

Etagram

Eta Chapter

Area XII

Chi State



TRIPPIN' THROUGH THE "GOLDEN" YEARS

Thinking back to our childhoods we remember those rare occasions when our parents told us we would be going on a special "adventure." We packed what we thought would be the appropriate necessities for the trip and piled into the back seat of the car. We were given some limited information on what might be found at the end of our journey, but basically we felt unprepared for what lay ahead. Part way through the trip, someone would ask the proverbial question: "Are we there yet?" Along the road we'd see some new and interesting sights, but primarily we wanted to get to our destination...NOW! After what seemed to be forever, we finally got the answer we'd been waiting for: "Yes, we've arrived!"

Our journey together these past two years has been an exciting and enjoyable one for both of us, but not without its "bumps in the road." We felt unprepared for the task we were given and the breadth of rules and information we often needed to have at our fingertips. What we found, to our delight, was that we had the assistance of our wonderful board to help with the process, and other more experienced members to give us guidance when it was needed. We were part of a team!

When we began our journey, we promised we would "Go for the Gold." Looking back, we are very proud of what we, with your help, have been able to accomplish together:

- We've developed a SAP plan focused on membership, and increased our membership by 9.
- We have our Eta Chapter Website up and running.
- We "adopted" Bret Harte School and provided them tutoring and THAT hours.
- We donated **125** books to the Bret Harte library.
- We earned **\$600** for BARK through our Barnes and Noble Book fairs.
- We expanded our plan to donate to Schools for Africa.
- We donated **187** books and **132** stuffed animals to For the Child.
- With the help of Alida and her membership committee, we awarded longevity pins to **42** members.
- We continued to be a 5-Star Honor Chapter for 5+ years.

As we traveled through our “adventure,” we made some discoveries—some new, some reinforced. As we had the opportunity to get to know each of you somewhat better, it became more and more apparent—that Eta chapter is a unique group of caring, generous, and dynamic women. You pull together in times of crisis to help your sisters in need. You donate both your time and money to help organizations, children, teachers, and other individuals in need. You really CARE!!! We have felt your love and support from Day One of our biennium as co-presidents. We have been proud to lead you and to represent our honored chapter. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

We look forward to taking on a more relaxed role—a “back seat,” if you will--in the new biennium, and we know Alida will be a fantastic president with an incredible new board. We offer our support just as others have provided for us. Time to pack up our belongings—we gleefully ride on to the next adventure!

Louise & Shannon
Eta Chapter, Co-Presidents



Upcoming Chapter Meetings

June 14, 2014 -June Tea at the home of Alida Steinhauser at 11:00 a.m.-if you forgot what you signed up for, please email Cathy Lunniss at onebookgirl@aol.com

The FIRST meeting of 2014-2016 Biennium is on September 27, at the Westminster Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Conventions

International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana July 28-August 1

If you have any concerns about the proposed changes to the Standing Rules, please let Marlene D, Julie D, Karen H or Louise M know since they will be going to the convention.

Please send in your request for reimbursement to Tina by June 15th. You can mail your requests or give to her at June Tea.

Tina Neff
3338 Petaluma
Long Beach, CA 90808

Please remember to send any change of address or email to our membership committee. They will turn in the correct paperwork to International.

Happy Birthday Wishes to

June

Kathleen E., Kris D., Karen H., Joan H., Nancy H., and Mary C.,

July

Ruby S., Cheryl J., Judy M., K.D. C., and Beth M.

August

Lois Z., Peggy D., Camille L., Madelyn F., Patricia C., Tina N., Phyllis M., and Paloma K.

KUDOS KORNER

Our many thanks go to—

Karen H. – for her many hours of revising and re-revising of the Chapter Rules to make them a current and coherent document of which we can be proud

Alida and the Membership Committee – for their hard work in developing a database and providing our members with their longevity pins

Miep and her committee – for always providing us with coffee and snacks to make our meetings “sweeter”

Alison – for capturing our members in her beautiful photos and for her inspiring inspirations

Linda F. – for giving us new insights about Schools for Africa and World Fellowship

KD and Judy S. – for developing and certifying our wonderful website that will provide members with current and past information about our chapter for many years to come

Judy S. (again) – for her diligent work in organizing and getting our many THAT hours to the proper channels in a timely manner

Nancy H – for her hard work in pursuing our fee waiver from CSULB for our Grants-in-Aid AND to her **scholarship committee** for finding the perfect candidates for our grants

Karen E, Linda F, Matsumi H, Barbara J, Cathy L, Louise M. and Judy S for VIPing at Bret Harte and making a difference in the kiddos lives

Nominations Committee- for finding the perfect board for the next biennium

Our fantastic board – for EVERYTHING!!!

And to all of you who make Eta Chapter so special!

Eta Found the Way to San Jose!

Teamwork, Trust and Transition

What a wonderful convention and good times had by all! We had 14 Eta members in attendance at the Chi State Convention in Santa Clara on May 2-4, 2014. The Hyatt was a wonderful host as were the restaurants and shops in nearby San Jose. Alida Steinhauser was there, training for her upcoming biennium--ALWAYS seen with a smile--as her mind was going a mile a minute with all the information about forms and deadlines. Our own Julie Drysdale kicked off the convention. She welcomed the attendees with enthusiasm and pride. The program Friday night was about membership. Chi State held its first Young DKG Members Panel. During this session, the panel of six members, all in various stages of career and DKG membership, shared their thoughts, experiences, and struggles as young members trying to fit everything in. The video of the panel discussion is available on www.chistateca.org. As a member of the panel, I can tell you two things: 1) It was a bit overwhelming to look out at a large room filled with nearly four hundred people looking back at you, and 2) When I looked out and those faces were smiling, nodding, and embracing what we were saying...it was a piece of cake!

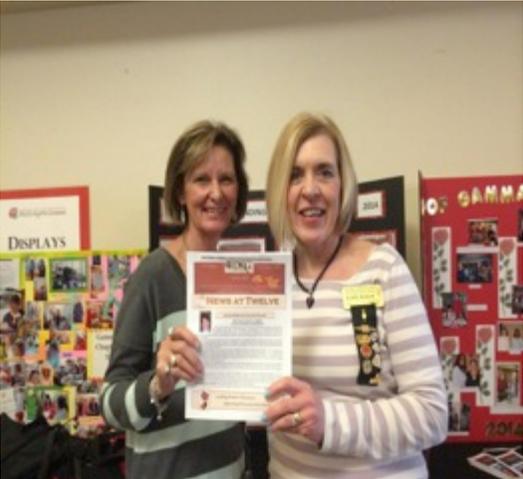
Saturday was filled with meetings and breakout sessions. Members could choose to find out about their inner hero, or learn about human trafficking, how to massage your pet, get a better understanding for Common Core, or roam the aisles of the Art Gallery. I think it is fair to say that there was something for everyone. Our Eta sisters gave their time and volunteer hours at the Chi State Store both Friday and Saturday. After dinner, we celebrated Excellence as we watched Karen Harmon honor Marlene Daniels with her Distinguished Service to Chi State Award. The words spoken about Marlene touched on her service, her friendship and her dedication to DKG. The banquet room was given just a glimpse of what we here in Eta already know--Marlene ROCKS!

And on Sunday, Celebrating Us, we saw our Eta musical stars Linda Frame and Leslie Jensen and choir fill the Ceremony of Life with beautiful song. Our sisters spent long hours in rehearsal, and their gifts shined not only during the Ceremony of Life but at breakfast as well. They got our feet tapping and heads bobbing as the choir sang a medley of favorites.

Once again, Eta was recognized as a 5-Star Honor Chapter for 5 or more years.

SO by car or plane, Eta found their way to San Jose and hope to leave more than our hearts in San Francisco May 1-3, 2015!

By Shannon Ramos



We wanted to include the speech given by Karen Harmon as she presented Marlene with her award at the Chi State Convention:

Distinguished Service to Chi State Honoree
May 2014
Marlene Daniels

It has been suggested that in a relationship one person takes on the role of a flower, the other a gardener. The implication is that one is more visible, sociable, and charismatic. And that the other is more of a nurturer, caretaker, and prefers to remain in the background. Many people take on both roles simultaneously.

The 2014 Distinguished Service Award to Chi State is given to Marlene Daniels. Marlene is both a flower and a gardener. She is charismatic and sociable, while being a nurturer and caretaker for those around her. Marlene has served Chi State in many capacities since joining Delta Kappa Gamma.

Marlene was born in Warren, Ohio. She attended Kent State University and began her teaching career in Warren, Ohio. She moved to California in 1966 and began teaching deaf students in Long Beach Unified School District. She has been a teacher on Special Assignment, Program Leader and Program Specialist in the Long Beach Unified School District Office of Special Education and currently works as an Advanced Field Work Supervisor and part time lecturer at California State University, Long Beach. Marlene has done post-graduate work at University of Southern California and California State University, Long Beach with a credential in Administration. She holds a life Elementary Credential, a life Special Education Credential for the Hearing Impaired and a California Administration Credential.

Marlene was initiated into Eta Chapter, Area XII, in 1978. She has held numerous Chapter offices, including Chapter President, twice as 2nd Vice President, Parliamentarian and Legislative Chairman. She has also chaired the Scholarship, Membership, and Nominating Committees.

In Eta Chapter and Area XII, Marlene is the “go to” person when questions about organizational policy and procedures arise. She responds with grace and compassion, always in a positive manner.

In 2004, Marlene joined the Area XII Executive Board as the Scholarship Chairman and then as the Area Conference Chairman. She held the “best job in Chi State” as Area XII Director. Marlene was the Secretary for the Chi State Convention Arrangement Committee in Burbank and Assistant Registrar for the Costa Mesa Convention. She has chaired the California Nights at three International Conventions. She continues to be a member of the Chi State Leadership Team as the Membership Task Force Liaison, as well as serving on the 2011-2013 nominating committee.

She has presented many inter-sessions at Chi State conventions and Southwest Regional conference. As Chairman of the former Ceremonials Committee, she was responsible for the inspiration at Leadership Team Meetings, Chi State Conventions, and for the Celebration of Life Ceremony. Her inspirations are always very poignant, spiritual and respectful. She really showed us her creative side when she designed the centerpieces for the 2013 Chi State Convention. Heidi Chadwick, Southwest Regional Director, was so impressed that she asked Marlene to design and make the centerpieces for the Southwest Regional Banquet in Branson MO.

Marlene travels thousands of miles each year attending local, state, regional and International conferences. She has even traveled to a European Conference in Baden Baden, Germany. During her travels there is almost always a side trip for shopping.

Her love of the Society is evident and contagious. Her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters describe Marlene in many adjectives; responsible, hardworking, kind, knowledgeable, life-long learner, thinks creatively, dedicated, dynamic, and energetic. I could go on and on. If you have had the pleasure of working along side Marlene on a committee or project, I know you could add many more wonderful words to describe this "Blarney Babe."

Congratulations, Marlene, on a job well done!



NEW, IMPROVED CHAPTER RULES

Karen Harmon, with the assistance of your co-presidents and Judy Sears, worked hard to revise our Chapter Rules document. We feel it is a more concise, more relevant, and more current document than our previous one. Many of the changes reflect the new committee structure as designed by Chi State. We also felt it was important to state the roles of the officers and committee chairs, much of which was absent in our previous document. Please look this over carefully and notify Louise by email (porley2@gmail.com) or phone (562-889-2213) as to any concerns you have or changes you feel should be made to the Chapter Rules. Thanks for your input in advance. We will spend some time highlighting the changes during June Tea and then vote on acceptance. The document is attached along with the Etagram. Please let us know if you were unable to download.



Many Thanks to this Wonderful Board!! You are the BEST!