



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

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



March Dinner Meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma and American Association of University Women in the lovely Garden Room at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. An interesting speaker and delicious dinner!

For more information go to:

- www.dkg-zetazeta.org
- <http://www.chistateca.org>
- <http://www.dkg.org>
- <http://www.dkg-ca3.org>



Co-Presidents: Carol Rowley
<caroljrowley@yahoo.com>
Carmen Burks
<burks_carmen@yahoo.com>
Editor: Kit King
<kking12345@aol.com>

CAROL ROWLEY



joined Delta Kappa Gamma over 40 years ago in 1968. She earned her B.A. at U C Berkeley, and her M.A. and Admin. Credential at CA State Univ. East Bay. She has served as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, principal, and is currently Special Needs Coordinator at St. Raymond.

Her service to the community and to the chapter have been exemplary. She has been active in AAUW, San Ramon Women's Club, the SR City Council, and was Vice Mayor. She has been Chapter President, Veep, and Secretary of Epsilon Theta chapter, Area III Director, L.I.F.E. Foundation Committee Member and is currently our Chapter Co-President.

Carol has received innumerable honors, is humble and modest, and can always be counted on. Look how she chaired our first meeting this year - on crutches from a wheel chair. What a gal!

MARCH DINNER MEETING

Our March meeting will be held **MONDAY, MARCH 18TH**, which is only two weeks away. ***This will be our initiation meeting, Order of the Rose, as well as Founder's Day.*** Please send in your \$35.00 for our dinner meeting to Denise Dolan (P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507) by Tuesday, March 12th. The entree choices are 1) Grilled Salmon or 2) Parmesan Crusted Chicken. Included is Caesar Salad, Bread, and Coffee or Tea. (Let Denise know if you need a vegetarian plate.)

Would the following members bring \$10 gifts for our chapter raffle? If you can't come, please send it with another member.

Elaine Penning, Alice Reynolds, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Francine Sanchez, Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, Lois Sherwood, and Marilyn Steichen.

Two Bucks a Book

WANTED: Used Books!

We're looking for some popular current titles to resell at our next meeting. Bring a good book to recommend! If YOU are looking for a good read, check out the selection on the *Two Bucks a Book* table at each meeting. See **Paula Tye** with questions.



MEETINGS & MENUS

Remaining for 2012-2013
 Scott's Restaurant
 Walnut Creek

Monday, March 18

Grilled Salmon or
 Parmesan Crusted
 Chicken with Caesar
 Salad

Tuesday, April 16

Roadhouse Prawn Salad
 or Southwestern Salad
 with Chocolate Velvet
 Cake

Monday, May 20

Mexican Fiesta at Carol
 Rowley's home. Details
 to come later.

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*

DON'T FORGET TO CHART YOUR T.H.A.T HOURS. BRING THEM TO THE MARCH MEETING!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS, CARMEN AND CAROL

The Zeta Zeta meeting on February 26th was fun and very interesting. We welcomed the AAUW chapter from Pleasant Hill/Martinez. **Marilyn Thelen** and **Janice Walker**, co-presidents, told about coming events. Then we introduced **Holly Sauer**, the president of Danville/ Alamo/ Walnut Creek chapter of AAUW. Guests were introduced, and World Scholarship, Two Bucks a Book, and opportunity tickets were discussed. Since this was our annual joint meeting with AAUW, there were no minutes read or business discussed.

Our program for the evening was presented by **Priya Mariana Shimpi**, who is an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Mills College, where she is the Director of the Language Development Laboratory. She showed an overview of her program which included research on the importance of being bilingual. It was a very thought provoking presentation followed by questions from the audience.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 18th at Scott's**. Please get your check into Denise Dolan ASAP. At our April 16th meeting, Contra Costa Supervisor, **Candace Anderson** will be speaking to our chapter. The end of the year gala will be a Mexican Fiesta on May 20th at **Carol Rowley's** home in San Ramon.

Looking forward to seeing all our Zeta Zeta sisters on March 18th!

Carmen and Carol



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Have you been wondering what is happening with assessment in California Public Schools? Are you interested in the proposed School Finance Reform Model? You can go to Chi State's Web site, <<http://www.chistateca.org>> scroll down the side to find Legislative Information, and read the monthly reports from Martha Zaragoza-Diaz.

SSPI Recommendations for Transitioning California to a Future Assessment System

As required by law, the state superintendent of public instruction is required to provide the legislature with recommendations for the reauthorization of the states assessment system, which sunsets in 2015. The report was submitted to the legislature by the SSPI on January 8, 2013. The report contains 12 specific recommendations. Here is the link to a PowerPoint developed by CDE on the report:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr13/documents/jan13item08slides.pdf>

Implementation of these recommendations will require legislation. It appears that Assembly Member **Susan Bonilla** will be the author of the legislation sponsored by the State Superintendent on the reauthorization of the state's assessment system. Stake holders and the public will be given an opportunity to provide input once the "state assessment" bills are introduced. Stay tuned for further reports on this issue.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP SPEAKER

A delicious dinner meeting with two AAUW chapters at Scott's Walnut Creek restaurant was enjoyed by all. We appreciated the ambience of the Garden Room and fellowship with fellow educators as we listened to "fellow" Priya Mariana Shimpi, an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Mills College. We enjoyed her comments on social, cognitive, and cultural environmental experiences in young children's bilingual education.

One interesting statistic she cited was that the age of onset of Alzheimer's is later in bilingual speakers. Her research compared 8 Heritage families vs. 8 non-Heritage families. When four years olds (who were of another culture but only spoke English) were asked if they spoke another language, they didn't know what she was talking about. The four years old who had another language spoken in the home, were able to respond to the question. Motivation (cultural, cognitive, or career choice) are keys to success or failure in bilingual education.

Also, expectations are a factor! For example, non-heritage families benefit from low expectations as to how quickly they are able to learn a new language. People are friendlier. Heritage families have higher expectations and are embarrassed when spoken to and trying to learn their language. If you are Latino, you are expected to be able to learn Spanish, even if you have never been exposed to it. Same for Chinese and learning Mandarin.



Priya Mariana Shimpi and Marilyn Thelan, representing AAUW. Marilyn used to be a member of Zeta Zeta.

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS

BACKPACKS

Thanks to Zeta Zeta members for your generous donations. We will continue to accept with appreciation the supplies listed below for our 2013 collection. You may bring items to chapter meetings throughout the year or arrange their pickup or delivery to Charlene McPherson.

- Post-Its
- Classic Broad tip Markers
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Stuffed animals
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Pencil erasers



- Colored pencils
- Pencil Boxes
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- 3 ring binders (Grades 3-6 only)
- Small toys (e.g., Matchbox cars)

New or slightly used paperback books for K-2 & grades 3-6

Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have brought books, toiletries, tooth brushes and other personal items for the residents and children of Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter in Livermore. Please continue to bring like-new and gently used books for preschool children and babies to any regular meeting. If you would like to go with **Kit King** and **Donna Bell** to read one month, call Kit.



T.H.A.T. HOURS

The **T.H.A.T. (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)** Chapter

report is due to Ann Kyle on **April 4th, 2013**. Keep on recording your THAT hours! Let's go for a record number again! Ann will need your hours by **April 1st**. Thanks, Ann. **Please bring your hours to the March meeting**, or send them to Ann Kyle, <annkyle.kyle@gmail.com> or a hard copy to her home. Forms are available online at <http://www.chistateca.org>. Click on **Forms, Reports, and Deadlines**. Scroll down until you find THAT Individual Report Form. I have included a hard copy of the form that you can use.



DON'T FORGET TO CHART YOUR T.H.A.T HOURS. BRING THEM TO THE MARCH MEETING!

Due December 1 and April 1

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Chi State
THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

Name _____

Retired? Yes _____ No _____

Chapter _____

Area _____

DEADLINES: DECEMBER 1 and April 1

Date (month/year)	Hours	Teacher's Name / School / District	What was the project? How you helped...	*ECE Y/N	** Monetary Support

*Early Career Educator (ECE 1-3 yrs) means new to the profession or position

**Monetary support means the approximate dollar amount and purpose for helping Early Career Educators

When completed, send to your Chapter THAT designee