



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.

Photos!

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Presidents' Message

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our November Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 18th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. The menu choices are 1) **Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon Salmon** 2) **Tuscany Chicken** or 3) **Pasta Primavera**. Vanilla ice cream w/cookie, Sourdough bread, coffee, and tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social!

6:00 Dinner + meeting!

Please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, by Tuesday, Nov. 11th or sooner. Her address is P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Nancy O'Malley, Alameda's County District Attorney will be the speaker. In keeping with our goal of being informed on current social and educational issues, she will speak about support for low-income women and their families. Her emphasis will be on the importance of keeping children in school.

RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:

November: Terry DeYoung, Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Sarah Dunlop, Peggy Ebersole, Emily Ehm, Gail Faber, Kassie Fell, Laura Ferreira, & Jeanette Fitch. 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.



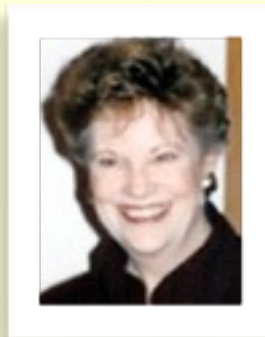
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Dear Zeta Zeta Sisters,
We had over ten Zeta Zeta members and guests attend the Area III conference on October 18th at Crow Canyon Country Club. We were pleased to have **Judy Kearns**, our Chi State President in attendance, as well as many other distinguished Chi State guests. The Theme was *Looking Back to the Future*. Each member shared something from their past that had an impact on their future. **Stephanie Brown Myers** shared a beautiful thank you plaque given by her students in her student teaching, special ed class. It is still priceless. I shared my Master's thesis which was the foundation of my educational administration journey. The conversation buzzed at each table as participants shared experiences which shaped their goals for the future

There were three highlights of the conference which directly affected our Zeta Zeta Chapter.

FIRST---- **Jeanne Gelwicks** and her daughter, **Elizabeth**, who might become a future member, attended the conference. Jeanne received the Zeta Zeta Chapter Honoree Award. Jeanne's blue eyes sparkled as all her accomplishments in education and in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were read to the captive audience. She has been a classroom teacher of grades 2 to 4, teacher of the gifted, and Language Arts Resource Teacher. Moving into administration, Jeanne was an Elementary Principal and lecturer at the college level. She has served at the leadership level in Women in Educational Leadership and many other professional organizations. She also has devoted countless hours to community service and has been very active in two DKG Chapters - Omicron Chapter in Southern California and Zeta Zeta Chapter. Her very active participation in the Area III Leadership and the Chi State Leadership team has been amazing. She has written articles on public relations and has presented at Chi State Convention interest sessions. Jeanne has received many honors for her dedication to DKG and her chapter. She always has a smile and willing spirit to contribute to DKG at the Chapter, Area and State Levels. What an amazing mentor and friend! We are so proud to honor her!

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In Memory of ...

Mary Ellen Taylor

Mary Ellen joined Zeta Zeta in November of 1985, and has been a long time supporter of our chapter. She left this life on October 2nd of this year, and will always be remembered fondly. She is responsible for bringing many members into our society, Mary Ellen was a Resource Teacher at Neil Armstrong Elem. School in SRVUSD. She was our Zeta Zeta Chapter President, Area III and Chi State Treasurer, and was one of the founders of the L.I.F.E. (Learning Is For Everyone) foundation.

Mary Ellen was an outstanding educator, technology mentor, and friend to many. She was active in the Contra Costa Reading Association and mentor to other teachers. Her wonderful smile, enthusiasm for life, and her commitment to children, family, and friends will long be remembered. She is missed but will always be in our hearts.

SECOND--The Honorable Assembly Member, District 16, **Joan Buchanan** gave an inspirational welcome to the Area III Conference. Joan was initiated as an Honorary Member of DKG at our Spring 2014 Chi State Convention. She wants to be active in our Zeta Zeta Chapter and has many talents to share with us, including her experience as an 18-year School Board Member in the San Ramon USD and her vast experience as an Assembly Member. She is an ardent supporter of education, has chaired committees and has authored many bills to keep education in the forefront We are so happy to have Joan join us.

THIRD--The Honorable Assembly Member, District 14, **Susan Bonilla** was the guest speaker for the day. She spoke about her experiences as a High School English Teacher, Council Member, County Supervisor and Assembly Member. All her background in teaching and education helped her achieve her goals! She had the audience laughing and appreciating all her experiences. She was an outstanding speaker! Susan wants to join our Zeta Zeta Chapter! I sent her all the materials and will be following up with a phone call ASAP!

Thanks to all the members who attended our AREA II Conference. Looking forward to hearing our speaker November 18th. See you there!



~Carol and Carmen



**MEETINGS & MENUS
for 2014-2015**

(Vegetarian dish available)

**Bread, coffee, tea & parking all
included in price!**

Tuesday, November 18

**Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon
Salmon
Tuscany Chicken or
Pasta Primavera
Vanilla ice cream w/cookie**

Monday, January 12, 2015

**Mixed greens
Salmon
Chicken**

Tuesday, February.10

**Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken,
Grilled Atlantic Salmon or
Vegetarian Wellington (min 5)
Raspberry Jack (vanilla ice cream w/
raspberries)**

Monday, March 9

**Classic Caesar Salad
Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon
Salmon
Tuscany Chicken or Vegetarian**

Tuesday, April 14

**Roadhouse Prawn Salad (salad
entrée)
Chicken Piccata (not a salad)
Vegetarian
Chocolate Velvet Cake**

Monday, May 18 Fiesta at Carol
Rowley's House.

*A Thank You Note from
Jeanne Gelwicks...*



*Dear Zeta Zeta Sisters,
It is not possible to express how it felt for me to
have been selected as Zeta Zeta's Chapter Honoree
this year, and to be recognized as such at the Area III
Conference. The icing on the already-bountiful cake
was to see and talk to so many friends with whom I
have shared the important work of ongoing public
relations at the Chi State and Area III levels in order
to reach out to other women educators, and the
community, who value the work of our Society.
That work is richly woven with a lot of fun and
joyful camaraderie the building of long and
sustaining friendships. Finally, additional beauty
on the cake was added with my daughter, Elizabeth,
being able to accompany me and meet so many of the
women who have meant so much to me over the past
thirty-two years. Thank you for a once-in-a-lifetime
tribute!*

Jeanne



T.H.A.T. HOURS

Please go online to find the form for THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) hours, fill it out, and email it to Mary Anne Kolda, or bring the completed form to the November meeting. (Copy of form is on page 6.) Online is also a description of what qualifies. Picture above is Kit King reading to Ann Schinske's 3rd Grade Class.

BACKPACKS UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, we are set with over 60 backpacks but can still use supplies from the list below to fill them. Bring your offerings to the November 18 meeting and **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** will collect them and prepare the backpacks for delivery. VESTIA and the homeless families they serve will be THANKFUL!

Zeta Zeta Backpack Service Project Needs

Post-Its

Rulers

*Scissors

Glue sticks

*3 ring binders (Grades 3-6 only)

Wide-ruled notebook paper

Colored pencils

Classic Broad-tip Markers

Pencil boxes or bags

Highlighters

*Flash drives

Small toys (e.g., Matchbox cars or Beanie Babies)

Pencil erasers

Pens (black, blue, and red)

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

(*denotes items especially needed)



Two Bucks a Book

Be sure to check out the wide selection of titles at our **Two Bucks a Book** table.



You're sure to discover something wonderful to read. Bring along any books you've recently read and are willing to

donate for others to enjoy. Thanks, **Carly Owens**, for coordinating this project.

Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have donated books, toiletries, 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** to read one month, call Kit.

TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS

Speaking of toiletries...you donated so many that many were taken to a Soup Kitchen in Richmond. The homeless population snapped up 50 bags of various items. Thanks so much. There are still enough to take out to Shepherd's Gate too. :-)



"ANGEL PROJECT"

The "Angel Project" is about providing a Christmas gift for a teenager that is in Foster Care. The requested cost of the gift is around \$35-40. When **Marilyn Steichen** gets the "Angel Tags", she will send them to you. **At the November meeting, you could bring the gift you have selected.** More information will be provided with the mailing.



Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

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

Due December 1 and April 1

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

INDIVIDUAL 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 years) 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

July 2013

Chapter Designee: Mary Ann Kolda, makolda@comcast.net