

**DKG Mission Statement:**

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

# Presidents' Message



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS  
Area XIII

Dear DKG Sisters,

The holidays are upon us! Time for family, friends, food, and our annual DKG Christmas party! **Robin Williams** has again graciously agreed to host the party on December 3, at 4:00. She has been gathering rooms full of things for the raffle that benefits CASA. This is a MAJOR effort of love on Robin's part, preparing her home and all of the raffle items for the big day. Thank you so much to **Robin, Penny Schopflin** and **Kathy Cockerill**, who have also been working behind the scenes to make sure we have a wonderful event! We hope all of you will come, and enjoy.

Our joint meeting with Omicron on November 18, was interesting, as we learned about life as a Muslim woman in America from Marwa Abdelghan. Thank you to **Rozanne Child** from Omicron for arranging the speaker and thanks to **Dianah Greenless, Connie Hanson, Wendy Renfrew**, and **Karen Wilcoxon** for the wonderful munchies. Several members of Omicron mentioned how wonderful the refreshments were!

Thursday, December 7, will be our day to decorate at Hillside. Hillside is located at 940 Ave. 64, Pasadena 91105. We will

start at 4:00 p.m. and only be there about an hour. Call **Susie Vernand** if you would like to help by purchasing any of the few items still needed or if you are available to help decorate. Her cell is (626) 484-9958.

Looking into the new year the January 17, meeting at Betsy Bazdarich's home will feature a program on how to watch out for the latest scams. Then February 3, is the Area XIII Conference at Pasadena Nazarene featuring Nancy Hastings Sehested talking about her life as a chaplain in a high security men's prison. Reservations for the conference **must** be received by January 17, so that we can turn in our check with final count on January 20.

We both want to thank all of you for your warmth, your support, and your friendship. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Pat Rabe and Mary Linda Vandavelde**  
Co-Presidents



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

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**DKG California**  
**2017-2019 Theme:**  
**Women Educators**  
**on the Move**  
**Making it Happen**  
**Together!**

**DKG California**  
**Educational, Professional,**  
**Making an Impact**

## Next Meeting

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### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY TO BENEFIT CASA

- DATE:** Sunday, December 3, 2017
- TIME:** 4:00 PM
- LOCATION:** Home of Robin Williams  
562 E. Mendocino, Altadena
- PROGRAM:** Camaraderie and raffle to benefit CASA



## THAT Hours

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Just a reminder to keep track of your volunteer hours which you spend helping another teacher, and [Report the hours online monthly](#) (or at the latest, by April 1, 2018) by following the link below. You all do so much to help others! Please be sure to keep track of the time you spend. If you are unsure whether an activity qualifies check the [THAT Guidelines](#).

**Karen Wilcoxon**  
THAT Liaison

## Step Up to Leadership!

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The 2018-2020 biennium is just around the corner. This means we need to start looking for new officers to serve our Chapter. All of you were invited to membership in DKG because of your demonstrated leadership and potential for continued leadership. Start thinking what job you would be willing to serve in for the future of Alpha Upsilon. We have a **GREAT** Chapter! Do your part to help keep it moving forward!

**Marion Darling, Gale Caswell, Mary Lou Langedyke**  
Nominations Committee

## Happy Birthday to....

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### December

9—Judy Goldman  
14—Wendy Renfrew  
17—Joy Gifford  
29—Penny Schopflin

## Hello Linda!

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Recently Robin Williams and Penny Schopflin were able to visit with former Alpha Upsilon member Linda Endicott. Linda now lives in the Petaluma area

and as we can see she looks great! Penny and Robin report that Linda is doing well. Linda, you are missed and we wish we could all see you!!

## Count Down to the Holiday Raffle!

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**Santa says: "Time is flying and you have less than two weeks to contact Robin about donation items!!!!"**

Here is a list of just some of the amazing items:

\$100 gift certificate to Nick's in Pasadena

\$50 gift certificate to Julienne's in San Marino

Wine gift baskets

Paintings and other fine art

Antiques

Science equipment

Dodger "stuff"

Jewelry

New items

Etc.,

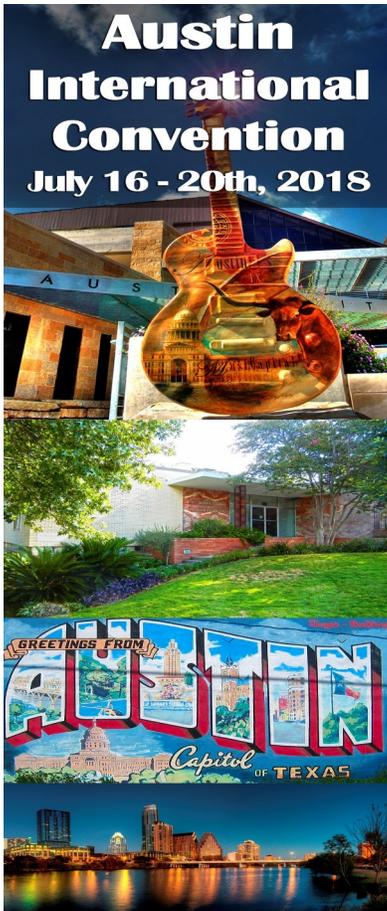
I might need to add another room for items, so check out all of the house.

**Robin Williams**

**NOTE:** If you can't come to the party but still wish to donate to CASA, send a check to Mary Jane Hufstedler **payable to CASA**. She will include it with the money raised at the holiday party.

## Save the Date!!

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## Decorating at HillSides!

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**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Time:** 4 pm

**Location: HillSides**  
940 Avenue 64, Pasadena 91105



There are 12 children, ages 10-12, that live in the cottage and often remain on campus for the holidays. You will be rewarded as you decorate with the children. Please text or call my cell: (626) 484-9958 if you can bring: garlands, 4 tiny artificial pine trees, tiny unbreakable ornaments, apple juice or cider, holiday napkins & cups. All other items are covered.

Thanks so much,  
**Susie Vernand**

## Area XIII Conference

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The annual Area XIII Conference will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The location has been changed to the Pasadena Nazarene Church. A registration form is included in this newsletter that will give you all the details. Many of you have already signed up and that is great. You can still be put on the list by completing the registration and mailing with your check to Treasurer, Mary Jane Hufstedler. This year we will be recognizing **Robin Williams** as our Outstanding Chapter Member! So let's all try to be there to honor her. Let's support **Conference Chairman Pat Rabe** by mailing your check and registration form to **Mary Jane Hufstedler** today!!

## DKG California Scholarships

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Check out the DKG California website and in particular the [scholarship opportunities](#). Money is available to assist members with advanced degrees, continuing education, Leadership Retreat Awards and more. There are several upcoming deadlines in December. So explore the options open and apply. Take advantage of this benefit of membership.

# Chapter Minutes: November 15, 2017

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## Joint Meeting with Omicron Chapter Altadena Community Center

Social with Refreshments: 4:30

**Welcome:** Pat Rabe reminded us of the deadline (January 17, 2018) to register for the DKG Area XIII Conference. She gave a brief synopsis about the speaker and the program.

**Program:** Speaker- Maria Abdelghani from the California Muslim Public Affairs Office

Called Meeting to Order: 5:55

**Approval of Minutes:** No corrections

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Announcements:** Judie Bakly re-introduced her guest Marty Unger. This was Marty's third visit to Alpha Upsilon and she is interested in joining.

**Pass the Plate:** Anna Haskins passed the plate to Susie Vernand.

**THAT:** Karen Wilcoxon reminded us to look for the link to submit hours in the newsletter

**BNEF Grants and Scholarships:** Patty Compeau shared that the Mini Grant recipients have been selected and the grant committee will be distributing checks at a later date.

**Holiday Party Auction:** Robin Williams asked us to see details in the newsletter.

**Holiday Party:** Kathy Cockerill asked us to please RSVP **ASAP**

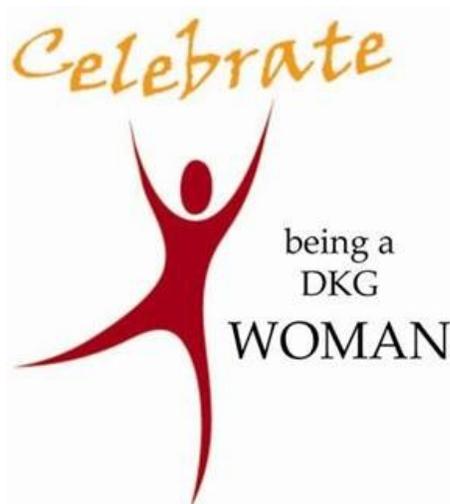
**Hillsides Decorating:** Susie Vernand reported the only items still needed are 4 tiny artificial pine trees and tiny ornaments to go on the trees. Please RSVP to Susie if you plan on participating. This event will take place December 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00.

Adjournment: 6:10

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wendy Renfrew,  
Recording Secretary**

# DKG Women Make It Happen



**Leadership Development Retreat**

**January 20 – 21, 2018**

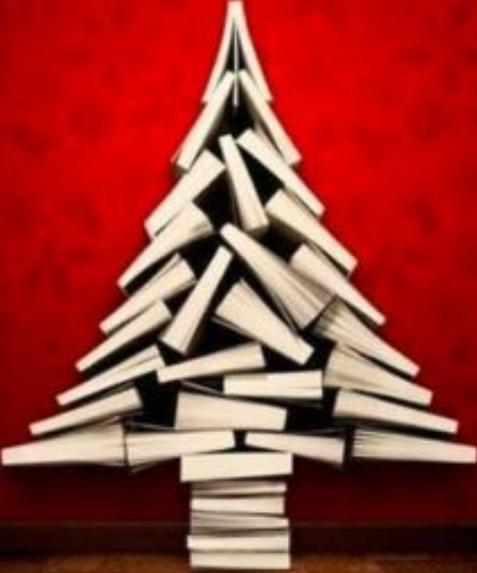
**DoubleTree Hotel Irvine Spectrum  
Irvine, CA**

Alpha Upsilon will pay the registration fee for any Chapter member who wishes to attend this event. This is a great opportunity for you to grow personally. It is also a great chance for you to bring non-members so they can experience the benefits of DKG membership!

The registration form is available on the DKG California website or by simply clicking on the first three words of this sentence!

**Karen Gollhardt,  
Leadership Development**

**Happy  
Jólabókafloð!**



IN ICELAND, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night **READING**. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How cozy and wonderful does that sound?

Iceland publishes **MORE BOOKS** per capita than any other country, and new books are typically published only during the Christmas season--the frenzy is called **Jolabokafloð**, which means **Christmas Book Flood**.

*AZpennyreadfuls.com*

Books are so much a part of our life during the year but the holidays provide us with a unique opportunity to share our love of reading and books in so many ways. Last Christmas, my beautiful daughter-in-law Katie brought the Jolabokafloð to our family. We each put a title of a book we wanted in a basket a few days before Christmas, each family member drew a name and purchased the book. On Christmas Eve we each opened our present and along with some excellent chocolate enjoyed some family time reading before the fireplace where the "stockings were hung with care." This was a special time and has become a new family tradition.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

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

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!  
'TIS THE SEASON TO WELCOME FRIENDS!!**



We are looking forward to the annual DKG Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Robin's house. This is the perfect occasion to call a friend and invite them to join in the fun! We have several prospective members, who have attended meetings. If you are a Sponsor, please call your guest and invite them to our Holiday Celebration. Perhaps have them come to your home and they can come along with you to the Party. This makes it a little less intimidating. Tell them all about Robin's beautifully decorated home, the delicious food and the fun raffle for CASA. It is a special time for ALL of us!

**Pat Kalish  
Donna Larson,  
Co-Second Vice Presidents**

## Joint Meeting with Omicron

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**Speaker Marwa Abdelghan  
enlightened both chapters  
about growing up Muslim in  
the USA**

