



ETAGRAM



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International

President's Message

What a great first year it has been serving at Eta's president. Part of what has made this year so great is the terrific executive board I am blessed to work with. At each of our board meetings we evaluate, plan, collaborate, eat delicious food and laugh (a lot!). I loved Eta before serving in this office, but now I have passion for Eta as well.

This next year our Nominations Committee will begin their work of finding the next great group of women educators that will lead our chapter. I ask each of you to consider taking on a role in the executive board. You will commit time to the board, but you should not find yourself overwhelmed. Because of the effort and determination of the team the work of the executive board is challenging but also satisfying, a little daunting but always doable. I encourage you to turn your like for Eta into love, or put some passion into your current love for Eta.

Fondly,

Kris



DKG promotes professional and personal growth of
women educators and excellence in education

Upcoming DKG Events

Chapter Meetings

Sept 16th at Westminster Village Town Hall
Oct 6th at Browning High School
Nov 3rd Social Event at LB Playhouse
Dec 2nd Books & Bears at LB Yacht Club
Jan 16th Newcomb Academy
Feb 24th PEP Auction at Westminster
April 13th Social Event "Bunco for BARK"
May 10th – Barnes and Noble
June 2nd – June Tea at the home of Alida S.

California State/Area Events

Leadership Retreat on **Jan 21-22** at Irvine Double Tree
 Legislative Seminar on **March 18-20** in Washington D.C.
 Area XII Conference on **April 21** at The Grand in Long Beach
 DKG California Convention on **May 5-7** at Irvine Marriott in Irvine
 DKG International Convention on **July 16- 21st** in Austin, TX

Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Sisters!

April: Masumi, Lucy, Vanessa, Shannon, Sheila

May: Ashley, Barbara Y., Adele, Terri, Linda S. Lisa T.

June: Kathleen, Kris, Karen H. Joan, Nancy H., Mary C.

July: Ruby, Cheryl, K.D., Beth, Mercy

Aug: Ann E. Lois, Peggy D., Camille, Madelyn, Patricia C. Tina, Phyllis, Paloma, Linda H.

Sept: Anne, Betty Ann, Teresa, Alida, Julie M., Charlene, Karen E., Blanche, Monica D.

Oct: Helen, Peggy H., Barbara B., Arlene, Marlene,

Judith, Louise, Annabelle, Julie D.



CA State Convention By Kris Damon

As I type, I have just returned from DKG California State Convention 2017. It was a weekend filled with connections, powerful feminine energy, dancing, laughter and even joyful tears.

The true highlight of this gathering was the installation of our own Julie Drysdale as California State President. Julie has served Eta in many roles including chapter president. She has served with Area XII and at the state level as an area director coordinator, convention chair, and California Connection editor. Julie proudly wore her heart and love for DKG on her sleeve this weekend! She will be an amazingly inspiring and wonderful leader for all areas and chapters in California State. Eta was well represented at Saturday evening's installation dinner. 18 Eta members danced and sang "We Are Family" and had all but few of the 500+ attendees on their feet dancing and singing with us. It was a joyous beginning to Julie's biennium.

This being the third California State event I've attended I saw familiar faces and reconnected with previous acquaintances. DKG conferences are somewhat unique experiences as they are filled with women educators that attend year after year (after year!) as well as educators that attend for the first time. This time I had some comfort in the conference routine and more confidence to introduce myself to new sisters. I could also relax into the experience and energy that only a large group of leading women educators can provide.

When women educators come together under the umbrella of our seven purposes they are changed for the better. I encourage you to give a state, regional or international conventions a try. Then, try it again! Leadership Retreat in Sacramento is the weekend of January 20 and California State will gather again next May in Irvine. Our DKG International Convention is in Austin, TX next June. I plan on attending all three and I'd be thrilled for you join me!



Our Journey with Julie

By Cheryl Joplin and Barbara Furusawa

We have been friends with Julie Drysdale for 40 plus years. Back in the early 1980's, Julie would enthusiastically tell us about Delta Kappa Gamma, a wonderful women's educational society of which she was a member. She spoke about the benefits of becoming a DKG member, especially the fellowship between members both professional and personal. Julie invited us to attend chapter meetings, which lead to us becoming members of ETA Chapter. Julie was also instrumental in getting us to attend DKG conventions. At conventions, we gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the society as Julie promised us we would. In the past several years, "The Four Amigas" (Julie, Barbara Yahn, Barbara Furusawa, Cheryl Joplin) have gone to conventions, then extended our time together on a road trip. Julie always drives because she knows the best places to stay and eat. All we need to do is agree to stop at a Starbucks for morning and afternoon coffee.

We have always known that DKG was a high priority for Julie because she has served in many positions at the chapter, area and state levels. As the California President, we are certain she will continue to diligently work with her committees to move our society forward.

We started as co-workers, became friends and then ETA Chapter sisters. Julie started us on this journey by inviting us to become DKG members. We are proud of her many accomplishments.

As the song she chose for her installation said,

"We Are Family"

-A DKG Family.





From L to R: Anne Marie, Terry, Pat, Ann, Linda, Melinda, Teresa and Rose (Monica is not pictured)

Our new members include TK and K teachers, a K-12 literacy coach, Technology Teacher, retired principal, school nurse and a RSP teacher.

We will get to know more about our members in future Etagrams and of course, at our meetings. Be sure to introduce yourself, invite them to sit with you during a meeting, even offer some guidance as they start their DKG journey!

Special Committee for Revising Chapter Rules – Kris Damon

At our June Grant Recipient Luncheon I announced that I was forming a short-term committee that take on the task of revising our chapter rules. Due to the adding, deleting, editing and multiple computer formats over that last 15 years our current chapter rules are need of a full revision. This committee will take on the task of simplifying our rules according to California State requirements while maintaining the traditions and spirit of Eta. My goal is to distribute the newly revised rules in early September and then engage in productive discussion at our September 16 meeting. I welcome your participation in this important task.

Area XII Spring Conference

It was a grand time as always at The Grand on April 22, 2017. Thank you for your generous contributions to our "Going to the Dogs" silent auction baskets. They were packed full of dog goodies and special grape juice for the happy pet parent. A special thanks to Shannon R and Animalia in Huntington Beach for their discounts and donations. Each basket earned over \$100 for Area XII! The entertainment this year was fabulous with a special little cutie stealing the show at the end. The annual Area XII Conference rarely disappoints and this year was no exception!



Congratulations to
Shannon R. for being
our
2017 Golden Rose
Recipient



Summer Reading at Barnes and Noble by Cheryl Joplin

In May, ETA chapter had its annual Summer Reading Book Fair/BARK Fundraiser at Barnes and Noble bookstore. At the social time, members visited with each other and enjoyed birthday cupcakes in celebration of Delta Kappa Gamma California State's 86th birthday. Our members enjoyed hearing Samantha Bryant, a Barnes and Noble manager, tell us about her book recommendations for summer reading. After her talk, our members shopped and made their purchases. Thanks to our members, their families and friends, ETA raised \$330 for BARK. The check will be presented to BARK at a future meeting.

Barbara and Cheryl facilitated the BARK Pajamarama the next evening. Nine pajama clad BARK dogs and their handlers awaited eager young readers. Among the many reader were some ETA members-Judith and her son, Emiko and her grandson and Marnos and her grandchildren.

It was a rewarding two- day event and we look forward to the next summer reading book fair.

