



# 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 February dinner meeting was held at the Brass Door Restaurant and was a big hit! Not only did we have several guests, but we had a wonderful fashion show presented by Chico's of Danville. **Dee Borgeson**, (Manager of the Danville and Lafayette stores) was the narrator who presented the latest trends in fashion as modeled by 8 of our own members. The models were from left to right in photo below: **Cyndi Koby, Rosanne Fissore, Lola Ganse, Denise Dolan Christina Clemens, Sue Robinson, Courtney Fischer, and Sandy Buddy**, Thanks gals, you did a fabulous job and we all so enjoyed it.



More pictures are on the next few pages.



## DKG Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators  
Impacting Education  
Worldwide**

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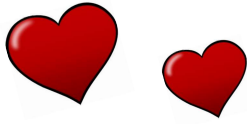




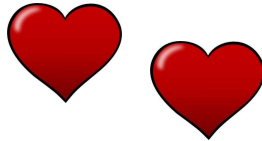
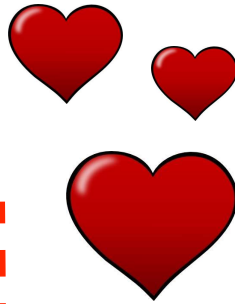








# TABLE SNAPSHOTS!







# More LOVE-ly Ladies







# Letter from our President



Our February meeting was one to remember! It was wonderful to see everyone again after having missed the last two meetings!! There were quite a few guests, including our own Area Director, **Eileen Blood-Golden!** After the conversation-starting ice-breaker provided by **Kit King**, we enjoyed a lovely dinner and committee reports. (Please remember to turn in your THAT volunteer hours!) **Diana Sawin** reported on the Area III Conference coming up on March 18. Special thanks to **Bobbie Mortensen** and **Jackie Adams**, who always do such a fantastic job of putting together our Chapter Basket for the Silent Auction! Our chapter is responsible for table decorations and Diana has organized the centerpieces using art from local elementary students! Anyone getting there early will be encouraged to help us arrange the centerpieces on each table. Diana also announced the sale of See's candies. DKG will get as much as 50% back from some of the chocolate orders! That will really help!! Thank you for voting on the Service Awards! I've tallied the ballots and we have our award recipients for 2023! They will be announced at the Area III Conference and at our Fiesta in May! So happy and proud of all who were nominated!

Our program for the February meeting was a fashion show organized by **Kit King** with **Dee Borgeson**, store manager from Chico's! So much fun trying on trendy outfits and strutting our stuff around the room!! Special thanks to **Rosanne Fissore, Lola Ganse, Denise Dolan, Cyndi Koby, Christina Clemens, Courtney Fischer, and Sandy Budde** for participating as our runway models! You looked mah-velous!!

Zeta Zeta will not be holding a March meeting. **The Area III Conference is being held March 18 at the Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda.** Several of us will be attending the conference. As of this writing, we are at our maximum number of guests, so registration is now closed! That is awesome news!! Looking forward to seeing everyone again in April!

*Sue Robinson*





## INFO You Need to Know!

**T.H.A.T.** (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)

**Mary Anne Kolda** reminded us to go online to enter any hours you helped a teacher. <[www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org)> At the top you need to click **Members** and the password is **sisterhood**. Then find T.H.A.T! **They are due by April 1, 2023!**



**“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.*



**2 STARS in our group!**

Many thanks for help with photos from **Joannie Wedell and Roseann Krane!** Great job of capturing the spirit of the evening! You both are **stars!!!**

**ATTENTION!**

**Please note the new date for the April Program. It has been changed from Wednesday to TUESDAY! We will get to hear about East Bay Parks from an expert and gifted speaker.**

## ZETA ZETA PROGRAMS FOR 2023

MONTH	PURPOSE/GOALS	PROGRAMS for 2022-2023
March 18, 2023, Saturday	Goals 1, 3, & 7	<b>Area III Conference -Oakland Yacht Club</b> , 1101 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501-Time: 9:00am-1:30pm
<b>April 18 , 2023. TUESDAY</b>	Goals 1 and 6	<b>BRASS DOOR: Dave Zuckerman, retired Manager for East Bay Regional Parks - Don't miss this one!</b>
May 5 - 7, 2023. Friday through Sunday	Goals 2, 3, 6 & 7	<b>DKG CA Convention: Shaping Tomorrow Together</b> , Hyatt Regency Burlingame
May 17, 2023. Wednesday	Goals 1, 2 and 6	<b><u>PARTY!</u> Annual Mexican Fiesta</b> at Carol Rowley's — Chapter Awards given



## 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.

**BRAVO!**

### DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA



**VESTIA** (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) welcomes our filling of backpacks for their kids in need. **Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch** and their committee (**Diane Drain, Rosanne Fissore, Cyndi Koby**) filled eleven backpacks with all the needed supplies. In addition, a small toy or book was added. Thanks all of you members who contributed to this project. Thank you committee for your help with this worthy project. And thank you **Christina Clemens** for the use of your classroom.







*Linda Wild*

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• Congratulations to our newest member, **Linda Wild**. Linda was inducted via zoom on •  
 • Wednesday, February 8th. She is eager to get acquainted and involved. Linda •  
 • received her BA in English from Simmons College in Boston, and her Masters in •  
 • Clinical Counseling from Cal State Hayward. She taught Junior High School English •  
 • and 8th grade History for 8 years and loved it. Linda went on to use her counseling •  
 • skills in private practice with adolescents, individuals, and families in the Mental Health •  
 • field. She was Clinical Supervisor for non-profit homeless and mentally ill programs in •  
 • Solano County, when she worked for Phoenix Programs, Inc./ANKA. She previously •  
 • worked in Hayward as Clinical Director of 5 group homes of boys where she oversaw a •  
 • number of interns. Linda had interesting and challenging times in teaching and in the •  
 • mental health field.

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• Linda has two daughters. Her older daughter Aletha, works in public health for LA •  
 • County, and her younger daughter Kara is an attorney. Linda has been widowed for •  
 • eleven years.

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• She loves art, has taken many art class, and other classes of all kinds. She enjoys •  
 • exploring museums, studying birds, reading, traveling, and relating to all kinds of •  
 • people. She served on the Board at ANKA after she retired. Linda was also a •  
 • volunteer for Dress For Success and worked at the Food Bank in Contra Costa •  
 • County. Linda volunteered at Winter Nights to provide food, counseling, and fellowship. •  
 • Winter Nights is a faith-based program in collaboration with homeless programs and •  
 • families in need during the cold weather, which rotates between churches and temples •  
 • on a temporary basis.

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• When asked why she wanted to join us, she replied, “I want to be of service, and I’m •  
 • passionate about education and helping others.” She is delightful to talk with and will •  
 • be a great asset to our society. Get to know her...you will be charmed!





**ATTENTION:** March's meeting will be the annual **Area III Conference** where we will be honoring one of our own. We will go to support our Awardee. **Will let you know who in Zeta Zeta is chosen as our awardee this year. Sh...sh. It's a surprise!** We will have a great showing of Zeta Zeta members!

Mark your calendars NOW for our State Convention in Burlingame the first weekend of May. See the flyer below! There will be another one coming soon. However, if you go online to [www.dkgcalifornia.org](http://www.dkgcalifornia.org) you can find links to registration for the convention, hotels, and each day's itinerary. It is always outstanding! Let's have a large group participate. It will be fun to see all the chapters represented in California.





## ZETA ZETA - WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Courtesy of Georgia Moore

**Carol Rowley** is going on a cruise to the Panama Canal. 🇵🇦 🚢

**Jackie Adams** and her husband are going to Las Vegas in March. 😊

**Valerie Kellner** had a wonderful trip with her husband to Arizona to rendezvous with old friends. They enjoyed car shows, cooking, and lots of laughs!! 🚗 👨‍🍳 😄

**Lola Ganse** is going skiing in Tahoe with her sister at the end of the month. Her longtime significant other has been in the Kaiser Hospital for two weeks.



**Sandy Budde** just returned from Las Vegas where her daughter took her to the Bruno Mars Concert. Bruno was phenomenal, but the special “alone time” with her daughter was even better!! 🎵 🙏

**Christina Clemens** got her mermaid tail wet again by doing some diving in Monterey. She is getting Kelp Restoration certified to help the Monterey Bay!!



**Kit King** reported that her sister, Donna Bell, has had one chemo treatment, and is doing well. Her next Chemo is Tuesday, February 28th. Keep your prayers coming!! 🙏



## DKG Legislative Update, February, 2023

Courtesy of **Karen Yee**, Zeta Zeta's Legislative Chair  
and **Roseann Krane**



### UC Outreach by **Roseann Krane**

Expanded outreach at 65 community colleges with low-income students is being planned by the University of California in an effort to increase the number of students who successfully transfer from those colleges. They hope to increase transfer access and attainment.

The need to do more to recruit community college students is especially key now because of a massive drop in enrollment at community colleges. Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the colleges have lost about 18% of their enrollment. Subsequently, applications to UC from community college transfers declined by 11% for fall 2022.

UC campuses plan to spend \$2.5 million set aside for the system's [Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships](#), according to the item presented to the regents. They feel UC campuses must have a presence at rural colleges, and not just at their transfer fairs. He said that could include in-person visits from UC representatives, but also virtual events.

### Governor's 2023-24 Proposed Budget by **Karen Yee**

Education funding remains high with a total ADA funding of \$17,519 per pupil and an overall total education funding of \$23,723 per pupil. That includes a cost-of-living increase of 8.13 incorporated into the local control funding formula. This proposed budget does not factor in any kind of mild recession due to our slowing economy, however it suggests cuts between \$20-40 billion are likely for the May Revision, after the April tax receipts are reflected.

Implementation of universal Transitional Kindergarten is on target for completion in 2025-26, expanding access to all children turning five-years-old between Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. This includes \$337 million for certificated or classified staff in those classrooms. This also significantly alters the "active to retired teacher ratio" for the State Teacher's Retirement System (CalSTRS).

This proposed budget continues to fund \$3.9 billion for the state's contribution to CalSTRS, an approx. \$218 million increase from 2022!