



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

## The Beta Epsilon *BEAT*

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Area IX Burbank, CA

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Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.  
Vision Statement: Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our first chapter meeting was a great success. Thank you to the leadership of Linda & Pam who selected a great park for enjoying our fellowship. Thank you to our board members, who provided wonderful salads/desserts. It was a relaxing and special evening. It's rewarding to be part of a dedicated, talented team of women, caring and working with each other to serve our community of students, teachers and families. Our chapter is a model of this.



Jan, Susan C, Dawn, Suzanne M, Michelle  
Speakers

HUGE Thanks to the ladies pictured above, for their honest sharing of their experiences in school with being back in person for the teaching/learning process! They shared at our Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and all agreed that it



is best to teach and learn in person, even with new challenges today and with feeling tired. The students seem to be showing more appreciation these days. Wonderful! In November/December, let's look forward to holidays that bring opportunities to express gratitude to our loving God, family and friends. Let us cherish this time of year. A favorite historical figure is Sir Thomas Moore, (a Chancellor), who said, "Living artfully with time only requires something as simple as pausing." As we move into this busy time of year, let us pause and remember to take care of ourselves.  
Sister Mary Elizabeth Galt

### Future Business

On Saturday, **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**, several of us will attend the **Area IX Fall Festival** at the Knollwood Country Club. The theme is 'Always A Teacher' and those attending will receive a reminder email. DKG is requiring that all attending show their vaccine card, upon entering the venue. Our chapter will be honoring 2 Outstanding Members: Kathy Jordan and Suzanne Oberlaender! Congrats!

Our **Holiday Party** will be on Monday, **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 pm at the home of Diana Wong: 513 S. Griffith Park Dr. This is really a fun gathering with sandwiches, wine, cheese, and desserts. Our service projects: bring your assigned food/gift for the Burbank Coordinating Council Basket. Diana will email or mail this information to each member. Also, sign up to purchase a book to donate in January to Luther Burbank Middle School for our **Library Project**. If we receive our 'matching grant' from DKG, then we will include another Middle School! We will have an optional 'gift exchange'. If you want to participate, bring a \$10 item that is 'something to make you laugh', but not a white elephant item.

Caren Collier

### DKG Scholarships

DKG has awarded over 5 billion dollars to over 1000 members, since it began in 1940. About 30 are awarded each year if pursuing advance degrees: graduate degrees are \$6000, doctorate degree \$10,000. Others: Zeta Chapter offers \$150 to assist members with financing course work, workshops and other activities.

Bonnie Gelling Road Scholar Award is open to members aged 55 and older, to attend a Road Scholar Program.

First Timer Award provides \$250 stipend to attend regional convention for the first time. For an entire listing go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

Sister Mary



### EXCURSIONS

On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, we went to the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Pam, Tanda, Bonnie B, Lisa, Kathy, Martha, Jan and her friend, took a 2 ½ hour tour of the cemetery. A beautiful day to hear some interesting stories about people buried there. A terrific guide, accompanied by a black feral cat, added much to the tour. One highlight was Judy Garland's grave. Then we had lunch on the patio of Off Vine.

Lisa Martin

Our next excursion will be **Tuesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am at The Reagan Library. Purchase your ticket online: seniors \$26.95 includes FBI exhibit as well as Christmas Around the World Exhibit. Wear a mask, meet at the entrance at 10:30. Lunch will be in the onsite café. You may also want to set up carpools. Any questions, call Linda Beaumaster. Hope you can join us! Linda B.





**Book Club**

We recently read The Baker's Daughter by Sarah McCoy. The story took place in Germany during WWII so Lisa served us strudel as refreshments! We gave the book a 9 rating. We are currently reading The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Pennar. We thoroughly enjoy our selected books and lively discussions. You are welcome to join us at any time. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Linda B



Griffith Park Travel Town  
 Suzanne O, Linda B, Dorla, Pam, Bonnie B,  
 Martha

**Treasurer's Report**

It was wonderful seeing so many chapter ladies at Verdugo Park in September. I emailed all of you the Treasurer's Report

but here's some good news....Bonnie Becken is selling Bob's Big Boy certificates again!! We purchased 100 certificates and sold 27 at the Sept. meeting. Terrific!! Plan to buy Big Boy certificates at future meetings, YES! (\$5.00 each)  
 We donated \$100 to California State LIFE Foundation in Dorie Beaumont's name.  
 Our current balance is \$7,399.05.  
 Doreen Wydra

**Legislative Update**

Public School Educators are strongly urged NOT to sign or contribute money to the initiative: Educational Savings Account (ESA). This would shift public education funding to private schools and harm CalSTRS. For more information, contact CalRTA's Legislative Advocate, Jennifer Baker.

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Nov. 6 Area IX Festival 10:00 am
- Nov. 30 Reagan Library: FBI and Christmas Trees 10:30 am
- Dec. 6 Holiday Party 5:00 pm at Diana's



**BIRTHDAYS! December**

- 4 Suzanne McHorney
- 11 Jackie Dwight
- 13 Michelle Gogh
- 16 Judy Dellinger
- 20 Bonnie Shatun
- 23 Suzanne Oberlaender
- 27 Dawn Snowden

