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Gayle's Garden

The Area VIII conference on March 6, 2010 at Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort in Solvang was a great success.

Our guest speaker, Mindy Johnson - Retired Superior Court Judge, told an entertaining and inspiring story of breaking the gender barriers to be a lawyer/judge during the times of women and racial "quotas" in law schools and the business world. Imagine that! Truly an amazing story!

In addition, congratulations to Julie Cohen! She is our Golden Apple recipient. A beautiful day, good food, great speaker, lovely location, DKG fellowship – not a better way to spend the day.

Our next general meeting is set for April 19, 2010 at 4:00 in the Arroyo library. We will vote on bylaw changes, wrap up this year, and begin planning for 2010-2011. Let me know if you can't make the meeting but want to be involved in one of our activities.

Until then,

Gayle



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Meeting-Mon., April 19

4 P.M.

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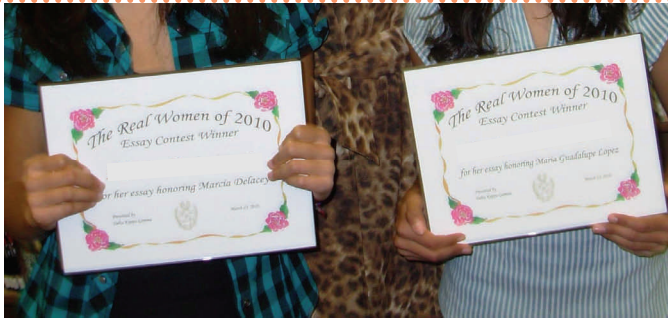
Please come!



Bring items
for Jared
Boxes!

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Real Women Essay Prizes Awarded



On Tuesday, March 23, in the Hillside Middle School library, Delta Kappa Gamma members celebrated the winners of the 19th annual “Real Women Essay Contest.”

Five students, Cynthia G., Benjamin G., Michelle R., Nicole R., and Melissa S., representing Hillside and Valley View Middle Schools, were recognized as contest winners.

DKG invited eighth grade students at Simi Valley’s three middle schools to submit essays that reflected information gained from an interview of a woman whom they deeply admire. Each essay detailed the reasons the student considered this woman to be a roll model and worthy of esteem.

Eta Omega members Mary Dobrowalski, chairperson, Bonnie Bartlett, Patty Lebow, Sigrid Likins, Sharon Thomas read and evaluated the many essays submitted and selected the top 5 for awards. Pam Isaac also served on the committee and helped with the ceremony.

Award winners, their families, and their honorees attended the presentation ceremony. Teachers and principals of winning students were also present.

Each winning essay was read by the student or the student’s teacher, then Mary Dobrowalski gave each student a framed certificate, two red roses (one for the honoree), and a DKG pen.

Following the award presentations, all were invited to enjoy cake and soft drinks.

It was a meaningful and moving experience for all in attendance!



Our Jared Boxes were a hit at Valley Presbyterian

Here's a thank you letter I received for the Jared Boxes. They would like some more boxes. I will be glad to host another "make the boxes" session. Members: please start collecting items, especially for ages 4-10, I would appreciate it. Also does anyone have the paints needed to decorate the boxes? I will go out and buy the boxes. Thanks. Katharyn (See below for details.)

February 26, 2010

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
c/o Mrs. Katharyn Cross



Dear Katharyn and Delta Kappa Gamma Society,

First of all, I am very sorry for taking so long in writing to thank all of you for the beautiful Jared Boxes that were delivered at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in 2009. These beautiful unique boxes were a great success and made an exceptional impression with the young patients and their parents. We are very grateful to all of you for volunteering, creating and donating these precious boxes.

We look forward to continuing to work with your society and when you have the time your donated Jared Boxes will be most welcomed again at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Hope you are all having a wonderful year. Again thank very much for helping to bring a smile to our Pediatric surgery patients. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Virginia Napoles
Director Patient Relations
& Volunteer Services.



What Is a Jared Box?

It's a shoebox size plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, cards, and games. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are delivered to hospitals and are given to chronically ill

children. The Jared Boxes provide a special diversion for young patients as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments.



What's in a Jared Box?

Age-appropriate items for a boy or a girl age 2—young teen: books, crayons, markers, coloring books, writing journals, word searches, Matchbox cars, card games, puzzles, silly-putty, Play-Doh, bubbles, stickers, fun costume jewelry, and small toys. No food, used items, or hair products please.

See www.thejaredbox.com for info.