



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**

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, March 9th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. The menu choices are

- 1) **Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon Salmon**
- 2) **Tuscany Chicken**
- 3) **Vegetarian**

Classic Caesar Salad, Sourdough bread, coffee, and tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social!

6:00 Dinner + meeting!

The meeting is coming up, so please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, right away! It should get there next week, by Wednesday,

March 5th or sooner. Her address is P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Linda Rowley Thom, Teacher on Special Assignment from San Ramon USD, (and Carol Rowley's daughter) will speak about "Special Education Today."

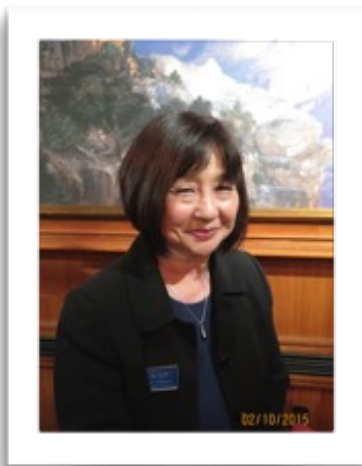
February Opportunity Drawing: **Sallie Nelson, Carly Owens, Elaine Penning, Helen Rees, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, and Ann Schinske.** Each contributor should bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice or \$10 in cash, all WRAPPED, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped. If you can't come, please send your gift with someone.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Our February meeting was enjoyed by over 40 members and guests! We were so happy that Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Psi Chapter members from Richmond were able to join us for a very informative meeting! We also had several guests who would like to become active Zeta Zeta members! Our Initiation and Order of the Rose Ceremony is April 14, 2015---so put this important date on your calendars as we welcome new Zeta Zeta sisters.

An envelope was circulated during the meeting for personal donations to be given in memory of our beloved **Jeanne Gelwicks**. We raised over \$225.00 to be donated to the LIFE foundation in memory of Jeanne. We received donations from both Zeta Zeta and Theta Psi chapters.



Our program of the evening was a presentation by Contra Costa County Superintendent of Public Schools, **Karen Sakata**. Karen was introduced by **Valerie Kellner**, who had one of Karen's sons in her class. Many other members had worked with Karen in different capacities, so we were so happy to welcome her to our chapter as a honored speaker. Karen spoke of her early life and how her mother motivated her to achievement her college goals! Her mom was a second generation Japanese woman who was interned in a Japanese camp during the war! She had earned her degree in Pharmacy and resumed her career after the war. She told Karen how important it was to have a career that nobody can take away from you! Karen started her early educational career as a Speech and Language Pathologist in the Mt. Diablo School District. She also was a special education

teacher, a school principal and assistant superintendent before she was elected to her current position of superintendent. Karen had a very powerful story to tell us about courage and perseverance. She definitely believes in teamwork, and oversees many District, County and State programs that support our students in public schools. Karen is a former member of DKG--so we are hopeful that she will rejoin our Zeta Zeta chapter!

Our Delta Kappa Gamma Chi State Convention is May1-3, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. The registration information is in your Chi State News and we will have copies at the next meeting! Great inspirational speakers and workshops are available. Your presidents will be going and encourage everyone that is able to attend, to do so. It is wonderful to see the power of women educators in action at our annual convention. It is close to home for your convenience!

Hope to see you on Monday, March 9th!

Carmen & Carol



Sisters, sisters...there were never such devoted sisters... Did you know that Zeta Zeta Chapter has two sets of sisters? Pictured below:



Jackie Adams and Bobbie Mortensen Hospitality Mavens who make and fill boxes with goodies for each meeting. Sweet!



Donna Bell and Kit King Donna is Co-Veep in charge of Programs, and yours truly is newsletter editor and Chapter Historian.



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



Two Bucks a Book

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

Professional Library News:

Additions to the Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library include these titles by the Keynote Speakers who will appear at the Chi State Convention in San Francisco May 1-3, 2015:

The End of Membership As We Know It: Building the Fortune-Flipping, Must-Have Association of the Next Century and **Knowing Y: Engage the Next Generation Now** by Sarah Sladek. **Juggling Elephants, Getting the Blue Ribbon** and **Getting to It!** by Jones Loflin.

BACKPACK UPDATE:

The collection of **backpacks and supplies** for the children of families served by VESTIA continues. Keep your eyes peeled for bargains on items from the list below. We will begin our 2015-2016 collection in the fall.

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**. If you would like to go read sometime, please call **Kit King**.



REPORTING T.H.A.T. HOURS ELECTRONICALLY

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

PROCESS:

The new online data submission is a "click" system.

1. Click on the link that is provided to you or accessed on the Chi State website or through the QR code.
Chi State website: chistateco.org
Link: THAT Program
2. Click on "[Direct Link Google Docs to Report T.H.A.T. Hours.](#)"
3. Fill in the blank boxes with the basic information, including total volunteer hours.
4. Click "SUBMIT." A confirmation page will appear to confirm the submission of data.

Area Directors and Area Educational Excellent/Program Chairwomen are given access to the data which allows them to monitor it on a daily basis.

*Hours MAY be submitted monthly, but ALL hours for 2014-2015 **MUST be submitted by the April 1 deadline.**

Questions or concerns?

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Other links on Chi State website that might be interesting for you to read are...

[What Counts? - Examples of Volunteer Activities that Apply toward THAT Hours](#)

[Monthly T.H.A.T. Reporting Procedure](#) New and Improved!

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**Legislative Update:** If you want to know the highlights of the Governor's Proposed 2015-2016 State Budget, K-12 Public Education Component, please go to [chistateca.org](http://chistateca.org) and click on Member Resources. Then Click on Legislative Information. It will give you the following choices:

**Legislative Reports  
by Martha Zaragoza-Diaz**

[January 16, 2015-2016 California State Budget Highlights](#)

[December 9, 2014 Report on New Legislature](#)

[October 2, 2014 Final Bill Report](#)

[Common Core Standards Update](#)

[Summary of 2014-2015 State Budget: K-12 Component](#) pdf

[Status Report on 2014 Introduced Bills](#) pdf

[January 10, 2014 Word](#) pdf

There are also a couple of great things to read there, too.

**Guidelines for Legislative Action 2005-2007**

**Chi State Legislative Platform**




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**THANK YOU NOTES FROM VESTIA FOR OUR ANGEL TREE GIFTS**

Hello Everyone!

I hope you had a fantastic Valentine's Day. Thank you so much again for your wonderful support of Angel Tree. Please find on the next page the "Thank you letter and thank you notes from the children."

Here's the link to pictures of Angel Tree Day: <https://animoto.com/play/RItQxdQSoUIAjQnb5BUkiA>

Thank you so much for making it possible!

Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas  
Volunteer & Emergency Services  
VESTIA, INC.



### Volunteer & Emergency Services

Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Tree Program. This past holiday season you helped fulfill the wishes of 1,624 children. Thank you so much on behalf of the children who received a little hope, joy and happiness nicely wrapped in a present.

Here are a couple of responses to your generosity this past holiday season:

One of our Social Workers wrote:

“Dear Thoughtful Volunteers: Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts you donated to the kids on my caseload. As a Social Worker, I really enjoy getting to play Santa Claus and drop off all the gifts. The kids are always so excited to see the beautifully wrapped gifts. I’ve had several children, foster parents, and relative caregivers express how grateful they were to receive the gifts. Thank you again for all the hard work you put into picking thoughtful gifts and wrapping them.”

– Katie, Social Worker

One of our teens wrote:

“Dear Angel, Thank you for everything you have done for me, this really means a lot to me and it touched my heart. It may not be a lot to you, but to me it means the world. Thank you for being so kind and so loving as to get me these presents. I really appreciate it and I am thankful for what you have done. I wanted to let you know what you are doing for people helps them and what you did for me helps me. Again, I want to thank you so very much.” – Sincerely Veronica

To all of our incredible volunteers, thank you for your continued time and support-**You’re cherished!**

To all of our amazing donors, thank you for making this program possible year after year through your time and support. Please share the link below with your office, family and friends:

<https://animoto.com/play/RItQxdQSoUIAjQnb5BUkiA>

We wish you a new year filled with much success. We look forward to working with you at our next Angel Tree.

Warmly,

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