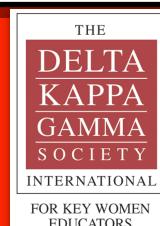


ZETA ZETA NEWS

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.*

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Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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ZETA ZETA UPDATE

Another wonderful Zoom Meeting **Christina Clemens** and **Dawn Walton-Ary** conducted on Wednesday, January 20th. There were 34 people in attendance with four of them being guests. We had an interesting icebreaker, that was extra special, because Christina put us in Breakout Rooms. We discussed the article from our purse or wallet that we selected to tell something about ourselves. It was also a great experience to understand what teachers, children and grandchildren are doing on Zoom for online learning. You will learn more about that next month!

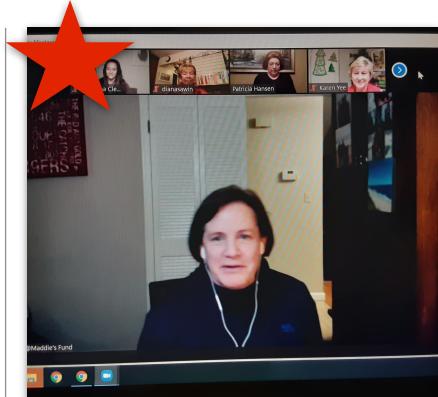
We are Zooming again on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**, when we will hear from a panel of teachers who will give us a look at what online learning really looks like. If you are actively teaching, or supervising online learning from home, please let **Christina Clemens, Pat Hanson or Karen McGregor** know. Christina is the Zoom hostess, and Pat and Karen are the Vice Presidents in charge of Programs. You won't want to miss this one!

We heard from two new teachers who won the Penne Ferrell Award: **Dora Tang** and **Jennifer Yee**. To learn more about them go to page 4.

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DKG California Vision - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact



Lisa Ward, Speaker

WANTED!

We would love some more pictures of you and your family. - or you doing something during the past and present month... We're also interested in pictures of kids learning online. Please keep sending pictures to Kit King via email.)

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“CHANGE FOR CHANGE”

Don't forget to continue to save coins for our “Change for Change” jar. It will be sent to Delta Kappa Gamma's Global Awareness (Schools for Africa) Fund. **OR you could just send a check to Georgia in view of the nature of COVID lockdown.** And thank you, **Georgia Moore**, for facilitating this collection. Her address is in the accompanying email.



Denise Dolan kept the attendance for the meeting. **Present were:** Brenda Aepli, Margaret Batesole, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown Myers, Christina Clemens, Carmen Curtis, Denise Dolan, Diane Drain, Roseann Fissore, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, Terry Magnin, Barbara Manley, Karen McGregor, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, Helen Rees, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, Marilyn Steichen, Dawn Walton-Ary, Joannie Wedell, Karen Yee, and guests Lisa Maher, Dora Tang, Jennifer Yee and speaker, Lisa Ward.

Our Speaker, **Lisa Ward**, with 30 years of experience as an educator in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District since 1987, served as a teacher, middle school principal and Director of Student Services. Lisa holds two Masters Degrees, one in Educational Leadership, and one in Athletic Administration, along with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation - all from Saint Mary's College, Moraga, California. During her undergraduate time at Saint Mary's College, Lisa also competed in Intercollegiate athletics and was inducted into the Saint Mary's College Hall of Fame. She has dedicated her life to education and is extremely excited to carry on the work in education with Maddie's Fund.

Dave and Cheryl Duffield founded Maddie's Fund® in 1994 to honor their delightfully feisty dog. While playing together in the living room one evening, they made her a promise: If they ever had any money, they would use it to help companion animals and the people who love them, so they could experience the same joy they had with Maddie. The rest, as they say, is history. Maddie's Fund, Maddie® University, Maddie's Pet Forum, and Maddie's Shelter Compass are all a result of that commitment.

As Director of Education, Lisa works closely with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and manages the day-to-day activities of Maddie® University. <<https://university.maddiesfund.org>> She also manages, mentors and coaches Maddie University employees while overseeing the management of programs and projects involving animal welfare. What a great opportunity for a dog lover like Lisa, who has three dogs herself. Thanks, Lisa.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER



When we get together to Zoom as Zeta Zeta Chapter of DKG during this cold, rainy weather, our hearts are warm and happy to see and talk to one another. The January 20th meeting was well attended and was full of laughter and good cheer as we tried Breakout Rooms! It was great having four guests. Speaking of guests, please bring a friend to the **February 17th** meeting. Be sure and let one of us know their email address to include them in the Zoom invitation. If a person comes two months, they can be considered for membership. They could come their second time in March, and be inducted. If you have a prospective member, contact **Diana Sawin** or **Kit King**, our Membership Co-Vice Presidents. They will send you the forms that are needed for orientation and induction to take place. An orientation will be conducted with inductees prior to the March meeting.

Our February Zoom meeting will be a panel of teachers taking about distance learning - advantages and disadvantages. If you are an active teacher, or a retired teacher working with a grandchild or some child involved with distance learning, we want YOU. We will be devoting several questions for the panel from those of us who have not seen it in action. If you have questions to be answered, we'd also like to hear from YOU. While we are being informed, lets' have fun with this.

Thanks to **Dora Tang and Jennifer Yee** for coming to the Zoom meeting to tell us about what programs they purchased with their *Penne Ferrell Award* money. We are hoping they decide to join our chapter. Many thanks to **Pat Hansen** and **Karen McGregor** for continuing to get great programs for our Chapter and to **Marilyn Steichen** for organizing our Christmas gifts for foster kids. We have such a great chapter, because everyone is willing to help our chapter thrive. We love having **Karen Yee** keep us informed about what is happening in the legislature and on budget issues.

We enjoyed hearing **Lisa Ward**, speak about Maddie's University and the worthwhile things they do to help rescued animals. The shelters have placed many pets due to the pandemic. She told us three ways that we could help.

1. Foster an animal. (Give a vetted dog a try and a place to live other than in a kennel.)
2. Have a "Dog for the Day" from SPCA (It's like a doggie day out field trip!)
3. Volunteer at a local shelter. (16-18 year olds may be interested.)

We were sad to hear about losing **Gail Faber** mid month, **Peggy Ebersole's** husband, Bruce, passing, and **Ann Schinske's** fall and upcoming surgery. This year is not starting off very well.

Kudos to **Kit King** and **Diana Sawin** for organizing our Ice breaker each month. It's fun to see what they will do next. They are working on a new Membership Committee called Supporting Early Career Educators. More about that on pg. 8. It is **Black History Month**, so if anyone wants to share an activity they are doing with their students or grandchildren, we can share that at the end of the meeting. Great job ladies. Looking forward to seeing you Zooming on February 17th!

Happy Valentine's Day!

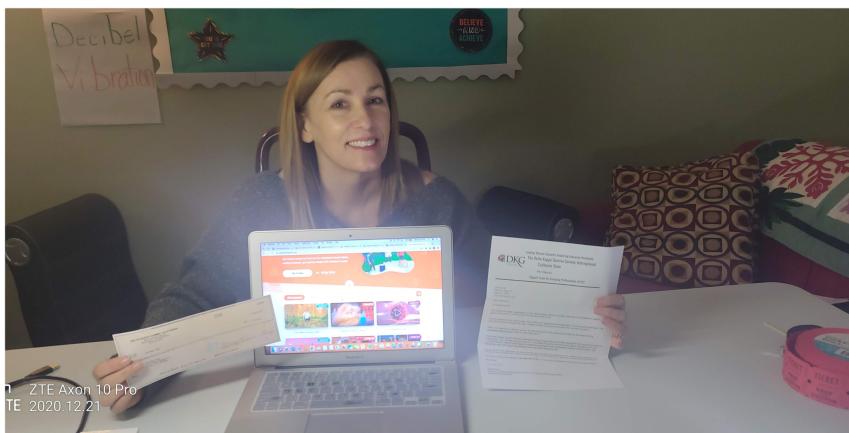


Christina and Dawn



The Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award

Dora Tang applied for the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award in order to purchase mindset read alouds to develop social and emotional skills with her First Graders. Dora teaches at Matthew Turner Elementary in Benicia Unified School District. She is in her 3rd year of teaching. This is her second career, and she loves teaching. Dora wants school and learning to be fun. She goes that extra mile to make sure all students feel included, and meets students where they are academically and emotionally. Sponsored by **Karen Yee**, Dora is her grandson's teacher, so Karen has the pleasure of seeing and interacting with her over Zoom several times a week during his math group.



Jennifer Yee applied for the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award in order to supplement her First and Second Grade Science Curriculum and distance learning at Sycamore Elementary School in SRVUSD. She teaches part time there and teaches reading at a private school as well. The money she received went toward an online program that coordinates with the district's Scope and Sequence, and provides reasonable experiments, movements, and online assessment for her students. She loves this program. Sponsored by **Kit King**, she is pictured here holding up the certificate and showing off the computer program called *Generation Genius*.



Gail Faber joined our chapter in 1974. She was a faithful member for well over 46 years. She passed away this month after celebrating her 93rd birthday on December 10th. She was such a role model as an educator and a woman of faith. She graduated from Cal Berkeley, and taught 2nd, 4th, & 5th grade for 30 years...mostly 4th. She and former member, Michelle Lasagna, wrote 5 history books for fourth graders, *Whispers From the First Californians* (non-fiction), *Whispers Along the Mission Trail*, (non-fiction), *Pasquala, Story of a California Indian Girl* (historical fiction), *Clara Rounds Cape Horn* (historical fiction), and *Clara Rides the Rancho* (historical fiction). These books were used by most fourth grade teachers in SRVUSD and elsewhere in California. She was the CA History Consultant for the district as well.

Gail gave Indian Life presentations at the San Ramon Valley Museum for 25 years and taught at Tassajara One-Room School House for 13 years. Beloved by all who knew her, students and teachers alike, she was selected as Teacher of the Year for 1969-1970.

Active in the community, Gail was Treasurer for the Salvation Army, and was a "bell ringer" at Christmas for them. She volunteered with the Danville/Alamo Garden Club to trim roses for

In Memory of

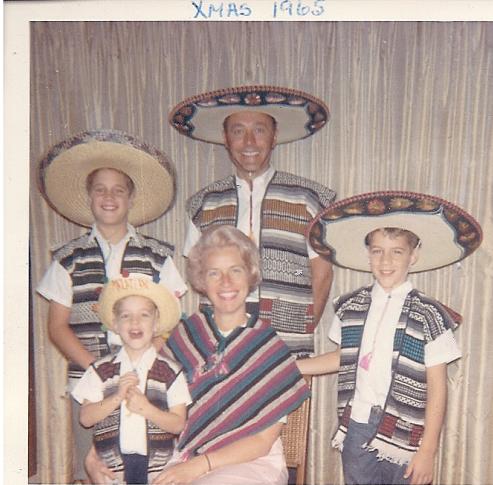
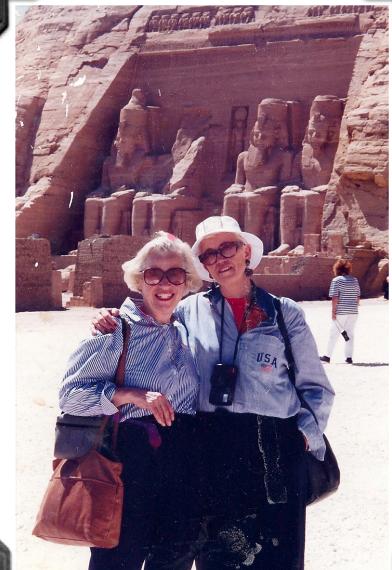
Gail Faber

the Danville Rose Garden. She helped with World Impact in Oakland and was a Stephen Minister and Deacon at Danville's Community Presbyterian Church (CPC). She attended Bible Study Fellowship in Concord and Focused Living Bible Study at CPC for years and talked freely about her faith.

She was Zeta Zeta Historian for 16 years and kept our scrapbooks current. When we have Founder's Day, they are often on display. She served as Recording Secretary for our chapter and helped with our backpack project. Because of her loyal service to Zeta Zeta, she was awarded our Chapter Professional Service Award in 2010. When she no longer could attend meetings, she was made a Reserve Member and faithfully paid her dues each year. Gail was an excellent artist and loved to draw. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and taking care of her grandchildren. She has three sons, Mark, Cameron, and Matthew.

Gail was a wonderful example of a loving, caring person who exhibited the qualities of compassion, humility, and joy. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her son, Cameron said they will be having a service for her when this pandemic is over.

(Pictures of her on the next page.)

In Memory of Gail Faber

Gail and husband, Alan on vacation, and the entire family dressed as in Rancho Days.



Just 4 days before she passed, Gail celebrated her 93rd birthday with long-time friends, Michelle Lasagna and Connie Forslind.



DINNER PROGRAMS 2021

REMINDER: Please let Christina or Dawn know if you can't Zoom with us!

DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
February 17, 2021 (WED.)	Goals 3, 6, 7	Teacher Panel on Distance Learning
March 17, 2021 (WED.)	Goals 1, 2 & 6	Founders Day – WEAR A HAT! Induction (Initiation) of New Members.
April 21, 2021 (WED.)	Goal 7	TBD
May 19, 2021 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	P A R T Y ! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!

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.



**Our
Members
are the
Heart of Our
Society and
the Key to
Our Future**

Membership Ideas

Idea #3

Invite a friend or educator to join our group...Induction is in March. They must attend two meetings before they can be inducted.

**Membership Forms available on CA website
and from Diana Sawin and Kit King**

Membership Committee

Supporting Early - Career Educators ...

Zeta Zeta members have a unique opportunity to support Early Career Educators such as:

- Student Teachers
- Non-member First – Third Year Teachers
- Collegiate Undergraduate and Graduate Students

You may know someone in one of these categories and would be willing to sign-up on the Early - Career Membership Committee. More than ever, First – third year teachers, and now Collegiate students are in need of our support.

Our first step will be a Zoom meeting to brainstorm a plan. If you love working with emerging educators and wish to share the gift of membership in DKG, this committee is for YOU.

CalRTA 2021-22 Budget Summary
By Karen Yee, 1/09/21

The budget estimates Proposition 98 Levels of \$85.9 billion for schools and community colleges for 2020-22, and reflects:

- Per Pupil spending of \$18,837 in 20-21 and \$18,000 in 2021-22.
- LCFF combined COLA for 2021-22 and 2020-21 of 3.84%, a \$2 billion increase.
- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) deferrals of 5.8 billion to be triggered in 2020-21 if federal government does not provide sufficient funding to offset.
- Total amount of LCFF funding is 64.5 billion, a \$2 billion increase.

Budget plan assumes in-person instruction, but LEA's experience that as enrollment declines in 2021-22 they will retain their ability to receive apportionment based on the higher of their 2019-20 or 2020-21 ADA.

“One-time investments” are reflected to address student learning loss due to pandemic total \$5.3 billion: from federal corona virus Relief Fund, million Prop 98 General Fund, and federal Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund.

Budget increases special education services by providing \$300 million for Sp.Ed. Early Intervention Grants, and \$500 million for professional learning to increase LEA access to federal Medi-Cal funds.

Budget reflects:

- Additional \$1.6 billion in federal Elem. and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds recently awarded. 90%, \$1.5 billion (allocated to local education agencies in proportion to total of Title1 funding they receive) to be used for COVID-19 related costs and includes 11 pages of language describing a multitude of requirements for base grants of \$450 x average attendance rates for LEAs.

CalSTRS Unfunded Liability:

Budget reflects:

- Continued funding of \$820 million for CalSTRS to reduce employer contribution rates in 2020-21 from 18.1% to approx. 15.92%.
- \$3.9 million one-time payment for the state’s contribution to CalSTRS
- \$410 million for reduction of 2021-22 CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program’s unfunded liability.

Health Care:

Budget establishes/provides: Office of Health Care Affordability to conduct an analysis of the intersection of COVID-29, health disparities, and health equity to help inform any future response.

Increase Medi-Cal budget 16%, including a 10% rate increase for skilled nursing facilities for four months during the pandemic.

Appointment of Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability and Alzheimer’s to advance Cabinet initiatives and partnerships with government, private sector and philanthropy.

Department of Aging to administer programs for older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers and residents in long-term care facilities to increase choices, equity, and well-being for all CA.



Photo Album of WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Georgia Moore: Here's a picture of my two sisters and me in Santa Cruz last month. We haven't been together since a year ago in December. We thought we could safely get together at the Boardwalk. We wore masks until the picture was taken. It was lots of fun and so nice to see each other in person!

Stephanie Brown-Myers sent this picture of her granddaughter working on her Virtual Learning at Stephanie's house. It happens twice a week! Very cute!



Denise Dolan and husband, Gene with their grandson, Cooper - age 8. Another handsome young man.

Christina Clemens' Dad rented a place on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina. Her brother's family and parents drove from South Florida and she and her husband met them there.



January Action Calendar Ideas to Do While at Home

Courtesy of Christina Clemens

"Thanks to decades of research, we now know what kind of spending **does** enhance our **happiness**... Spending money on **others**—from giving to charity or buying gifts for friends and family—reliably makes us happier."

— Happy Money,
by Dunn & Norton



ACTION CALENDAR: HAPPIER JANUARY 2021



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Gandhi

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for in life and why

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

1 Find three good things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help to brighten their day

11 Switch off all your tech 2 hours before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

14 Take a different route today and see what you notice

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something physically active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

18 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

19 Get back in contact with an old friend you miss

20 Go to bed in good time and give yourself time to recharge

21 Take a small step towards an important goal

15 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

16 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

17 Contribute positively to a good cause or your community

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

22 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

23 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

24 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/happier-january

Professional Library

Thank you, **Charlene McPherson**



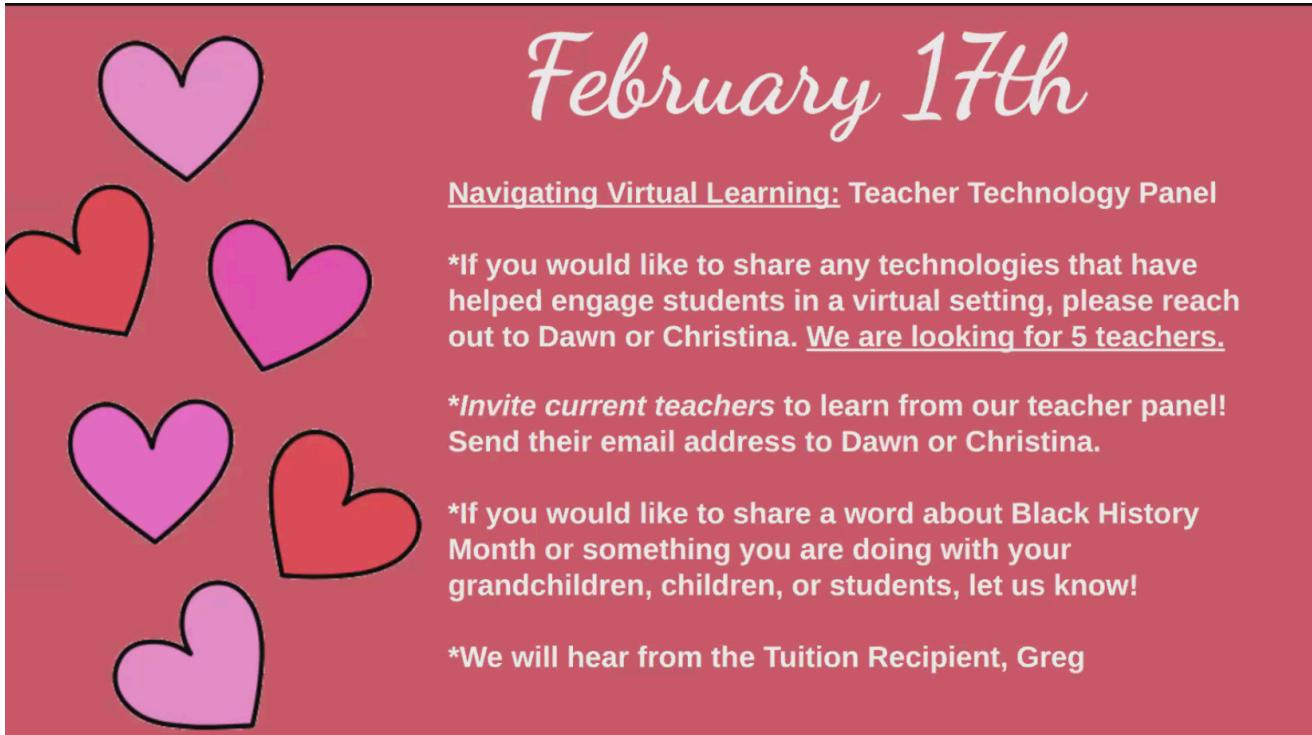
A new addition to Zeta Zeta's professional library is *Unveiled Truth - Lessons I learned Leading the International School of Kabul* in which Gail Goolsby writes about the challenges of living and working in a very different and war-torn culture. Her story of this unique experience, and the growth it afforded her, won the Delta Kappa Gamma 2020 Educators Book Award. Let Charlene know if you would like to borrow this intriguing book or any of the other books on our professional library list.

Teachers Helping Other Teachers HOURS

Are you doing any volunteer work or serving teachers in some way? Many of you are helping with online distance learning with your grandchildren, and teachers are benefitting. Be sure and fill out THAT hours on the computer if you are helping a teacher: Online at www.dkgca.org. This information is turned in to DKG-CA by March of next year. This form is to be completed by each individual DKG California member who has provided volunteer hours to support another education professional. Your entries are automatically time stamped. Hours may be submitted as frequently as you wish. The Committee's THAT report at the annual DKG California Convention is based on the total hours submitted by March 15. All entries are

automatically added to the THAT database; therefore accuracy of data entry is very important. Be sure to capitalize the first letter of your name and your chapter's name. This information will be used to print certificates.





February 17th

Navigating Virtual Learning: Teacher Technology Panel

*If you would like to share any technologies that have helped engage students in a virtual setting, please reach out to Dawn or Christina. We are looking for 5 teachers.

**Invite current teachers to learn from our teacher panel!*
Send their email address to Dawn or Christina.

*If you would like to share a word about Black History Month or something you are doing with your grandchildren, children, or students, let us know!

*We will hear from the Tuition Recipient, Greg

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Backpacks needed:

See information on next page...

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) welcomes our supplying backpacks for their kids in need. **Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch** are ready to pick up backpacks and supplies that you may have on hand or kept for this time. Please call either one of them and they will come to your doorstep for pickup when you have them ready.



ATTENTION: Backpacks needed ASAP

School Supply Shopping List

**Please mark the outside of the backpack with masking tape
and label it K-3 or 4-6.**

Elementary School Age K-3

1. Backpack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils, Eraser & Pencil Sharpener
3. 1 box of Colored markers
4. 1 box of Colored pencils
5. 1 box of Crayons
6. Scissors
7. 2 Glue Sticks
8. Ruler
9. Pencil Box
10. Three Ring Binder
11. Binder paper (wide ruled)
12. 1 folder
13. Book, new or lightly used
14. Small toy

Grades 4-8

1. Backpack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils, sharpener and eraser
3. Pens
4. 2 Highlighters
5. 1 box of colored pencils
6. Zipper pouch
7. 1 to 2 spiral notebooks – one subject
8. Three Ring Binder
9. Binder paper (college ruled)
10. Simple business calculator
11. 2 folders
12. 2 glue sticks
13. Ruler
14. Paperback books (2-6 gr, levels)

