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

At the September meeting we awarded tuition grants of \$1,000 and \$2,000 to two educators. They are **Larissa Herrera and Travis Bell**. Both will use the money to further their education. Congratulations to these two outstanding young educators!



Pictured from left to right: Stephanie Brown-Myers, Larissa Herrera, Carol Rowley, Travis Bell, and Donna Bell.



**LINDA SWATEK** got involved right away after joining ZZ in 2007 by serving as our Recording Secretary. She got her BA from Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA, and her MS at SFSU in Communication Disorders. Linda retired from SRVUSD where she served as a Speech and Language Pathologist for 23 years. She has been a Sunday School Teacher, Docent at Bedford Gallery, and was a Lay Minister. Currently she is a VERY busy grandmother, as 2 times a week she cares for two girls- 20 months and 5 weeks! Wow!

For more information go to:

[www.dkg-zetazeta.org](http://www.dkg-zetazeta.org),

<http://www.chistateca.org>

<http://www.dkg.org>

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### **OCTOBER DINNER MEETING**

Our next dinner meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, October 11th, starting at 5:30 p.m. at **Scott's Restaurant**. Please send your **\$34.00** check to Denise Dolan, P. O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507 by Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

The menu choices are:

- 1) Grilled Salmon or 2) Chicken Parmesan. Carrot cake for dessert. Vegetables, bread and coffee included.

**RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:** October:

Emily Elm, Gail Costello, Peggy Ebersole,



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III, KIT KING, EDITOR**  
**ZETA ZETA NEWS**

**Gail Faber, Laura Ferreira, Lola Ganse, Jeanne Gelwicks, Debbie Grilli, Kathy Hayes, Sharon Keeton.** Each raffle contributor should bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice or \$10 in cash, all WRAPPED, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped.

**DUES: Dues of \$85.00 are to be turned in by October 15th.** If you haven't sent it in yet, please do so to help our our wonderful treasurer. Please send your \$85.00 check to **Sue Robinson, 11398 Bay Laurel St, Dublin CA, 94568.** Please support our chapter with your dues!

**DUES BREAKDOWN:**

International	\$40.00
Chi State	19.00
Scholarship	1.00
Publications	3.00
Area Assessment	2.75
Insurance	1.00
Zeta Zeta	<b>18.25</b>
TOTAL	<b>\$85.00</b>



**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Our chapter is off to a great start. Most people have paid their dues, \$85 to Sue Robinson, which are due to the State by October 15th. We will be celebrating our Zeta Zeta 50th anniversary of a chapter at our October 11th meeting. I am looking forward to the speaker, **Susan Bonilla** from the State speaking on educational funding, (goal # 4 endorse, and support desirable legislation endeavor in the interests of education). Scholarships are available on the Chi State web site <http://www.chistateca.org>. This is also where you should look for the Member Biographical Data Sheet, and THAT hours forms. Our chapter needs to keep our bios current. The chapter will also be calling on our nominating committee to start preparing the slate of officers for the next biennium. The responsibilities for the jobs are:

President: presides at Board and regular meetings, represents the Chapter at the Chi State Convention and Area meetings, receives all correspondence from Chi State Office and International, prepares an agenda for monthly Chapter meetings. We also do a regular newsletter, needing a president's message.

First Vice President: is a member of the Chapter Executive Board, assumes the duties and responsibilities of the Chapter President when she is not able, other duties as assigned by the Chapter including membership.

Second Vice President: is a member of the Chapter Executive Board, assumes the duties and responsibilities of the Chapter President when she is not able, perform other duties as assigned by the Chapter including planning programs.

Recording Secretary: is a member of the Chapter Executive Board, takes minutes at the Board and Chapter meetings, performs other duties as assigned by the Chapter.

Corresponding Secretary: is a member of the Chapter Executive Board, reads and responds to all correspondence at the Board and regular meetings.

Treasurer: is appointed by the Chapter President, prepares a yearly Chapter budget, collects dues, prepares yearly reports for Chi State and International, submits accounts for a annual audit, presents a Treasurer's report at Chapter meetings.

Any job can be shared. This is such a great group and it is wonderful to be involved so I am looking forward to seeing volunteers for these jobs.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie*





**ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS**

**BACKPACKS**

Backpacks will be stuffed in the winter for January delivery. They are given out to needy children during the school year when a child is in a new place and may have left their home without anything. There are several organizations that pack them at the beginning of the school year, but we supply them at other times as needed via VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Service Team in Action).



Backpack needs are: scissors, 3-ring binders, folders, paper (both college and wide ruled), colored pencils, Classic broad-tip markers, crayons (24 only), post-its, , stuffed animals, small toys, erasers, pencil boxes, and new or slightly used paperback books for K-2, 3-6 grades. We have 20 backpacks and could use ten more. Continue looking for bargains as all school supplies are on sale. **(No pens, pencils, or glue sticks please. We have plenty of those.)** Please bring them with you to the October meeting.

**PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

**Shepherd's Gate** is a women's shelter in Livermore that serves abused and homeless



women and their children. Zeta Zeta supports literacy there through a program called Pay It Forward Literary Enrichment, started in 2002 by **Kit King**. If you can bring supplies such as kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, plates, napkins, laundry detergent, soap, women's hygiene products, diapers, etc, that would be a tremendous help to the residents. Our chapter has been awarded a LIFE Foundation Award Grant for continuing support of this literacy program. If you would like to read to the children and with the ladies, please contact Kit.



### 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.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE?

According to a *Contra Costa Times* article on September 24, there is going to be a great deal of attention focused on whether or not California participates in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, that has been in effect for ten years. Some changes must be made or the stability of many schools is at risk due to unforeseen penalties for "lack of progress". A decision must be made by Nov. 1. If our state decides to adopt certain federally-blessed school reforms, such as how teachers are evaluated, then many schools will receive a stay in penalties for not making yearly progress in student test scores. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson,

has proposed such a freeze, and also noted that it is within the domain of the state legislatures, not the federal government, to determine accountability systems. (*EdCal*: September 5, 2011).

Governor Brown was quoted in the *Times* article as stating that, "It was a mistake from the beginning, a mistake that's continuing, and the sooner they get rid of it, the better. It's an attempt of micromanagement, an education effort by Washington bureaucrats and by politicians who overreached what they actually can do." Guess we need to remember again that education is a state's responsibility...and ours too.

Submitted by **Jeanne Gelwicks**

### Calendar

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

AREA III CONFERENCE

11:00 = 2:00, Crow Canyon Country Club

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

5:30 Scott's, Walnut Creek

**MAY MEETING**

TO BE DETERMINED



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### Chi State, AREA III CONFERENCE

Speakers

***Gladys Leeks & Laura Seaholm***

Project Second Chance (PSC)

Contra Costa County Library's adult literacy program

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

Crow Canyon Country Club

Danville, CA 94526

**10:30 a.m.**

Registration, Opportunity Ticket Sales, Chi State Store

**11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

Chapter Honorees presented, Lunch, Speaker, then Opportunity Baskets

**COST:** \$30.00 for Lunch and Conference Late Registration \$35.00

**Menu:** Soup. Build a Salad. Follow with a Fruit Platter and freshly brewed coffee or tea.

**Directions:** From Hwy 680 South, take Crow Canyon Rd EXIT 36. Turn left on Crow Canyon Rd. Turn left on El Capitan Drive. Turn right on Silver Lake Drive to the guard gate.

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**\$30.00 due by Oct. 31, 2011. Late registration \$35.00 due by Nov. 5, 2011**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number @ \$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check(s) payable only to:** *Delta Kappa Gamma, Area III*

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