



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

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CHI STATE AREA III FALL CONFERENCE

Our Zeta Zeta Chapter had many attending the annual Fall Conference held at Crow Canyon Country Club. Keynote speaker **Cara Mendoza**, Coordinator for Staff Development for the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, spoke on Generations...how we all might get along. **Kit King** was honored, along with twelve other recipients, and recognized for her contributions to our society and to the community. Each recipient was given a certificate and a red rose. More photos page 3.



Debra Grilli

Debi got her BA at St Mary's College, where she graduated "cum laude." She taught at Wells Intermediate School in Dublin, was Department Head, and currently substitutes in Martinez and Lafayette. She has been both a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Assistant Leader. Debi water skis every weekend on the Delta and snow skis in the winter. She is married with two grown sons. She loves coming to DKG meetings, and says she enjoys visiting, listening to the speakers and thinks it's a great group. We love having her in charge of the raffle. Thanks, Debi.

For more information go to:

www.dkg-zetazeta.org,

<http://www.chistateca.org>

<http://www.dkg.org>

or contact Stephanie Brown-Myers, <sbrownmyers@gmail.com>

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Our next regular dinner meeting will be at **Scott's Restaurant on Wednesday, November 10th** in Walnut Creek beginning at 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner. **We will have a special 25 year pin ceremony.** Please send your \$33.50 check in by Tuesday, November

2nd with your choice of menu items. (LISTED ON NEXT PAGE)

Denise Dolan:

P.O. Box 551

Alamo, CA 94507



MENU CHOICES:

- 1) Shitake Crusted Breast of Chicken (lemon dill sauce)
- 2) Vegetarian Poleta Tower (polenta triangles, grilled vegetables, fontina cheese, green-pea and sundried tomato sauces)
- 3) Grilled Salmon. Wine and drinks will be available for individual purchase, but dessert and coffee or tea are included.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Coming off of the buzz from the Area III conference last Saturday, those present got to put in perspective the generational variations that are facing education as well as the DKG Society. Cara Mendoza presented information on the basic four age groups included: Traditionalist, born in 1920 – 1942, Baby Boomer, born in 1942 – 1960, Gen Xers, born in 1960 – 1980, and the Millennials, born in 1980 – 2005. With each group were traits of events, trends and technology that shaped their lives; values and characteristics; and building on their strengths and life experiences. Discussions at our future meetings in these areas can help us work towards recruitment and retention of our membership. As always, our Area III president, Olithia O’Toole, was a gracious leader of a wonderful meeting. It was a pleasure to hear from our own Diana Sawin, as representative from the Chi State, to have Jeanne Gelwicks speaking for the P.R. Program she is presenting statewide, and Carol Rowley speaking on behalf of the Chi State L.I.F.E. Program. Zeta Zeta

Chapter has really stepped up to the plate when it comes to involvement in some major programs. To top off the impressive show of Zeta Zeta Chapter, we were able to honor Kit King for her many accomplishments. Bobbie Mortensen made a beautiful basket for the raffle.

Time is running out for those of you who might be interested in being nominated for Area III Director, Chi State positions, or Chi State committees. The information is on the state web site (www.chistateca.org) or please contact me for forms. The T.H.A.T. hours need to be submitted by December 1st, so please plan on having your hours ready for Judy Simkin by our November 10th meeting. (Remember this will be our 25-year pin ceremony and we want a great turn out for our members to celebrate.) The deadlines are also coming up for scholarship applications, with Leadership Study Session due Dec. 10th, and a range of PhD, MA, Dorothy Miller and Continuing Ed. By December 31st.

Stephanie Brown-Myers
Zeta Zeta Chapter president, 2010-2012

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

\$10 Raffle donation for the November meeting will be brought by:

Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Peggy Ebersole, Gail Faber, Laura Ferreira, Lola Ganze, Jeanne Gelwicks, Debbie Grilli, Kathy Hayes, and Sharon Keaton

Depending on the amount received, the drawing will be made for at least \$20 for each number selected.



Members and guests were informed about the State ballot measures presented by two guest speakers from the League of Women Voters, at a tea hosted by **Valerie Kellner**.

AREA III FALL CONVENTION



Zeta Zeta Chapter was well represented at the Area III conference held at Crow Canyon Country Club. **Kit King** was our chapter Honoree. **Olithia O'Toole**, Area III Director was gracious as the host.





✂ 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, or teachers in a community, professional development field, or at the college level. Hours will be turned in the first of December. Copy available at <http://www.chistateca.org> under FORMS. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Simkin.

BACKPACKS

Ann Schinske is organizing a backpack stuffing party on **Sunday, November 7th at 2:00** p.m. at **Pam DeBernardi’s** house (406 Roberta Drive in Pleasant Hill) More information to follow. We’ll begin at two, and should take no more than an hour. It is very easy and rewarding to do. It’s a definite “Photo Op.” Pam will be taking the backpacks to VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Service Team in Action) who makes sure that they get to needy children throughout the school year. We will have **Ann Struthers**, from VESTIA, as a guest speaker at our January meeting.

SHEPHERD’S GATE SHELTER - PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support of the Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Project. If any of you would like to go read one month, let Kit King or Donna Bell know. They always need infant/preschool/picture books and paper products, detergents, and toiletries for the ladies. Please collect small toiletries from trips you take, as they make great gifts for needy women.

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.

P.S.: Please consider contacting you health provider regarding the need for a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine. It is combined with a tetanus shot, so if you are due for one, it’s a “two-fer.”