



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

# LIFE Newsletter

THE CHI STATE LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE FOUNDATION

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

## *Message From LIFE President*

*I am so looking forward to seeing our DKG sisters in person this year and to be able to hold our LIFE Raffle again. Thanks to all of you, LIFE has survived, and we were able to give out 25 grant awards this year totaling \$17,629.05.*

*This is a year of change. Four of our LIFE Board of Directors are leaving: Anita McKean, Kelly Franklin, Elise Buel and myself, Donna Fleischer. I am very sad to see everyone leave, and I want to thank them for all they have given to The LIFE Foundation. We will be voting on new officers and new Board of Director members during our Annual Meeting of Members at Convention.*

*On a personal note, I am sad to leave the LIFE board. This experience has been very meaningful. It is a special feeling to be part of an organization that helps teachers and students all over California increase literacy adventures and knowledge. It has been fun to see all the amazing projects teachers create to help their students. The LIFE Foundation helps that happen.*

*Thank you for your support of LIFE. You can continue your support by donating money directly to LIFE, donating items for our convention raffle, donating vacation destinations to raffle, or by helping get the word out about LIFE and who we are.*

*Donna Fleischer*

*President of The LIFE Foundation*

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

*The mission of the Chi State*

*Learning Is For Everyone (LIFE) Foundation:*

*to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the state of California*

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## LIFE Board of Directors 2021-2022

Donna Fleischer  
President

Robin Kelly  
Treasurer

Laura Fujitsubo  
Secretary

Anita McKean  
Nominations

Kelora Franklin  
Raffle Chair

Elise Buel  
Webmaster

Members:  
Jeannine Mendoza  
Lorelie Olaes  
Carol Seedman  
Janice Goder

## Grant Reports Received for 2021-2022

### Delta Xi Book Project

This past December 2021, the Delta Xi Book Project gave away over 1750 books to both the Vacaville Christmas Wish program and 14 new teachers at Hemlock and Anna Kyle Elementary Schools. About 200 books came from book donations by Delta Xi members and approximately 1600 books were purchased with LIFE grant funds and monetary donations from Delta Xi members and community donations.



## **Holiday Literacy Project**

In early November of 2021, Eta Iota Chapter used their 2021 LIFE Grant money to order a variety of children's books through Scholastic, but delivery was delayed due to supply chain issues. Not to be disheartened, members stepped up to the plate in mid-December and donated 145 books for our project. As part of an annual holiday gathering Eta Iota members stamped and decorated the books and the evening was filled with fun, fellowship, a simple shared meal, and even a holiday sing-along. The books were donated to the East County Transitional Living Center for holiday gifts to 125 families with children.

The Scholastic book order finally arrived on January 11th, 2022! Members prepared the books with a chapter stamp and a message that encourages reading. The recipient of the gifts, Common Ground, is an organization that works with elementary schools in a low to medium income area of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. On February 15th, an Eta Iota member accompanied Common Ground to one of the schools they support. Common Ground representatives and Eta Iota member helped children select one of the donated books to take home. Books will be distributed to various schools throughout the spring, and Eta Iota members will be there. It is wonderful to be able to give books to children at both the transitional living center and the schools. Many have few if any books of their own.





## **Lobby Literature Grant Award**

With this grant, Gamma Chi, Area XVI, purchased new and gently used books for the young children of single parents who are enrolled in Extended Opportunity Programs & Services at Cuyamaca Community College. These children's books were to have been made freely available in the E.O.P.S. Office where the parents go for support and assistance. When Covid restrictions made this impossible, our books were placed in "Welcome Back" backpacks for the single parents to pick up at the beginning of the fall semester. Over 45 children benefitted from the 140 books we delivered at that time.

With the remaining funds, Gamma Chi members were able to purchase another 150 children's books, both new and gently used, to give as gifts during the holiday season. We were particularly pleased to include a variety of well-known children's books written in Arabic, a commonly spoken language among many of the E.O.P.S. families. These books along with member donated gift cards for essential services helped these single parents and their children experience a happier holiday





## Your DKG California State LIFE

We are always looking for new members of the LIFE Board of Directors. If you are drawn to a non-profit organization that supports literacy projects developed by teachers and DKG California Chapters throughout California, please consider joining the LIFE board. The time commitment varies, but the LIFE raffle at California State DKG Convention is our biggest time commitment. Otherwise, we have embraced the practice of ZOOM meetings. Zoom has been very helpful not only due to the pandemic but because our board members live throughout California. If you have any questions, please contact the LIFE Nominations Chair, at [dkg.life3@gmail.com](mailto:dkg.life3@gmail.com).

Applications and nominations are due by November 1, 2022 and can be submitted online to: [dkgca.life3@gmail.com](mailto:dkgca.life3@gmail.com). Forms are available on The LIFE Foundation webpage: [www.dkgca.org/thelifefoundation.html](http://www.dkgca.org/thelifefoundation.html).

## The LIFE Foundation Book Choice



The LIFE Foundation Book For 2022-2023 is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. The book takes place in Jaipur, India. It is very intriguing and there is a lot of information about the Indian culture, henna, herbs and family throughout the story. Alka, the author, lives in the Bay Area and will be joining us for the 2023 Convention. She has written a second book in this series, *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*, and is working on the third. Please order the book through Smile.Amazon under Chi State Learning is For Everyone Foundation.

## Support LIFE

**Use The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) as your Smile.Amazon.com charity**

You can now use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support The LIFE Foundation! When you make purchases with Amazon Prime simply log into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) as your charity. Once you do, The LIFE Foundation will receive a .5% donation from all of your purchases when you purchase through [smile.amazon](https://smile.amazon.com).





## 2021-2022 Donations

April 18, 2021-March 2022

### Individuals:

Toni Cook  
Donna Fleischer  
Kathleen Heinzinger  
Kelley Powers  
Peggy Cecchetti  
Bylaws Committee

### Chapters:

Alpha Upsilon  
Delta Lambda  
Delta Nu  
Delta Omega  
Delta Sigma  
Epsilon Beta  
Epsilon Epsilon  
Eta Eta  
Omicron  
Theta Iota

### Areas:

Area 2      Area 6      Area 12      Area 13

### In Honor of:

- ❖ **Beta Delta Chapter**, Sandy Bell thinks you are awesome!
- ❖ **CA State Executive Committee** by Mary Marchi
- ❖ **Genevieve Grant**, Charter Member, **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** From your Eta Iota Sisters
- ❖ **Genevieve Lescsak**, Charter Member, **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** from your Delta Sigma Sisters
- ❖ My friend, **Charlene Smith Craft**, from Betty Ann Ougland
- ❖ **Joan Mifsud**, by Tau Chapter, Area 17
- ❖ **LIFE Boards**, past and present by Mary Marchi
- ❖ **Mary Randall**, Area V Director, by Mary Marchi
- ❖ Our friend, **Patricia Feist**, from Barbara Stryson and Kathy O'Leary

**In Memory of:**

- **All those Zeta Psi Sisters who went before us**, by Zeta Psi
- **Anne Tubridy**, Friend of 50 Years, from Betty Ann Ougland
- **Ann Tubridy**, by Kathleen Heinzinger
- **Barbara Sovereign**, longtime member of Delta Lambda
- **Barbara Sovereign**, by Mickey Miyamoto, a friend
- **Beverly Fedor**, by Omicron, Area 13
- **The Wahine Area Directors (2003-2005)** donate in memory of fellow Area Directors:
- **Beverly Demorest, Penny Zarrett, and Diann Bradshaw.**
- **Carolyn Kirn**, a friend of DKG Epsilon Lambda, Area XIV
- **Cindy Flertcher**, Kathleen Heinzinger
- **Daniel Twyman**, friend, by Ellen Owens
- **Dee Constanti**, past President, Zeta Theta
- **Donna Stevenson**, Mother to everyone in DKG, by Daphne Cagle
- **Dorrie Beaumont**, former member is remembered by her chapter, Beta Epsilon, Area IX
- **Dorrie Beaumont**, by Mary Marchi
- **Edwina Luverne Hinton Stoll**, former member, by Zeta Psi, Area 4
- **Jeannine Henderson Hodges**, former Area VI Director, LIFE board member
- **Katherine White**, former member of Beta Tau
- **Kim Koerner** former member of Delta Epsilon, by Area 12
- **Laurie Walters**, 1<sup>st</sup>. VP Kappa Alpha Chapter, by Daphne Cagle
- **Liz Groelle**, by Carol Boyd
- **Lorraine Secor**, Mickey Miyamoto, a friend
- **Lorna Drake**, Chapter member, by Eta Upsilon
- **Margaret Tompkins**, by Delta Lambda Chapter
- **Mary Lou Pope**, by Kathleen Heinzinger
- **Mary Thomas**, remembered by Dr. Herb Bartelt, Jr.
- **Mel Barr**, by Letty Yamada
- **Mel Barr**, by Gloria Bracco
- **Trudie McEwen**, Mary Marchi
- **Wilma Ferguson**, former member of Beta Iota, by Area 12





## Circles of Giving 2022

### \$20 to \$49 Supporter

Beta Alpha  
Barbara Stryson  
Kathy O'Leary  
Letty Yamada  
Gloria Bracco  
Theta Iota



### \$50 to \$74 Bronze

Delta Nu  
Delta Omega  
Elizabeth Topkis  
Epsilon Beta  
Epsilon Epsilon  
Eta Beta  
Eta Eta  
Epsilon Lambda  
Gamma Zeta  
Mickey Miyamoto  
Wahine Area Directors  
Zeta Psi



### \$75 to \$99 Silver

Alpha Upsilon



### \$100 to \$199 Gold

Area 12  
Area 13  
Beta Epsilon  
Beta Omicron  
Beta Tau  
Bylaws Committee  
Carol Boyd  
Delta Sigma  
Daphne Cagle  
Ellen Owens  
Eta Iota  
Eta Upsilon  
Hazel Powel  
Kelley Powers  
Martha Hawley  
Omicron  
Peggy Cecchetti  
Sigma, Area 7  
Tau, Area 17  
Toni Cook  
Zeta Theta



### \$200 or more Platinum

Alpha Upsilon  
Area 2  
Area 6  
Betty Ann Ougland  
Donna Fleischer  
Delta Lambda  
Epsilon Omicron  
Dr. Herb Bartelt  
Kathleen Heinzinger  
Mary Marchi  
Sandy Bell  
Steve Hodges





## The LIFE Foundation Grant Awards 2022

- Natalie Kidder, Area IV, Another Chapter Class Sponsorships
- Margaret Rodrigues, Gamma Alpha, Area V, Little Libraries
- Doris Christopher, Gamma Chi, Area XVI, Lobby Literacy Plus
- Kathleen Brinkerhoff, Zeta Theta, Area IV, Zeta Theta LIFE Grant
- Carol Galvez, Beta Lambda, Area II, Serff and Community Wide Book in Common
- Jane Gallagher, Area VI, Little Red Readers
- Erika Cantrell, Beta Omicron, Area XII, Literacy For All
- Patricia Logan, Alpha Epsilon, Area XVII, Bring Your Own Book
- Lea Van Diepen, Beta Delta, Area X, Harry Potter Interactive Unit
- Shelley Fleming, Eta Chi, Area X, Audiobooks, An Alternate Path to Reading & Literacy
- Elizabeth Irwin, Delta Xi, Area VI, Delta XI Book Project
- Victoria Lahney, Iota Phi, Area VIII, Literature Circle – Book Club
- Melanie Miller, Theta Eta, Area XVI, Books For Babies
- Kristen Silverbush, Epsilon Chi, Area VI, Family Engagement
- Judy Law, Eta Iota, Area XVI, Holiday Literacy Project
- Nancy Rogers-Zegarra, Eta Upsilon, Area I, Share the Joy of Reading with CYRM Books
- Teri Ralston, Beta Alpha, Area II, Books For Kids
- Teresa Koontz, Zeta Nu, Area VIII, Read About Robots
- April Palluconi, Eta Chi, Area X, Classroom Leveled Reading Book Library
- Caryl Rainey, Gamma Iota, Area XI, Keep Books
- Nadine Shozuya, Kappa Gamma, Area XI, Where I Live, There Are Rainbows
- Alishia Cleve, Epsilon Chi, Area VI, Transitional Kindergarten Literacy Project
- Janett Tarjan, Alpha Alpha, Area VII, Books and School Supplies For CASA of Kern County
- Eve Somers, Gamma Upsilon, Area XI, Appreciation of African American Scientists & Mathematicians
- Asha Edwin-Kent, Area X, Honor Heroes Through Art

## LIFE Foundation Financial Report

### 2021-2022

The past three years have been anything but normal. So, I am going to share with you a picture of the LIFE Foundation's income and expenses over the past four years so you have a better understanding of the finances.

	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Donations	\$ 6,976.52	\$ 5,213.17	\$ 9,483.82	\$ 5,572.71
Raffle/Auction	\$ 4,743.03	\$ 910.00	\$ 000	\$ 2,754.37
Amazon Smile	\$ 28.44	\$ 180.19	\$ 59.63	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,747.99</b>	<b>\$ 6303.36</b>	<b>\$ 9543.45</b>	<b>\$ 8,327.08</b>
Expenses	(\$ 2,103.59)	(\$ 989.17)	(\$ 130.00)	(\$ 362.05)
Grants	(\$13,350.00)	(\$10,096)	(\$7,837.00)	(\$17,267.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$15,453.59)</b>	<b>(\$ 11,085.17)</b>	<b>(\$ 7,967.00)</b>	<b>(\$17,629.05) *</b>
<b>Profit or Loss</b>	<b>(\$3,705.60)</b>	<b>(\$ 4,781.81)</b>	<b>\$ 1,576.45</b>	<b>(\$ 9,301.97)</b>
Reserves Balance	\$ 28,906.84	\$ 24,125.03	\$ 25,701.48	\$ 16,649.51 *Before convention expenses

In the chart you can see how our bottom line is still secure but continues to decline. Our income rarely matches the amount of money we spend on grants. In 2021 we did not receive very many grants, donations were generous, and our reserves increased a bit. The income figure for this year, of course, does not include the Raffle or the expenses from Convention. However, the number of grants was 25 and we gave the largest amount of money in years. So, after paying for hotel and travel, I estimate that we will have a reserve of about \$14,000.

Your donations have been generous, and we appreciate that, as do the women who receive the grants. A big thank you to Area 6 who raised \$400 for LIFE at their Founders' Day in honor of Jeannine Hendersen Hodges. Also, thank you Areas 2, 12, and 13 for their generous donations. It is our hope that every Area will eventually hold a small fundraiser each year for LIFE.



**START THINKING ABOUT WHAT LITERACY PROJECTS YOU WANT TO DO FOR YOUR CLASS, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY NOW!**

Applications and instructions can be found at [dkgca.org/LIFE](http://dkgca.org/LIFE).

Grants for 2023-2024 are due March 1, 2023.

Please note – Follow the instructions for completing the application carefully. Not only include a description of your project but also an **anticipated budget** and an explanation of the how you will be co-funding your project. The LIFE board looks forward to hearing from you about your literacy project!

