



ETAGRAM

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

President's Message

Thank you one and all for your kind words and encouragement as I begin this "presidential adventure." I consider it a privilege to serve in this capacity at our chapter. You have entrusted me with two years of work for the good of Eta and I thank you for your vote of confidence.

Attending the California State Convention was a great experience. I have heard many members say how much they enjoy their time at convention and how everyone should go. They are right! Time away from the everyday routine and instead spending it with passionate women educators is inspiring and empowering. I'm looking forward to May 5-7, 2017 in Los Angeles!

During the summer I spent a good deal of time reading and studying our chapter rules, the Chapter President Notebook provided by California State, our International Website and other international publications. Without the busyness of the school year I feel like my studying gave me a great start to leading our chapter effectively.

My husband and youngest daughter, Rob and Maggie, are very supportive of my new role in DKG. However being a family that likes to laugh they tease me about being "President" and often refer to DKG as "Gabba, Gabba, Gabba." Laughter and love keep our busy lives fun.

I look forward to our chapter events this year, hoping they fulfill us both personally and professionally.

Kris D.

Upcoming DKG Events

Chapter Meetings

Dec 3rd -Books and Bears at LBYC

Jan 19th –traveling Sisters and Jared Boxes at Newcomb Academy

Feb 25th- P.E.P Auction at Westminster Village Town Hall

March 20th –Browning School Tour

May 11th – BARK Fundraiser at Barnes And Noble

June 3rd – June Tea at the home of Alida S.

California State/Area Events

Leadership Retreat **Jan 14th and 15th** at Embassy Suites in Sacramento

Area XII Conference on **April 22** at The Grand in Long Beach

DKG California Convention on **May 5-7** at LAX Marriott in Los Angeles

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

ETA Chapter Meeting Highlights

Our opening meeting on September 17 was packed full of activity, food, chapter work and laughter. Everyone enjoyed the team building activity organized by Cheryl J and Barbara F. Table teams constructed with string and red solo cups – NO HANDS. Delightful treats arrived from our sisters in Japan in appreciation of our donation to their fundraiser. Masumi H shared about her lovely time in Japan with our sister DKG chapter. Fifteen members are celebrating significant anniversaries with Eta this year. Our membership committee organized a lovely presentation of pins. Please visit our [chapter web page](#) to see the photos.

Newcomb K-8 Academy was the location for our October 4 meeting. Eta was proud to present a check for \$600 to [Beach Animals Reading with Kids](#) (BARK). The donation was the result of our May 2016 Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Honorary members Josie and Linda brought pups Abbie and Luka to receive our check and share the latest news about BARK. It is always a pleasure to support such a compassionate and important group of volunteers that support children learning to read! A presentation by Carol Churchill of The League of Women Voters gave members insight to many propositions that will be voted on this November 8. Carol shared that additional information about ballot measures can be found in the [Easy Voter Guide](#) available on-line.



Fun With Sisters!

Jared Boxes for January

From The Jared Box Project website:
The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of children in the hospital. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope, and love. Over 200,000 Jared Boxes have been delivered across the United States.

A Jared Box is a plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are delivered to hospitals. Jared Boxes provide a special diversion for young patients in emergency rooms, patient rooms, surgical centers, and clinics as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments. Jared Boxes bring smiles and laughter and lift the spirits of children in the hospital.

At our October chapter meeting, many members took home a shoebox size plastic storage box. The boxes will be available again at our December Books and Bears meeting. Thank you to Cathy L and Alida S for donating plastic shoe boxes in support of our chapter's Jared Box project.

The webpage for [Jared Boxes](#) has great information and inspiration for filling your box. We will print labels and finish up the boxes at our chapter meeting at Newcomb on January 19. Have fun shopping!

Don't forget to send in your \$30 check to Tina to reserve your brunch at our annual Books and Bears by November 21

Books and Bears

Each year in December Eta members look forward to delicious food in beautiful setting, with wonderful company and engaging entertainment. Please plan on joining in the sisterhood on December 3, 2016 at the Long Beach Yacht Club. In addition to enjoying a lovely event, our chapter provides a valuable service to our greater Long Beach community. All members are encouraged to bring a small or medium-sized unwrapped cuddly stuffed toy and a children's book. These items will be given to [For the Child](#) for use in their service to our community.

From the For the Child webpage: *For over 40 years For The Child has strengthened families, prevented the trauma of child abuse, neglect and exposure to violence and helped low-income children and families heal when it has occurred. These are local children. They live in our communities, go to our schools and play with our children and grandchildren.*

Prevention and early intervention is critical to helping children lead happy and healthy lives. Many years of support from all sectors of the community allows us to offer professional prevention, education and treatment services for child sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, severe neglect, the impact of witnessing domestic or community violence, the victimization of human trafficking and other adverse childhood experiences. We provide court-based childcare, a 24/7 Child Abuse Response Team, help meet emergency needs and improve the daily lives of at-risk and abused low-income children and vulnerable families.

Help is also given to parents suffering from depression, their own trauma histories and other challenges who often struggle to be the best parents they possibly can be. Strengthening families and helping parents overcome their challenges is a critical and integral part of helping children.

For the Child has always been extremely appreciative of your plentiful donations of books and bears. Your generosity and kindness will be received warmly!

The Value of Membership

Peggy Heath, Second VP, Membership

Women educators are at the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. There is honor in being a sister of DKG.

Members work together mentoring and supporting one another, as well as, gaining opportunities for personal and professional growth as women.

We, at Eta Chapter, take pride in knowing we help women and children throughout the world, by providing donations to Books for Africa and World Fellowship. In the our community we fill Jared Boxes for ill children at Miller's Children's Hospital in Long Beach.

We are giving three Scholarships of \$2,250.00 for new teachers from Long Beach State University, this year alone.

We also participate in "For the Child" and B.A.R.K.

Participation, membership, leadership, and commitment from all members is needed to make a strong Eta Chapter.

International Website

The Delta Kappa Gamma International web page is a wonderful resource for inspiring stories, travel opportunities, and all things DKG.

As a DKG member you will access all content when you log in as a member.

To log in use the Member ID number found on your membership card or in our Yearbook and this default password: dkg2014society

You may then choose your own password for future use.

Once you are logged on, please think about clicking on the MY DKG tab and updating your account and profile. Keeping your information current helps both International and California State.

Be sure to sign up for the DKG California Highlights! This is a weekly publication that comes directly to your email. Visit www.chistate.org to sign up.

Also, have you seen the newest edition of California Connections? Our very own Julie D is the editor. This is sent out to your email address. If you did not receive it, please go to the California State website and update your email address, or, check your email and look for an email from Julie D dated early Sept.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Sisters!

September: Anne T., Betty Ann O., Alida S., Julie M., Charlene C., Karen E., Blanche C.

October: Helen H., Peggy H., Barbara B., Arlene R., Marlene D., Judith K., Louise M., Annabelle B., Julie D.

November: Marnos L., Carolynn K., Terri T.



Upcoming Due Dates and Opportunities

Leadership Retreat 2017: Getting Up on the Right Side of the Bed Every Day will be presented by Helen Horyza, President of Elevate Inc.

How many days do you stumble out of bed? You don't set your objectives for the day. Your vision of what you want to accomplish is murky and unfocused. Let's face it; it's easy to fall into a rut. This year's retreat is designed to enlighten you so you are living your life with a renewed level of intentionality and integrity. Come join us for a fresh perspective. Learn about your capacity to inspire others. Understand how to be more persuasive, charismatic and authentic. Gain skills that will up your game on a daily basis.

We invite you to learn about:

- Leadership qualities you take for granted
- Your inner radiance and passion
- The problems you create that result in stress and conflict
- Your power to set and express your objectives
- Your brilliance channeled through effective feedback
- Your unlimited supply of courage.

Be prepared to be on your feet, learning new skills and viewing video training talks (no boring PowerPoint!). Look forward to Helen's interactive style and quick sense of humor. You deserve to do something for yourself this year. Start your new year with a total recharge so you can truly be your best every day. Registration is due by January 6.

Consider applying for the **Leadership Retreat Award**. Applicant must be a member in good standing for at least two years prior to applying for a DKG California Award. Copies of registration and proof of payment for the Leadership Retreat must accompany this application. Reimbursement will be made to applicant only after successful completion of the Leadership Retreat. Award application is due December 31. (Yes, this is before the Leadership Retreat registration is due!)

Presenters are needed for the 2017 DKG California Convention. What ignites you personally that you could share with others? What professional expertise do you or a colleague possess that would be a benefit to other teachers? The **application for presenting professional development and interest sessions** is due November 15.

The **Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award** is given in recognition of a DKG California member who has developed an innovative educational activity, which has impacted the profession and is recognized as an example for other educators. This state level nomination requires several endorsers and letters of recommendation. The nomination is due by December 1.

The **Distinguished Public Service Award** is given in recognition a man or woman who is making an outstanding contribution in any public service arena. He or she can work as a volunteer or as a professional in business, industry or government. The nominee must reside in California, but does not have to be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. A chapter or individual may nominate and must include a letter of nomination and at least two letters of endorsement. The nomination is due by December 1.

The [Distinguished Service to DKG California Award](#) recognizes a DKG California member who has served in a leadership role in her Chapter and in two or more capacities at the California State level. The nominee must have demonstrated commitment to the Society at all levels and by regular attendance of all meetings. A nominator and two endorsers submit letters of recommendation. This nomination is due by December 1.

To receive financial assistance for classes, workshops, or conferences consider applying for a [Continuing Education Award](#). Applicant must be a member in good standing and her chapter president or immediate past president must complete a recommendation form. If awarded, reimbursement will be made after attendance verification and submittal of receipts. There are two opportunities for this award, due December 31 or June 1.

Are you planning on completing academic work in graduate studies or towards a doctorate between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018? You may want to consider applying for an [International Scholarship Award](#). Electronic submission must be completed by February 1.

Also available are [scholarships from California State](#) for members accepted into programs of doctorate and master's degrees as well as advanced studies. Applicants must be a DKG member for a full two years. Three letters of recommendation are required, including administrator, current or immediate past chapter president and a personal reference. This application is due before December 31.

Looking for Some Holiday Spirit?

Rancho Los Alamitos Open House

December 14, 15 and 16 2016
4:00-8:00 pm

Rancho Los Alamitos welcomes you to its Holiday Open House on three evenings in December. Celebrate the holiday and enjoy an evening visit to Rancho Los Alamitos. Come and relish the beautifully decorated ranch house and complimentary holiday refreshments. Evening tours feature seasonal music enjoyed under the eaves of the Horse Barn. The Rancho Gift Shop will be open for your shopping pleasure.

Due to limited parking at the Rancho, car-pooling is recommended and parking reservations are required.

Please call 562-431-3541 for parking reservations.



Rancho Los Cerritos Christmas Tours

\$15 per person/\$10 FRLC members

Pre-paid reservations are required beginning November 1

Following your tour, enjoy live holiday music and refreshments in the garden under the soft glow of candlelight. Visit the Museum Gift Shop for unique holiday gifts.

Submit credit card and reservation form electronically (<http://www.rancholoscerritos>) or mail form and payment to:

Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site
4600 Virginia Road
Long Beach, CA 90807

Rancho is located one block west of Long Beach Blvd. at San Antonio Dr.
(562) 570-1755