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ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



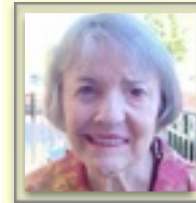
At the November meeting, Sally Scholl spoke about her incredible experiences and heart for the people in Africa.

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MARY LEMBKE

Mary joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 1985-86 in Sacramento and then

transferred to our chapter six years ago. Mary was a classroom teacher, reading specialist, and resource specialist. She graduated from Colorado State College and got her Masters at California State University, Los Angeles. She has been active in the League of Women Voters and the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center. Mary has been married to her husband, Bud, for 38 years, and enjoys Bud's daughter and grandson. She likes to read and anything to do with culinary pursuits. Mary especially loves cooking international foods.

Mary has spent the last year or so under doctor's care and physical therapy for an infection in her neck that went into her spinal cord, causing her to be paralyzed. She is a walking miracle due to surgery and the subsequent persistence and expertise of physical therapists. She relearned to walk - and is healthy again. She has agreed to be our Legislative Chair. Her article is on page five of this newsletter. Welcome back, Mary! You are amazing!

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Our next regular chapter dinner meeting will be on **January 14th**, at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek, beginning at 5:30 for social time and dinner at 6:00. Please send your \$35.00 check into **Denise Dolan**, PO Box 551, Alamo, 94507 by Tuesday, January 7th with your choice of menu item. The menu choices are:

1) Chicken Picatta or 2) Salmon Alla Bella. A mixed green salad is included, as is sourdough bread and coffee or tea. There is always an option for a vegetarian item as well. Come and bring a friend or colleague.

The speaker will be **Dr. Patricia Wool**, who has been Superintendent in Walnut Creek School District for seven years. She will give us an update on California Common Core Standards and how it will impact teaching and learning. Dr. Wool was Superintendent in the San Carlos School District on the peninsula for seven years. She has also served as Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, in the Benicia Unified School District. Dr. Wool has been a middle school principal, both in Mill Valley and in Los Altos School Districts for ten years, a high school vice principal, and a teacher for fourteen years.

RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:

JANUARY: **Lola Ganse, Jeanne Gelwicks, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Lynne Heyne, Sharon Keeton, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, & Roseann Krane.** 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.

**MEETINGS &
MENU
for 2014**
(Vegetarian dish available)

Tuesday, January 14
Chicken Picatta or Salmon Alla Bella with Mixed Green Salad

Tuesday, February 11
Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, and Raspberry Jack or Sorbet with cookie for dessert

Monday, March 10
Cedar Planked Salmon or Tuscany Chicken with Caesar Salad

Tuesday, April 22
Roadhouse Prawn Salad or Southwestern Grilled Chicken Salad with Chocolate Velvet Cake

May meeting - Fiesta Party
Carol Rowley's Home

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Purposes
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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.*

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS, CARMEN AND CAROL

The Zeta Zeta Meeting on November 18th was a full house, as we had over 43 members and guests in attendance. It was great to hear all the laughs and greetings as everyone entered Scott's Restaurant. It was wonderful to see everyone and hear about recent trips and holiday plans.

Sue Robinson and her team did a fabulous job with Zeta Zeta's audit, budget, and dues collection. Our chapter is in great shape! **Roseanne Krane** did a very professional job on our handbook. All handbooks were delivered at the meeting and those members not in attendance, will get their copy in the mail. Hats off also to: **Kit King**--for our outstanding newsletter, **Jeanne Gelwicks**-- for our publicity, **Charlene McPherson** for starting our DKG lending library and talking about the need to send money for books and supplies to the Philippines, and **Mary Lembke**--for giving us a legislative update! Thanks also to **Marilyn Steichen** for organizing the Angel Project! (What an outpouring of love from Zeta Zeta)

We have such an amazing chapter with everyone coming forward and taking a chapter position! On that note--**Peggy Ebersole** and her team will be working on a new slate of officers for 2014 to 2016. Don't be shy, as our chapter is like a big village, with many members to help each new officer achieve their goals!!

The highlight of our meeting was hearing and seeing the presentation by **Sally Scholl**, who has been volunteering in Africa and other countries for many years. Sally is a retired elementary teacher from San Ramon and a former Teacher of the Year for Contra Costa County. We were all moved by her story and for the lives that she has touched. Many members gave Sally checks so that corrugated roofs could be purchased for homes in Africa. These roofs will help capture rain water used for drinking and household chores. Checks can still be made out to **Sally Scholl, 30 Broadmoor Court, San Ramon, CA 94583**. Sally sends the money to Africa and a letter will be sent to each contributor for tax purposes. Since the Global Awareness Committee encompasses world scholarships and schools in Africa, this is a perfect cause!

Happy Holidays to each and every member of Zeta Zeta and all your families and friends! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at our next meeting on January 14, 2014! We appreciate all your support of Zeta Zeta and helping us achieve our seven purposes. We are truly leading women educators impacting education worldwide!



~ Carol and Carmen

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS



BACKPACKS

Continue to collect items for backpacks. If you can donate any of the items below, please bring them to one of our meetings or call Charlene McPherson to arrange for pickup or delivery.

- Post-Its, Rulers, Scissors, Glue Sticks
3 ring binders, Wide-ruled notebook paper, Colored pencils, Classic Broad-tip Markers, Pencil boxes or bags, Highlighters and Pencil erasers.

Update on the "Angel Project"

Marilyn delivered 32 gifts to VESTIA for teens. Thanks to all of you who participated!

Marilyn Steichen
Angel Project Chair

TWO BUCKS A BOOK

Always Wanted: Quality Used Books! If you've read a good book recently, please consider donating it to Zeta Zeta. Also, keep your Zeta Zeta sisters in mind, before loaning or disposing of that extra great book. Happy Reading!

Professional Loaning Library: Six of the Notable Books reviewed or listed in the Delta Kappa Gamma's Fall International Journal for Professional Educators will be available to borrow at coming meetings. Titles include Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free, Born To Rise: A Story of Children and Teachers Reaching Their Highest Potential, 17 Women Who Shook the World: Learning the Secrets for

Embracing Highly Effective Lives, I Hope I Join the Band: Narrative, Affiliation, and Antiracist Rhetoric, and The Teachers' Lounge (Uncensored): A Funny, Edgy, Poignant Look at Life in the Classroom, Love, Life and Elephants: An African Love Story.

Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have



Donna Bell playing a vocabulary game with children.

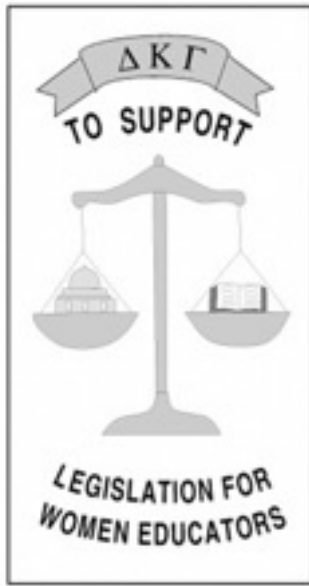
donated books, toiletries, and other personal items for the residents and children of Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter in Livermore. We put several of your toiletry items and a book in a plastic bag for gifts last time we went.



Please contribute like-new and gently used books for preschool children and babies to any regular meeting. If you would like to go out to read one month, call Kit King.

A Report from Your Education Legislation Committee

Mary Lembke, Chairperson



At our last meeting, I mentioned the controversy about the federal government's threat to withhold funding for education if California holds with its legislation, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor to eliminate most of the STAR testing.

In a December 26 article by Theresa Harrington of the Bay Area News Group, State Superintendent Torlakson, reaffirmed his stand that it makes no sense to use the old STAR tests to assess students' knowledge of current curriculum, which is based on the Common Core Standards which is being implemented. There would be a year hiatus in testing while the newly aligned tests were piloted. The State has applied for a waiver, but even though numerous

California district superintendents support Torlakson and the State Legislature, the federal government is standing firm. You might want to weigh in on this debate by sending a postcard supporting California's request of the waiver to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Dept. of Education Press Office, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, 7E-247, Washington, D.C 20202.

DKG members who are active teachers may be very familiar with the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), the basis for which is the Local Control Funding Formula. The key to all this alphabet soup, is "Local Control." It is our goal to make sure that all of our members are familiar with this process. Since a large part of the funding for implementation of Common Core goes to schools that have a high number of English Language Learners and students living at the poverty level, it is crucial that money is allocated which will directly impact those students and their parents. There is a concerted effort to make sure that public input is welcomed and made available.

As our headline indicates, there is an Education Legislation Committee... sort of. The opportunity to take legislative action rests in us! Do consider joining me. We can divide our workload so that no one will be overwhelmed. It would be terrific if we could have someone from our chapter monitor action from our local legislator, who will be replacing Joan Buchanan, and reinvigorating the Adopt-a-Legislator plan. There is also an opportunity to serve as a bill evaluator and a workshop will be offered very soon of the ins and outs of this position. Call me or contact me, Mary Lembke, via email.

MORE ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:

Sally Scholl taught in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District for years and was selected as Teacher of the Year by the district and county. Sally was in the Peace Core in Kenya for two years. She was a mentor teacher in SRVUSD, and is an example to all of us how a teacher should give back to others. Even though retired, she still travels to Africa and continues to teach others about ways to improve their environment through hand washing and sanitation training. She shared her experiences in Africa with us, and showed us pictures she has taken of natives, their homes (mostly huts), and the

ways that water is gathered and stored. They have corrugated roofs that capture rain water in big tanks, which is then used for drinking and household chores.

Since 2004, she has made 20 trips to Ethiopia and works with Life Water International, a Christian organization, which is dedicated to promoting clean water and the living water of the gospel to native people.

Schools there have about one hundred pupils per teacher. Students sit squished together, with more than one child to each desk. They learn on a painted black board with very few books. And we complain about big classes and lack of supplies!

What's Happening?

(Written prior to Thanksgiving)

Diana Sawin: In Montana caring for her daughter-in-law. Thus, I'm writing this for her. :-)

Barb Manley: "My husband and I recently spent a lovely weekend in Ashland, Oregon. The autumn color was spectacular!"

Charlene McPherson: "I welcomed granddaughter #4 last month and have become babysitter extraordinaire to my delight!"

Donna Bell: "Back from Hawaii (grandson got married) and Washington D.C. (a trip with friends.) Now waiting for #4 grand baby coming in March and loving being a 'nanny grannie' when I can."

Kit King: "Looking forward to having both sons home for the holidays - Grant from Shanghai and Matthew from Southern California."

Sallie Nelson: "My husband and I just returned from three weeks in Spain. We traveled throughout the beautiful country via plane, high speed train, bus, and car. The countryside reminded us of California. Luck was with us as we had the most perfect weather. The trip was a celebration of my recovery from my horrible accident in 2009."

Pam DeBernardi: "Celebrating Thanksgiving in my kitchen remodel (only took four months to do). Spent 2 weeks in the Panama Canal."

Stephanie Brown-Myers: “My two children, their spouses, as well as my 3 grandchildren will be gathering at my house for Thanksgiving. Then in December I will babysit 2 for the weekend, which allows everyone to be home for Christmas. (Smiles all around.)”

Elaine Penning: “My husband and I returned from a trip to Italy and the Netherlands. Lots of canals!”

Debra Grilli: “My husband and I visited the Getty Center in LA. Loved the gardens.”

Sue Becker: (via Ann Schinske) ...just had another grandson on Nov. 20th. His name is Andrew Liam Becker. He is their third grandson. They are thrilled!”

Jackie Adams: “In December, my husband and I are taking a Christmas Market River Cruise in Germany.”

Catherine Deehan: “My husband retired and we bought an RV. :-) We visited my sister and her family in Florida. While there we visited the Ringling Bros. Museum in Sarasota. It was fabulous!”

Carmen Burks: “I will be spending a week in Cabo with my son, daughter-in-law, and Sophie (1 1/2). I will be babysitting. Love it!”

Carol Rowley: “I will be happy to spend Thanksgiving with all my children and grandchildren.”

Paula Tye and **Sue Robinson** are going skiing this winter!

Sarah Dunlop is a transfer member and new to Zeta Zeta. Please welcome her!

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T.H.A.T. HOURS

The **Teachers Helping Another Teacher** (THAT) Program was created to support classroom teachers. Go to the Chi State website to find out about volunteer opportunities and fill out a form. Remember to record all hours for the next collection, which will be in May of 2014. **Mary Ann Kolda** is collecting them, so save them for her. Thanks again, Mary Ann.



For Your Information: The December collection turned in 247 THAT volunteer hours for Zeta Zeta. Well done, ladies!