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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 friend of **Peggy Ebersole's, Jennifer Bayliss** will be talking about **Teen Suicide- One Mother's Story**. And we will have a look at Senate Bill 428.

Our January meeting will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, January 15th.**. The menu choices are:

1) **Mango Chicken**
2) **Mushroom Ravioli**

Strawberry and spinach salad with a lemon mousse cake for dessert. Warm rolls with 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, January 7th.** 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.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS::
JANUARY: Laura Fereira, Roseann Fissore, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Shirley Henson, Pam Hovanic, Valerie Kellner, and Kit King.
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 Worldwide

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TIS THE SEASON: By now everyone has celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Hanukkah. Yes, it's time to reflect how lucky we are to have the people we care about around us to celebrate this joyous time of the year. It is also another opportunity to make those New Year's Resolutions for 2020. We know how easy it is to take care of everyone else and not carve out time for you. Hopefully, many of you will also take time to do something special for yourself. Let's share in the next ***What's Happening*** *n*ews!

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: **Valerie Kellner** introduced Sergeant Ransom from the San Ramon Police Department where he is the Community Services Officer. Officer Ransom majored in biology at Sonoma State and taught fifth grade before joining the police force in 2005. He spoke about crime prevention in the affluent San Ramon Valley, which attracts crimes like car burglary, package thievery, and residential burglary. Some tips he gave us were: 1) Never keep a purse or wallet in the trunk or shopping bags in the car. 2) Keep house lights on or on a timer. 3) Have an alarm system with cameras. 4) Get a big dog. 5) Have a neighbor collect your deliveries when away. Officer Ransom said that evidence, especially DNA, is very important to convict and incarcerate a burglar. Thank you Valerie for contacting Sergeant Ransom as our guest speaker for November. We received timely tips to keep safe.

ANGEL GIFTS: Kudos once again go to our **Marilyn Steichen** who organized and delivered all the Angel Gifts to VESTIA so teens could have a gift for Christmas. **33 Angel gifts** were delivered in early December. And thank you all who were generous and donated a gift.

BACKPACKS/Professional Library – **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** thanked members who signed up to help with backpack preparation in January. We receive generous donations of supplies and books from both members and friends of Zeta Zeta to this year's project. They also thanked members who signed up to help at VESTIA's Holiday Warehouse. **Janet Ellman** has volunteered to help with the Professional Library and will be offering book talks.

JANUARY MEETING: Our January meeting is at Crow Canyon on January 15 . It should be an enlightening evening! Come and join us. It will be nice to see everyone and to start the year off — seeing all your Zeta Zeta smiles and getting big hugs too!

HELP US GROW: Keep on recruiting new members, by inviting friends and fellow educators to our meetings. Happy New Year!

Diana & Kit

In the Spotlight

Melanie Carbrey

Melanie Carbrey is one of our newest members. She joined Zeta Zeta this past March. Melanie got her BA in Education at Southern Connecticut State University and taught fifth-eight grade math in Connecticut. She also taught an EL/LD combo for grades 1-3, When she moved with her husband Frank to California, she taught 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades at Green Valley Elementary School in SRVUSD or 17 years until she retired. She also taught at Mt. Diablo First Grade. She did her CA credential and master's studies at Chapman University.

She has three children, Colleen 36 , Katie 34, and Sean 32. Melanie enjoys reading, singing, writing, (She is working on a children's book and is a painter), quilting, crocheting, hiking, traveling, and walking. She is a sweet person who is fun to be around. She is active in her church with Focus Living Bible Study and a group called Transitions. Melanie says, "DKG is wonderful, the ladies are friendly, it's philathropic, and it's a group of strong women who are eager to give back to education and the world."

Teen Angel Gifts

Marilyn Steichen and soon-to-be a member, **Margaret Batesole** delivered 33 gifts to VESTIA for needy children, most of whom are in the foster child program. Thanks to all of you generous women. Some teen will have a gift for the holidays that they wanted. Pictured below are gift givers!

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA/ZETA ZETA CHAPTER

DINNER PROGRAMS 2019-2020

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

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DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
February 19, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	**Sharing Professional Development used with teachers in Tanzania *(Christina Clemens)***
**March 18, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 1, 2 & 6	**Founders Day – WEAR A HAT! *(Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley)* + Induction (Initiation) of New Members**
April 15, 2020 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	**Incorporating YOGA into the curriculum. *(Kerry Kolda Compton, 4th Grade Teacher)***
May 13, 2020 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	**P A R T Y ! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!**

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

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

Second Call for Help

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.

christinanic2@gmail.com **or 561-644-4854**

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 (**V**olunteer **E**mergency **S**ervices **T**eam **I**n **A**ction) 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 will be included. If you have more supplies or backpacks, please arrange with Charlene or Jeanette a time to bring them over ASAP.

Photo Gallery from NOVEMBER Meeting! ENJOY!

OFFICER RANSOM, SAN RAMON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CANDID SHOTS OF DINNER MEETING!