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ZETA ZETA NEWS

Mission Statement: To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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*Gail
Faber*

Gail has been a member of our chapter for over 34 years! She has served as Recording Secy, Historian, and has been on a variety of committees over the years. Gail graduated from Berkeley, and taught school for 30 years. She was Teacher of the Year in the SRVUSD, taught at Rancho Romero School, was CA History Consultant for San Ramon, and authored five history books that 4th graders use today. Gail has also volunteered her time teaching at the Tassajara One-Room Schoolhouse, spent 25 years working with Indian Program at SRValley Museum, and is active in many other community activities. Wow!

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✕ T.H.A.T. ✕

Teachers Helping Another Teacher Program was created to promote Chi State's visibility by providing support for teachers. Please record and save any and all hours that you spend helping an individual teacher, a particular school, a school district, teachers in a community, professional development field, or at the college level. Judy Simkin will be collecting them in April - they are due in May. Copy available at Chi State Website listed below.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on MONDAY, March 16th, 5:30 at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Menu choices are as follows: Slice Tuscany Chicken (spinach, ricotta cheese and pine nuts, sun-dried tomato cream sauce) or Vegetarian Wellington (puff pastry in the shape of a large sunflower filled with fire-roasted vegetables and served on a bed of wilted spinach and sun-dried tomato cream sauce). Both are accompanied by Caesar Salad. Please send \$32 to Denise by Tuesday, March 10th.

Denise Dolan

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Raffle prizes are to be brought by the following members:
Francine Snachez, Diana

Sawin, Ann Schinske, Kathleen Searles, Judy Simkin, Sue Smith, Marilyn Steichen, Barbara Stumph, Kathy Swanson, Linda Swatek, Mary Ellen Taylor.

JoeAnne Doyle will be acting president, as Kit will be relaxing at tennis matches in Palm Desert. We will have our last initiation of the year, as Kathy Hayes joins our group. Our speaker will be Dr. Bette Felton from Cal State University - East Bay, who will speak about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University where she serves as Principal Investigator. Dr. Felton is Professor Emerita in the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences and has taught Perinatal and Geriatric Nursing and other nursing classes.

Purposes

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.

Message from your President

Congratulations to our three Chapter Service Award Winners. **SERVICE TO CHAPTER:** A member who has served in a leadership role at the chapter level in two or more capacities, **Bobbie Mortensen**, for her creative position as Hospitality Chair for our Chapter and Communications Chairperson for Area III. Thanks, Bobbie.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: A member who has developed an educational project or activity that has had a positive impact on the profession and is recognized as an example for other educators is **Barbara Stumph**, who demonstrate Chinese Brush Painting at one of our meetings, works with Chinese Elders, and has published articles on Chinese culture. She will receive her award at the March meeting.



(L to R Bobbie Mortensen, Kit King, Carmen Curtis)

PUBLIC SERVICE: Someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the community, especially having to do with youth and/or education is **Carmen Curtis**. She works with the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, the One-Room Schoolhouse, is a volunteer for the Beatrix Potter Society, and is active in her church. Congratulations, ladies.

Shepherd's Gate

Many thanks for the contributions for Shepherd's Gate Shelter. When we went out there last month, the things disappeared as fast as we could put them out! They were so happy to have all the supplies. They always want liquid detergent, paper products, and diapers, and need preschool books with flaps and things that will attract young readers in training. :-)
Please save ink cartridges and cell phones, as well. Carol Rowley will give them to LIFE Foundation.

BACKPACKS

Please continue to store up supplies for the backpacks. We will be stuffing some more before the year is finished. Keep your eyes open for backpacks, too.

FYI: Change for Change collection was over \$66.00 for World Fellowships before this month's meeting. Bravo!

LINJUN FAN

We had a wonderful speaker at our joint meeting with AAUW. **Linjun Fan** was inspiring as she told of her growing up in China, and the many sacrifices her mother made for her daughter. She spoke about how all of China at that time was allowed only one child - preferably a boy. **Linjun Fan** is an international fellow, who will soon complete her M.A. in journalism at UC Berkeley. In August, Linjun filmed and edited video stories on the Beijing Olympics for the website of McClatchy newspapers, formerly Knight Ridder. Her story featured swimmer Michael Phelps. She also interviewed volunteers at the games (there were 70,000 volunteers) and followed an American sports columnist adventure in Beijing, among other assignments. In 2007, Linjun created "Albany Today" a community news website that has 3 - 5 thousand hits each week, and where she has produced more than 100 news stories, photos, and video clips for local residents in Albany, California. The successful website is used as a model by the journalism school at UC Berkeley for training students in providing

community services. Linjun grew up in the countryside in the People's Republic of China. Conquering poverty and a lack of educational resources, she graduated from China's top university and has worked for two renowned news agencies.

Through her work in journalism, she plans to promote the well-being of disadvantaged people in China. She was delightful and an example of what intelligence, persistence, and hard work can do.

