



CALIFORNIA STATE, AREA XIII  
BETA MU CHAPTER

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**Beta Mu's Woman in History for 2023 is Lavon Oaks**, shown here with Cal Poly University supervisor of student teachers, Sue Nixon. Lavon was Sue's master teacher over forty years ago! Sue was with us coincidentally as a student of hers was receiving one of our recruitment grants.

Lavon was honored for her work in Beta Mu over the past 38 years, particularly for Ways and Means. A primary teacher for 25 years, Lavon was a recipient of the California State Golden Bell Award for her “math lab”, where 5 and 6 year-olds measured, cooked, had fun and learned math and life skills all at once. Lavon is well-loved by her Beta Mu sisters, and she is most deserving of this honor.

## *Congratulations, Lavon!*



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In addition to honoring Lavon, our **January meeting** also honored three outstanding young women who are beginning their life's work as teachers. Receiving our **recruitment grants** of \$500 each were Martha Hernandez from the University of La Verne; Tiffany Rose Garcia, also from the University of La Verne; and Eunice Han from Cal Poly University. Tiffany, a special education teacher working with autistic children, was the recipient of our Eleanor Graham scholarship, named for a past president and outstanding member of Beta Mu, who passed away some years back. Three of Elly's children, all teachers, were with us for the presentation.



Pictured: Brian Graham, Kristie Graham Burke, Eunice Han, Doug Graham, Tiffany Rose Garcia. Martha Hernandez was not in attendance.

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### February's Area XIII Conference:

Beta Mu was hard at work at the Area XIII Conference. We were responsible for three baskets for the drawing and the gift for the guest speaker. We had ten members plus one guest who attended. It was a wonderful event. Breakfast was served, the **Most Valuable Members (including our own Sharon Komoto)** from each of the eight chapters were presented with certificates and roses. Beta Mu was responsible for the raffle ticket signage and sales. Thanks to Betty Butler, Sue Fernandes, Gloria Holcomb, and Jean Bristol who assisted Debbie and Penny with this task. And a thank you to Candy Campbell who helped Janice Michaelson unload and load the materials from her car. Tickets for door prizes and gift baskets were drawn to everyone's delight, and happily, Penny Keach and Betty Butler were winners in the drawing.



Beta Mu's table at the Area XIII Conference at Cal Poly.

- Sharon Komoto

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### Presidents' Patter

Spring is on her way. Although the air is still cool, the bright sunshine hastens in thoughts of warmer weather and gardens full of blooming plants and delicious veggies; even if the gardens belong to someone else. We are very grateful for the chapter's positive growth in almost every area so far this year. For a chapter our size, we sponsor impressive speakers for our monthly meetings (thanks to Sharon Komoto, Program Chair) and are involved in a

number of projects that support our schools and communities. Thanks to each of you who help make this happen. And a special thanks to those of you who wear more than one hat. There is always room for more volunteers.

The 2023 Area XIII Conference was held on Saturday, February 4 at Kellogg West on the Cal Poly Pomona campus. The conference theme was “Piecing It All Together” and the keynote speaker was Dr. Jennifer Kottke. Dr. Kottke has worked in the area of Homeless Education for over 20 years. She has been the Homeless Education Project Director II at Los Angeles County Office of Education since 2019. She supports 80 LA County schools and more than 300 charter schools as they serve students experiencing homelessness. Her message was both informative and inspiring.

Beta Mu has much to look forward to in the next three months. Our spring fundraiser on Saturday, March 11 is quickly approaching. It will be a breakfast brunch at Peppertree Café in Glendora. Your reservation and \$25 are due to Sue Fernandes by March 4. We hope to see you there.

Next, we have our Citizenship Awards Program on Tuesday, April 18 at 6p at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Pomona. This is one of our opportunities to disperse the money that we take in during our two fundraisers. Each of the eleven high school seniors is presented with a \$200 check, certificate, and pin. It is a heartwarming evening for everyone involved.

Moving right along, on Saturday, May 6 we are having our first initiation ceremony for new members since 2018. Everyone is invited. The place is yet to be determined. We will get more info out as it becomes available.

The annual Mystery Tour and lunch will be on Saturday, May 27. It’s always a surprise and always interesting and fun. This is an enjoyable way to close out our year together and wish each other a pleasant and healthy summer. We hope each of you can make it.

Thanks once again for your active support and encouragement. Please take good care of yourselves. Debbie Sims and Penny Keach

February 2023

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### **March Birthdays**

3 Lavon Oaks

11 Penny Keach

11 Diane Deal

23 Renee Johnson

27 Sheila Kryger



## April Birthdays

1 Marlayna Leslie-Tinoco

21 Lorraine Canales

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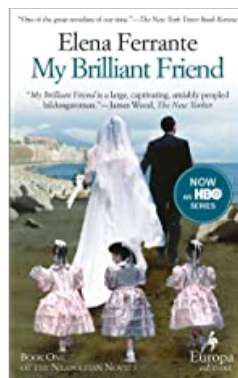
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### **Beta Mu Book Club News:**

We are still reading and having a great time at Book Club meetings at local restaurants. Come join us! In November we read and discussed Agatha Christie's first book, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* and enjoyed a lovely Tea Time at the Enchanted Rose Tree Parlour in San Dimas.

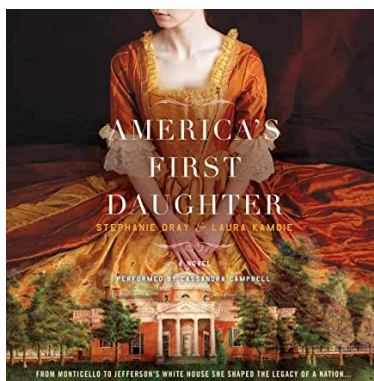
Taking a break for the holidays in January we read and discussed *My Brilliant Friend*, the first book of 4 books of the Neapolitan Quartet. Author Elena Ferrante is one of Italy's most acclaimed authors. The novel is about the friendship of two girls growing up in the 1950s in the outskirts of Naples. Now an HBO original series directed by Saverio Costanzo, *My Brilliant Friend* has been translated and published in over forty-five countries. The other three books in the quartet follow the ups and downs of the relationship of the two children of Naples as they pursued their lives, family relationships, work and careers, and societal challenges through their retirement ages. Our discussion was held at the Montclair Olive Garden with tasty Italian cuisine.



Crossing over the English Channel, we selected the newest book about the British Royal Family, *Spare*, written by Prince Harry, himself. For Americans, this story of the lives and rivalries of members of the monarchy and those brave individuals who attempt to become part of that monarch reveals the inner workings of protecting the monarch at all costs, even if it harms some members of the monarchy and their families. As the “Spare”, Harry relates his experience throughout his lifetime as a royal, but one who is third or fourth or even farther down in the hierarchy to the crown and how the British press exploited his life and activities for the crown. Of particular interest may be his comments about the two loves of his life- his mother, Princess Diana, and wife, Megan Markle. Book Club discussion was on Friday- February 24<sup>th</sup>.



For the month of March, we will be reading *America's First Daughter: A Novel* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie, the authors of *My Dear Hamilton*. Location and time to be announced soon.



- Dr. Jackie M. Allen

## The Jared Boxes project



A great team of Beta Mu members, Gloria Holcomb, Debbie Sims, Liz Miller, and Rachel Roy gathered at Jean Bristol's house on February 6 **to prepare eighteen Jared boxes for children in Pomona Valley Hospital and San Antonio Hospital.** Jared boxes are plastic shoeboxes filled with toys, games, books, and crayons. Jared was a young cancer patient in Pennsylvania who brought toys to his treatments and when he found other children didn't have anything to ease their anxiousness, shared with them. Jared didn't win his battle with cancer, but his school started the Jared Box Project to carry on his generous spirit.

The Beta Mu team enjoyed each others' company in building the boxes and Gloria and Liz delivered them to the two hospitals. – Jean Bristol

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***Coming up!***

### **Spring Fundraiser**

We will be returning to The Peppertree for a brunch on **March 11** from 11:00 to 2:00. New member Robin Ring will provide our musical entertainment, and, since it is close to St. Patrick's Day, you are invited to wear your shamrocks and favorite shades of green! **Reservations for you and your guests should be sent to Sue by March 4.** The cost is \$25 apiece, and we voted to tack on an extra donation in lieu of having a boutique. Proceeds will fund our Citizenship Awards.

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## **Citizenship Awards**

Beta Mu has honored selected high school seniors from the Pomona, Bonita, and Claremont school districts for over 45 years. Presently, we are asking the counselors of fourteen schools to send us students who have shown character, initiative, and perseverance, all marks of good citizenship. We seek to honor young people who are not always recognized, those who have overcome serious hardships, those who are quietly making their communities better. Each will be recognized at our **April 18** meeting at Trinity Methodist Church in Pomona, and each will receive an award of \$200. **This is a meeting you do not want to miss!**

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## **New Members Welcome:**

On the afternoon of **May 6**, we will welcome new members into our Beta Mu chapter. This year, Lorraine Canales, Nicole Neeley, Christina Quon, Robin Ring, and Rachel Roy have joined us. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold such an event for the past few years, so we are honoring our “not quite as new” members also! They are Renee Johnson (2019), Marlayna Leslie-Tinoco (2019), Liz Miller (2020), and Edith Orcasitas (2022). We will enjoy getting to know these women better as we meet at Lorraine Canales’ home for lunch at 11:30. There will be a nominal charge. Please let Jean Bristol know if you plan to come, 909-225-0723.

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## **RECRUITMENT GRANTS-IN-AID AWARD HISTORY AND DKG BETA MU 2023 AWARDEES BY DR. JACKIE M. ALLEN**

### **HISTORY OF DKG GLOBAL AWARENESS**

Our recent celebration in January 2023 awarding grants-in-aid for student teachers and school psychologist trainees has a rich history in Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship efforts, first begun in 1945. Initial educator grants were awarded to German teachers to participate in an 8-week study in 1948 in Sweden. DKG formed an alliance with United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to help Korean women in 1962. An additional partnership was initiated in 1958-1960, for cooperation with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers to select fellowship recipients, including Fulbright awards. After three decades of international relationships DKG instituted a World Fellowship Standing Committee in 1972 with the goal to:

- 1) Grant world fellowships according to the DKG constitution and standing committee rules as funds are available; and
- 2) Maintain contact with world fellowship recipients.

The scholarship process for DKG- begins with the Fulbright Commission multinational collaboration in program planning, decision-making, and management of funds. IIE sends selected applications to DKG International Educators’ Fund and then applications are evaluated and ranked by the DKG International World Fellowship Committee.

For the year 2022-2023 World Fellowship awards amounted to \$83,000; 19 awards of \$4,000, 4 extension awards of \$2,000, and 2 extension awards of \$1,000. Countries of awardees included Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Peru, Swaziland, Ukraine, and Vietnam. Diverse areas of



study for the awardees range from anthropology, special education, law, teaching English as a foreign language, to public policy.

The DKG World Fellowship Committee has made a significant contribution to the education of women across the globe. Since 1960, 1,029 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250.

**OUR PART IN GLOBAL AWARENESS**

So how does this history lesson relate to us as members of DKG Beta Mu? You met Marisol Tolis last year at our grant awards celebration; she zoomed in during the middle of the night from Argentina to join us and talk about her studies. Last year you voted to contribute a special scholarship of \$250 to help with her educational expenses. This year, she is again recipient of the World Fellowship and is continuing her studies at UC Berkley in public policy. She teaches classes at UC Berkeley while she studies for a master’s degree.

I was privileged to meet Marisol at the 2022 Chi State Convention. She expressed her appreciation of your special scholarship. With my friend Dr. Evelyn Torre, who spoke to us on writing memoirs, Marisol presented a workshop which I attended at the convention as part of the Chi State global awareness committee presentation and was able to enjoy Sunday morning breakfast with both Marisol and Dr. Evelyn La Torre.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AS MEMBERS OF DKG BETA MU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO ASSISTING WOMEN ACROSS THE GLOBE TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL EDUCATION GOALS AND CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER WOMEN IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.**

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## **DKG Beta Mu Chapter Minutes**

January 17, 2023 Meeting held in the Bonita High School Library

Members present: Jackie Allen, Jean Bristol, Betty Butler, Candy Campbell, Diane Deal, Sue Fernandes, Carolyn Gomm, Gloria Holcomb, Lou Jones, Penny Keach, Sharon Komoto, Liz Miller, Lavon Oaks, Peggy Redman, Robin Ring, and Debbie Sims

Gloria Holcomb opened the meeting with an inspirational reading entitled “A Teacher’s Prayer.”

### **Recruitment Grant Presentations:**

Martha Hernandez, a graduate student from the University of La Verne’s School Psychologist Program, was unable to attend the meeting. Jackie Allen shared information about Martha and narrated the power point presentation that Martha had prepared for this meeting.

Tiffany Rose Garcia, a special education teacher from the University of La Verne, working as a paraprofessional in the Pomona School District, is the recipient of the Ellie Graham Scholarship Grant. Tiffany narrated her power point presentation and then shared a video of Dr. Amber Bechard, her mentor and the professor who nominated her for the award, who praised Tiffany and detailed the many qualities Tiffany has shown in the classroom. Tiffany then introduced her guests. Afterwards she was presented with a certificate, roses and a check.

To explain this award, Diane Deal read an informative piece about Ellie Graham, a long-time Beta Mu member and wonderful special education teacher. Diane then introduced three of Ellie’s grown children, Doug, Brian and Kristie, who are also teachers.

Eunice Han, a Cal Poly Liberal Studies Major who finished her degree in the fall of 2022, is just starting her career with the Savanna School District in Anaheim. Eunice narrated her power point presentation, telling about herself, her teaching goals, and plans for the future. She introduced her mentor, Sue Kaiser, who then spoke about Eunice. As it turned out, Sue Kaiser was a student teacher of Lavon Oaks many years ago, and it

was a very special moment for Sue to also share some of the teaching tips she had learned from Lavon.

Refreshments, provided by Jean Bristol, Peggy Redman, Liz Miller, and Lou Jones, were shared after the award presentations.

**Business Meeting:**

Woman-in-History Presentation: This year's awardee is Lavon Oaks. Diane Deal gave a wonderful summary of Lavon Oaks' history in Beta Mu, her 25 years of teaching experiences and of her personal life with Bob, her husband, and two sons, Bob Jr. and Brett. Diane also shared quotes from some of Lavon's Grace Miller School colleagues. After the presentation of the certificate and roses, Lavon spoke about some of her experiences in Beta Mu.

Citizenship Awards: Peggy Redman passed around a sheet for members to sign- up to be the contact person to the area high schools to get their student nominee. This year we will honor one student from each of the 11 schools and give them \$200.00, as we did last year. Peggy will send out more information to the members who volunteer to help with this special event, which will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Fundraiser: Sharon Komoto announced that the fundraiser will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Peppertree Café. Robin Ring will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$25.00 and the deadline for registering for this event is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Diane and Peggy volunteered to make centerpieces for this brunch.

New Member Initiation (Induction): Jean Bristol explained that this will be like a welcome party event, not a ritual. She invited members to offer suggestions, via e-mail, about how best to welcome our new members. Jean said it would be nice to hold the induction in a private home. She tentatively offered May 6<sup>th</sup> as the date.

Area XIII Conference: Debbie Sims announced that Andrea Brown will shadow the speaker and that baskets and ticket sellers (Betty, Sue, Gloria) need to be at Kellogg West by 7:30 a.m.

Health Updates: Lavon Oaks reported that Karen Oaks is doing much better and has just one more week of therapy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Butler

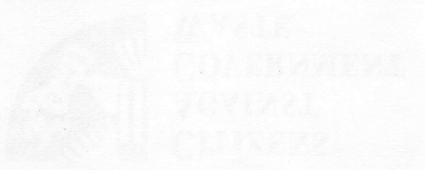
(Treasurer's reports follow.)

**Delta Kappa Gamma Treasurer Report**  
1/10/2023 through 2/17/2023

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/9/2023</b>					<b>10,305.10</b>
1/17/2023	1776	Martha Hernandez		Awards & grants	-500.00
1/17/2023	1777	Tiffany Rose Garcia		Awards & grants	-500.00
1/17/2023	1778	Eunice Han		Awards & grants	-500.00
1/17/2023	1779	Peppertree Cafe	Deposit for March 11	Spring fund raiser expenses	-50.00
1/27/2023	1780	DKG International	Ring	Dues	-20.00
1/27/2023	1781	DKG California	Ring	Dues	-12.00
1/27/2023	1782	DKG California	Ring	State fees incl. Insurance	-6.50
1/27/2023	1783	DKG CA	Neeley	Induction exp.	-2.50
1/23/2023	DEP ...	Deposit		Book Sales	1.00
1/23/2023	DEP ...	Deposit	R. Ring	Membership dues	42.50
1/23/2023	DEP ...	Deposit		Donations	100.00
<b>1/10/2023 - 2/17/2023</b>					<b>-1,447.50</b>
<b>BALANCE 2/17/2023</b>					<b>8,857.60</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>143.50</b>
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1/27/2023	1780	DKG International	Ring	Dues	-20.00
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<b>BALANCE 12/10/2022</b>					<b>10,186.60</b>
1/5/2023	1722	DKGIEF	World Fellowship	Charity	-60.00
1/5/2023	1723	DKG International	Canales & Roy	Dues	-40.00
1/5/2023	1725	DKG California	Canales & Roy	Dues	-24.00
1/5/2023	1724	DKG California	Canales & Roy	State fees incl. Insurance	-13.00
1/9/2023	DEP ...	Deposit	Ferguson	Membership dues	38.00
1/9/2023	DEP ...	Deposit	R. Roy	Membership dues	42.50
1/9/2023	DEP ...	Deposit		Donations	75.00
1/9/2023	DEP ...	Deposit		Donations:Grants in Aid	100.00
<b>12/11/2022 - 1/9/2023</b>					<b>118.50</b>
<b>BALANCE 1/9/2023</b>					<b>10,305.10</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>255.50</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>-137.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>118.50</b>