



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

We have a great year planned for all of you, and will give you all information on programs and signups at the September meeting.e. For those of you who are teaching, we wish you a fabulous year with a wonderful class. Our September dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the

Brass Door Restaurant,

2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon.

Menu choices and prices are:

1. **Chinese Chicken Salad** 🥗-\$40.
2. **Chicken Piccata**-\$44 🍗
3. **Veggie Pasta** 🍝-\$37 🍝

Wine will be available for purchase.Ice cream dessert, coffee or tea is included Parking is complimentary.

Please send your **DKG/ZZ** checks to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, Sept. 13th** or sooner along with your menu choice.

Her address is **P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.**

September Meeting Activities

5:30 Social Hour

5:45 Icebreaker

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Business meeting, program, and drawings.

In addition to the icebreaker, we will hear from our Tuition Grant Awardee, and sign up for committees. Most of you are already signed up for a biennium committee, but if you'd like to change or sign up the big board will be available.

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Impacting Education
Worldwide**

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At the meeting you will also receive a copy of the dates and programs for the year. Our topic for September is ***What's New in the Schools?*** Be thinking of whom you would like to invite to the September meeting. Consider young teachers or professionals who you know are involved with inservice or training of some kind in other fields. Also we encourage you to bring teacher friends who you think would enjoy our group.

In October we will offer a field trip to pack food for kids in the Ukraine, on **Monday, Oct. 9th with Zeta Mu 4:30 - 6:30**. There will be a sign up going around. Listen for more details from **Diane Drain** at the September meeting.

Since we will be meeting in person this year, we are continuing our Opportunity Drawings. ***The money raised goes to pay for our guest speakers and other incidental expenses.*** Would the following people please bring a contribution:

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

SEPTEMBER: **Jackie Adams, Margaret Batesole, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Carmen Burks, Sandy Budde, Christina Clemens, Gail Costello, Carmen Curtis & Catherine Deehan.** 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.



Many of you are retired and have extra time to volunteer at something worthwhile. **Carol Rowley and Gail Kamerer** have some ideas for needed volunteers such as yourselves. For more information, see pages 6 and 7).

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!!

Margaret Batesole will be organizing our gift cards for teens (Angel Tree) via VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team in Action) She will let you know when that is due so you can put it on your calendar.

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.



Letter from our President



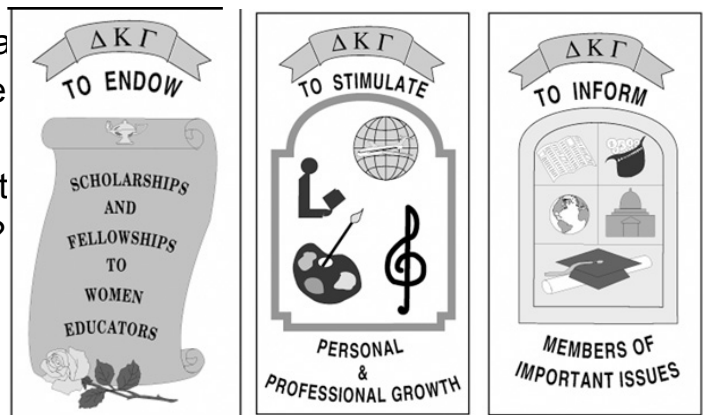
Welcome back!! I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer doing something wonderful! As most of you know, I am moving to southern California. It has taken most of the year to get the house ready to sell and then sold. We have put an offer on a house in San Clemente and it was accepted! At this moment, we are in escrow. As soon as escrow closes, I will be able to announce my new address! We are planning to move down in 3 weeks. It is very exciting and I am very much looking forward to living ten minutes away from the beach!

I am also very much looking forward to our new look for Zeta Zeta this year! There are four Brass Door dinner meetings scheduled with field trips sprinkled in between to encourage more community involvement! Our first meeting this year will be held at The Brass Door on Wednesday, September 20. **Stephanie Brown-Myers** has agreed to lead this meeting with **Diana Sawin** in charge of the program. We will be hearing from our Tuition Grant Awardee, **Madilyne Craigen**, a first-year teacher from Walnut Creek School District. Our program will be a panel of working educators speaking on the topic of *What's New in the Schools?* Now that students are back in class, what does it look like after being remote for over a year? In addition, the September meeting always gives us the opportunity to review our commitment to Zeta Zeta by confirming the

committees that have our names listed. Please see **Kit King** if you want to sign up on a new committee/make a change. (We will have a new committee for the Spring Library Read Aloud.)

We have several announcements to make for our field trips, projects and ongoing small donations! Firstly, **Diane Drain** will be speaking to us regarding our field trip to **Kids Against Hunger** in October. We will be joining other chapters in our Area III on Monday, October 9 at 4:30 pm-6pm. **Margaret Batesole** will be giving directions for the **Angel Tree Project** that takes place in November/December. **Karen Yee** and **Diane Drain** will explain our new ongoing collection of toiletries, etc. for the Monument Crisis Center and what's happening with VESTIA. I love that I have so many names to share! It shows how our chapter works together as a team to provide opportunities for growth and learning in our chapter and community! Thank you!!

Sue Robinson





“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.*



See pages 6 & 7 for Volunteer Opportunities

WANTED!



Thanks for sending the many pictures you see on pages 8-13. You are an amazing group representing the saying, “Ask and ye shall receive!” Please keep sending pictures to **Kit King** via email.) Pictures of kids learning, teachers meeting, fall activities, etc.

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We are so glad to get together in person again at the September meeting. Hope to see you there!

PS. If you have backpacks or supplies, please bring them to the meeting and they will be used for needy kids.

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.

DKG Legislative Update for August, 2023

Karen Yee



Pensions:

You may recall that last fall we all worked hard to send messages to Gov. Newsom supporting SB 868. Our efforts worked and the bill is now law.

Here is the provision: SB 868 provides a **Special Benefit Maintenance Account (SBMA)** in the Teachers' Retirement Fund that provides inflation protection to CalSTRS SBMA benefits to STRS members and beneficiaries through an increase that applies to the total benefit currently being paid, **effective July 1, 2023**. This increase is subject to a 2% annual benefit adjustment and any applicable purchasing power protection, both of which are funded from the SBMA. The increase is to be paid quarterly. The percentage increase is based on the year the **member retired**, became disabled or died and applies only to CalSTRS members and beneficiaries of members who began receiving a benefit prior to 1999

Period during which retirement, disability or death occurred:	Percentage increase:
After December 31, 1998	0%
Between January 1, 1990, and December 31, 1998	5%
Between January 1, 1980, and December 31, 1989	10%
Prior to January 1, 1980	15%

If you are in one of these groups you did start **earning** this benefit on July 1, 2023, **HOWEVER** you will not see any additional money in your retirement pay until October 1. In the October 1 (Sept 30) check you should get the additional percent for the three months of July, August and Sept. This will appear as a separate line item, similar to the 85% inflation protection that you got (possibly) this month.

Two Bills to watch:

A 2019 Stanford study found that two-thirds of students surveyed couldn't differentiate between editorial content and advertising, and 96% didn't understand why a climate-change website funded by a fossil fuel company might be suspect.

Assembly Bill 873, authored by Assemblymember Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park, would direct the state's Instructional Quality Commission to incorporate media literacy into K-12 curriculum in English language arts, math, science, history and social studies frameworks. Eventually, all students would receive media literacy lessons every year, in every class.

Also making its way through the Legislature is a related bill, AB787 by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, D-Woodland Hills, which would require State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to survey schools to gauge the current state of media literacy education in California, and then devise a model program to implement statewide.

But AB873, if it passes, would bring media literacy to classrooms much sooner.

If either or both bills pass, California would join a growing number of states that are adopting media literacy curriculum, in part due to concern about the rise of misinformation online and teenagers' increasing use of social media. In most states, the guidelines are optional, but in a few – New Jersey, Delaware and Texas – the lessons are mandatory. In almost all cases, media literacy is taught in existing classes, but in some states it's a stand-alone class.

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 Kameron (Phone number is listed in the Directory)

Another Volunteer Opportunity

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 they 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

Summer Fun!

Member Photo Album



Our Members are the Heart of Our Society and the Key to Our Future



Linda Wild and daughters on trip to Amsterdam on Viking cruise. Left picture of Amsterdam. Right one of Kinderdik at windmills. Great trip with her girls!



Helen Rees' grandson's eighth grade graduation... the day after she returned from two weeks in Japan. She was sleepy, but proud!



Karen Yee: Mountain biking in Bear Valley, California.



Barbara Stumph sent two pictures...one of herself, and one that she painted above... Lovely!



Denise Dolan: Enjoying a Summer visit to Morro Bay with my husband. Love the restaurants and the peacefulness.





Barbara Manley: Enjoying two friends who came to visit. LtR: Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley & Kathy Randall



Sandy Budde: One photo taken while hiking above Fallen Leaf Lake and the other celebrating my birthday at the Sonoma Food & Wine Fair..

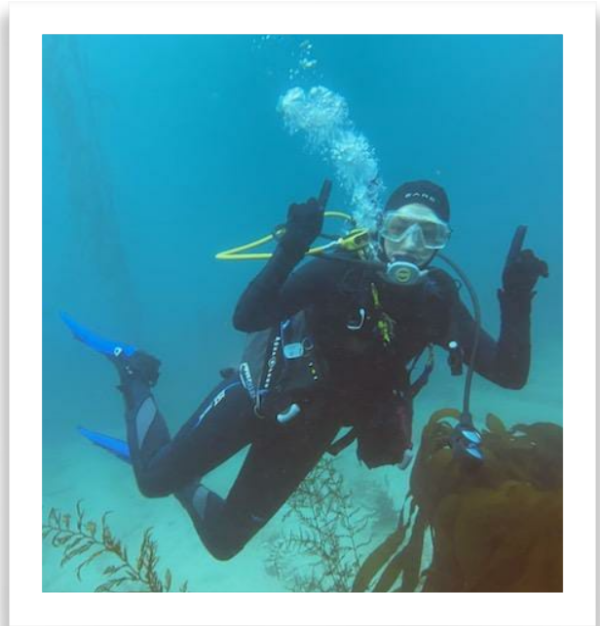
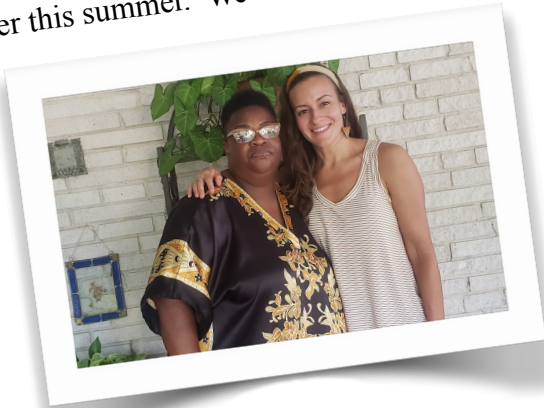


Sandy Madewell: With her husband Chuck, and with her grandchildren. Thanks for sharing your happiness!





Dawn Walton-Ary: Christina came to visit her this summer. We miss you, Dawn!



Christina Clemens: Here I'm on a dive in Mendocino. I'm a volunteer diver in the efforts for Kelp Restoration.

Stephanie Brown-Myers: organized the Neighborhood Night Out for her cul de sac and they had a great turnout. Not only did the Police come to the gathering, but so did the Fire Department with the paramedics driving a new ambulance, topped off by the current mayor Renee Morgan. They felt so embraced by their local services. Thank you, Town of Danville, for helping to welcome 2 new neighbors with style. WOW!



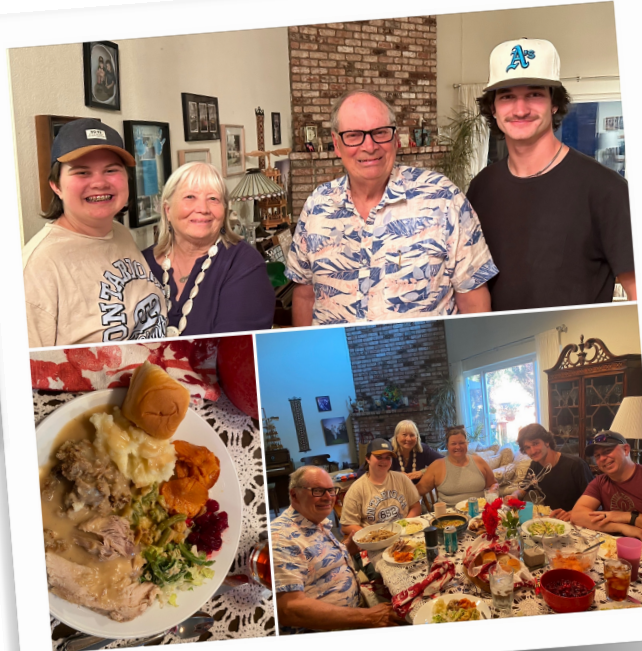


Joannie Wedell: Her son, Kody, got married in Smartsville, outside of Grass Valley. It was a perfect, elegant barn day wedding with the donkeys walking around with cold beer in the saddlebags. Seen here is Joannie dancing with her son. Notice the bridesmaids in the background wearing purple. Joannie is so happy that she has a lovely daughter-in-law, Anne Marie! Weddings are such special times for families. Sigh!





Ann Schinske: Best friend Sally....28 of us celebrated their 50th anniversary in Rockaway Beach, Oregon, and “Trentsgiving” before Trenton goes to Bangor, Maine for college. What a send-off, Trenton!



Roseann Krane: treated the Executive Board to a delicious lunch at her home. Sue Robinson is missing in this photo, because she had to leave early due to her moving responsibilities. Thanks, Roseann, for your gracious hospitality!



Kit King: We are celebrating, my husband, Dennis’, BD with Donna, Jim, Matt, and my friend, Jane, at Bridges Restaurant in Danville at the exact table used in the movie, “Mrs. Doubtfire!”