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## 2012 CHI STATE CONVENTION – A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!

A year ago, the master gardeners and green thumb experts of Chi State embarked upon a plan entitled “Planting the Seeds of Change,” the theme of the 2012 Chi State Convention. Their prodigious efforts resulted in a bountiful harvest when members gathered in Irvine from May 4 – 6 in larger numbers than had been seen in recent years.

On Friday afternoon, Chi State Second Vice-President, **Julie Drysdale**, assisted by 18 seasoned Area Directors, arranged a jigsaw training exercise for incoming Chapter Presidents. Facilitators utilized a newly-minted Handbook of helpful guidelines to assist Presidents in nurturing and growing their Chapters during the coming biennium.

The LIFE Foundation Annual Meeting, followed by the opening session on Friday evening, presided over by Chi State First Vice-President, **Judy Kearns**, began to reveal the results of the planning begun last June. An abundance of awards distributed by LIFE, as well as the “Order of the Rose” for growing Chapters, a bumper crop of “First-Timers,” and the mature “Golden Members” recognitions were evidence of a well-tended Society garden.

On Saturday morning, Master Gardener-in-Chief, Chi State President, **Sandy Rushing**, presided over the Convention Business Session with due consideration and dispatch. **June Bowers**, Northwest Regional Director, cited the many well-admired and caring nurturers of Chi State and asked how many intended to gather in New York City in July for the International Convention. Many hands were raised – perhaps 100. **Martha Zaragoza-Diaz**, Chi State Legislative Consultant Advocate, warned of serious weather ahead as California faces dire financial woes and reduced student and teacher support.



**Sandy Rushing, Chi State President, and June Bowers, Northwest Regional Director pause for a moment during a busy Convention.**

Saturday’s daytime fare was filled with cultivating suggestions found at Members’ Mall, Interest Sessions, luncheon speaker/author Prill Boyle’s *Life Lessons from Seasoned Late Bloomers*, scholarship awards, vendors, Chi State Store marketing, and LIFE opportunity drawings. Saturday evening’s reception included a first-time Past Presidents’ salon, followed by the banquet. This year’s Distinguished Service Award recipient, **Margaret Cook**, received a rousing salute as did the entertainment of the evening, the Redlands East Valley High School Singers and the Iota Xi Singers, led by **DeLaine Wallace**, Chi State Music Chairman. When was the last time you saw a roomful of napkins circling in the air to request an encore?

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*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**



Wow! What a great Chi State Convention we had this May in Irvine. Thank you, Convention Local Arrangements Committee, especially Candy Campbell and Barbara Rothman. Thank you, Judy Kearns, for the two outstanding speakers, Prill Boyle and Mark Hoog, and also for the membership celebration on Friday evening. Thank you, Marilyn Stalder-Burke, for the great selection of Interest Sessions offered. We planted seeds of change and they are sprouting as we watch.

In an effort to align our Chi State Committees to the International Committees, the Executive Board voted, at the Convention, to form an ad hoc committee to explore the Educational Excellence Committee that International has created. This includes projects such as Schools for Africa, early-career educators' support, the DKG/UN relationship, global awareness, and educational law and policy. It is our intent to align our Chi State Committees to the International Committees. This process will certainly be a collaborative effort involving all members of Chi State.

A new biennium is beginning. Newly-installed Chapter officers have taken their places and programs are being planned for the 2012-2013 year. These new leaders have taken the advice of our Convention speaker, Mark Hoog, to be aware of our leadership potential and to show passion and purpose in our vision. How is your Chapter embracing the Delta Kappa Gamma vision? Are you planning programs to lead women educators to impact education world-wide? Are you giving members important jobs to do at your meetings so that they feel involved?

Are you being creative as you invite new women educators to join your group? Are you mentoring new teachers in a school near you so that the meaning of DKG becomes known in your community?

As I read your Chapter newsletters from all over the state, I see many different types of programs being offered, many community projects being supported, and many members being nurtured. As Corlea Plowman, International Executive Secretary, stated in her article in the latest *DKG News*, some of our members have young children to deliver and pick up, some are busy working on advanced degrees, and some are overwhelmed in a new teaching position. These are the members we support and take care of. They will take on jobs in the Chapter when they are able, but they always need to know that they are an important part of our Chapters. They were selected to be members of DKG because they are key women educators. Take time this summer to reconnect with a Chapter member. Have lunch together. Go for a walk in the park. Just meet for a cup of coffee. These small steps can mean a world of difference in our sisterhood.

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### 2012 Chi State Convention Counts

Amount awarded by LIFE Foundation Grants	\$11,300
Amount of 2011-2012 Chi State Scholarships/ Awards	\$ 9,962
LIFE Foundation Earnings during Convention	\$ 6,000
Active and Reserve Members (as of April 1, 2012)	5,974
Chi State Grants to non-members awarded 2011-2012	\$ 5,350
DKG members who attended Chi State Convention	594
Chapters represented at Chi State Convention (87%)	152
Honor Chapters – Five-Star – Three-Star (79%)	139
Convention first-timers	89
“Order of the Rose” Chapters (added 5+ members)	30
Members celebrating 50 years of membership	26
LIFE Grants awarded	25
Interest Sessions offered at Convention	23
Number of participating vendors at Convention	22
Guests attending Convention	21
Most Convention attendees: Beta Delta Chapter (Area X)	20
Student Teacher Awards funded by Chi State Store sales	16
Penne Ferrell Awards	15
Chapters celebrating 50 and 75 Year Anniversaries	12
Most initiates: Zeta Zeta Chapter (Area III) and Iota Xi Chapter (Area XV) each	10
Past Chi State Presidents working at Convention	8
Chi State Continuing Education Awards	8
Chi State Hostelship Recipients	8
LIFE “Helene Going Green” Awards	3
Chi State Scholarships awarded	4
Chi State Leadership Study Session Awards	4
60 years of membership in DKG: Masako Hirata (Zeta Chapter, Area XV)	1

--Jeanne Gelwicks, Zeta Zeta

Public Relations Coordinator, Chi State Research Committee

### 2012 Chi State Convention – A Bountiful Harvest (continued from Page 1)

A large group of early-risers was on hand Sunday morning to pay tribute to 68 sisters honored at the Celebration of Life ceremony. Mark Hoog inspired and rejuvenated members with his teachers' call to “Conscious Leadership... Planting the Seeds of Change” during the final session's breakfast meeting. Green thumb specialist **Candise Campbell**, Chairman of the Convention Local Arrangements Committee, and her members were given a much-deserved round of applause for their sustained efforts over the past year. Please be sure to review the “Convention Counts” column (above) for more seed-planting results.

In summary, the words of **Dr. Angela Aschbrenner**, one of Chi State's honored sisters lost this past year, were recaptured by Joe Dion, CAIRTA President, in the latest issue of *Contact*. We can no longer hear her voice, but we can heed her thoughts. “You predict the future by creating it... The future belongs to those who prepare for it..” Isn't that what the master gardeners and green thumb specialists demonstrated at the 2012 Convention in Irvine?

--Jeanne Gelwicks, Zeta Zeta

Public Relations Coordinator, Chi State Research Committee

## **\$\$ NON-DUES REVENUE \$\$ YOU DID IT... YOU DID IT!!!**

You have broken all our records! There were 74 advertisements in the Chi State Convention Program; next highest was in 2011, when we had 42. In addition, there were 22 vendors, 3 more than last year.

Funds generated by your ads of all sizes and your generosity with the vendors is also the highest ever – **more than \$10,140**. Can you believe it – aid for our ailing budget. The largest amount generated in the past four years was \$7,175, also in Orange County.

Thank you so much for your willingness to participate and for your support. Perhaps we can reach \$13,000 in 2013! Delta Kappa Gamma women are unstoppable... and do not forget it!

--Patricia Twyman, Beta Gamma  
Chi State Finance Committee Member

## **OUR HISTORY – OUR HERITAGE HELEN HEFFERNAN – PLANTING THE SEEDS OF CHANGE**

Convention 2012 was a tremendous success in providing suggestions and ideas for planting the seeds of change. While we are still basking in the afterglow of this rewarding experience, it seems appropriate to share a glimpse into the life of a great educator who, in so many ways, was instrumental in bringing changes to the education of children in California and influencing members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Helen Heffernan began her work in education in the little town of Goldfield, Nevada, where her first assignment was to teach 65 primary children. In 1926, she went to the California Department of Education to begin an aspect of her career which was to continue for 39 years.

Helen resisted the conventional practice of the day in order to make education more equitable and humane. She was nationally recognized as a leader of the progressive education movement and a key figure in putting the idea of progressive education into practice in the public school system. She developed educational programs that significantly influenced public education at every level – rural education, progressive education, kindergarten and preschool education, supervision, and curriculum development.

Her work in California was interrupted after the Second World War when she was asked to join General Douglas MacArthur's staff in Japan as the Elementary School Officer working with committees of Japanese educators to change their educational focus from a militaristic viewpoint. She helped to re-write children's books as well as books on child growth and development.

During the many years of her professional career, Helen spoke and wrote eloquently with profound wisdom. She inspired and guided many teachers as her writings expressed clearly and precisely her concepts concerning education. When she retired in 1966, thousands made donations to establish a Helen Heffernan Honor Grove in the Redwoods of Northern California. Among the donors listed are eight Chi State Past Presidents – Marjorie Allen, Erma Reese, Beatrice O'Brien, Persis Cowan, Marie Dickinson, Lucille Gansburg, Helen James Wallace, and Grace Knoles – and 77 Chi State Chapters. Helen and the network of educators with whom she worked is the reason that California schools came to be the nation's finest by mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

However, in our increasingly complex world, education has been challenged again and again by change – change in the world situation, change in the economy, change in technology, change in attitudes, and change in the classroom. Grace Powell, Chi State President, 1987-1989, said, "Our challenges are new and require serious responses. If we are to be effective, we must be innovative."

We are encouraged by Sandy Rushing, Chi State President, to plant seeds of change. Convention provided wonderful speeches and informational interest sessions to give ideas and suggestions for nurturing these seeds. WE are key women educators who have faith in ourselves and faith in the future, as well as courage, commitment, and dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma's educational excellence. We will be innovative, face our challenges responsibly, and be successful.

What seeds will you plant? How will you nurture them? What is your expectation for "celebrating the bounty of excellence"?

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





**Chi State Executive Committee:**

**Row 1 (l-r): Marilyn Stalder-Burke, Judy Kearns, Sandy Rushing, Janis Barr, Kathy Halloran**  
**Row 2 (l-r): Kathy O'Leary, Janice Allen, Sandy Carder, Julie Drysdale**

### **Convention Blog Set Up...**

If you were energized by your participation at the 2012 Chi State Convention, why don't you share your good feelings and reactions on our Convention Blog on the Chi State website ([www.chistateca.org](http://www.chistateca.org))? You can network almost immediately with the nearly 600 sisters who experienced Convention with you.

We have "Planted the Seeds of Change." Let's share new insights and ideas – new goals, projects, and dreams. Tell what you liked about Convention and what you have taken home with you. Hasn't Convention changed you? Aren't you anxious to know what others have to say? Share your thoughts... BLOG away!

--Edra Young, Beta Mu

Chi State Local Arrangements Committee

## **CHI STATE MOVES AHEAD IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

At the recent 2012 Chi State Convention, a motion was presented to form an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the state's current committee structure and how best to align it with International's Educational Excellence (EEC) goals. The motion called for a member of the Executive Committee to chair the committee and for there to be no financial impact on the Chi State budget. As a result of its passage, the Committee was appointed by Sandy Rushing, Chi State President, and includes Heidi Chadwick (Area IV), Anna Dinter (Area VIII), and Judy Kearns, Chairman (Area XIII). It is anticipated that the work of this committee will be accomplished electronically through the use of Go To Meeting and e-mail.

Chi State Bylaws and Standing Rules do not assign responsibility for all of the current International Educational Excellence Committee goals to existing committees and/or officers. These goals include:

- Promote the Schools for Africa Project
- Support Early Career Educators
- Encourage programs and activities that:
  - ◆ Focus on educational excellence
  - ◆ Promote the DKG/United Nations relationship
  - ◆ Increase members' personal and professional pride
  - ◆ Increase members' global awareness
  - ◆ Impact educational law and policy

The Ad Hoc Committee will seek input as it proceeds with this task. Recommendations will be taken to the Executive Board for approval. As Chi State studies its committee structure, this is a perfect time for Chapters to do the same. Through Constitutional revisions at the International level, Chapters now have much more autonomy in how they structure their committees. The main obligation for everyone, State and Chapter, is to be sure that the EEC goals are addressed. A new biennium is beginning for Chapters. What a great opportunity to take a look at your committees, study the EEC goals, decide how your Chapter can address them, and realign accordingly.

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

## CHI STATE AWARDS HOSTELSHIPS TO TRAVELING MEMBERS

The Road Scholar Programs are for adults who like to travel, meet new people, and continue their quest for adventure and learning. Delta Kappa Gamma members who participate in these programs may be eligible to receive a Chi State Hostelship Award of up to \$450. Plan your trips now and apply for a Hostelship Award by December 1, 2012.

### 2012 Chi State Hostelship Recipients

LuAnne Behringer, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Area IV – “Heart of the Texas Hill Country”

Kathleen Chadbourne, Eta Chapter, Area XII – “Glaciers Grandeur: Geology, Flora, Fauna, Ecology, Cultural History – Glacier National Park”

Marilyn Eaton, Xi Chapter, Area IX – “Trains, Native Americans and Other Southern Appalachian Adventures” and “The Biltmore Estate and Beyond: Discover the Wonders of Western North Carolina”

Jeanne H. Gelwicks, Zeta Zeta Chapter, Area III – “Miami to Los Angeles: A Voyage through the Panama Canal”

Glenda Hastings, Theta Chapter, Area V – “Blooming Mobile: Festival of Flowers, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Historic Houses”

Eileen Miller Krause, Gamma Phi Chapter, Area XI – “New Orleans: America’s City of History, Culture, and Celebration”

Katherine Talkington, Eta Epsilon Chapter, Area XVIII – “Watercolor Workshop – Landscape Focus, Ventura, California”

Grace Tallman, Eta Psi Chapter, Area VIII – “Creating Memories: Photography in the Northwoods, Tomahawk, Wisconsin”

## CHI STATE HONORS OUTSTANDING MEMBER



***Distinguished Service to Chi State Award recipient, Margaret Cook, and Personal Growth and Services Committee Chairman, Lorraine Avery.***

The recipient of this year’s Distinguished Service to Chi State Award is Margaret Cook. Margaret has given 25 years of service to Chi State, first as a paid employee, then as an honorary member of our Society.

Her dedication and loyalty to our Society proved that she was one of us and, on her retirement, Margaret was initiated as a Chi State Honorary Member. She was immediately appointed to the Leadership Team as a member of the Education Center Management Committee. She brought an “expertise” to the Committee

because of her knowledge of the Education Center. She has gone above and beyond by training and supporting the office staff who have followed her at the Education Center. Margaret is the person the security company calls when the alarm sounds, and the one who opens the Center on evenings and week-ends for meetings, Margaret also serves as Chi State’s representative to The Guild Board, the governing board for the office condominium complex. The list goes on and on with the projects that Margaret has completed and continues to do. Our beautiful Education Center has been the recipient of Margaret’s support and loving care.

Margaret is a member of Iota Chapter in Area VI. She gives selflessly of her time and expertise. She is the President’s “go-to” person, called upon for whatever is needed. She works hard, is thoughtful, courteous, friendly and welcoming to others. She attends Chapter meetings, Conventions, Conferences, Area events, and volunteers to help in any way possible without being asked.

For 25 years, this charming, talented, and efficient member has given lavishly of her time and effort to Chi State and the Chi State Education Center. Margaret has never sought attention or recognition for herself. Her love and loyalty to Chi State, Area VI, and Iota Chapter are clearly evident through her continued support.

### CHI STATE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS...

Congratulations to four Chi State members who received Chi State scholarships for advanced degrees and/or credential work:

- **Jane Hood Scholarship** – Danene Brown, Beta Gamma Chapter, Area XVI
- **Edith Bates Scholarship** – Janette Hacker Rhodes, Beta Epsilon Chapter, Area IX
- **Marion O. Pease Scholarship** – Suzanne Huddleston, Theta Iota Chapter, Area VI
  - **Dorothy Miller Scholarship** – Sharon Ortiz, Delta Phi Chapter, Area XIII

**Continuing Education Awards** were granted to:

Margie Armstrong, Beta Omicron Chapter, Area XII; Debbie Cook, Theta Iota Chapter, Area VI; Barbara Jones, Beta Lambda Chapter, Area VIII; Janette Rhodes, Beta Epsilon Chapter, Area IX; Sydney Stein, Eta Psi Chapter, Area VIII; Lynette Van Deusen, Zeta Beta Chapter, Area IV; Zohra Walters, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII; and Gayle Hightower Wooley, Tau Chapter, Area XVII.

**Leadership Study Session Awards** were given to:

Lee Ann Bradshaw, Gamma Theta Chapter, Area XVIII; Lucille Hutchinson, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII; Robin Kelley, Epsilon Chi Chapter, Area VI; and Susan Whittemore, Beta Phi Chapter, Area XIV.

### ...and PENNE FERRELL AWARDS

A bequest from the estate of Penne Ferrell established this award in 2009-2010. Penne was a member of Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Area XIV. A dedicated teacher and lover of books, Penne instilled the joy of teaching in the many new teachers she mentored. The Penne Ferrell Fund was set up to assist a non-Delta Kappa Gamma member, in her first three years of teaching, to finance the cost of books for a classroom library or to support a classroom curriculum project. It is hoped that these recipients will become members of The Society that Penne so highly valued. Awards are made in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$200. Each of the awardees for this year received \$150. The awardees are:

- Justine Boyer, Riverside S.D., Banning High School (Area XVIII) – Core/ leisure reading options
  - Gloria Cana, Salinas City S.D., Grade 2, Boronda (Area V) – Bilingual library books
  - Courtney Coffin, St. Mary of the Angels S.D., Grade 7, St. Mary of the Angels (Area I) – Books for incorporation of science into reading
- Lan Danh, Sacramento City S.D., Special Day Classes, 7<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Jr. (Area VI) – establish classroom library
- Celia Feldman, Monterey Peninsula Unified S.D., Grade K, Monte Vista – books for classroom library
  - Kathryn Holloway, San Jose Unified S.D., Grade 5, Graystone (Area IV) – classroom set of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
- Samantha Levine, St. Dominic S.D., Grade 1, St. Dominic (Area VI) – books for struggling readers
- Christine McEntire, Alisal Union S.D., Grade 5, Bardin (Area VI), Bardin – AR books for classroom
  - Mariana Moreno, Los Angeles Unified S.D., Grade K, Alta, California (Area IX) – books to support transportation-themed unit
- Sophia Nguyen, Santa Rosa S.D., Grades 4/5, Luther Burbank (Area I) – books for classroom library
  - Dulce Pineda, Downey Unified S.D., Middle School, Griffith Middle School (Area XIII) – enrichment books for classroom library
  - Amanda Reeves, Salinas City S.D., Grade 2, Boronda (Area V) – establish classroom library
  - Emily Scannell, Travis Unified S.D., Grade 6, Scandia (Area VI) – establish classroom library
  - Rebecca Ugale, Salinas City S.D., Grade 6, Sherwood (Area VI) – establish classroom library
    - Jessica Wilcox, Chico Unified S.D., Marsh (Area XVIII) – books for RSP students



Chi State Conventions rely on numerous leaders and members to plan and present a meaningful experience for Convention participants. Extensive planning is involved and team - work is essential. This year's Chi State Convention Local Arrangements Committee was headed by Candise Campbell, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII. Candise was capably assisted by an outstanding group of Chi State members who met monthly for nearly a year. The Committee members (some of whom are pictured here; we regret that several members were not included in the photo due to other responsibilities at the scheduled photography time) are:

- Barbara Rothman, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Area XIV (Vice Chairman and AV Equipment)
  - Betty Brown, Beta Lambda Chapter, Area II (Convention Consultant)
  - Daphne Cagle, Alpha Eta Chapter, Area VI (Convention Consultant)
  - Chari Goddard, Eta Eta Chapter, Area X (Meeting Site Coordinator)
    - Barbara Shirata, Delta Phi Chapter, Area XIII (Treasurer)
  - Karen Akana, Delta Omega Chapter, Area IX (Recording Secretary)
    - Emma Lou Jones, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII (Registrar)
  - Diane Sikkenga, Delta Omega Chapter, Area IX (Data Base Manager)
    - Pat Highfill, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Area XIV (Table Seating)
      - Wilma Kellough, Beta Chapter, Area XIV (Flowers)
    - Kathy O'Leary, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X (Chi State Store)
      - Janis Barr, Zeta Iota Chapter, Area I (Credentialing)
    - Kate Farlow, Beta Epsilon Chapter, Area IX (Displays/ Exhibits)
  - Lucile Langford, Delta Tau Chapter, Area XIV (Greeters/ Information Desk)
    - Gina Capaldi, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XII (Head Table Line-Up)
- Diane Evans, Donna Weslund, Susan Whittemore, Beta Phi Chapter, Area XIV (Hospitality)
- Marilyn Stalder-Burke, Omicron Chapter, Area XIII (Interest Sessions/ Members' Mall)
  - Dale Quasny, Zeta Tau Chapter, Area XIII (Interest Session Hostesses)
- Heidi Chadwick, Zeta Psi Chapter, Area IV (International Representative Hostess)
- Donna Stevenson, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII (Member-at-Large/ Inspirations)
  - DeLaine Wallace, Iota Xi Chapter, Area XV (Music)
  - Stacey Chicoine, Eta Zeta Chapter, Area VIII (Photography)
    - Nadine Nichter, Iota Alpha Chapter, Area IX (Printing)
  - Sue Selman, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Area XIV (Proclamations)
    - Judy Kearns, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Area XIII (Program)
      - Edra Young, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII (Publicity)
      - Jan McKinnon, Delta Tau Chapter, Area XIV (Signs)
  - Wendy Duncan, Theta Alpha Chapter, Area XIII (Table Decorations)
  - Susan Kilpatrick, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Area XIV (Table Hostesses)
  - Pat Twyman, Beta Gamma Chapter, Area XVI (Vendors/ Program Advertisements)
    - Sandy Rushing, Delta Phi Chapter, Area XIV (Chi State President)





**Convention Local Arrangements Committee Members**



**Convention Time-Keepers**

**Convention Resolutions Committee**



**Prill Boyle, Motivational Speaker**

**Mark Hoog, Inspirational Speaker**



**Sandy Rushing, Chi State President At Opening Business Session**

**Chi State Members Serving on International Committees (l-r): Vicki Stemm, Heidi Chadwick, Judy Kearns**

## MEMBERS HELP STUDENTS TO “GO GREEN”

During the LIFE Foundation’s Annual Meeting, three Chi State members were announced as recipients of Helene Going Green Awards. These awards are given to DKG members who submit an application and supportive documentation to the LIFE Foundation, the administrator of the awards. The application must specifically address how funds will be used in the instruction of children about the importance of taking care of Planet Earth. The project should be able to be replicated by other teachers; awards can be up to a maximum of \$200. The funds should be used for related learning and literacy materials.

This year’s recipients are:

- Andrea Jeffs, Delta Epsilon Chapter, Area IX
- Clarion Pintacura, Gamma Omega Chapter, Area IV
- Stacey Chicoine, Eta Zeta Chapter, Area VII

Even though this school year is drawing to a close, start thinking now about how you could implement a Going Green into your classroom. Go to the Chi State website ([www.chistateca.org](http://www.chistateca.org)), click on “Forms, Awards, and Deadlines,” and scroll to March. There you will find information about the award and the required forms. This is one of the many awards available to Chi State members to assist in their classrooms. Take advantage of Helene Going Green and help students Go Green!

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHI STATE FUNDS...

### Education Center/Archives

- ...Beta Alpha Sisters, in honor of Beta Alpha Chapter
- ...Margaret Cook, in memory of Stephan Krug, Margaret Renn’s friend; Marie Stalder, mother of Marilyn Stalder-Burke; Beulah L. Bruce, mother of Pat Twyman
- ...Carol Carlson, in memory of Marge Marting
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in memory of Ruth Diekman’s husband, Richard; Clarence Burton, Margaret Cook’s brother; Ann Kimball’s brother
- ...Mary Lou Willett and Margaret Renn, in memory of Clarence Burton, Margaret Cook’s brother
- ...Ann Kimball, in memory of Marie Stalder, Marilyn Stalder-Burke’s mother
- ...Jackie Albini, in memory of Richard Diekman, Ruth’s husband
- ...Karen Harmon and Marlene Daniels, in memory of Beulah L. Bruce, Pat Twyman’s mother

### General Fund

- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke and Carol Carlson, in honor of Jackie Albini’s 50 years in Delta Kappa Gamma
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in honor of birthdays of Carol Carlson, Pat Twyman, and Kathy Halloran
- ...Donation by Kathy Halloran

### Hostelship Fund

- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in memory of Peggy Darden’s mother
- ...Carol Carlson, Dolly Price, Judy Kearns, Mickey Miyamoto, Marlene Daniels, Karen Harmon, Ellen Owens, Kathleen Halloran, Wendy Duncan, and Chi State Executive Committee, in memory of Marie Stalder, mother of Marilyn Stalder-Burke
- ...Ellen Owens, in memory of Sharri LePage’s mother
- ...Jackie Albini, in memory of Dr. Naida Dostal
- ...Chi State Finance Committee, in memory of Ruth Church Gupta, Wen-Hui Chen (Chi State Honorary Member) and Dorothy Goble (Chi State Honorary Member)

### Office Technology Fund

- ...Area XII members in honor of Jackie Albini’s 50 years in Delta Kappa Gamma; Iota Xi Chapter, Area XV

### Scholarship Fund

- ...Delavan F. Kennedy, in memory of Joyanne S. Kennedy

### World Fellowship Enrichment Fund

- ...Margaret Renn, in memory of Marjorie Marting and Margaret Wilson Howard
- ...Kathy Retzloff, in memory of Marie Stalder, mother of Marilyn Stalder-Burke
- ...Donation by Beta Delta Chapter



**Chi State Area Directors gather at the Celebration Ceremony of Life at Chi State Convention**

### **IN MEMORIAM...**

***"I cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from passing over my head,  
But I can keep them from building a nest in my hair."***

**--Chinese Proverb**

- ...Barbara Cornett, Theta Pi Chapter, Area V, March 25, 2012, Salinas*
- ...Ginger Ives DeBow, Tau Chapter, Area XVII, May 15, 2012, Stockton*
- ...Lois Edwards, Zeta Kappa Chapter, Area VI, March 30, 2012, Woodland*
- ...Charlene Graben, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Area XI, March 26, 2012, San Pedro*
- ...Dorothy Inghram, Zeta Chapter, Area XV, March 14, 2012, San Bernardino*
- ...Lois Verle Hyer Linford, Zeta Kappa Chapter, Area VI, February 25, 2012, Santa Cruz*
- ...Donna Lee Lowe, Alpha Omega Chapter, Area III, April 17, 2012, Hayward*
- ...Louise White McNary, Zeta Kappa Chapter, Area VI, April 9, 2011, Woodland*
- ...Emma Ilene Uhl Roney, Alpha Nu Chapter, Area II, April 13, 2012, Chico*
- ...Juanita W. Tomasini, Beta Psi Chapter, Area VI, May 15, 2012, San Leandro*
- ...Irene Kiyoko Wada, Iota Chapter, Area VI, March 13, 2012, Sacramento*

### **CHI STATE MEMBERS ATTEND NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR**

Nineteen Chi State women traveled to Washington, D.C., for the March 18 – 21, 2012 National Legislative Seminar hosted by the U.S. Forum of Delta Kappa Gamma. Led by Sandy Rushing, Chi State President, we had four days of intensive study, lectures, and visits to Capitol Hill. It was truly an eye-opening experience. Many took the opportunity to visit Washington sites such as Ford's Theater, Arlington National Cemetery, The Smithsonians, Mount Vernon, the Kennedy Center, and many others.

During our seminar days, we were led by Dr. Angela O. Bedenbaugh, the Forum Chair, assisted by the Regional Forum Representatives, including Wally Turner, our Southwest Regional Forum Representative. There was a diverse group of speakers from the Women's Research and Education Institute, the Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, AARP, AAUW, the National Women's Law Center, the American Heart Association, Reading is Fundamental, the National Women's History Museum, ASCD, Education Trust, Women's Campaign Fund, and She Should Run. They all certainly gave us a lot to think about.

We also had time to hold a strategy session and to develop talking points for our visit to Capitol Hill. We had decided to focus on the re-authorization of ESEA, with emphasis on returning the arts and vocational education to the schools. We also planned to remind our legislators about repealing the WEP/GPO. The Chi State contingent first met with Senator Dianne Feinstein's aide. We were pleased to have a long visit with time to present our points. We next met with Senator Barbara Boxer's aide in the hallway. Nevertheless, we stayed on point. In both cases, the aides told us that there would not be much accomplished before the next election. The California group then split up to visit representatives or their staff. It was an exhausting, but rewarding, day.

As we finished up on Wednesday, we reviewed what we learned and what remained to be done. I am sure that we all are more aware of legislative issues and the real legislative process. We encourage more Chi State members to attend the National Legislative Seminar in 2014.

--Jill Bohn, Gamma Psi, Chi State U.S. Forum Representative



## WORLD FELLOWSHIPS NEWS: UPDATE ON PAST RECIPIENTS

Many members know Alberta Jules, a former World Fellowship recipient. She has since returned to Haiti and has continued in her efforts to ease the pain of her fellow Haitians since the tragic earthquake in 2010. We have supported her projects with mailings of personal care products such as shampoo, soap, body wash, rubber gloves, etc. – all donated by DKG members. They are mailed to Alberta's daughter, Ester, who lives in Boca Roton. When Alberta visits Florida or Ester visits Haiti, they return with our donations. Ester is completing her undergraduate studies in the spring and is currently making applications to medical school. She said that, if all goes well, after completing medical school, she will return to Haiti and join her mother in helping the Haitian people.

In October, Ester wrote to Marilee Platke, "We have been through two major floods in four areas where I help. Several hundred families were placed in shelters. One 8-month old baby girl was taken away by the waters and died while her mother was selling goods on the streets. It was very sad. The community helped her with her other four kids for food and clothing. They are very poor. Some of the children are very malnourished. All the families need further food and clothing assistance. They have lost all their belongings. Our women's group targets were mainly the children. We tried to provide milk formula and food for them while in shelters. But once they return to their empty homes, they are on their own. We hope to help 198 kids from 6 months to 12 years old with food and infant formula for a period of three months. We started on September 19 with the first monthly distribution. The total budget is \$3,168 for the three months. We purchase the food and formulas on account, hoping that, with help, we can pay the merchants who so far have contributed to the project with a 10% discount per month, lowering the original amount that was \$4,116. We were very happy to get that help. We also purchase sugar and water to mix with the formula since we are still on the watch for cholera. Thanks to the DKG boxes, we had soap and hygiene items to distribute to some of the families. Please pray for the family who is still grieving the baby taken away by the flood. Keep us in your prayers as well. We need strength and support from all our friends. Today, we have a beautiful sky, no rain in view. Until the end of the hurricane season, please keep Haiti and its people in your heart and prayers. We love you and pray for all DKG members. May God bless you. Love, Alberta."

In December, 2011, Alberta wrote, "We are doing fine, here in Haiti, by God's grace. School has started and we are already at the end of the first quarter of the school year. Many thanks to all DKG

women and to all members for putting together such useful items to help our people. We have finally concluded the three-months program about cholera awareness to the benefit of 15 schools, teaching hand-washing techniques and distributing bars of soap and chloride that we started last May. It took us longer than we expected and lasted a little over 6 months, waiting for more financial means and for school to start. But, with hope and determination, and the dedication of all the women, the help of DKG members and some business owners, we concluded the program in November with 5,758 children. We have helped 508 more children than planned as the soap boxes were coming in from DKG through my daughter. We are so thankful to you and all the DKG members. As we tried to provide milk formula and food for 198 children from families affected by the hurricanes, we only made one month distribution. Even as we were willing to help for 3 months, we could not continue since we voted to focus on the cholera awareness until all 15 schools were covered. New challenges are ahead. Our monthly meals to the hospital and prison remain our priority as we distribute soap and hygiene items. We will hold this year again our Children's Christmas Concert. This year we hope to be able to serve a meal to the children and their parents at the end of the concert. It's only a big dream. Pray that all goes well and that all the children are blessed with good health to bring joy to our community. Once again, we love you and pray for you. May the spirit of Christmas surround you and bring you peace and joy. Love, Alberta."

When World Fellowships Co-Chairman, Sharri LePage, traveled to Florida last January, she was able to take a suitcase full (49.9 pounds) of shampoo, soap, body wash, rubber gloves, and bandages all donated by DKG members to Alberta's daughter, Ester. In January, 2012, Alberta wrote, "Ester is convinced that her role in relaying the packages to Haiti is so important that she is willing to continue to help as long as it takes, no matter where she is. She told me, 'Mom, Mrs. LePage loves you.' I guess it shows. I told her that you are in my heart as well, and it goes for Shirley Sauvageau, Marilee Platke, Ellen Owens, Marie Medford, and all DKG members." We were also able to send a total of \$500 in December thanks to the generous donations from Area IX, and Marilyn Stalder-Burke. "Thank you for the contribution. We fed 250 patients at the public hospital on New Year's Eve and distributed water and hygiene kits to 35 female prison inmates and provided hygiene kits only to 50 male inmates the next day. We wish we could do more." Sounds like Alberta makes the money we send go a long way in her work with the needy in Haiti.

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



## PROFILES OF TWO ADDITIONAL AREA DIRECTORS

### Lynn Lysko, Area XVII



Lynn was born and raised in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, in the small town of Aylmer. She earned her Honors Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in French and Spanish at Wilfrid Laurier University. She completed her

Master of Arts Degree in Spanish at the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario. Then, she earned a third degree, a Bachelor of Education, from the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). She is currently in the final stages of completing her Doctorate in Education, Administrative Leadership for Teaching and Learning through Western University.

During the course of her 26-year career, Lynn has taught at the middle, high school, and college levels. Her first job was teaching French and English in a vocational high school, but moved on to teach at a French immersion high school, where she also became a four-time, provincial championship swim coach. Then she took on the challenge of school leadership and became the Department Chair for Student Activities and Leadership at another high school in the Halton District School Board. Throughout the eight years of her tenure there, she created student leadership camps, took students on international exchange trips to France, Costa Rica, Japan, and the U.S., and produced award-winning drama productions.,

She moved to California in 2000 and became an administrator at a junior high in Modesto. After a two-year stint learning "the California way," she accepted a position at the Stanislaus County Office of Education, working with schools and districts in various stages of program improvement. She wrote Principal Certification Training for Tier II and travelled state-wide, delivering professional development to teachers and administrators. After three years of traveling around the state, she needed to belong again to a single district and joined Modesto City Schools as the Director of Curriculum and Staff Development for grades 7-12. At the district level, she worked closely with program improvement schools and focused on improving teaching and learning in the classroom and on a systemic level,

with a primary interest and focus on English learners. Her current position is high school principal of Grace Davis High School in Modesto, home to the district's premier program, The Language Institute. Lynn has been a member of Eta Mu Chapter in Area XVII since 2005 and has served one biennium as President and one biennium as Corresponding Secretary. She has attended several Chi State Conferences and is the recipient of both the Chi State Scholarship for doctoral studies and the International Scholarship for doctoral studies. Lynn enjoys the challenge of a busy career and home life and frequently travels to SCUBA diving destinations with her husband.

### Janis Langel, Area VII



Janis is a native Californian who grew up in Southern California, in the San Fernando Valley. She moved to the Central Valley and attended California State University, Fresno. She graduated from CSU Fresno with a Liberal Studies Degree and a Multiple Subjects Credential. Janis started working as a kindergarten teacher at St. La Salle, a Christian Brothers K-8 school in Reedley.

After working for six years, she started a family and opened a family day care facility in her home. After her children were old enough to start school, she went back to work outside the home. Janis started back part-time and went back to school for an Administrative Credential. Since going back to work in the Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley, Janis has worked as a teacher, resource teacher, learning director, and interim principal; she is currently working as a District Academic Coach.

Janis has been a member of Epsilon Xi Chapter since 2004. She has served as Vice-President and President. Janis currently lives in Kingsburg on seven acres with Thompson seedless grapes. She has been married to Gaylen for 28 years and together they have two beautiful children, Christopher and Katharine. In her spare time, Janis enjoys gardening, quilting, and reading.

## CHI STATE LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE) FOUNDATION NEWS

### Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of Members of The LIFE Foundation was held Friday evening, May 4, at the Chi State Convention in Irvine. The meeting included the following:

- A presentation provided a brief history of The LIFE Foundation, as well as facts about The Foundation for the benefit of new members, a report of Board activities and actions that had taken place during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, updates on income and expenses, grants awarded and recommendations for the future. Lisa Jipson, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Area IX, was re-elected for a three-year term and Mary Thomas, Gamma Xi Chapter, Area IX, was re-elected for a second three-year term. Adele Bloom, Alpha Chapter, Area XI, was introduced as an appointed Board Member-at-Large.
- The 2011-2012 grant recipients were recognized, as well as the three recipients of the Helene Going Green Award and Chapters who were granted the use of the Tax-Exempt Identification Number. This year's monetary grants totaled \$11,300 with the Board administering the awarding of \$600 for three Helene Going Green Awards from a fund established by Dr. Roberta Anderson. Since the first awarding of financial grants in the year 2000, The LIFE Foundation has given close to \$90,000 for qualifying learning and literacy projects.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Marilee Platke, out-going Board Member, for her seven years of service which included three terms as Board President.
- Members were encouraged to continue to participate in the current fund-raisers: The Recycling Program, GoodSearch and GoodShop.

The elected Board of Directors met briefly after the Annual Meeting of Members on Friday to elect Board Officers. Mary Thomas will serve as Board President and Kathy Ellis as Vice-President. Jeanine Henderson-Hodges will continue to be the Board's Secretary, while Sondra Stuerman-Eilers will continue as Treasurer. The new officers will assume their positions during a transition meeting of the Board in June.

### Read Across Chi State

The LIFE Foundation's Interest Session, which included a SKYPE conversation with Vanessa Diffenbaugh, the author of *The Language of Flowers*, the selection for the "Read Across Chi State" LIFE Foundation project was well-attended and a great event for all. LIFE hopes to continue with this type of "book club" in the future. The fund-raiser with Barnes and Noble that was at the heart of this project yielded more than \$850 in donations from in-store and on-line sales. This was our first partnership with B&N, and we plan to continue to work with this generous company.

### Fund-Raising at Convention

The annual LIFE Choice Raffle was the major fund-raiser of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, as it has been for several years. The LIFE Board members enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet so many members while working at the raffle tables. The Board would like to thank everyone responsible for helping us set up our raffle. Thanks to the generosity of the members who donated the beautiful prizes and those who purchased tickets, LIFE pins and fans, as well as making donations, the Foundation became \$6,000 richer!

The Board wishes to thank all of the members who have been donating their used inkjet cartridges and cell phones for the LIFE Recycling project. With your help, it has become a very successful fund-raiser.

### Donations

In addition to the success of the annual LIFE Choice Raffle, and other fund-raising projects, donations are received throughout the year from individuals, Chapters, and Areas. Donations can be made in memory of someone or in honor of someone and are tax deductible. These donations help ensure The Foundation's ability to provide monetary grants to qualified learning and literacy projects in California and to continue the operation of The Foundation.

### Donations for LIFE Without Writing a Check!

If you are searching on-line and/or shopping on-line, the LIFE Board asks that you **PLEASE** use **GoodSearch.com** and **GoodShop.com**! If every member of Chi State makes just one search each day for one year using GoodSearch.com, a total of more than \$23,000 will be donated to LIFE! That would provide funding for many, many grants! Simply go to GoodSearch.com and type in "The Chi State LIFE Foundation" for your charity. Better yet, make it your home page and download the LIFE GoodSearch toolbar by following this link: <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/chi-state-learning-is-for-everyone-foundation-life>.

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

## NEWS FROM CHI STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Coming to Your Area...

The Chi State Finance Committee will be coming to your Area in August or September to present important workshops concerning Chapter financial procedures, new report forms, and mandated filing of International and IRS forms. **ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, CHAPTER TREASURERS, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEED TO ATTEND!** Other interested Chapter members are welcome. Your Area Director and Area Treasurer will inform you of the dates and times.

### Buck-a-Book Profit Helps Budget

Thanks to the many Chi State members who contributed books and to those who purchased the books, the Chi State Budget is \$471 richer. Every little bit counts to help avoid a raise in dues. The work of Sue Selman and all of those who spent time helping at the book table was greatly appreciated. Save your books for next year's Convention in Burbank.

### Convention First-Timers Win

Two first-time Chi State Convention attendees were awarded certificates for a \$50 discount to the 2013 Chi State Convention in a drawing at the Birthday Luncheon. Sylvia Galvez-Grado, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Area IX, and Eve Somers, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Area XI, were the winners. Sylvia is a teacher specialist for the Glendale Unified School District and has been a member of DKG since 2005. Through The Society, she has made many new friends and has enjoyed being able to work with retired teachers. Eve has taught math at Narbonne High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District since 2000. Teaching was a second career for Eve as her degrees were in Urban Studies, German, and Russian. After her sons started growing up, she enrolled in a special program designed for math teachers. A member of DKG since 2011, Eve is the incoming Vice-President of Gamma Upsilon Chapter.

--Carol Carlson, Gamma Upsilon  
Chi State Finance Committee

## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS...

Thanks to a significant bequest from the estate of Lucille Cornetet, awards are offered to teachers, enabling them to attend professional development sessions. One Chi State member, **Dr. Lisa Cooper, Tau Chapter**, received an award to attend N.C.O.R.E., The Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies in New York. Additionally, several non-member educators have received these awards. They include Lara Burenin (Menlo Park), Breanne Hamilton (Hemet), Lynn Hayes (Santa Clara), Shawn Murphy (Santa Clara), Christine Pettee (Santa Clara), Marissa A. Staller (Venice), Elizabeth Stavis (San Jose), Ruth Ann Thornhill (Cathedral City), Cathleen Thorvaldson (Saratoga), and Jenna Beth Wachtel (East Palo Alto). Presidents of Chapters located in these cities may be interested in contacting these women as prospective members of DKG. Contact Bette Caldwell, Editor of *Chi State News*, if you would like their contact information.

## CHI STATE 2012 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

**Best Area Newsletter:** Area XIII Editor: Jeanne Thiessen; Area Director: Susan Hamilton

**Honorable Mention Area Newsletter:** Area XVI Editor: Jan Lorentzen; Area Director: Anne Stone

### Chapter Newsletter Awards

**Best Content:** Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII – Presidents: Rachel Gray/ Gail Haynes

Editors: Dorothy Fountain, Rachel Gray, Gail Haynes, Mary Carhill

**Best Content – Honorable Mention:** Beta Delta Chapter, Area X – President: Christina DeSanto  
Editor: Christina DeSanto

**Best Photos and Graphics:** Beta Omicron Chapter, Area XII – President: Marlene Vest  
Editor: Merrily Spaziano

**Best Format:** Zeta Zeta Chapter, Area III – President: Stephanie Brown-Myers  
Editor: Kit King

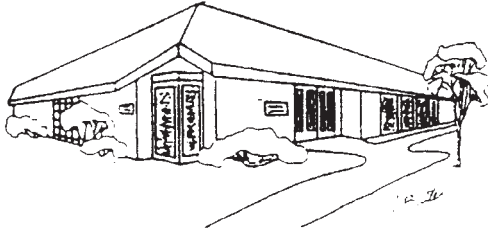
**Most Creative:** Epsilon Chapter, Area XIII – President: Kathryn Breidenthal  
Editor: Suzanne Galindo

**Most Creative – Honorable Mention:** Delta Iota Chapter, Area X – President: Lynette Lange  
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- ...Dr. Maria Stapfer, by Gamma Epsilon Chapter
- ...Happy Birthday to LIFE, by Area XVI

### **Other Generous Gifts to LIFE Grant Funds...**

- ...Pi Chapter, Beta Ometa Chapter, Iota Tau Chapter, Area X Event, Area VIII Conference Event,  
Janet Yoshida, Mildred Spethman
- ...Dr. Roberta Anderson – funds to sponsor "Helene Going Green" Grants
- ...Mary Thomas and Herb Bartlett – multiple fund-raising activities
- ...Barnes and Noble – Read Across Chi State Event
- ...Joseph Merdkhanian – fund-raising