

# Etagram

Chi State

Area XII

Eta Chapter

## Presidents' Message



**With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner, we began thinking about "luck." We started by defining "luck"...**

The chance happening of fortunate or adverse events; fortune.  
Good fortune or prosperity; success  
One's personal fate or lot

**As we read the second definition we knew how we would work this into the Etagram. We found ourselves with the good fortune to be in Eta Chapter. When you read the "Kudos Page," it is obvious what a group of "successful" sisters we have. Marlene is being honored for her service to Chi State; Linda and Leslie, once again, have shown us that anything these two women do turns into gold. There is a group of students at Harte who are becoming successful with the guidance of our sisters. We are lucky to have such an ambitious sister in Judy Sears, who is putting together a fabulous Area XII Conference. We have highlighted some members who are true treasures to our chapter. We have provided "good fortune or prosperity" to the deserving student teachers that will benefit from our wonderful PEP Girls Auction held last month which raised \$2,822.**

**This issue has some wonderful articles about what's happening in our chapter. Linda Frame has really clarified what World Fellowship is about and how members are helping those in need in Africa. We get to find out more about what is going on with our "adopt a school" program.**

**We wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to express how lucky we feel to be a part of this wonderful world of DKG—a society that celebrates being WOMEN TEACHERS!**



**Your Lucky Leaders: Louise and Shannon**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chapter Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 10 - 5:45 pm at Hoover Library for Founders Day

Thursday, May 8- 5:45 pm at Barnes and Noble for BARK

Saturday, June 14 -11:00 am at Alida's home for June Tea

### DKG Conferences and Conventions

Area XII Conference is April 12, 2014 @ 9:00 am at The Grand in Long Beach

Chi State Convention is May 2-4, 2014 at The Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara



### Happy Birthday wishes go to...

#### March

Shelly F. (2), Sara F. (2), Barbara F. (8), Emiko F. (11)

#### April

Masumi H. (2), Lucy W. (8), Linda M. (11), Hjordis L. (15), Shannon R. (26), Sheila H. (27)

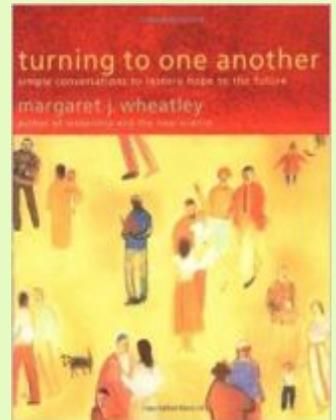
#### May

Barbara Y. (7), Adele B. (17), Terri Y. (17), Joan W. (22), Lisa T. (28)

## “Finding Peace Among the Pieces” by Louise McCormick

The hectic pace of the holidays is now behind us. Family is gone. Back to school, back to cleaning up Christmas, back to order. Why am I still feeling in a state of disarray? And then this past weekend (Jan 25-26) I was fortunate to attend this year's Leadership Retreat entitled, “Peace or Pieces: Putting It All Together.” Along with about 50 of our DKG sisters, we shared our “personal puzzles”—those things that give us PEACE, and those that leave us in PIECES.

We explored Margaret Wheatley's book, Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future. As a starting point, we used some of the beliefs that motivate her actions, and we began to look at our own belief systems. Wheatley encourages us to start having meaningful conversations with one another, learn from one another, and become good listeners. She suggested that we approach one another without preconceived notions of what our differences might be but rather look at what we might have in common.



We had two outstanding speakers at the retreat. First, Juliette Marsh Williams discussed “Achieving Balance.” She suggested that we look at the pieces of our lives and find ways to bind them together. We each have “gifts” we can give, and we need to recognize the resources—the gifts--we can receive from others.

Ellen Contente was a dynamic speaker on the topic of “Maintaining Balance.” She asked what we thought the numbers 93/7 might represent. She said they signify the fact that a rocket to the moon is off course 93% of the time, only 7% on course, but still makes it to it's destination and back with precision accuracy. In the same way we are trying to get ourselves in balance, with people constantly tugging at our “pieces.” To help maintain our balance, we need to have a plan of action with backup plans. Plan for the unexpected. “If Plan A doesn't work, there are 25 other letters of the alphabet... Failure is not failure unless you fail to try again... Find hidden blessings and opportunity in each obstacle.” I felt totally inspired and ready to take action after hearing Ellen speak. Maybe I COULD get order back in my life!

For me, the highlight of the weekend was being among so many stimulating and exciting DKG sisters—laughing together, doing Zumba, talking, and *listening*. The pieces of my life began to come together. The women were the “glue” that helped me find peace among the pieces. Once again the Leadership Retreat was really a “treat” that shouldn't be missed. I'm glad I was there.

## Our "Pots of Gold"-Spotlighting Members

Miep van Tyen

1. *How long have you been an Eta member?* 23 years
2. *What is it about DKG and Eta that made me want to become a member?* I had good friends who belonged and said what a worthwhile organization it was.
3. *Keeps me going to meetings.* The friendships, seeing people I don't see otherwise and the variety of interesting meetings. (And bringing coffee?)
4. *Favorite activities.* PEP girls auction, Jared boxes, scholarships for future teachers, and hearing about the worthwhile things DKG does worldwide.
5. *What people may not know about me.* I have two things I really like doing: reading and listening to classical music. So, I volunteer at the Westminster Library bookstore twice a week, am treasurer of the Friends of the Library, and I volunteer at the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra office. I am also co-chair of the "Instrument Petting Zoo" which goes to various libraries during the summer so children can see and play the instruments. I love both "jobs".



Ruby Sugihara

1. *How long have you been an Eta member?* 17 years this year
2. *What was it about DKG and Eta that made you want to become a member?* I knew several of the members who were members of Eta Chapter, and I admired them.
3. *What keeps you coming back to meetings?* It's always fun to see the other members and to take part in the activities planned for the meetings.
4. *What have been some of your favorite chapter activities?* The PEP Girls Auctions and the June Tea are my favorites because they both have to do with the Grants in Aid to potential new teachers. One meeting makes the money for the grants, and the other meeting is where the grants are presented.
5. *What is something that most of the members probably don't know about you?* My uncle started Plow Boys Market, and I started checking there when I was in high school. After I started teaching, I worked for the new owner during my summer vacations. Many of the parents from Monroe School shopped there, so their kids liked to come with them to see me working there. Some of my 6<sup>th</sup>-grade boys would even ride their bikes to see me. They would buy one item and get in my checkout line to pay for it.

## *Our "Pots of Gold"--Spotlighting Members*

Barbara Furusawa

I was invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma in 1988. I felt honored to join such a prestigious group of women educators, and I still feel the same way.

I enjoy attending the chapter meetings, the fellowship of "old" and "new" friends, and the community service projects that ETA Chapter does so well. Some of my favorite activities are putting together Jared boxes, PEP Girls Auction, and the June Tea where we are introduced to fabulous women who have been chosen to receive a recruitment grant as they enter the field of education. I also enjoy attending DKG Area and State conferences. Chi State conferences offer many opportunities to connect with our DKG sisters across the state. They always have wonderful speakers and varied interest sessions. The shopping is great--from vendors to the Chi State store. There is something for everyone!

Something you may not know about me is that I'm a Long Beach Girl through and through. I attended kindergarten and first grade at Mark Twain School, grades 2 - 6 at David Burcham School, Marshall Jr. High, Millikan High School, Long Beach City College, and finally CSU Long Beach. It really was full circle for me when I retired from teaching at Burcham, the school I attended as a youngster. Go Burcham Bobcats!!!



Camille Lang

I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1985. My college friend, Betty Ann, invited me to attend several meetings. I so enjoyed meeting Ruth Thomson. She and Betty Ann encouraged me to join.

I wanted to be a member because the purposes of the organization as a whole and the dedication of ETA members to the cause of education are impressive. The giving of scholarships to young college women going into education is such a worthy endeavor.

I enjoy the camaraderie of the ladies, the wide-ranging topics and learning experiences of each meeting, and the sense of purpose as well as a sense of fun.

I always enjoy the PEP Girls' Auction, the meeting at Barnes & Noble and the Area XII Conference. I think the most exciting events are the making of the Jared Boxes and the giving of books and bears to For the Child.

Something you may not know about me is that I was part of a panel discussion at CSULB for first year teachers, spent a month in San Bernardino with Diane Weimer at ESTTI in 1986 and was PTA Teacher of the Year in 1997. I am so proud of my former student Rocky Suarez, who has become a very important businessman in Long Beach. On occasion, I have been known to do some "out of the box" activities. At 16, I worked on a ranch in New Mexico, and when I first started teaching, Regis Philbin interviewed me on TV. Now I enjoy quiet activities, such as quilting, reading and scrapbooking.

## “Power of the Rose”

The Area XII Conference is right around the corner. The Grand will once again host our annual event on **April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. Judy Sears, this year’s conference chair, has been hard at work making the arrangements, including a new menu. For the cost of only \$26 you may choose either the All American Breakfast (eggs, bacon, potatoes) or a Vegetable Quiche with a fruit cup. The installation of new officers will take place as well as some opportunity drawings and entertainment. You should have received the flyer by email. Please fill out the tear-off and bring it with your check for **\$26 payable to Delta Kappa Gamma—Eta Chapter** to the March meeting. If you prefer you may send it to Tina Neff at 3338 Petaluma, LB 90808.

Each chapter will donate a basket of goodies for the opportunity drawing. Eta’s theme will be “Family Night at the Movies.” Some of our board members will provide DVDs. We are asking for other donations from our members to fill the basket. Those whose last name begins with **A-M**, please bring **one candy bar**; **N-Z**, please bring **one other snacks**, such as popcorn, pretzels, etc. **NO BIG BAGS PLEASE** —they won’t fit in the basket. Please bring your donations to the **March 10<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting**. Many thanks.

The 2014-2016 Slate of Officers that we will be voting on March 10, 2014 is as follows:

President-Alida Steinhauser  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Judith Keltner  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Judy Sears  
 Recording Secretary- Karen Enschede  
 Corresponding Secretary-Terri Young  
 Nominations Committee:  
 Chair: Barbara Bearden  
 Karen Harmon  
 Barbara Yahn  
 Peggy Heath  
 Shelley Fernald

***Congratulations to these wonderful candidates!***



## KUDOS PAGE

Many congrats to our winner of the **Service to Chi State Award—MARLENE DANIELS**. We are so proud of you, Marlene. You are so deserving of this great honor.

Our own, **JULIE DRYSDALE**, Chi State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and long-time Eta member has received an award given by DKG International to attend the **Leadership Management Seminar** in Austin for 2 weeks. Julie will represent both the state and our chapter as she increases her ever-growing leadership skills. Congrats, Julie!

At long last the Dynamic Duo of **LINDA FRAME and LESLIE JENSEN** have been given an award for their September Area newsletter. They are being honored for the “best use of photos and graphics, format, and creativity.” Their creative skills have continued in their most recent edition of “News at XII.” We are thrilled that they are finally getting their “just desserts.”

Super Kudos go to the 6 Eta members who have volunteered their time at **Bret Harte as VIPS**. Thanks to **Barbara J, Karen E, Linda F, Judy S, Masumi, and Louise**. You are making a difference and are meeting new prospective Eta members in the process. Thanks also to **Karen H.** for helping to make all the pieces come together.

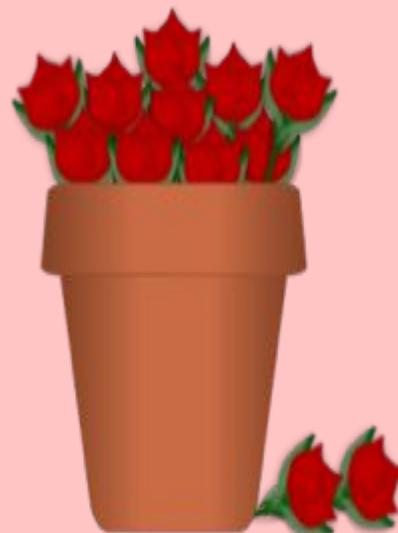
**Emiko** has a new grandson! Dash Takeo Gutiérrez was born Feb. 8th. Proud Grandma says, "He was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 21 1/2 in. long. He's a real cutie & sweetie!" Congratulations, Emiko!

Congrats to **Tina Neff's** former student teacher, **Carrie Gelman**, who will receive a \$125 grant from the Penne Ferrell Fund. She will be honored at the Area XII Conference. Carrie is the only honoree from Area XII. Thanks, Tina, for nominating her.

And to **ETA chapter** for once again being an **Honor Chapter**--Great Work, Ladies!



Baby Dash



### WAGONS FULL OF LOVE

On Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, Eta members gathered at Hoover Middle School for our annual event of creating **Jared Boxes** for sick children at Miller Children's Hospital. While listening to children's music provided by our music committee, Leslie and Linda, we decorated shoeboxes (donated by Cathy L.) with stickers and lively colors. The contents included toys, games, coloring books, and other items that would happily occupy boys or girls within a specific age range. On Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Judy S and Louise delivered **63 Jared Boxes** to Miller's—enough to overload 4 wagons. Our donations were greatly appreciated and will help to make some hospital stays a bit more enjoyable. Thanks to everyone for their assistance and donations.

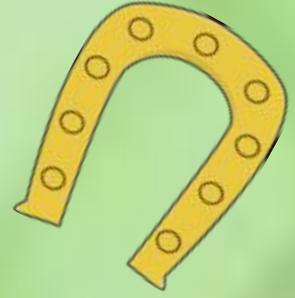


Please be sure to mark your calendars for our  
March Meeting!

We have multiple items on our agenda-

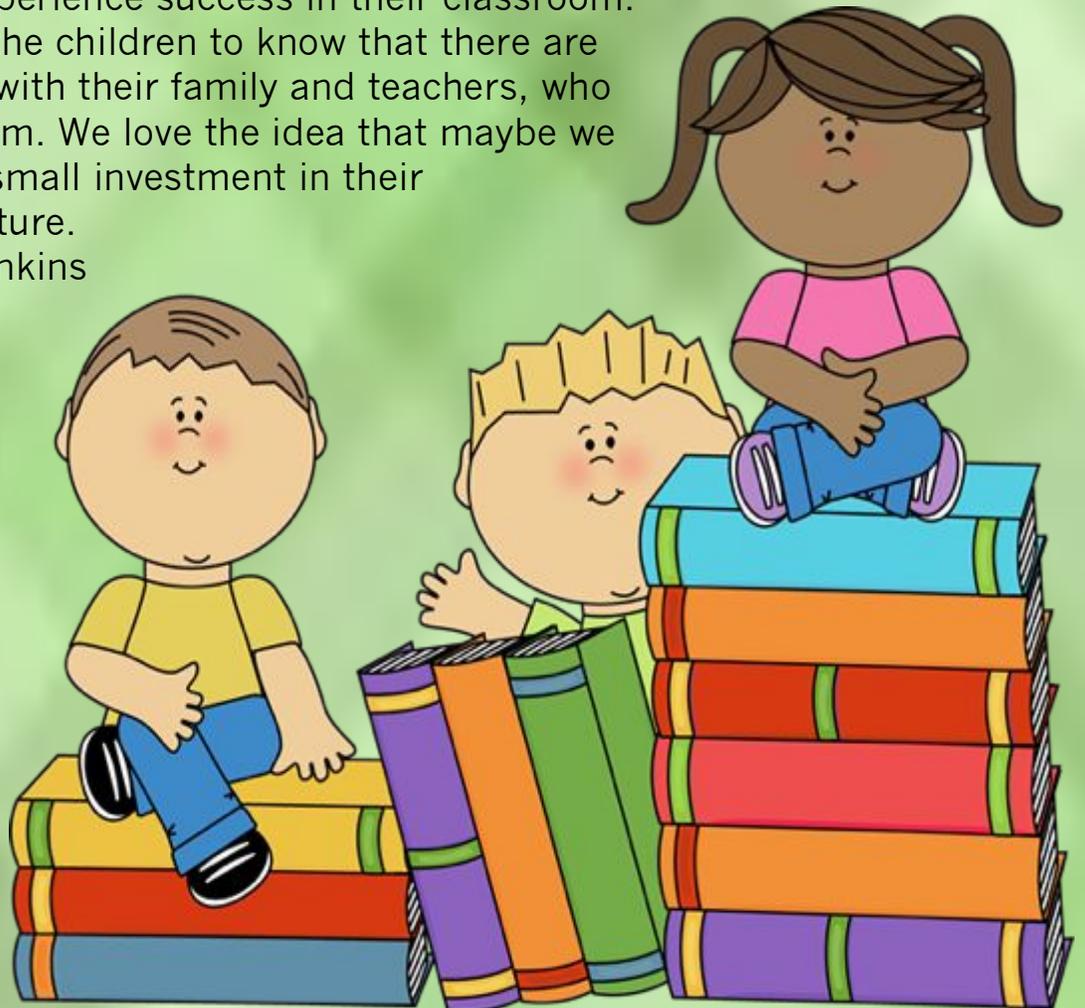
- ❖ Voting on our next board
- ❖ Founders Day Program
- ❖ Sisters will be "pinned"
- ❖ Voting for new members
- ❖ Recommitment Ceremony

## *Harte's Lucky Charms*



There are VIPs, then there are VIPS and then there are VIPs. Sooooo? Let me explain. The first VIPs, of course, are **Very Important People**. The second VIPS have those Very Important People becoming **Volunteers In Public Schools**. Lastly the Volunteers In Public Schools have become **Villages In Progress**. To quote the very recycled phrase, "It takes a Village to raise a child," is exactly what the Eta members are becoming, a Village. Our Eta Village of committed educators is joining the Village of committed educators at Bret Harte to do what we can to help students strengthen their reading skills. Bret Harte welcomed us into their Village. They've given us shelter, provisions, and more importantly they have entrusted us with their children. The desired outcome of this village partnership is to enable the students to experience success in their classroom. We also want the children to know that there are people, along with their family and teachers, who care about them. We love the idea that maybe we are making a small investment in their educational future.

By Barbara Jenkins



Many of you have expressed confusion as to the difference between Schools for Africa and World Fellowship--two of the DKG-sponsored organizations to which we have donated. Last year as a chapter we donated \$101 (plus currently \$20 from the globe bank) to World Fellowship and \$80 to Schools for Africa. We are reprinting (with permission) the two articles that Linda Frame wrote for the Area News. You can appreciate the extensive research and interest that went into writing the articles. Linda will bring a basket to the March meeting for further donations to World Fellowship, and you will also be able to purchase more Buck-a-Books for Schools for Africa.

### World Fellowship Takes Flight

The World Fellowship Fund was established to provide opportunities for women from foreign countries to pursue graduate studies in the United States and Canada, thus promoting DKG Purpose Number 5 -- "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries."

We have seen it grow from 1948, when four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to study and visit Sweden to 2013 with 858 women from 117 countries, who after receiving financial assistance from DKG, were able to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the U.S.

The World Fellowship Awards that are given each year are determined by contributions and bequests. We have seen it grow from 1960 when \$11,528 was donated to 2012 with donations totaling \$3,651,243.99. The award has grown from \$2,500 to \$4,000, which is given to each female scholar and in 2012-2013, thirty five women from twenty-five countries each received a World Fellowship fund or an extension from \$92,800 in donations and bequests.

The graph below illustrates how many women have received WF funds and from which continents. In 2012-2013:

20 women received \$4,000 awards

11 women received \$ 800 extensions

4 women received \$1,000 extensions

The members of Delta Kappa Gamma can be proud of the support our organization is giving towards furthering the education of women worldwide. As these women educators take flight on their educational journeys, we can only hope that they, too, will continue "to advance the professional interest and position of women in education"-- DKG Purpose Number 3

Submitted by Linda Frame, News at Twelve Co-editor

## Opening Doors

"It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have access to a good education"  
Nelson Mandela

Is your chapter looking for a new project? Here is a worthy cause for your consideration! A cause through which our participation can help lessen discrimination, ignorance, and poverty. You ask, "What is it?" It is **SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA**.

In 2010, Schools for Africa (SFA) became the first official international project of Delta Kappa Gamma International. By partnering with UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Fund, and the Hamberg Society, DKG has joined forces to ensure that all children, especially girls, orphans, and disadvantaged youth will have access to quality basic education. SFA focuses on eleven of the neediest Sub Saharan African countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. As of January 20, 2013, DKG had donated \$120,665 helping to improve the education of millions of children-improvements such as building and rehabilitating schools, training teachers, obtaining school supplies, ensuring safe drinking water, and providing separate bathrooms for boys and girls.

Since January 2011, Delta Kappa Gamma has issued Schools for Africa Newsette which provide information on each of the eleven countries that receive funds, suggest on-line resources for programs, and give ideas for promoting interest or ways to collect money for donations. Here are a few ways to spark member interest or collect money for Schools for Africa which were taken from the SFA Newsette:

- \* Change for Change - collect loose change found in wallets and/or purses at the beginning of the meeting and donate to SFA
- \* Jewelry Sale - members bring jewelry they no longer wear to a meeting. Jewelry is price tagged, sold, and proceeds go to SFA
- \* Bring and share pieces of art and/or music from the one of the eleven SFA countries
- \* Gift of Literacy - Honor a member by donating a monetary donation to SFA
- \* Share current event of one of eleven SFA countries
- \* Buck a Book - members bring books they no longer read to chapter meetings to sell for no more than \$1.00. Money is collected and donated to SFA

To donate or learn more about SFA visit [unicefusa.org/dkg](http://unicefusa.org/dkg), [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net), Schools for Africa-flier with contribution form, SFA Powerpoint Presentations, and/or Schools for Africa Newsette.

Schools for Africa is truly a way your chapter can be a part of investing in the future of a child, a community, a country, our world. Delta Kappa Gamma is offering us a way to become a part of the world community, "to inform our members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society." (DKG Purpose #7)

As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the key to everything: to human dignity, to prosperity, to health and is the first basis for any democratic development."

Let's help turn a few keys to open some closed doors!

Linda Frame, News at Twelve Co-Editor

A special request from  
Louise:  
Would the owner of  
the lovely doll I won at  
the PEP Auction please  
forward some  
information about her?  
Thanks.

Please don't  
forget to send  
in your THAT  
hours to Judy  
Sears by March  
28<sup>th</sup> so that she  
can turn in her  
report by  
April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Don't forget Chi State Convention is May 2-4 in  
Santa Clara at the Hyatt Regency  
Visit [www.chistate.org](http://www.chistate.org) for information  
For our "artsy" sisters, be sure to look into submitting  
your work for the gallery. There is more info on the  
Chi State website.**

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