



Coast California Council

Chatterbox

Lighting the Path of Friendship

April 2008

Dear Sisters in OCCC,

Wow, this past year has flown by and I have been truly blessed to have the love and support of all of you as I have served as your President. Thank you to each and everyone for this. We have had so much fun but also sorrow in the lost of our dear friend, Boots Morris, who gave so much to all of us. She will be truly missed but has left us with wonderful memories to cherish. I must give a special thank you to the “Flashers” for all their hard work in making this a tremendous year. And to all the “Lighthouse Keepers” for always being there whenever we needed a helping hand.

Again everyone has gone above and beyond in supporting our Philanthropic Projects. Each year it is so heartwarming to see your support. Thank you.

Well, I am looking forward to attending NHAC, NOCC, SVC and WGAC’s Founder’s Days. I know we will have fun at each of the events.

Then May 10th we will be Installing Christine Morrow and the 2008-2009 OCCC Board. So please mark your calendar to be there at Mile Square Golf Course for “Fashion Through the Ages” hosted by Delta Kappa Chi.

Of course, then we will be off to Fresno to “Celebrate” our 2008 California Convention on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of May. Please come and celebrate with the members of OCCC following the reception at our Cocktail Party on Friday, May 16th. To each of you, many thanks for making this a very special year for me.

Lots of Love,
Jo Ann



Orange Coast California Council
Brunch Meeting March 8, 2008

The March 8, 2008 meeting of Orange Coast California Council was called to order by President JoAnn Spates at the Foxfire Restaurant, Anaheim Hills, at 10:00 a.m. The candles were lit by Vice President Christine Morrow. Donna Wertz gave the invocation and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual.

President - JoAnn welcomed everyone to "Sisters on Safari" hosted by Delta Alpha Nu, NOCC. JoAnn introduced Chairman Suzanne Benet and Co-chairman Bobbie Barry. Suzanne introduced her committee.

Vice President - Christine introduced the International Award of Distinction recipients and thanked them for their years of service and dedication. She then introduced Chapter guests.

There were no corrections or additions to the January 12 minutes as mailed with the February Chatterbox.

Recording Secretary - Linda Economon reported that the Executive Board of Orange Coast California Council met on February 9, 2008 in her home. Any business to come before the membership will be presented under the Chairman's report. Any recommendations will be discussed under New Business.

Corresponding Secretary - Betty Phillips reported that 25 pieces of correspondence were sent from January 11 through March 7 and 15 pieces were received. The total sent to date is 145 and the total received to date is 102.

Treasurer - Betty Jo Patchen reported receipts in the amount of \$678.00 and disbursements of \$1,372.42 since the January brunch meeting. The balance in the checking account is \$8,235.92 as of today. After a transfer of \$7,000.00 to a CD, the balance in savings is \$8,745.02. This report is placed on file subject to audit.

Registrar - Jan Reichert mailed 25 and e-mailed 71 copies of the February Chatterbox for a total of 96. The deadline for the April Chatterbox is April 12. Today there are 25 chapters represented with 140 members and 23 guests present for a total attendance of 163. No chapter has 100% attendance. The chapter with the most members in attendance is Delta Alpha Nu, NOCC with 19.

Vice President - Christine introduced and congratulated the Council Valentine Queens and Princesses. Christine announced that the Convention cocktail party will be on Friday, May 16 immediately following the reception. Invitations were placed in the chapter mailboxes today.

Parliamentarian - Helen Murray reported that nominations for the 2008-2009 Executive Board were closed at the January brunch meeting and there is a single slate of officers. The OCCC audit committee will meet the last week in May to audit the four sets of financial records for the council. The auditors are Grace Reilly, Karen Todd and Debbie Woodward with Ruth Carp as alternate.

Historian - JoAnn reported for Betty Rolnick - Scrapbook judging will be held on June 21 or June 28 and the deadline will be the day before. The judges will be from Mission California Council.

Yearbook Chairman - Jerelyn Sawyer - the awards have been given and the meeting to change the rules was held. Copies of the revised rules have been placed in the chapter's mailboxes.

Directory Chairman Dottie Soteriou announced that the directory packets have been distributed to the city councils and chapters. The deadline for returning the rosters is April 30. To date \$150 for three ads for the front and back covers and inside back page have been received. Ben Franklin Press will print the directory. A proof reading session will be held at Dottie's home at the end of May.

Philanthropic Chairman - Jerelyn Sawyer collected \$960.00 in donations at the January brunch, \$115.00 in the bags on the tables, \$650.00 after the brunch and interest of \$6.19. In lieu of a gift to council, the board made a donation of \$1,000 in memory of Boots Morris. Jerelyn has received back 21 of the 33 Philanthropic ballots that were given to the chapters at the January brunch. The deadline for returning the ballots is March 15. Our totals are:

Cystic Fibrosis	\$3,414.08
Stanford Kidney	3,239.08
Bay Area Lupus	2,064.08
Scleroderma	2,113.06
Total	\$10,830.30

Jerelyn asked for donations from the membership. Valentine Ball Chairman, Christine Morrow, and the committee presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 for the four Philanthropic projects.

Community Service Chairman - Bobbie Varner reported that \$185.00 in donations and \$92.00 from

the 50/50 drawing were received at the January brunch. The current balance including \$1.47 interest is \$7,101.67. She asked for donations from the membership.

Protocol Chairman - Jackie Harman - the annual Protocol meeting was held at Jackie's home on January 23. Many changes were made to the Brunch Hostessing Procedures. The changes were approved by the board at their February 9 meeting and copies have been given to chairmen who have brunches in the near future. The changes have been given to Dottie for the 2008-2009 directory. Any suggestions for the May Intrastate meeting need to be given to Jackie in writing by April 1, 2008.

Immediate Past President - Charlene Farwell reported \$760.00 was donated to Scholarship at the January brunch for a donation total to date of \$3,305.00. This year's scholarship recipients will be honored at the July brunch. Charlene asked for donations from the membership.

Director Sponsor - Donna read her thought for the day.

The members of Delta Kappa Chi, WGAC, presented the skit for the May brunch. It will be held at Mile Square Golf Course in Fountain Valley on May 10, 2008. The theme is "Fashions through the Ages".

Unfinished Business:

Helen Murray read the following proposed By-Law change:

Article VI – Election of Officers; Section 2, J. now reads "Only two (2) members from any one Chapter may be nominated for, or appointed to, the Executive Board of OCCC. In a year that OCCC hosts a State Convention, the Protocol Chairman, Immediate Past President and Convention Chairman and Co-Chairman would be exempt from this rule." The recommendation is to change to read; "Only two (2) members from any one Chapter may be nominated for, or appointed to, the Executive Board of OCCC, with the exception of the Immediate Past President. In a year that OCCC hosts a State Convention, the Protocol Chairman, Convention Chairman and Co-Chairman, would be exempt from this rule."

Rose Hrovat, Laureate Delta Nu, NOCC, moved that we accept this By-Law change. The motion carried.

New Business:

Sandee Rogers, Laureate Beta Nu, WGAC, moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion carried. The officers for the 2008-2009 OCCC Executive Board are:

President	Christine Morrow	Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC
Vice President	Bobbi Varner	Laureate Beta Nu, WGAC
Recording Secretary	Evelyn Lambert	Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC
Treasurer	Denise Kuhns	Laureate Eta Beta, SVC
Director Chairman	Linda Peterson	Beta Omicron Master, Ind.
Philanthropic Chair	Annie Minium	Laureate Beta Nu, WGAC
Community Service	Betty Robinson	Preceptor Zeta Tau, NOCC

The Executive Board recommended that we suspend OCCC chapter dues for 2008-2009. Grace Reilly, Laureate Delta Nu, NOCC moved that we accept this recommendation. The motion carried.

The Executive Board recommended the following change to Standing Rule 9, Section A:

It now reads "Directory ads will become available for sale at the conclusion of the January meeting and will be awarded to the earliest U.S. postmarked application received after the meeting date. If more than one application arrives with the same postmarked date, a drawing will be held between those ad applications."

The changed standing rules would read "Directory ads will become available for sale following the meeting with the Council Directory Chairmen and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis to the individuals who supply a completed ad contract and check. Council Directory Chairmen are to verify with the OCCC Directory Chairman that no one from another Council has already submitted the required documents and purchased the inside and back covers before committing to the individual requesting either of these ads." Candy Teubert, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC, moved that we accept this change. The motion was defeated.

Chapter drawings and the donation drawing were held President JoAnn thanked everyone for attending today and thanked Delta Alpha Nu for a wonderful brunch. We look forward to the May Brunch, "Fashion through the Ages".

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m. with all members standing for the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Economon, Recording Secretary

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Registrar	Linda Glauberman, NOCC
Parliamentarian	Charlene Farwell, SVC
Protocol	Helen Murray, WGAC
Directory Chairman	Linda Peterson, Independent
Philanthropic	Annie Minium, WGAC
Community Service	Betty Robinson, NOCC
Director/Sponsor	Jackie Harman, NOCC
Yearbook	Donna Wertz, WGAC
Historian	Jerelyn Sawyer, Ind
IPP	JoAnn Spates, WGAC
Honorary Member	Kathy Scharnhorst, NHAC

Theme: A Good Friend is the Best Accessory

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCCC Brunch
Fashion Through the Ages
Saturday, May 10, 2008
Miles Square Golf Course, Fountain Valley
Chair: Kelly Murray
Co-chair: Karen Bush



You still have time!!

It's not too late for chapters to make a *donation* to the OCCC Philanthropic Fund

OCCC Membership is the *most generous* when it comes to making *donations*

The OCCC Philanthropic Fund will be *happy* to receive your *donations!*

The deadline for any *donations* is April 26

Mail your *donations* to OCCC Philanthropic Chair Jerelyn Sawyer.

Thank you!



CAPE SPENCER LIGHTHOUSE
CIRCA: 1924

Oh the stories that can be told of life at lonely Cape Spencer Lighthouse, AK. According to Coast Guard lore, no one ever reported sober to begin his year-long tour of duty on the rock, and that single year of service for some seemed more like a life sentence. At this remote outpost, it was said that the Coast Guard motto had been changed from “Semper Paratus (Always Prepared)” to “Simply Forgotus.” Work crew stays at the lighthouse had to be extended as inclement weather prevented a helicopter from reaching them.

Cape Spencer is an important turning point for vessels sailing between Southcentral and Southeast Alaska. North of Cape Spencer, ships are exposed to the full fury of the ocean as they are forced to transit the Outside Passage, but at Cape Spencer, ships can turn east and pass through Cross Sound and Icy Strait to reach the relatively calm waters of the Inside passage.

A beacon at Cape Spencer was requested as early as 1906, but it wasn't until 1912 that this rocky region received its first light – an unmanned acetylene lantern. Funds for a lighthouse to properly mark Cape Spencer were later granted, and construction commenced in May of 1924. One can only imagine how difficult the initial landings on the rocky islet must have been made. Surely the first project completed was the landing platform and derrick to facilitate the transfer of further supplies to the construction site.

As evidenced by the following stories, a year's tour of duty at Cape Spencer seems to have provided ample material for a lifetime of interesting dinner conversations. Paul Reager was stationed at Cape Spencer during 1946. He recalls that the station's groceries came from Pelican City, but the weather often interfered with their regular arrival. As a result, at times they had to be both creative and conservative with their supplies. “I once made a lemon pie out of brass polish, which was high in citric acid. Made a darn good pie too,” remembers Reager. The crew also saved all its cigarette butts and used a rolling machine to make new cigarettes.

The Coast Guardsmen stationed at Cape Spencer provided weather reports to nearby villages and private fishing vessels, and kept the light and radio functioning. Still, there was plenty of downtime for the men, which isn't always a good thing. To pass time, Reager remembers they “did some fishing and some boxing, and sometimes the boxing wasn't just for fun. When you are on a three-quarter-acre rock for 12 months with two other men, you do have disagreements.”

The Coast Guard removed the Fresnel lens from Cape Spencer in 1974, the same year in which the lighthouse was reportedly unmanned. The small lighthouse, perched atop the 70-ft tall rock, is still considered an important navigational aid and receives regular Coast Guard visits. These crews are likely glad their stays at the secluded station last only a few hours or at most a couple days.