

ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



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Impacting Education
Worldwide

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March's Dinner Meeting

Our March 16th dinner meeting was at **Forli's Restaurant** in Alamo. Food was delicious and the set up lended itself to small groups of members chatting and to the icebreaker which involved people getting up and talking to different people looking for signatures in descriptive squares on paper...most of which involved a certain type or style of hat. It was a popular mixer. There are some pictures of the various tables on page 4, as well as a list of who attended on the next page.

The program for the night were two items: An induction **Terry Schmitgal** by **Carmen Curtis** and various readers. Very special ceremony. Thanks, Carmen for your attention to detail. Also for the evening we heard **Donna Bell**, **Margaret Batesole**, and **Lola Ganse** read about how Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in 1924 with Alpha Chapter. Today there are 2,600 Chapters, in 18 countries, with thousands of members all over the world.

Next month, Zeta Zeta is going on a field trip! We are volunteering to pack food for **Kids Against Hunger**, 1258 Quarry Lane in Livermore. So far 25 are going, with room for more to accompany us. That list is



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located on page 5 with directions. If you wish to be included please notify **Kit King**, who is keeping the list updated for **Pat Hansen** and **Karen McGregor**, our wonderful Co-VIce Presidents in charge of Programs. We had a great time and missed all who couldn't be there.

Present at the dinner meeting were **Margaret Batesole, Donna Bell, Christina Clemens, Gail Costello, Carmen Curtis, Catherine Deehan, Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Pat Hansen, Gail Kamerer, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, Cindy Luengo, Terry Magnin, Charlene McPherson, Nancy Myers, Carly Owens, Helen Rees, Sue Robinson, Diana Sawin, Terry Schmitgal, Marilyn Steichen, Joannie Wedell, Karen Yee** and Kit's guest, **Sandy Budde**.

Not only did we induct **Terry Schmitgal** as a new member, we learned that enthusiastic **Cindy Luengo** is transferring to our chapter. Some more good news is that we will have our first collegiate member, **Andria Kemp-Sellers**, our chapter nominee for Outstanding Student Teacher from Holy Names College.

Sue Robinson wants you to know she is collecting dues for next year starting NOW. Her address is on the Updated Roster and in the Directory that **Roseann**

Krane sent out. Thanks Roseann! (Roseann is home from the hospital now but still in pain.) Please send a check made out to DKG-Zeta Zeta for \$90 (Active Members) and \$34 (Reserve Members) to Sue Robinson's home address.

"Change for Change" to go to **Schools for Africa** is being collected by **Georgia Moore**. If you are able, send her a check made out to Georgia Moore. (Please write in the Memo line: **Schools for Africa**.) **THIS IS DUE IN BY APRIL 15TH!**

Save the date for the California State **Area III Conference** that is set for **Saturday, May 14th, 2022**. It will be held in the **San Ramon Community Center located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**. Zeta Zeta is in charge of table decorations with an African Theme. **Christina Clemens** and **Diana Sawin** are looking for people to help with decorations (ideas and then to come early to help set up). If you can help let Christina know ASAP. Our chapter will be honoring one of our own that day! Come and support **Kit King** as she is recognized by our chapter!! **See flyer on page 3...print it, fill it out, and send it in.** It has room for two people to go, but you can send it to Marilyn Reid as a single.





DKG CA Area III Conference

May 14, 2022

San Ramon Community Center

12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA

Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Program 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We will....

Honor Chapter Members and Past Area Directors, enjoy fellowship with friends, share a meal together, participate in a silent auction, and win raffle baskets!

Don't miss these dynamic speakers!

"Fellowship with Africa"



Sally Scholl
Lifewater Field Trainer to Africa



Christina Clemons
Empowering Teachers in Tanzania

Photos used with permission

Coffee, tea, water, and a boxed lunch are included with the \$40. registration fee. Please indicate your [menu choices](#) below.

We will follow Contra Costa County's Covid protocols in place at the time of the conference.

Name (contact person for all on this form) _____ Chapter _____

Chapter/Area/State Position _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Check one: Mobile Landline

Number of Attendees paid for with this form: _____ Total submitted: \$ _____

Names and Chapters of Attendees paid for with this form:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Chapter: _____ Chapter: _____

Chapter/Area/State Position: _____ Chapter/Area/State Position: _____

Make checks payable to: DKG Area III All registrations must be paid in advance by May 1, 2022.

Mail to: Marilyn Reid, 550 East Spring Street, Napa, CA 94559 Email: marilynkreid@gmail.com

Menu Selections

Please print the name of each person next to their lunch choice (one choice per person)

Write "GF" after anyone's name who needs a Gluten Free lunch.

Boxed Lunch choices (each lunch comes with chips and a cookie)

1) **Clubhouse Sandwich** Name(s): _____

2) **Grilled Vegetable Sandwich** Name(s): _____

3) **Chicken Salad Sandwich** Name(s): _____

4) **Assorted Garden Vegetable Italiano Wrap** Name(s): _____

5) **Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap** Name(s): _____

6) **Mixed Green Salad, with roll and cookie** Name(s): _____

FOUNDER'S DAY Photos at Forlis Restaurant in Alamo





Pat Hansen and **Karen McGregor** will arrange for our Zeta Zeta Chapter to pack food for **Kids Against Hunger**, on **April 20th, from 5 until 6:30**. We will car pool to 1258 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. More details to follow on the time and where we will meet before car pooling (925) 400-7201. This activity fulfills DKG Purposes 6 & 7 below.

Please send a **\$20** check made out to **DKG/ZZ** to Sue Robinson with **Kids Against Hunger** on the memo line. Sue will be going and writing a check to the organization that day. You can also wait to give her the check then, or even pay cash. The money will be used to buy packing supplies.

Directions:

From Danville, San Ramon, Alamo, Walnut Creek area:

Take 680 S

Merge on 580 East

Exit 47 - Santa Rita Rd. (Go 2.09 miles),

Left on Valley Avenue, (0.44 miles - If you reach Francisco St. you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.)

Rt on Quarry Lane. (Quarry Ln is 0.1 miles past Kolln St)

The list of who is going so far is below. If you wish to go, you can bring a friend, relative, or spouse. Just let Kit King know as she is keeping track...or if something comes up that you can't go.

Brenda Aepli
 Margaret Batesole
 Donna Bell
 Sandy Budde
 Catherine Deehan
 Diane Drain
 Rosanne Fissore
 Debbie Grilli and Husband
 Pat Hansen and Husband
 Gail Kamerer
 Valerie Kellner
 Kit King
 Cyndi Koby

Mary Anne Kolda
 Terry Magnin
 Karen McGregor
 Charlene McPherson
 Nancy Myers
 Sue Robinson and Husband
 Diana Sawin
 Terry Schmitgal
 Marilyn Steichen



Kids Against Hunger Meals for Ukraine Refugees

Kids Against Hunger - Bay Area is working with **Convoy of Hope, K –Love radio, and Ukrainian Culture Community** to get as many meals as possible to help feed the **Ukrainian refugees** - as quickly as we can. The first 150 thousand meals were airlifted to the area on March 4 and ready to be eaten by March 5! **Additionally, KAH will be dedicating all packed meals to Ukrainian relief for the near future.**

They've been given the OK to have up to 40 people in the warehouse as they need to pack lots of food. The \$20 ingredient fee pays for you to pack 120 to 150 meals in an hour and a half. Hope to see you on April 20, 2022.

The unplanned, but very real beneficiaries of **Kids Against Hunger** are the **volunteers, like you**, who package the food. The manual food packaging process not only will feed many Ukrainian children and families, it also brings satisfaction and deep engagement to the volunteers who package it. For most but volunteers, it is the ultimate hands-on contribution that, because of its simplicity.

The organization's approach to achieving its goal – the eradication of world hunger – includes the packaging of a highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice casserole by volunteers at numerous locations within the USA and Canada; and the distribution of those meals to starving children and their families in 70 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide... specifically now for Ukraine Refugees.

Fulfilling **Kids Against Hunger's** mission requires a vast food packaging capacity to meet an endless demand for food. **Kids Against Hunger** believes that the best way to engage the largest number of people is through a decentralized, locally-based network of food packaging satellites that are active in their community. This model engages and empowers people to realize they can make a difference in solving the worldwide problem of starvation and establishes relationships with organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, and many faith-based groups of widely varying denominations. This growth strategy also allows the organization to continuously expand its food packaging capacity and volunteer involvement. Since its launch, **Kids Against Hunger** has provided millions of meals for children and their families in dozens of countries through the efforts of hundreds of thousands of volunteers. Freedom Foods seeks to continue adding to that total with its mission of feeding families around the world and around the corner.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that about 821 million people in the world, or one in nine face hunger, and one in three suffer from some form of malnutrition in 2021. Every 10 seconds a child dies (nearly 16,000 every day) because of hunger and related causes. 16.2 million children under 18 in the United States live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life.



Terry Schmitgal

Terry Schmitgal is Zeta Zeta’s newest member. She was inducted at our recent February 16, 2022 meeting. Terry is a delightful person who is eager to get involved and make new friends. Her husband passed away and she is still grieving his loss. She hurt her right knee through a fall. Yet, she was able to limp up to be inducted. Now that’s fortitude and speaks volumes about her commitment.

Terry received her BS at Chico State University, and her Masters in Administration at University of San Francisco. She taught 7th & 8th grade in San Juan Unified School District, and was an administrator in Middle School. She was a mentor teacher in technology, and was on the Safe School Committee. Terry was selected as Teacher of the Year for San Juan Unified, and had a partnership with TQR (Total Quality Management).

Terry has volunteered at Loves & Fishes, and GALS (Give a Little Something) which did community projects and fundraisers.

She has two brothers, one of whom lives next door to her. Nice! She enjoyed walking skiing, tennis, biking and running in the past...but cannot do much physical activity right now. Get to know Terry...she is a lovely lady who has much to offer. She lives in Walnut Creek area, so if you live there, you might take turns driving to our meetings. Contact her, as she may need a ride. Welcome to our Zeta Zeta Chapter, Terry.



Meeting Dates Mark your calendars! More information to follow

- April 20 - Kids Against Hunger packing trip in Pleasanton
- April 29 - May 1 CA State Convention in Burbank
- May 14 - Area III Conference at San Ramon Community Center
- May 18 - Fiesta at Carol Rowley’s. Ole!



Zeta Zeta Legislative Update

As of 3/22/22 compiled by Karen Yee

Charter Schools: If you have not yet read [the USA Today story](#) about charters abusing federal PPP loans, you should. You can find the story at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9dswmm>. In that story, reporter Craig Harris shows how charter schools, including some run by for-profits cashed in on federal dollars, meant for struggling small businesses. "America's charter schools received at least a \$1 billion windfall during the pandemic, an unneeded cash infusion for most from a federal program intended to bail out struggling small businesses, USA TODAY has found."

For those interested, use this link to contact legislators <https://tinyurl.com/y2y575sv>

Legislative Musical Chairs... Excerpts from Jennifer Baker, CalRTA Leg. Advocate

The 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission has finished redrawing legislative districts based upon the results of the updated census, which will become operative beginning with the June 2022 election cycle. This 14-member Commission consisted of five Republicans, five Democrats, and found individuals not affiliated with either of these two parties. The Commission followed very strict nonpartisan rules meant to create districts of relatively equal populations and representations across the state.

The results of the census and work on the Commission has shifted a number of boundaries, creating a number of conflicts for current Legislators. Some Legislators have been redrawn out of their districts, while some are now in the same district as their Legislative peers. As a result, over 25 Legislators have already indicated they will not seek re-election in November. A few have even resigned their seats mid-term.

These moves are already changing the political environment in Sacramento by shifting membership for a number of Legislative Committees, as well as potentially weakening the political potential of those who have already announced they are leaving. In a year where California's potential budget surplus could ultimately be as high as \$45 billion, no Legislator



wants to be left out of the opportunity to provide resources for their district.

Watch for news on local district changes.

CalSTRS Report March 2022

By Pat Geyer, CalRTA Liaison to CalSTRS

Executive Summary

1. One deficiency reported was internal controls over financial reporting (completeness and accuracy) of member data.

2. CalSTRS performance is strong; the 10 year return is 11%.

3. CalSTRS Real Estate had a 12.8% return, but now has a 14% return.

4. As of December 2021 the CalSTRS fund was \$327.6 billion.

5. Pension fund investments remain in the low risk category.

The 2021 Internal Audit Plan Final Progress Report

was presented. The most common audit findings have to do with misreporting of earnings (to Defined Benefit instead of to Defined Benefit Supplement). That was an increase of 42% over last year's audits. Only 10% of the districts had no findings. **Most impacted were active members.**

SB868 (Cortese) was introduced in the Legislature January 2022. Under State and Federal legislation SB868 will provide a Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account increase of between 5% and 15% to be paid quarterly beginning July 1, 2023. Members who retired between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1998 will get a 5% increase. Members who retired between January 1980 and December 31, 1989 will get a 10% increase. Members who retired prior to January 1, 1980 will get a 15% increase. Follow this bill at <https://tinyurl.com/zppbx5np>

AB1877 (Fong) provides an exemption from the annual post-retirement earnings limit for teachers filling a critical need in a special education position.

What's Happening?

Courtesy of Terry Magnin

Cindy Luengo just moved to Danville from Castro Valley. She is near Crow Canyon Country Club in Crow Canyon Heights. 🚚🏠

Gail Costello thanks everyone who sent kind words to her these past few months and truly appreciates each one of the notes. ❤️📝

Christina Clemens is going camping in Yosemite and Big Sur with her Dad over spring break. 🏕️👟

Joannie Wedell's niece is getting married March 29. She is making nine bridesmaids' bouquets, the bride's bouquet, flowers for nineteen aisles, twenty two table arrangements, two giant floral arrangements, and four other arrangements. She is basically doing all the flowers. WHEW! 🌸🌸🌸🌸

Sue Robinson just got back from skiing in the Dolomites in Italy with her sister to honor the memory of her Mom who grew up skiing there. She also saw her cousins from Trieste in Venice. It was a memorable trip. 🎿🛷

Charlene McPherson and her family helped her Mom celebrate her ninety seventh birthday March 12. She says she is going for one hundred! She thanks her Mom for the great genes. 🎂🎉🎊

Carly Owens just finished landscaping her backyard. 🌿🌸🌷

Margaret Batesole asked all of us to join Los Cerros Middle School at the Aquatics Center in San Francisco for the POLAR PLUNGE for Special Olympics on Saturday March 26 at 10:00 AM. 🏊❤️

Roseann Krane is out of the hospital and recovering at home! Our own Lola Ganse took her to the hospital, visited her there, brought her home and cared for her overnight. What a fabulous person. Roseann highly praised her ❤️

Kit King says that her son, Matthew, is really doing well. Although still in speech therapy, he is resuming his normal life. He drove down to SoCal to see his brother, check on his storage, and meet with his mortgage team. Now he is going on a fishing trip in his new trailer. God is good.

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.



Update on Dawn Walton Ary:

Just spoke to Dawn and she said she's doing OK - coming along...day-by-day. She is being closely monitored by her doctor and was wearing a heart monitor at one point. Yesterday, she had a sleep study done overnight, and they gave her a CPAP machine in the middle of the test.



Dawn has been under a lot of stress - with a new job, losing two cousins, her mother in the hospital, family illnesses, and the move itself. She is missing us here and we miss her wonderful perspective and caring personality. Dawn is looking forward to going back to her class this coming week. Please pray for her return to health and for the well being of her family.

Submitted with love,

Kit King

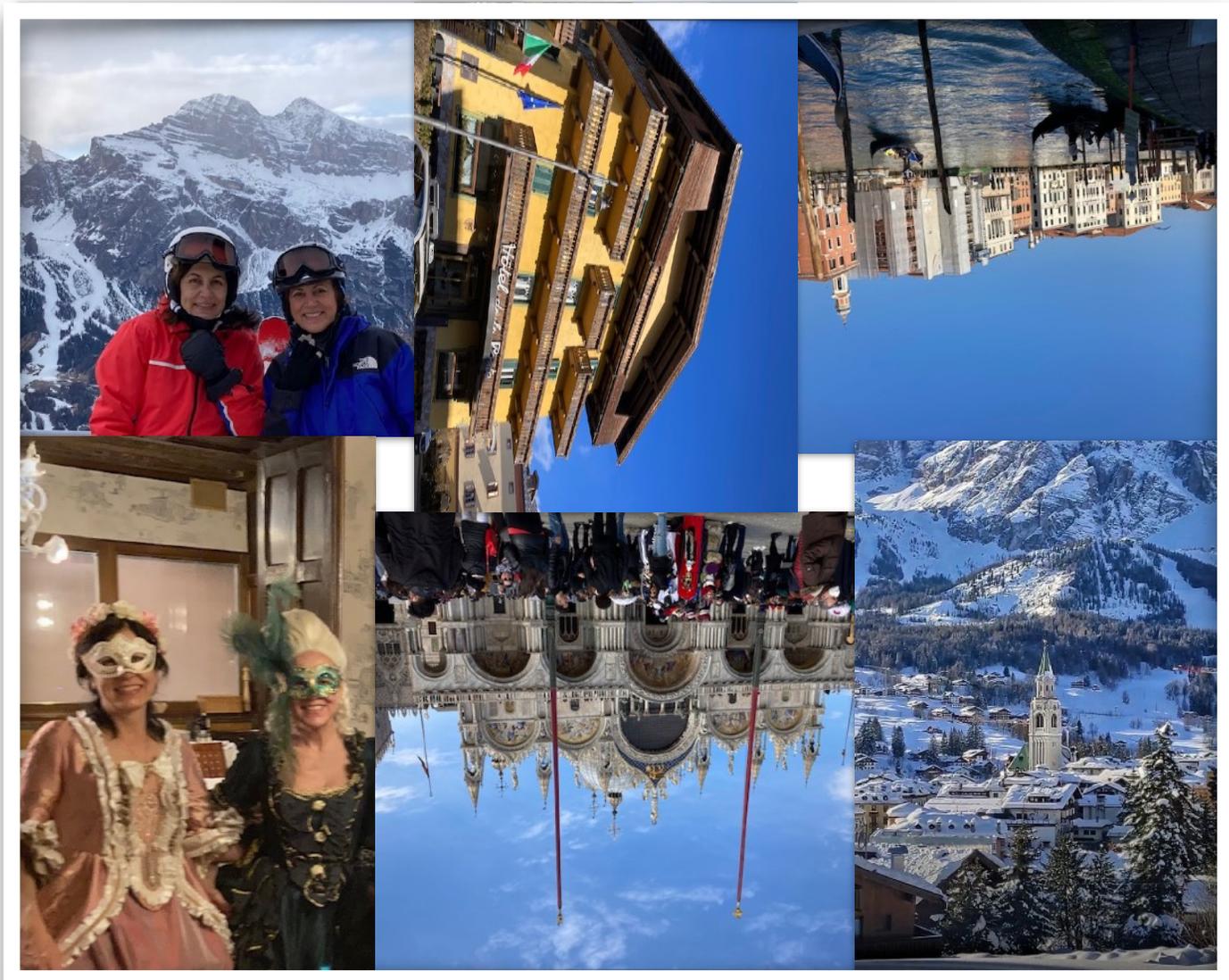
Member CHATS

Margaret Batesole: I am participating in the Polar Plunge on **March 26th** (10:00am) to raise money for **Special Olympics and Los Cerros**. Sue O'Reilly (who we lost to cancer) and I had the first Polar Plunge about 13 years ago. This year Mariko Klopstock and I will have over 43 students and staff members on Saturday March 26, 2022 at the Aquatic Park (700-898 Beach St, San Francisco) participating with us. We hope you will come and join us - and above all - THANK YOU ALL WHO HAVE DONATED! For more information go to my webpage: <https://p2p.onecause.com/sfplunge/margaret-batesole>

First Polar Plunge with 2 teachers and 6 students

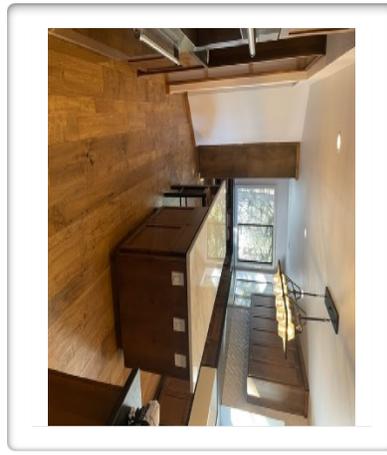


Sue Robinson: Back from a fun-filled trip to Northern Italy for skiing in the Dolomites with her sister to honor the memory of their Mom who grew up skiing there. They stayed in Cortina d'Ampezzo. Sue and her sis went to Carnivale in Venice where they donned costumes and had a great time. Pictures below...





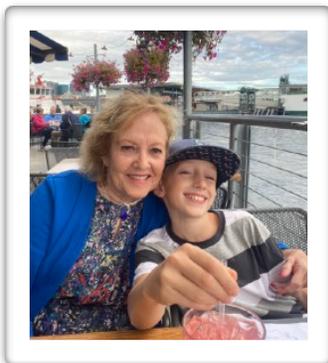
Denise Dolan: My orchids bloom every Spring. They love ❤️ this window.



Patt Low: Here is a photo of my new kitchen renovation!



Gail Kamerer: Here I am in Palm Springs.



Carol Rowley: Here I am with my youngest grandson.



Carol: Here are some of my friends at a Super Bowl Party.



Carol: Here I am in a St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Karen Yee: Grandpa Ed and grandson Forest exploring Coyote Hills Regional Park. Trail is lined with tree swallow bird houses.



Helen Rees: Getting a RARE hug from my middle school grandson



Stephanie Brown-Myers: I have been working in my yard to get ready for the Area III Presidents meeting in June. I'm thinking of what I can do next when we will have limited water. 😊

Charlene McPherson: I am knitting "crying towels" for the girl gang of ten friends I travel to visit in Montana every summer. This year we'll be prepared for the tears that we shed when our visits are over!



Carmen Curtis: My COVID sheltering time was spent knitting hats for babies at Country Hospital in Martinez. This was such a fun project making a bright spot during a dark time.



Kit King: Went to my sister Donna' Bell's granddaughter's eight birthday party. It was great fun to see the birthday girl with her friends. Party had a donut theme and donuts for the cake! Check out the face on her brother!

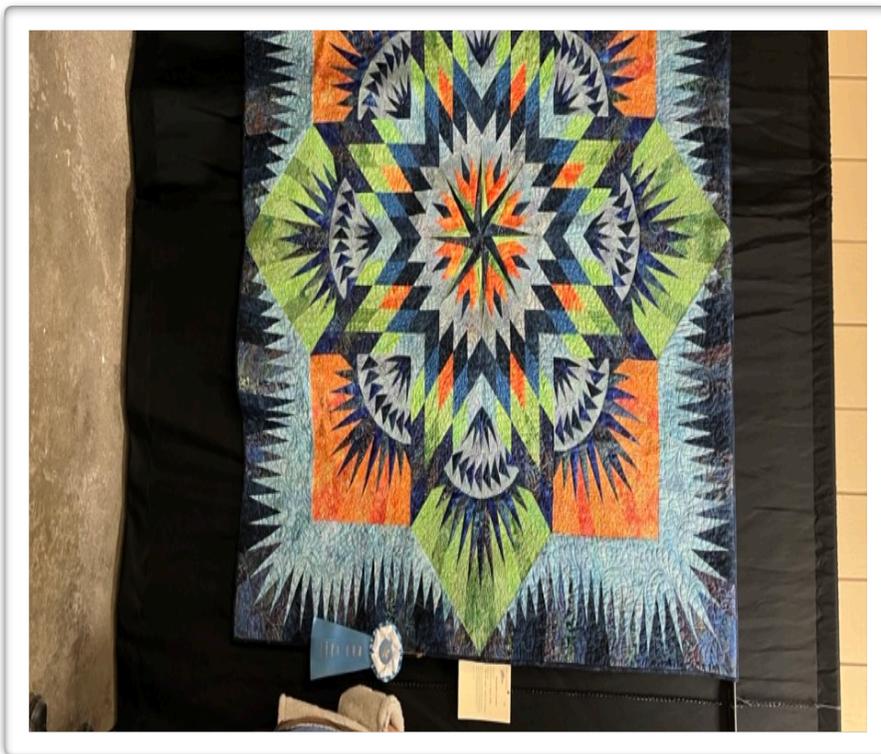


Ann Schinske: This past weekend Neal and I took our grandson, Pax, up to the snow at Boreal at Donner. Snowed on Saturday, but blue sky on Sunday. His 10th birthday a year and a half late due to COVID. So much fun!





Cindy Luengo Hi All... I just got the key to my new home in Crow Canyon Heights in February after living on a ranch on Crow Canyon for 49 years. I am so happy to be here as I will be closer to my 3 children and grandkids. The garage is still filled with some boxes but I have settled in. My new neighbors are friendly and some of them are retired educators. Thank you for welcoming me into Zeta Zeta.



Peggy Ebersole: I was a judge at a quilt show at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds. I was asked to pick my favorite out of five hundred quilts. This is the one I chose. The requirement to be a judge was to know very little about quilting and just choose your personal favorite.