



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 January Zeta Zeta dinner meeting was held at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, and was lots of fun. We celebrated Founder's Day with hats as centerpieces, albums, wearing hats to honor our founders, a powerpoint presentation by Diana Sawin, lots of pictures and a good time chatting and answering questions on each table. Members were encouraged to wear red. Pictures were taken and are viewable on pages 11 through 14. Many thanks for help with photos from **Joannie Wedell** who graciously offered to take pictures.

Diana Sawin served as Acting President in **Sue Robinson's** place. Our wonderful president, Sue, was available via telephone. We will postpone our Induction until March when we will have all or our inductees present - we hope! We were sorry to miss the presentation on Wellness by Kerry Kolda, our own Mary Anne's daughter-in-law. and Kerry's 4th grade teaching partner. However Diana did a great job of letting know trends back in 1929. DKG was founded on May 11, 1929 and our chapter was founded on October 1, 1961. We learned a lot about Annie Web Blanton, our founder. Wow! Was she someone special!

Thanks to our readers who helped make the program very interesting: **Donna Bell, Valerie Kellner, Courtney Fischer, Nancy Myers, Carol Rowley, Charlene McPherson, Sandy Buddy, and Lola Ganse.** Anyone else who was a reader?



DKG Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide**

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Update continued....



Please mark your calendar with a note to take a box of See's candy and/or an encouraging note to celebrate Valentine's Day at the school of your choice. We are inviting them to attend our March 14th meeting. **Roseann Krane** has crafted a flyer (**pages 4 & 5**) to do just that. Hopefully it will be a great way to show appreciation for our local educators and a good way to publicize our chapter and organization. There will also be a brochure about Delta Kappa Gamma available to take.



Our program on **Thursday, March 14th** is a good opportunity to bring a guest. We will **Celebrate the Arts** with music by a group of dedicated musicians courtesy of our own **Lisa Maher**. In addition, some of our members will showcase their hobbies and passions. It is earlier than usual, and on the second **THURSDAY** night (instead of the third Wednesday) so Lisa and team can play for us.

The menu for March will be repeated in next month's newsletter, but here it is:

- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera -\$37
- Shrimp Louie (served with a cup of soup)- \$37
- Chicken Piccata-\$45
- Jumbo Prawns-\$45,

Please send in your menu choice and check made out to DKG/ZZ to Denise by Wednesday, March 4th. If you have art or a craft to display, please let Kit King know.

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

Mary Anne Kolda reminds us to go online to enter any hours you helped a teacher. www.dkgca.org At the top you need to click **Members** and the password is **sisterhood**. Then find T.H.A.T! If you wish, **Diana Sawin** will help you...either talk you through the first time or bring her laptop to a meeting and do it with you.



WANTED! Please keep sending pictures to **Kit King** (via email.) Yep, she's back doing what she loves...this newsletter. She so appreciates **Roseann Krane** for stepping up to help her during her surgery . kitking@icloud.com



“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.*

Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

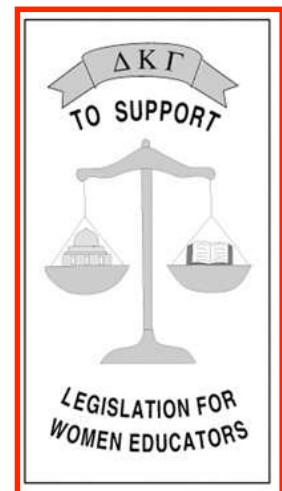
1. To *UNITE* women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To *HONOR* women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To *ADVANCE* the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To *INITIATE*, endorse, and 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, January. 2024

Courtesy of Karen Yee,
Zeta Zeta's Legislative Chair

Follow this link: rb.gy/6jrj32 to read CalRTA Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker's **summary of the 2024-25 Governor's Budget Proposal**...written in plain English... explains the current "shortfall" and includes lots of information about funding **for Education**.

Here is another link: <https://shorturl.at/acKP6> to read article by John Fensterwal of EdSource, *Rainy day fund would bail out schools, community colleges in Newsom's 2024-25 state budget*.





A NOTE FROM ROSEANN!

DKG Zeta Zeta February is a Field Trip Month.

Remember our February meeting is a field trip to the school you taught at or your neighborhood school. Each one of us will have our own special field trip delivering invitations by ourselves or with a fellow member who will be your partner. If you have not already told me, please let me know where you will be going to keep good records and so we don't overlap.

Please take the invitation flyer to the school you taught at or your neighborhood school. It would be nice if you could take them some candy or flowers and a special note stating you taught there previously or live in the area but not required. The invitation is to invite the teachers to come and join us to see what our organization is like.

Note we are meeting on Thursday March 14, 2024 at 5:30PM. If you talk to them highlight the meeting. Also state if they can't make this meeting to contact the membership chair, Roseann, to find the next meeting date. My name and number are at the bottom of this invitation. **Also, please sign the invitation and put your number so they know who to contact.**

Please ...an important reminder -- we may order candy now until January 26 from our yum stone. The price is the price you pay at the store. We receive 50% profit on selected items and 20% profit on all other orders. The link is below.

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/dkgzetazeta_dkgzetazeta29/Rosrkr4230/candy

Thanks for your participation,

Roseann Krane

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**SEE NEXT PAGE for
invitation letter to take
along.**

Delta Kappa Gamma, California Zeta Zeta Society

Women teachers are invited to attend our Zeta Zeta Chapter dinner meeting.

RESERVE NOW: Dinner Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.



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

DINNER CHOICES:

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera -\$37, Shrimp Louie (served with a cup of soup)- \$37, Chicken Piccata-\$45, or Jumbo Prawns-\$45

Please send reservations of choice meal on check made out to DKG/ZZ by March 7, 2024 to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Tea, coffee, or soft drinks are included with your meal. Just order from the waiter!

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Our current members are from Alamo, Concord, Danville, Dublin, Martinez, Moraga, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, Orinda, Richmond, San Ramon, Vallejo, and Walnut Creek.

Let us know you are coming and we will provide a ride. Call Roseann at 925-202-4642.

Letter from our President



Happy New Year!! I am really looking forward to 2024! There are a couple of new projects/ field trips on the horizon and I can't wait to see you all again at the Fiesta in May!! I will be doing some traveling this year as well. I flew up to Tahoe for my first ski trip already! It was wonderful meeting up with friends and taking on the slopes that were open. My next trip will be in February to ski Copper Mountain in Colorado with my sister! Then I'm taking my daughter to New Orleans in April to have a special mother-daughter time! (I miss her company terribly!) Mark, my husband, and I are heading over to Kauai mid-May just for kicks. We love San Clemente and are having a blast exploring and discovering all the community has to offer: beautiful sunsets over the ocean, live music, wineries just over the hill, hiking trails, restaurants and shopping-and the people are so nice and friendly! This little old beach town is just perfect for us.

It was so great to hear your voices at the January meeting! Welcome back, **Kit King!** So happy to have you back home and gaining strength! Thank you, **Diana Sawin**, for leading the meeting and presenting the Founder's Day program with several members to assist. So informative! Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was an accomplished woman! What an inspiration!

Thank you, **Nancy Myers**, for your diligence in keeping our books up-to-date and providing our financial reports. You are a treasure(r)!! Thank you, **Cyndi Koby**, for encouraging everyone to purchase a good book to read from our vast collection!! I am thrilled to know that our February field trip to the schools on **Valentine's Day** got so much support from our members! Thank you, everyone!! It will be exciting to see if we can recruit a few new members this way! Thank you, **Roseann Krane**, for organizing this and creating the flyer to be distributed with the chocolates. Please remember to leave contact info. Thank you!!

It's also very exciting about the positive response we are getting from the Dougherty Library! With **Gina Jaber's** efforts at making inroads to allowing us access to a library reading time, we will be promoting literacy in our county in no time! Thank you, Gina!! I look forward to seeing this develop. Then we can start working on getting a sponsor for assisting with the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library!* Keep on the lookout for an organization like a Rotary Club, etc. that would gladly participate in this worthwhile endeavor!

It is that time of year to recognize our members who go above and beyond membership to make things happen for the group. I have asked the executive board to nominate members to put together a Chapter Service Awards ballot for the entire membership. This ballot will be emailed to you on Feb. 7 for your vote. Please email your choices back to me by Feb. 20. It has to all be done online because we don't have a dinner meeting in February. Lastly, as this biennium is ending in May, please consider a (shared) leadership position in Zeta Zeta! We are such a vital, lovely group of educators and I know that there are members who are willing and able to receive the baton from a member who needs to pass it. More information will be forthcoming, but just ask yourself right now if you would like to become more involved. Zeta Zeta is what each of us contributes to make it work- let's make our founders proud, ladies!! Hugs,

Sue Robinson



Madilyne Craigin

As a student teacher this past academic year, Madilyne Craigin was selected as our DKG California Outstanding Student Teacher (OSTA), Area III OSTA; and ZZ Chapter Tuition Grant Recipient. While teaching in both a first and fourth-grade classroom she has found that her expertise lies in the ability to identify student needs and create multiple points of access for struggling students. During her time as a student teacher, she has utilized multiple teaching strategies such as scaffolding explicit instruction, allowing students to interact with information in multiple modalities, and providing students with options for how they show their understanding.

Her coursework at Saint Mary's College in Moraga has prepared Madilyne with the necessary skills for understanding and interpreting subject matter at a variety of grade levels, such as understanding California Common Core standards and experiencing working with multiple curriculums in all major subjects.

Madilyne's relationship with other elementary school staff is based on collaboration. In addition to collaborating with her master teachers, she has also addressed all constructive criticism from staff with attention and care. As a new educator, Madilyne is always looking for additional resources and advice or feedback from experienced education professionals. When working with other teachers, she is a consistent collaborator who is open to addressing and developing strategies for various social-emotional, academic, and curriculum-based issues.

Her relationship with students in the classroom is both positive and genuine. As an educator, her main goal is to consistently express care and concern while also maintaining high expectations. When she is teaching in the classroom, students are able to express themselves secure in the knowledge that they are in a safe space with a teacher who respects them, believes in their ability, and supports their learning.

On a professional level, Madilyne has always maintained that her desire is to be on the forefront of instruction. She is interested in piloting new curriculum, and remaining up to date with the most effective and informed teaching methods. As she begins her career in teaching, Madilyne's agenda is to provide premium curriculum instruction, teach foundational skills that apply to real-world contexts, and use differentiated instruction to ensure the success of all of her students. Her goal as an educator is to inspire future generations of critical thinkers and to instill in them the values of kindness, confidence, and ingenuity. Madilyne will be such an asset to our chapter. Congratulations, Madilyne. Welcome to Zeta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. You will be formally inducted on March 14, 2024.

VESTIA thanks Zeta Zeta for our Backpack Donations AND our Angel Tree Gift cards. Thank you letters are included below



December 13, 2023

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma,

I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity in supporting the Backpack Program. Thanks to your contributions of 23 filled backpacks, we were able to distribute 878 backpacks to foster youth and low-income families in our community.

Thanks to your contributions, we can continue providing essential backpacks filled with school supplies to those in need. Your kindness is helping to alleviate the burdens faced by individuals and families, ensuring they have access to basic needs and the resources to thrive.

Your support is invaluable, and we are deeply thankful for your dedication to our mission. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who rely on the VESTIA Backpack Program.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community and for your continued support.

With gratitude,

Judith Peralde

President, VESTIA Inc.

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January 10, 2024

Margaret Batesole
Delta Kappa Gamma
1023 Hill Meadow Place
Danville, CA 94526

Dear Margaret,

We are filled with gratitude and warmth, and it is with great pleasure that we extend our sincerest thanks to each one of you who contributed to the Angel Tree Program this year.

Your generosity has played a crucial role in making this holiday season brighter for the children facing challenging circumstances. Your willingness to share the spirit of giving has not only provided tangible gifts but has also delivered messages of hope, kindness, and community support.

The impact of your donations reaches far beyond the material possessions shared. You have helped create moments of joy, laughter, and connection for those who may be experiencing hardships. Your commitment to spreading love during this time of year exemplifies the true meaning of the holiday season.

Your willingness to be part of the Angel Tree Program has turned wishes into reality and dreams into cherished memories.

On behalf of VESTIA, the Angel Tree Program team, and most importantly, the recipients who have benefited from your kindness, we want to express our deepest appreciation. Your compassion has made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to making the world a better place.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and fulfilling holiday season. May the spirit of giving and compassion continue to inspire us all throughout the coming year.

With heartfelt thanks,

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ZETA ZETA PROGRAMS FOR 2024

MONTH	PURPOSE/GOALS	PROGRAMS for 2024
February, 2024 School Appreciation	Goals 1 & 4	Valentine's Day in Schools - Coordinate with Area III Chocolate Sales
March 14, 2024 THURSDAY	Goals 2, 6 & 7	Art Showcase of member contributions Music, Lisa Maher and 3 players
April, 2024 Offsite Libraries	Goals 1 & 4	Topic: Preschool Read Aloud in Library - Details - Possible KAH field trip
May 8, 2024. Wednesday	Goals 1, 2, 3 and 6	Annual Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's — Chapter Awards given



What's Happening?

By Terry Magnin!

Carol Rowley enjoyed family time with all her kids and grandkids. She has been working on the San Ramon Foundation Crab Feed and traveling to Mazatlan. 🦀🌂

Christina Clemens visited Mount Shasta and Yosemite to see the snow. It's still novel for this Florida girl. ❄️🧊

Karen Yee spent a beautiful weekend at Bear Valley cross country skiing. 🎿

Kit King so enjoyed being back! She's looking forward to more fun in February, March, April and May at Carol's. She loves you all so much!

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Honoring Our Founders

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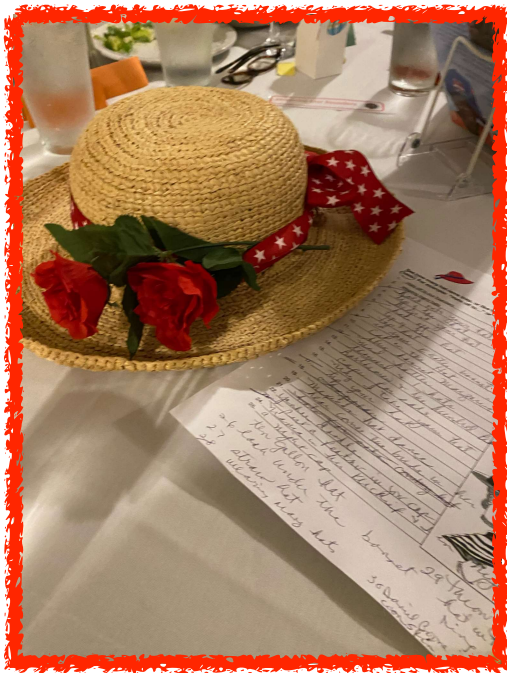
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Candid Photos of the Evening



We have a lot of fun at our meetings!



Hats for centerpieces!



Books to Buy!



Prizes to win!



Debbie Grilli draws winners!

Founders' Day Celebration

Readers tell about what was trending in 1929, and about our founder, Annie Web Blanton. She was quite a woman educator and leader!

Founder of Delta Kappa Gamma



Dr. Annie Webb Blanton

- Taught for 17 years
- Elementary, High School, University
- Elected first women president of Texas State Teachers Association
- First women elected to statewide office in Texas
- State Superintendent of Instruction
 - free textbooks
 - 54% increase in Salaries
 - improvement in rural schools

