



# 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.*

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Impacting Education Worldwide

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## Zeta Zeta Update



Our annual Fiesta in May at **Carol Rowley's** home was great fun! We had wonderful weather and we were able to enjoy her lovely backyard and pool. We even had a male bartender (**Dayton Drake**, Carol's friend and neighbor) who made margaritas for those who wanted them. Thank you, Dayton! We had chips, guacamole, and salsa as an appetizer and a wonderful Mexican dinner from Mexxi's. After dinner we went into Carol's living room and had our business meeting where those who went to the State Convention last weekend joyfully reported on their experiences there. We heard from **Diana Sawin** and **Sue Robinson**, our Co-Presidents, plus **Margaret Batesole**, **Sandy Budde**, and **Christina Clemens**. We had dessert (churros & ice cream) after the meeting outside again. Such fun! Wonderful ZZ time!

Since **Nancy Myers** wasn't able to attend, no one collected next years dues! **URGENT**, please write a check for **\$90.00** to **DKG/Zeta Zeta** and send it to **Nancy Myers** by **May 27th**. This newsletter is late because the editor's internet was down and both presidents wanted to wait until after the Executive Board met to wrote their letter. As soon as this is completed, you will get it via email.



# ★ May Zeta Zeta Fiesta ★

Photos by Joannie Wedell :-)









## ZZ CO-PRESIDENTS' LETTER

### FROM CO-PRESIDENT, SUE ROBINSON



Dear Sisters in DKG-

It is the end of an amazing year in DKG and we are so thankful for all that our chapter has accomplished! Special thanks to **Sandy Budde** and **Terry Schmitgal** for coordinating the programs for the year! They did a fantastic job introducing our Zeta Zeta members to J.R. Wilson of Delta Veterans Group, **Pat Seaman** on Kaleidoscopes, **Dr. Joannette Sorkin** on Neurodiversity and Autism, and **Dayna Wilson** on Downsizing and Relocation at our Brass Door dinner meetings!

Our busy chapter also participated in several community projects! Special thanks to **Diane Drain** for organizing our field trip to Kids Against Hunger in October, **Margaret Batesole** for our Angel Tree project in December, **Rosanne Fissore** for collecting items for student backpacks, and **Georgia Moore** for collecting change for Global Awareness! Special thanks to **Cyndi Koby** for handling our 2 Bucks A Book chapter fundraiser and **Diana Sawin** for handling our Area 3 See's Yum-raiser! Special thanks to all who participate in volunteering in the classrooms and keeping track online using THAT at [dkgca.org](http://dkgca.org). Lastly, our chapter makes a difference in the lives of new teachers when we bestow our Jessie Falconer tuition grants. This year's recipient is **Holly Gabie**, a student teacher starting the Master's Program at St. Mary's College. Zeta Zeta members rock!!

**Diana Sawin, Sue Robinson, Christina Clemens, Sandy Budde, and Margaret Batesole** had such a wonderful time at this year's DKG Convention! It is a time filled with sisterhood, ideas and inspiration! We came away with renewed energy for what our chapter is capable of doing for our teachers and our community! We presented some ideas at **Carol Rowley's** fiesta where we got to see so many of your warm, smiling faces!! We just held our May Executive Board meeting and have chosen to continue/start partnerships with 5 organizations: *Kids Against Hunger, VESTIA, Monument Crisis Center, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and Donors Choose for 2025-2026*. Special thanks to **Stephanie Brown-Myers** for agreeing to chair the Donors Choose project! **Gina Jaber** has already made some progress with the Dolly Parton project and both will need members to sign up for their committees in September, along with the other projects we are continuing. Speaking of projects- special thanks to **Carly Owens** for organizing a new backpack project for the Monument Crisis Center! Look for details in the newsletter! Partner up and donate a student backpack this summer!! Students go back to school in August now, so now is the time to get supplies organized!

The Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be meeting again in late August to review our budget/calendar and finely tune project steps to be presented at the first member meeting in September. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer doing what you love and thank you so much for sending in your DKG membership dues to our diligent treasurer, **Nancy Myers**, by May 30th! See you all in September!!

Happy Summer!!!

*Sue Robinson*





# 2024 - 2025

FROM CO-PRESIDENT, DIANA SAWIN

Many thanks for a wonderful year beginning with our first Kick Off meeting on September 11, 2024 at the Brass Door Restaurant. Who can forget the introduction by **Stephanie Brown-Myers** and presentation of **J.R. Wilson**, President / CEO of the Delta Veterans Group in Contra Costa County. With slides and stories we heard about his team of volunteers providing much needed services such as Stand Down on the Delta 2015. J.R. and his veteran group brought in over 350 homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless veterans and their families for four days of: housing, employment, health, education, recovery, and legal services.



**Nancy Myers** also wants to remind all of you that volunteer opportunities are open for the **Diablo Valley Stand Down**.  
[DeltaVeteransGroup.org](http://DeltaVeteransGroup.org).  
She's doing volunteer check-in Friday and Saturday evenings.

This year we had many outstanding speakers, activities, community outreach programs, and welcomed new members: **Pat Seaman, Jean Van Nostrand, Allison Jensen**, and Honorary member **Joanette Sorkin**. What has been your favorite memory?

## DKG California Convention

May 2 - 4, 2025 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport - one of the best experiences ever! The Executive and Convention Committee members put in a lot of work to make this year's convention a memorable one with new features such as: Table Talks – participants moved from table to table as an alternative to breakout sessions. Sandy Budde attended the First -Timer Concierge where she received an overview of convention session opportunities. Our convention provided many choices, something for everyone, personal and professional. Our own Area III Director Christina Clemens was surprised by a full page program AD "For Helping All of Your Presidents Reach New Heights." A long list of Things we love about you, Christina... You are patient, energetic, enthusiastic, and organized. You model the best of DKG sisterhood. Thank you for your leadership and your love!

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Thank you **FABULOUS FIVE** for going to the convention and bringing back lots oof great ideas for our chapter.

In picture above are from left to right...  
**Sandy Budde, Diana Sawin, Margaret Batesole, Sue Robinson and Christina Clemens.**

In Area III Zeta Zeta Chapter was recognized for:

**Chapter Service Awards:**

Chapter – **Sandy Budde**

Professional – **Carmen Curtis**

Public – **Joanette Sorkin**

**Chapters With Youth At Risk Projects**

Zeta Zeta – Kids Against Hunger

**2024 – 2025 Honor Chapters**

+ Zeta Zeta – Five Star Chapter

**Outstanding Student Teachers 2024 – 2025**

Area III Zeta Zeta - **Holly Gabie**



Thank you again to our Program Planning committee under the leadership of **Sandy Budde**, we gained new information, and were inspired. After convention the last chapter meeting was held at the lovely home of **Carol Rowley**. Our Mexican Fiesta was a lot of fun... good food, good company, wonderful fellowship, with sharing of summer plans! The best gift was having **Sue Robinson**, Co-President in town to hug and celebrate with us again!

**Muchas Gracias, Mi Hermanas.** Can't wait to see what 2025 -2026 brings.

*Diana Sawin*

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***Don't forget to pay your dues!***

***Active Members = \$90.00***

***Reserved Members = \$36.50***



For Your Information: These two advertisements were put in the bulletin at the State Convention!



### *Zeta Zeta loves their co-Presidents!*



*Thank you, Diana, for always stepping in with a smile, and for putting so much love & passion into everything you do for DKG and Zeta Zeta.*



*Thank you, Sue, for leading from a far and for bringing so much creativity and joy to our chapter! We appreciate your willingness to serve Zeta Zeta so faithfully!*

### *In loving memory of Barbara Manley, from her Zeta Zeta sisters.*





She made the world special & loved & helped hundreds of students and teachers.

A good friend to all, she will be missed! We know she's looking down from heaven now with her bright & beautiful smile!

## Monument Crisis Center

As you read in the Co-President's letter, Zeta Zeta chapter is supporting many projects, programs, and organizations. One of them is the **Monument Crisis Center (located in Concord)** which serves low-income families and individuals in Contra Costa County by providing nutritious food, education, general assistance and referrals. Over the last year, with the help of hundreds of volunteers and donors, Monument Crisis Center distributed a five day supply of food to over 14,500 individuals, thereby providing one million meals to those most at risk in Contra Costa County.

In addition to food service programs, Monument Crisis Center advocates for at-risk families and individuals and strives to unite the community in a forward effort to alleviate poverty. They want to provide backpacks to children who are going to school without any supplies.

Zeta Zeta Chapter hopes to provide backpacks that are full of supplies so that these children can be successful students. Several of you may form teams so that supplying one or more stuffed backpacks can be practically and economically possible. Below is a letter from the head of the Backpack Committee, **Carly Owens**.

*Dear DKG Members,*

*We are collecting backpacks **and** supplies again this year. We are partnering with **Monument Crisis Center**. The flyers list the supplies needed on the next two pages. There is one for K- 5 and one for Middle School and High School. You can drop off your donations at Carly's house. **The drive goes from June 23 to July 23**. If possible pack the backpack with all the supplies on the list. However, there is a **QR** code on the attached flier if you'd prefer to donate directly to the Monument Crisis Center.*

*If you would like to help us fill the backpacks with the supplies let us know. The more the merrier.*

*Thank you for your support,*

*Carly Owens*

*Jean VanNostrand*





### DROP OFF INFO

Accepting Donations  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup>

📍 1990 Market Street  
Concord, CA, 94520

🕒 Mon - Wed  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## K-5 BACKPACK LIST

Character designed backpacks, prints  
& solid colors (no solid blue or red)

### Supply List

- ☐ [1] NEW STURDY BACKPACK (NO SOLID RED OR BLUE)
- ☐ [2] SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULE)
- ☐ [1] PACK OF DRY ERASE MARKERS
- ☐ [1] BOX COLORED MARKERS (WIDE TIPPED)
- ☐ [1] LARGE ERASER
- ☐ [1] 12" RULER
- ☐ [1] PENCIL SHARPENER
- ☐ [1] BOX OF COLORED PENCILS
- ☐ [1] BOX OF CRAYONS (24 COUNT)
- ☐ [2] POCKET FOLDERS
- ☐ [2] GLUE STICKS
- ☐ [1] PACK OF INDEX CARDS
- ☐ [1] PENCIL POUCH

Put all supplies in ziplock!  
Please no mini backpacks

Each donation  
of \$75 will provide  
a new backpack  
filled with school  
supplies for an  
at-risk student!

### QUESTIONS?

For questions contact:  
Antonio Hurtado at  
925-825-7751 x114  
ahurtado@monumentcrisiscenter.org  
Tina Ross at  
monumentspecialevents@gmail.com

NO TIME TO SHOP?

DONATE HERE!

A 501C(3) Non-Profit Organization Tax ID: #41-2111171

# monument Crisis Center Backpack Drive 2025

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIST

Character designed backpacks, prints  
& solid colors (no solid blue or red)

### Supply List

- ☐ [1] NEW STURDY BACKPACK (NO SOLID RED OR BLUE)
- ☐ [1] NEW BINDER (1 1/2")
- ☐ [1] PACK OF COLLEGE RULED PAPER
- ☐ [2] SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (COLLEGE RULE)
- ☐ [1] BOX OF FINE TIP COLORED MARKERS (NON PERMANENT)
- ☐ [1] PACK OF INDEX DIVIDERS
- ☐ [1] PACK OF #2 MECHANICAL PENCILS
- ☐ [1] PACK OF PENS (BLUE OR BLACK)
- ☐ [2] POCKET FOLDERS
- ☐ [2] HIGHLIGHTERS
- ☐ [1] 12" RULER
- ☐ [1] PACK OF 3X3 POST ITS
- ☐ [1] BOX OF COLORED PENCILS
- ☐ [1] PACK OF GRAPH PAPER
- ☐ [1] PENCIL POUCH

NO TIME TO SHOP?



DONATE HERE!

Put all supplies in ziplock!

A 501C(3) Non-Profit Organization Tax ID: #41-211171



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Kit King:** Kit's sons will both be home this month! That is always exciting for her.

Sunshine makes her happy, too; and there's been lots of it recently. 🌞👦👦👦

**Sandy Budde:** Sandy's granddaughter Brooke is graduating from TCU, so she's leaving for Texas, y'all! Then she is going on to Rhode Island for Annabelle's graduation from high school and a short stay on Nantucket Island. Whew! A tiring but exciting month for the Buddes. 🎓🎓🇺🇸

**Kay Deehan:** Kay's son is getting married in New York on May 17th. ❤️. Congrats, MOG! Do you have your dress?

**Helen Rees:** She took a bad fall on her face and broke her nose.. Lots of bruises, but no other broken bones. Helen says, "No more running!" 🤕❤️

**Diana Sawin:** Congratulations are in order...Grandson Drew Sawin, Junior at Curtis High School in Tacoma, Washington " In recognition of your stellar achievements and your TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP you and your water polo team have been invited to the Washington State Capital to be publicly recognized and meet Governor, Bob Ferguson." Also, Granddaughter Emma Sawin, Senior at Tracy Unified High School was admitted to San Diego State University as their collegiate level twirler with the Marching Band Aztecs. She will join sister Julia Sawin, Junior SDSU Twirler in 2025/26.




**Karen Yee** just got back from 16 days in Northern Italy. She said it was incredibly beautiful and great fun! By the end, she just wanted my own bathroom and bed! 😊



## ANOTHER REMINDER

Active Members = **\$90.00** - Reserved Members =

		Form 123	
<b>Dues Reminder</b>		Date to Remember <u>by May 27, 2025</u>	
Please Pay Your Dues to <u>DKG ZETA ZETA</u>		Chapter, AMT <u>\$90.00</u>	
Treasurer <u>Nancy Myers</u>			
(name)		(address)	
For <u>professional honor as a key woman educator</u>			
(member name)		5/2013 CK P/W/I	

## 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* awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member women educators.
6. To *STIMULATE* the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in relevant programs of action.
7. To *INFORM* the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively to support a sustainable world society.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Karen Yee** sent this info for our members. The article is all about “What’s In and What’s Not” in Newsom’s revised education budget. Her source is [<edsourcesource@edsourcesource.org>](mailto:edsourcesource@edsourcesource.org).



### SCHOOL FINANCE

## No cuts for schools, more funding for early literacy in Newsom’s revised budget

The 3% cut to CSU and UC was smaller than the systems had expected, good news at an uncertain time

JOHN FENSTERWALD, DIANA LAMBERT, EMMA GALLEGOS, AMY DIPIERRO, KAREN D'SOUZA, ZAIDEE STAVELY, AND MICHAEL BURKE

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Gov. Gavin Newsom presents his revised 2025-26 state budget during a news conference in Sacramento on May 14, 2025.

Credit: AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

### TOP TAKEAWAYS

- Prop. 98 for schools and community colleges will be \$4.3 billion less in 2025-26.
- Preventing cuts to TK-12 will require draining the rainy-day fund and deferring paying \$1.8 billion next year.
- Districts will find the 2.3% COLA amid declining enrollment difficult to manage.
- UC and CSU had expected an 8% cut instead of the 3% it will get.

