails!

Prior to the September meeting, the finance Committee is also hard at work finalizing the budget for the 2019-2020 year. Thank you, Mary Lou Langedyke, Norma Russell, and Gale Caswell, for stepping up to this oh-so important task! We'd also like to thank Mary Jane Hufstedler for always keeping our funds safe and up to date!

For the September meeting, start collecting those school supplies whenever you see a Back-to -School sale (but definitely don't go back to school mentally yet) or if you're cleaning out a closet or two this summer. **Kathy Cockerill, Penny Schopflin**, and **Christine Werner** will be collecting those much-needed items at the September meeting to donate to Schools on Wheels (see page 4 for suggested items).

Over the summer, we found out we cannot use the Altadena Community Center for our meetings. The Executive Board put together a fabulous calendar for this year; however, we do not have a meeting location for our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please let us know if you would like to host the meeting!

Again, we hope you're enjoying your summer break, and we look forward to starting another great DKG with our sisters!

Gratefully,

Marion Darling and Connie Hanson Co-Presidents



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# First Meeting of 2019-2020!



DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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

**PLACE:** Home of Pat Rabe

3404 Markridge Rd., La Crescenta

PROGRAM: Welcome Back!!

Covenant House Presentation Graciela Valdez, prior grant recipient

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: Pat Rabe (Chairman),
Ardis Bunn, Marion Darling, Donna Larson

RSVP: Joyce Hamdan, artisticjoy@yahoo.com

# Membership News



We had a wonderful membership year in 2018-2019. Now we look forward to equaling or surpassing our six new members.

Please bring your friends and colleagues to our first meeting. The Welcome Back dinner meeting is the perfect time to introduce the membership to your friends.

Please let Joyce know if you are bringing guests.

Judie Bakly judith@reterotargets.com Marcelyn Bible Bible4cats@aol.com

# Happy Birthday to....



#### **September**

3—Susie Vernand

11—Jean Chubb

15—Trisch Diaz

21—Joyce Hamden

25—Judy Kearns

### Please Note....

#### Address change received after the directory was printed:

Mary Lou Rodearmel 25442 Sea Bluffs Dr., #204 Dana Point, CA 92629

#### THAT

# **DKG California Technology Conference**

Now **THAT** summer is over, it means it's time to welcome a new school year and the opportunity to support fellow educators through the <u>Teachers Helping Another Teacher (THAT)</u> Program. **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 local schools. As teachers are organizing their classrooms, and determining the individual needs of their students, there are numerous ways we can assist. If you find 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.

I just learned of an opportunity for volunteers to work with K-3 students who need help with reading, at **Franklin School in Pasadena** on Tuesdays or Fridays. If you are interested and available on either of those days, please email Karen Wilcoxen as soon as possible at <a href="wilkare101@aol.com">wilkare101@aol.com</a>, for additional information and the person to contact.

Keep track of the hours you spend in **THAT** activities. Record your hours by April 1, 2020. 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.

Have a great school year!

Karen Wilcoxen

**THAT Chairman** 



### **Building Bridges Through Technology**

Saturday, September 28, 2019 Alameda County Office of Education 313 W. Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Register early! Deadline: September 20, 2019 (Note: No refund requests accepted after September 20, 2019)

Complete the registration form: tinyurl.com/dkgtechworkshop

A Technology Workshop Award provided by the Scholarship Committee is available for this workshop!

Visit <a href="https://goo.gl/ad3KGU">https://goo.gl/ad3KGU</a> for more information. Deadline to apply is October 20, 2019.

### Make Plans Now!

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!!!!



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#### School on Wheels

Hi Ladies-

School on Wheels is a non-profit organization that gives educational opportunities for homeless children. School on Wheels continue their incredible work of providing one on one tutoring to homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. They survive solely through donations from individuals and organizations like ours.

How can we help? In talking with the staff at School on Wheels, they are continually in need of supplies for children currently being helped and those that will become homeless as time goes on. Our first meeting at Pat Rabe's home on September 11<sup>th</sup> is the perfect time to bring your supplies and donations. The supplies need to be new and of good quality. A suggested price range for buying supplies might be \$20 or whatever you can donate.

#### Ideas are given in the following Student Wish List provided by School on Wheels.

Every homeless child that we serve receives a backpack filled with school supplies. Please help us help more of the estimated 290.000 homeless children in California.

The following are items that every child needs in order to succeed in school. Please note – We only accept and distribute **new** backpacks and school supplies.

**Backpacks** 

Spiral ring notebooks

School uniforms or uniform certificates

Crayons and markers

Colored pencils; pens

Pencil sharpeners

School binders (2" or smaller)

Erasers (assorted colors, shapes and sizes)

Homework folders

Flash Cards (Multiplication & Division)

**USB Flash Drives** 

Computers and/or Computer Monitors

Laptops – 2005 and newer

Mini Staplers and staples

Mechanical pencils

Pencil boxes or pouches

School and scientific calculators - preferably

solar

Graphing calculators – new or used

3-ring paper (College and wide-rules)

**Book Covers** 

Subject dividers

Arts and crafts materials

**Atlases** 

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Gift certificates and vouchers for backpacks, books and supplies

Checks made out to School on Wheels are also welcome

Please keep an eye out for any sales of school supplies you might run across to help this worthy cause.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please contact:

Kathy Cockerill <u>katsltr74@aol.com</u> Penny Schopflin <u>schopflin@aol.com</u>



# Going Green



Even on vacation, Jill is aware of recycling and the environment!!





Recycling at Yokohama Japan from our Holland America cruise ship. Plastic bundles are compressed plastic bottles and other PET #1 plastic. Cardboard boxes are full of paper. I imagine drums have waste paint from maintenance or cooking oils. Waste food is ground into tiny pieces and let out under the water surface.

Patty Compeau Jill Waters

**Global Awareness Chairmen** 



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**Jill Waters:** Our grandson Jack and daughter in law visited for 3 weeks to escape the heat of Phoenix. Jack had his second birthday with us in June. In July and August we sailed from Seattle to ports in Japan and Far Eastern Russia via the Aleutian Islands - 46 nights in all.

Marcelyn Bible: This has been a big year. I retired in June and turn 65 in August! I celebrated with friends and bought a brand new Prius!

Gale Caswell: I will be playing the role of Felicity in Michael Christopher's *The Shadow Box* at

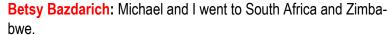
the McCadden Place Theater. For ticket information go to:

https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/34568

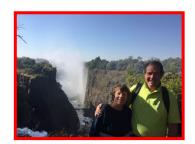


**Editor's Note:** The synopsis of *Shadow Box* sounds like it will be a timely and excellent production.

Last January I was appointed to the LA County Commission for Children and Families. Our work encompasses a wide variety of areas including juvenile justice, foster care, poverty, health and more. We are currently working to establish a County Youth Advisory Board.







Karen Wilcoxen: It's been a busy and exciting summer for me and my family, filled with concerts, plays, picnics, museums, trips to the beach and mountains. My daughter Tracy finished taping and editing the first season of her show, Team Kaylie, premiering on Netflix on September 23rd. The show is geared towards kids aged 8 and up, but I think it will appeal to adults too. This poster will be advertised in Times Square! Tracy and her husband will be flying to New York City in early October to see it in person. We will have our grandkids for the weekend! Win – win for all!



Exciting happenings with my daughter Lisa too! After 13 years in Brooklyn, she moved to San Francisco this summer to join her fiancé who started a new job there. We are in the midst of wedding planning for their big day next Memorial Day weekend in New York City!

**Shirley Sauvageau**: Only news I have is that I've moved to a brand spanking new continuing care facility Reata Glen and would welcome anyone who would like to come and have a look and lunch. Menu is great. 2 Las Estrellas Loop # 4110, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694. On Ortega Highway across from riding part at Antonio Road and Ortega Highway 74. If any Chapter members would like to come down for lunch and visit Reata Glen I would be happy to host them. Check us out on the web.

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Pat Kalish: I had a fun summer! I started the summer attending the FIRST LADY TEA, at the Reagan Museum, with Willy Crouse! We were celebrating our Birthdays. Had lots of family swim time and BBQ days. Went to the Del Mar County Fair and rode on lots of fun rides with my Grandkids. Saw Santana at the Hollywood Bowl and went to Las Vegas to see Pat Benetar in Concert. I went to Georgia for a week to visit my Brother and his family, We went to Savannah and Tybee Island. I ended the summer Glamping at Silver Strand Beach in Coronado with family and friends! No more tent camping for me, now that I experienced a Motor Home! Thankful for all the fun memories!











Harriet Furuya: Harriet and Ken Furuya enjoyed a wonderful river journey on the Danube. They celebrated their 52nd anniversary while onboard.









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Pat Harris: Dan and I had a marvelous summer! We left Missouri on June 12 and flew to Madrid, Spain where we met our usual traveling buddies Bob and Margie. We spent three days in Madrid where the highlight was the Prada Museum and all of the Spanish masters. We then flew to Porto, Portugal for three days. The port from the Douro Valley is wonderful and Porto is beautiful and has very steep hills down to the river. We then took the train to Lisbon for two days with more hills and great food. Our friends flew home and we flew to Barcelona. We spent nine days in Barcelona at an AirB&B exploring this wonderful city which we loved the first time we were there. On June 30/July 1 we flew to Bucharest, Romania where we met other traveling friends from CA for an Avalon River Cruise. We sailed to the Danube Delta where we touched the Black Sea and then sailed back up the Danube and stopped in Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungry, Slovakia, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany. There were so many highlights small and large. The culture, the architecture and the politics were fascinating. We were in all of the major cities of the countries of the Eastern side of Europe. Sailing from Budapest at night under all of the bridges was magical. A day trip to the lower Alps to see the village of Hallstatt was incredible and of course the last part of the adventure when we were taken by coach to Passau, Dresden and Berlin. Dan and I stayed two extra days in Berlin to go back to visit some of the major things in Berlin such as Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Kaiser Wilhelmina Memorial Church, stumbling stones, and more. Berlin is a modern bustling city. On July 24 we flew home after six weeks and ten countries. It was a terrific summer and we feel very blessed to have these opportunities.

Beer in Berlin!



Sunset on the Danube!



Pat Rabe: We have taken three trips this spring/summer. In May, we spent two weeks in Hawaii (Kauai and Maui). June took us up to Lake Tahoe. We took a couple of boat rides on the lake, toured the historic section and drove around the lake. August we went to Western North Carolina to visit my cousin Nancy in Asheville, whose book just came out, some good friends in Brevard and more family at a timeshare in Sapphire.



Dry Falls, North Carolina

Gem mining with our grandkids





Lake Tahoe sunset



On the road to Hana

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**Liliana Castillo:** Since June, I taught an elementary math class in the GCC Summer Program. Then I traveled to Mexico and got engaged! Now I'm ready for a wonderful school year, my 7th year of teaching Kindergarten.

**Judi Healey:** One fun thing I learned about this summer was the fun of riding on e- bikes: all of the joy of pedaling up a mountain but none of the pain. I recommend it!





Willy Crouse: Here is a little tidbit from me:

No foreign travel this summer.

Spent my summer with family teaching grandkids to water ski at Lake Arrowhead, fish for trout in June Lake and surf at Oceanside.

Hosted the annual Back to School Brunch for former colleagues who are also now retired. It was great to get together and catch up on each other's lives.

Spent time with friends BBQing, swimming and just hanging together!

**Judy Kearns:** After a June and early July full of DKG responsibilities, Paul and I had a wonderful trip which included travels on two ships. First we boarded Cunard's Queen Elizabeth in New York for a trip to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Iceland, Scotland, Ireland and then docked in England. After three days in England, we returned to Southampton and boarded the Queen Mary 2 for a crossing to New York. Lots of relaxation!







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**Joyce Hamdan:** Part of my June was in Los Osos, California painting beautiful Morro Bay Rock.

Mary Lou Rodearmal: I'm just back from a paddle-wheeler river cruise on the Columbia River. Have moved to a lovely senior community in Dana Point.



Christine Werner: School, school! Piloting new curriculum and teaching an extra class. Stayed local this summer except for a trip to Utah to visit my daughter.

### Raise Your Hand!



Raise your hand if you have won items at one of the Holiday Raffles.

Raise your hand if you know why AU has the Raffle.

Raise your hand if you've given some thought to items you might contribute to the 2019 Raffle.

Raise your hand if you've already started making a "pile" of items to donate this year.

Raise your hand if you've done all of the above

Congratulations - go to the front of the class!!

And, if you have questions about any of the above, "Raise your Hand" at the meeting and get the answers!!!!!!!

Robin Williams Holiday Raffle Coordinator

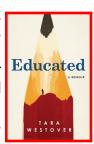
# **LIFE Foundation**



Thank you! Thank you! Alpha Upsilon was able to send a \$200 donation to the LIFE Foundation this summer all the proceeds from our Buck a Book project. Looking forward to another good year of sharing our books, gathering donations and supporting the goals of LIFE - Learning is for Everyone. So, if your book shelf looks like mine, please select those you would like to donate for our first meeting on September 11th.

This year I would like to try something new. We all love books and our book clubs. Sharing a good book with others to hear their thoughts and "take" on a book is fun. Our meetings do not really have time to discuss a book formally, so here is my idea for the year.

Each month, I am going to select a book that I think many of you have read. For September the book is <a href="Educated">Educated</a> by Tara Westover. Would you please send me your thoughts about this book? Send your thoughts to <a href="mailto:mlangedyke@icloud.com">mlangedyke@icloud.com</a>. I will collect all the comments and share at the meeting or include in a future newsletter article. If you have not read this book, I think anyone who has been an educator will



find this book to be a page turner. Let's try this and see how it works.

Mary Lou Langedyke LIFE Liaison

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# Proposed 2019-2020 Budget (submitted by the Finance Committee)

Alpha Upsilon			
Proposed Budget for 2019-20			
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Receipts			
Member Dues (\$85)		\$	4,500.00
Bank Interest		\$	20.00
LIFE (Buck a Book)		\$	100.00
Transfers In from BNEF		\$	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations		\$	
TOTAL		\$	9,620.00
<u>Disbursements</u>			
International Dues		\$	2,080.00
State Dues & Fees			
	Dues	\$	1,240.00
	Scholarship	\$	51.00
	Insurance	\$	52.00
	Publications	\$	104.00
	Inductees	\$	10.00
Area XIII Assessment		\$	232.00
Initiation Fees		\$	15.00
Programs			
	Honorariums	\$	300.00
	Meeting Supplies	\$	750.00
Conferences & Conventions:			
	State Convention	\$	2,000.00
	Other Conferences	\$	1,000.00
Postage		\$	50.00
Printing		\$	125.00
Five Chapter Dinner Subsidy		\$	250.00
Area XIII Conference Subsidy		\$	250.00
LIFE Donation		\$	100.00
Miscellaneous		\$	1,011.00
TOTAL		\$	9,620.00

NOTE: This budget will be voted on at the September meeting.









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