ALPHA/THETA THOUGHTS

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

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November Meeting

The joint meeting of Alpha and Theta Chapters will be held on SATURDAY, November 7 at 11:30 AM at the Los Compadres Restaurant in the South Creek Shopping Center at the corner of South Virginia and Foothill Road.

Our speaker will be from the Food Bank and we will have an opportunity to learn of their mission and activities, including their new Childhood Learning Center. You are encouraged to bring some canned or boxed food to donate to the Food Bank.

Los Compadres has an extensive menu, including both breakfast and lunch specials and it is suggested that bringing cash will simplify our check out.

December Luncheon

November 27th is the deadline to make reservations for the Christmas Luncheon on December 5th, 11 AM at Mimis Cafe. Xi Chapter is hosting and promises a joyful celebration with raffle prizes and entertainment.

Please check the form you have received by email to select your entree. Enclose a $35 check made out to Xi Chapter and send to Seal Neroda, 3909 Kings Row, Reno 89503



Changes for the Future

by Janice Clarke

The Washoe County School District has been in the process of reevaluating a number of elementary schools due to the aging of buildings, shifting enrollments, strategic use of limited resources and plans for optimal learning environments. The schools being considered for change include Kate Smith, the Old Stead building, Roger Corbett, Veteran's Memorial, Smithridge, Dodson.

Some of the possible proposed uses for these older buildings are child care centers, community housing and youth support centers.

Pine Middle School closed this year and students are attending Vaughn, which has been reconstructed. The Pine site will have a new K-5 school and will include students from Smithridge, and some students from Dodson, Glenn Duncan and Lemelson Stem School.

Veterans and Corbett are scheduled to be closed in June. Libby Booth will be modernized and have new students, while Echo Loder will have a new state of the art building to accommodate their students plus some from Veterans and Corbett.

Other communities have faced losing their traditional schools and it is a difficult adjustment for some. I recently watched the TV coverage of the parents of the school where I taught in Portland, Oregon (built in 1911) protest that school's closure.

Hopefully these new schools will be assets to help our children learn and grow.

October Meeting

Twelve Alpha and Theta members met for a lunch at Ardynne's Sprinkle's home on October 17. We were celebrating the USA's 250th Birthday and our own heritages. Jane Barnes shared information on immigration to the US over many years and showed maps where people from different countries settled. Then we told our individual family stories and shared food that represented these countries of origin.

by Lynda Siminske

