

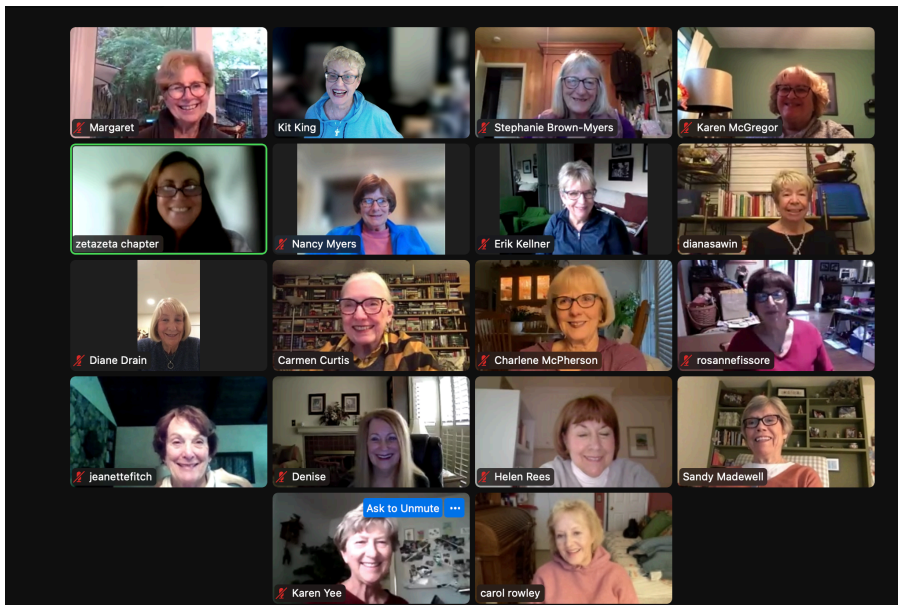


ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



Zoom Board Meeting to discuss plans for next year was both fun and successful. Stay tuned for programs and plans for 2023-2024.



Our Zeta Zeta annual Fiesta in **Carol Rowley's** backyard was a huge success! The weather was perfect, icebreaker conversations were fun, we were well fed, margaritas were great, and we honored our Chapter awardees. One of our Penne Ferrell winners, **Lisa Cardwell**, was present and she received her certificate. Pictures follow on pages 12-16. Many thanks to Carol for how faithful she has been sharing her home with us. Did you know that she has been a DKG member for 55 years? Wow!!! We love you and appreciate you, Carol.

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**Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide**

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DUES ARE DUE!

Send them in **NOW** before you forget or get a reminder call. **\$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 worthwhile group such as ours.

At the fiesta, we recognized some of our members for **Chapter Service Awards**. Congratulations to:

Chapter:	Margaret Batesole
Professional:	Christina Clemens
Public:	Diane Drain

In addition, Sue announced that **Christina Clemens** would be the new Area III Director. Christina will surely be an outstanding director as she radiates joy and confidence. She will represent Zeta Zeta well, Christina, as you travel around from chapter to chapter, be sure to keep copious notes on ideas for us.



Sue Robinson will tell us about several changes in how and what we will do as a chapter next year. We are having just four formal dinner meetings at the Brass Door. In between monthly meetings we will be doing service type activities. (More details in the President's Letter on page. 4) The Program Committee will meet in June to decide on which programs we will have and when they would be best placed. If you have given some ideas, keep on looking for wonderful adventures. We have so many ideas to choose from, that it will be very difficult to decide. But it's pretty exciting, too.

Many of you are retired and have extra time to volunteer at something worthwhile. **Carol Rowley and Gail Kameron** have some ideas for needed volunteers such as yourselves. For more information, see pages 9 & 10.

Some other changes are the following: **Vice President in charge of Membership is Roseann Krane**. She already has an active committee of **Diana Sawin, Kit King, Terry Magnin, and Margaret Batesole**.

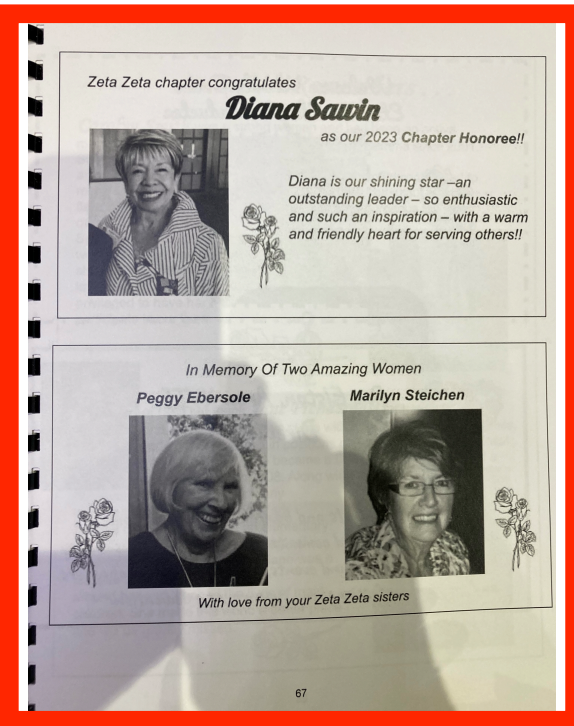
Taking over the Website and Directory is **Christina Clemens**. Roseann has been doing it for years, and we are so appreciative. Great job, Roseann!!

Diane Drain will be organizing our field trip in October to Kids Against Hunger again. She will let you know when that is, so you can put in on your calendar.

STATE CONVENTION FUN!

Five of our members went to the DKG California State Convention the first weekend in May of 2023. They were **Sue Robinson, Christina Clemens, Diana Sawin, Nancy Myers, and Margaret Batesole**. For many of them it was their first convention. Let one of them tell you how awesome it was. Pictures to your right are three people we honored. It was in the program that every attendee received. Pictured is **Diana Sawin** who was our 2023 Chapter Honoree. Bravo, Diana!

Below her are two of our beloved members who passed this biennium. To the left is **Peggy Ebersole**, and to the right is **Marilyn Steichen**. They both left a hole in our chapter and in our hearts. Rest in peace!





Letter from our President



Hola! Muchas gracias to **Carol Rowley** for graciously hosting our DKG fiesta in her lovely and spacious backyard!! We had a great time chatting with everyone and introducing guests, **Gina Jaber** and **Brenda McNeely**. Special thanks to **Kit King** for the fun ice breaker conversation starters! After the yummy dinner from Mexxi's and a margarita, there were some exciting announcements!

First, I want to express my enthusiasm for attending the May Convention! **Margaret, Diana, Christina, Nancy, and I** had a lovely time! Margaret and I attended a session on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which will be a future endeavor once we get an affiliate to sponsor us. Our regional contact with the Library will be working with us on that. I shared our page in the convention program that announced **Diana Sawin** as our Chapter Honoree and memorialized our dear sisters, **Marilyn Steichen** and **Peggy Ebersole**. We all managed to get some shopping in at the marketplace and enjoyed taking pictures at the photo booth. I started a Facebook page where I posted these pictures. If anyone is interested in joining our Zeta Zeta group, please search for me, **Sue Soto Robinson** and do a friend request. Then I can add you to the group!

Secondly, I want to thank everyone for their support in having me continue as a remote president. I will be working in the background, while our four meetings will be run by a member. Our dinner meetings will be at the Brass Door in **September, November, January, and March**. Exact dates will be announced in August. In between, we will be busy with activities/field trips. October will be Kids Against Hunger, organized by **Diane Drain**, December will be the Angel Project, organized by **Margaret Batesole**, February will be Valentine's Day in Schools, organized by **Roseann Krane**, (our new Vice-President and Membership Chair) and the membership committee. April's activity will be Preschool

Read Aloud in the Library, organized by **Gina Jaber** (new member-to-be!). All year volunteering opportunities are found at the Museum of San Ramon Valley, Tassajara One-Room Schoolhouse, and San Ramon Historic Foundation (the Glass House and Forest Home Farms). In addition, we encourage members to bring in new/unused/unopened travel-size toiletries that one might find in hotel bathrooms when traveling. We will be collecting them for the Monument Crisis Center in Concord, organized by **Diane Drain and Karen Yee**. Our chapter will still be working with VESTIA in some capacity, just not donating backpacks. However, if you already have one, please bring it to one of the dinners. **Rosanne Fissore and Diane Drain**, our VESTIA organizers, will take care of it. Special thanks to all who have stepped up to organize these special activities and to **Roseann Krane** for taking over Membership and to **Christina Clemens** for taking on the website and directory! We are so thankful!!

Lastly, I am very pleased to finally announce our **Chapter Service Awards!** These are the members you voted for back in February/March. Our *Chapter Service Award* goes to **Margaret Batesole** for her tireless efforts in taking over the Angel Project, in addition to her membership chair duties, this year and raising the most money we have yet to donate to this worthy cause! Our *Professional Service Award* goes to **Christina Clemens** for her second trip across the globe to Africa to share with young educators useful, new teaching strategies! Finally, our *Public Service Award* goes to **Diane Drain** for her dedication to our community as she volunteers for Kids Against Hunger, the Museum of San Ramon Valley, and VESTIA. We have some truly amazing women in our chapter!! We have an amazing chapter and I wish you all a relaxing, wonderful summer with family and friends!! You'll be hearing from me again in August! *Sue Robinson*

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.



Terry Magnin was selected as Junior League Sustainer of the Year? A fabulous honor indeed!



Lisa Maher owns a horse that won the race at Golden Gate Track?

SDSU Feature Twirler
Freshman
JULIA SAWIN

"I am very excited to perform and share my love of twirling at the collegiate level with the Marching Aztecs! ~ Julia

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Did you know...?

Diana Sawin's Granddaughter is a Freshman Twirler at SDSU?

ZETA ZETA: What's Happening?

Jeanette Fitch: This is graduation month for us. Last weekend, we traveled to Tacoma, Washington for a grandson's college graduation... and this coming weekend, we will attend another grandson's graduation from college in Connecticut. Such fun for all! 🎓🎓

Helen Rees: In a few days, I will travel to Japan - my first time there! 🇯🇵 🏯

Cindy Luengo: Going to South Lake Tahoe with two of my children and their families - working around their hockey and crew sports tournaments. 🌲 🏒 🛶

Christina Clemens: Going home to South Florida for Dad's 70th! Then I'm taking an Amtrak trip from Atlanta to Boston with lots of stops along the way. I'll be making a stop to see Dawn, too! 🎂 🗺️

Carol Rowley: Great having summer plans traveling with friends. Life is good and spending time in my garden is wonderful. Loved hosting the May's Zeta Zeta Fiesta! 🚗 🌿 🌸

Kit King: All is well at the King household. Looking forward to a relaxing summer, a trip with bridge friends in August, and our annual trip to Carmel in the fall. My sister, Donna, and her husband are both looking pretty good as they deal with fighting their battles with cancer. Donna is in the middle of radiation. Keep the prayers coming. 😎 🚗 🏖️

Terry Magnin: Terry missed the fiesta because she had bad back trouble and had to have a procedure the next day. Even though she wasn't feeling well, she forced herself to go to the Junior League Sustainer Luncheon on Sunday where she received a surprise! Terry was awarded the prestigious *Sustainer of the Year Award* for 2022-23 on Sunday and two of her daughters were there to see her receive it. Congratulations, Terry! 🏆 😊

Georgia Moore: I have been practicing my nursing skills on my husband after he had rotator cuff surgery. Luckily, he has been a very good patient!! In August I will continue my skills when our grandson has his kidney transplant!! 🏥 🧑🏻⚕️ 💪

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Roseann Krane: I'm taking my granddaughter, Jessica, on a Kenya safari to see the animals in Africa. 🌍🦁🐯

Margaret Batesole: it was an exciting weekend at DKG State Convention with roomie, Sue. It was super successful and we had fun shopping, too. On another subject, I love returning to classroom at Los Cerros Middle School (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). By the way, our pups, Benji and Bells, and my hubby, Gordon, are great!!! 👧👦🛍️🐾🐾

Stephanie Brown-Myers: I am pleased to be hosting the Area III Board and the Area III Chapter Presidents in my backyard... to thank all of the wonderful people who help with the great activities and events done for Delta Kappa Gamma. 🏠😊

Sue Robinson: Getting closer to moving to my new residence in Southern California – crossing my fingers that everything goes smoothly and it all works out. Looking forward to continuing as Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta President for next year! Thank you for your support and all you do! XOXO. 🚚🏠

Sandy Budde: Had a delightful Mother's Day Brunch at the Claremont on the Saturday before Mother's Day, with my daughter, daughter-in-law, and sister – a family tradition! 🏠🥞🥓☕

Lola Ganse: Enjoying life with the grandkids and being busy with my ladies groups: DKG, DAA, and AAUW. 👧👩👧

Gail Costello: Back to my early morning swims at my neighborhood pool – so good for the body and mind – even if it is dark and cold... 🏊🏊🧊

Charlene McPherson: I am waiting on rotator cuff and cataract surgeries, so activities are at a standstill for now. Hopefully, a road trip home to Montana will be in my future! 🏥💪🚗

DKG Legislative Update May, 2023

by Karen Yee & Roseann Krane



Assembly Bill 938

Keep an eye on AB 938 as a California lawmaker this last March introduced a bill that would raise salaries for teachers and other school staff by 50% by 2030. It is the latest legislative effort to tackle a worsening shortage of educators across the state.

AB 938, would create funding targets under the Local Control Funding Formula and would require school employers to report changes in salaries over the next seven years.

Highlights on Governor's May Budget Revise

We have a new shortfall of \$31.5 billion which could fluctuate due to state and federal tax delays and will not be finalized until October 15th. *Jennifer Baker, CalRTA Legislative Advocate says the Governor and his financial advisors have become quite sophisticated in handling shortfalls and avoiding big cuts.*

Educational Funding

Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) has been adjusted to 8.22% which would increase discretionary funding for LEA's by \$3.4 billion.

Decrease funding for Transitional Kindergarten during each of the next 3 years of implementation.

Sustained funding for development of a screening tool for screening K-2nd grades for reading difficulties, including dyslexia by 2025-26, including professional development.

Increased funding for revisions to specific areas of teacher credential.

Additional significant adjustments:

\$8 million decrease for implementation of the Arts and Music in Schools.

\$20 increase to bring back the *Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program* through 2028-29 (60% of students entering CA schools today speak an other language).

\$7 million increase for implementation of *Restorative Justice* practices.

\$6 million increase for *Golden State Teacher Grant Program*.

1.6 billion for *universal school meals*.

8.8 million state contribution to CalSTRS General Fund.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley does a lot for schools, especially the 3rd and 4th grades. In order to provide these programs we need volunteers. I am hoping that some of you will be willing to sign up for one of these programs.

4th Grade Indian Life Program

In the fall the 4th graders come to the museum to learn about the Indians who lived in our valley. They learn about when and how they got here. They learn about their housing, food, clothing, and hunting. They use rocks to pound acorns for acorn mush, and they play games played by Indian children. Before the program starts there is a training session for volunteers. We need two volunteers for each session.

Tassajara One-Room Schoolhouse

Starting in January all third graders, dressed in costumes, come to the Tassajara School for a morning of school like in 1888. Two teachers are needed for each session. Everything is provided, including a costume. There is a training session before the program starts. If you would like to be the lead teacher you might want to come out to the school to observe one day. This is a fun thing to do.

Passport Program

Every third grader receives a passport that takes them to 13 historic sites in the valley. Three of the sites are at the museum and the museum needs docents to help students and other people view the museum displays.

Cemetery Tours

The museum offers tours of the Alamo Cemetery. Needed are people who will wear a costume and “come out of their grave”, telling about their life as a valley pioneer to a cemetery tour. There might be three tours a year.

I have done all of these programs and have enjoyed every one. I hope you will consider signing up for one. Call me and I will direct you to the right contact.

Gail Kamerer (Phone number is listed in the Directory)

Another Volunteer Opportunity from Carol Rowley

We need volunteers at the Farm. Over 4000 third grade students visit the Farm each year! Volunteers have training and a script to follow and work only when the can and want to!!!!

FOREST HOME FARMS HISTORIC



Volunteer Opportunity

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.



San Ramon Parks & Community Services

12501 Alcosta Boulevard · T: (925) 973-3200 · F: (925) 830-5162 · www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks

Register: SanRamonRecGuide.com · Tickets: SanRamonPerformingArts.com · Email: parks@sanramon.ca.gov



Diana was recently awarded our Chapter Honoree Award at the Area III Conference and has been on the Area III Board serving in different capacities for many years. If one has a question about protocol for DKG, Diana is the one to call. She has mentored many members, and been on our Executive Board for more years than one can remember. She has been Chapter President repeatedly, and is always ready to help. She is passionate about education and getting collegiate members into DKG and our chapter. Diana has such a giving spirit and a soft heart.

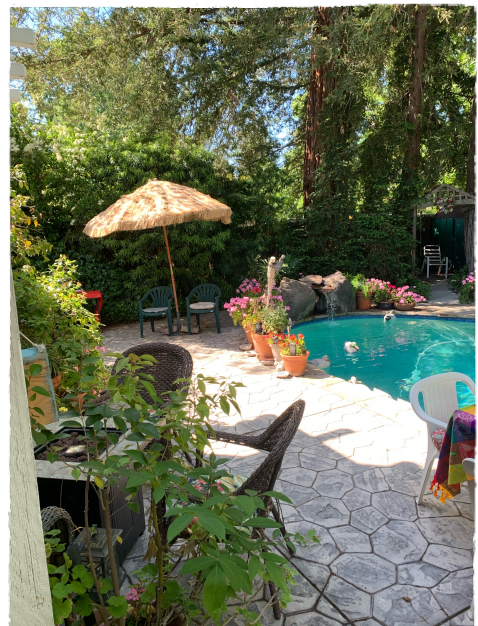
She was the 2016 recipient of the DKG's Golden Gift Award to attend the Leadership Management Seminar for DKG International. Diana has been president of Northern California Association for the Gifted and President of San Leandro Women's League, where she was awarded *Woman of the Year*.

Diana has taught in elementary and middle school levels both here and overseas. She was appointed GATE Program Coordinator for the Livermore school district. She served as Vice Principal in Livermore and then Elementary Principal in Fremont. She has worked as a Support Provider for East Bay Teacher Induction Consortium in Newark. Delta Kappa Gamma allows Diana to follow her passion – to support early career educators, and student teachers as a sponsor, mentor, and friend. Diana enjoyed working with early career educators and student teachers as a master teacher and mentor for Mills College.

A lover of travel, Diana is also an ardent reader of historical fiction. She also loves to knit when she can find the time. Aren't we lucky to have her in our Zeta Zeta Chapter?

FIESTA TIME!

Carol Rowley got ready for us...A fine time was had by all!



FIESTA Photo Gallery



Our Past Presidents at the Fiesta!

Left to Right: **Joe Anne Doyle, Diana Sawin, Roseann Krane, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Carmen Burks, Carol Rowley, Kit King, Christina Clemens, and current president, Sue Robinson.**

Our Awesome Hostess:
Carol Rowley





A plant was given with love to our hostess, **Carol Rowley** by Stephanie.



Sue announced our new Area III Director, **Christina Clemens!**



Diana awarded a certificate one of our Penne Ferrell Awardees, **Lisa Cardwell.**



Recognition and Appreciation for our longest serving members, **Carol Rowley 55 yrs., Carmen Burkes 43yrs., and Joe Anne Doyle 45 yrs.** Wow! Talk about faithfulness!!!



Candid snapshots of some of the tables. Yummy food and drinks! Welcome to guests: **Brenda McNeely, Gina Gabor, and Lisa Cardwell**, one of the Penne Ferrell Literacy Award winners!



Up Close and Personal

Courtesy of Roseann Krane, Photographer

