



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III
ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



Our own, **Olithia O'Toole**, past Area III Director, really outdid herself as she told us many stories. Not only did she tell us true stories from her childhood, a story called *The Conjure Woman*, but she memorized and told us one with three voices-The Story of Noah, Jonah, and John Smith. What a gift she has. It was so much fun having her join us, and

we were blessed with her southern gift of gab. Thanks so much, Olithia.

We are all so sorry to lose one of our friends and fellow educators, **Joyanne Kennedy**, who passed away on January 19th of this year. Her memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 1st in Alamo at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Boulevard, Alamo, CA 94507-2420. Please attend if you are able.

Her husband Del, said that donations could be made in her memory to LIFE Foundation (Learning is for Everyone), <http://chistateca.org/thelifefoundation.html> She loved teaching, children, and mentoring other teachers. She will be greatly missed. Send to **LIFE FOUNDATION, Delta Kappa Gamma, Chi State, 808 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825-6723**



SALLIE NELSON joined our chapter in 2001. She did her

undergraduate work at Penn State and got her Masters at Columbia Univ. in Teaching the Gifted. She also got a Masters at Southern Connecticut Univ. in Counseling and Psych. She has taught at private schools and Sycamore Elementary in Danville. Sallie has been a docent at Museum of American Folk Art in NYC, and volunteered her time in Junior League in Manhattan. Talk to Sallie for any amount of time, and you will find her interesting, passionate about education and fun to be around.

For more information go to:

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting of Zeta Zeta combined with AAUW will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Social begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please send your check for **\$34.00** to

Denise Dolan, P. O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507 **NOW**, so that your reservation will reach Denise by **Wednesday, February 1.** The menu choices are: 1) Grilled Salmon or 2) Chicken Parmesan. Dessert, bread, and coffee or tea are provided with the meal.

The Chi State Convention is May 4-6, 2012 in Irvine, CA. Let's have a good turn out.. PAGE 1



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We will be privileged to hear from **K.**

Alexa Koenig, who

has accumulated many awards

including

Outstanding

Graduate Student

Instructor Award,

Dean's Merit Scholar

at UCSF where she

graduated magna cum laude. Alexa is now attending UC Berkeley School of Law where she is seeking her PHD. Inspired by her own single mother who worked her way through college, Alexa Koenig earned multiple awards in law and graduate level work at top California universities and was selected as a 2011-2012 AAUW American Fellowship recipient.



Drawing prizes will be brought by the following members: **Kim Marasco, Karen Martens, Georgia Moore, Bobbie Mortensen, Sallie Nelson, Sue Becker, Carmen Burks, Carol Rowley, and Ann Carter.**

Remember, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is a dreary day to be outside, so I am able to spend time at my computer working "for the good of the cause," Zeta Zeta, to keep us current. Since we will not have a business meeting in February, because of our combined



Bobbie Mortensen (being honored) & **Diana Sawin**

gathering with AAUW, there are a few items I must share. February and March are big months for forms with DKG. I have filled out the forms for our various committees, which were due February 1st by making phone calls, but now I need to fill out our Service Award Recognition Forms and I need your input.

Chapter Service Award Recognition Form Purpose II To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education. Each Chapter has the opportunity to recognize up to three members who have demonstrated outstanding service in any of the following categories.

SERVICE TO CHAPTER A member who has served in a leadership role at the Chapter level in two or more capacities

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

PUBLIC SERVICE Someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the community, especially having to do with youth and/or education.

Members from each Chapter will be recognized at the Chi State Convention.

Last year we recognized **Jeanne Gelwicks, Denise Dolan, and Carol Rowley.** I need recommendations and feedback from our members, so I would be glad to pass out a sheet at our joint meeting with AAUW while Denise is checking registration. If you cannot make the February gathering please feel free to send me an email (sbrownmyers@gmail.com) to let me know your thoughts. We have such a wonderful chapter I want to recognize talented service.

Thank you.

Stephanie



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ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS

BACKPACKS

Pam DeBernardi needs more backpacks, scissors, rulers, colored pencils, markers and books. She has plenty of pencils and pens and enough crayons and glue sticks, erasers and paper. Keep your eyes out for good deals on backpacks.

PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Donna Bell and Valerie Kellner each wrote a grant to **Kaiser Permanente Volunteer Grant Program** for the Literacy Enrichment Program at Shepherd's Gate. Pay It Forward received \$2000 for the women and children's program. Thanks so much you two, and thanks go to Kaiser for recognizing the importance of literacy. SG needs paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, kleenex, diapers, cleaning supplies, and feminine products. Also they could use canned goods, cereal, and juices. If you would like to go with **Kit King** and **Donna Bell** to read one month, call Kit.



We read animal stories in December, and each child chose an animal puppet and a book to keep.



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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 LEGISLATURE?

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU (US):

The Social Security Fairness Act was introduced in the Senate in December 2011 which would repeal the unfair Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) that prevents a member of STRS who receives a pension from getting ANY Social Security benefits that he/she has earned in their lifetime.

For example: I worked over 10 years in private industry before going into education. My Social Security report states that I will receive \$410 per month at age 66-but at the end of the report it also states that under GPO and WEP I may NOT receive ANY of that money because I receive a public pension. This effects many members of DKG and may very well effect you too, so please ask all of your friends and fellow teachers/administrators to e-mail, write or call Senator

Feinstein and Senator Boxer to let them know that you/we support the Social Security Fairness Act that REPEALS the unfair GPO and WEP.

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Professional Affairs/
Research Chairperson,
Karen De Baca Martens

