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PLANTING THE SEEDS OF CHANGE... June Bowers, Northwest Regional Director, To Represent International Society at Chi State Convention

June Bowers, Northwest Regional Director, will represent the International Society at the 2012 Chi State Convention to be held May 4 – 6 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. Chi State is honored to have June take part in our celebrations and bring us an update from International.

June grew up in Mokena, Illinois, received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Master of Music Degree at the University of Nebraska. Through her Mom, June learned all about Delta Kappa Gamma, especially what the Society can do for members and what members can do for the Society.

June was initiated into Zeta Chapter in Nebraska in 1977 and served as President of Zeta Chapter and chaired many Chapter committees as well. Similarly, at the state level, June was Nebraska State Organization President and filled many other offices and committee chairmanships. International service has included Chairman of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, Chairman of the Membership Committee, International Music Chairman, and now, Northwest Regional Director.

June retired from a 33-year teaching career, specializing in Vocal Music in both middle school and high school. She served as an educator for District Music Contests for 22 years. Currently, she is a substitute teacher, directs the First United Methodist Church Choir, and is the Performing Arts Chair for the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council.

Upon retirement, June and her husband, John, moved from Lincoln to Falls City, where she revitalized Iota Chapter and continues to be Iota Chapter mentor and Parliamentarian. June and John plus Bo, their beloved lab, love to travel when she has the time.

We look forward to having June Bowers with us as we advance our Society at our Chi State Convention and as we...

...Cultivate the Vision,

...Nurture the Promise,

...and Share the Future.

--Sandy Rushing, Beta Phi
Chi State President



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

Leading Women Educators

Impacting Education Worldwide

“Cultivate the Vision, Nurture the Promise, Share the Future”

By Sandy Rushing, Chi State President 2011 - 2013



Our International President, Dr. Jenji Souders, has challenged each of us to bring one key woman educator into the Society. Do you realize what that would do for each Chapter in Chi State? Just think of the new friends, the new leaders, the new ideas for programs and projects! So look around you at all levels of education, at all forms of education, at all ages young and old.

The more we each get involved with the Teachers Helping Another Teacher Program in our neighborhood schools, the more young teachers we meet. The more we mentor them, the more they realize what a great organization Delta Kappa Gamma is. Invite them to attend your Chapter meetings. Some Chapters even devote a meeting to help beginning teachers grade papers or get projects ready for the classroom. Others hold gatherings to pass on gently-used teaching materials to new teachers. Others take treats into the faculty room and pass out brochures about DKG. Let's all show these prospective members how we care about each other and how we make a difference in our neighborhoods and in the world. This, truly, is a way we can **share the future**.

Convention Reminders...

...Credentialing Table (for Chapter Presidents and their Delegates) will be open Friday, May 4 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. and Saturday, May 5, from 6:30 – 7:30 A.M. only.

...On Saturday, May 5, from 10:30 – 11:30 AM, be sure to visit the **MEMBERS' MALL**. Learn from the experts about World Fellowships, Research and Public Relations, Preservation of Documents, Nominations, Professional Affairs, Jared Boxes, Membership, Personal Growth and Services, and Leadership Development. **BE IN THE KNOW!!**

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Chi State Leadership Retreat in Ontario, California. What a fulfilling week-end that was. Each of us had our mind, body, and spirit cared for and fed as we worked together and individually. The Chi State Leadership Development Committee, led by Susan Woods, truly nurtured us and challenged us to grow as leaders and gave us the tools to do so. Next year, the date is already set for the end of January, and I encourage each of you to begin thinking about attending. You will certainly **cultivate and nurture** your own gifts of leadership.

The winter issue of *Chi State News* has eight pages about the upcoming Chi State Convention – May 4 – 6 in Irvine. Candise Campbell and her Convention Arrangements Committee have been hard at work with the leaders in Chi State making preparations for an action-packed three days. You will not want to miss any of these activities. June Bowers, Northwest Regional Director, is our International Guest. The speakers are dynamic and the Interest Sessions are many and varied. It will really be hard to make choices. Read all about it in this issue, fill out your Convention Registration Form and call now for your hotel reservation. Information is also posted on our Chi State Website – www.chistateca.org. See you all there!

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CHI STATE CONVENTION TO FEATURE VARIED INTEREST SESSIONS

Take a look at this variety of Interest Sessions to be offered at the Chi State Convention on Saturday, May 5... then talk with other members from your Chapter who plan to attend Convention and decide which sessions appeal to each of you. You may wish to attend the same sessions – or split and attend different sessions so that you can report back to your Chapter members at a future meeting. The choices are many and varied!

ZUMBA – DANCE EXERCISE: Demonstration and audience participation of the latest exercise dance craze – Zumba Latin Dance.

HEALING THROUGH THERAPEUTIC WRITING: The presenter reveals dark secrets letting you into her heart and soul as she candidly shares her therapeutic writing journey in hopes that trauma victims will be helped to heal through a therapeutic writing path. The book, *When Silence Reigns – Help Yourself through Expressive/Therapeutic Writing* will be available for purchase and autographs. (This session will be offered twice).

BABY STEPS TO BRING YOUR CHAPTER TO THE 21ST CENTURY: Attend this workshop if you are ready to take your Chapter into the 21st century with little or no stress. Using a web-based program, you can store documents, set up meetings, and invite guests with just a few clicks of the mouse. Anyone can do it! And it's FREE! This is a great way to get your members used to the idea of technology without scaring them away!

THIS AND THAT: To encourage Chapter members to become involved with teachers, classrooms and schools by volunteering their time and support, this session will clarify the Chi State THAT Program. It will feature "History of THAT Program," "2011-2012 THAT Program (changes to forms)," International's THAT Program, and Early Career Educator (ECE). There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to review the reporting forms.

PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: While designed for Area Program Chairmen, Chapter Program Chairmen will benefit from this opportunity to discuss program responsibilities and share ideas. It will also address the move to the Educational Excellence Committee by International and its implications for Chi State.

SOUTH ASIAN ART AT YOUR FINGERTIPS: Discover an exciting South Asian art and literacy project funded by Zanbeef Art. Utilizing art to break down cultural barriers can help remove negative assumptions and plant the seeds of peace for a new generation. We will share student art from 112th Street Elementary School in Watts (South Central Los Angeles) – portraits, calligraphy, sculpture and Eco lessons as well as a hands-on lesson for participants to take home.

TEACHING STUDENTS WITH CARLSON HOME/HOSPITAL SCHOOL, L.A.U.S.D.: Participants will learn about the educational services provided by Carlson Home/Hospital School and view a short documentary film about the school. Each school year, Carlson's 60 full-time and 120 part-time teachers serve approximately 2,000 medically and psychiatrically fragile students throughout the entire Los Angeles Unified School District.

THE ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM: A group leader for Road Scholars and recipient of a DKG Hostelship Award will explain the program and give hints for successful participation.

DEFYING GRAVITY: Are you a late bloomer or do you know someone who is? This session will build on the luncheon keynote speaker's experience of graduation from college at age 38 through teaching English to turning to full time writing at age 47. Come realize the "late bloomer" inside yourself.

AWAKENING YOUR CHAPTER'S POSSIBILITIES: Does your Chapter have a Strategic Action Plan? We can help you get started. If you have started, we can answer your questions about the plans you have now. This session will energize you and get you on the road to an effective plan. Join the Chi State Strategic Action Plan Committee for this special hands-on session!

PUT A SONG IN YOUR PROGRAMS: "Help! I'm in charge of the program. What do I do?" In this session, you will get some hands-on, take-it-home-with-you ideas of ways to include music and ceremonies in your Chapter programs.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International partners with UNICEF to support the Schools for Africa Project. A UNICEF representative will explain the project and how individuals and Chapters can be involved.

RELAX WITH TAI CHI CHIH: Experiential – join the group to practice ways to relax the body, refresh the mind, renew the spirit. Everyone is welcome!

THE LIFE FOUNDATION READ ACROSS CHI STATE: Book Club discussion of the book selected for the LIFE READ ACROSS CHI STATE ACTIVITY and fund-raiser in conjunction with Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

SUMMER TEACHER WORKSHOPS: The National Endowment of the Humanities' Landmarks Summer Workshops and Gilder Lehman Institute of American History offer educational opportunities for teachers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CURSIVE WRITING: Graphologists are alarmed that handwriting is no longer taught in the schools, possibly delaying brain development. Cursive handwriting exercises are used to help patients with brain injuries, children with ADHD, and anyone with learning disabilities.

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CHI STATE CONVENTION INTEREST SESSIONS (continued)

RELEASING THE TREASURE WITHIN: Discover how to tap into the vast resources of your heart and release your message through creative writing. The presenter will also share how she became a published author.

TEACHING RESOURCES – HONORING AND RESTORING DIGNITY THROUGH THE STORIES OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY: Provides resources for educators, including lesson plans and bibliography of titles on the history of the incarceration of more than 120,000 persons of Japanese Ancestry in relocation camps on U.S. soil during World War II. Presenter will share family history, including the honor of receiving a Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of deceased military next-of-kin, November 2, 2011, finally restoring dignity to those who served nearly 70 years earlier.

FROM THE HIGHLANDS TO THE ISLANDS: A travelogue featuring Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Gain an understanding of how the legislative process works. Learn what is going on in Sacramento and how you can become an active participant in the legislative process.

PROJECTS AND HOW TO FUND THEM: Participants will be given a variety of fund-raising ideas that will generate income throughout the year with the opportunity to ask questions and share information.

TECHNOLOGY INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA: This session will showcase how technology has been implemented to design humanitarian interventions in Africa.

SEND OUT CARDS! SEND OUT FUN! Learn how to make and send personalized greeting cards using your own photographs. It is cheap, easy, and fun for everyone. All that is needed is a digital camera and a computer.

OUR HISTORY – OUR HERITAGE WOMEN’S EDUCATION – WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

National Women’s History Month grew out of an effort to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women in American History. In 1978, The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women initiated a “Women’s History Week.” Later, in 1981, at the request of museums, libraries, and educators across the country, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March. A Congressional Resolution was quickly passed with strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate.

The National Women’s History Project is the agent for promoting women as leaders and influential forces in our society. Founded in Santa Rosa, California, the NWHP shares research and stories about women’s roles, struggles, and successes today and throughout our history. Each year it sets an annual theme. The theme for 2012 is **WOMEN’S EDUCATION – WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**. As key women educators, we support this theme and encourage its implementation world-wide.

History helps us learn who we are. Recognizing the achievements of women in all walks of life has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and introducing young women to new opportunities. They must understand the critical link between knowing about women in history and making a positive difference in today’s world. Myra Pollack Sadker, pioneer researcher documenting gender bias in our schools and textbooks, said, in 1995, “Each time a girl opens a book and reads a womanless history, she learns she is worth less.”

As members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we feel pride in the efforts of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and our distinguished Founders for planting the seeds of change in transforming the professional opportunities available to women teachers. This has enabled us to promote education for everyone, but is

especially significant for girls and women worldwide. It is education that helps young women know their rights and empowers them with the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in society.

We have been strengthened and inspired by those who came before us and by those remarkable women working among us today. As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we support our Mission Statement by promoting excellence in education. Through the work of our Society, we are leading women educators impacting education worldwide. We take pride in our accomplishments, but shall strive to make a difference in today’s world by supporting the efforts and activities promoted by the National Women’s History Project and our Society.

--Mary Lou Willett, Iota Gamma
Librarian/ Archivist
Education Center Management Committee

TIME FOR VACATION!

Are you planning your vacation for this year? You, too, could experience an exciting trip to New Orleans to learn about the city as one of our eight 2012 Hostelship Award recipients did last year. Or you could enhance your photography or watercolor skills as other recipients were able to do through the Road Scholar Programs.

It’s time now to check out the website: www.roadscholar.org and sign up to receive information about the hundreds of opportunities all over the world. Then go the next step and sign up to participate in one of the Road Scholar Programs. When you have completed your fun and educational travel experience, go to the Chi State website: www.chistateca.org, fill out the Hostelship Award Application Form and mail it with a brief report, pictures and confirmation slip to the address on the form. You have until December 1, 2012, to send the application.

So **PLAN YOUR VACATION NOW** and then apply for a Chi State Hostelship Award of up to \$450. Happy trails to you!

--Janet Benavidez, Delta Mu
Personal Growth and Services Committee

IN MEMORIAM...

"Each happiness of yesterday is a memory for tomorrow." --G. W. Douglas
Shirley A. Amoroso, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Area V, December 17, 2011, Morgan Hill
Diane H. Brister, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII, April 20, 2011, Glendora
Aurelia Pellicer Correa, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Area XVII, June 29, 2010, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Naida Marich Dostal, Eta Tau Chapter, Area VII, October 20, 2011, Fresno
Elizabeth Girdler, Gamma Omega Chapter, Area IV, January, 2012, Stockton
Joyce Holmquist, Gamma Nu Chapter, Area II, December 25, 2011, Mt. Shasta
Joyanne S. Kennedy, Zeta Zeta Chapter, Area III, January 19, 2012, Walnut Creek
Vesta Lobro, Omega Chapter, Area XI, July 19, 2011, San Pedro
Vivienne Scheib, Zeta Mu Chapter, Area III, November 9, 2011, Livermore
Frances "Addie" Singleton, Iota Nu Chapter, Area VIII, Date unknown, Lompoc
Saveth Sonn, Delta Delta Chapter, Area III, November 18, 2011, Lafayette

*--Lorraine Secor, Gamma Iota
 Chi State Necrology Chairman*

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

It is exciting to read what Chapters throughout Chi State are doing to promote Educational Excellence. Newsletters and biennial reports are filled with examples of Chapters engaging in meaningful activities to assist Early Career Educators, support the Schools for Africa Project, increase members' global awareness, promote personal and professional pride, focus on the arts and literacy, and impact educational law and/or policy. Chi State Chapters are truly examples of the Society's Vision: *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*. Here are but a few examples:

- **Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Area IX:** Information learned at the Southwest Regional Conference about Schools for Africa was shared and a slide show about Africa was presented. Members also made a contribution to Schools for Africa.
- **Delta Xi Chapter, Area VI:** The Chapter participated in local educational forums during which parents received important information such as advocating for their children, communicating effectively with school personnel, and presenting available resources and support.
- **Gamma Tau Chapter, Area I:** Members provide reading intervention, reading program testing and monitoring, and Wetlands training for youth.
- **Delta Iota Chapter, Area X:** Early career educators are given assistance in setting up their classrooms in the fall. This is followed up with weekly classroom help.
- **Eta Pi Chapter, Area XII:** The Chapter supports a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They work with Women through Women, an International Foundation, in this project.
- **Alpha Pi Chapter, Area XV:** Many Chapters support the arts by having local school groups provide entertainment at meetings. But this Chapter has gone beyond by providing monetary support for the Redlands East Valley High School Chorus so they can perform at Carnegie Hall.
- **Alpha Omega Chapter, Area III:** This Chapter has formed a community partnership with their local community resource center, Eden Youth and Family Center.
- **Gamma Sigma Chapter, Area VII:** A new teacher "shower" is held each year.
- **Epsilon Phi Chapter, Area VIII:** A member who lived in Africa presented a program about Africa. Members sang songs in different dialects.
- **Beta Tau Chapter, Area XVII:** A Chapter member spoke about her experiences installing water purification systems in Central America.
- **Eta Epsilon Chapter, Area XVIII and Beta Delta Chapter, Area X:** Members celebrated the recognitions received by Lauren Kinney (Eta Epsilon Chapter) as she received the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership at the 2011 National Blue Ribbon Awards and Christina DeSanto (Beta Delta Chapter), selected by Region 9 of California League of Middle Schools as the Educator of the Year.

Chi State Chapters truly walk the talk of Educational Excellence.

*--Judy Kearns, Alpha Upsilon
 Chi State First Vice-President*

REPORT FROM CHI STATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Chi State Research Committee surveyed Chapters last fall on ways that they offer incentives to encourage members to attend Chi State Convention. We are sharing the following ideas received in response to our question with Chapters in the hope that they might be of help.

We found that:

- At least 20% of all attendees at Convention receive Chapter support.
- Chapters include in their Chapter Rules a commitment to budget money for at least one member to attend, usually the Chapter President.
- Most Chapters pay for their Presidents and, in alternate years, some pay for both the current and the incoming Presidents.
- Chapters pay the Registration Fee for all attendees.
- Chapters pay a stipend for first-time attendees.
- Chapter attendees share rooms and carpool to lessen costs.
- Chapters pay the Registration Fee for Saturday only attendance for a group of members when Convention is in a near-by, convenient location.
- Members report to their Chapters on Convention at Chapter meetings and in the Chapter Newsletter.
- Members share information at Chapter meetings from the Interest Sessions they attend at Convention.

--Jackie Gustafson, Iota Epsilon
Chi State Research Committee Chairman

HOW GREEN IS YOUR CHAPTER?

Several years ago, a vision and a plan of action to promote awareness of the need to be more environmentally conscious were established in Chi State. A Vision and an Action Plan were created:

Vision: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Chi State, will become a part of the solution for protecting our environment through programs and projects carried out by Chi State and its Chapters.

Action Plan:

- Members and Chapters will engage in activities whereby we become stewards of our Earth by reducing, recycling, and reusing.
- Chi State, Areas, or Chapters will present programs for members in order to create an awareness of our responsibility to protect our environment.
- Through the HELENE GOING GREEN Awards, members will be able to apply for funds for use with children that will promote taking care of Planet Earth.

Does your Chapter continue to maintain a focus on this critical issue? Take the time to revisit this Vision and Action Plan and remind each other of the importance of "greening" Chi State.

Many Chapters already include "Going Green" ideas in their newsletters. If your Chapter does publish "green" hints, is there any follow-up discussion at meetings to see if they are helpful or being implemented?

In some Chapters, members bring their own set of dishes and utensils to use at each meeting so paper products are not used. Many Chapters who do this have created special cloth bags for members to transport the items. Have you considered this idea for your Chapter?

"Going Green" is an excellent way to develop members' global awareness as we move forward in Educational Excellence.

--Judy Kearns, Alpha Upsilon
Chi State First-Vice President

WORLD FELLOWSHIPS NEWS: UPDATE ON PAST RECIPIENTS

Janna Fernandez: World Fellowships Recipient From Brazil

Janna Fernandez was one of our California World Fellowship recipients for 2009-2010 for those of you who do not know her. She is still with us and continues to work toward her Ph.D. in Social Sciences and Comparative Education at U.C.L.A. She arrived in the U.S. in 2009 and plans to remain in this country until 2013. Jaana reported that 2011 was a great year for her. She finished her coursework after two years, taking a large number of classes every quarter in 2011. She also took her qualifying exams in November, 2011, and was approved with honors. In December, she defended her research proposal, entitled "The Politics of Access: Higher Education in Brazil and Argentina." While studying at U.C.L.A., Jaana became a member of the Paulo Freire Institute (PFI), an organization for community-based learning where life experience becomes the basis for all education and, in 2010, Jaana was voted Program Officer and received the title of Honorary Founder of PFI.

Jaana is currently in Brazil completing her field work for her dissertation, with data collection and interviews. She will remain there until March, 2012. She then will travel to Argentina to continue her field work and will remain there until May. Happily, she will return to the United States and to U.C.L.A. and complete her studies in the U.S. Jaana wanted DKG members to know that "the experience of living in the U.S. changed my life in many ways. I learned many things about the culture of the country and made a number of good friends."

Pupsa Delami Amri: World Fellowships Recipient From Indonesia

Pupsa Amri became a World Fellowship recipient in 2008. She came to the Claremont Graduate University for post-graduate studies in economics. After finishing

her courses in June, 2011, Pupsa won an internship to the Milkin Institute in Santa Monica. She returned to Claremont's college community in January, 2011, where she is currently a teacher's assistant for two classes.

Pupsa reported that "A modified version of my dissertation chapters has been published in an economic/ finance journal. I co-authored this piece with my advisor and a colleague at the Milkin Institute. Also, another paper that I wrote together with my boyfriend, Brett, is going to be published next January in a law journal." Pupsa is hopeful that she will have completed a draft of her dissertation by summer.

--Sharri LePage, Eta Chi
Co-Chairman, World Fellowships
Committee

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New – A Chapter Brochure Document

The template for a Chapter brochure is now posted on www.chistateca.org. Log on to the home page, scroll down to the *Public Relations Toolbox*, and click to discover the Chi State Fact Sheet, a sample press release, and other guidelines to assist you in publicizing outstanding projects and honored members with the community and other organizations.

Tip of the Quarter: Consider utilizing the skills and resources of the office of Chapter Corresponding Secretary to assist in public relations work in the coming biennium. Many Chapters in Area III have been using the "Public Relations Tools and Tactics" materials shared at recent Convention Interest Sessions for this purpose. Please contact me through the Chi State Directory should you wish further information.

--Jeanne Gelwicks, Zeta Zeta
Public Relations Coordinator
Chi State Research Committee

CHI STATE LIFE FOUNDATION NEWS

LIFE Foundation Board of Directors' Nominations

Two Chi State members will be elected to the LIFE Foundation Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held Friday evening, May 4, at the Chi State Convention in Irvine, California. The five member Nominations Committee was comprised of three members of the LIFE Board: Ann Lundgren, Chairman; Marilee Platke; Sondra Stuerman-Ellers; and two members-at-large: Kathy Retzloff, Iota Sigma Chapter, Area II, and Karen Bowen, Gamma Xi Chapter, Area IX.

The nominees are **Mary Thomas, Gamma Xi Chapter, Area IX** and **Lisa Jipson, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Area VII**.

Mary Thomas worked as a teacher of the visually impaired for Los Angeles Unified School District from 1976 to 2001. As an active member of Gamma Xi Chapter, she has served as Chapter President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. She has served Chi State as Area IX Director (2005-2007) and is currently finishing her first term on the LIFE Board of Directors, serving as Vice-President. Mary's other organizational experience includes ten years as a PTA Board Member and extensive volunteer work with Rotary Club. Her first-hand experience with successful fund-raising has supported the Board's efforts to expand its funding. She is a dedicated and enthusiastic team player and a skilled communicator, ready to continue to help LIFE achieve its mission.

Lisa Jipson is a first-grade teacher with 26 years of teaching experience. She has had the privilege of teaching all of those 26 years at Akers School on the Lemoore Naval Air Base. She started her teaching career as a physical education instructor and, for the last 19 years, has taught first grade. She was Chapter President and has served on Chapter, Area, and State Committees for membership. She says that she was fortunate enough to have said "yes" when asked to help on the Chi State Convention Local Arrangements Committee in Fresno. For the past 24 years, Lisa has been married to her best friend and husband, Mike. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Lisa loves to collect family stories and read mysteries, as long as they aren't too scary! Some of her fondest memories are of reading with her grandchildren and hearing them say, "Again, Grandma!" Lisa's mother,

Jeannine Corder, has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for more than 50 years. Lisa says that when she was invited to join Gamma Sigma Chapter, she knew what an honor that would be, but she is now equally honored to have been selected to be a nominee for the position of LIFE Foundation Board Member.

Please note: In accordance with the LIFE Foundation Bylaws, nominations for Director positions may be made from the floor during an Annual Meeting of Members. These nominations must have prior approval of the nominees.

Additionally, we are happy to announce that Adele Bloom, Alpha Chapter, Area XI, will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of Members as the newly-appointed LIFE Foundation Board member-at-large.

LIFE Interest Session

LIFE Board Member, Kathy Ellis, will lead an Interest Session on Saturday featuring a discussion of the Read Across Chi State book selection, *The Language of Flowers*, that was part of our FUNdraiser with Barnes and Noble. How many of you were able to guess the title of this book by reading Kathy's clever clues on the flyers we sent? We need to stop right here and thank Chi State President Sandy Rushing, Julie Drysdale, Stacey Chicoine, all of the Area Directors and Chapter Presidents and LIFE Liaisons who helped to spread the word! This should be a fun book talk, especially if we are able to hold the anticipated Skype conversation with the book's author, Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Let's hope that technology is on our side! Please consult your Convention booklet for the time of this Interest Session.

Annual LIFE Fundraiser

The Foundation will once again conduct its annual Choice Raffle to be held Saturday, May 5, at the Chi State Convention. This is The Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year and, as usual, promises to be a fun event that offers a wide variety of prizes. Stop by the raffle tables,

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CONTINUING INTRODUCTIONS OF AREA DIRECTORS – 2011 – 2013

AREA IX



Marine Avagyan was born in Iran to an Armenian family. She attended school from the age of 3 years, starting at a preschool run by the French missionary nuns and then attending the local Armenian private school.

In 1979, after the revolution in Iran and the outburst of war with Iraq, Marine's family fled to the former Soviet Armenia to avoid religious persecution.

As an eight year old, she overcame the challenges of adapting to a different educational system and was soon a top achiever and a student leader. However, the economic condition and the changing political atmosphere of the country forced her family to leave again, looking for better opportunities in the United States.

Marine's life in America began as a non-English speaker in eleventh grade, a challenge she faced head-on, rapidly learning English, completing all of the high school graduation requirements and walking down the aisle in her cap and gown at graduation within two years.

Immediately after high school, she began working in the banking industry, where she could apply her superior math skills. Two years later, when her son was eight months old, Marine pursued her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. She enrolled in Glendale Community College, taking evening courses and studying at night in order to be with her child during the day. She received her Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and soon transferred to California State University, Northridge, where she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis on Elementary Education and concentration in Physical Science. As her son began kindergarten, then a single parent, she also began working as a bilingual assistant at a middle school, a noon-duty assistant, a volunteer translator and an active PTA member. Immediately upon obtaining her BA Degree, she was accepted at Pepperdine University, where she completed her Master's Degree in Education and her California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with CLAD. In between her student

teaching assignments, she also worked as a substitute teacher.

Exactly twelve years after coming to the United States as a non-English speaking, lost and confused teenager, she accepted one of the two offers for a full-time teaching position at Glenoaks Elementary School in the Glendale Unified School District. She continued to pursue numerous learning and leadership opportunities, chairing a number of committees, coordinating numerous activities, and conducting professional development sessions. In 2005, she was accepted into the University of Southern California's Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, receiving her Ed.D. Degree in 2008 with the completion of her dissertation on the Implementation of California's Induction Policy, bringing into it her years of experience as a BTSA Program Advisory Board Member and Support Provider.

After leaving the classroom, Marine became the Categorical Teacher Specialist and Reading Coach at an elementary school, followed by a position as an elementary assistant principal. She is currently the Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Development in Glendale Unified School District, heading K-12 English/ELA, ELD, dual immersion, and GATE, as well as coordinating several federal and state categorical programs. In addition, she conducts professional development and parent training workshops. She is a recipient of the school's Teacher of the Year Award, the Glendale Unified School District Employee Recognition Award, and PTA's Very Special Person and Honorary Service Awards.

It was during her student teaching experience that Marine was first introduced to Delta Kappa Gamma by her master teacher and DKG sponsor, Barbara Grossman, who invited her to speak to the Chapter about the experience of becoming a teacher. She was soon a frequent guest at the Chapter meetings until her initiation in 2004. Immediately, she became part of the Communications Committee and took on the mission of moving the Chapter into the electronic age with the electronic newsletter. Marine was nominated as Chapter President and is currently completing her second biennium in that position.

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She also served as the Area IX Legislative Chairman in the last biennium. Marine is a recipient of both Chapter and Area Outstanding Member Awards. She received the Chi State Doctoral Scholarship and was also awarded the DKG Lucile Cornetet Professional Development

Seminar Award for presenting at the National Staff Development Council Conference. She has presented at Chi State Conventions, Southwest Regional Conference, and the DKG International Convention. She has also been a guest speaker for numerous teacher education classes.

AREA X



Kay Annette Beeson was born in Sweetwater, Texas, to her wonderful parents, R.S. and Floy Hamilton. At six weeks of age, they moved and lived, briefly, in San Antonio, then moved on to Corpus Christi, Texas.

She is fortunate to have an older brother, Robert, who is now a physician and CEO of Emergicare Clinics in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado. They had a sweet younger brother, Kent, who, sadly, died at the age of 35. Her sister, Pamela, was the “top crop” or “surprise” as her Dad said, since she was born seven years after Kent.

Kay is a graduate of Richard King High School, where she was active in FHA, FTA, and church activities, serving as the pianist for the choir. She was very involved in the Nazarene Young People’s Society (NYPS) and served as the church pianist (at age 12) to a congregation of 200+. She was also a Sunday School teacher and a Church Board Member. She stated, “What learning experiences I had as a teen!”

Kay lived her dream by being able to attend and graduate from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. She was the pianist for the Women’s Chorus, class officer for three years, a member of the Heart Pal Court and Mortar Board, Homecoming Queen, and listed in *Who’s Who Among Colleges and Universities*. She was an Elementary Education major, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree with a minor in Early Childhood Education and Music. She was told that she would get her “MRS” degree in college, but fortunately found the “right guy” when she returned to Corpus Christi to teach kindergarten. With a little help from her preacher’s wife/“yenta”, she met a young Navy Officer. After dating for six months, they were married and recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

Being a military wife afforded Kay and David the opportunities to live in various places. Milton, Florida, was their first stop; David was a pilot and instructor in the Navy and they helped to organize the first Nazarene Church in Santa Rosa County. Their next move was to California and lived in Concord, where their first son, Ryan Hamilton Beeson, was born. Kay enjoyed being a new mother, homemaker, and volunteer in the church. David had a “call” to the ministry so, after three years, he resigned his officer commission to attend the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. They lived in Olathe, Kansas, where their second son, Brock David Beeson, was born. He was their 9 pound, 8 ounce “preemie” born in the bitterly cold month of December. At the age of one month, he was near death suffering from bronchiolitis, but today he is a healthy 6 foot 3 inch young man!

After Seminary, the family moved to Aransas Pass, Texas, where David pastored the First Church of the Nazarene. Kay wore several hats as a first grade reading teacher, pastor’s wife, Mom, church pianist and accompanist for the high school at state competitions. After 3 ½ years of pastoral ministry, David went back into the Navy as a Chaplain and was assigned to Camp Pendleton. Kay obtained her California teaching credential and she taught kindergarten, first, and second grades. In 1992, the family moved to Iwakuni, Japan and Kay was a substitute teacher, then became a kindergarten teacher, SIP/Title I Coordinator and the M.C. Perry Elementary Public Relations Coordinator. Two years later, they returned to California; Ryan went to Point Loma Nazarene University, and Brock was a junior in high school. Since David remained in Japan another year, Kay was a “geographically” single mom and teacher again.

While teaching first grade, in 1995, she was invited to join The Delta Kappa Gamma

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Society International. What a privilege and honor to work with such wonderful women educators, dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students! Thank you for all of the opportunities for leadership that you provide. Kay was honored to receive a Chi State Scholarship to

complete her Master's Degree in Teaching, Learning and Technology, in 1994 from Point Loma Nazarene University. Two years later, she received her Administrative Credential. Her goal, as Area Director, is to help the women with whom she serves to become more effective leaders.

AREA XII



Susan Myers received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from BIOLA College (University) in 1969 and her Master of Arts Degree from Redlands University in 1982. She was a teacher at the kindergarten through third grade levels in the Montebello Unified School District for 36 years until her retirement in 2006.

During her teaching career, Susan served as her school site representative to the Montebello Teachers' Association, grade level spokesperson on several curricular committees, and a member of the Academic Leadership Cadre on her campus. Susan served as a master teacher for numerous students studying to become teachers. She also helped with the development and implementation of a literacy program within the district that helped at-risk students who were experiencing challenges with their reading.

Susan became a member of DKG in 1999 upon her initiation into Beta Beta Chapter. She has served her Chapter as President for nine years as well as being their Membership Chairman, contact person for the World Fellowships Committee, and LIFE liaison. Susan has been the Area XII Membership Chairman and has served as Chairman of the Annual Spring Conference prior to assuming her role as Area Director.

Susan works in several Montebello schools as an Irlen Certified Screener, assessing students for Irlen Syndrome/ Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome. Students in need of assistance are given Irlen colored overlays which enable them to read with better fluency and comprehension. When not screening students, Susan occasionally substitutes. She is actively involved in her church, several women's groups, children-centered activity groups, and as a member on a hospital visitation team. For the past several years, she has participated in "The Braille Youth Rallye."

Susan has the distinction of receiving the PTA Honorary Service Award and being named to the *Who's Who Among America's Outstanding Teachers* twice during her career. As a member of DKG, she has been the recipient of the Outstanding Service to Chapter Award as a result of her professionalism and dedication to Area XII and to her Chapter. Susan was also honored with the Golden Rose Award from Beta Beta Chapter

Susan has a passion for photography and many of her photographs have appeared in various motor sport racing magazines. She has worked as a photographer for the entertainment industry as well. Though being active in many endeavors, Susan is the most content when spending time with her family and friends.

AREA XIII



Susan Hamilton's parents were "old timers" in Antelope Valley where she was born and attended 12 years of school. At age 15, her first real job was as a full-time swim instructor. She attended Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, then married and moved to the Bay area with her high school sweetheart, Ron.

Child development classes and preschool parent participation led to training and teaching in a pilot reading intervention project in Mt. Diablo School District. Susan continued as an instructional aide in Adaptive PE and special education while her four children were young. Coordinating a California Demonstration Project Reading Center at Sandburg Middle School in Glendora inspired Susan to return to school to earn her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Multiple Subject Teaching Credential at Cal Poly, Pomona, graduating cum laude with her sons. Pursuing her interest in reading and literature, Susan completed the Master of Arts in English at the University of California, Irvine, in 1995.

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Goddard Middle School in Glendora was Susan's professional home for 17 years, teaching 6th grade English and Social Studies core curriculum and 7th and 8th grade English. Now retired, she also substitutes in science, social studies, and technology across the grades. Susan had the opportunity to chair the 6th grade Humanities Department and the School Site Council, and was Membership Chair of the Foothill Reading Council, CRA. She was Goddard's literacy facilitator and teacher trainer as a member of the GUSD R.I.S.E. team. She advised the 8th grade Honor Society and initiated the Goddard Knowledge Master Open Worldwide Academic Competition Team. Taking outdoor education courses, she also participated with 6th grade students at annual Outdoor Science School camps in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests. In 2003, Susan received the PTA Goddard Service Award.

Susan has enjoyed the fellowship and community service of Delta Nu Chapter, DKG, since 2003, serving on the Scholarships, Fundraising, Personal Growth and Services, Nominations, and Finance Committees. She was elected Second Vice-President/ Membership

AREA XVI

Anne Stone was initiated into Eta Iota Chapter in the spring of 1998. In her Chapter, she has served as telephone chairman, Second Vice President in charge of membership, Recording Secretary, and President for two terms. Anne hosted the first Hands Across the Border Event in 2002.

As President, she spearheaded two new Chapter projects. First, her DKG Chapter supports the Annual Career Day Essay Contest at Lakeside Middle School; second, Eta Iota Chapter supports the Kaiser Pediatric Ward Rainforest Project with donations of art supplies, toys, videos and other items for their children's playroom and outpatient clinic.

Anne has been the Recording Secretary of Area XVI since 2005. She chaired the Spring Event in 2005 and when Hands Across the Border became an Area XVI Project, she chaired it for four years. Anne has served on many committees, both in her Chapter and in her Area.

Chairman, then Chapter President in 2006-2008. Her particular commitment has been setting the Delta Nu Literacy in the Laundromat Project in motion with a LIFE Grant and organizing the book deliveries for several years. She has also served as a Chapter liaison with Serenity Infant Care Homes for car seat contributions and "birthday boxes" for foster children. She loved her two years as a member of the Chi State Leadership Development Committee, planning Leadership North and Leadership South. Susan was the Delta Nu Chapter Honoree in 2009.

Her family involvement with her husband, Ron, and their three sons and one daughter includes leadership in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Glendora High School sports and band booster clubs. Susan has been a member of the Pomona Valley Division CalRTA Board as Insurance Committee Chair writing quarterly articles related to senior health care. Susan was recognized for her volunteer spirit by the Glendora Community Coordinating Council Humanitarian Award, where she has represented Delta Kappa Gamma and served on the Executive Board as Calendar Editor.

She began teaching in Cajon Valley Union School District in 1964 and retired in 2006. During that time, she taught grades 2 through 6. She served as the union representative and as the site grievance mediator. She mentored the first writing proficiency scoring for the district. Later, she mentored new teachers. At school she was frequently the team leader, chaired the annual Science Fair, and organized Math Night as well as the annual all school Olympics.

Anne and her husband, John, moved to El Cajon in 1972 from San Diego, where they raised two children. She spent many years as advancement leader for her son's Boy Scout Troop. Both children were involved with 4-H and Anne led the organization of their chapter. For 10 years, she took children to the Del Mar Fair to show their animals. She has five grandchildren, one girl and four boys. Anne loves to travel, visit her children, and take walks, especially at her cabin in the mountains.

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AN ADDITIONAL AREA DIRECTOR PROFILE...

AREA XVIII



Dr. Kristine Drake was born and raised in Long Beach, California. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science at San Diego State University. She completed her Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Reading at California State University, San Bernardino.

Then, after 25 years in the classroom, she earned a Doctorate in Educational Technology at Pepperdine University.

During the course of her 35-year career, Kris has taught at the elementary, high school, and college levels. Her first job was teaching second grade at Grove Elementary School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Then she moved back to California to teach in the Palm Springs Unified School District. Kris started teaching first and second grades at Vista del Monte Elementary School, where she was a grade level chair and a County Program Quality Reviewer for the Coachella Valley. She completed her Master's Degree in Elementary Reading while teaching at the elementary level. When Apple, Inc. gave a computer to every school in the state of California, Kris became "hooked" on teaching and learning about technology! As a result, she was hired to teach Computer Literacy at Palm Springs High School. At PSHS, she was also Department Chair, a Mentor Teacher, ASB Advisor, and on the WASC Accreditation Committee. At the District level, she chaired the first District Technology

Committee, presented District Staff Development workshops, and wrote grants to purchase computers for PSHS and Lindley Elementary School. Next, Kris became a Trainer of Trainers in Language Arts for the California School Leadership Academy. And that led to a position as State and Federal Projects Coordinator at Della Lindley Elementary School. She created a computer lab and taught university Computer Literacy courses for California State University, San Bernardino and University of California, Riverside, at night. As Site Coordinator during the day, Kris was the Reading Coach, Volunteer Tutor Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Testing Coordinator, and Technology Guru at this elementary school for 13 years. After she completed her Doctorate, she went back to the high school level to teach Computer Literacy, Web Design, and AP Computer Programming at Cathedral City High School. At CCHS, Kris was also the Technology Department Chair, Webmaster, and High School Director for the Palm Springs Teachers' Association.

Kris has been a member of Theta Zeta Chapter for 25 years. She has served two biennia as President and one biennium as Treasurer. She has attended several Chi State Conferences, Leadership North, and the 2006 International Convention in San Diego. After 31 years in Palm Springs Unified School District, Kris retired in 2009, but continues to volunteer in second grade and maintain several websites.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS...

*Congratulations to **Alpha Omega Chapter, Area III.** Last fall, they received the Hayward Volunteer Recognition Award, acknowledging their service to the Eden Youth and Family Center. Three Chapter members serve on the Board of Directors and many other members contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support the agency and its many programs for local children, youth and families. Congratulations, also, to **Zeta Beta Chapter, Area III.** They received significant "press" in the local newspaper (the Napa Valley Register) for honoring 13 teachers in Napa. These teachers were given mini-grants to support special projects that are not funded by district money.*

***Christina DeSanto**, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, was selected as a finalist for the California League of Middle Schools, Region 9, "Educator of the Year Award." **Loritta Johnson**, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Area V, was honored as Woman of the Year by Morgan Hill's Chamber of Commerce recently. This 79-year-young member is a great supporter of teachers in the Morgan Hill community, working tirelessly for education and the arts during her 40 years of teaching. In her acceptance speech, she said, "I will continue to be involved with our wonderful community for another 20 years, so I guess you are stuck with me until I am 100 years old!" Three members of Chi State: **Heidi Chadwick**, Zeta Psi Chapter, Area IV; **Dr. June Hetzel**, Beta Chapter, Area XIV; and **Dr. Evelyn LaTorre**, Zeta Alpha Chapter, Area IV, had articles published recently in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Additionally, **Dr. Lisa Cooper**, Tau Chapter, Area XVII, received a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend a Human Relations Study Program.*



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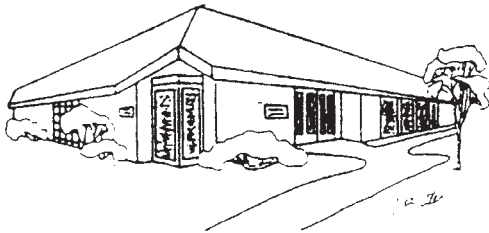
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purchase tickets, and browse through the wonderful items that have been donated by members and businesses throughout the state. Cross your fingers as you drop your tickets into the bags for your choice of prizes. This year the Choice Raffle will be set up for Saturday only; the winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday afternoon. This is your opportunity to possibly win a great prize while supporting LIFE's Learning and Literacy Grants Program.

LIFE Foundation Grants

Applications for LIFE Grants and for the Helene Going Green Award can be submitted at any time during the year, but are due by March 1 for any given year. All applications are available on the Chi State website. The applications are reviewed by the Board of Directors in March each year to determine which projects qualify for funding. Recipients of LIFE Grants and/or the use of the Tax-exempt ID Number will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Members on Friday evening, May 4, at the Chi State Convention in Irvine.

Thank You!

The LIFE Board is extremely grateful to those individuals, Chapters, and Chi State Areas who have generously donated to The Foundation and have provided numerous prizes for our annual Choice Raffle at Chi State Convention, as well as participating in the raffle. Mary Thomas has worked very hard to have the raffle gifts organized and accounted for before Convention, so please be aware that any "surprise" donations for the raffle will be lovingly stored for next year's event. It is your continued support that makes it possible for The Foundation to grant funding for

those special projects that are making an effort to improve learning and literacy throughout the state of California.

--Suzan Reiner, Delta Iota
President, LIFE Foundation Board of Directors

DOES YOUR CHAPTER HAVE "THE FLEW"?

Winter is the season to take your Chapter's temperature and check for signs of current or potential illness. Chapters in danger of dying include those who consistently lose more members than they initiate. Older Chapters are more vulnerable to "the flew" if most of their members are retired and do not know of potential educators to recommend for membership. They may have to take the "medicine" of going to their local school district and asking for the names of exemplary educators whom they might invite to a meeting. The best prescription is to take in five or more new members on a regular basis. Then, you get the Order of the Rose at the Chi State Convention. An additional energy booster will be awarded this year to Chapters who have maintained their membership numbers over the past year.

If your Chapter needs an inoculation to improve its health or to ward off "the flew" of losing members, contact your Area Membership Chairman who will contact the Chi State Membership Committee doctors assigned to your Area. Let's work together to keep "the flew" from dissolving our Chapters.

--Dr. Evelyn LaTorre, Zeta Alpha
Chi State Membership Committee