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Come to our Travel Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Our next dinner meeting will be in **November on Wednesday, the 29th** at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon, CA.

Please send reservations of choice and check by November 21 to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Choices (served with Caesar Salad – photos are examples:



1) London Broil \$47 or

2) Calamari Dore Amandine (\$45)

3) Veggie Pasta (\$37)

4) Chicken Piccata (\$44)

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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Mark your calendars for January 17, 2024:



We will have an induction ceremony for 3 new members.

It will be Founder's Day so you can wear a hat, and we will have a wonderful program on Physical Fitness/Wellness/Yoga.

November 2023 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Diane Drain, Joan Ernest, Laura Ferreira, Courtney Fischer, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Debra Grilli, Pat Hansen, Gina Jaber.

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.



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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From **Sue Robinson**, Our President's letter:

So happy to be able to join the first meeting at the Brass Door on September 20! It was wonderful to see so many beautiful familiar faces! Special thanks to Christina Clemens for being our techie that made it happen and Stephanie Brown-Myers for running the meeting. Even though I really couldn't participate well, I was able to hear pretty much everything. Fantastic!!

Quick update: I have relocated to 2103 Via Viejo in San Clemente, CA 92673. I've kept the same phone number and email address. It's perfect for me here and I have to pinch myself to believe I am really able to get to the beach in ten minutes- my happy place!

Back to the meeting- we enjoyed a fun icebreaker presented by Kit King and got to chat with each other. Nancy Myers reported out on the Zeta Zeta Budget where we are now using more funds to help members attend field trips and the DKG Convention in May. Kit reported out on programs and field trips, old and new, and I'm super excited about their implementation. Cyndi Koby had a half price sale on the books that night, so I hope everyone left with a good book to read! Mary Ann Kolda reminded everyone who does any volunteering in the classroom to keep track of minutes and submit them to the DKG California website under THAT-Teachers Helping Another Teacher. Diane Drain spoke to the group about the October 9 field trip to Kids Against Hunger in Pleasanton where we will be joining Zeta Mu members in providing filled food sacks to those in need- only \$10 per member as our budget is matching each member's donation! As for backpacks, VESTIA is taking items without the backpacks, but special thanks to Kit King who donated 18 filled backpacks, so we had over 20 to send to VESTIA!

Margaret Batesole also reported on our December activity-the Angel Tree Project- which asks that members donate \$25/\$50 Target gift cards. Margaret will be collecting them and sending them on to VESTIA so we can bring a bit of joy into the hearts of foster children in the area during the holidays. Stephanie reported that the **DKG State Convention will be held May 3-5 in Santa Clara**. Hoping to see a healthy group of us there! There will be no Area III Conference this year as we are now planning for conferences every other year. Another important announcement was the request for a corporate sponsor to partner with DKG in Contra Costa County and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions, please let me know!

Diana Sawin presented our program tonight starting with our Tuition Grant Awardee, Madilyne Craigen. She thanked the group and shared that she is teaching third grade in Walnut Creek. Wishing her a wonderful year with her sweet class! (continued)



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Then, our own members, Christina Clemens and Courtney Fischer presented what's new in schools these days. One takeaway from Courtney was there are no reading levels- report cards are skill-based. Interesting! One takeaway from Christina was the "soft start"- two weeks of community building before starting any academics. Wow!

Our next Brass Door dinner meeting will be November 29. Thanks to all who brought in travel size unopened toiletries for Monument Crisis Center! Karen Yee will be bringing a container to collect at the next meeting! Take care until then and I look forward to seeing you there!!

Sue Robinson, president



ANGEL PROJECT

Thank you all who have already donated to the ANGEL PROJECT. We have passed the \$400 mark. You may mail your cards or check to either Terry or me if you are not planning on attending our November meeting.

We are also willing to come and pick up your donation if that would be easier for you. THANKS AGAIN for supporting VESTIA and these Foster Children.

Margaret Batesole and Terry Magnin

Our Orientation via zoom takes place in October.

If you want to participate with the orientation of our three new members, please contact Roseann Krane, Membership VP, and she will send you a link to our zoom orientation.

Welcome to:

**Madilyne Cragin (madilynecragin@gmail.com) - Diana Sawin, Sponsor,
Gina Jaber - (gina.jaber@gmail.com) - Sue Robinson, Sponsor,
and Brenda McNeely - (bmcneelymail@gmail.com) - Sandy Budde, Sponsor**





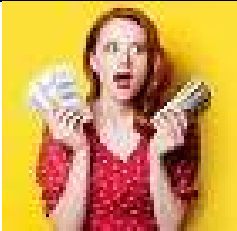
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• “CHANGE FOR CHANGE” Don’t forget to continue to save coins for our “Change for Change” jar. It will be sent to Delta Kappa Gamma’s Global Awareness (Schools for Africa) Fund. OR you could just send Georgia Moore a 3 or 5 dollar check if you don’t keep change. And thank you, Georgia for facilitating this collection



Do you know?

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Zeta Zeta Chapter Tuition Grant \$500 - \$2000 is available to you.

(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
- Be a resident of Contra Costa County
- High G.P.A.
- Financial need
- Must demonstrate evidence of enrollment - criteria 12 units if not teaching or working; 8 units if working, but not teaching; 6 units if teaching during the year the grant is provided
- Grants are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, community service, leadership and extent of financial need without regard to race, religion, gender, or age

• Applicants who have previously received a Zeta Zeta Tuition Grant may apply a second time
Deadline:

• Applications must be mailed and received by the Scholarship Committee by May 15 of the current year. The committee will notify all applicants whether or not they are awarded a grant before August of the current year.

• Grants are sent to the Financial Aid Office of the university where the student is enrolled after the Scholarship Committee receives official notice of enrollment. The notice must indicate the program in which the recipient is enrolled and the number of units carried.

• Applications must be typed or written legibly in ink. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

• For further information or to obtain an application contact...

o DKG-Zeta Zeta Committee Chair: Joe Anne Doyle



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Do you know the officers serving you in Zeta Zeta?

<p>RESIDENT: Sue Robinson</p>		
<p>FIRST ICE PRESIDENT (Membership) and Web Master Roseann Krane</p>		
<p>SECOND CO- VICE PRESIDENTS (Programs)</p>	 <p>Kit King</p>	 <p>Diana Sawin</p>
<p>CO-RECORDING SECRETARIES:</p>	 <p>Charlene McPherson</p>	 <p>Catherine Dehan</p>
<p>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:</p>	 <p>Terry Magnin</p>	
<p>TREASURER:</p>	 <p>Nancy Meyers</p>	



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Zeta Zeta is proud to serve and we have several members who volunteer beyond. Thanks

Diablo Valley Retired Teacher

Presidents (Diablo Vista Division 52): Karen Yee (Zeta Zeta Legislation), Nancy Myers

DKG California Area 3 Director: Christina Clemens (Zeta Zeta Directory)

Danville Alamo Walnut Creek American Association of University Women

Vice President for Funds: Roseann Krane

(if you know of others serving elsewhere, please let us know.)

On Monday, October 9th, ZetaZeta packed food for Kids Against Hunger for the Ukraine with Zeta Mu (another chapter of DKG) in Pleasanton.

Diane Drain announced that for each member who participates on the 9th, the chapter will paid half of the fees for supplies. This money pays for the food itself. This is a wonderful non-profit organization which feeds hungry children in need all over the world.

It's so fun to do it together, and when you participate, you will feel like you have helped several hungry children.



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Kit King

is now at Danville Post Acute Rehab facility (by the old oak tree), recovering from the fractured femur of the right leg. It is a difficult injury and she will be there a couple weeks.

Please pray for her and her family. Thanks Anne S. for taking her sweets. (I know she did this on purpose so I'd have to do the newsletter again.)

Aloha love from Kona!

Barbara Stumph's birthday on September 12 was a pizza party with her son's family and her college student neighbor in Kona Hawaii. It was fun!



Please remember to send your what's up to the newsletter editor.