



ZETA ZETA NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma, CA State, Area III, Zeta Zeta Chapter

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting



A representative from the Police Dept. will give us updates on safety in the San Ramon area including pointers on both personal and home safety.

Our November meeting will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, November 20th**. The menu choices sound wonderful:

- 1) **Garlic Rosemary Roasted Chicken Breast with Cranberry Orange Buerre Blanc, Mashed potatoes, and roasted winter vegetables.**
- 2) **Mushroom Risotto + Truffle Oil + Shaved Parmesan Cheese**

Served with Butternut Squash Soup - Crispy Sage, with Crème Fraiche. Also included is Pumpkin Pie and Whipped Cream for dessert. YUM! Warm rolls and butter, and coffee and tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

**5:30 Social! 5:45 Icebreaker
6:00 Dinner + meeting**

Please send your **\$37.00** to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, November 12th**. Email is denimbd@yahoo.com, and phone is (925) 837-4542. Denise has to have your reservations **eight** days in advance. Checks should be made out to **DKG/ZZ**. She must have your verification via email or phone even if she hasn't received your check. Once you verify that you are coming, you are responsible for the \$37.00. **Denise will be gone from the 5th to the 12th, so she asks that you send in your check EARLY - before she leaves on the 5th.**

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS::

November: Gail Costello, Carmen Curtis, Catherine Deehan, Raquel Del Fiorentino, Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Diane Drain, Peggy Ebersole, Janet Ellman and Joan Ernst.

Each contributor should bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice **OR** \$10 in cash, all **WRAPPED**, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped.

Vision Statement

Key Women Educators Impacting Education

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Fall is in the air...trees are beginning to lose their leaves, pumpkin patches are everywhere, and mornings are crisp and clean smelling. We had a fabulous Area III Conference: Our own **Diana Sawin** was an extraordinary organizer, baskets were better than ever, and the speaker was informative and pulled at our heart strings. **Denise Dolan** and one honoree from each chapter were honored. There were silent auction items, and the DKG store was set up so we could purchase many special items. We had the most in our chapter attending: **Jackie Adams, Carmen Curtis, Denise Dolan, Kit King, Patt Low, Georgia Moore, Bobbie Mortensen, Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, and Joannie Wedell** were there. Present were also many honored guests from CA State...

2019 AREA III CHAPTER HONOREES

Alpha Omega	Janie Dobbs
Delta Gamma	Gayla Peek
Delta Zeta	Susanne <u>Sharpnack</u>
Epsilon Omega	Mary Mallet
Zeta Beta	Sue Kitchen
Zeta Zeta	Denise Dolan
Zeta Mu	Jean Runge
Zeta Phi	Linda Koistinen
Theta Psi	Beverly <u>Demorest</u>

HONORED GUESTS

Sue Noyes	DKG CA President
Heidi Chadwick	Past DKG CA President, Past DKG Southwest Regional Director
Toni Cook	DKG CA First Vice-President DKG International Communication and Marketing Committee
<u>Kathlan Latimer</u>	DKG CA Second Vice-President
Daphne Cagle	DKG CA Expansion Coordinator, DKG International U.S. Forum Southwest Representative 2020 CA Convention Co-Chair 2020 CA Convention Co-Chair 2019 CA Convention Chair
Janice Allen	DKG CA Membership Committee
Diana Sawin	DKG CA Nominations Committee Chair
Sue Hughes	DKG CA Global Awareness Committee Chair
Meg Hurt	DKG CA Membership Committee
Olithia O'Toole	DKG CA Newsletter Editor
Dr. Carol Boyd	DKG CA Area III Director
Marilyn Reid	Past DKG CA Area IV Director
Virginia Williamson	
Susan Fujii	
Vivian <u>Reif</u>	

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Alpha Omega	Susan Fujii
Delta Gamma	Ginny Layton
Delta Zeta	Anna Wall
Epsilon Omega	Cindy Crawford
Zeta Alpha	Antoinette <u>Schlobohm</u>
Zeta Beta	Carolyn Brandes, Terry <u>Faherty</u>
Zeta Zeta	Kit King, Diana Sawin
Zeta Mu	Pat Boyle, Kathy Brooks
Zeta Phi	Linda Braga, Janet Yoshida
Theta Psi	Beverly Demorest, Susan Salinero

The speaker was **Kari McAllister**, who spoke on *Transgenderism: Building Bridges Together*. She was an awesome speaker as she addressed many personal issues regarding being a transgender person, and how she knew that she was not the person she was meant to be early in her life. She lived her life as a man who was a truck driver, a leader, a task master, and the manager of the Lafayette Theater. She was married for a brief time and lived in fear of being discovered for who she really was. Kari had two closets: one filled with men's suits, and one with female attire. She decided to write an email to her friends telling all in September of 2004. Many replied supporting her decision. Now she feels great joy and her main goal is to live with integrity and be honest about herself. As to how to address a transgender, Sir, Miss, or Ms., just ask. Kari received a standing ovation!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED...

SIGNING UP FOR MY DKG: If you haven't signed up yet for MYDKG online, here's how to do it. Type <http://www.dkg.org> in your browser. You will see MYDKG at the top in the black box. Click on it and Register. It will ask for your **user name**. Type in your member number as your user name. Get it from Sue Robinson, or look on your membership card, or in your directory from last year. Next it will ask for your password. Use **dkg2014society** for a temporary password, until you log in and change it to a new password. You will need to fill out a profile sheet that is easy and brief. Then you can access many resources. Success!

CA STATE PRESIDENT, Sue Noyes spoke to us at the conference. She is pictured on page 10. She told us the new biennium theme, ***Crossing Bridges Together***. It is everyone's responsibility to grow membership and to contribute to the chapter. There are two videos available online about DKG. They are called ***Each One Reach One*** and ***Be a Member***. She suggested that we look at the many resources available to us online, and if possible, visit another chapter.

ANGEL GIFTS: **Marilyn Steichen** will be sending out envelopes with the name of your teen and suggestions for a gift. Please don't spend over \$50.00, as equality is important when they open their gifts. **You should bring your gift with the tag on it to the November meeting OR deliver it in person to Marilyn Steichen.**

COMMITTEES: I have posted the latest updates to the committees on the next page. **Committee Chairs, please contact your members to discuss your responsibilities by phone, email, or in person via a committee meeting.** As you know, one of our goals for this biennium is to **Be Involved**. One of the ways we do this is by dividing up the many interest areas of the society into committee groups. If a member signed up for a specific committee, it's important that they be contacted by the person in charge of that committee, in order for them to be involved.

SCHOLARSHIPS: There are many scholarships available to YOU, as a DKG member. To read the list you will need to go online to dkgca.org or dkg.org. Due dates vary, so the sooner you find out about any that apply to you, the better you will be able to meet the deadline for turning in the application. The Scholarship Committee will inform the members at the next meeting of possible scholarships available to members. The Penne Ferrell Award (Due Nov. 1st) is a monetary award given to 1st through 3rd year non-member teachers who have not received it in the past. The Hostelship Road Scholar Award (like **Stephanie Brown-Myers** earned to go to Cuba) is for members only and is due Dec. 1st. There are also scholarships for members to pay for advanced studies and completion of a Doctorate or Master's Degree.

We have a full year planned. Please come and join the fun, fellowship, friends, and food at the November 20th dinner meeting held at Crow Canyon Country Club. Bring a friend, too!

Happy Halloween! 🎃

Diana & Rit

Below is the latest sign up for committees. Several of you who haven't signed up yet, were not at the September meeting. If you find a spot you like, give Kit or Diana a call to sign up. Committee Chairs will be contacting you soon.

ZETA ZETA COMMITTEES

2018 - 2020 (Committee Chairs in Bold & Black) Members in Bold Blue

Co-Presidents: **Kit King** and **Diana Sawin** are **Ex-officio Members on all Committees**

FINANCE: Sue Robinson, Peggy Ebersole, Carol Rowley, _____

MEMBERSHIP: Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, _____,
_____. Nametags: Liz O'Brien

NOMINATIONS: Peggy Ebersole, **Christina Clemens, Dawn Walton- Ary**

CEREMONIES: Carmen Curtis, Shirley Henson, _____,

COMMUNICATIONS: Kit King (Newsletter) _____ Roseann Krane (Yearbook and Website) _____ Barbara Stumph, Terry Magnin (Corresponding Secy.,) _____ Helen Rees & Debbi Grilli (Recording Secy.), Charlene McPherson - Typist) Denise Dolan (Dinner Coordinator) Georgia Moore

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & TUITION GRANTS: Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, Joe-Anne Doyle Karen Yee, Ann Schinske,

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

Programs: Donna Bell, Valerie Kellner, **Pat Hanson, Karen McGregor**

Music & Fine Arts: Barbara Stumph, Christina Clemens, Darla Tuning

Angel Gifts & Homeless Bags: Marilyn Steichen, Dawn Ary

Shepherd's Gate Mini-grant: Marilyn Steichen, **Margaret Batesole, Cyndi Koby, Jamie Beltran, Pam Hovanic (?)**

Backpacks: Charlene McPherson, Jeanette Fitch, **Diane Drain, Roseann Fissore, Cyndi Koby.**

2 Bucks-A-Book - Carly Owens, **Cyndi Koby**

T. H. A. T. Program— Mary Anne Kolda, **Diana Sawin**

Professional Library: Charlene McPherson, **Janet Ellman**

Global Awareness (World Fellowship): Georgia Moore, **Denise Dolan**

LEGISLATIVE/PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS: Karen Yee, **Barbara Stumph, Silvia Orel-lana**

HOSPITALITY: Bobbie Mortensen, **Jackie Adams, Patt Low, Cyndi Koby**

HISTORIAN: Kit King, **Barbara Stumph, Patt Low (Photography)**



Denise Dolan



Denise received her BA in Sociology and in Early Childhood Education at Cal State East Bay. She taught 1st grade at Alamo School from 1972-1981, then transferred to Montevideo School in San Ramon. She taught 1st grade for 4 more years and then taught Kindergarten for 19 years. Denise retired in 2004 after 32 years.

For almost 25 years Denise has been recognized as an outstanding contributing educator of DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution. She has represented DAR by setting up Constitution Week bulletin boards at two elementary schools in San Ramon. Her ancestor is Captain Jonathan Chase from Massachusetts. She belongs to the Mt. Diablo Chapter of DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Denise enjoys being a docent for Indian Life at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (4th grade field trip) and the 1888 Tassajara Schoolhouse (3rd grade field trip). When she first joined the Zeta Zeta Chapter of DKG she was Treasurer for 6 years. Later Denise became our Dinner Coordinator for 19-20 years serving 60 plus members. At various venues she coordinated calendar dates, menus, room set-up, AV equipment needed, and negotiated dinner prices for 35 – 45 members attending chapter meetings!

Denise loves the women in her Zeta Zeta Chapter. She brags that everyone is always so supportive and fun. “The Backpack Project “ is one of her favorite chapter projects.

She loves reading for escape, walking the Iron Horse Trail, and cruising the world. She also loves playing with her almost 7 year old grandson, Cooper. Denise was raised in Alamo when it was definitely the country. She lived at the end of a mile-long dirt road with 3 cattle guards. Her closest neighbors were cows. Denise always wanted to teach in the valley and feels so thankful that she was able to do just that. We love her and wanted to recognize her many years of service to Zeta Zeta by being our 2019 Chapter Honoree at the Area III Conference. Congratulations, Denise!



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA/ZETA ZETA CHAPTER
DINNER PROGRAMS 2019-2020**

REMINDER: Denise needs 8-day advance notice of your attendance!



DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
November 20, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	Safety Suggestions-Police Department focus in our Valley (<i>San Ramon Officer in Charge</i>)
January 15, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 3, 4 & 7	Teen Suicide-One Mother's Story (<i>Jennifer Bayliss</i>) (A look at Senate Bill 428)
February 19, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	Sharing Professional Development used with teachers in Tanzania (<i>Christina Clemens</i>)
** March 18, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 1, 2 & 6	Founders Day – WEAR A HAT! (<i>Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley</i>) + Induction (Initiation) of New Members
April 15, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	Incorporating YOGA into the curriculum. (<i>Kerry Kolda Compton, 4th Grade Teacher</i>)
May 13, 2020 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	PARTY! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!

****Induction (Initiation) prior to regular meeting.**

*****NOTE: DKG 2020 Santa Clara State Convention (May 1-3rd, 2020)**

Creative juices wanted! If you have an idea for a theme for the table decor for the convention, we want to hear from you! The idea will start as something very simple the first meal and each time that attendees sit down for another meal, the centerpiece is added to. We have been thinking about using a hat theme, but we would love to hear what creative ideas you have! We would also love for a couple of ladies to join our team of decorating on the day of - who enjoys working with crafts and enjoys the company of laughter and creativity! Feel free to drop Christina an idea or a commitment to help via email or text.



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A Note from our Legislative Chair

KAREN YEE

Legislative Report, 10/2019

CaIRTA Pension Watch: New Case Studies Find Increased Taxpayer Costs When States Move Employees out of Pension Plans, “The data makes it clear that closing a pension plan to new employees increases taxpayer costs and doesn’t close any funding shortfalls.”

AB-428 Special education funding. (2019-2020) Update

This bill would establish the high-cost service allowance for the purpose of providing supplemental funding to a special education local plan area on the basis of the number of pupils who are severely disabled and the number pupils with both deafness and blindness, traumatic brain injury, or multiple disabilities, and would require the Superintendent to make specified computations that would determine the high-cost service allowance for each special education local plan area.

Lead Authors:

Introduced by Assembly Members Medina, O’Donnell, Frazier, Arambula, and Reyes

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Flora, Fong, Mayes, Brough, Kiley, Santiago, and Wicks)

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Beall, and Wilk)

STATUS: Passed the Assembly, sent to Senate, referred to Com. On appropriations, 6/12/19

Senate:

1st Committee

Assembly: 1st Committee ... 2nd...3rd... Pass

If this funding bill interests you, follow it on leginfo.legislature.ca.gov, make comments to authors, and/or contact your legislative representative.



PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

Charlene McPherson

Have you read a great education-related book recently? **Donations of relevant material to our Professional Lending Library are welcomed.** Share with us items of educational interest you read over the summer. Be sure to check out the great additions Charlene has made to our Professional Lending Library.



TWO BUCKS A BOOK

Bring favorite books that you want to share! Such a deal: Only \$2 dollars a book! A selection of books continues to be available for purchase on the back table. If you have any questions, contact **Carly Owens**.



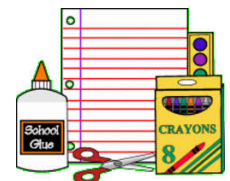
Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

1. To *UNITE* women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To *HONOR* women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To *ADVANCE* the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To *INITIATE*, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavor in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To *ENDOW* scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
6. To *STIMULATE* the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To *INFORM* the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA



VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) welcomes our January replenishing of backpacks for their kids in need. **Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch**, and their committee will attempt to fill every backpack with all the needed supplies. In addition, a small toy or book is much appreciated. We will be collecting your gracious donations through December.



School Supplies Still Needed

Thanks to your generous donations all we need to complete our backpacks are these items - **rulers, 3-ring binders, binder paper, folders, gently used books, and simple business calculators.** Thank you, Zeta Zeta!

**Photo Gallery
from AREA III Meeting!
ENJOY!**

**Well done, Diana
Sawin, Zeta Zeta Co-
President, and
Convention Chairperson.**



**OUR AMAZING ICE CREAM
BASKET MADE BY BOBBIE M.**



**There were many silent
auction items.**





Kari McAllister - Speaker



**Congrats to our Carol!
WINNER**



**DENISE DOLAN
ZETA ZETA HONOREE**



**Denise being presented her
certificate by CA State
President, Sue Noyes**



**THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR
YOUR CHAPTERS**

