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## Invitation to a New Beginning

LIVING OUT OF OUR IMAGINATION

Dear DKG California Leading Women Educators,

It is wonderful to read your newsletters and learn of the ways chapters are meeting in person. There's nothing like a good DKG hug after a long, long time. This article however, focuses on virtual meetings which are open to everyone statewide.

As the year ends, I marvel at the continued spirit of hope and change exhibited by all of us living in times of pandemic. Although a year ago I thought the new year would bring an end to the pandemic, I realize now that DKG California, along with the rest of the world, is adjusting to an ever-changing reality. Not only is there continued change due to the pandemic, but technological advances are developing rapidly, and these advances have a profound positive impact on the way we operate.

The wide use of virtual presentations is one change that has benefited members of DKG California. Take a look at the following opportunities for virtual presentations, and read this edition to learn more about these events. You can view Educational Excellence offerings right on your screen, wherever you are, and join us as we connect together through DKG California.



### Vision Statement

*Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education  
Worldwide*

### Mission Statement

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

### DKG California Vision Statement

*Educational – Professional  
Making an Impact*

- ❖ **Leadership Development Cafe Chats** - These bi-monthly chats are an ongoing support system for members who lead and those who aspire to lead. They are informative, interactive and the perfect opportunity to interact with peers statewide.
- ❖ **Marketing Moments** - Attend the next Marketing Moment presented by the Marketing Committee to sharpen your focus on social media and grow DKG awareness. Social media, when used properly, can exponentially grow the number of followers. Share your DKG success stories on social media. Expand our reach!
- ❖ **Tech Cafe** - Log in Saturday morning, December 11, at 10:00 am to hone your skills. Learn how to streamline your inbox and present professional slides. Time is always available for Q and A.
- ❖ **New Chapter Forum** - The Expansion Committee offers regular virtual support through their New Chapter Forum. Geared to leaders in newly formed chapters, this opportunity for members of established chapters to meet newer members may benefit you. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

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- ❖ **Register now for the *Leading While Female* virtual seminar on January 20, and 21, 2022.** The three authors of this important book will present an empowering session on Leadership, Mentorship, and Sponsorship. Read about it in this issue.
- ❖ Check the [DKG California Calendar](#) to see a complete **list of events** and **registration information**.

These are exciting opportunities to elevate your membership experience, to network with others, to share successes, to multiply marketing efforts, and to promote leadership for yourself and your DKG community! Participate from the comfort of your home and meet new people. Whether you are online or together in person, I wish you all a rich holiday season full of health, happiness, and peace.

With appreciation,  
*Toni Cook*

DKG California President 2021-2023



## Expand Your DKG Experience and Reunite with Your International DKG Sisters

Mark your calendar now for an exciting upcoming event! The 2022 International Convention will convene in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 12 - 16, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

Exciting young speakers will be presenting at the convention. The first is Courtney Clark, who, despite major struggles beginning in her 20's, has built two successful businesses and is the author of two books. She works with people who want to adapt faster and achieve more. Courtney has spoken worldwide to organizations such as Procter & Gamble, Dell, S&P, Humana, Cisco, and Cardinal Health. The second speaker is Ingvi Hanna Omarsson, an acclaimed Icelandic educator who was voted Iceland's 2018 Teacher of the Year and received the Icelandic Educational Award in 2020. He is a Stanford graduate and is currently a senior advisor to Iceland's Ministry of Education.

Information about the convention can be found on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Events. There is a video invitation from International President, Becky

Sadowski, a draft of the Schedule-At-A-Glance, the presentation proposal (due January 7, 2022), and the vendor/exhibitor application, (due and to be paid for by April 16, 2022). California has many talented DKG members with much to share. Consider applying to present a workshop while at the same time experiencing the larger DKG organization.

To help members understand the many proposed amendments to the International Constitution and be prepared to vote during the general sessions, there will be a Q & A session about the proposed amendments at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12. The first general meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Want to extend your travels? Go Ahead Tours has scheduled a six-day tour from July 17-21, called "The American South - New Orleans to Memphis." Information is available on the DKG International website.

See you in New Orleans!

*Janis Barr, Zeta Iota*  
Southwest Regional Director

### What is Happening with International Headquarters?

DKG International has had an office in Austin, Texas, for many years. Maintenance costs have become increasingly higher. In her [October Update](#), President [Becky Sadowski](#) discusses what is happening with the building among other things. Read and be in the know about the Society's growth and change. This [update](#) and others are available on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

## Treasuring Our Past

### Delta Kappa Gamma Selects an Official President's Pin

Delta Kappa Gamma National President Mamie Sue Bastian, wishing to distinguish those who have served in the office of president, appointed a committee to select a President's pin for Delta Kappa Gamma. The committee began in the fall of 1936.

The pin selected was a rectangle centered on a bar. The Greek letters for Delta Kappa Gamma appeared in the center of the rectangle with the word PRESIDENT above.



This pin was adopted at the 1937 National Convention to be the official President's pin of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. According to the recommendation of the selection committee, this pin could be worn by anyone who has been in active service as National, State, or Chapter

President of a Delta Kappa Gamma organization for a period of not less than one year.

The pin remained in its original design until recent years when the letters DKG were substituted for the Greek letters. Only chapter presidents wear this pin today as new pins have been adopted for State and International presidents.



The first pins were ordered from the Society's official jeweler, the L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Those eligible needed to obtain a permit card from the National Executive Secretary to purchase the pin. The prices of the pins were as follows: 10K gold, \$9.00, 10K one-tenth rolled gold plate, \$5.00.

Current president's pins are ordered through the DKG International website from Award Concepts. They now cost much more than \$5.00.

*Barbara Nash, Tau, Librarian/Archivist  
Mary Ellen Woodcock, Sigma  
Education Center Management Committee*

## DKG Through the Years

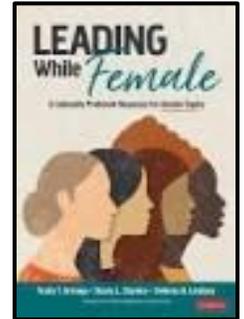
- 1943** Delta Kappa Gamma International was having difficulty getting state organizations to send in their votes for the Equal Rights Amendment. Only 10 states had sent in their votes. Some states reported that they needed more time to study the amendment.
- 1950** It was reported in "News of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society" that 22 California chapters were giving scholarships. Several tied in their program with UNESCO.
- 1994** Approval was given for International committees to meet by teleconference with the approval of the president.
- 2021** DKG California Executive Board approved an amendment to the bylaws to permit business to be conducted by virtual meetings.

**Leadership Development Committee**

## Attend the Leadership Development Committee's Virtual Seminar: "Leading While Female" January 21-22, 2022

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) of the California Delta Kappa Gamma Society is hosting a Virtual Leadership Seminar focused on the challenges of "Leading While Female."

The LDC is delighted that the authors of the book, *Leading While Female: A Culturally Proficient Response for Gender Equity*, Delores B. Lindsey, Stacie L. Stanley, and Trudy T. Arriaga, will be keynote speakers and facilitate breakout groups focused on mentorships and sponsorships. The book is available on Amazon and Corwin. This seminar is open to ALL Interested individuals, including DKG members and non-members. We encourage you to register early and invite your colleagues and friends!

**The Seminar includes:**

- ❖ Friday, January 21: Optional networking session 7:00-8:00PM (PST)
- ❖ Saturday, January 22: Main event
  - 9:00 AM: Welcome and Introductions
  - 9:30 AM -12:00 PM: A morning with authors Delores Lindsey, Stacie Stanley, and Trudy Arriaga
    - Keynote focused on the challenges of "Leading While Female"
    - Facilitated breakouts focused on mentorships and sponsorships
    - Wrap-up, Questions & Answers
  - 12:00-12:30 PM: Lunch Break
  - 12:30-2:00 PM: Small group breakouts to delve deeper into the morning's topics and an opportunity to develop an individual/organizational action plan

Registration for this incredible opportunity is \$50, with a reduced Early Bird rate of \$40 before December 15, 2021. Registration closes on January 12. Checks must be received by January 19, 2022, to receive the *Leading While Female* Seminar link.

[Leadership Seminar Awards](#) are available for members in good standing for at least two years. Application deadline is December 31.

*Gayle Case, Eta Chi  
Leadership Development Committee*

**Membership Committee**

## Everything's Coming Up Roses -- Are YOU?

Start making plans NOW to attend the 2022 DKG California Convention in Burbank, April 29 - May 1. One of the things you will see is a change to the Order of the Rose Celebration for chapters with three or more new members. All chapter presidents should email pictures of new inductees, transferees, or reinstated members. Candid pictures of members (not the Induction Ceremony ones) are preferred. These will be highlighted in a slide presentation during the Order of the Rose Celebration.

Send JPEG pictures by email, no later than April 15, to Jeanette Milanez, Membership Committee Chairman, at [jeanettemilanezdkgca@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettemilanezdkgca@gmail.com). Questions? Let Jeanette know. The Committee looks forward to receiving those great pictures of the new, transferred, or reinstated members.

*Gloria Bracco, Epsilon Nu  
Jeanette Milanez, Zeta Omicron  
Membership Committee*

## Marketing Committee

## Marketing Committee Announces “Marketing Moments” A Second Round of Social Media Training Sessions



The 2021-2023 DKG California Marketing Committee is offering a **new** series of training sessions for all members called **Marketing Moments**. Learning about and using a variety of social media is a great way to spread the word about DKG California and all its benefits.

DKG California members may attend Marketing Moments and learn ways to support the Marketing Committee’s major goal of *increasing the visibility of DKG California*. In addition to learning more about using social media, attendees will learn tips and tricks for publishing a professional newsletter. Increase the effectiveness of your newsletters, address the needs of all members and potential members, and attend these Marketing Moments.

Save these dates and register for upcoming Marketing Moments:

- ❖ **December 14, 2021:** *Designing Dynamic Newsletters*, Presented by Julie Drysdale and Virginia Williamson
- ❖ **January 18, 2022:** *Designing Dynamic Newsletters*, Presented by Julie Drysdale and Virginia Williamson
- ❖ **February 15, 2022:** *Connect with Twitter*, Presented by Marisa Crabtree
- ❖ **April 19, 2022:** *Facebook - Using it Wisely*, Presented by Elise Buel

*Julie Drysdale, Eta  
Marketing Committee Chairman*

## Marketing Committee



## Calling All Newsletter Editors!

The DKG California Marketing Committee invites chapter and area newsletter editors to participate in an upcoming virtual workshop entitled, “*Designing Dynamic Chapter Newsletters!*” There will be two opportunities to attend:

- ❖ **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The workshop will focus on tips and guidelines for creating effective newsletters, and all are welcome to attend. Fill out the [registration form](#), and the Zoom link will be sent.

In addition to the workshop, newsletter editors are invited to participate in the DKG California Outstanding Newsletter Competition. All chapters and areas are encouraged to submit one issue of their newsletter published between January and December 2021. The deadline for submitting entries has been extended to **February 15, 2022**. See the [Competition Guidelines](#) for requirements for submission. A helpful [Style Guide](#) is available here and on the DKG California website, [www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org).

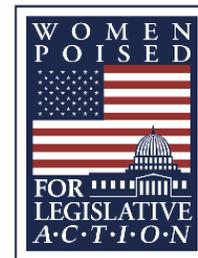
Entries should be submitted by email to the state newsletter editor at [dkgcaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:dkgcaeditor@gmail.com). Entries will be judged by members of the Marketing Committee, and the Top Ten newsletters that meet the requirements and demonstrate the best content, format, and creativity will be selected. These winners will be recognized at the 2022 DKG California Convention.

*Virginia Williamson, Alpha Omega  
Marketing Committee  
Editor, California Connection*

## Educational Law and Policy Committee



## Educational Law and Policy Committee Studies, Informs, and Advocates



The purposes of the Educational Law and Policy Committee (ELP) are to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation in the interest of education and of women educators and to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

DKG California employs a Legislative Consultant/Advocate, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz, who informs members about bills, alerts us to needed action, and speaks on our behalf to state legislators. The Bill Evaluator Program trains members to study, analyze, and recommend actions on proposed legislation. See [www.dkgca.org/ed-law-policy](http://www.dkgca.org/ed-law-policy) for more information. Legislative Study Sessions held in odd-numbered years allow members to learn about California's

legislative process, become informed of educational issues addressed in current legislation, and visit with their legislators. The Legislative Connections Program strives to improve communication between members and state/federal legislators by maintaining contact through letters, social media, e-mails, calls, office visits and invitations to attend or speak at chapter or area meetings.

DKG California actively participates in DKG's U.S. Forum. Join us at the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. March 6-8, 2022, to advocate for issues important to active and retired women educators. See [www.dkgforum.com](http://www.dkgforum.com) for details.

ELP Committee Members are Hazel Powell, Christi Calpo, Mary Brown Oleson, Pam Ballanti, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz, and Kathy Kinley, Chairman.

*Dr. Kathy Kinley, Epsilon Sigma  
Educational Law and Policy Committee Chairman*

## Tips for Facilitating Hybrid Meetings

Many chapters/areas are exploring ways to successfully facilitate hybrid meetings. Some ideas generated during and after the Leadership Development Committee's September 9th Cafe Chat might be helpful as you plan virtual meetings. Thank you to the participants for their contributions:

### Suggestions for Set Up:

- Equipment needed for a successful simultaneous or hybrid meeting:
- Main computer with a camera (a laptop is preferred)
- iPad, iPhone, or another device to use as a camera so those Zooming may receive another view of the meeting, speakers, etc.
- External microphone (this really helps)
- TV (if you wish to view those on Zoom)
- HDMI cord connecting TV and computer or projector



### Setting up the engagement of all participants:

- Someone to be the virtual host (best if they are attending in person to monitor the chat, control pinning certain speakers, letting the person in charge know when someone on Zoom needs to speak, changing slides for the speaker, etc.)
- Include activities in which virtual attendees can participate along with in-person attendees such as polling via phone or computer (using Mentimeter or Slido, for example)
- Send agenda, minutes of the previous meeting, and other documents in advance. Provide links in the chat on meeting day as well.

Please refer to the Leadership Development Committee's [web page](#) under [Hybrid Meetings - Suggestions/Tips for Success](#) for more specific details and/or to contribute your ideas.

*Leadership Development Committee*

## Finance Committee

## DKG California Finance Committee - Building Strong Roots



The function of the Finance Committee is to ensure a strong and stable base for DKG California funds, thus ensuring continued support for state committees to fulfill their purposes.

The Finance Committee's mission is to support the DKG California organization and all of its activities and programs. If one thinks of DKG California as a rose bush, with roses representing the chapters and the leadership represented by the strong branches, the Finance Committee is represented by the roots.



A good root structure keeps the bush alive. Just as the roots grow deep and branch out to give support, the Finance Committee is constantly searching for and building a solid structure that will protect and keep state finances strong.

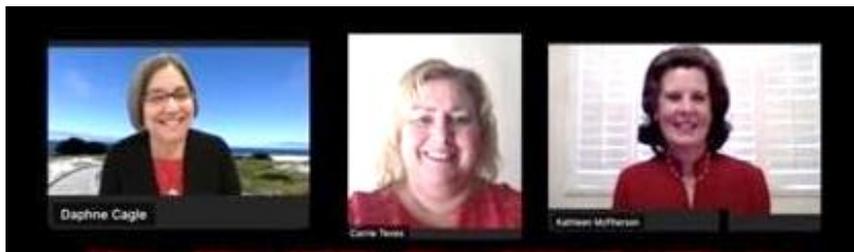
It is the goal of the Finance Committee to make sure income, including dues and non-dues revenue, is there for the work of the state to support the Seven Purposes of DKG, both now and in the future. The Finance Committee supervises all expenditures and investments of the DKG California State organization, with the following duties and actions to keep the roots strong:

- creating a yearly budget
- monitoring income and expenses
- supervising the Financial Development Committee
- overseeing the spending plan for the DKG California Education Center
- making prudent choices when investing and distributing donations
- establishing a reimbursement policy for DKG California leadership expenses
- providing online and liaison support to chapters
- other duties as determined by the DKG California Executive Committee.

Members of the Finance Committee are: Marylu Mesa, Chairman, Dr. Gale George, Dr. Christine Fuller, Jenni Gates, Toni Cook, Kathlan Latimer, and Sue Noyes.

*Christine Fuller, Gamma Theta  
Finance Committee Budget Coordinator*

## Expansion Committee



## DKG California is Expanding... Introducing the Expansion Committee

The Expansion Committee is a new committee approved at the 2021 DKG California Convention. Previously, expansion was part of the Membership Committee. This new committee consists of Daphne Cagle, Alpha Eta, Area VI, chairman, and members Carrie Teves, Beta Kappa, Area VII and Kathleen McPherson, Iota Omicron, Area XIII. The Expansion Committee is tasked with creating and supporting new chapters.

The committee is currently working with members in two new parts of the state this biennium. The first proposed location is Susanville in Area II. Sandy Pudlicki, Beta Alpha, is leading this effort along with a great committee of Area II members. The second proposed chapter is in Auburn in Area VI. This effort is being led by Stefania Shaffer, a member of Beta Rho Chapter, who recently relocated to Auburn. "If we build it, they will come," a quote from *Field of Dreams* comes to mind.

The committee is also focused on supporting the state's newest chapters after they are chartered. Newly established chapters are provided with a mentor and are assigned a liaison from the Expansion Committee.

Officers of the newest chapters are invited to attend a bimonthly New Chapter Forum. This is a Zoom meeting featuring a presentation by one of the DKG California committees. At the November meeting the Global Awareness Committee shared strategies for chapters to support the Save Our Earth, World Fellowship Enrichment, and Schools for Africa projects.

The members of the Expansion Committee look forward to growing and supporting new chapters to increase their success and make membership worthwhile for all.

*Daphne Cagle, Alpha Eta Chapter  
Expansion Committee Chairman*

### How can you help our committee?

- ❖ Do you know an educator in Susanville?
- ❖ Do you know an educator in Auburn, Roseville or Rocklin?
- ❖ Do you have an idea of where we might start a new DKG chapter?

If so, contact Daphne Cagle at [daphnecaglekdgca@gmail.com](mailto:daphnecaglekdgca@gmail.com).



## Global Awareness Committee

## Global Awareness Committee Commits to Environmental Education

Saving Our Earth is urgent now more than ever, given the fires that rage each year on the West Coast and the too-often hurricanes that howl on the East Coast. Other states' Global Awareness Committees, like DKG California, support Schools for Africa and World Fellowship, but California was first to add Environmental Education to the committee's responsibilities.

The Global Awareness Committee is committed to providing information and resources, and chapters are urged to contribute samples of environmentally beneficial projects to the list of suggestions under "Save Our Earth" on our website. Ideas already contributed include:

- ❖ Distribute seeds for growing fruits and vegetables from our and others' cultures.
- ❖ Donate old calendars, books, magazines, travel brochures, and note cards to teachers for classroom projects.
- ❖ Bring used books to DKG's "Buck a Book" project at convention.
- ❖ A "big bang for your buck" action is to reduce plastic usage. Pick two companies from whom you purchase toiletries most often, and ask them *when* they will begin selling their products in environmentally sustainable containers. Tell companies exactly what you want, such as buying makeup, moisturizer, or toothbrushes that come in environmentally sustainable containers instead of plastic ones that will outlive our time on Earth.



Send descriptions of projects your chapter likes that excite students and bind DKG members together in common purpose to Save Our Earth to:

[ginnyzopolosdkgca@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyzopolosdkgca@gmail.com)

In addition to a focus on Schools for Africa and World Fellowship, the Global Awareness Committee challenges you to help Save Our Earth.

- ❖ [Click here](#) to view information from DKG International on Schools for Africa and how to donate.
- ❖ [Click here](#) to view information from UNICEF about the DKG connection to Schools for Africa.

Members of the Global Awareness Committee, Evelyn LaTorre, Dee Simpson, and Ginny Zopolos, Chairman, are available to speak at chapter meetings. Contact them to make arrangements or with any questions:

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*Dr. Evelyn LaTorre, Alpha Omega Chapter  
Global Awareness Committee*

## Successful Chapter and Area Programs

### Gamma Psi Awards Grants to Student and Beginning Teachers

Gamma Psi Chapter of San Jose has made it a priority to support young women teachers aspiring to excellence in their teaching field. Each year grants are awarded to student and beginning teachers. Recently the Grant-in-Aid project has been renamed, 'The Gladys Surina Grant' in honor of a warm and wonderful member dedicated to this endeavor. Gladys, a retired teacher, served on the selection committee for many years, often hosting the meeting at her home and always with fine china.

The monies for the Grant come from a fundraiser in the form of an Annual Silent Tea. In December Chapter members are mailed a donation Invitation with a tea bag enclosed. It's an opportunity for members to sit quietly with a cup of tea on a cold winter's day or eve and reflect on what it means to provide support to a young teacher and to remember their own eager first years of teaching. This project has provided support for many beginning teachers through the years. It was a surprise for me personally a few years ago to encounter a recipient who had, at one time, received Gamma Psi's generous grant as a beginning teacher and was now an elementary school principal.

Once the candidates' applications have been received and approved by the committee, the teachers are informed, sent a check, and invited to the Chapter's End-of-the-Year Luncheon. This luncheon is usually held at the San Jose Country Club. The Grant Recipients are introduced to the members and asked to say a few words about how these monies will be spent for their classrooms. The young women have been very creative in responding by providing visuals and charts, circulating handouts, and sometimes bringing student books. This exchange provides new life and energy to the member base. Retired teachers delight in awe at the new educational trends and materials. Those members who are still teaching can fully relate and often get new ideas themselves. Friendships are developed and members often exchange contacts and give a "listening ear and educational advice" to the young women. Others volunteer through the THAT program in these new teachers' classrooms.

Gamma Psi wisely invests in the future. Quality leaders emerge with encouragement and example. Some Grant Recipients have seen the value of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and have joined Gamma Psi and have given back in countless ways

*Sandy Pavick, Gamma Psi  
Area IV Director*

### 2021 Gamma Psi Grant Recipients



Amanda Romero



Miranda Furman



Micaela Mason

## Theta Psi Offers a Unique Grant Program One Scholar -- Four+ Years



In the past Theta Psi Chapter has awarded a deserving student a \$2,000 scholarship. Typically, the awardee would receive the check after providing proof of acceptance, registration and class schedule. After the check was awarded, the chapter would hear nothing further regarding the student.

Theta Psi made a dramatic change in this process by voting in a new, innovative procedure. Once the scholarship recipient, gender neutral, had been selected, the recipient was informed the chapter would follow him/her for the entire four years of enrollment, and he/she would continue receiving \$2,000 on an annual basis until graduation.

This decision proved to be very rewarding for everyone. Throughout the year the chapter provided greeting cards and sometimes gift cards for holidays, birthdays and special occasions. The student provided Academic Progress Reports

following each semester. The chapter held an end-of-year party each year honoring the student and his/her family. The chapter became more familiar with the student and his/her family, and a special relationship was established.

The chapter determined that, if after four years the student had been unable to complete required coursework and graduate, the chapter would vote whether to continue the scholarship until the student graduated. Because studies were interrupted by COVID, the chapter approved the extension.

This has worked well for Theta Psi. The chapter has a student who knows the support of an organization whose members really care about education and are invested in his future. Theta Psi's recipient graduates in June 2022. All the surrogate grandmothers will be there as he accepts his diploma.

*Theta Psi Collaborative Writing  
Olithia O'Toole, President 2020-2022*

## AREA XIV to Celebrate the Spirit of Ohana

Area XIV is fortunate to have two previous Area Directors, Kathy Wanchek and Dee Harmon, remaining on the Area Board. Kathy Wanchek jumped right in with co-chair, Kathy Ellis, to create a wonderful conference with the theme, "Celebrating the Spirit of Ohana," to guide members back into an in-person conference on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The Spirit of Ohana is the deep connection to heritage and family and is marked by support of family and others.



The raffle for chapter-provided baskets will sponsor Area XIV student teacher scholarships. Kathy also found a great additional project that fits right in with the theme. Attendees will have a chance to donate a little (or a lot) to join Area XIV's sponsorship of buses to provide inner-city school children an opportunity to experience Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. The conference speaker, Jim dePompei, who will discuss "Preserving the Oceans that Sustain Us," is from the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Area XIV extends a hearty welcome to you to attend this event which is listed on the DKG CA website calendar.

*Kathleen Pompey, Delta Tau  
Area XIV Director*

## Financial Development Committee

## New Name Selected for the DKG California Store

The Executive and Financial Development Committee members are excited to announce the new store name is The Rose Boutique! The Financial Development Committee sponsored the "Name the Store Contest" in August to give the DKG California Store a new identity. The committee members then narrowed the 33 entries to six finalists, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee to select a winner. Members of the Executive Committee combined three of the six finalist entries to name the store "The Rose Boutique."

The three finalist entries were submitted by: Gretchen Covington, Eta Upsilon Area I; Diana Sawin, Zeta Zeta Area III, and Karen Akana, Delta Omega Area IX. Each won \$10 to spend at The Rose Boutique during the Winter Leadership Planning Session, WLPS, in January 2022 in Sacramento.

The Rose Boutique logo was recently designed by Financial Development Committee member Kathy Morgan, Delta Lambda, Area V. Committee member Kathy Retzloff, Iota Sigma, Area II, has been busy organizing store items.



The Rose Boutique will be open for business at WLPS this January and during Convention 2022. All DKG California members can shop anytime online by mail by going to [www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org) and clicking on The Rose Boutique box on the Home page. Members can view pictures of available store items and complete the order form. The DKG California Education Center Office Manager, Sue Noyes, will be happy to fill and mail out your order.

SHOP The Rose Boutique and MARKET DKG!

*Veronica P. Thomas, Sigma, Area VII  
Financial Development Committee Chair*



## DKG California Educational Outreach An International Opportunity



One of the joys of membership in DKG is meeting women educators from across the 17 member countries. It is possible to meet a member from Jalisco, Mexico, or from the country of Norway at the International Convention in New Orleans in July. When these states were chartered, DKG California voted to provide a \$500 grant for a member from Norway or Jalisco to use for her attendance at an international convention or conference. These awards are presented to the selected member personally at the DKG event she is attending.

If one of your reasons for being in DKG is to "impact education worldwide," you can be a donor to the DKG California Educational Outreach Fund. This is the name of the fund that brings these women to the U.S. Your donation of any amount meaningful to you is a commitment to fostering communication and understanding of our international colleagues. Support our Sisters. [Donate](#) to the Outreach Fund.

*Toni Cook, Gamma Psi  
DKG California President*

## The LIFE Foundation

### The LIFE Board Welcomes New Members

The LIFE Foundation welcomes three new DKG California members to the LIFE Board of Directors. Their bios say many great things about them and about their commitment to education.



Jan Gonder is currently the president of Lambda Chapter in Area XI, located primarily in Los Angeles and Culver City. She has been interested in LIFE for years. During conventions that provide vending, she has sold handmade pendants for donations. She considers one of many honors that of receiving a scholarship to Leadership Seminar in Sacramento a few years ago -- DKG has a wonderful track record for presenting interesting and useful information, whether at conventions or in smaller area conferences. It has been an honor to be a member since the early 1980s -- full of opportunity and, as we have seen lately, many surprises. LIFE has been one of my favorite venues for showing the possibilities to make learning genuinely available to everyone.

A DKG member for eight years, Lorelie "Lore" Olaes is currently the First Vice-President for Program for Lambda Chapter, Area XI. She has been teaching for 20 years and is presently a fourth grade teacher at South Park Elementary School, Los Angeles Unified School District. She received a LIFE Grant for her classroom many years ago. She wants to support the raising of funds for LIFE and to encourage members who have literacy projects to apply for a LIFE grant.



Carole Seedman has been a member of DKG since 1990, first as a member of Alpha Chapter and more recently, Lambda Chapter. She has served as Chapter President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Vice-President / Membership Chair. Carole also served on the State Membership Committee for one biennium. She has a BA from the University of Illinois, an MA from Loyola University and a PhD from LaSalle University in Mandeville Louisiana. Carole taught deaf, hard-of-hearing, and learning-disabled students for 49 years in Los Angeles, working with all grades from pre-school through college.

*Donna Fleisher, Epsilon Chi  
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## Communications & Technology Committee

### Educators Empower 21st Century Learners

How will educators continue to support student growth and use of tech tools a year and a half after Covid-19?

As thousands of students return to their classrooms, many teachers are faced with the commitment of continuing to deliver effective lessons using technology. The International Society for Technology in Education, ISTE, outlines a set of standards students and teachers may explore to develop "student voice and ensure that learning is a student-driven process." Sophia Mendoza, Director of Instructional Technology Initiative at Los Angeles Unified School District, states that, "Aligning our district strategy to the ISTE Standards gave us both the vision and focus we needed to accelerate instructional transformation in our schools."

Aligning the ISTE standards to the district strategy recognizes the need to continue the shift towards the greater use of technology as part of a seamless integration. The result is that technology is part of the process, not just a tool "on the side" not really related to the curricular focus.

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- Teachers want students to become
- ❖ [empowered learners, digital citizens](#)
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This shift in instruction requires us to challenge ourselves, think beyond, and prepare the next generation with 21st Century skills. The idea is to develop active digital citizens who find solutions to problems and select and organize their positive tech use, or digital footprint.

*Sandra C. Fonseca, Gamma Lambda  
Communications & Technology Committee*



## Remembering Our Sisters...

*“A little bit of my sister will always live in me.”*

*- Author Unknown*

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