



## Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Zeta California

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"ZetaZetaNews"



We will have a dinner meeting on **Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m.** at **Scott's Seafood Restaurant** in Walnut Creek.

Diana Sawin has arranged our speakers for April.

Our meeting will be about a Chi State DKG project called "**AFTER**" ( assistance for teachers educational resources ) This Katrina project reached the Epsilon State (Louisiana) with the arrival of 22 pallets of books and educational materials.

The project began after the Delta Xi chapter members realized that some of their sisters in Louisiana and Mississippi had lost everything.

Two of the leaders of the project from Yolo County will be presenting information about the project.

The other Area III chapters have been invited.

The menu choices include **1-Chicken cordon bleu** (with smoked ham and Swiss cheese) or **2-Salmon** with lemon butter sauce. Both are served with Seasonal spinach salad.

**RSVP by April 10** —send your check for \$30 along with your menu choice to:

**Denise Dolan  
DKG Reservations  
P. O. Box 551  
Alamo, CA 95407**

### March 10 Agenda

- I. Call to order, Inspiration
- II. Approve minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Nominating Committee
- V. Legislation Report
- VI. Convention Report
- VII. Raffle

### Dinner & Program

So we can vote on them, please read the **minutes** at <http://www.dkg-zetazeta.org/MinutesMar2008.pdf> and they are also at the end of this newsletter.

We have an outstanding brave sister, Denise, who rides elephant trunks.

Ask her about it. We thank her for all the work she does for DKG.



Are you interested in serving as an **officer for 2008-2010**? We have a volunteer for President, Kit King. Hooray and we are proud of Kit. Please contact one of the nominating committee members if you would like to participate.

### Hostelship Awards :

Applications are available on line. If you went to a Elder Hostel this year you can get \$450 for learning. Hostelship Stipend applications send to Gail Haynes, 607 North Vecino Ave Glendora, CA 91741



Continue to bring backpack supplies to our meeting and a special thanks to all of you for contributing.

This is a wonderful project that provides for foster children.

### RAFFLE ...

If your last name begins with an **A through T** and you have not yet brought a raffle item this year, please bring raffle gifts for our coming meeting. Our monthly raffle supports special Chapter projects, and it's a lot of fun and legal!!



**The DKG Chi State Convention will be at the San Francisco Airport at the Marriott Hotel May 2-4, 2008. DREAM ~ ACHIEVE ~ CREATE ~ IN 2008**

Registration Forms ( Standard / New member / Guest ) can be down loaded on the Chi State website:

[www.chistate.org](http://www.chistate.org) to attend the Chi State Convention May 2-4 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. DKG Women in the Arts will be highlighted. They are seeking volunteers to work at the convention and will be greatly appreciated.

They need help in these areas: registration desk, the Chi State Store, the information desk, interest session hostess, hospitality, table hostess, and greeters.

If you can help, please let Roseann know by email at [rkrane@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrane@yahoo.com) and your name will be passed on to the convention volunteer committee. All forms and applications are at the Chi State web site at [www.chistate.org/forms.html](http://www.chistate.org/forms.html)



### 2007-2008 Directory

The Directory is still available. If you did not pick up your copy, you may pick it up at our April meeting.

## Kids are Quick

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: **You told me to do it without using tables.**

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: **Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.**

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: **Yesterday you said it's H to O.**

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: **Me!**

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: **Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.**

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: **A teacher**

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**Editorial: CalPERS board must keep its priorities straight**  
**-Published 12:00 am PDT Monday, March 17, 2008**

Members of the California Public Employees Retirement System Board have a legal responsibility to protect the assets of the \$230 billion retirement fund for the benefit of tens of thousands of government employees. Today, the commitment of the board's investment committee to protect the fund will be tested.

The committee is being asked to support Assembly Bill 1967. Introduced by Assemblyman Alberto Torrico, D-Newark, the bill would bar CalPERS from investing in private equity funds that are owned or managed in any degree by certain sovereign wealth funds. SWFs are funds that are affiliated with specific countries or federations of countries. The Torrico bill would prohibit investments in SWFs that include countries that have not signed five of six international treaties covering basic human rights.

There are lots of problems with this bill. While protecting human rights is a laudable goal, not even the U.S. Congress has ratified all six treaties the Torrico bill covers. The bill would bar future pension fund investments in private equity firms that have produced healthy returns over recent years. To forgo those returns puts the fund and, by extension, California's state budget at risk. The state is required to pay the pensions of its retirees. When pension fund investments perform poorly, the state's general fund, the state's taxpayers ultimately, are obligated to make up the difference.

But another troubling issue surrounds this measure. The Service Employees International Union is the driving force behind Torrico's bill. SEIU's real target appears to be the Carlyle Group, a private equity fund that would be affected by AB 1967.

Last year, the Carlyle Group bought Manor Care, a large nursing home provider. SEIU has been trying to organize workers at Manor Care for years without success. SEIU, like public employee unions throughout the state, is a big contributor to election campaigns for CalPERS board members. With this bill the union seems to be using its political clout with the board to pressure CalPERS to pressure Carlyle.

Many legitimate issues are entangled here. Increasing organized labor's presence in nursing homes may be a good thing. The Carlyle Group is controversial because of its political connections. CalPERS has reason to be concerned about sovereign wealth funds, which often lack the transparency and accountability that prudent investments require. Human rights are something that CalPERS investors should value and champion.

But CalPERS is above all a pension fund. Its members have a fiduciary responsibility to protect fund assets. When state pension funds lose money, it strains the state budget and puts the jobs of state workers at risk.

The board's staff estimates that the Torrico bill would cost CalPERS \$1.2 billion in returns annually. **The California State Teachers Retirement System board, which voted last week to oppose the bill, estimates it would cost that fund \$1.5 billion over five years.**

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

## ZETA ZETA CHAPTER

March 10, 2008

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek

Respectfully submitted by: Marilyn Steichen, Secretary

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Roseann Krane

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.
- B. The Inspiration was led by Barbara Stumph and Isabelle Zamanian—*The New Moon* by D. H. Lawrence was read
- C. A poem by Rosetti was read: *Is the Moon Tired - I See the Moon* was sung

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marilyn Steichen

- a. Minutes were approved with the following correction: Marilyn Stone was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Chi State in charge of Members' Mall and Intercessions (not chair for the May Chi State Convention).

#### b. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sydney Allison

The total in Account is	\$ 119 396.15
CDs	108 723.87
Checking	1 970.98
Scholarship Fund w Checking	2 628.45
Investment Accounts	6 072.85

Interest Rates are down so the CDs are not earning as much

### **DKG BUSINESS**

- A. A letter is being circulated that states an objection to the proposed \$20 raise to DKG dues – all of the increase would go to International. Everyone was asked to sign the letter.
- B. Dolly Price sent a Thank You for our \$100 contribution to a fund in memory of Marilyn Stone.
- C. Renting a booth at Convention is about \$200.
- D. The schedule for Convention was distributed.
- E. If you make hotel reservations for the Convention be sure to ask for Senior Rate.
- F. Our Chapter made the Order of the Rose – we initiated 8 new members.
- G. A new member will be initiated at the May meeting.
- H. A guest was introduced: Elaine Penning, a Speech Therapist in SRVUSD
- I. Annual Chapter Report has been filed
- J. Chapter Service Award Recognitions:
- K. Chapter Service: Sydney Allison
- L. Professional Service: Catherine (Kit) King
- M. Public Service: Marilyn Steichen
- N. Barbara Stumph and Roseann Krane are to be highlighted as Artist at Convention
- O. March 15: Presidents' meeting at Nordstrom
- P. Legislative Report: Jeanne Gelwicks—Members were asked to write letters: hand written letters represent as many as 100 votes. Then the order of impact is: multiple signatures, postcards, faxes, e-mail
- Q. Nominating Committee: JoeAnn Doyle — Give names to JoeAnn

### **PROGRAM:**

Joan Cunnings introduced the guest speaker for the evening: Betsy Ahlberg. Betsy has been a travel consultant with Alamo World Travel for 20 years. She is a credentialed teacher in Art Education. Betsy says her specialty is: "Whatever the client wants to do!". She discussed some of the various ways to travel – groups, cruises, tours, river cruises, personalized tours, etc. Betsy gave some tips on packing – using plastic travel bags, etc. She had brochures for various types of travel. If you become a client, you will receive AWT magazine. She updates all clients with special and promotions.