

Beta Lambda Newsletter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society California – Area II



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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From the President's Pen

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Learning as We Go

Who would've imagined six months or a year ago that our professional and social lives would be so dependent on a computer program called Zoom? We knew about Skype and FaceTime, but why would we ever need to see more than one person on a screen at a time?

Although meeting through Zoom will never take the place of face-to-face (F2F) interactions, it definitely has served Beta Lambda well in keeping members connected. I am so impressed with us and our dedication to our group. We have had themes to entertain ourselves and guest speakers to keep us informed.

The organizers of this year's Area II Fall Info Faire used the capabilities of Zoom to their full potential. Here is the event's agenda with time stamps for the video:

- Ideas for icebreakers (That's where I got the superhero name activity.) (14:00)
- Strategies for how to deal with stress (including a guided meditation) (38:00)
- RBHS Femineers (1:30:00)
- Solution Prop 15 (2:10:00)
- Recruiting and retaining new DKG members (2:20:00)

Click here to view the 2020 Area II Fall Info Faire video.

These past few months have proven that we are up for the challenge of being life-long learners. I'm looking forward to what the future holds for Beta Lambda.

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Beta Lambda October 22 Zoom Meeting

Beta Lambda Cheerleaders in Action!

During our October 22 DKG Virtual Meeting, guest speaker, Rich DuVarney, Tehama County Superintendent of Schools, encouraged Beta Lambda membership to reach out to fellow Tehama teachers who are working so extremely hard during these challenging times. Annette and Nan immediately took action and delivered notes and treats to local schools!



Annette and Nan delivering encouragement and treats to Tehama teachers.



Have you marked your Beta Lambda calendar yet?

This year, many of our early 2020-2021 meetings will be held using ZOOM. Time will tell if we can meet in person again in 2021. Mark your calendar for these DKG - Beta Lambda events:

- November 12 (Thursday); 5:30 pm − Induction/World Fellowship/Schools for Africa meeting via ZOOM
- → <u>December 12 (Saturday); 10:00 am</u> Christmas Celebration! Event via ZOOM
- → <u>January 9 (Tuesday); 5:30 pm</u> Courthouse or Round Up; location TBD – INVITE GUESTS!
- → <u>January 9-10</u> DKG Winter Leadership Planning Session; Irvine
- → <u>January 11 (Monday); 4:00 pm</u> Executive Board Meeting; TCDE
- → <u>January 23 (Saturday); 9:30 to noon</u> Area II Leadership Meeting; Tehama Visitors' Center (250 Antelope Blvd.)
- → February 9 (Saturday); 2:00 pm Cake Decorating; location TBA; INVITE GUESTS!
- → March 11 (Tuesday); 5:30 pm Tehama Oaks School, Guest Speaker will be Michelle Barnard, Principal: TCDE - INVITE GUESTS!
- → April 22 (Thursday): 5:30 pm Empower Tehama/Foster Youth; location TBD
- → April 24 (Saturday) Children's Faire
- → <u>April 30 May 2</u> DKG California State Convention; Los Angeles Airport Marriott
- → May 8 (Saturday); 9:00 am Scholarship Brunch and Awards; TCDE INVITE GUESTS!
- → June 5 (Saturday); 10:00 am 2021-2022 Chapter Planning Meeting; Tehama Visitors' Center (250 Antelope Blvd.)
- → June 10 (Thursday); 5:30 pm Beta Lambda Field Trip and Picnic; location TBD -INVITE GUESTS!

PLEASE watch your email messages for links to the Zoom chapter meetings and events.



No computer??? Use your TELEPHONE to ZOOM

You can join a Zoom meeting **using a traditional phone**. You won't be able to see or be seen but you will be able to talk and hear others. Just follow these steps:

- Call the phone number provided on your Zoom invitation - it MAY be a long-distance number.
- Put in the <u>meeting ID number</u>, and a <u>passcode</u> (aka meeting password), followed by the <u>#</u> key, also included in your Zoom invitation.
- 3. Once you are connected, you will be prompted to press *6 to unmute yourself.

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Fiscal wisdom from our Treasurer, Annette N



Receipts needed!

If you need reimbursement from Beta Lambda,
I must have a *receipt* to do so.
I appreciate your help keeping records correct!

I appreciate your help keeping records correct! ~Annette

From Your Corresponding Secretary

World Fellowship

November is our scheduled fundraiser time for World Fellowship. In memory of Nancy Peterson, Tom Moisey, and others from last year, we have \$200.00 in our fund at this point. If you want to give a small donation in memory of Nancy or Tom you can send a check to Annette with a note that it goes to World Fellowship, High School Scholarship and/or College Recruitment Grant.

I feel that \$200.00 is a good World Fellowship amount for our chapter. Thank you for all your support.

~ Carol G

DKG ... a journey for life

Member Benefits

When asked what the benefits of membership are, the first thing you and I think of is the women we have met in Beta Lambda.

If you have attended events in other chapters, Area II, or the DKG-California, you marvel at all of the inspiring women who share our commitment to educational excellence, fellowship, and . . . leadership. (Do you know that several of our Beta Lambda sisters have attended regional and national events?? They glow when they tell you about how those experiences broadened their personal and professional lives on so many levels.)

The adage, "You get out of it why you put into it" is so apt when thinking about the benefits of membership. Forgive me if I share a little about the benefits to me: I had just retired and wanted to get involved in something meaningful. The Tehama County Reading Council drew me in, which led to helping with the Writing Contest, then an invitation to join Beta Lambda.

Little did I know that stretching and growth had just begun! Taking on a small leadership role with Beta Lambda involved coming out of my shell and tentatively risking myself a little bit. The mentoring was fantastic, and member support kept me going. Small steps led to bigger steps. One day I realized that I was speaking and acting from experience when I met new challenges. I would not have reached that degree of self-confidence had I not made the effort or taken advantage of the opportunities offered by Beta Lambda and DKG in general.

Are there other benefits to membership? Of course! Future articles will cover scholarships for advanced study, insurance for educators, and perks!

Mari E Member Benefits Beta Lambda Chapter





Beta Lambda Membership Recruitment Survey Results



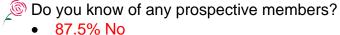
Thanks to all of you ladies who took the time and effort to answer pertinent questions regarding our membership recruitment. Here are the results after receiving thirty-two responses.

Probably the most troublesome question was pursuing recruitment now or waiting until after the first trimester in November.

- 62.5% voted to postpone due to COVID-19
- 37.5% pursue now

If you were a prospective member, how would you like to connect with current Beta Lambda ladies?

- 65.5% Would enjoy meeting with one or two current members in a pre-approved venue.
- 34.4% Virtually



- 12.5% Yes
- 12.070 100
 - Target group to balance our membership?
 50% Novice educators possibly needing support/guidance
 - 31.3% Veteran educators still actively working
 - 18.8% Retired educators

Personally sharing why you chose to join Beta Lambda was full of heartfelt responses of contributing, caring, and continuous learning about our beloved field of education. These remarks will be used to encourage new members to join our fun!

Nan G 2nd VP/Membership Recruitment Chairperson



To these Beta Lambda Sisters:

<u>November</u>

16 – Magdalena C

December:

🚺 4 – Heidi M

15 – Caroline G

16 – Kim C

19 – Debbie R

22 – Annette N

🚺 25 – Mari E

1 27 – Leslie H

27 – Catherine M

BETA LAMBDA QUILT RAFFLE



Our Lovely Quilt will be given away in December.
Tickets are available from Annette N or Betty B
The tickets are \$5.00 each, so if you want tickets

let one of us know and we will help you.
Also, as voted, our Chapter will receive/10%
and the 2 scholarships will receive 80% of
the total earned. Great fundraiser!
One lucky winner will have a beautiful quilt

made by the mother of our member, Shannon R

Thanks, Betty

Art Walk, 2020

By Barbara L

The Tehama County Arts Council is moving forward with "reimagined" plans for this year's traditional Art Walk, 2020, approved by the Tehama County Health Services with a few changes to comply with Covid-19 mandates and guidelines. The Art Walk will be held Fri., Nov. 6th from 5-9 pm and Sat., November, 7th from 10-2.

A limited amount of tickets will be available for Friday night at \$10 each. Tickets will be available online at Eventbrite, with another option for offline purchases. Ticket holders will be entitled to special weekend discounts at participating businesses and food/beverage discounts redeemable through November.

The Art Walk experience will include outside live mural paintings, music, and indoor exhibits at Downtown business. There will be no food/beverages to comply with Covid guidelines. A "virtual" option will be available on Fri. eve for those who cannot participate in person.

Main Event Gallery Reopening

The Main Event Gallery's reopening will coincide with the Art Walk. The featured local artist will be Sharon Crabill, in addition to art by Gallery members. There will not be a traditional reception, but rather the opening day will be Thurs. Nov 5th and the Art Walk starting the 6th.

For more information, click on this link:

<u>Tehama Main Event Gallery</u>





Volunteer Opportunity for Beta Lambda Members:

First Five Tehama Book Club

Thanks to DKG-Beta Lambda's own Heidi M for helping to provide this literacy outreach to our community when it is so desperately needed. And thanks for inviting DKG members to be a part of the program!

If you want more information about the <u>First</u> Five Tehama Book Club, click here.

If you are interested in signing up a child for the **Book Club, click here.**

If you would like to contact Heidi about recording a reading, **click here**.



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When was the last time you visited these DKG websites? They are FULL of information for DKG members.

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SANTA is calling all recipes ...



Do you have a favorite go-to recipe? How about a traditional family recipe that everyone loves?

Since we are all doing more home cooking during this exciting COVID days, let's share with one another what we are dishing up from our kitchens!

Please consider adding a recipe to our Beta Lambda Cookbook. Cindy Haase is putting together a cookbook to share at our **Christmas Celebration on December 12**. She would LOVE to include your special recipe. Handwritten recipes are especially treasured!

Please send your scanned or copies of your contributing recipes to:



Cindy H

Red Bluff, CA 96080

Thanks to Beta Lambda member, Meg P For this cornbread recipe...

