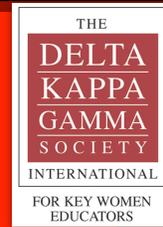


ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



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DKG Vision Statement

Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

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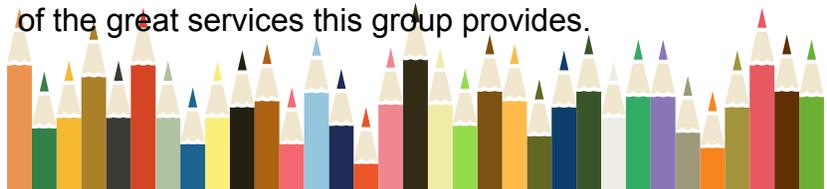
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Dinner Meeting in PERSON!

Our dinner meeting will be at **Forli's Restaurant and Bar** located in the Stone Valley Shopping Center at 3160 Danville Blvd., Suite B, in Alamo on January 19th. We will have our usual icebreaker and social hour at 5:30 with dinner at around 6:00. The Icebreaker is a "mover and groover" activity. You will be able to purchase a drink, (house red and white wine is priced at \$10.00 + optional tip) or your choice of mixed drink. Bring **CASH ONLY!!!** Please send in your choice of Entrée item (next page) and your check of **\$40.00** to **Denise Dolan**, P.O. Box 551, Alamo CA 94507 by **Wednesday, January 12th**, or call Denise if you get late and still want to come.

Here's a note from **Pat Hansen** about the January meeting: "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a Hero to me." (Mr. Fred Rogers). Our speaker for January is from an organization called Hively. It is located in Pleasanton and it is responsible for providing Social Services for children and families. Their Mission is to ensure our community thrives. We will hear about many opportunities we can volunteer to become involved. It will be an awareness experience for us about many of the great services this group provides.



DKG California Vision - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact

Update continued...



Menu of the Evening
To Start:

CAESAR SALAD 



Entree of Choice:

VEAL PICCATA

or

FIOCCHI PASTA

with pear and gorgonzola, arugula and pecans
in a white blue cheese sauce



Dessert:

SPUMONI



For Your Information



Charlene McPherson and **Jeanette Fitch** packed 24 middle grade backpacks to be delivered to VESTIA in the new year. Thank you to all our generous donors. Marilyn Steichen delivered 28 Angel Gifts to needy teens via VESTIA. (VESTIA stands for Volunteer Emergency Service Team in Action). DKG/Zeta Zeta-ers are wonderfully generous. Thanks so much!

We hope you all have had a great time during November and December - whether you celebrated Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, a birthday, or a life experience. Life is to be treasured, moment by moment. Find joy in each day!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and the way they handle twisted Christmas tree lights.” Maya Angelou

Greetings to all of you and your families this season! We have come to the end of 2021 and it has been some year to say the least. Christina and I want to thank all of you for your participation and support during this COVID year, even in the midst of all the personal challenges we've faced this year, we're still standing strong through grace. It was exciting to have our last two gatherings at Forli's for good food, fellowship, and official business. We want to send out a special thanks to our last guest speaker **Courtney Coats** for **Kids Against Hunger** and the amazing work they do.

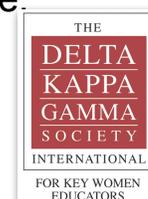
This letter is to provide you with some important information that is pertinent going forward. To begin, several members have agreed to have their names on the 2022-2024 ballot for board positions, but we need to fill the co-presidents position and one more recording secretary positions. We must continue the process for recruitment, and time is of the essence at this point. S.T.E.P. has selected 22 recipients from the state for this year's Penne Ferrell Award which our own **Christina** was a part of the selective process. The three recommendations from **Kit King** and one from **Ann Schinske** were all awarded the scholarship funds. We look forward to honoring them during one of our future meetings and hearing about how funding was used to support literacy in their classrooms.

Looking forward to 2022, we would like to support Kids Against Hunger. We will determine how to support K.A.H. during our next meeting on January 19, 2022. In addition, we are looking forward to excellent speakers brought in by **Pat Hansen** and **Karen McGregor**, to include someone from the Contra Costa County of Education to discuss mental health and wellness for students in Contra Costa County.

In closing, Christina and Dawn want to send you virus free hugs and kisses just for you!! We are very grateful for the special times we've spent with all of you. We hope that during this holiday season we will all take this time to rest and recover so that we can recommit ourselves to the goals and values we share.

Sincerely,

Dawn and Christina



Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

1258 Quarry Lane, Suite H, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Every minute of everyday 10 children die of starvation or malnutrition related diseases.

Kids Against Hunger Bay Area was started in 2010 as a satellite of the national non-profit organization with the mission to feed hungry families around the world and around the corner. Shipments of highly nutritious rice and soy fortified meals are regularly sent to Haiti and areas in the United States experiencing an emergency such as hurricanes, floods, and fires. Recently we have sent shipments to Convoy of Hope and public schools in the area.

We have an all volunteer staff whose aim is to empower children, teens, and adults to be a part of the solution to feed starving children and end world hunger. We hold packing events for all types of groups including large and small companies, service organizations, churches, schools, and sports teams. We also hold events to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

Here are a few ways you can help:

You can book an event with 15 or more people to help us pack at our warehouse in Pleasanton. A \$20 donation per person helps to cover the cost of the ingredients. Each person helps pack approximately 150 meals during our 1.5 hour events. As an individual you can also join any event on our site that doesn't specifically say it's private. Here is the link <https://kahbayarea.org/how-to-help/join-a-packing-event>

You can volunteer to work at a school event in the area where you may be asked to assist the children in filling the meal bags, help with weighing and sealing the filled bags, or keep the supplies filled. You can email Sherri@KAHBayArea.org for more details.

Your donation to cover the cost of ingredients for our bags is always appreciated. <https://kahbayarea.org/how-to-help/donate-online>

Let us know if you'd like to get involved because we have a famous saying that is so true to our vision, "Many Hands Make Light Work", and your hands can easily be part of the solution!
Thanks,



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FORLI'S RESTAURANT



We discussed our most memorable Thanksgiving holiday. **Courtney Coats** won with her description of being in Kenya as her most unforgettable experience!

Some pictures of our November dinner meeting last month. We enjoyed our speaker, **Courtney Coats** from Kids Against Hunger.





Catherine Deehan

Catherine Deehan has her BA in Education, a Masters in School Leadership and a BA in Public Administration. She retired from being a principal at St. Raymond School in Dublin last year. She taught school in both Scotland and Ireland before coming here. Catherine joined our chapter in 2014, and has been a faithful member.

When asked what she has done since she retired, she said that she recently returned from Scotland as her father passed away in October. Catherine has been a busy gal since retiring: They moved to Point Richmond to be close to family, and recently updated their kitchen. They really enjoy traveling in their RV. She and her husband, Martin, have traveled to Palm Springs, Joshua Tree, San Diego, Lassen, Crater Lake, and Newport on the Oregon Coast. They have also visited the Russian River area and Yosemite two times.

Catherine enjoys sewing, knitting, and working on puzzles when they are not sailing with the Tradewinds Sailing Club. She is going to get involved with our chapter and volunteered to be one of our Recording Secretaries. Yippee!! We could listen to her lovely accent forever. Happy retirement, Catherine!

T.H.A.T. Hours

(Teachers Helping Another Teacher)

Due Date	Form and Link	Summary	Person(s) Completing Form
Anytime, Monthly, or by March 15	THAT Reporting Hours  THAT Guidelines	Record your volunteer hours through March 15. The total hours are reported to members during the state convention. Contact: Support Team for Emerging Professionals (STEP)	All Members

Don't forget to go online to find this on dkgca.org, go to Resources, and then click on Forms by ABC Order...then scroll w.a.y down to the bottom and find THAT Hours. Fill out the form by saying how many hours you helped another teacher. IF that seems too daunting, **Diana Sawin** will help you at any meeting or just call her or **Kit King**. She usually brings her laptop to the meetings.

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.



Tentative Meeting Dates (In-person regular dinner meetings) Mark your calendars! More information to follow ... (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

January 19, 2022: Forli's in Alamo Social services rep for kids/families in Alameda

February 16, 2022: Speakers on mental health from the county or SRVUSD.

March 16, 2022: Orientation & Induction of new members. Founder's Day (wear a hat)

April 20, 2022: Kids Against Hunger field trip TBD

May 18, 2022: Fiesta at Carol Rowley's. Ole!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Courtesy of Terry Magnin

Charlene McPherson has started a gratitude journal this month and she is delighted writing a quick page daily about something or someone who makes her grateful. 😊

Kit King has written updates on Matt. He is doing well and had an articulate conversation with his doctor. He is working hard on his aphasia and is on track. She says thanks for all the 🙏 and support.

Marilyn Steichen spent a few days at Lake Tahoe. Many restaurants are closed because of lack of help. She went to Flagstaff for a week and to Monument Valley where she attended a tour by a native Navaho. 🌳

Joannie Wedell said her son Kody Wedell and his girlfriend Anne Marie Lautaret got engaged on October 13, 2021. They met at UC Davis and they are planning a 2023 wedding after her son finishes his masters. Anne Marie is applying to Med School and hopefully by then she'll be accepted and know where she is headed. They are both twenty seven. 🎉🍾

Margaret Batesole and Lola Ganse are performing for the Danville Senior Variety Show at the Village Theater on December 11th at 1:30. Tickets are only \$6 and they are dancing. 💃🕺

Carol Rowley had a fabulous trip to Europe in October 2021! She felt safe and was tested for COVID many times, vaccination record checked, and she wore her mask! She said it was great to travel 🧳🗺️ again.

? said she is renting a cabin/home in Tahoe to celebrate 🎉 Christmas with her family and her sister's family. She is really looking forward to a special week with family!

(Please remember to put your name when you write down what's happening in your life. Will the person above with the question mark please identify yourself.) 😘

Zeta Zeta Favorite Holiday Celebrations PHOTO GALLERY



Sandy Madewell:
Touring the Danube, Salzburg, and my grandchildren around the Christmas tree.



Diana Sawin: Peter and Diana Sawin December 31, 1966



International Hotel Budapest, Hungary - a favorite travel destination at Christmas



Diana Sawin: Christmas Shopping with Granddaughters - Mia, Julia, and Emma



Stephanie Brown-Myers:
Christmas 2019 & 2021



Gail Kamerer:
"Have you been a good girl?"