



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 Celebrate the Arts

We had a great March dinner meeting at the Brass Door, with the following creative people sharing their passion for the arts. **Thank you so much for all of your wonderful displays and sharing of your talents.** Pictures were taken by our official photographer, **Joannie Wedell**. They are available on pages 13 & 14. Absent were: **Terry Schmitgal (ill)** who sent a scarf sample, and **Stephanie Brown Myers** who recently had a knee replacement and wasn't able to bring a quilt she made.

Christina Clemens

Painting & Macrame

Carmen Curtis

Beatrix Potter Creations

Kit King

Sketching (Graphite & Colored)

Roseann Krane

Jewelry Designs

Karen McGregor

Krafts by Karen

Charlene McPherson

Knitting and Album Making

Terry Schmitgal

Felted Silk Scarves

Cindy Luengo

Bag/Purse

The food was good, the place was packed, waiters gave excellent quiet service and members were encouraged to view the displays.

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DKG Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide**

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Sue Robinson

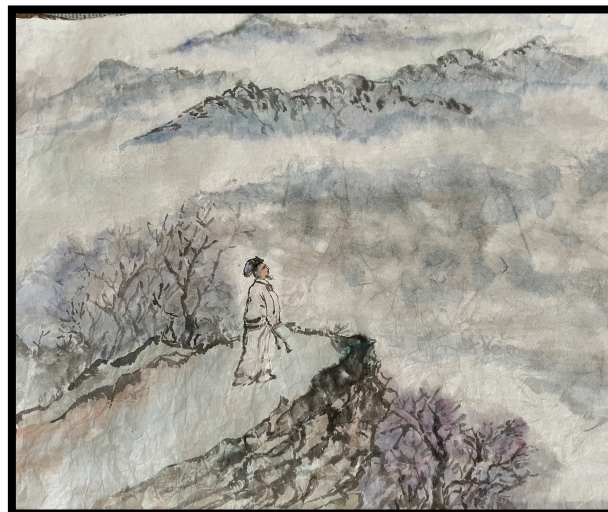
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March 14th meeting continued...

Barbara Stumph couldn't come, but she sent one of her ink paintings. (To the right) Thanks so much, Barbara...you are very talented.



To top off the night we were entertained by **Lisa Maher** and her woodwind quintet called "Mistral", which means warm winds in French. Mistral has been performing for over 20 years. They perform regularly in chamber music organizations, and frequently perform at St. Andrew's Church in Pleasant Hill as part of the monthly concert series there. Each member also performs with other groups in the area, such as the Diablo Symphony, Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Livermore Symphony, and more! See pictures of them playing on page 15.

Lisa Maher was a San Ramon Valley School teacher who retired from Green Valley School four years ago. She arranged for this quintet to come play for us. Lisa is one of our members, but you may not know her since she rehearses with one of her many musical groups on Wednesdays and misses monthly meetings. Lisa played the flute.

Eva Langfeldt played oboe. She is a freelance editor by trade and plays in many music ensembles in the Bay Area.

Christy Diggins played clarinet. In addition to being in several music groups, she regularly performs for various memory care facilities. She is retired from the corporate world, and spends her time traveling, hiking, and pet-sitting.

Jeff Dickey played the French horn. He is a retired music teacher and has taught music in grades K through university. Jeff currently works in the wine industry at Wooden Valley Winery.

Tim Machajewski (pronounced "Maka-jew-ski") played bassoon. He works as Head of Chemistry at Pliant Therapeutics, a biotech company dedicated to the discovery and development of breakthrough therapies for fibrotic diseases. They were such a joy to have and so wonderful to hear. Thank you so much, Lisa, for arranging this wonderful concert for us. You were truly AWESOME!!

FYI: The Brass Door does not normally allow music to be played as they can't close off the big room. The side rooms would hear it, but they did allow us to have it. If you go there, please thank Shahla for allowing the evening to proceed. It was marvelous!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Next month we are having two field trips for your pleasure and to serve the community.

Read to Children at the Library

The first one is all during the month of April (and possibly beyond), and it involves volunteering to read to children at the San Ramon Library at the Marketplace. **Gina Jaber** is in charge and she will provide more information as it is available.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

The second field trip is on **Saturday, April 13**, for **Kids Against Hunger** when we pack food for needy children all over the world. It's only an hour and a half, from 11:00am to 12:30pm. \$20.00 donation for supplies, sign up with **Diane Drain** by April 3rd. You can check her number or email in our roster and it will be supplied in the letter that sends this newsletter.

Kit needs someone to go with her. Let her know if you want a ride...she's driving, and can take 3 people. Let's carpool.

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/or enter the password **sisterhood**. T.H.A.T comes up on the first page. The form is very simple and you can even print it out when you are finished. **Hours are due the end of this month- so hurry if you haven't filled it out yet!!!**



Attention

Repeat Announcement:... **Carol Rowley** had to change the date of our **Fiesta in May**. It has been changed from Wednesday, May 8th to **Tuesday, May 7th**. If you have a faculty meeting on that day, you can still come to our fiesta. It begins at 5:00 and goes on until after dinner and our awards meeting. More information to follow...
Ole! Let's enjoy the last time we can be together. Chapter Service Awards and Installation of new officers takes place then.



"CHANGE FOR CHANGE"

Don't forget to continue to support this worthy cause. "Change for Change" will be sent to Delta Kappa Gamma's Global Awareness (Schools for Africa) Fund. *OR you could just send **Georgia Moore** a 2 or 5 dollar check if you don't keep change. And thank you, Georgia for facilitating this collection. She will be collecting until April 15th.*



WANTED! Please keep sending pictures to **Kit King** of something you are doing this Spring or Summer! (via email). Use gmail address on the first page or <kitking@icloud.com>



Letter from our President

Spring is in the air! The hills are green and the sun is shining! We've moved the clocks forward and the sun sets an hour later now! April is just around the corner and we have some special activities on the calendar!

We just had our March meeting, and I understand it went very well! I wish I could have seen the art displays and heard **Lisa Maher's** quintet- not to mention the induction ceremony of new members **Gina Jaber** and **Pat Seaman**! I heard **Brenda McNeely** couldn't attend, but she is a new inductee as well! We also had an interested guest who joined us after our February Valentine efforts! That is wonderful news!

There are two field trips scheduled for April! First, special thanks to **Diane Drain** for organizing the **Kids Against Hunger** field trip on Saturday, April 13 at 11am. Hope to have several members sign up for this and another chapter to join us. Additionally, special thanks to **Gina Jaber** for organizing the Library Read Aloud field trips to the San Ramon Library also in April! Thank you to all who sign up to participate in these worthwhile activities!!

The DKG May Convention is fast approaching! Please consider attending! Registration is now open- [DKGCA Convention Arrangements - Google Slides](#) Area 3 is sponsoring one new attendee, so if you have never attended and are interested, please reach out and let us know! You will not be disappointed! There are informative workshops, engaging speakers, shopping, an art gallery, camaraderie, and sweet memories to be made! Please mark your calendars!


Lastly, thank you for voting in the new slate of officers! I look forward to working with the new board and continuing our work in the community. I will be seeing you all at **Carol Rowley's** beautiful home on Tuesday, May 7 at 5 pm for a rollicking fiesta where we will be honoring our Chapter Service Award recipients and installing the new Executive Board!! Until then, enjoy this gorgeous weather!!




Hugs to all!




Sue Robinson









What's Happening?




Denise Dolan: My husband and I are taking our son, daughter-in-law, and grandson on a seven day Coastal cruise April 20th. This will be their 1st and our 35th. 




Valarie Kellner: My husband and I are a bit crazy, but we've adopted a Golden Retriever puppy, named Walter! We've had three, and are adjusting to a "puppy" again, and loving it!!   




Maryanne Kolda: My husband and I spent a week in Scottsdale enjoying Giants' baseballgreat socializing.   




Kit King: Our son, Matt, is home after three weeks in Newport returning to work! Yippee!! God is good. I am getting better and better. Next month is my six month checkup, and I will, hopefully, be completely healed. *I have my portfolio. Roseann found it in the name tag box.*   




Ann Schinske: We just returned from a wonderful week in Kauai. We did the typical things plus visited the Hindu Monastery, and the Lihue Lutheran Church. We are looking forward to a trip to Bangor, Maine, to see grandson Trent play lacrosse, and then a trip to Portland to celebrate our daughter Britta's 40th birthday.   



Carol Rowley: Carmen and I went to Mazatlán for a week. We enjoyed relaxing, reading, and having fun. I went to the Monterey Jazz Festival in Monterey. I highly recommend this outstanding music festival.   

Gina Jaber: I took my grandbaby, Kaya, three years old, to Disney on Ice - Encanto & Frozen. She knew every song! Magical!   

Sandy Buddy: I can't say enough about Broadway San Francisco's production of "MJ" (the Michael Jackson story). How they were able to find such singing, dancing, and acting talent to represent MJ at all stages of his life is truly extraordinary!! Rollicking fun and toe-tapping for three hours, and worth the price of the whole season!   

Roseann Krane: I am going on a Monument tour with a teacher from Ohio! We will be visiting Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Canyon de Chelly, and Grand Canyon, along with Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and Carmel in March and April. One of my wonderful students is gifting us three nights at the Elara Hilton in Las Vegas.   

Joannie Wedell: February was so busy! I started off with COVID....oh boy! Then, I took several trips up to Auburn, CA to help pack up my 95 year old mother-in-law's house and her belongings. We moved her to Yucaipa into a lovely new home. She'll be living with her youngest daughter. It was a big transition to move in the pouring rain and an eight hour drive towing a covered U-Haul.   

Charlene McPherson: We had a very festive March with celebrations of my mother Edith's 99th birthday. She says she is going for 100!!   100

ZETA ZETA PROGRAMS FOR 2024

NOTE New Date for Fiesta!
KAH added on April 13th



| MONTH | PURPOSE/GOALS | PROGRAMS for 2024 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| April, 2024 Offsite Libraries | Goals 1 & 4 | Topic: Read Aloud in Marketplace Library Contact Gina Jaber to sign up. |
| April 13, 2024 SATURDAY | Goals 1, 6 & 7 | KIDS AGAINST HUNGER Contact Diane Drain to sign up |
| May 7, 2024 TUESDAY | Goals 1, 2, 3 and 6 | Annual Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's — Chapter Awards, Installation of new Officers |

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.



**Zeta Zeta Officers Executive Board
2024-2026 Biennium**



Co-Presidents:

Sue Robinson + Diana Sawin

1st Vice Co-President(s): (Membership)

Cindy Luengo + Charlene McPherson

2nd Vice Co-Presidents (Programs)

Sandy Budde + Terry Schmitgal

Co-Recording Secretary(s)

Catherine Deehan + Mary Anne Kolda

Corresponding Secretary:

Terry Magnin



Registration is Open

DKG California Convention

May 3-5, 2024

Santa Clara Marriott

Go to website to see all that is available! <dlgca.org>



Patricia Seaman was inducted into our chapter and we are so glad to have her. She received her B.A from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, and her MA from San Francisco State University. She did more graduate study at Leland Stanford University and California Polytechnical University. She has taught Art at Los Angeles Juvenile Hall, Computer Applications at the Contra Costa Office of Education, and was a Resource Specialist in Mount Diablo Unified School District. Pat provided Special Education training/classes for Masters candidates at Brandman University. Pat is currently retired.

In addition, Pat was chosen as Teacher of the Year Nominee by Contra Costa County Office of Education, Ed Ely State Communication Award, Outstanding Business Educator by California State Business & Education Association, and was Division President of the California Retired Teachers Association and Area Director, as well. She has published many times for CalRTA: Policy and Procedures Manual, *The Shoulders We Stand Upon* (History), Division Support Handbook, and the Division President's Handbook.

Pat has been married to Rodney Kilcoyne for twenty years. She has two sisters, Sandra Averer who lives in Walnut Creek, and Rose Martinez, who lives in Tucson, Arizona. Pat loves to sew, and has been Chapter Membership Chair of the American Sewing Guild and the Valley Stitchers Guild Membership Chair. She also enjoys writing documents, news (maybe she can help with our newsletter), and has served on many committees. She has volunteered as a sewing tutor at Pleasant Hill Library. Pat has also been Secretary of the Brewster Kaleidoscope International Society. She has a collection of over 500 kaleidoscopes, and gives presentations about the history and the physics of them and the society. She would be a perfect speaker for next year so we can all learn about these fine art pieces - not toys.

She has heard about Delta Kappa Gamma for years and she joined because we appear to be a good fit for her interests and beliefs. Plus she was delighted to be invited to attend. In short, she is a amazing woman and a doer!

DKG Legislative Update, March. 2024

Courtesy of Karen Yee
Zeta Zeta's Legislative Chair

NPEA:

The Network for Public Education Applauds President Biden's FY 2025 Education Budget

[2025 budget for the U.S. Department of Education.](#) At a time when all federal agencies are fiscally restrained, the budget adds welcome increases to programs that benefit American children.

According to NPE's Executive Director Carol Burris, "This budget is the mirror opposite of budget proposals by the present House leadership that slash funding to children served by critical programs like Title I while proposing an increase to the already bloated Federal Charter School Programs (CSP)."

Highlights of the President's Fiscal Year 2025 budget include:

- An increase of \$200 million for Title I, which provides supplemental financial assistance to schools with a high percentage of children from low-income families.
- An increase of \$200 million to IDEA to support the needs of students with disabilities.
- An additional \$50 million for full-service Community Schools (FSCS) grants.

Building on the recent State of the Union Address, the budget also includes more funding for high-quality learning time, such as high-dose tutoring, preschool grants, career and technical education, and school mental health services. It also includes additional funds for programs to increase the number of teachers at a time of unprecedented teacher shortages.

The Federal Charter School Program (CSP), which has seen a decrease in applications since 2016, was cut by 40 million dollars. [In its rationale](#), the Department notes that both State Entities and Charter Management Organizations did not deliver the number of schools promised in their applications.

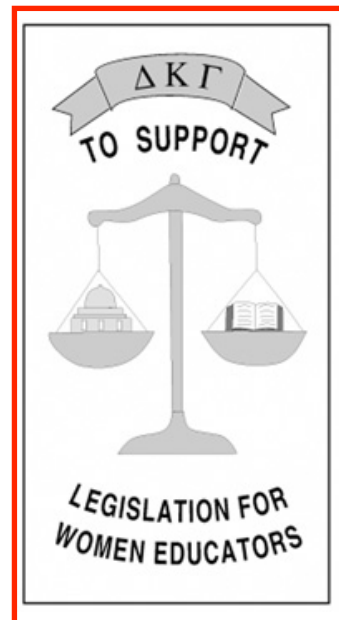
AB2901, Pregnancy Leave for Educators

On Monday, February 26, 2024, at 11 a.m., State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond joined educators and members of the California Teachers Association on the west steps of the California State Capitol to announce historic legislation—the Pregnancy Leave for Educators Act. Read the press release here: <https://tinyurl.com/3vmkfsm8>

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Chapter Dues for Next Year will be accepted anytime now...**due June 15th, 2024**





Form 123

Dues Reminder

Date to Remember by June 15, 2024

Please Pay DKG ZETA ZETA Chapter, AMT \$90.00
Your Dues to _____

Treasurer Nancy Myers, 910 Mellus Street Martinez, CA 94553
(name) (address)

For professional honor as a key woman educator _____
(member name)

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Check Out Your Benefits:

- ✓ Fellowship and Networking with other key educators around the world
- ✓ Leadership Roles and Training
- ✓ Opportunities to impact education worldwide
- ✓ Professional Development
- ✓ Scholarships for graduate study and funding for projects
- ✓ Access to the DKG Social Network
- ✓ Professional environment for presenting and publishing
- ✓ DKG Publications

You impact education — renew your membership today.



The break down of dues is as follows according to our Treasurer, **Nancy Myers.**

ACTIVE MEMBERS:

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| International | \$40.00 |
| California State | \$24.00 |
| CA fees | \$ 4.00 |
| Area III | \$ 2.50 |
| Zeta Zeta | <u>\$19.50</u> |
| TOTAL | \$90.00 |

RESERVE MEMBERS:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| International | \$20.00 |
| California State | \$10.00 |
| CA fees | <u>\$ 4.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 34.00 |

(Nothing paid to Area or Chapter)

COLLEGIATE MEMEBERS:

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| International | \$20.00 |
| California State | \$10.00 |
| Extra Fees | <u>\$ 3.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$33.00 |

Monument Crisis Center

The Monument Crisis Center personnel will be delighted to receive our toilet article donations again!

I asked them about “like new” children’s book donations, as we have members very interested in books for kids. They told me they do maintain a traveling library.

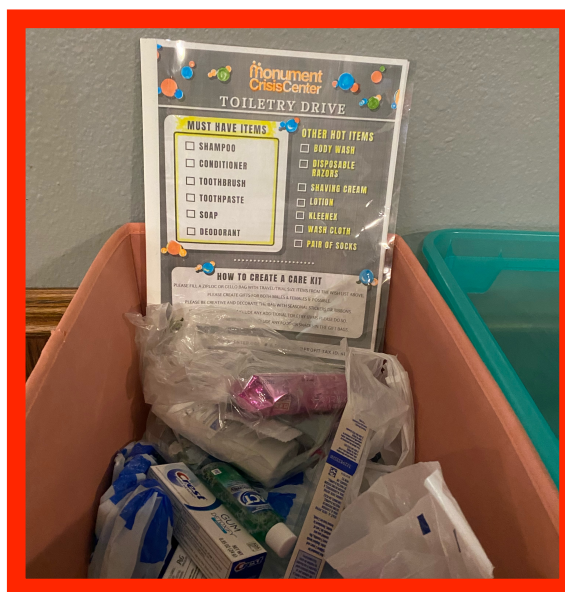
So, if someone can put out a bin for collecting children’s books at our Fiesta May meeting, I’ll be happy to take them along with our toiletries to Monument Crisis Center.

Meanwhile, keep bringing in:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Soap
Deodorant

Your support for others in need is commendable!

Thank you,
Karen Yee



A Note from your Editor, Kit King...

KUDOS to **JOANNIE WEDELL** AND **KAREN YEE** for being photographers extraordinaire!

**THANK
YOU!**

Enjoy their photos on the next few pages. I can’t begin to thank them for their extra efforts and abilities to capture moments for publication.



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CELEBRATE THE ARTS



DISPLAYING CREATIVE TALENTS
& INTERESTS



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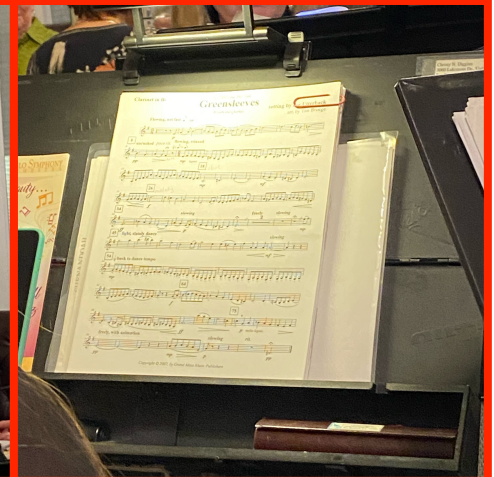


Joannie Wedell
Photographer



Can you pick out the Oboe,
Bassoon, French Horn, Flute,
and Clarinet?

"MISTRAL" QUINTET
Marvelous chamber concert for us...





Zeta Zeta Induction Ceremony



LtR : **Diana Sawin** (sponsor stand-in for Sue Robinson) & **Gina Jaber**, Inductee

Pat Seaman, Inductee & **Roseann Krane** sponsor



Gina's getting involved already by planning read-alouds at local library.



Our two new members, **Gina & Pat**



Welcome to our Chapter, **Zeta Zeta!!!**