



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

# LIFE Newsletter

THE CHI STATE LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE FOUNDATION

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## LIFE Supports Adult Literacy Training

Genie Dee, Theta Chapter, Area V, is the Program Director of the Literacy Program of the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County. In her application requesting LIFE Grant funding, Genie shared with The LIFE Foundation Board of Directors that the mission of her Literacy Program is to provide English literacy skills to adults within her community, thus assisting them in achieving their full potential by improving their reading, writing and speaking. The LIFE Grant award monies were used to purchase books and workbooks for students and materials for tutor training as well. In one year's time, this Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County Literacy program recruited 267 tutors and gave them fifteen hours of specialized training before they served 337 students. This fabulous program was able to offer 12,751 hours of instructional services at no cost to clients.

One client, Nancy, has been studying at the center with her tutor Holly since 2011.

She has made progress toward her goal of becoming a Spanish teacher by receiving her acceptance at San Jose State this spring. Nancy says, "The Literacy Program was important to me because it helped me to begin the education process. I want to improve my life and my family's lives. This program helped me to begin that..."



Nancy begins her college education.

Genie Dee, the Program Director, says that donors and grants offer a stable budget in order to continue their worthwhile community outreach.

Half of the operating income at this community literacy center is provided directly from donations. With this Chi State LIFE Foundation Grant, we of the

Delta Kappa Gamma Society have joined with other organizations including the local Department of Education, United Way and others to promote literacy in a fine, free to the public, community literacy center that has assisted students to gain job skills, pass GED tests and qualify for citizenship.

## "Read Across Chi State 2015"

### Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

The Chi State LIFE Foundation is proud to present its 4th annual "Read Across Chi State" event featuring **Sue Monk Kidd's** historical novel, **The Invention of Wings**. Each year Barnes & Noble bookstores partner with The LIFE Foundation to sponsor a book fair, this year held March 1-22, 2015, at all retail stores and online. This event returns up to a 20% portion of monies spent, using the Book Fair ID Code Number, to The LIFE Foundation to promote LIFE's goal of enriching the learning and/or literacy grant award program.

Join us Saturday morning, May 2, in a SKYPE conversation with the well-known author, **Sue Monk Kidd**, during the LIFE Interest Session.

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## Bakeless Bake Sale Honoring Jeanine Henderson Hodges

135 lucky Chi State Members received recipes from the first LIFE Foundation NO BAKE SALE. Stesha Hodges forwarded many of her mother, Jeanine's, favorite family recipes, including her Orehnjaca Bread, in order to establish this event in her memory. Jeanine was a well-known food aficionado who would have loved our recipe based outreach. Our Bakeless Bake Sale resulted in money being donated to the Chi State LIFE Foundation's grant funds. Due to the resounding success of LIFE's campaign, we may make this an annual event. Stesha has sent many more recipes to share. Watch for our next food event in early 2016.



## Circles of Giving

Circles of Giving is a new donor recognition of The LIFE Foundation that was begun this year. The LIFE Board noticed that some people gave large single donations while others gave several amounts throughout the year. We found a way of recognizing the donors that give and GIVE. So we established Circles of Giving as a way to recognize donors of \$50.00 or more.

As of March 30, 2015, the Circles of Giving were as follows:

### **Silver Circle:**

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Do you want to know more about this new program; to see who else made the list; to know if someone moved up; to know what the different levels mean? Come to The LIFE Meeting at State Convention in May. If you want to be on this list yourself---Give to LIFE; in memory of someone, to honor someone, or just for the pleasure of knowing you helped fund a grant. These generous donors will be acknowledged on the LIFE web page.

### ***The Chi State LIFE Foundation Mission Statement***

*The mission of The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone (LIFE) Foundation is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California.*

## **The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) Awards \$ 15,000 in Grants During Its Fifteenth Anniversary Year**

Kathy O'Leary, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, "Jared Boxes"  
 Susie Bollard, Theta Epsilon Chapter, Area XVIII, "Public Libraries, Women's History"  
 Le Anne Cooley, Alpha Kappa Chapter, Area IV, "Read to Your Baby"  
 Joan Mifsud, Tau Chapter, Area XVII, "Books for Babes"  
 Elizabeth Irwin, Delta Xi Chapter, Area VI, "Christmas Books for Needy Children"  
 Denise Bono, Eta Zeta Chapter, Area VII, "Zoo Phonics"  
 Teri Ralston, Beta Alpha Chapter, Area II, "Books for Needy Families"  
 Rhonda Allen, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Area XVIII, "Jared Boxes for the Critically Ill"  
 Linda Murphy, Theta Chapter, Area V, "Volunteer Literacy Center"  
 David Clough, with Gamma Nu Chapter, Area II, "Adult Literacy Courseware"  
 Barbara Rupert, Zeta Iota Chapter, Area I, "Books for CASA"  
 Maricela Deathriage, "Non-Fiction Leveled Readers"  
 Judy Tubbs, "Non-Fiction Leveled Readers"  
 Penny Ann Cline, Theta Eta Chapter, Area XVI, "Young Writer's Celebration"  
 Traci Bailey, "Unique Curriculum, Special Day Class"  
 Mary Cassady, Beta Alpha Chapter, Area II, "Books for Teen Parents"  
 Laure Fujitsubo, Alpha Eta Chapter, Area VI, "High Interest Pre-School Books"  
 Rhonda Byer, Gamma Iota Chapter, Area XI, "Little Books for 1st Grade"  
 Margaret Ikezaki, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, "Digital Books, Poems, Cards"  
 Xylena Sanders, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, "Middle School Paperback Novels"  
 Janelle Williams, Alpha Pi Chapter, Area XV, "Careers for Me-Reference Books"  
 Nancy Stratton, Beta Lambda Chapter, Area II, "Reading Council Books"  
 Jan Lorentzen, Eta Iota Chapter, Area XIV, "Jared Box Books"  
 Erin Moore, Theta Iota Chapter, Area VI, "California Mission Resource Books"  
 Donna Catalano, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Area XIV, "Core Novels, Sign of the Beaver"  
 Tessie Barnscomb, Iota Zeta Chapter" Area I, "Kits for Kinder"  
 Jennifer Ward, "American Symbols Leveled Reader Books"  
 Norma Stryker, Delta Tau Chapter, Area XIV, "Creating a Reader's Theater"  
 Ana Snelling, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Area VIII, " First Read Book Club"  
 Marie Adishian, Beta Chapter, Area XIV, "K-6 School Library"  
 Nancy Robles, Delta Gamma Chapter, Area III, "Books for Babes"  
 Elaine Olmsted, Beta Chapter, Area XIV, "School Library Hot Picks "  
 Patricia Bevender, Delta Iota Chapter, Area X, "Art Through Literature"

## **Helen Going Green Grants**

Denise Bono, Eta Zeta Chapter, Area VII, "Earth Day Resources"  
 Lisa Speed, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII, "Earth Day Every Day"  
 Pam Lotz, Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII, "Earth Day Every Day"  
 Wendy Robins/Sela Viscarra, Zeta Nu, Area VIII, "Garden Journals"

## LIFE Foundation Donors

*You make it possible to continue to inspire a lifelong love of learning and literacy in California!*

### In Memory of..

**Jeanine Henderson Hodges** by Steve Hodges, Heidi Chadwick, Sara Edwards, Dorothy Johnson, Mickey Miyamoto, Ann Lundgren, Patricia Highfill, Marian Van Wechel, Jeanne Gahagen, Donna Fleischer, Bonnie Flint, Robin Kelley, Ellen Owens, Daphne Cagle, Suzan Reiner, Jackie Albini, Dixie Karlson, Karl Whitmarsh, Kathy Ellis, Sondra Stuerman-Eilers, Carol Carlson, Marlene Daniels, Margaret Renn, Karin Aguilar, Kathy Retzloff

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**Elisio Felipe (father of Evie Bolante, brother of Mary- Alicia McRae)** by Joyce Edwards

**Helen Kitaji** by Theta Omicron Chapter

## LIFE FOUNDATION DONORS Cont.

### In Honor of ...

**Judy Kearns Presidency** by Stephanie Zierhut, Kathy Ellis, Kathleen Heinzinger, Dorothy Anderson, Dixie Karlson, Daphne Cagle  
**Kelly Ross Manshil's Birthday** by Kathleen Ross  
**Joey Bear's Birthday** by Joan M. Jurickovich  
**Vickie Lauderbach's Retirement** by Joan M. Jurickovich  
**Susan Delgado's Chico High School Choir's Performance at Carnegie Hall** by Jeanne Pease  
**All the Women of Gamma Sigma** by Gamma Sigma Chapter  
**Gail Haines, Delta Nu's 2014 Woman in History** by Delta Nu Chapter  
**Area V Leadership Team** by Anita McKean, Area V Director  
**Darlene Bilks** by Gamma Iota Chapter

### Individual Donors

### Chapters/Areas & Committees

Wendy Duncan	Pi Chapter	Delta Rho Chapter	Area VI
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Irene Ionergan	Eta Zeta Chapter	Alpha Delta Chapter	
Margaret A. Maronne	Epsilon Pi Chapter	Beta Epsilon Chapter	
Penni Perault	Gamma Alpha Chapter	Theta Iota Chapter	<i>This list reflects donations</i>
Cindy Watterau	Iota Xi Chapter	Epsilon Phi Chapter	<i>recorded from August 1, 2014</i>
	Delta Tau Chapter		<i>through May 30, 2015</i>

## Annual LIFE Foundation Financial Report: March 2015

Total giving for the 2014-2015 plus fundraising-year to date	19,347.53
minus operating expenses of	- 4,039.96
Leaving-as usable grant funds	15,307.39

YOU DID IT!!! Remember the Chi State Convention 2014 when The LIFE Foundation Board members set the goal of \$15,000 in donations for our fifteenth anniversary? Not only did you do it-you went over the top! Because of your generosity, The LIFE Foundation was able to fund or partially fund 32 LIFE Grants and 4 Helene Going Green Project Grants were funded by Dr. Roberta Anderson in memory of her sister, Helene.

32 Grant awards total **\$15,000**. 4 HGG Grant funds total **\$800.00**.  
 Remember: The more you Give: the more we can Give. Isn't that our Mission?

## Catch the Fever!

### \$15,000 During Our 15th Anniversary Year

The LIFE Foundation loves to promote and support the innovative projects that DKG Chi State members have submitted in grant form for funding. This year LIFE funded **thirty-two grants** dispersing our targeted amount of \$15,000 for literacy and/or learning projects and **four Helene Going Greene Grants** distributed another \$800 in funding to earth-friendly projects.

Do yourself a favor and "**Catch the Fever.**" Yes, we have Jared Boxes, Books for Babes, Literacy Projects and Books for School Libraries, projects that have all received funding. You could certainly model your personal, Chapter or Area project after one of these worthy ideas. However, *Creative Chi State Ladies*, surely you have other ideas in your "backpacks" that could be formulated into a grant to be funded by The LIFE Foundation. So, keep your eyes on Literacy and/or Learning and get those creative ideas flowing! Exciting days are ahead.

Wouldn't you love to have your Chapter, Area, community and you honored by adding your names to the list of **2016 LIFE Grantees**

**Catch the Fever!**

## Helene Going Green Grant

Chi State DKG members from the Zeta Nu Chapter supported the Adam's Elementary School Garden with a contribution of new garden themed resource books to be housed in the school library. These books were an inspiration to incorporate literature into new lessons recorded in student journals also funded with HGG grant money. Observations, writings and drawings were noted throughout the school year recording plant parts, leaf creatures, nutrition, plant and insect lifecycles. We are proud of our Chi State Sisters Sela Viscera and Wendy Robins for leading this worthwhile project.



## School Libraries Purchase New Books

### Nostalgic, Low-Tech Games Make a Comeback !!

LIFE Grants prove that "Learning is Fun and Exciting", at least when you enter Xyelena Sanders' classroom. When her DKG Chi State Area X Director told her that there was money available through The Learning Is For Everyone Foundation for learning and/or literacy classroom projects, Xye's imagination took off. With the \$450 provided by The LIFE Foundation, her goal of engaging students in "nostalgic", low tech entertainment to enrich academic and social learning, began to take shape. Using her grant funds to purchase various table and board games quickly expanded into the great addition of a "game club" at her school. This club became a safe place for all students to "hang out." To supplement LIFE grant funds and meet increasing student requests, Xyelena applied for and received funds from her local Chamber of Commerce, received donations from students, colleagues, and families as well as using funds from her own classroom learning supply budget. The motivated teacher, Ms Sanders from Beta Delta Chapter in Area X, believes that this project will continue to grow as each year the student groups' interests will vary and new games will be developed.



Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School Library had no money budgeted for the purchase of new books during the last four years due to district budget cutbacks. Chi State DKG member Elaine Olmsted of Beta Chapter in Area XIV found a way to solve that problem. She applied for and received a \$300 grant from The Learning Is For Everyone (LIFE) Foundation. With this money she was able to purchase current titles of books with high interest to her middle school students. She coordinated efforts with the Scholastic book fair held at her school to earn an additional \$2,500 which was used for the purchase of books! Her students are engrossed in the reading of these new materials made available through the efforts of one creative adult, your generous donations to The LIFE Foundation and a partnership with a very philanthropic business.



### NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! A Change Is Coming

The LIFE Foundation is no longer collecting used ink cartridges from Chi State members. Instead, members can take their used ink cartridges to either Staples or Office Depot and participate in their local recycling programs. These donations are earth friendly and can result in rebate coupons to members and chapters. The LIFE Foundation would appreciate any part of this rebate to be forwarded in the form of a direct donation. That way you don't have to transport messy ink cartridges to Chapter Meetings, Area Events or the Chi State Convention and we don't have to sort and ship these leak capsules either. It's a WIN/WIN!! Thank you for your continued support of LIFE's efforts to fund grants.