



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III

ZETA ZETA NEWS

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide**

Featured Member!

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Presidents' Message

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, January 12th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. The menu choices are

- 1) **Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon Salmon**
- 2) **Tuscany Chicken or**
- 3) **Vegetarian** Mixed greens with poppy seed vinaigrette, 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, January 6th or sooner. Her address is P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Leslie Graham, Guide Dog Puppy Raiser will be our speaker for the evening. She will have a dog with her and lots to tell us. Come and enjoy!

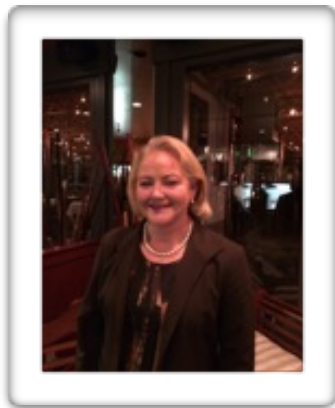
January: **Lola Ganse, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, Roseann Krane, Shelli Kravitz, and Mary Anne Kolda.** Each contributor should bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice or \$10 in cash, all WRAPPED, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Happy Holidays to our ZETA ZETA sisters!

Our November ZETA ZETA meeting was well attended with some prospective members in attendance, too. We were very pleased that **Karen Sakata**, (our February speaker) attended. She is our Contra Costa Superintendent of Schools, The lively conversations centered on preparations for the Holidays. The room at Scott's Restaurant was filled with colorful gift packages for our Adopt an Angel Holiday Program for Teenagers in foster care. Thanks to all our

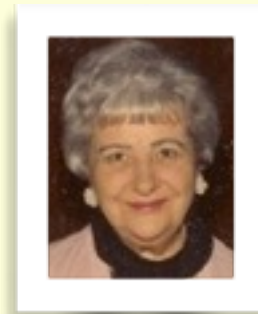


generous members and to our head angel-- **Marilyn Steichen**, for organizing this annual event!

Our speaker for the evening was **Nancy O'Malley**, the first woman District Attorney of Alameda County. Nancy grew up in Contra Costa County and is a nationally recognized expert in the advancement of victim's rights. She is now working hard to keep young and vulnerable children safe from human trafficking and

commercial sexual exploitation. A program that she started is called HEAT Watch. Nancy said that there are over 27 million children in slavery in the world today. We all think that this could not be happening in our communities, but were shocked to hear that Oakland, California is a thriving underage sex market and is the epicenter of a trafficking triangle between San Francisco and Contra Costa County. The victims are US citizens between 13 to 15 years old, some as young as 11. Technology and the internet are giving criminals greater access to children. Now drug dealers are dealing children instead of dope! To be an advocate for these children and to hold these traffickers accountable and to keep their victims safe--YOU can help! Go online to find out more information and get a HEAT Watch Toolkit! The kit is a guide to combat human trafficking and exploitation of children in our communities. Thanks, Nancy, for a very moving and informational presentation. We were so very fortunate to have you speak at our ZETA ZETA meeting and wish you continued success! What an amazing role model for women!

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In Memory of ...

Alice Roberts

Alice Roberts joined Zeta Zeta in 1950 and was a member for 64 years. She passed away on November 5th of this year, without a family to survive her. Her caregiver said that up to 2 weeks before she died, she was doing puzzles. Unable to talk or read, her mind was still sharp!

*Alice went to San Francisco State, to be a French teacher. After an interview in the Lafayette School District she decided to teach first grade! Alice was charming to talk with and remembered well the early years of our chapter. She joined Delta Kappa Gamma when they had fifteen members from all over the country. *Continued on page 7.*

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MEETINGS & MENUS

for 2015

**Scott's Seafood
Restaurant**

333 N California Blvd, Walnut
Creek, CA 94596

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(Vegetarian dish available)
Bread, coffee, tea & parking
all included in price!

Monday, January 12, 2015

Cedar Planked Salmon
Tuscany Chicken
Mixed greens

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.
Details to be announced in April

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Our next ZETA ZETA meeting is Monday, January 12th at Scott's Restaurant. Our speaker will be **Leslie Graham**, Guide Dog Puppy Raiser. She will bring a retired dog or a currently active serving dog! We look forward to hearing what she has to say and to seeing the dog. Come early for the social hour and the meeting starts at 6 PM! Please bring your school supplies for Backpacks for VESTIA, books and toiletries for Shepherd's Gate, and change for Schools in Africa!

Wishing you a happy, healthy season, surrounded by love, family and friends! We will be so happy to see you in the New Year!



~Carol and Carmen

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KUDOS go to **Bobbie Mortensen** and her sister, **Jackie Adams**, for the wonderful treasures we have waiting for us at each meeting. From hand knitted phone and card holders, to boxes of homemade cookies, to nuts, to yummy treats...they do it all with flair and pizzazz! Thank you, ladies. You are such a blessing to our chapter.

Trivia Fact: **Donna Bell** and **Valerie Kellner** usually have an ice breaker activity for us at the meetings. At the November meeting they challenged us to guess the number of years of experience in education that was represented at the September meeting. Answer: 1,114 and 1/2 years total. Amazing...over a thousand years of teaching! And **Roseann Krane** was the one that got the closest to the total and received a free dinner. Thanks, Donna and Valerie, for your creative ideas and our great programs!

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 they may participate effectively in a world society.*

“ANGEL PROJECT”

In early December, 32 gifts for children in foster care were delivered to VESTIA . Members of DKG “adopted” young teens as part of the “Angel Tree” project. Pictured is **Marilyn Steichen** and some of the gifts that were donated.

T.H.A.T. HOURS

Teachers Helping Another Teacher (T.H.A.T.) form is NEW. Go to chistateca.org and find the new electronic form for reporting hours. Send a copy to **Mary Ann Kolda**. It's easy!

What Counts? - Examples of Volunteer Activities that Apply toward THAT Hours

Monthly T.H.A.T. Reporting Procedure
New and Improved!

[Direct Link Google Docs to Report T.H.A.T.](#)



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 January 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 over 60 bars of soap were given to the homeless in Richmond along with a gift of a towel and washcloth at Christmas. There are still enough to take out to Shepherd's Gate, too. :-)

WANTED: USED JEANS

Kit King is collecting used jeans that are washed and mostly cotton for the **ARM of Care**, an organization that works with victims (girls) of human trafficking. If a girl can make an old pair of jeans into something useful and valuable, so can she be useful and valuable.

A stands for *Art* (the girls sew the jeans into bags, purses, pillows, etc.) **R** for *Recreation* and **M** is for *Movement*. These and other modes of therapy work together to cultivate healing.



Legislative Update from [Martha Zaragoza Diaz](#),
Legislative Analyst as of September of 2014
Subject: **Common Core State Standards Update**



CCSS Flyer for Parents Updated

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Resources for Parents and Guardians flyer (DOC) has been updated to include additional online resources for parents and is now available. You can find this document and more on the Students/Parents tab of the California Department of Education (CDE) CCSS Web page.

CCSS Communications Toolkit

Available to the public is “Explaining Common Core to Californians: A Communications Toolkit.” The development of this resource was a collaborative effort involving the CDE, SBE, Californians Dedicated to Education, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, California State PTA®, California School Boards Association, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers AFT/AFL-CIO, Association of California School Administrators, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and the nonprofit organization FrameWorks Institute. The resource is a collection of research, recommendations, and sample communications designed to help educators increase their own and the public’s understanding of the kinds of instruction, testing, and support needed to fulfill the potential of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The intent of this communications toolkit on the CCSS is to continue to build and maintain public support of the CCSS. Stay tuned for further updates.

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December 9, 2014 - November 2014 Elections Results & the “New Faces” of the California Legislature

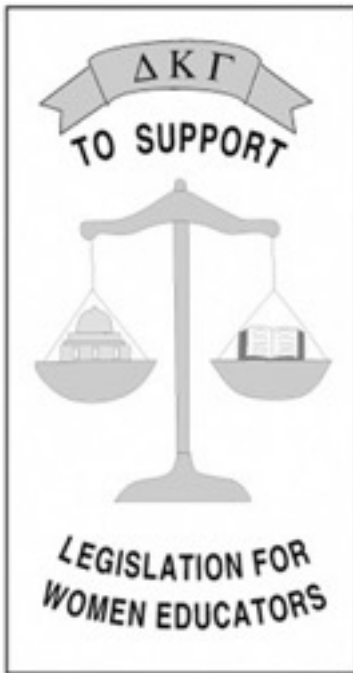
I. The California Legislature

December 1, 2014 was a day of swearing-in ceremonies and the first meeting of the California Legislature with a majority of members entering their first or second terms. This year’s November election altered the political dynamics. While Democrats still dominate both the Senate and the Assembly, they no longer wield the two-thirds “supermajorities” they briefly had in 2012.

The Senate welcomes 10 new Senators (out of 40). There currently is one Senate vacancy (35th SD) for which a special primary election is today. The Senate lost 2 democratic seats, from 27 seats to 25 seats. The Senate Republicans gained 2 republican seats from 12 to 14. The Assembly has 27 new members (out of 80); 52 are democratic seats (down from 55 seats) and 28 republican seats (up from 24 seats).

For specific information on Legislative members please refer to their Home page:
Assembly: <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers> and Senate: <http://senate.ca.gov/senators>.

The California Legislature will begin its work for the 2015-16 Session when it reconvenes on January 4, 2015. *(Continued on next page.)*



II. Constitutional Officers

All of the elected constitutional officers are Democrats! The following information includes, but is not limited to, the results of some of these offices. The voters reaffirmed their support of Governor Jerry Brown. Governor Jerry Brown was re-elected with 60% of the vote. Senator Alex Padilla was elected Secretary of State with 54% of the vote and Tom Torlakson was re-elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction with 52% of the vote.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. will take the oath of office as Governor of California and deliver his inaugural address in the Assembly Chamber on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Stay tuned for future updates of the 2015-2016 Session.

In Memory of Alice Roberts continued -

Alice knew Jessie Falconer, who is the donor behind our Tuition Grants. The members wore long dresses for ceremonies and met in each other's homes. Delta Kappa Gamma began as a social group and had fellowship and common purposes. Alice once said, "I think there is nothing closer than sisters with common purposes." She served as secretary to Ruth Martin, one of our past presidents, and was on many committees,

Alice traveled all over the world, and enjoyed going to symphonies and seeing live theater. Alice also liked swimming, and she loved reading our newsletters. She kept everything that was sent to her from us, including the birthday cards. She was married to Jack, a World War II pilot. They didn't have children. No service will be held. She requested donations be sent to Children's Hospital in Oakland, since she loved children so much. She was an amazing woman who lived to be 95 years old. What an inspiration to us all!

(Statements taken from Alice during a visit with Kit King and Pam DeBernardi in 2010)

