



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.

Zeta Zeta Update

Our January dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, **January 18, 2023** at the **Brass Door Restaurant**, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. They are raising their prices because all of their vendors are charging more.

Menu choices are:

For our January meeting the menu will be:

1. Chicken Picatta (boneless breast, lemon butter sauce and capers)- **\$45**
2. Calamare Dore Amandine (pan fried abalone style, toasted almonds, lemon butter)-**\$45**
3. Vegetarian Pasta Primavera (assorted vegetables, tomatoes, garlic, extra virgin olive oil)-**\$37**

♥ House wine = \$9@glass. salad, appropriate starch and vegetable, and ice cream dessert. Parking is complimentary.

Please send your check made out to DKG/ZZ by **Wednesday, January 11th** (or ASAP) along with your menu choice. Her address is **P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507**.

January Meeting Activities

- 5:30 Social Hour
- 5:45 Icebreaker
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Business meeting, program, and drawings

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DKG Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide**

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Letter from our President

Happy Holidays!! The weather has turned colder-some actual rain- which means snow in the mountains- and football season is underway! Such a wonderful time of year to celebrate family traditions, or start new ones! Looking back on the year and remembering the many special moments with treasured friends. Making promises to do better in the new year. Haha!

I'm sorry to have missed everyone at the November meeting. So happy it went well with **Cindy Luengo** leading the meeting and **Christina Clemens** as our special guest speaker! I would have loved to hear about the trip to Ghana and all that transpired to inspire the teachers there. Thank you both for making it an interesting and informative evening!

Special thanks to **Margaret Batesole** and her committee of sister "elves" for organizing the Angel Project! We raised an unprecedented \$1950! The outstanding generosity of our chapter will make the holidays brighter for a good number of foster children. Excellent teamwork, sisters! Now, that's what I'm talking about!

As we say goodbye to 2022 and hello to 2023, please put our DKG meeting on your calendar! We will be meeting at the Brass Door on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 pm to celebrate our history with Founder's Day and induct our newest members: **Sandy Budde**, **Courtney Fischer**, and we welcome back Heather Cooper who is being reinstated. Don't forget to attend wearing a hat that has its own distinctive style/history!! This is a special meeting that celebrates DKG and our ever expanding chapter! Cheers!!

Sue Robinson



Want to Volunteer?

Gail Kamerer wants those of you who are retired and looking for something fun and worthwhile to do...to consider volunteering at the Tassajara Old Schoolhouse. She writes, "I am the Education Chair of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. We are in desperate need of volunteers to teach third graders at the Tassajara One Room Schoolhouse. I am one of the teachers and I love to do it. I wear a costume, which is provided and I teach third graders who are

also in costumes. There is a lesson plan, which is easy to follow and all materials are provided. There is also an assistant teacher who does yard duty and helps with other lessons. There is also a training session to help you get started. I would be happy to have you come and watch me teach. I hope some of you might like to be the main teacher or the assistant teacher. We really need teachers. It would be a shame if some third graders couldn't come because we can't provide the teachers.



Carol Rowley wants you to consider volunteering at **Forest Home Farms Historic Park**. Join a diverse group of fun and interesting people who share a passion for educating people about, and preserving the history of the San Ramon Valley **Farm Life Docents** introduce 3rd grade students to the agricultural history of the San Ramon Valley. Lead tours and activities, help with gardening and tastings in the organic garden, or present food preservation demonstrations and tastings.

Glass House Museum Docents are trained to lead a variety of tours, provide educational programs and participate in historic preservation at this fully restored and furnished Victorian home which was built in 1877.

For more information about volunteering at **Forest Home Farms Historic Park** please contact BJ Byrd at (925) 973-3284 or bbyrd@sanramon.ca.gov Please contact BJ for next Volunteer Orientation Date. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action)

1. What is the purpose of this program?

This program has been operated in Contra Costa County for over 20 years. It is designed to provide children associated with Children and Family Services (CFS) with gifts during the holiday season. These children have all been separated from their parents, are living in placement, and many have been through traumatic situations. Most of these children are in foster care but may alternatively be in the following programs:

- ILSP (Independent Living Skills Program) which trains and assists teen children who are approaching age 18 (15+) and being emancipated.
- Specialized Placement Program (SPP) children have not been emancipated or adopted but have been placed into a specialized home waiting adoption or a group home situation. These are often the “unadoptable” children.
- Adoptions Department (AD) children are in the process of being adopted.
- Children Residential Placement Unit (CRPU), places children in a housing environment (not a group home), such as with relatives.

2. Who is Eligible?

Children who are in the county system whose social worker or program worker have filled out the appropriate application or referral for consideration. Not all children referred will be helped during the holidays; some children do get denied if enough donors are not available. The Angel Tree gift is often the only gift a child in these circumstances receives at the holidays.

3. What Contra Costa county EHSD personnel are involved?

All departmental supervisors are involved in getting the Angel Tree tags distributed among

all division social workers (SW). These workers then choose children from their caseload whom they think are appropriate for Angel Tree program. They find out what those particular children want this holiday season and fill out the Angel Tree tag to the best of their abilities. Then they send the completed Angel Tree tag to the VESTIA program manager for distribution to donors in the community.

4. What community volunteers are involved?

There are hundreds of community volunteers who have built a relationship with the Angel Tree program. Our donors have historically been professionals in the housing and mortgage industries, but we also work with a number of service organizations and corporations. Community volunteers “adopt an Angel”, and purchase, wrap and deliver the gift(s) requested to the distribution site. From there, the gifts are delivered to the child’s social worker, who delivers the gift to the child. Due to strict confidentiality, children do not know who gave them the gift(s). These gifts are truly anonymous gifts of love to a child in need. Each tag has 3 gifts for the donor to choose from and each gift is to cost no more than \$50.

The program manager works hand in hand with the community volunteers to ensure the program runs smoothly, including distribution of Angel Tree tags to the community volunteers, making sure adequate information is provided on the Angel Tree tags, and a reasonable amount of time is allocated in the purchasing of gift items. The program manager for this program is **Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas**, who can be reached at (925) 521-5064. Their offices are located in Pleasant Hill, CA.



We work closely with **VESTIA** (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) every year to deliver gifts and gift cards to the Angel Tree Program described on the previous page. Pictured is **Margaret Batesole** and **Terry Magnin** presenting the gift cards to the VESTIA representative.

THANK YOU, ZETA ZETA FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



VESTIA is also the organization used for delivering backpacks for needy children mid year, They look forward to our January contribution of filled backpacks to replenish their supply. They need a year round cache ready to support students in need in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Cash donations are also welcomed to round out the supply lists. Thank you,

generous Delta Kappa Gamma/ Zeta Zeta sisters...

The committee will be working hard to stuff supplies and fill backpacks for the January delivery. Thank you very much committee members for your efforts, **Charlene McPherson**, **Jeanette Fitch**, **Roseanne Fissore**, and **Diane Drain**



ZETA ZETA PROGRAMS FOR 2023

MONTH	PURPOSE/GOALS	PROGRAMS for 2022-2023
February 15, 2023. Wednesday	Goals 6 & 7	Chico's Fashion Show - Dee Burgeon, Store Manager
March 18, 2023, Saturday	Goals 1, 3, & 7	Area III Conference - Location TBD Add in speaker and topic
April. 19, 2023. Wednesday or Thurs???	Goals 1 and 6	TBD Possible Regional Park Activities 510 544-2212 or Service Project at meeting
May 5 - 7, 2023. Friday through Sunday	Goals 2, 3, 6 & 7	DKG CA Convention: Shaping Tomorrow Together, Hyatt Regency Burlingame
May 17, 2023. Wednesday	Goals 1, 2 and 6	<u>PARTY!</u> Annual Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's —— Chapter Awards given



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

As announced in the last newsletter Zeta Zeta Chapter submitted 4 entries for the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award by November 1, 2022. We found out that 3 out of 4 received the Award. Yippee! Congratulations to the following teachers. Thank you to **Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, and Kit King** for their efforts to submit applications for these eager young teachers.

2022 Penne Ferrell Award Winners/Sponsors



Lisa Cardwell

Resource Teacher SRVHS 2 9th grade classes

Diana Sawin - Sponsor



Victoria Johnson

Third grade Bella Vista Elem.

Ann Schinske - Sponsor



Purvi Bhagat

Resource Teacher K-5, Coyote Creek Elem.

Kit King - Sponsor



Sandy Budde

- **Sandy Budde** will be inducted at the January 18th meeting. She has already paid her dues and filled out a biographical form. Sandy received her B.A. from UC Davis, with double majors in French and Spanish, was awarded a Certificat de Mérit from Université de Bordeaux, France, and earned a Secondary Teaching Credential from UC Davis. She then studied at St. Mary's College in Moraga where she received her M.A. in Educational Leadership and an Administrative Credential.
- Sandy taught French and Spanish at Los Cerros Middle School and Monte Vista High School in SRVUSD. She went on to become Asst. Principal at Monte Vista High School and then was principal at Charlotte Wood Middle School.
- She is currently retired and enjoying her family: Husband - Dave, Navy Commander son - Jason, and former USMC Captain son - Ben, and daughter, Kristen who is teaching Spanish and French like her mom. She is lucky enough to have six grandkids!
- Sandy enjoys traveling, reading, wine-tasting, exploring the Bay Area, playing games like Bridge and Scrabble, teaching, cooking, playing with her grandkids, family and friend get-togethers at their mountain cabin. She also enjoys hiking and water sports at Fallen Leaf Lake. Sandy loves being of use to her loved ones, her community and to the greater society - not necessarily in that order.
- She organizes wonderful Gal-avanting Outings. Sandy has been an Association of University Women (AAUW) member for 50 years. She has served as Head Deacon at St. Philip Church, and is a Community Educator for Women of Vision. An avid Volunteer Reading Tutor, Sandy was selected as ACSA SRVUSD Teacher of the Year in 1989. As a parent, she received the Principal's Award from Country Club School. She also was awarded the "Grace Under Pressure" plaque from Monte Vista High School. She is fun to talk to and be with on an outing. We welcome her as one of our new members.



Karen Yee : Here is a picture of Karen and her sister over Thanksgiving....she recently turned 80. The other one is of Karen and her husband, Ed, getting their ski legs back.



Karen Yee : Here is a picture of Karen and her husband at the Academy of Science with their grandson, Forest.

Thanks, Karen for sending these pictures. We always enjoy seeing what everyone is doing for fun! Karen will have some legislative info next month. :-)



ZETA ZETA - WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Lola Ganse is remodeling two bathrooms and keeping her fingers crossed 🙌 that one will be finished for her Thanksgiving company. 😊🛁

Rosanne Krane spent two lovely weeks in Vienna and it was a marvelous trip with her cousin. 🚗✈️

Diane Drain just visited the Blackhawk Museum for the first time in many years. She says it's amazing and much more than classic cars 🚗 now.

Stephanie Brown-Myers took a wonderful trip with Road Scholars to Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico. It was very informative with speakers on history, foods, art and Indigenous people's culture. She walked 3-4 miles a day and recommends this trip. 🚶🌮🎨

Denise Dolan is going with her husband on a Mexican Riviera cruise over Thanksgiving. 🚢

Catherine Deeham and her husband Martin met her daughter Rachel in Seattle when she returned from New York before Rachel went home to Juneau, Alaska. They did all the tourist visits. ✈️

Heather Cooper is so excited to have her daughter home from college over Thanksgiving week. She is bringing home an eight week old "Double Doodle". 🦃🐕

Margaret Batesole is so thankful for all the Angel Tree Donations from DKG. At this point our total is \$2,000! What a happy holiday we are contributing to Vestia recipients! ❤️❤️❤️😊

Kit King is happy that Donna's surgery was successful and that all lymph nodes came back clear. She is waiting to hear from her oncologist about next steps to insure that cancer won't return. 💕