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**RESERVE NOW: Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon, CA.

Please send reservations of choice and check made out to DKG/ZZ by January 10, 2024 to

**Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.**

**Remember that soft drinks are included with your meal. Just order from the waiter!**



Choices:

9 ounce Prime Rib (\$49)



Salmon. (\$47)



Chicken Parmigiana (\$44)



Pasta Primavera (\$37)



## January 2024 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

Gail Kamerer, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Cyndi Koby, Mary Anne Kolda, Mary Anne Kolda, Roseann Krane, Pat Low, Eldene Lucchese, Cindy Luengo, Sandy Madewell.

Each contributor should bring a gift of their choice worth no more than ten dollars, OR \$10 in cash, all WRAPPED, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped.



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**We will have a wonderful program on Physical Fitness/Wellness/Yoga. Our speaker will be teacher Kerry Kolda, our own Mary Anne's daughter-in-law. Kerry and her 4th grade teaching partner became trained yoga instructors so they can use yoga as a wellness tool in their classrooms and after school program. It's been a worthwhile project and we wanted her to share how it has worked. This is the information about her program, 360 Wellness for All.**

**It will be Founder's Day so you can wear a hat.**

**Our incoming sponsors and new members who participated in orientation are as follows:**

1. Sandy Budde:  Brenda McNeely

2. Kit King:  Stephanie Wurz

3. Sue Robinson:  Gina Jaber

4. Diana Sawin:  Madilyne Cragin

## OUR MISSION

We have worked as elementary school teachers for many years and have noticed that each year, we encounter more cases of children with anxiety, depression, low-confidence, and problems with attention and focus. For the past few years, children have experienced life in a way that no children have previously. We are still trying to understand the social-emotional impact of the pandemic on children and are constantly working to improve our lessons and methods. Our current program helps address relevant issues for children and changes as the need arises.

Our goal is to help children make the most out of school and life by teaching yoga, meditation, mindfulness and social - emotional learning. Our programs will help children to access optimal personal wellbeing.

Thank you for supporting our business and mission. We are both RYT-200 Yoga Alliance Certified Yoga Instructors and 360 Wellness For All, LLC is fully licensed and insured.

~Kerry Kolda & Katie Nagle

**Please invite a fellow teacher to join us at our January meeting.**

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## President's Message: Sue Robinson

Happy Holidays!! Getting ready for this holiday season is always so exciting and this year for me means a special opportunity to start some new traditions, as well as continuing some old and cherished ones! Also looking forward to having my daughter visit and sharing this new community with her!

It was wonderful to hear all your voices greeting me in unison this last meeting! Special thanks to Courtney Fischer for volunteering to be our techie for the evening! It was wonderful to hear about the traveling tips from the videos and power point presentations! Special thanks to Diana Sawin and Gina Jaber for their part in describing and modeling the travel wardrobe tips! Then, Stephanie Brown-Myers explained the Hostelship/ Road Scholarship Program. So nice to know that this program is available to DKG members! Finally, several members shared their own important travel tips! What an informative evening!!

I want to thank members for supporting our community service projects so far. Diane Drain reported that 19 members donated to Kids Against Hunger, while 10 members showed up to help pack 5,824 meals! Margaret Batesole reported that we collected over \$1,600 from members for the Angel Project. Karen Yee reported that we are receiving lots of unopened small toiletries to donate to the Monument Crisis Center! I also know that many of you are volunteering in classrooms and will be turning in your THAT hours online. It is amazing what can be accomplished in our own community with a bit of effort and organization! Many thanks to the organizers and the members who made it happen!

**Our next community service project is for February- Valentine's Day in the Schools. This is a membership recruiting project that will put our organization out into the schools to introduce ourselves, while also appreciating all that teachers do. In order to participate, please choose a local school- then go online to order a box of See's candies (\$29 - 1 lb./ \$55 - 2 lb.). Pick up a DKG brochure from the January meeting. On Wednesday, February 14, deliver the box and brochure to the school with a little Valentine note thanking the teachers for all they do and if they are interested in learning more about DKG, invite them to contact you for any questions- you can then invite them to our March 14 meeting at the Brass Door! Please remember to leave your contact info! I would like to encourage members to partner up on this project. If you have any further questions about this exciting, new community project, you can reach out to our organizer, Roseann Krane. Special thanks to members who have already supported the Yumraising by buying See's chocolates for the holidays. Those funds are supporting DKG scholarships and convention/conferences. The February project will raise funds for our own chapter. It's a win-win!!**

Our January 17 meeting will be a special one to attend as we will be inducting new members: Madyne Cragin, Gina Jaber, Brenda McNeely, and Stephanie Wurz! We will also have the pleasure of hearing from Kelly Kolda, a fitness instructor on Wellness and Yoga. Special thanks to Sandy Budde for organizing and leading this important meeting! It would be fantastic if Kit King is finally able to join us! Sending warmest wishes for a lovely and especially cozy holiday season with your loved ones!

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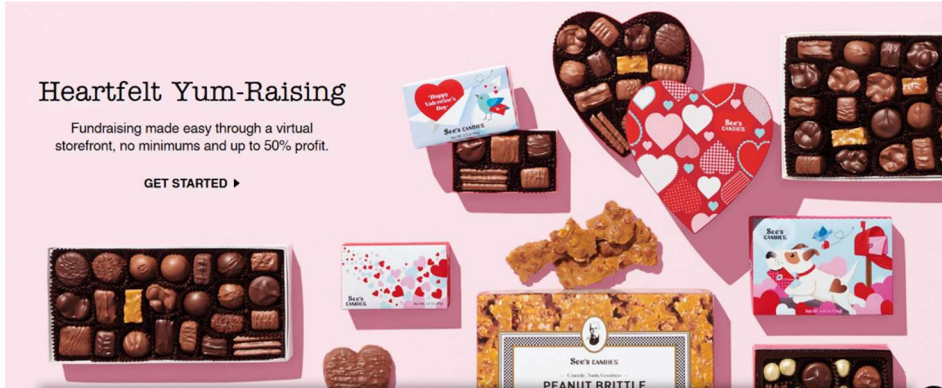
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DKGzetazeta is our chapter store front! Buy from us please.

## Heartfelt Yum-Raising

Fundraising made easy through a virtual storefront, no minimums and up to 50% profit.

GET STARTED ▶



**Our DKGzetazeta Storefront Fundraiser is open for business - Buy for Valentine's Day!**

**What is Yum - Raising?**

**Share this link to our online shop with friends & family. Our storefront is DKGzetazeta.**

**The price is the price you pay at the store. We receive 50% profit on selected items and 20% profit on all other orders.**

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/dkgzetazeta\\_dkgzetazeta29/Rosrkr4230/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/dkgzetazeta_dkgzetazeta29/Rosrkr4230/candy)

You can also save and send this QR code which will link to your storefront:



**Feel free to contact Roseann Krane with any questions about our storefront **DKGzetazeta****

**Orders are shipped directly beginning **December 4, 2023.****

Virtual Shop Closes: 1/26/2024

Thank you for supporting the DKGzetazeta!

We'll receive profits from any items you purchase below. Order more to help us reach our fundraising goal!

**Happy news: Kit King will be able to return home this weekend. Thanks for sending her notes and visiting!**

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## Spot Light on Gina Jaber



Gina Jaber is one of our new members this year. Gina stepped up even before she was inducted into Zeta Zeta. Here she is modeling a coat and scarf at the travel meeting in November. She is already taking on leadership. Thanks Gina.

She went to Rolling Hills High School; Immaculate Heart High School and studied Elementary Education at UCLA and San Francisco State University and [UCLA](#). She has two daughters, Jenn and Kristen.

Gina loves to travel and always dreamed of more. Looking for a career in travel guidance/travel/tourism. Please message her with leads!



She was teaching elementary education for the last 20 years and decided to go with her dream. She is now subbing and learning to become a travel agent.

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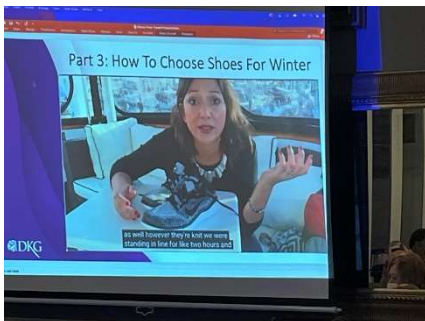
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## DKG-ZetaZeta November Program: Stress Free Travel Recap

### TRAVEL FASHION GIRL recap

Website: [travelfashiongirl.com](http://travelfashiongirl.com)



Courtney Fischer, our program techie embedded Travel Fashion Girl 3 part Video Series and 6 Part Power Point Sides for our Travel Presentation. Gina Jaber and Diana Sawin presented travel tips how to Travel Stress Free using a 22" carryon luggage and one personal item creating a capsule wardrobe with vests scarves and accessories. Members shared travel tips on how to protect identity theft and shopping for sales online and at outlets.



Alexandra Jimenez, founder of Travel Fashion Girl created a 3 part series video on How to Pack for Winter Travel. Her 3 Part Video Series can be viewed on You Tube or on her website [travelfashiongirl.com](http://travelfashiongirl.com) Her website is a must see for travel tips.

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## Awards and Recognition: Hostelship / Road Scholarship

The DKG CA Hostelship Awards are given to members of DKG who attend a Road Scholarship Program and apply for the award. Up to 4 awards can be given a year with a maximum amount of \$450. Road Scholar Programs are for adults who like to travel, meet people, and continue their quest for adventure and learning. The applicant must be a member of DKG CA at the time of application. The Road Scholar Program must be completed before applying for the Hostelship Award. A summary of the experience and photos are submitted with the application for the award. The applicant must be willing to share the adventure with others. Watch for the deadline date to apply, by **December 1, 2024**.

**ShopGoodwill.com : The new ugg boots at \$28 including shipping.**

We look forward to an amazing year for Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta Chapter. You are part of a great organization with main offices located at. 12710 Research Blvd. Ste.230 | Austin TX 78759 Phone: 512-478-5748. DKG is located in the following countries: United States, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Finland, Guatemala, Iceland, The Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Great Britain, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Germany, Estonia, Panama, and Japan! Send this newsletter on to someone who you think will join us.

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The **Monument Crisis Center** was delighted by our toiletry donations in November.

Let's collect again at our January 17 meeting.

If we see our volume of donations decline substantially, we can switch our donations to other items.

Karen Yee

## *Who Joins DKG?*

Do you remember the women who helped you on your path?

We are women educators collaborating on ways we can make an impact in the world of education by providing support or service to active teachers, shaping educational policy at the state level, and connecting international women educators. We learn, we build, we do!



“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 Georgia Moore a 3 or 5 dollar check if you don’t keep change. And thank you, Georgia for facilitating this collection

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## Delta Kappa Gamma Purposes

- 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.**

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Update on Efforts to Repeal Unfair Social Security Provisions (HR 82) by Karen Yee

- The Social Security Fairness debate is alive and well in the House of Representatives! A Sub-Committee Hearing for bill HR 82 was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> in 'Baton Rouge' Louisiana, led by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (MO) and Social Security Sub-Committee Chairman Drew Ferguson (GA)
- HR 82 author, Rep Garret Graves (LA), in conjunction with CalRTA leadership and the Social Security Fairness National Coalition, a 100-member effort, helped influence Ways & Means Committee Chair, Jason Smith (MO) to hold a Hearing on this bipartisan bill to eliminate penalties and provide long overdue fairness to public servants.
- The Hearing was focused on the negative impact the S.S. Windfall Elimination and Government Pension Offset provisions on public employees and their families in 15 states.
- Some Public Sector worker witnesses were personally invited to speak at the Hearing, and written comments were submitted as evidence by CalRTA members explaining how these penalties have negatively affected their retirement security.
- The Hearing is available to view on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Fi1Rca554M>
- HR 82 has the 3<sup>rd</sup> most cosponsors of any piece of proposed legislation in Congress right now ... and that is because there is ample bipartisan agreement that the WEP & GPO are unfair to public employees and their spouses.
- The conclusion was ... Congress must find a bi-partisan way to provide public servants with the full retirement they are entitled to ... that was the "goal" of the witness who testified.



Many thanks to members who are responding to weekly CalRTA Legislative Alerts!

Your actions have helped move SS Fairness bill HR 82 over the threshold of 300 cosponsors in The House ... which prompted the first Hearing for Social Security Fairness in over 10 years!

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Did you know Delta Kappa Gamma Society International **Zeta Zeta Chapter Tuition Grant** \$500 - \$2000  
(Amount will be based on need and resources of the Zeta Zeta Chapter)

Qualifications: Students in the field of education, including any teacher working to further his /her degrees or credentials  
Deadline: Applications must be mailed and received by the Scholarship Committee by May 15.

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## What's Happening by Terry Magnin:

**Gina Jaber** just got back from a week and a half in LA so that she could take care of her Mom who has dementia. Her two sisters take turns with her. It is a challenge but she kept her patience most of the time.



**Karen McGregor** celebrated her 50th anniversary at the end of August on a Viking Rhine River cruise which was so much fun.



**Cyndi Koby** had a long November birthday month celebrating. She went to New York to celebrate with two of her children. She saw two plays on Broadway and had tea at the Plaza.



**Sandy Budde's** son is retiring from the Navy so she's going to Newport R.I. for the ceremony party and catching the Army/Navy game while back there.

**Sandy Madewell** finished PT for her new knee on November 1st. On December 20th she is flying to Colorado to celebrate Christmas with family and friends.



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**Carol Rowley** just returned from ten days in Kauai, relaxing and fun.



**Jackie Adams** just returned from Maui, very beautiful and relaxing.



**Lola Ganse** had foot surgery to repair a hammer toe and she is already back to gym class.



**Joe Anne Doyle's** oldest son came from South Carolina for Thanksgiving and she loved seeing him.



**Gail Costello** had a different Thanksgiving at her house because of her granddaughter's food allergies. They had crab salad and sweet potatoes, gluten free, dairy free, soy free, and grain free, Everyone loved it.



**Cindy Luengo** just returned from a week in Palm Desert with two life long friends who live in a retirement community there. It was fun to play Bingo, Bunco, water aerobics, watercolors and have wonderful meals in the dining room. She is looking forward to a return trip.



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**Valerie Kellner** entertained grandchildren for the Thanksgiving holiday, one from Mt. State Bozeman, one from Reno and another from Boston College. It was pure joy to have them home for the holiday. She has two still in high school and feels So blessed.

**Donna Bell** is counting her blessings this Thanksgiving as her sister is doing so much better. She and her husband were able to go to Oregon to be with his family again this year and she has overcome her lung cancer surgery successfully at this point. Praise God!



Margaret Batesole hopes in this busy holiday season to see fun, fellowship and faith around our community and the world! Blessings to all our DKG Sisterhood and best wishes for a full recovery to Kit and all who are facing medical issues! Hugs to all!



Terry MagnIn is slowly getting better after back and knee procedures. It was hard sitting for so long this evening. She had all three daughters and their children for Thanksgiving in San Anselmo at her daughter's house. It was great to be together.



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**Karen Yee** just returned from France taking a Viking cruise from Paris to Moen and back. then three extra days in Paris.



**Rosann Krane** went to Arizona and saw her sister in their hometown, Globe, where they buried her mother.



She visited her aunt three different days, who has been in a hospital bed for three years since she had covid.



Thanksgiving was with her brother and then she attended her cousin's' wedding in Chandler where she married in the church 44 years after being engaged.



Roseann attended Enchant with her sister-in-law and family and went to the MIM music museum in Scottsdale with cousins.

She only saw 12 of her 31 first cousins and many of their children. It was good to visit family.

