



Chi State News



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CONVENING IN THE LAND OF PLENTY

More than 600 registrants gathered to “Celebrate the Bounty of Excellence” at the annual Chi State Convention in Burbank. Some sisters braved wild fires in Camarillo to get there, while others from small towns and urban areas throughout California flew in, drove in, or arrived by rail. The heat was fearsome, especially for the first week-end in May, as Convention attendees gladly sought shelter in the L.A. Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel.

The Chi State theme of the 2011-2013 biennium has been “Cultivate the Vision... Nurture the Promise... Share the Future.” The naming was selected by Leadership Team members in honor of President Sandy Rushing, a true gardener, and it fostered digging deeper into the concept by entitling last year’s Convention, “Planting the Seeds of Change.”

There was, indeed, abundance in the form of:

- Three distinctive species of speakers and inspirational models – the researcher/ engineer who captured the force of wind to raise a 450 ton obelisk to an upright position, utilizing a kite, as was done by the Egyptians many years ago; the mother who wanted her child enveloped in the world of classical music, which led her to found the “Baby Einstein” enterprise; and another entrepreneur who has identified ways to bridge the generational gaps through healthy life-style practices. Each seized the day with a unique idea, were met with discouraging obstacles and naysayers, but endured to foster new growth in her field;
- Two Pre-Convention hands-on workshops entitled “Develop a Website” and a Leadership Development Session, “Enjoying the Journey”;



Chi State President, Sandy Rushing, and International Guest, Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, pause for a moment during Convention.

- Rows of members applauding Chapter Presidents receiving the “Order of the Rose,” recognizing 50-year plus members, and delighting in the sprouting of many pom poms given to Convention first-timers;
- 27 Interest Sessions with a capacity of 544 seats available for the sessions;
- Gourmet fare and savor-the-flavors time at each meal;
- Honoring three DKG women who gave distinctive service to Chi State, Dr. Dolly Price (posthumously); Career/ Professional Service, Dr. Michelle Herczog; and Public Service, Bridget Ready;
- Hearty approval for the well-planned design to re-organize Chi State Committee work to better align with that of the International Society;

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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



It is hard to believe that this biennium is coming to a close. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as your Chi State President. I am excited that we have followed International's lead to become more green. We have brought technology to the forefront as we e-mailed the Presidents' Packets, the Call to Convention Packets, and even one issue of *Chi State News*, saving the state thousands of dollars in postage, paper, ink, and time. We have a great Chi State web site that is updated almost daily. Most Chapters and Areas send their newsletters and yearbooks electronically. Some Chapters have also created Chapter web sites and have gone onto Facebook, Twitter, and blogs.

Have you been to the International web site lately? Your feedback is wanted on two surveys. One is soliciting information about the content/ context of Regional Conferences. The other is asking for feedback for the Elections Process Committee regarding electronic voting. Both surveys can be found at www.dkg.org. Also, we need to direct our members and non-member educators to the International Educational Foundation web site: www.dkggef.org and encourage them to apply for a Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award. What a great way to get the name of DKG into the community. Members may also apply for grants for classroom, school, or community educational projects. There is money to give away, so spread the word! Also, International invites all members to blog, tweet, and post on the International Facebook page.

What a great convention we recently had in Burbank. On Friday, we were able to offer both a Technology Workshop and a Leadership Session. The weekend also included ceremonies of celebration and wonderful speakers and Interest Sessions. On Saturday, we took care of Society business as we voted to align our State Committees to the International Committee

structure. You will be hearing more about this in our Educational Excellence activities. We also elected a dynamic new slate of Chi State officers and gave away scholarships and presented awards. There were more than 600 members in attendance and the hotel was, truly, abuzz. Now it is time to make those reservations for the Southwest Regional Conference in Branson, Missouri, July 17 – 20. See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sandy Rushing, Chi State President, recently received notification that three California educators have been awarded Cornetet Awards for Professional Development:

Jennifer Brown, Iota Rho Chapter, Area X, plans to use her award to complete a Dyslexia Certificate Program on line.

Two other educators, non-DKG members, also received awards: Rhonda Barnes, who lives in Pomona, will use her award to attend a program entitled "Fostering Literacy Independence and Increasing Academic Accountability and Utilizing Assessments to Inform Instruction for Greater Student Achievement." And Margaret Lopez Rettele, who lives in San Juan Capistrano, will use her award to attend Education through Music California Colloquium 2013 in Santa Barbara.

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MEMBERS RECEIVE HOSTELSHIP AWARDS

The Road Scholar Programs are for adults who like to travel, to meet new people, and to 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, 2013.

2012 Chi State Hostelship Recipients

- Susan Grant, Omicron Chapter, Area XII, attended a program entitled "The Best of Ireland."
- Randa Krakow, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, attended a program called "Grit and Glory of Panama."
- Darlene Papa, Alpha Delta Chapter, Area XIII, and Jane Prendergast, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII, both attended a program named "On the Road: Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, and Other Gems of South Dakota and Wyoming."

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

CONVENING IN THE LAND OF PLENTY (continued)

- A bumper crop of resolutions signaling congratulations to our Society and sent by local government officials, as well as creative displays from Chapters and State Committees sharing their projects;
- The need to further fertilize our well-tended Chi State garden was acknowledged by the Executive Board in the non-controversial passing of a \$5.00 annual dues increase;
- Applause for the intrepid tillers-of-the-soil led by Convention Arrangements Chairman, Kate Farlow;
- A variety of soil amendments (non-dues revenue) emanating from LIFE, Chi State Store, Buck-a-Book, and Vendor plots;
- Close to a bushel of ten Chapter Presidents, all seated at one table at the Saturday luncheon, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of their Chapters' founding;
- Plenty of sunshine from the bonus crops of SRO High Desert and Iota Xi Singers;
- Touching Tributes during the Celebration of Life honoring those 88 sisters who left us in the past year, including three Chi State master gardeners: Dolly Price, Kay Short, and Sylvia Young;
- The formal changing of stewardship marked by enthusiastic gratitude to the 2011-2013 all-weather team, and the election and installation of members of the 2013-2015 Executive Committee to be headed by Judy Kearns.

Please see the article, "Convention Counts" in this issue of *Chi State News* to see who scattered how many seeds and watered our Chi State gardens.

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

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Two Chi State members, Tannie Wise, Beta Chapter, Area XIV, and Margaret Smith, Theta Omicron Chapter, Area V, received certificates for free registrations at the 2014 Chi State Convention at drawings during lunch and the banquet.

Tannie was an elementary school teacher, literacy coach, and principal. Now retired, she enjoys quilting, knitting, reading, and spending time with her family. Margaret is also retired and spent her career in special education. She loves to sing and belongs to Senior Singers and her Church choir. Both she and her husband like to travel and plan to be in Branson for the Southwest Regional Conference.

Congratulations to these two DKG women and we will see them at the 2014 Chi State Convention.

--Carol Carlson, Gamma Upsilon
Chi State Finance Committee Chairman

BOOKS GALORE!!

Thanks to DKG members at Convention, \$402 was deposited to the Operational Fund from Buck-a-Book sales. Members were able to recycle already-read books and then return home with new reading material. The Chi State Finance Committee is exploring the idea of doing another Buck-a-Book sale at a community swap meet in Indio. This will advertise DKG and its programs as well as raising additional funds for our operational expenses. After that sale, remaining books will be donated to the local library.

--Carol Carlson, Gamma Upsilon
Chi State Finance Committee Chairman

OUR HISTORY ~ OUR HERITAGE

Mary Doris Beaumont – Reflecting on Service

*Listen, Chi Staters, you shall hear of the biennium with Area Directors so dear
In early summer of '75, President Jeanette made her conservative drive
To select a group of the top sixteen, willing to work, travel, and be seen.*

With engaging use of imagination and apologies to Mr. Longfellow thus began the report of Area Director Coordinator, Dorie Beaumont at the 1977 Convention Business Meeting. Mary Doris Beaumont continued her Chi State leadership service as Corresponding Secretary, Program Coordinator, and First Vice President before becoming Chi State's 21st President, 1981-1983. Previously, she had served on Chi State Membership, Personnel, the Office Building, and Leadership Committees and the Leadership Development Committee at International.

Known with affection as "Dorie," she had nine goals for her biennium which supported the seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. One of her goals was to make Delta Kappa Gamma members more visible. She encouraged members to use their creativity to write and publish books, journal articles, and other creative efforts. She wanted to see more members demonstrating their expertise in the field of education so the public would be more cognizant of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, its outstanding members, and its purposes.

During her biennium, the 1982 Chi State Convention was held in Sacramento. The theme was *Perceptions of Tomorrow*. It was at this Convention that Chi State authorized the establishment of our recognition awards system for outstanding women in the three areas of Distinguished Service to Chi State, Distinguished Career/Professional Service, and Distinguished Public Service.

An assessment of \$5.00 for Chi State was approved contingent upon approval of changes proposed for the International Constitution to allow states greater flexibility in their ability to set their own dues. In case of defeat of this issue in Atlanta, Chi State voted to establish an emergency "Survival Fee" of \$5.00 per member. Amid much applause and a unanimous vote, the 1982-83 proposed budget was accepted. Designated funds were included in this budget for a retainer for a part-time legislative consultant-advocate. Arlene Black was hired to replace Honorary Member, Attorney Ruth Church Gupta, supporting Dorie's goal to have more impact on legislation dealing with education, children, and women.

The theme of the 1983 Convention was *Through the Looking Glass – Into the Future*. An appropriate quote from this story cleverly introduced each section of the Convention Program booklet. During this Convention, positive action was taken to purchase our own Chi State Office facility in Sacramento and to adopt Chi State's first set of Bylaws, as mandated by International.

Reflecting on her biennium at its close, Dorie said, "This biennium with my days, evenings, weekends and summers filled with the multitudinous and varied tasks and responsibilities, along with full-time classroom teaching, has been awesome. But I have been truly grateful for those marvelous experiences and for all of you, the wonderful members of Chi State. In fact, I've loved it. It has truly been a privilege without peer in my life. My thanks to you for allowing me the honor of serving as Chi State President, 1981-1983."

Mary Buckley, Chi State President, 1985-1987, said, "Choosing the motto 'I Serve' betokens real power and lasting authority. It proclaims eternal kinship with the highest. Reflecting on Dorie's enthusiasm to serve and her accomplishments, it is evident that she has made a difference and is 'a kindred soul with the highest.'"

Talented, enthusiastic, intelligent and dependable, Dorie taught fourth grade much of her career, even while serving Delta Kappa Gamma. To Dorie, we say "thank you for your dedication to the educational excellence of young people and your diligent leadership in promoting the Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, for your friendship, for your willingness to serve, and for your professional dignity supporting the belief that we can make a difference."

One of the imponderables in life is the role others play in determining who we are or the direction that our lives will take. In 1981, Dorie selected her 16 Area Directors, "Dorie's Dollies," with Sylvia Young as Area Director Coordinator. Of those 16, three have continued on the Chi State Leadership Team to the present day – Bette Caldwell, Carol Carlson, and Mary Lou Willett. Dorie, always cheerful with a beautiful smile, reflected encouragement, energy, passion, creativity, and pride in DKG. Her influence is still at work in Chi State today.

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

ANNOUNCING... PENNE FERRELL FUND RECIPIENTS 2012-2013

The Penne Ferrell Fund was established in 2009-2010 from a bequest from the estate of Penne Ferrell to assist a non Delta Kappa Gamma member, in her first through third years of teaching, finance the cost of books for a classroom library or support of classroom curriculum projects. Awards are made in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$200. Each of the recipients for this year received \$125. They are:

Marie Botello, Visalia USD, 4th grade, Houston Elementary School (Area VII)
 Mael Buckner, Morgan Hill USD, Kindergarten, Paradise Valley Elementary School (Area V)
 Sasha Elbaz, Lakeside SD, RSP/Core, Lakeside Middle School (Area XVII)
 Jennifer Estrada, Lompoc USD, 3rd grade, La Canada Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Rheanne George, Lompoc USD, Vandenberg Middle School (Area VIII)
 Janet Gutierrez, Alisal USD, 2nd grade, Frank Paul Elementary School (Area V)
 Stephanie Hermans, Pleasant Valley SD, 3rd-4th grades, Las Posas Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Alejandra Hernandez, Los Angeles USD, Special Education, Tweedy Elementary School (Area XII)
 Jeanne Lowthrop, Pleasant Valley SD, 5th grade, Rancho Rosal Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Brittany Lucero, Pleasant Valley USD, 2nd grade, Las Posas Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Rosa Mejia, Alisal USD, 1st grade, Frank Paul Elementary School (Area V)
 Heather Odegard, Pajaro Valley USD, 2nd grade, Landmark Elementary School (Area V)
 Sharilyn Guidato, Morgan Hill USD, Live Oak High School (Area V)
 Paula Rocca, Pleasant Valley USD, 1st grade, Las Posas Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Katrina Salas, Pleasant Valley USD, 2nd grade, Dos Caminos Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Michelle Sciarillo, Pleasant Valley USD, 5th grade, Las Posas Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Peggy Shen Brewster, Mt. View Whisman SD, Graham Middle School (Area IV)
 Pam Smith, Monterey Peninsula USD, Resource, Ord Terrace Elementary School (Area V)
 Ashley VanDervoort, Templeton USD, 1st grade, Templeton Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Kasey Viani, Lakeside USD, Core, Lakeside Middle School (Area XVI)
 Kelly Vordale, Lompoc SD, Kindergarten, Crestview Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Lisa Vordale, Lompoc SD, 2nd grade, Crestview Elementary School (Area VIII)
 Crissy Witcher, Spreckels USD, 6th grade, Core, Buena Vista Middle School (Area V)
 Laura Wilson, Plumas Lake ESD, Kindergarten, Cobblestone Elementary School (Area II)

CHI STATE VOTES TO RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEES

At the 2013 Chi State Convention, attendees voted to approve the motion to restructure the committees of Chi State. The proposal was made to align the committees with the goals of Educational Excellence (***Advance Excellence in Education; Empower Women; and Increase Global Awareness***), an International initiative, and to support the two projects at the International level: ***Schools for Africa*** and ***Support for Early Career Educators***. Information about the proposed committee restructuring was explained in detail during the "Information Please" session Friday evening, May 3. Members had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification before casting a vote at the business meeting Saturday, May 4.

Chi State Committees will now include two areas:

Society Business: Bylaws, Finance, Financial Development, Leadership Development, Membership, Nominations (elected), Chi State Education Center Management, and Communications/Marketing.

Society Mission and Purposes: Educational Excellence/ Program (Awards and Recognitions), Educational Law/ Policy, Music/ Arts, Global Awareness, Early Career Educators and Scholarship.

Chapters are not required to change their committees to match the ones at Chi State. Rather, chapters are free to rename committees to reflect what they do more effectively. The only requirement that both the state and chapters have is to do the work to meet the goals of Educational Excellence and to support the projects of International. Updated Chi State Bylaws and Standing Rules, reflecting these changes, will be posted on the Chi State website.

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

CHI STATE HONORS MEMBERS...

During the Chi State Convention, three women were honored as recipients of Chi State Distinguished Service Awards. They are:

Dr. Dolly Price (posthumously) – Distinguished Service to Chi State
Bridget Ready – Distinguished Public Service
Dr. Michelle Herczog – Distinguished Professional/Career Service



Dr. Dolly Price's daughter accepts the Chi State Distinguished Service Award for her mother (posthumously) from Lorraine Avery, Chairman of Personal Growth and Services Committee

Dr. Dolly Price not only served Chi State in many capacities for 32 years, but she has left a legacy of dedicated and effective leadership. She exemplified service to Chi State.

Dolly was born and raised in Alhambra, California. She received her Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Education from California State University, Fresno, in 1964 and 1968. In 1983, she earned a certificate in Business Data Processing, in 1990 a second Masters' Degree in Counseling Psychology and, in 1999 a Ph.D. in Psychology. She started her teaching career in Tehachapi Unified School District and retired as an Elementary School Counselor in Port Hueneme in 2007.

Dolly was initiated into Epsilon Phi Chapter, Area VIII, in 1980. As she moved around the state with her husband, Stephen, and their three daughters, Terri, Debra, and Karen, she belonged to two other chapters, Eta Alpha and Theta. She returned to Epsilon Phi Chapter in 1992. She has held a number of chapter offices, including President of Eta

Alpha and a 3-time President of Epsilon Phi. She assisted her chapters by volunteering to help wherever she was needed.

In 1989, Dolly became a member of the Chi State Leadership Team on the Membership Task Force. She also served Chi State as Area VIII Director, Membership Committee Chairman, and member of the Finance Committee. She was on the Executive Committee as Recording, Corresponding and Executive Secretary, First and Second Vice President, and then as Chi State President from 2007 – 2009.

Dolly was proud to be a member of the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar Class of 2001. She brought leadership training to Chi State members at conferences and Chi State Conventions. She was awarded a Cornet Grant to facilitate a "Discovering the Leader Within" Seminar. Since 1993, she presented workshops and/or interest sessions on a variety of topics at Chi State Conventions.

International came calling in 2001. She was selected to serve on International Committees: Membership, Professional Affairs, Program of Work, and Expansion. She participated in and was instrumental in chartering four new member states.

Dolly always fulfilled her leadership duties but also went above and beyond in support of Chi State and its members. She volunteered whenever and wherever she was needed. She traveled the state visiting Areas and chapters. She mentored members, encouraging them to become leaders.

Our Dolly was a unique and dynamic individual. She never said no to assisting anyone. She was positive and open. We lost her too soon. We will miss her wisdom, friendship, kindness, generosity, loving guidance, and inspirational commitment. Dolly sang with us in our Choir, accompanied us in song on the piano, and led us as a true sister of Chi State.

--Lorraine Avery, Epsilon Zeta
 Personal Growth and Services Committee
 Chairman

...WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



Bridget Ready

Bridget Ready is a mother, a wife, an advocate, and co-founder of Jack's Helping Hand. She is a Central Coast native, received a degree in Liberal Studies from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, a Montessori credential, and her teaching credential and Master's Degree in Special Education from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Bridget began teaching in 1982. She is known as an advocate for children and especially those with special needs. She was named District Teacher of the Year and became a member of Epsilon Delta Chapter.

She married Paul and they had four children – Grace, Phillip, Dana, and Jack. In 2001 their fourth child, Jack, was diagnosed with a brain tumor at three months of age. After multiple operations at Stanford Hospital, Bridget and Jack returned to San Luis Obispo where she discovered poor facilities serving the Central Coast for children's rehabilitation. She went right to work and was instrumental in getting a larger space and better equipment through donations. After Jack's death at age 3 1/2, Bridget and Paul founded the nonprofit organization called Jack's Helping Hand. Its stated purpose is to assist families with children with illnesses and disabilities by providing special treatments, services, equipment, and transportation not covered by other resources or which exceed a family's financial capability.

Jack's Helping Hand has provided transportation, housing, and food costs to help cover expensive trips for medical care. It has provided specialized therapeutic equipment such as a specialized wheelchair, advance prosthetic limbs, hearing aids, and many more. It has helped with medical expenses, funds adaptive toy lending libraries, and gives scholarships to Mommy and Me Little Swimmer classes and Jack's Yoga for Teens classes. It also provides parents with support groups.

Bridget and Paul now dream of a park dedicated to special needs children, where all children, regardless of physical limitations, will be able to play side by side. More than 30 acres have been donated and there is hope of construction very soon. They work daily to raise funds for this dream as well as all of the fantastic programs run by Jack's Helping Hand.

--Janet Benavidez, Delta Mu



Dr. Michelle Herczog

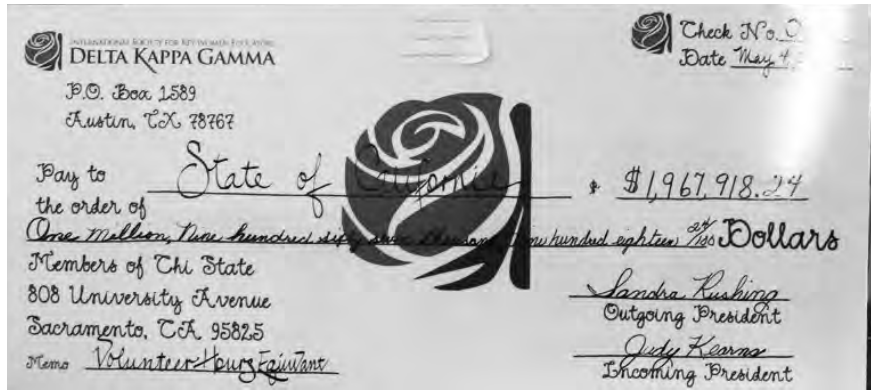
As a Delta Kappa Gamma Society International member, we are guided by seven Purposes. One of those purposes states: "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education."

Dr. Michelle Herczog, a member of Gamma Iota Chapter in Area XI, earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/ Social Science from UCLA, a Master of Arts Degree in Reading Improvement from Cal State Northridge, and her Ed.D. from UCLA. Before she was a classroom teacher, Michelle was a parent volunteer in the Culver City Unified School District. While she was a classroom teacher, Dr. Herczog became a mentor for other teachers. Then she became a consultant for the Los Angeles County Office of Education as a Program Specialist in the area of History/ Social Science. Michelle currently holds the title of "Consultant III" in this area and is involved with implementing the Common Core Standards. In her spare time, she has authored many grants, journal articles, and curricula on topics of civic education, service learning, differentiated instruction of History/ Social Science, English Learner Education, Standards-based lesson planning, and has written about Professional Learning Communities. (continued – Page 10)

2013 CHI STATE CONVENTION – BURBANK...



A Proclamation!



Check representing THAT Volunteer Hours



Buck-a-Book Sales



Personal Growth and Services Committee Display



2011-2013 Nominations Committee



Convention Steering Committee



2011-2013 Executive Committee



Chi State Convention Local Arrangements Committee

...MEMORIES OF A WONDERFUL EVENT!



Past Chi State Presidents



Area Directors



Another Proclamation!



Distinguished Service Award Recipients/ Personal Growth and Services Committee Members



2013-2015 Nominations Committee



2013-2015 Executive Committee



Chi State Members Serving International



Scholarships Committee



LIFE Foundation Board of Directors

2013 CONVENTION COUNTS

Amount of 2012-2013 Chi State Scholarships/ Awards.....	\$16,275
Amount awarded by LIFE Foundation Grants.....	\$15,000
Number of Chi State members: Active, Reserve, Honorary.....	5,863
LIFE Foundation earnings during Convention.....	\$ 5,825
Amount of grants awarded to non-members 2012-2013.....	\$ 5,850
Number of DKG members attending Chi State Convention.....	575
Number of initiates in 2012-2013.....	182
Number of Chi State Chapters.....	169
Number of Chapters represented at Chi State Convention (88%).....	150
Honor Chapters (5-Star, 4-Star, 3-Star) – (78%).....	127
Number of items donated for LIFE Opportunity Drawing.....	64
Convention First-Timers.....	60
LIFE Grants and/or permission to use 503©(3) Tax ID Number....	57
Number of Convention Arrangements Committee members.....	28
Guests attending Convention.....	27
“Order of the Rose” Chapters (added 5+ new members).....	27
Interest Sessions offered at Convention.....	27
Penne Ferrell Awards.....	24
Chapter with largest number of Convention attendees (Beta Epsilon)	20
Number of participating vendors at Convention.....	18
Number of members celebrating 50 years of membership.....	18
Student Teacher Awards – funded by Chi State Store Sales.....	15
Chapters celebrating 50 th and 75 th Year Anniversaries.....	15
Largest number of initiates – Iota Rho Chapter.....	14
Chi State Leadership Study Session Awards.....	9
“Golden Members” celebrating 60 years of membership.....	8
Past Chi State Presidents working at Convention.....	7
LIFE “Helene Going Green” Awards.....	6
Chi State Scholarships awarded.....	5
Chi State Hostelships awarded.....	4
Number of Chapters dissolved.....	4
Chi State Continuing Education Awards.....	3
“Golden” Members attending Convention (Past Chi State President, Mary Doris Beaumont 1981-1983 – Beta Epsilon.	1

**NOTE: Non-dues revenue from rental space for vendors, advertising in the Convention Program, and proceeds from the Chi State Store will be reported separately. Non-dues revenue has aided significantly in helping to underwrite costs ranging from speaker expenses to scholarship awards.

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS (continued)

She serves as Vice President of the National Council for Social Studies, which, in 2014, she will become the organization’s President. Michelle is past President of the Southern California Social Science Association and currently serves as Vice Chair of the California Instructional Quality Commission. She has also served on the California State Curriculum Development/ Supplemental Materials Commission.

--Amy Holland, Zeta Epsilon

CHI STATE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the Chi State Scholarships Committee awarded thousands of dollars to worthy DKG sisters. Chi State is proud to honor these distinctive key women educators:

Lorra Elisabeth Wells was awarded the Jane Hood Scholarship for her doctoral studies program at Claremont Graduate University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Studies with an emphasis on teaching, learning, and culture. Her long-term goal is to work in the area of teacher education and teacher mentoring. Lorra is a member of Iota Xi Chapter in Area XV.

Barbara Swenson Ingvaldsen was the recipient of the Adele Lewis Grant Scholarship for her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Concordia University. Barbara started her career in the mortgage banking industry and switched to teaching 17 years ago. Now she wants to merge her business and education careers into an administrative position. Barbara is a member of Lambda Chapter in Area XI.

Kelsey Tedrow from Eta Epsilon Chapter in Area XVIII was awarded the Dr. Marion O. Pease Scholarship for her Master's program from Concordia University in Irvine. Kelsey is obtaining a Master's Degree in Educational Curriculum and Design.

The Madeline Veverka Scholarship was awarded to **Meghan Pirtle**. Meghan is pursuing her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision. She is taking her courses through Arizona State University. She has served as a BTSAs provider and would like to take that experience and build upon it. She is a member of Gamma Xi Chapter in Area IX.

Lisa Speed of Delta Nu Chapter in Area XIII capitalized on the encouragement from her Chapter sisters to nudge her to go to Walden University to obtain her Master's Degree in Education/ Reading and Literacy. She plans to take her new degree and not only teach her students, but add to the knowledge of her colleagues. To help Lisa achieve her goals, she was awarded the Edith Bates Scholarship.

Other awards this year included Continuing Education Awards to **Nadine Moroto** from Gamma Phi Chapter in Area XI, to **Rea Anne Erickson** from Pi Chapter in Area I, and to **Joanne Pon Rubin** from Beta Omicron Chapter in Area XII.

Leadership Retreat Award recipients were: **Mary Lou Willett**, Iota Gamma Chapter, Area VI; **Susan Hamilton**, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII; **Phyllis Howard**, Omicron Chapter, Area XIII; **LeAnne Cooley**, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Area IV; **Donna Stevenson**, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII; **Gretchen Covington**, Epsilon Beta Chapter, Area I; **Margie Armstrong**, Beta Omicron Chapter, Area XII; **Pam Hayes**, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Area IV; and **Gloria Holcomb**, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII.

Legislative Study Session Awards in honor of Jacqueline Multanen were awarded to: **Ruthie Fagerstrom**, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII; **Suzanna Guerra**, Epsilon Beta Chapter, Area I; **Pamela Anderson**, Beta Omega Chapter, Area II; **Jan West**, Epsilon Pi Chapter, Area I; and **Edra Young**, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII.

NON-DUES REVENUE... WE ALMOST DID IT AGAIN!!

Thank you! Thank you!! You Chi State members outdid yourselves with wonderful ads and shopped at the Convention until you almost dropped! However, we did not reach the magic number of \$10,000 this time. Our totals are still outstanding, nonetheless.

We earned \$4,800 for advertisements and \$5,085 for vendors, making a total of \$9,885, our second highest total ever and the highest ever for advertisements and the highest percentage of affiliate vendors ever!

And remember: all of the \$9,885 goes to our operating budget to assist in keeping Chi State a "leader of the pack." Thank you again, **Wonderful Women Educators!** :Let's start preparing for the 2014 Chi State Convention in Santa Clara next May.

--Patricia Twyman, Beta Gamma
Chi State Finance Committee, Vendor Procurer

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 3, at the Chi State Convention in Burbank. The meeting included the following:

- A presentation of history and facts about The LIFE Foundation, for the benefit of new members, and a report of Board activities during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- Lisa Jipson, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Area VII, read the slate of nominees for open positions on The LIFE Foundation Board of Directors. Both Dixie Karlson, Epsilon Tau Chapter, Area XV, and Dorothy Anderson, Eta Rho Chapter, Area IX, were elected for 2013-2016 terms. **Each year, The LIFE Board accepts recommendations for open positions submitted by November 1.**
- The 58 grant recipients for 2012-2013, totaling more than \$15,500 were recognized, as well as the six recipients of the Helene Going Green Award, established by Dr. Roberta Anderson, awarding \$1,200. Twelve applicants were granted use of the Tax Exempt Identification Number. The LIFE Foundation has given more than \$100,000 to qualifying learning and literacy grants. **Interactive grant applications are available on The LIFE Foundation page of the Chi State Website and are due by March 1.**
- Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Sondra Stuerman-Ellers, out-going Board Treasurer, for six years of service and to Ann Lundgren for three years of service on The LIFE Board.
- Members were encouraged to continue to participate in the current fund-raisers: The recycling cell phones and ink cartridges, the annual Barnes and Noble Bookfair and "Read Across Chi State, the use of GoodSearch and GoodShop, and participating at the LIFE Choice Raffle tables at Convention.

The LIFE Board of Directors met briefly after the Annual Meeting of Members on Friday, May 3, to elect officers for the coming year. Kathy Ellis will continue to serve as Board President; Lisa Jipson will be Vice-President, Jeanine Henderson-Hodges will continue as Board Secretary, and Sondra Stuerman-Ellers will continue as Co-Treasurer while training Dixie Karlson. Adele Bloom, Convention Raffle Chair, can be contacted regarding raffle donations at Adelebloom@gmail.com. The new officers will assume their positions during a transition Board meeting in July.

Read Across Chi State

The LIFE Foundation's Interest Session included a SKYPE conversation with Camron Wright, the author of *The Rent Collector*, the "Read Across Chi State" 2013 selection. It was well-attended and a great event for all. LIFE continues this "Book Club" and welcomes book title suggestions for 2014. The fund-raiser with Barnes and Noble yielded more than \$500 in donations from in-store and on-line purchases. LIFE plans to continue to work with this generous company, holding another Barnes and Noble Bookfair in March, 2014. Look for next year's book title and bookfair flyers online.

Fund-Raising at Convention

The annual LIFE Choice Raffle was the major fund-raiser for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, as it has been for several years. LIFE Board members enjoyed the opportunity to greet so many members while working at the raffle tables. The Board would like to officially 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 to "Memories of Mary," The Foundation became \$5,724 richer!

Thanks to all of the members for donating used inkjet cartridges and cell phones for The LIFE Recycling Project. With Phyllis Howard's help, this 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, or to honor, someone and are tax deductible.

These donations help to insure the Foundation's ability to provide monetary grants to qualified learning and literacy projects in California and to continue our mission.

Donations for LIFE Without Writing a Check

If you are searching online and/or shopping online, The LIFE Board asks that you **PLEASE** use GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com! 257 of our members already do. If every member of Chi State made just one search daily for one year using GoodSearch.com, a total of more than \$23,000 would be donated to LIFE, funding many, many grants! Simply go to GoodSearch.com and type in "The Chi State LIFE Foundation" for your charity. Better yet, make it your homepage and download the LIFE GoodSearch toolbar by following this link:<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/chi-state-learning-is-for-everyone-foundation-life>.

--Kathy Ellis, Epsilon Omicron, President, LIFE Foundation Board of Directors

IN MEMORIAM...

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;

What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." --Albert Pike

*Mary Jo Buckle, Alpha Alpha Chapter, Area VII
Lurine Bucy, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Area VIII
Dorothy Carrell, Zeta Nu Chapter, Area VIII
Gwenne Case, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Area XIV
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Naomi Ursaki, Delta Delta Chapter, Area III
Anne Waggoner, Beta Mu Chapter, Area XIII
Jeanette Ward, Theta Omega Chapter, Area IX*

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS...

Soroptimist International of Modesto recently honored "Women of Distinction" during its annual Women's Recognition and Student Scholarship Awards Program. Three Area XVII members were honored:

Dr. Roberta T. Anderson, Epsilon Nu Chapter, was featured in *Mystic Mind Magazine* for her wonderful Pet Care Connection. She teaches classes at Modesto Junior College on How to Enhance Your Pet's Health with Touch Techniques. She has written a wonderful and informative book, *Loving Hands*, sharing techniques of easy-to-use approaches that pet owners can use to improve their animals' health and well-being.

Sarah Grantano, Epsilon Nu Chapter, was recently named Special Education Administrator of the Year by ACSA. She is the Division Director of Special Education and Health Services of Stanislaus County Office of Education. She has been in the field for 17 years and shares a strong passion and empathy for children in special education. She speaks mindfully about the needs of her students and has shared knowledge, experience, and passion in many ways throughout the education community.

Henrietta Sparkman, Epsilon Nu Chapter, was honored for her many contributions to the community in the arts. She is very active with the Youth at Risk and the Art Scholar Programs through the six local high schools, as well as setting up art displays in the Mistlin Art Gallery. She is also a valuable resource for teachers. In her own artwork, she uses varied media, 3-D and sculpture, watercolor, plein air, and eclectic.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHI STATE FUNDS**Education Center/ Archives...**

- ...Olithia O'Toole, in memory of Thomas J. O'Toole
- ...Ellen Owens, Judy Kearns, The Education Center Management Committee,
And The Blarney Babes, in memory of Betty Brown's husband, Richard
- ...Carol Carlson, in memory of Betty Brown's husband and daughter
- ...LaVerne McWilliams, in memory of Sylvia Young
- ...Mary Lou Willett, in honor of Sandra Rushing
- ...The Blarney Babes and the Education Center Management Committee,
in memory of Heidi Brown
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke and Robin Kelley, in honor of Mary Lou Willett,
Education Center Librarian/Archivist
- ...Marlene Daniels, in memory of Lorraine Sawyer and Peter Sawin
- ...Letty Yamada, in memory of Lorraine Sawyer
- ...Beta Alpha Chapter members, in honor of Ruth Ryan

Educational Outreach to Other Countries...

- ...Carol Carlson, LaVerne McWilliams, and Alpha Kappa Chapter Members,
In loving memory of Dr. Dolly Price
- ...Carol Carlson, in memory of Kay Short and Norma Keller
- ...Dorie Beaumont, in memory of Sylvia Young
- ...Jackie Albini and Ellen Owens, in memory of Lorraine Sawyer

Emergency Fund...

- ...Hilda Morlang, in memory of Betty Brown's husband and daughter
- ...Dorie Beaumont, in memory of Marjorie Marting
- ...Donations from Delta Sigma, Epsilon Psi, Gamma Xi, Delta Lambda Chapters, and Area V

General Fund...

- ...Margaret Renn, in memory of Sylvia Young
- ...Carol Carlson, in memory of Sylvia Zinman's mother
- ...Ellen Owens, in memory of Sylvia Young, Pete Sawin, Pat Fountain's husband
and Olithia O'Toole's husband
- ...Donations from Jolene Patzel, Alpha Eta Chapter, and Beta Nu Chapter
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in honor of Sandy Rushing, 2011-2013 Chi State President and in honor of
Kate Farlow's and Nancy Martin's birthdays
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in honor of Kathy Halloran and her six years as Chi State Treasurer
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in memory of Olithia O'Toole's husband, James Fountain, Dick Heineman,
Pete Sawin, and Lorraine Sawyer
- ...Beta Gamma Chapter, in memory of Lorraine Sawyer

Hostelship Fund...

- ...Jackie Albini, in memory of James Fountain

Penne Ferrell Fund...

- ...Mickey Miyamoto and Ellen Owens, in memory of Kay Short
- ...Judy Kearns, in memory of Kay Short, Pat Fountain's husband, Lorraine Sawyer, Pete Sawin
- ...Jeanne Gahagan, in honor of Heidi's Heavenly Hooligans (Area Directors -1999-2001)

Scholarship Fund...

- ...Gail Jones, in honor of Louetta Erlin's birthday
- ...Priscilla Shively, in memory of Marilyn Perkins
- ...Gamma Zeta Chapter, in memory of Mary M. Hoffman
- ...Theta Omega Chapter, in memory of Dr. Dolly Price

World Fellowship Fund...

- ...Jackie Albini, LaVerne McWilliams, Area II Sisters and Gamma Nu Chapter, in memory of Kay Short
- ...Theta Alpha Chapter, in honor of Jeannette Baines
- ...Donations from Eleanor Burton, and Beta Gamma, Theta, Iota Sigma, Epsilon Lambda, Beta Alpha,
and Delta Lambda Chapters
- ...Marilyn Stalder-Burke, in honor of Marie Medford's Susan B. Anthony Award

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 ...Omicron's 75th Anniversary and the
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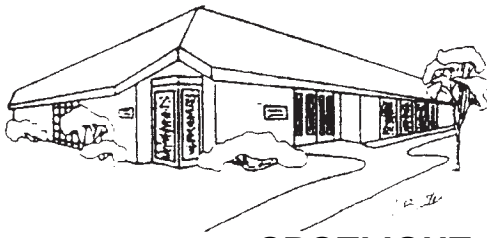
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 ...Herbert Anderson and Ethel Herman, by Sherri Bloom
 ...Judy Zinser, by Gamma Sigma Chapter
 ...Addie Singleton, by Iota Nu Chapter
 ...Ann Lundgren's brother and Dean Miller, by Ann Lundgren
 ...Jeanne Crouthamel (mother of Rachel Gray), by Janice Mix, Gail Haynes, and Delta Nu Chapter
 ...Dr. Lois Stephens, by Epsilon Phi Chapter
 ...Thomas O'Toole, by Olithia O'Toole (wife) and Marilyn Reid
 ...Eloise Tallman (mother) and Mary Stewart (friend) by Sally Davies
 ...Peggy Outsen, by Iota Omicron Chapter
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 ...Pat Enos, by Delta Sigma Chapter and Sue Copsey
 ...Edith Conn, by Gamma Chapter
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 ...Virginia Marx, by Beta Epsilon Chapter
 ...Charles Petitt, by Sheri Petitt
 ...Jill Bohn's husband, Edwin, by Heidi Chadwick, Hazel Powell, Letty Yamada, and Mickey Miyamoto
 ...Eileen Denahy, by Delta Lambda Chapter, Dorothy Becker, Mickey Miyamoto, and Mary Marchi
 ...Kay Heineman's husband, Richard, by Suzan Reiner, Heidi Chadwick, Sandy Rushing,
 Susan Fineman, Hazel Powell, Letty Yamada, Mickey Miyamoto, Ann Lundgren,
 Sondra Stuerman-Ellers, Jo Menely, Marlene Daniels, Carol Carlson, and Charlotte Perry
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 and Epsilon Kappa Chapter
 ...Mary Thomas, by Heidi Chadwick, Carol Carlson, Sharon Marsee, Lynn DuPratt, Julie Matzke,
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SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON CHI STATE MEMBERS...

Marilyn Stalder-Burke, Chi State President 2009-2011, was featured on the cover of the September 2012 *Business Life Magazine*. Nominated for being a woman who leads by example and who inspires others, she was honored at the 23rd Women Achievers Award Luncheon.. She was among 22 other women selected from nominations by charitable, civic and service organizations from all corners of the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys. In response to an interview question, Marilyn responded, "Success is the journey I am on. I endeavor to lead with integrity, kindness and joy. I live by Theodore Roosevelt's words: 'Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.'"

Alifya Khandwala, a World Fellowship recipient from Pakistan, graduated from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She completed a four-year program with a Master's Degree in Fine Arts in Animation and FVX, with a focus on production. This was a major accomplishment for Alifya to graduate, as she encountered many obstacles along the way, including the ransacking of her apartment in San Francisco, resulting in the loss of everything, including her computer, which had all of her project work on it. She also overcame major financial and health issues. She shared that she would not have made it without the support and encouragement of some DKG members, who inspired and committed her to persevere to attain her degree. With all that we have read about Malala Yousafzai and the status of women in Pakistan, Alifya's graduation has a special, deeper meaning than most of us can imagine. Three DKG members, Marie Medford and Dorothy Nishioka, Tau Chapter; and Pamela Stine, Beta Rho Chapter, attended the commencement to congratulate Alifya on a job well done. If you would like to send a note of congratulations, contact Dorothy Nishioka at dotnishioka@yahoo.com for her address.

Marie Medford, Tau Chapter, was honored a few months ago by the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women as a recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award. She was selected for her decades of community service in San Joaquin County and beyond. A 42-year member of DKG, Marie has served in many capacities at the local and state level, including Area Director, Music/Ceremonials Chairman for three biennia, World Fellowship for two biennia, and Personal Growth and Services Committee. She was extremely instrumental in supporting Alifya, a World Fellowships recipient from Pakistan, as well as Malala and she continues to support Alberta in Haiti. Marie has been a member of the San Joaquin Historical Society for more than 20 years and has been the Docent Trainer for six years, Docent Program Chair for 18 years and Newsletter Editor for 15 years. As Vice-President of the Historical Society, she planned quarterly dinner programs for a membership of 1,500 for six years. One of her outstanding programs involved implementing, coordinating, and teaching at the Pioneer School; students in grades 3 – 5 from throughout the county come to experience what a school day was like in the 1880's. At least 1,500 students a year visit the Pioneer School. Congratulations, Marie, on a well-deserved honor!

Sandi Redenbach, an active member of Iota Gamma Chapter, Area VI, is the 2013 winner of the Charles J. Soderquist Award, a prestigious honor bestowed by the University of California, Davis, in recognition of exceptional volunteer leadership and philanthropy benefitting the campus community. "Sandi's commitment to philanthropy and passion for UC Davis truly exemplify Charlie Soderquist's legacy," said Shaun Keister, President of the UC Davis Foundation and Vice Chancellor. The award comes with a \$5,000 prize which Sandi donated to the School of Education's Guardian Scholarship Program. Iota Gamma Chapter has also donated to this fund in the past. This program is designed by the Stewart Foundation to assist foster youth who wish to become educators.

Leslie Ann Geyer, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, was recently honored as a 2013 Outstanding Woman of Monterey County. She is a volunteer of RotaCare, Monterey County's only free clinic, board member of Legal Services for Seniors and Friends of the Monterey County Symphony, and a strong supporter of programs that address homelessness and domestic violence. She also serves as an international medical volunteer in Central America and Haiti, and provided entrepreneurial seminars to more than 600 women in Russia and Ukraine.