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Workshop Sessions to Highlight State Convention



Convention participants will have many choices for professional or personal development at the DKG California Convention, May 3 - 5.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Friday, May 3, 2019

Technology Drop-in Clinic 2:00 – 5:00 pm

DKG California Communications/Technology Committee

All attendees have the opportunity to get answers to their technology troubles. On-going sessions will be offered on specific google tools and apps, while one-on-one sessions will be offered to help answer specific questions and challenges with technology needs. This is a repeat of last year's Tech Clinic.

Fishing for Leadership 3:00 – 5:00 pm

DKG California Leadership Development Committee

This workshop focuses on the four thinking styles from the book *FISH!* by Stephen C. Lundin, Ph.D, Harry Paul and John Christensen. These authors said it best: "FISH is not a set of rules or a check-list of steps to complete. It's a way of thinking, a lens that helps you see more clearly how to be the person you want to be." (Pre-registration is required).

Saturday, May 4, 2019

8:30 – 10:30 am

Cultural Competency: Protecting LGBTQ Youth

Debbie Soro

This two-hour training will enlighten people about the laws and educational codes protecting LGBTQ youth. In the training, participants will learn about the ABC's of LGBTQ Culture including the consequences of discrimination and the amazing results of acceptance.

First Aid for Area and Chapter Treasurers

DKG California Finance Committee

Many of the changes in the International Constitution and Standing Rules have financial implications for chapter and area treasurers. The DKG California Finance Committee, assisted by International representative, Helen Popovich, will present a workshop designed to guide all treasurers through these changes. Questions and concerns related to this very important job will also be addressed.



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.*

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President's Message



DKG California Membership / Expansion Committee: One Committee, Two Very Different Purposes

The DKG California Executive Committee, Leadership Team, areas, and chapters have been working diligently this biennium to address the four goals included in the DKG California Call to Action:

- Goal 1: Increase membership
- Goal 2: Maintain membership
- Goal 3: Share relevant programs
- Goal 4: Empower leaders

Congratulations to chapters, areas, and the state Membership Committee for an outstanding job of implementing the first two goals! In addition to increasing and maintaining membership, many of us developed a better understanding of the difference between the two primary duties of the membership committee:

DKG California Membership Committee

The first purpose of the state membership committee is to increase and maintain membership. This biennium, the membership committee developed the Membership Toolkit to assist chapters in attracting and maintaining members. You'll find a wide variety of ideas in the Membership Toolkit. Visit the dkgca.org or just click below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uqUx5DsDEsx_d3zQRrMprYWuL0QKCe4GrkhsRXodD7z8/edit

One of the excellent resources included in the toolkit is entitled "Recruit, Retain, Rejoice." Just click on the link below for the PowerPoint presentation you can share with your chapter:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1a8JHjrYfQw_wtBTumOVPHlqvbyI2ZJEIPd3vyKswDY/edit#slide=id.p5

Additionally, a member of the state membership committee will be happy to visit your chapter and area to offer ideas for successful recruitment. Your Area Membership Chairman is also available to offer ideas for recruiting and maintaining members.

DKG California Expansion Committee

The purpose of the expansion team is to add new chapters. The expansion team works with members who submit ideas of areas in which to start new chapters. Members suggested fast growing communities such as Elk Grove, Los Angeles and Chino Hills, to charter new chapters. As a result, three new chapters have been chartered, one in each of these locations. But many cities can support more than one chapter. Think about places like Los Angeles, Sacramento, Long Beach, San Diego or Pasadena. These are large areas with thousands of teachers who would benefit from membership in DKG.

Think about your own geographic area. Could your area support more chapters? The answer is probably a resounding yes! Let's work together to expand DKG California!

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In Remembrance



Corinne Bansuelo-Rodante, the beloved office manager of the DKG California Education Center Office in Sacramento, passed away unexpectedly on March 24, 2019. Corinne became a part of the DKG California family when she was employed as the office secretary-receptionist in

October 2010. She later became the office manager and bookkeeper. A tireless and enthusiastic worker, she helped expand the use of computers for business purposes and online registration of special DKG events. She also volunteered countless hours to assist with local DKG events. Corinne ran the office with an efficiency driven by a love for our organization. She saw the office as our “home” and wanted it to be well managed, appealing to the eye and welcoming to all who visited.

There were times when she worked from home as she was not feeling well enough to work in the office. In spite of living with psoriatic arthritis,

Corinne never complained or let the discomfort interfere with life. She was generous with her time in caring for all—her family, DKG members, friends and community.

We will remember Corinne for her warm smile, kind words, infectious laughter, welcoming spirit and warm embraces. She was such a kind and caring woman, incredibly strong and selfless. Her devotion and dedication to DKG California will be missed by all who knew her.

In recognition of Corinne, a fund is being established in the name of the Rodante Family. If you would like to contribute to the Rodante Family Fund, you may send a check made payable to *DKG Chi State* with a note on the memo line, "In memory of Corinne." Mail checks to DKG California Education Center, 808 University Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825-6723. There will also be a box at convention registration for members who wish to leave a donation. Funds will be given to Corinne's family soon after the 2019 DKG California Convention.

Sue Noyes, Iota Sigma
Sandra Carder, Beta Omega

Impact Education Legislation -- Attend the DKG California Legislative Study Session

Our DKG California bill evaluators have been active this year. So far they have recommended that we support AB 2 Community Colleges: California College Promise, AB 6 Early Childhood Education: Office of Early Childhood Education, AB 16 Homeless Children and Youth: Reporting, AB 28 High School Diplomas: State Seal of STEM, AB 196 Paid Family Leave, SB 686 California Promise Neighborhood Act of 2019, AB 1623 Teaching Credential: Teacher Recruitment, Golden State Teacher Grant Program, AB 500 School and community college employees: paid maternity leave, and SB 748 California Youth Poet Laureate. Keep checking the Educational Law and Policy Committee webpage at www.dkgca.org for legislative reports and resources.



Would you like to become involved in education policy? Come to Sacramento June 18 to 20, 2019, to learn more, meet legislators and other policymakers, and share your experiences with them. Register for DKG California's Legislative Study Session by clicking on [Legislative Study Registration](#). Register by May 17, 2019, for the Early Bird rate of \$189. Registration will be \$199 starting May 18, 2019. Stipends are available through the DKG California Scholarship Committee to help defray costs. Applications must be submitted by April 15. Some chapters and areas may also offer stipends.

DKG California members will meet at the Residence Inn by Marriott and the State Capitol. Tours of the DKG California Education Center and the CalSTRS Headquarters will be available. For hotel reservations attendees should call 1-888-236-2427 and mention the group name “Delta Kappa Gamma” before May 16, 2019, to receive the group rate.

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



Planning for the Convention

Coming to the 2019 DKG California Convention? We will be meeting at the recently remodeled San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront in Burlingame, California. The view of San Francisco Bay is terrific with walkways along the waterfront. There is a hotel shuttle from the SFO airport with a six-minute ride to the hotel. Overnight parking at the hotel is \$15.00 a day, and day parking is hourly with a maximum of \$30.00 a day.

Look forward to...

- Becoming a “Lifelong Learner” by attending a variety of Professional Development and Breakout Sessions.
- Improving your technology skills in workshops on Friday and Saturday.
- Socializing with your friends on Friday at the Grab ‘n Go meals and the Meet and Mingle party after the meetings.
- Skyping with the author of the Read Across DKG book presented by the LIFE Foundation.
- Enjoying the Art Gallery and Displays by the Areas, Chapters and Committees.
- Shopping at the DKG Store, Vendors and LIFE Raffle.
- Listening to speakers at the Luncheon and Breakfast.
- Enjoying the Installation of Officers, the Entertainment, and the Awards and Recognitions on Saturday evening.

Please come and join in the fun and celebration of the Purposeful Progress of DKG California. Register online at www.dkgca.org and make hotel reservations online at www.dkgca.org.

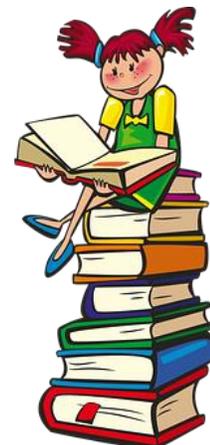
Sue Hughes, Alpha Kappa Chapter
2019 Local Arrangements Chairman

Buck a Book Sale! ***Celebrate the Joy of Reading!***

Bring Books! Buy Books!

The convention is a great place to bring gently used books!
Share with members books you loved but no longer read.

Buy books for yourself or others to enjoy!
Celebrate knowing the donated proceeds go to
non-dues revenue!



Ellen Owens, Delta Mu
DKG California Finance Committee

WELCOME OUR INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION



Dr. Helen Popovich, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, will represent the International Society at the DKG California 2019 Convention May 3 – 5 in San Francisco.

Dr. Popovich earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Arts Degree at the University of Texas, El Paso. She began her teaching career as a high school English, speech and drama teacher at the age of 19. Five years later, at age 24, she was initiated into her mother's Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter. Later, after earning a Ph.D. in English at the University of Kansas, she worked in higher education in Florida, Minnesota and Michigan as a faculty member and administrator including 11 years as a university president.

Throughout her career and retirement, Helen has been active at the local, state and international levels of DKG. In addition to serving on many chapter and state organization committees, she has been president of Beta Theta Chapter (Florida), second vice president of the Florida State organization, president of Beta Kappa Chapter (Michigan) and president of the Michigan State organization.



Your Classy Crew of Area Directors
invite you to

Celebrate DKG's 90th Birthday
1929-2019

**Celebrate First Time Convention
Attendees**

Friday, May 3
Immediately following the business
meeting

Meet new friends
Mingle with your area sisters
Favors • Fellowship • Fun
No host bar - Not a meal event

At the international level, she has served on the Board of Directors and as chair of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, as a Member-at-Large on the International Administrative Board, and as chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, the Constitution Committee and the Non-Dues Revenue Committee. Having earned the credential of Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Helen currently serves as her chapter's parliamentarian and as the parliamentarian for the Florida State organization in addition to her position as International Parliamentarian.

Helen's work as a parliamentarian is not confined to DKG. She has been on the Bylaws Committee at both the state and national levels of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She is currently president of her local unit of parliamentarians as well as of the Florida State Association of Parliamentarians.

When she is simply being self-indulgent, Helen enjoys RV'ing with her husband, Don MacConnell, traveling, reading, gourmet cooking and spending time with her family, friends, and pets.



CALLING ALL TREASURERS!

Don't miss the
First Aid for Area and Chapter Treasurers
Professional Development Workshop.

Saturday, May 4
8:30 – 10:30 am

Going to the International Conference in Costa Mesa in July?

Be sure to join us for a performance of *The Phantom of the Opera!* Reserved group tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Click <https://goo.gl/forms/ZZ4QLJNRDowNIAMH2> to reserve your group tickets now. The deadline is **April 26** or when sold out.

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Innovative Digital Webtools for Education and Life,

Barbara Rodriguez

Be inspired and collect ideas for using some of the Best, the most Innovative, and the most Creative webtools to use in everyday life. Everyone knows the KEY element in learning is FUN, so this is exactly the principle in this session.

Making the Pieces Fit: Special Needs Students in Your Classroom

Michelle Archibald

Students with autism typically experience difficulties with changes in routine, following oral directions and executive functioning. This session will show how to use evidence-based practices such as social narratives, picture communication, prompting, reinforcement, modeling and visual supports to help students and teachers be successful in the classroom. This session will also include an eye-opening, hands-on experience through sensory processing and a fun make-and-take for the classroom.

Story-Telling in Emerging Writers' Workshop, DKG California STEP Committee

Participants will learn about what a writers' workshop looks like in a classroom with emerging writers. You will learn about a unit of study in which students write stories for other students to act out. You will also see examples of student work and receive a copy of the unit outline so that you can try out some of the lessons with your students.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

8:30 – 9:30 am

Bloomin' Opportunities: The Resurgence of the Garden Classroom (NGSS)

Pam Kirpalani

Remember those prairie days when every school house had a garden? Students learned where food came from by planting, picking, tasting and cooking. Science happened with the seasons. Math answered real-life puzzles by calculating square foot garden space. Young bodies grew strong immune systems by breathing fresh air, absorbing sunshine, and touching soil microbes. From window sill to veggie patch, orchard to butterfly habitat, "Next Generation Science" garden classrooms are "bloomin' with opportunities" for students, teachers and volunteers... no "green thumb" required! See you in the garden!

Frescoes by the Bay: From Curiosity to Author, Karen Sinell

This presentation reveals a journey starting with the discovery of a specific body of unknown art and asking the simple question: what? From there, the presenter will discuss how the project came to fruition, the many challenges involved, how these books continue to change her life and, with it, preserve a piece of her family's legacy. Participants will see images of frescoes in San Francisco that are open for public viewing. The presentation includes a detailed description of the content and composition of four major works and the artists who created them. The stories cover a range from sexual discrimination, dreams and aspirations, history of medicine, social conventions, California's abundant natural resources to love affairs.

Fun, Fellowship and Circles

Xye Sanders and Maria Casey

The presenters will facilitate the use of circles to build positive relationships and create collaborative and safe environments that allow everyone to contribute and participate. The activities presented can be adapted for chapter, classroom and family use. The use of circles can help enhance discussions about issues/concerns, facilitate the decision-making process, and promote unity through genuine fellowship.

G-Mail: It's So Much More Than E-Mail

Marine Avagyan

This session will allow participants to explore the amazing world of Google e-mail and calendar apps, learning how to maximize their use for communication, productivity, and plain fun! Whether you use g-mail for personal or professional purposes, you will learn many tips, shortcuts, and settings that will keep your virtual communication sophisticated and professional, yet simple and safe.

Medicare Questions and Answers

Gloria Cutshall

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is a service provided by Sourcewise that assists seniors, persons with disabilities, and caregivers with the information needed to make informed insurance decisions. HICAP can assist with the different parts of Medicare and long-term care insurance. Counselors provide free, objective one-on-one counseling available in multiple languages. HICAP

volunteer counselors are located throughout Santa Clara County. For the most part, they operate out of Senior Community Centers. HICAP is the acronym used here in California, but throughout the United States, it is known as "SHIP" (Senior Health Insurance Program). By calling the help line at 1-800-434-02222, a person can be directly connected to a HICAP counselor from the California county where the person is making the call.

Road Scholar: Adventure in Lifelong Learning Jill Swaim

This workshop is for everyone who loves to travel, learn new things, explore interesting places, and meet people who share a love of adventure. Come and learn about Road Scholar – America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults. Road Scholar offers nearly 5,500 affordable programs in about 150 countries worldwide. As a member of DKG California, you can apply for a Hostelship Award after attending a Road Scholar Program and receive a stipend. Learn more about this program at this presentation.

Self-Care for Teachers: You Can't Help Them If You're Burned Out Bronwyn Harris

As teachers, we learn to put others' needs ahead of ours, which is just one of the many reasons why there is such a high turn-over rate in teaching. The presenter taught in the most violent part of Oakland for eight years, finally leaving due to health problems caused by stress. Since then, she has tried to support other teachers to not experience the same fate! Come and listen to ideas on how to take care of yourself and have positive boundaries so that you can keep serving the population with whom you work.

Teaching the 21st Century Student: Incorporating Technology into the Classroom, Katie Eich

The future is now! Students come to class fully immersed in technology, from cell phones to smart watches to social media accounts and more. How do we as educators meet them where they are and provide them with meaningful learning? Come and learn some tips and tricks for including technology in daily lessons and engaging the 21st century student!

Town Hall Kathy O'Leary

Do you have questions about DKG that you would like to ask? Do you have topics that you would like to discuss? Does your chapter need ideas and

suggestions? If so, this is the break-out session for you! There will be representatives from the DKG California Executive Committee, Communication and Technology Committee, and Membership Committee available to answer your questions.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 9:45 – 10:45 am

Cake Decorating Lakeysha Holman

This workshop will teach beginning cake decorating skills. It will include piping instruction on shell borders and star designs as well as tips and tricks to create a smoothly iced cake. Participants will decorate and take a small cake home with them.

Igniting the Power of Families for Improving Their Children's Literacy Nancy Rogers-Zegarra

The presenter will use a variety of interactive strategies, small group discussion, visual aids and multi-media which will demonstrate and model effective techniques for engaging and empowering families as literacy partners with their children while building strong relationships with the school. Techniques for increasing home-school communication, a list of multi-cultural "Read Aloud Books" and family engagement/ empowerment resources will be explored in the session. The presenter will share ideas based on work from a 3-year LIFE Grant for Title I schools in Northern California aimed at increasing family engagement and empowerment.

Legislative Updates Martha Zaragoza-Diaz

The presenter, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz, is our DKG California Legislative Advocate. She will discuss current legislation dealing with schools, women, and children in the state of California.

Nine Realities of Caring for an Elderly Parent: A Love Story of a Different Kind Stefania Shaffer

The unexpected call to come home was not accompanied by the apology the presenter had been waiting on for years. Curious, she ventured back to her childhood home, quickly realizing this invitation was really a cry for help. Scenes of a home in disrepair and a mother equally disheveled conjured up new words: "elder neglect." This century, 45 million Baby Boomers are grappling over what will happen when Mom and/or Dad can no longer care for themselves. Stefania unveils the

gritty realities that adult children will face in their daunting new role as caregivers. Preparation prevents regret.

Overcoming Adversity: The New Normal **Dominique Yancey**

Life can throw us curve balls when we least expect it. Some of these can be minor obstacles that can be easily overcome but others can be life-changing. Do we let it overwhelm us or do we fight and survive, coming out stronger? Hear one woman's journey and how she created her "new normal" way of life.

Pathways to Teacher and Administrator Certification in California **Karen Chiechi**

Learn how the state is keeping its standards high while streamlining the path to teacher and administrator certification. Participants will play alphabet soup with the TPE's, CSTP's, CAPE's, and CPSEL's, the foundation of the new system. Compare how you earned your credential(s) and walk away with the knowledge that our students are in good hands even in these times of shortages.

Read Across America: SKYPE with the Author **LIFE Foundation**

Each year, the LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Foundation of DKG California focuses on one book to feature in the Read Across America Program and to incorporate into the state convention sessions. Participants will have the opportunity to SKYPE with the author of this year's book choice, *The Nancies*.

Showcasing Ability: Engaging Adults with Special Needs **DeAnna Pursai**

The College of Adaptive Arts provides an equitable collegiate experience to adults with special needs who, historically, have not had access to college education. The co-founders would love to share the history of this model, the past nine years of explosive growth, and our vision to take this model nationwide to become the Special Olympics model for education. This is a new way of engaging adults with special needs, turning them into Successful Contributing Citizens through lifelong learning, continual artistic expressions and creations, and continual community performances with the focus on Transforming Perception of Individuals with special needs.

Using the 5 E's of NGSS

Patti Pape

Using the 5 E's (Engage, Explore, Explain, Extend or Elaborate and Evaluate) to plan and instruct to the NGSS and California performance expectations and use the maker's space model for hands-on experiences.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Free Books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, **Cathie Lynch**

Put zip into your chapter with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project in which Dolly mails a free book every month to the home of preschool children ages birth to five. Learn how to register the children in your area and find big fiscal partners. Help DKG California make this a statewide project, one chapter at a time.

Google Slides for Everyone

Jenni Gates

Join us as we learn how to create a slide show, discover how to personalize a presentation, explore how to add various elements to make the presentation engaging and learn how to share and collaborate using Google Slides.

Leadership Is Like Boogie Boarding:

Parallel Lessons,

Dr. Suzanne Roy

Tumbled in the waves of leadership? Been caught up in rip-currents, distracted by their exciting possibilities, drifting? Then this interactive workshop is for you! The presenter, with reflective insight and humor, will share the parallel lessons that she has experienced over her extended career. Key concepts are:

- Keep Your Eye on Your Beach Umbrella (Vision)
- Know Your Environment (Culture)
- Read the Waves (Momentum)
- Be Aware and Respond to Rip-Currents (Change)
- Learn the "Stingray Shuffle" (Communication)
- Get Out of the Water – Rest and Reflect (Fresh Perspective)

Join in a light-hearted view of our serious work as leaders. Surf's up!

Two Generations + One Classroom = The Best Way to Work with Millennials**Barbara Rodriguez**

The new generations are becoming a real challenge in our classrooms. In this session, you will unlock the secret way to work and communicate with them to have a meaningful and successful class. These secrets also work for your millennials at home.

Visual Arts in Education**Barbara Libby-Steinmann**

From improved student engagement to better attendance to increased academic achievement, the benefits of arts education have a profound and lasting impact on TK-12 students. Barbara will share her investments in arts education. She will highlight her visual arts curriculum and demonstrate how she integrates visual arts across the curriculum. Barbara empowers community members to advocate for arts education through arts installations and community arts classes as well as fostering partnerships with families to promote art making at home and in school. This uplifting presentation will inspire you to be a champion for the arts in education and in your community. Don't wait! Advocate and create!

Why Service Learning?**Dr. Carol Wertz**

Service learning and community service – what is the difference? Our culture is ripe for service learning, as students are looking for authentic learning that allows them to use their voices to make a difference. Learn about this powerful strategy that can be designed for any grade level and together we will brainstorm some ideas that would work perfectly in your situation.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**2:00 – 3:00 pm****A Sense of Place: Purposeful Progress, Finding Reasons to Celebrate****Kate Winslow**

What is purposeful progress? Where and when have we most experienced it? What do we celebrate? How? What and how do Alaskans celebrate? How can celebrating enhance our purposeful progress? How do we pass this on to those we teach? Those we encounter in life? How do we foster a Sense of Place? Why does it all matter? Participants will have a chance to delve

deeper into aspects from the keynote address, discuss and participate in the teaching learning process and build community.

Changing the Perception of Mental Illness**Patti Pape**

In a crisis, you expect the law and the courts to protect you. Through the presenter's journey with her son's mental illness and the eventual loss of him from suicide, she has become a champion for change within the judicial and legislative systems for mental health services. By sharing her son's story throughout California, she has connected with National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) chapters, community groups, and churches to raise awareness and build support. Find out how one mother's activism has changed laws and perceptions.

Come Back Kids – It's Never Too Late to Earn Your High School Diploma**Shannon Cato**

This workshop will involve an innovative and amazing program, COME BACK KIDS, which allows adults to return to school to earn their high school diplomas, free of charge. The presenter will discuss the vision of the program, the curriculum, the structure of the program, the many outreach services embedded in the program, and the fabulous success stories of their students.

DKG California Membership: Interactive**Brainstorming Session****DKG California Membership Committee**

Join the DKG California Membership Committee for an interactive session that will involve brainstorming ideas/remedies on issues that many are facing today. Focus will be on chapters at risk that are having issues with revitalization, increasing membership, and/or leadership role responsibilities.

Greatest Lessons Learned in the Classroom Aren't Always from Our Plans**Stefania Shaffer**

Now a veteran teacher of 2,700 middle school students, the presenter recalls the first lesson she learned: what kids take away from our classroom has very little to do with our lesson plans and everything to do with the connection – or disconnection – they feel. Her novel, *Heroes Don't Always Wear Capes*, captures the dynamics of an underdog student learning many unforgettable lessons and those teachers – some crabby – some so extraordinary – that they become the heroes for life.

Let Your Voices Be Heard: (Networking with Chapter Presidents)

Helen Popovich and Toni Cook

Chapter presidents and inspiring chapter presidents, this round table discussion is designed to give you the opportunity to network with each other, to share your concerns, to ask questions, and to have your voices heard at the state and international levels. Dr. Popovich, our International representative, and Toni Cook, DKG California Second Vice-President, will moderate the discussion, answer questions, and carry your messages back to the DKG California State Executive Committee and the International Administrative Board.

Updating Chapter Rules

Stacey Chicoine

International Constitution and Standing Rules were updated at the International Convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018 and these decisions have led to changes in state documents. Chapters will now also need to make updates to their Chapter

Standing Rules in the next year. Learn about all of the changes and have your questions answered.

Warm-Ups: Theater Games in the Classroom, Rachel Hibler

Every teacher wants to make personal connections with their classes and get to know their students on a personal level. This break-out session will focus on strategies for teachers wanting to spend their first few days in the classroom making these connections in a meaningful way. Theatre classes are well known for their ability to connect students through creative play and collaboration. This session will teach teachers easy improv games, physical and verbal interactions and group exercises to build community in your classroom as well as to create trusting relationships. These games are easily accessible to anyone at any level of ability and require little preparation and virtually no supplies. Teachers can build expectations of behavior through these exercises as students learn how to communicate and treat each other while they engage together.

Convention Features International Speaker Barbara Rodriguez

Barbara Rodriguez, President of Puebla State, Mexico, will be presenting two breakout sessions courtesy of the DKG International Speakers Fund and DKG California. Barbara is currently a Professor at Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla and CEO of her own coaching and consulting company. Of her 25 years of experience at the university level, 17 have been at the post-graduate level.

Barbara is a teacher, trainer, coach and international speaker. She is a woman who loves to learn and help others achieve their dreams. Look for her session on intergenerational teaching and sharpen your tech tools with her Webtools breakout session.



Awards and Recognitions Committee



Visit Us at Convention!

Are you coming to Convention this year? The DKG California Awards and Recognitions Committee will see you there! We will recognize and honor members and chapters in the areas of achievement and service benefiting DKG, the profession, and the public. Come and visit our display on Friday and Saturday. You will learn about the DKG California Hostelship Program

and “meet” the 2019 Hostelship Award recipients. Check out the Convention Program for Honor Chapters, chapters who are receiving recognition for Community Service/Youth at Risk service projects, and for the honorees of Chapter Service Awards and Area Service Awards. At the Saturday Banquet, the committee will present the 2019 DKG California Distinguished Service Award medalists. We know you will be as excited as we are to celebrate and congratulate our members at the Convention. We will see you soon!

Carla Peterson, Eta Upsilon
DKG California Awards and Recognitions Committee

Kappa Beta Chapter Joins DKG California Chartered March 2, 2019



A new chapter located in Area XV, Kappa Beta, was chartered on March 2, 2019, during the Area XV Founder's Day celebration. More than 150 members and guests, including four past state presidents and one past international president, gathered to not only celebrate the DKG founders, but to celebrate DKG California's newest chapter. The chapter consists of 43 members, all of whom are new to Delta Kappa Gamma. Five members were

unable to attend the induction and were inducted through Facetime, participating fully in the ceremony. Kappa Beta is located in the Chino, Norco, and Corona area. Adrienne Chase, Assistant Principal at Litel Elementary School, was elected to serve as the chapter's first president.

The chapter began as a dream of Barbara Bearden, Eta, Assistant Principal at Country Springs Elementary School in the Chino Valley Unified School District. After conveying this vision to Expansion Coordinator, Daphne Cagle, Alpha Eta, a meeting was held to determine how this might be accomplished. Several excellent administrators in the Chino Valley School District were invited to attend this meeting and each agreed to invite five prospective members to an upcoming orientation meeting. Less than two months later, the chapter was chartered.

*State President Julie Drysdale
Installing Kappa Beta Chapter President
Adrienne Chase*



Chartering Committee

DKG California wishes to thank the chartering committee who invited prospective members, brought refreshments, and conducted orientations.

The new chapter consists of district administrators, school site administrators, teachers, and many other educational professionals. Attending the chartering and witnessing the enthusiasm of the new DKG members was an inspiration to all who attended. DKG California enthusiastically welcomes Kappa Beta members to the society.

Daphne Cagle, Alpha Eta
DKG California Expansion Coordinator

GOOD NEWS!

Kudos to **Joan Erreca**, Beta Tau, Area XVII, whose two art submissions were accepted into the DKG International Online Gallery!

Congratulations to **Valerie Vinnard**, Delta Epsilon, Area XIII, who has had an article published in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin!* "The Classroom Drum Circle Project: Creating Innovative Differentiation in Music Education" has been published in the 2018, Volume 85-2 issue.

CONGRATULATIONS!



STEP Committee Offers Support to Early Career Educators

The Support Team for Emerging Professionals (STEP) offers resources and opportunities designed for educators who are in the early stages, first through third year, of their careers. STEP is responsible for both the Penne Ferrell Literacy Award and the Teachers Helping Another Teacher (THAT) Program.

STEP has just announced 38 winners of the 2018-2019 Penne Ferrell Literacy Awards. Winners are in their first through third year of teaching and are located throughout the state of California. Each

winner is receiving \$100 to be used for literacy needs in the classroom.

View the [Penne Ferrell Awardee Slides](#) to see pictures and the purchases by Penne Awardees from your area.

The Teachers Helping Another Teacher (THAT) Program promotes teacher support through volunteer hours. Congratulations to these areas who have logged in large numbers of hours as of January 1, 2019: Area XVIII with 314 hours, Area III with 212 hours and Area XIV with 189.5 hours.

Presently, the top three individuals who have turned in THAT hours are: Pam Young (Theta Psi, with 121 hours), Pam Kirpalani (Eta Chi, with 103 hours) and Christine Fuller (Gamma Theta with 100 hours). Congratulations! Remember to keep a record of your THAT hours and either fill out the online [Report Form](#) yourself, or report your hours to another chapter member to do it for you.

Christine Fuller, Gamma Theta
DKG California STEP Committee Chairman

Membership Committee

ORDER OF THE ROSE -- ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS

- The deadline for Order of the Rose Qualification Forms is April 15.
- [Qualification forms](#) are found on the DKG website, dkgca.org
- All chapters are required to submit a form, even if they don't qualify for an award.
- The annual Order of the Rose Ceremony will be held on May 3 before the business meeting at the DKG California Convention.
- Order of the Rose lineup will begin at 6:45 in Salon G. Please arrive on time and take your place in line behind your Area Director.
- **Absolute Deadline:** April 15, 2019

Thank you to the 30 chapters who have submitted their forms!

Chapters receiving the Order of the Rose will receive another email before the convention program is printed.



Gaye Renna, Delta Rho
DKG California Membership Committee



University Credit Available for Convention Attendees

Simpson University is providing Continuing Education Units for attendance at the DKG California Convention. To apply for university credit click <https://simpsonu.edu/ceu-dkg> to register and print the registration form. Attendees can get 1/2 CEU unit (\$27.50) or one unit of CEU (\$55).

Dr. Glee Brooks, Gamma Nu
Global Awareness Committee

Program / Project Ideas

A note from DKG California President Julie Drysdale: *The California Connection is launching a new, on-going column entitled “Program / Project Ideas” which will serve as a resource for areas and chapters. Gamma Nu’s project idea is the first article to be published in this column and fits the simple criteria: Share a program or project idea that can be replicated in other chapters. Send your 250- 350 word program or project description to Virginia Williamson, DKG California Editor, at dkgcaeditor@gmail.com.*



Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Takes Off in Siskiyou County

Gamma Nu Chapter in Area II is on a mission. Their hope is to have books in the hands of *all* children in California! They have partnered with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library project to register children throughout their county. Once registered, children up to age 5 receive a new, age-appropriate book delivered once a month right to their family’s mailbox. By their fifth birthday, those who have been signed up with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library since birth will have compiled their own library of 60 books.

“This project has energized our chapter. It lit us on fire,” said Gamma Nu’s President, Cathie Lynch. “We took it and ran with it. We have five new members, in part, because of this project.”

Gamma Nu’s goal is to sign up every eligible child in the state to give them precious literacy skills before entering kindergarten. Gamma Nu, along with partners First 5 Siskiyou and Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative, have registered more than 1500 of the 2500 eligible children in Siskiyou County, and received \$33,000 in donations.

Although the program is absolutely free for families, it does require local funding to stay afloat. Gamma Nu is reaching out to legislators to seek state funding. November’s Giving Tuesday event netted nearly \$5,000 toward their ongoing fundraising effort. So far, their biggest sponsors have been the Rotary Clubs of Mount Shasta and Dunsuir, the Lions Club of Yreka, the Mount Shasta Five Star Kiwanis, Friends of the Library in Yreka and Fort Jones, First 5 Siskiyou, Pepsi and the Sheriff Lopey Foundation.



Does this sound like a project your chapter would be interested in starting? If so, plan to attend this year’s DKG California convention. Gamma Nu Chapter’s president, Cathie Lynch and Dr. Glee Brooks will be presenting a workshop at convention, May 4, 2:00-4:00, to encourage DKG California chapters to consider partnering with First 5 or United Way in their county to expand the program.

Dolly Parton, a nominee for honorary DKG membership, founded the program in honor of her father, who was unable to read or write, with the goal to “put more books in the hands of more children.” Today, more than 100 million books have been mailed to children around the world.

Dr. Glee Brooks, Gamma Nu
Global Awareness Committee

Being There: Technology Bringing Us Together



Walk into your local coffee shop, and the first thing you notice is the large number of people gathered together, followed immediately by the sight of almost everyone clicking or

tapping away at a device. How can this be? “Screenagers!” you think. We often hear that “Technology is hindering socialization” and that the new generation does not communicate. Technology has changed the face of communication, replacing much of what was done face to face or manually to a platform that is exciting, though it may seem impersonal.

Before there was internet or social media, people met face-to-face, wrote letters that were sent in the mail, or called each other on the phone (which was probably attached to a wall!). This met our important need for information exchange. However, information was generally about events that already occurred, decisions that were pretty much made, and urgencies that had already passed. When a new thought or a project was initiated by these forms of communications, what followed as part of efforts to collaborate included multiple back and forth phone calls between all participants and, depending on the distance, a few more meetings, and maybe a few faded, hard-to-read faxes. This was a costly method, especially if the calls and the travels were long distance.

Fast-forward to the age of technology, where internet access opens up a world of opportunities for communication and collaboration, virtually, globally, and in real time! Today, more than ever, technology helps bring people together to satisfy the need for interpersonal communication and effective collaboration. Yes, we still meet in person, but we may be picking our meeting dates using [Doodle](#), choosing our meeting place using [Yelp](#), and arranging to get there using [Lyft](#). When we decide to get together at someone’s home instead, we might choose our refreshments and have it delivered using [GrubHub](#). We use our bank apps to pay each other for the cost, and focus all our energy and time on the work at hand. While away from home in a meeting for a few hours, we stay in touch with our families with text messages, follow our new teenage driver on [Life360](#), and answer our doors using the [Ring](#) doorbell while videotaping whoever knocks.

Sitting side by side to discuss a matter is wonderful; however, there are challenges of trying to coordinate a time that works for everyone. Between the time spent getting ready to leave the house, arranging for child or elder care, driving to the location (and driving back!), finding parking (hopefully a free one), and waiting for everyone to get there, it’s one lengthy

process that takes a lot of planning time. If one member does not make it to the meeting, s/he loses the opportunity to give input or participate in the collaboration.

Imagine this! The meeting organizer sends a Google calendar invitation to everyone on the team for a virtual meeting, or a Google Hangout. Members learn the purpose of the meeting and respond whether they will attend or not. On the day of the meeting, just before the start time, everyone logs into their Gmail and opens the link in the calendar on any device and, ta-dah, everyone has joined the meeting. Your family may still be in bed and you in your pajamas, or you may still be in your office avoiding the rush hour traffic, or you might be taking a break in your hotel room, and even sitting at a restaurant, while you join this meeting to collaborate with your team. Create your documents together, edit the content, do the wordsmithing, make suggestions, and laugh about the errors; face-to-face, in real time, virtually. Share your work with members via Google Docs and those who missed the meeting (though remember that if they can get the internet, they can join from anywhere), are able to add their comments to the same document.

Technology has brought us together in real time more than we can sometimes even comprehend. Our new “neighborhoods” are the virtual global community, where we see our grandchildren’s first steps and hear their first words even if they are 3000 miles away. We contribute to causes that are dear to our hearts, feeling tightly connected to those across the globe who think like us. We “walk-along” with our children on their adventures up a mountain or at a beach in the Mediterranean. We discuss the possible changes with the architect who’s remodeling our kitchen without needing to take time away from work to be there. We are “there” to grieve with our loved ones during our elder’s last moments, even though we are in a different hemisphere. We hold a virtual family reunion with all our family members who now live in various towns in nine different countries, ensuring that our young ones know their roots and stay connected to the family!

Yes, technology has its limitations; it won’t let us hold each other’s hands, kiss one on the cheek, hug the person at the other end, wipe someone’s tears, or feel the breeze of the ocean; however, the gifts we have been given through technology are truly the next best thing to being there.

Way back when, a cell phone company called *Airtouch* sold me my first cell phone. Their slogan was “Reach out and touch someone.” The company has since been absorbed by conglomerates in the industry, but if the person who created the slogan were here today, s/he would agree that with today’s technology we are finally able to “reach out and touch someone!”

Marine Avagyan, Epsilon Epsilon
Communications and Technology Committee Chairman

Remembering Our Sisters...



Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity.

Terri Guillemets

Helen Rudee	Epsilon Beta	I	September 19, 2018	Ferndale, CA
Vida Santucci	Epsilon Beta	I	December 23, 2018	Healdsburg, CA
Dorothy Lamb	Gamma Nu	II	October 16, 2018	Dunsmuir, CA
Nancy Churchill	Delta Gamma	III	December 12, 2018	Castro Valley, CA
Jean Prosser	Zeta Theta	IV	October 7, 2018	Boulder Creek, CA
Linda Hosaka	Beta Delta	X	February 13, 2019	Oceanside, CA
LaNoel Brazil	Eta Iota	XVI	January 27, 2018	Chula Vista, CA
Lynda Wong	Beta Tau	XVII	February 23, 2019	Stockton, CA
Jean Carter	Eta Epsilon	XVIII	January 24, 2019	Cherry Valley, CA

Thank you for your generous donations!



Educational Outreach to Other Countries

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2019 DKG California Convention Schedule At-a-Glance

Friday, May 3, 2019

11:00 am --- 6:30 pm	DKG California Store/Vendors/LIFE Foundation Raffle
1:00 pm --- 8:00 pm	Registration/Information
1:00 pm --- 6:30 pm	Credentialing (Convention Delegates)
1:00 pm --- 6:30 pm	Buck-a-Book/Information/Hospitality
1:00 pm --- 6:30 pm	Displays -- Chapter, Area, Leadership Committees
2:00 pm --- 5:00 pm	Technology Drop-in Clinic
3:30 pm --- 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
3:00 pm --- 5:00 pm	Pre-convention Workshop: Leadership Development
5:00 pm --- 5:30 pm	First-Timers' Orientation
5:00 pm --- 6:30 pm	DKG Art Gallery Gala Opening
5:00 pm --- 7:00 pm	Grab 'n Go Dinner
6:00 pm --- 6:45 pm	LIFE Foundation Annual Meeting
6:45 pm	<i>Order of the Rose</i> line up
7:00 pm --- 9:00 pm	General Session I: Annual General Business Meeting / Membership
9:15 pm	Meet and Mingle: Recognition of First Timers

Saturday, May 4, 2019

7:30 am --- 4:00 pm	Registration/Information
7:30 am --- 4:00 pm	Displays -- Chapter, Area, Leadership Committees
7:30 am --- 4:00 pm	Buck-a-Book/Information/Hospitality
7:30 am --- 5:00 pm	DKG California Store/Vendors/LIFE Foundation Raffle
8:30 am --- 10:30 am	Professional and Personal Workshops
8:30 am --- 9:30 am	Breakout Session I
9:45 am --- 10:45 am	Breakout Session II
8:30 am --- 11:25 am	DKG Art Gallery
10:30 am --- 11:25 am	Displays: Visit Your State Committees
11:30 am --- 1:45 pm	General Session II: Luncheon / Int'l Guest and Keynote Speakers
2:00 pm --- 3:00 pm	Breakout Session III
2:00 pm --- 3:30 pm	DKG Art Gallery
2:00 pm --- 4:00 pm	Professional and Personal Workshops
3:00 pm --- 4:15 pm	LIFE Raffle Results
3:30 pm --- 4:00 pm	<i>Celebration of Life</i> Rehearsal
4:00 pm --- 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm --- 6:00 pm	Official Photographs (by invitation)
5:30 pm --- 6:30 pm	No Host Reception
6:00 pm --- 6:30 pm	Meet Past State Presidents
6:30 pm --- 9:30 pm	General Session III: Banquet / Entertainment

Sunday, May 5, 2019

6:45 am --- 7:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 am --- 8:00 am	Registration/Information
8:00 am --- 8:45 am	<i>Celebration of Life</i>
9:00 am --- 11:00 am	General Session IV: Breakfast / Keynote Speaker
	Adjournment
	Singing of <i>The Delta Kappa Gamma Song</i>
11:15 am --- 11:45 am	Transition meeting for Leadership Team: Committee Chairmen