



# 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 Zeta Zeta dinner meeting will be a Fiesta at **Carol Rowley's** home. I will give you the address so you don't have to look it up in the email that accompanies this newsletter. The cost will be \$40 and will include dinner and margaritas! We will have Mexxi's cater it with salsa and chips, guacamole, tossed salad, rice, beans, cheese enchiladas, chicken flatas, and cookies. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and of course, margaritas will be available. Please make out your \$40 check to DKG/ZZ and send it as usual to **Denise Dolan**, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, CA, 94507. This will be our last meeting together of the school calendar year, and it's always so much fun. There will be an interactive icebreaker, and lots of kudos and chapter awards given. Come if you possibly can! Ole!

April's dinner meeting was wonderful with East Bay Parks speaker, **Mike Moran**, who gave us an incredible amount of information about the history of our parks. I'm including a map of the available parks and what is available to you and your family. Great spots for a summer outing! (HINT: Mike revealed a hidden gem that you have got to see... Vasco Caves). Thank you, **Sandy Budde**, for inviting him.

Thanks for all the great program ideas. The Program Committee will be meeting soon to plan what we will offer for next year. Once we have our dates in place for next year, we will let you know more details... Stay tuned!

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## DKG Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators  
Impacting Education  
Worldwide**

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**Dues are due by mid-June- for next year.** \$90.00 for Active Members and \$35 for Reserve Members who cannot attend due to geographic or health reasons. Please send them to **Nancy Myers**, our Treasurer, by June 15th. What a deal! In this age of rising prices, you can't beat under one hundred for anything else worth a year's fun and informative group such as ours.



At our last meeting the icebreaker asked for some program ideas, topics, and activities. If you like lists to keep, this is for you...I am including two more lists as attachments. ;-)

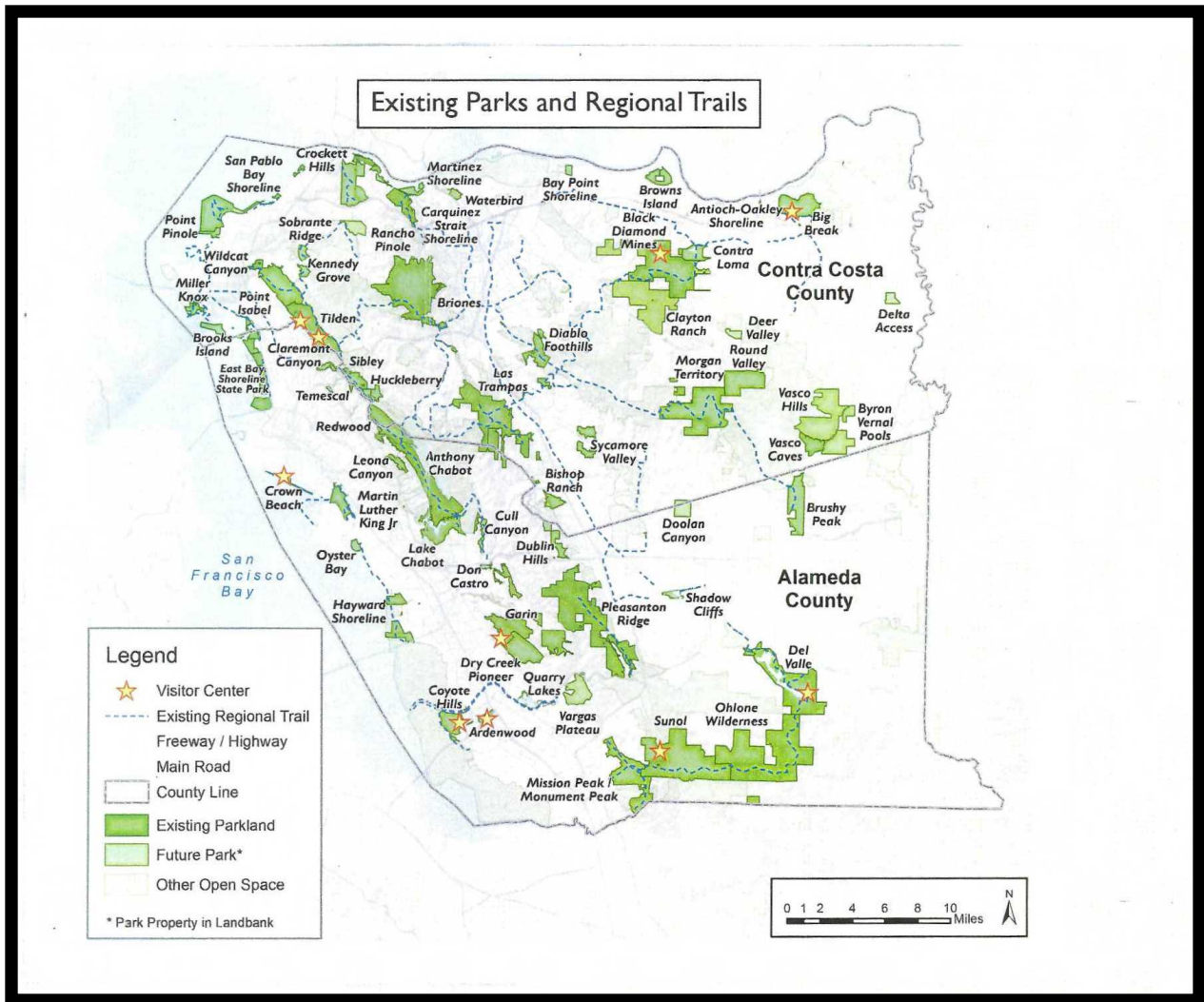
**Program Ideas: Speakers, Places & Things to Investigate**

- Youth Homes - Volunteers (Courtney Fischer - contact)
- Gardening - Master Gardener
- Kids Against Hunger Field trip again
- VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action)
- Member Stories
- Arts & Crafts
- Decluttering/Downsizing
- Mental Health in Schools- Reducing Anxiety Techniques
- Yoga and Wellness (Kelly Kolda was previously scheduled - canceled due to Pandemic)
- Neuro-Diversity - Karen Yee's daughter
- Dancers
- Singers
- Music Program - Lisa M.
- Spa/Massage
- Psychic Fun
- Chef/Winemaker
- Make Up/Color Consultant
- Authors - Diana S.
- Book Club
- Gems
- Traveling
- Make it-Take it
- Wine and Painting
- Good hiking trails
- Fashion Show
- What's New in our Schools?
- Educational topics
- Outreach to the Community
- Reading Aloud Day in Schools
- Discovery Counseling Center
- Antique Show
- Safety Program
- Backpack Supply Day
- Shepherd's Gate Day
- Game Night
- Florist - demo

- Habitat for Humanity
- Painting or Art Demo - Sue's Daughter
- Dental Health - Cindy L
- Falls: I'm Falling For You (Nancy Myers)
- Panel of Educators
- Tours and Bus Trips
- Physical Fitness
- Pet therapy
- Pet Rescue
- Guide Dogs for the Blind

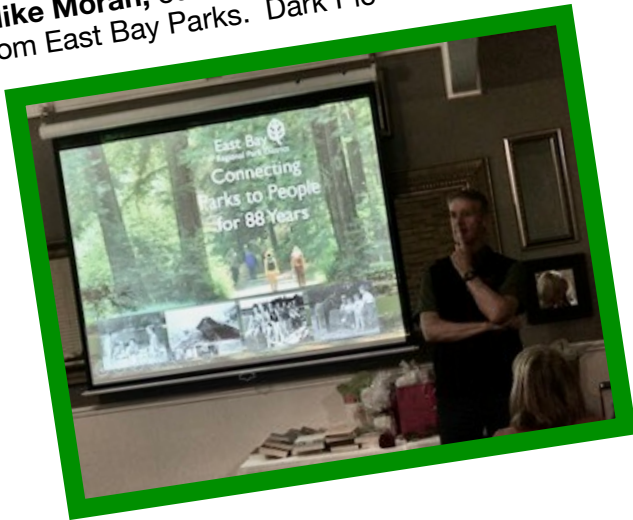
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Pictures courtesy of Karen Yee  
**Zeta Zeta April Meeting**

**Mike Moran**, our wonderful presenter from East Bay Parks. Dark Pic - sorry!







**Challenge:**  
See how many  
members and  
guests that you  
can identify!





## Letter from our President



Spring is in the air and we enjoyed a wonderful April meeting with **Mike Moran** from East Bay Parks explaining the park history of our area. It probably would not come as a surprise to know that the East Bay has the largest urban regional park district in the country! So proud of our parks from Redwood Regional to Tilden to the many beautiful community parks! We are so fortunate to live in such a green wonderland! Thank you, **Sandy Budde**, for inviting Mike to share his knowledge with us!

I am very excited to share that we have five Zeta Zeta members attending the **May 5-7 DKG Convention** this year! This is the highest number we have had since I can remember! **Diana Sawin, Christina Clemens, Margaret Batesole**, and I will be attending the entire weekend and **Nancy Myers** will be attending on Saturday. I'm really looking forward to workshops, speakers, shopping, hanging out with fellow Zeta Zeta sisters, and the awards banquet! It will be a special weekend!

As the next meeting in May is our last for the year, I am thinking about next year. What will the next year look like? I will be moving to Southern California in the next few months. Do I continue as President of Zeta Zeta remotely? Is there someone who would be able to take my place, and if not, then someone who would be able to run the meetings for me, as I will not be there in person. The backpack project committee also asked to be restructured for several reasons. There has been talk about wanting to do more outreach in the community, like we are starting to do with Kids Against Hunger. We only need to have four business meetings a year, so maybe we can plan accordingly. I would like to invite all members to join the Executive Board on a Zoom meeting to discuss these thoughts and ideas for next year. Please mark **Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm** on your calendar to share your valued opinion at this important meeting. **Kit King** will be sending the link on May 2. Then we will really have something to celebrate.

With love and appreciation for all your support this year,

*Sue Robinson*





*Lisa Maher*



Lisa Maher joined our chapter in March, 2021. She graduated from Hunter College in New York, and got her Masters in Reading at Cal State Hayward in 1994. She taught 5th grade in Hayward, and many grades at Green Valley Elementary School in SRVUSD: 1st grade (12 years). 2nd grade (2 years), 5th grade (8 years) and started and taught the school wide music program K-5 for 2 years. She taught for almost 26 years total, plus tutored children at Green Valley during COVID.

Lisa is a talented musician and plays flute and piccolo in various orchestras and groups in the Bay Area. In fact, she has practice every Wednesday night, which prevents her from coming regularly to our Wednesday night meetings. She was there last Tuesday and we were glad to have her.

Lisa is married to Jim, and they have two sons and one daughter. With their extended families she is blessed with 4 grandchildren - 1 boy, 2 girls and another granddaughter coming this July. She enjoys gardening, hiking and crocheting.

In terms of community service, Lisa has worked with a foster care organization called Foster a Dream for a few years, working in their Santa's Workshop. She is a lovely person who we would love to see more of next year when we vary days for our meetings. When asked why she joined DKG, she said, "I wanted to continue my relationship with fellow teachers, as well as use my experience in helping others in the teaching profession." Get to know Lisa, she's great!





## SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

### EVERY CHILD DESERVES A QUALITY EDUCATION

As of 2017, 64 million children of primary school age were out of school, up from just under 61 million in 2012. 54 percent of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa. Those children who are in school do not always receive a quality education. In sub-Saharan Africa, approximately 50 per cent of the population is under the age of 18. This presents a unique opportunity to leverage the skills, resources and capacities of millions of children and adolescents, and support even greater progress and new growth opportunities for them and the societies in which they live.

Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, Peter Krämer Stiftung and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, that is helping millions of children access a quality education. By providing funds to support this critical program, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional organization of women educators and a longstanding UNICEF USA partner — is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With Support from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program is achieving the following results:

- Reaching over 30 million children
- Increasing access to basic quality education in 21 countries across Africa: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Improving access to quality basic education through inclusive and healthy schools; gender-sensitive education; qualified teacher and child-centered pedagogy; and safe and schools.
- Promoting greater involvement of communities in children's early learning and well-being through parental education.
- Increasing access to and quality of informal learning programs and education for children in emergencies.
- Using an equity strategy to increase education rates for girls, rural and urban poor, ethnic minorities and children with disabilities.

Hooray! **Georgia Moore** collected **\$239.39** for **DKG's Global Awareness**. **It will be sent in to support Schools for Africa**. Thank you all for your part in this endeavor, and thank you, Georgia, for your faithfulness in passing the *spare change jar*.



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## 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.

### Do You "Just Belong?"

*Thank you, Margaret!*

Are you an active member,  
the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?  
Do you do your job well and without a kick?  
Or do you leave the work  
to just a few and talk about the clique?  
There's quite a program scheduled  
That I'm sure you've heard about  
And it'll be appreciated too,  
If you would come and help.




Think this over, member, you know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member, or do you "just belong?"

*Author Unknown*





## What's Happening?




**Courtney Fischer** had Carmen come read to her class. Her class loved it!!  




**Jackie Adams** is going to Southern California for the week to relax and enjoy the sights.   




**Mary Anne Kolda** just got back from a fabulous trip to Washington D.C.   




**Karen Yee** enjoyed a very windy camping trip to Joshua Tree National Park over Spring Break with her grandson. They enjoyed the Joshua trees, many cactus blooms, and desert birds.  



**Joe Anne Doyle** is still having grandkids graduating from college.   

**Valerie Kellner** has two grandsons graduating from high school. One is graduating from San Ramon Valley High School and headed to Boston College. The second one, from Hawaii, is headed for Montana State where he will be playing on the volleyball team.....go figure!!!   

**Jeanette Fitch** has two grandsons graduating college in May. One is graduating from Puget Sound in Tacoma, and the other one from Yale in New Haven, Connecticut.   

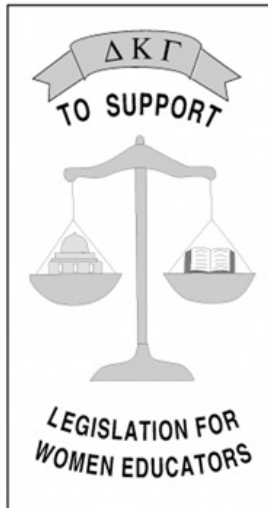
**Kit King** had some very good news about her sister, Donna Bell. Although she is facing radiation next, she has successfully completed her chemo. She is eager to return to DKG next year.   

**Roseann Krane** is taking her granddaughter, Jessica, to an African Kenyan Safari in June.   

**Denise Dolan** will miss the May 17th Fiesta because she is going on her 7th cruise to Alaska on that day. She hopes everyone has a wonderful summer.  

## DKG Legislative Update March/April

Courtesy of Karen Yee



### Update – CalPERS Long Term Care Insurance Lawsuit Settlement

Here is an article with updates regarding the settlement:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/03/calpers-long-term-care-lawsuit/>

**Summary:** CalPERS is preparing to pay out roughly \$800 million to settle claims that it misled retirees when it began offering long-term care insurance in the late 1990s and pledged it wouldn't substantially raise rates on certain plans.

### California has made big investments in teacher recruitment

Nationally, the number of people completing teacher preparation 2019. California is one of eight states to increase the number of teachers entering the profession during that time, according to the Learning Policy Institute.

### Surprised?

Read more on how CA is investing in teacher recruitment, training, and residency. <<https://rb.gy/rvbmvs>>



## California is offering free immigration legal services for community college students

By Zaidee Stavely, *EdSource* summarized by **Roseann Krane**, *Legislation Committee, ZetaZeta*

Golden State invests \$10 million yearly to help community college students renew DACA, apply for naturalization, and other immigration services.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODEC

If you're a student, staff or faculty member at a California community college, you're eligible for free legal immigration services.

Since 2019, California has been investing \$10 million yearly in a program that provides legal services to help community college students renew their status under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, identify options to apply for permanent residency or for permanent residents to apply for naturalization, among other services.

Anyone affiliated with any community college campus can **sign up online** for a consultation with an attorney or paralegal. Most campuses offer either in-person or online consultations, while some more remote campuses only offer online appointments.

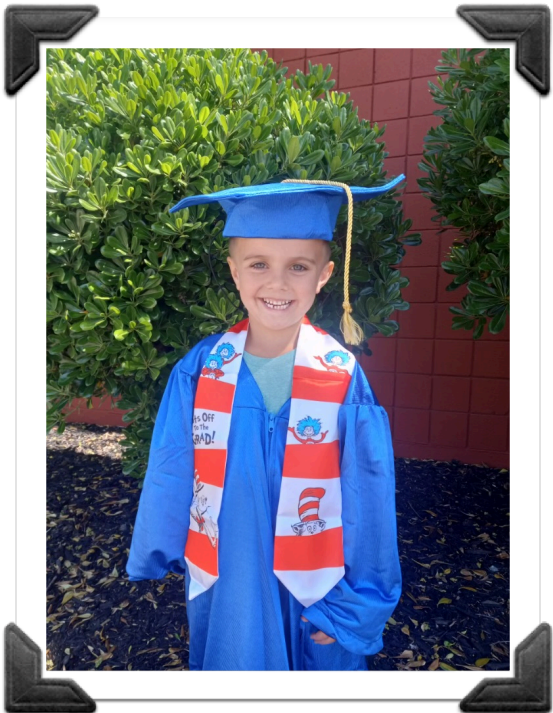
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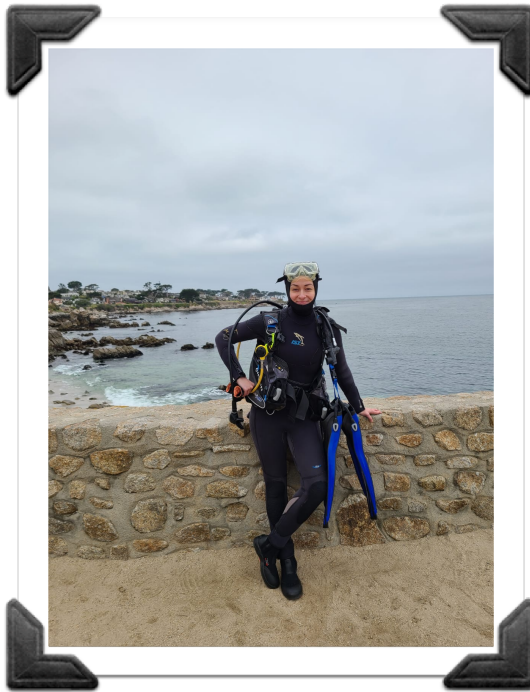
**Diana Sawin:** Her beautiful granddaughter, Courtney Sawin's 21st birthday this month. Can you believe it?



**Denise Dolan:** Pictured here with her grandson, Cooper. I'll bet he's her computer expert!



**Georgia Moore:** Her grandson Slade's graduation from TK! What a cutie!



**Christina Clemens:** Diving at Lover's Point in Monterey :)





**Lisa Maher:** Here pictured with her grandchildren. :-)



**Joannie Wedell:** Took a quick trip to San Antonio, TX to visit my husband's youngest son and his wife. They moved from CO and bought a new home there last August. Walked their dogs at the San Antonio missions, so enjoyed the River Walk and loved buying my new cactus 🌵 earrings! It was the start of Fiesta Week there while we were there.

