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WOMEN EDUCATORS CONVENE TO DREAM – BELIEVE – CREATE

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization of women educators, will hold its annual Chi State Convention May 2-4 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame. Members and guests come together to celebrate achievements and foster personal and professional growth. Those who have not yet had an opportunity to register are invited to do so on site throughout the three-day convention beginning Friday, May 2 at 1:00 pm; the Convention will close at 11:30 am on Sunday. Registration forms are also available on the chistate.org website.

The “Dream-Believe-Create in 2008” Convention will draw more than 500 of its more than 7,000 California members to participate in a choice of 26 of interest sessions including topics such as legislative issues, enhancing math instruction, leadership development and utilizing Feng Shui practices. Highlights of the convention include “Celebrating Chi State Women in the Arts” on Friday evening; local award-winning children’s author Cynthia Chin-Lee who will deliver the keynote speech, “Creating with Words”, during the Saturday luncheon event; and the presentation of Distinguished Service Awards to Ruth Diekman and Julia Harper during the Saturday evening banquet. In addition, entertainment at the banquet will be provided by the Déjà vu Middle School Band from the Santa Clara Unified School District. The Ceremony of Remembrance, honoring members who have passed away this year, will be held before the Sunday morning breakfast and final session featuring Valerie Boer speaking on “Creating Changes from Curbside to Congress”.

Members have been asked to bring books which will be donated to local elementary, middle, and high schools to encourage the joy of reading; presentation of the donated books will be made during the Saturday luncheon when this year’s scholarship recipients will also be announced. The Learning is for Everyone (LIFE) Foundation of Chi State will award Learning and Literacy Grants for outstanding Chapter projects and elect three new directors. New chapter presidents, who begin serving a two-year term July 1, will participate in leadership training on Friday afternoon. Other activities include a Members’ Mall as well as member and non-member vendors.

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