



The Women Educators Society International

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BETA MU CHAPTER
THE BOND

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WELCOME BACK

Jean Bristol's beautiful backyard again will be the site of our Welcome Back Pot Luck Luncheon on **Saturday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m. It will be a great time to catch up on everyone's summer and introduce the program for 2023-2024. More information to follow.**

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September Birthdays

7 Carolyn Gomm 13 Candy Campbell 30 Debbie Sims



October Birthdays

8 Kathy Henkins 11 Dyani Yanez 26 Monique Saigal 23 Rachel Roy

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In our last issue, members were encouraged to share their summer adventures for this issue. Jackie Allen is experiencing a great one!

I retired at the end of June and am putting together some important items such as clearing out my office and arranging for health care and computer service. My new email is jmallen2683@gmail.com

This will be a new life for me after working for 55 years in education. I am collecting advice from you who have taken the step previously; some of my long time friends retired 20 years ago and recommend it highly. Since I am a head person I need to have some projects to "keep me out of trouble"- I have accepted two new service areas in DKG- local Beta Mu historian and CHI State member of the Leadership Development Committee. In addition, I will start working on my memoirs and cleaning out the accumulation of years of folders, files, etc. in my house and garage.

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Most of us know that Peggy Redman and Diane Deal are sisters-in-law, and they have shared families for over 60 years. They also have shared vacations at the Colorado River for every one of those 60+ years! This year was no exception, with Peggy's great-granddaughter, the fourth generation, being included.



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Although the summer months are short, Beta Mu continued to be active. Members collected basic school supplies that children of low income families need to succeed. The school items as well as hygiene toiletries were donated to the Inland Valley Hope Partners in Pomona. The generosity of our members was overwhelming and was deeply appreciated. A big thanks to Sue Fernandes and Betty Butler for volunteering their homes as collection sites. We also appreciated the assistance of Jean and Paul Bristol and Ted Komoto in transporting all the bags of supplies to the IVHP headquarters.

-Sharon Komoto



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THE BOOK CLUB

During the summer, the Beta Mu book club continued to read and discuss some amazing books that included *Lady Tan and her Circle of Friends* by Lisa See, and *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. The book club would usually meet at various restaurants associated with the theme or setting of the book. You are welcome to join them!



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Presidents' Patter

Welcome back to a new school year of Beta Mu activities and fellowship! We hope everyone had a relaxing summer, with plenty of time with family and friends. We congratulate two members who have taken the major step of retiring from actively teaching, Dr. Jackie Allen and new member Lorraine Canales. Both have indicated that they are not going to slow down very much, just direct their considerable energies to other endeavors close to their hearts.

We will be able to properly congratulate them at our first Chapter meeting, our annual potluck on Saturday, September 23.

Our board is already busy planning for this year. The Finance Committee has met and set up a budget that will allow us to have fun raising money so we can turn around and give it away! Any great ideas for fundraisers are more than welcome. We will be honoring members, recognizing outstanding students and student teachers, and supporting our communities. Sharon Komoto, our Program chair, has some very interesting meetings lined up for us.

We are hoping that more members will be willing and able to help out our executive board this year. We need someone to produce our meeting flyers, for example. All of our standing committees have lots of room for helping hands and minds. As we can both confirm, the work is easier and more enjoyable when shared with a friend! We are putting together a collection of DKG job descriptions so that interested members can see what the duties are for each position, as our nominating committee will start looking next spring for members to fill board positions for the 2024-26 biennium.

We are so proud to be co-presidents of this extraordinary group of women educators, and look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, September 23!

Penny and Debbie

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On **Monday October 16 at 6 p.m**, Dr. Stephanie Vernon-Hughes will discuss **AI (artificial intelligence) in the 21st Century Classroom**. Dr. Vernon-Hughes is the Dean of Teaching, Learning and Leadership at the Claremont Lincoln University. She is also the cofounder and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*. Her presentation will be held in the **Hillcrest Board Room**. Members of other chapters are welcome to attend this interesting presentation.

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