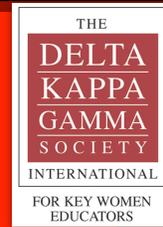


ZETA ZETA NEWS

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.



DKG Vision Statement

Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

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February's Zoom Meeting

We had another creative and great Zoom meeting in February with 30 people attending....including 3 guests. We had a practical ice breaker where we all participated in a poll of entitled, *Would you rather...* choices were given of different speakers and programs. **Kit King** and **Diana Sawin** appreciated the responses and the direction for the next biennium's programs. There were instant results of the poll, too. If you have any programs that you would love to have included, let either Kit or Diana know.

In addition to other business, we had breakout rooms where 4-5 people shared why and how they came to be in this chapter.

Our March 16th 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. *Masks are not required, and the CDC is waiving the vaccination requirement as of March 11th.* Wear a hat...the icebreaker starts at 5:30 and involves hats! The menu choices are on the next page, including reservation instructions.



Please send your checks made out to **DKG, Zeta Zeta for \$40.00** and menu choice to **Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507** by **Thursday, March 10th**, so she can give the count to the restaurant. You may call Denise no later than Friday, if you get late and still want to come. We will have our icebreaker and social hour at 5:30 with dinner at around 6:00. You will be able to purchase a drink, (house red and white wine is priced at \$11.00) or your choice of mixed drink. **Bring CASH ONLY!!!** It will be grand to see everyone in person again.

Menu of the Evening

To Start :

INSALATA
Caesar



Entrée Choice of

VEAL PICCATA

Thinly Sliced Veal Sautéed With Butter, Lemon & Capers

FOCCHI PASTA*

Pear and Gorgonzola with Arugula and Pecans in a white blue cheese sauce

Dessert

Italian Ice Cream

*Forli's Signature Dish

At the dinner meeting we will be inducting **Terry Schmitgal**. We will also be celebrating Founder's Day. There will be a binder and scrapbooks with memorabilia and a collection of newsletters. Remember to wear a HAT in honor of our Founders: We will be taking a picture of all who are there.



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NEWS AND NOTES

Some items that you should know about:

Present on our February Zoom were **Brenda Aepli, Dawn Ary, Margaret Batesole, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Christina Clemens, Carmen Curtis, Denise Dolan, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Gail Kamerer, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Terry Magnin, Karen McGregor, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, Nancy Myers, Carly Owens, Helen Rees, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Ann Schinske, Marilyn Steichen, Joannie Wedell, Karen Yee** and 3 Penne Ferrell Recipients (**Hillary AcMoody, Farrah Djaja, & Kathleen Phillips**).

Change for Change is collected by **Georgia Moore**. She asks that you consider sending her a check to contribute to our collection of change for **Schools For Africa**. She thanks those who have already sent her a check. Georgia needs the checks by **April 14th**. Be sure to write **Schools for Africa** in the memo box, so it will be deductible. Her address will be in the email that accompanies this newsletter.

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**. 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 9...print it, fill it out, and send it in.**

Needed: Still working on getting our Co-Presidents. It's so much easier and more fun when doing it with a friend! Many kudos go to **Charlene McPherson** who will take notes and be a Co-Recording Secretary with **Catherine Deehan**.

There won't be a President's Letter in this edition, because **Dawn Walton Ary**, our Co-President can't get it done in time. She has been in the hospital for almost a week due to heart issues, but is home now. Please send cards to cheer her and encourage her. Her new address is in the roster that was recently sent out. Roseann is working on updating our Directory with pictures, members numbers, status, and posting it to you digitally. Much less expensive than having it printed each year. Please also encourage **Barbara Manley, Donna Bell, and Peggy Ebersole** who are battling cancer, and **Gail Costello** who is grieving the loss of her husband - with calls, cards, and email. Save some chuckles that you receive, because as you know, 'Laughter is the best medicine!'



Eileen Blood-Golden is Zeta Zeta’s fabulous Area III Director. She is of great support to the Presidents in each chapter in our Area. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Art, received her Elementary Credential at SF State, and then went on to San Diego State where she earned a Special Education credential. Eileen has a Masters in Education, and an additional Masters in Administration at St. Mary’s College in Moraga. Her teaching experience ranged from pre-school in American Samoa for 2 years, a year in Huron, CA where she taught 5th grade to mostly all Hispanic children, to 5 yrs in Escondido teaching SDC, 6-8th graders, to teaching Middle School in Piedmont, to concluding 15 years in San Lorenzo, CA as an elementary administrator. Wow, what an exciting adventure for 35 years!

She is a delightful person who enjoys daily walking, gardening, traveling (she hopes to go to Japan in May), Art (painting, drawing and crafting), and playing Mahjong. Eileen was chosen Administrator of the Year in San Lorenzo, and serves on the House committee for the Oakland Yacht Club and the Plein Air Paintout Fundraising Committee for Frank Bette Center for the Arts in Alameda. She loves new and different experiences. What she said about Delta Kappa Gamma is this: “I appreciate the sense of sisterhood, the opportunity to know different people, and to be a life long learner.” What a jewel!

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 saying how many hours you helped another teacher. IF that seems too daunting, **Diana Sawin** will help you with any questions or just call **Kit King**, and she will talk you through it. It’s very easy to do. **Due March 15th!**

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)

April 20, 2022: Kids Against Hunger field trip TBD

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



Zeta Zeta Legislative Update

In case you haven't heard, on 01/22, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order which **suspends the CALSTRS postretirement waiting period of 180 calendar days** before taking a public education job. New retirees can file for this waiver and start substituting!

Overpayments: AB 1667 authored by Assembly Member Jim Cooper would ensure retired members are not held liable for prior overpayments, except in cases of "member error." See a summary and fact sheet here: shorturl.at/muR69

Social Security Fairness: HR 82, to repeal the WEP and GPO, currently has 256 cosponsors with 290 needed to ensure a floor vote. Rodney Davis, author, recently sent a letter to Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chairman Neal, and Ways and Means Chairman Neal, and Ranking Member Brady urging them to bring HR 82 to the house floor for a vote as soon as possible.

November 2022 Election & Ballot Propositions

Our primary election is scheduled for June 7, 2022, and the General Election is November 8, 2022. All the constitutionally elected officers are up for re-election, including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and U.S. Senator Alex Padilla.

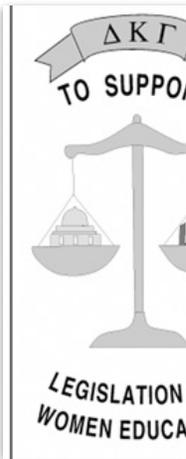
As of December 6, 2021, four statewide ballot propositions have qualified for the ballot in 2022. (None are specific to public education). However, 17 proposed initiatives have been filed with the Attorney General, and there are 3 initiatives impacting public education:

Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative (AG File No. 2021-037) which may appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot if it can get 623, 212 signatures. This initiative provides additional funding for arts education in schools, beginning in 2023-24. More info here: <https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Initiative/2021-036>

There are two similar "voucher like" initiatives.:

Funding for Students Attending Private Schools (AG File No. 2021-11). This measure establishes a program that would provide \$13,000 in state funding for each K-12 student attending a participating private school (**excluding homeschools**),. Any funds not used for private school tuition and fees could be saved and used for postsecondary education expenses, up to a limit of \$60,000 per student. The program initially would be limited to students from families below certain income thresholds but would be open to all students by the end of the five-year implementation period (Amendment #1).

Funding for Students Attending Private Schools and Homeschool (AG File No. 2021-006) This measure establishes a program that would provide \$14,000 in state funding for each K-12 student attending a participating **private school or homeschool**. Funds not used for private school tuition and fees could be saved and used for postsecondary education expenses. The program would begin in 2023-24 (Amendment #1).



Questions? Call Karen Yee

Outstanding Student Teacher Nominee from Area III

Andrea Kemp-Sellers is our 2022 Area III Outstanding Teacher Nominee from Holy Names University. Andrea is a multiple credential candidate at Holy Names and is currently doing her student teaching at Emerson Elementary school in Oakland. Good luck. Andrea!



In Loving Memory of **Loretta Wilhelmsen**

Loretta Wilhelmsen was a member of DKG Zeta Zeta chapter and served as Co-President with Roseann Krane from 2006 to 2008. She passed away on February 21st of this year surrounded by her family. Many of you who were members then, remember her sweet smile and kindness. A memorial service was held to celebrate her life today, March 5, 2022, in Fremont. She taught in Alamo for 26 years and was honored with the WHO (We Honor our Own) award, and was elected to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. She was an example of quiet but strong leadership in both marriage and life. She loved the Arts and took her family to musicals in SF, and her grandchildren to their first plays and their first Shakespeare production. Loretta encouraged the love of the Arts with her entire family. She was one to read aloud to her family and often gave books as gifts. Loretta loved to play bridge, and other card games. We remember her fondly. Rest in Peace, Loretta.





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

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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): _____

Member CHATS

Margaret Batesole: I am participating in the Polar Plunge on **March 26th** to raise money for **Special Olympics and Los Cerros**. This is our 13th year and I am still claiming to be the oldest plunger still going. The money that is raised will support the excellent sports, health, education and leadership programming that Special Olympics provides for children and adults with intellectual disabilities free of charge. If you would like to come watch us plunge; it is March 26th at Aquatic Park, 700-898 Beach St, San Francisco. Its starts at 10AM! Let me know if you plan on coming out. For more information go to my webpage: <https://p2p.onecause.com/sfplunge/margaret-batesole>

Patt Low: Brrr...just when you thought that was cold, look at these pictures of where I live in Incline Village. Lots of snow!!!



Ann Schinske: Stephanie Jacques is a person who Ann knew since Stephanie was young. She is now a successful song writer, and she writes about her own experience growing up Black in a traditionally white suburb. Ann admires her greatly.

Stephanie Jacques

We watched Stephanie grow up. She is from Pleasanton.

We are so proud of her. We have talked about the difficulties she had growing up in a very white community. I had no idea she was going through that.

-Ann Schinske

Stephanie Jacques directed the video for her new single, "Because Of That," herself. Ultimately, choosing to do so likely relates to the single being a profoundly personal and emotional showcase of undeterred African-American perseverance in the face of 2020's woeful trauma. The video, as well, features candid moments with other well-known and rising Music City favorites.

Jacques is a Nashville-based performer raised alongside adopted siblings by her grandmother after her mother died at 26. As she notes via her website, her storytelling ability in considerable measure comes from the hardships she experienced during her youth.

The track, co-written by Cassadee Pope, reflected how the co-writers "felt sadness that was reflected in both the beauty and the heaviness that we all experienced through still images and protests." Concerning the heaviness, Jacques adds that "it was very important to have the video be black and white to heighten the emotions that are expressed." Insofar as the beauty, Jacques says, "There is so much beauty in black and minority culture. To see our faces on screen brought me a great amount of joy. To show that country is so many things, so many faces, and so many sto-