



ZETA ZETA NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma, CA State, Area III, Zeta Zeta Chapter

October-November 2025 DKG Newsletter

"KIDS AGAINST HUNGER"

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!

Monday, October 13

Sandy Budde and the Program Committee have arranged for our ZetaZeta Chapter to pack food for "Kids Against Hunger"

again on Monday, October 13 together with the Zeta Mu Chapter from Livermore.

Let's all do our part to provide food to children in need throughout the world! Our packing begins at 4:00 pm, so we need to be there by 3:50 pm. We will pack food until 5:30, and then whoever would like to go to dinner is welcome to. Call Sandy now as you can still join.

Keep in mind that traffic can be crazy at this time of day on 580, so leave yourself plenty of time to get there! Parking is limited, so we should carpool whenever possible to 1258 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Please arrange this yourselves whenever possible.

There is a \$20 fee per person to cover the cost of the supplies. Please make your check out to Kids Against Hunger. Bring a spouse, friend or relative...the more the merrier! Please let Sandy Budde know asap via email (szbudde@gmail.com), text (925) 336-0506) or phone call if you want to come. It's not too late! They want to know how many we're bringing by October 8.



Directions:

From Danville, San Ramon, Alamo, Walnut Creek area: Take 680 South, Merge onto 580 East, Exit 47 - Santa Rita Rd, Left on Valley Avenue (only 0.44 mile - if you reach Francisco St, you've gone too far!). Right on Quarry Lane (0.1 mile past Kolin St.)

Our November dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon.
Reservations go to **DKG Reservations, P. O. Box, 551, Alamo, CA 94507**

Menu choices are: 1. Veggie Pasta- \$38, 2. Chicken Parmesan-\$45,
3. Calamari Dore-\$44, 4. Prime Rib-\$52;
Dessert included (ice cream), House wine = \$10.0

Our November Program features local author Greg Randall in an “Evening of Books”



Gregory C. Randall, Michigan-born and Chicago raised, has made the San Francisco Bay Area his home for more than fifty years. He attended Kent State University and Michigan State University.

Greg is the author of five very different mystery/thriller series. The first is the six-book series The Sharon O’Mara Chronicles. The fifth book (*Chicago Back Beat*) in the Detective Tony Alfano award-winning noir thriller series set in 1933 Chicago was published in 2024. His young adult novel, *The Cherry Pickers* has won acclimation and awards from the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) and Northern California Book Publishers Association (BAIPA).

In the fall of 2022, he simultaneously published the first two books in his World War II, Max Adler OSS, thriller series. The two World War II thrillers were published by Windsor Hill Publishing, a company wholly owned by Mr. Randall. These thrillers are *This Face of Evil* and *Pawns in an Ancient Game*.

In the summer of 2022, his mystery novel, *White Rabbit*, was published. This standalone novel is a historical mystery that focuses on 1968 in Chicago and how a series of events led to a mystery that lasted for fifty years.

Additionally, three books in the Deputy Sheriff Jordan Tynes modern Western series have been released by Mr. Randall. These are *One Yellow Dog*, *The Killings in Paradise Valley*, *Blood in the Yellowstone*, and in 2025 *Fire on Breakneck Mountain*.

In the spring of 2018, Thomas & Mercer Publishing released the first book in a new series, *Venice Black*. The main character is a woman security expert, Alexandra (Alex) Polonia, from Cleveland, Ohio. The second book in the series, *Saigon Red*, was released in March 2019. The third Polonia Thriller, *St. Petersburg White*, was released in mid-summer 2020 and published by Windsor Hill Publishing. These were republished by Windsor Hill Publishing in 2023.

In December of 2023, he published *The Marigold Gang* with Windsor Hill Publishing. In 2024, Windsor Hill Publishing offered *Wars Amongst Lovers* and *Four Women Named July*.

Wise Wolf Books, Rough Edges Press, Wolfpack Publishing, and Thomas & Mercer Publishing have published Mr. Randall. All of his work is now available through Windsor Hill Publishing.

Mr. Randall and his wife own an independent publishing company, Windsor Hill Publishing. He is a book cover designer and artist and is well-versed in the ebook conversion process. All of his books are available through the usual sources, but most specifically, Amazon Books and Amazon.com. His website lists all his books.

[Gregory C. Randall's Website.](#)





Co-President's Letter

WELCOME BACK! We hope each of you had a wonderful summer reading, traveling, shopping, or enjoying "me time" relaxing. During our Social Hour we had an opportunity to catch up on stories about summer time spent with family and friends. For some members, the end of summer meant getting classrooms ready for incoming students for the new school year.

WOW, we had 36 members with 3 guests turnout for our first of the year ZetaZeta Chapter meeting on September 17. Denise Dolan booked our favorite room at the Brass Door in San Ramon and we began our Officer and Committee Reports. Christina Clemens, projected our Agenda on the screen for an overview of our meeting. We had a detailed Treasurers Report from Nancy Myers followed by Sandy Budde, who went over the 2025 – 2026 ZetaZeta Program Calendar.

Diana Sawin who serves with Kit King reminded us that nominations for chapter officers 2026 – 2028 is just around the corner. It is an honor to serve and lead our five-star honor chapter, where we "Promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

UPDATES, Sue Robinson and Diana Sawin during a zoom meeting on August 27 with our Executive Board and Committee Chairs discussed many topics including expanding the application grant of the Jessie Falconer \$100,000 endowment. Without touching the principal we only use the interest which today is \$124,000 to increase the amount to a college or university of the recipient. We mailed a check to St. Mary's College for Holly Gabie's master program in the amount of \$3,000. During our discussion, we agreed to propose to use some of the interest funds for scholarships and awards as well. We will present this proposal to our members and vote.

If you wish to serve on the new Financial Aid Committee, contact Carol Rowley, JoAnn Doyle or Diana Sawin.

Diana and Sue



**Thank you to the DKG Members helping our chapter ZetaZeta:
Every member should be listed on a committee.**

(Please call/text Roseann as soon as you see a discrepancy so it will be correct in the directory.

ZetaZeta Executive Officers: *Working and Sharing Together Successfully*

Co-Presidents: Sue Robinson, Diana Sawin

Program Co-VP: Sandy Budde & T. Shmitgal

Treasurer: Nancy Meyer

Co-Recording Secretaries: Catherin Dehan, MaryAnn Kolda

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Magnim

Parliamentarian: Stephanie Brown-Myers

Committee Chairs:

Angels' Gifts, Homeless Bags: Carly Owens, Jeanie. Van Nostrand

Ceremonies: Carmen Curtis, Sandi Madewell

Dinner Coordinator: Denise Dolan

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Program: Charlene McPherson
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Global Awareness (World Fellowships): Georgia Moore
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Membership Directory by Roseann Krane

Please be sure you have sent Roseann Krane your updated addresses. If you need a new photo, also send one or ask for a retake.

Last date changes are accepted is October 20, 2025.



Spotlight on member, Nancy Myers, ZetaZeta Treasurer

Nancy Myers received a BS in Nursery School Teaching from Oregon State University. Then she earned a teaching credential from Sonoma State University.

She taught first through fourth grades for most of her career and switched to language arts and world history to teach sixth and seventh graders. She enjoyed working with that age level.

She was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and moved to Santa Rosa for 15 years, with an 18-month stint in Manila, Philippines. She spent 26 years teaching in Ventura, CA, retiring in June 2019.

She loves making quilt tops that get sent to a person with a longarm machine to quilt the three layers together. She also loves to dress up and go to the Renaissance Faire and Dickens' Faire with family and friends. Of course, that involves making costumes and headwear.

Her favorite genre is to read historical fiction, but she reads almost all genres. Her daughter, Sara, teaches French at Antioch High School. Her son Richard teaches political science at multiple schools in Ventura County.

Nancy states there is always something to do and see in the Bay Area. The Bay Model, John Muir's house, the Port Chicago Memorial, High Tea in the City, Ghirardelli Square, the list goes on. She loves living here in the Bay Area, but misses family and friends in Ventura. Welcome our spotlight member and invite her to tea!



Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



DKG Vision Statement: Key Women Educators Impacting Education

ZetaZeta Site: www.dkg-zetazeta.org

CA: www.dkgcalifornia.org

National site: www.dkg.org



2025 Area III Conference Registration

By Diana Sawin

Place: San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583

Honoring Our Own: Nancy Myers

The Power of Words - A presentation by an Autobiographer, a Poet, and a Storyteller.

Carol Rowley reminded us about the Silent Auction with wonderful items that are donated for sale by individuals and will include our 8 Area III Chapter Baskets. All attendees will have the opportunity to purchase/bid on any auction item. The silent auction generated funds to support: Area III student teacher awards, chapter mini-grants, other grants, scholarships and outreach expenses. Here are some photos from the event.





What's Happening

compiled By Terry Magnum



1-Karen Yee is heading to the iconic Mediterranean with her hubby Ed.

2-Sandy Budde camped for a week with five boys aged 6 to 10! She followed the Bourbon Trail in Kentucky with great friends. She loved Kentucky, not the Bourbon so much.

3-Roseann Krane plans to move to Reno to be near her son by next year. She went to Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Java and Bali in the spring.

She swam daily and visited her son and family in Reno.

4-Gina Jaber got to cross off her #1 spot on her bucket list. She went on a Crystal Cruise on the Amalfi Coast and it was spectacular!

5-Jeane Van Nostrand was able to travel to Idaho (Riggins) and Oregon in August. She attended her 50th high school reunion.

6-Gail Costello swims four to six days a week and it is good meditation.



7-Mary Anne Kolda traveled to France and Amsterdam. She also traveled to Toronto to watch the Giants play the Blue Jays, then tour Toronto and Niagara Falls.

8-Charlene McPherson traveled a beautiful 3000 miles back and forth to Montana for her yearly road trip to visit childhood and college friends. Old friends!



9-Cindy Luengo drove with two of her children and three grandchildren to a Marriott in Newport Beach. They had their annual Luengo Olympic events which they love! Her granddaughter spent the summer getting ready for her freshman year at Texas Christian University near Fort Worth.

10-Jackie Adams and her husband went to Switzerland on a Viking Tour. She also went through Germany and France, beautiful countries! Carol Rowley just got back from Cancun and had a great time.

11-Christina Clemens touched the roof of Africa and summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. It was the hardest and most rewarding thing she has done! She also revisited the school in Tanzania where she spent time in 2019.

12-Valerie Kellner was busy with her five wonderful grandchildren in college. She's enjoying their Golden Retriever rescue, Walter and her kitty Molly is adjusting.





Penne Ferrell Award Application Form Penne Ferrell Award Guidelines

Calling All Applicants It's Time to Recommend Non-Members to Apply for the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award. **Do you know an early career educator in their 1st through 5th year of teaching TK-12 whom you would like to sponsor to apply for a prestigious award through DKG?**

The beginning of the 2025-26 school year presents another opportunity to offer and provide support to early-career educators through an award from the Penne Ferrell Literacy Fund. Penne was a beloved and outstanding member of the Epsilon Omicron Chapter in Orange County, Area XIV.

She instilled the joy of teaching in many new educators and was a dedicated teacher and a lover of books. A bequest to DKG California from the estate of Penne Ferrell established the Penne Ferrell Fund in 2010. It provides \$200 stipends for new educators to purchase books, classroom supplies, and curriculum resources. All DKG members are encouraged to seek out non-members who are in their 1st through 5th year of teaching and provide assistance in applying for the award. Once you identify a new teacher from grades TK-12, schedule a time to meet and complete the online form together before the November 1st due date.

Prepare for your meeting by locating the forms on our DKG California Website Guidelines. Preview the questions and inform your new teacher, before you meet, of what they will need to prepare to answer the questions. Complete the application and submit it by **November 1, 2025. All applicants will be notified by email of approval or denial of their application.** An added benefit of this award is the opportunity to promote future DKG membership to key young women educators. In addition to Penne's, your generosity can support new educators and student literacy for years to come.

Please consider donating to the Penne Ferrell Fund through a contribution to DKG California. Thank you, Key Women Educators, for supporting new teachers and literacy in California! Submitted by Carol Gilmore, STEP Committee Chair, Iota Xi, Area 15 Highlights edited by Julie Drysdale, California Marketing Committee, Eta Chapter, Area XII Manage Your Subscription This message was sent to dianasawindkgca@gmail.com from marketing@dkgca.org DKG California 100 Princeton Circle Seal Beach, CA 90740

Thank you, Key Women Educators, for supporting new teachers and literacy in California! Submitted by Carol Gilmore,
STEP Committee Chair, Iota Xi, Area 1



Opportunity Drawing

By Sisters: Jacque Adams and Bobby Mortensen

Please bring a \$10 gift to share if your last name starts with D, E, F, or G.

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DKG California Vision - Educational - Professional - Making an Impact



Legislation: Carly Ownes and Roseann Krane



1) [New law changes how California kids learn to read](#)

California Governor Gavin Newsom has approved Assembly Bill 1454, which provides elementary school teachers with training in evidence-based reading instruction, and includes \$480 million in the 2025-26 budget to support literacy instruction.

2) [California is national leader in public school segregation, study finds.](#)

3) [Our country has a problem and it is on shutdown and everything effects education and children.](#)



In remembrance of our sister Barbara Manley



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.



Photos from September 2025 dinner meeting. Thanks to Joanie Wedell for our photos .

