



## 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**

### Presidents' Message

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### FOR MORE INFO:

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## Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our last chapter meeting of the year will be held on **MONDAY, MAY 18TH** at Carol Rowley's house at 7524 Northland Ave., San Ramon 94583. We will have a Mexican fiesta complete with margaritas and lots of Oles!

The price is just \$25.00 which will need to be sent to **Denise Dolan, at P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507** by **Saturday, May 9th**, so Carol knows how much food to order.

**MAY Opportunity Drawing:** If you haven't brought an Opportunity Drawing this year, please bring it to the May Fiesta. 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.



**Information about our new members on page 6!**



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Our April Zeta Zeta meeting was enjoyed by over 26 members. We had four new members initiated at our meeting and we will receive the *Order of the Rose* at Convention! Prior to the meeting, we had a wonderful orientation prepared by our membership chairs--**Sandy Madewell** and **Barbara Manley**. The prospective members were told about DKG, which includes more than 90,000 members in 18 member countries and 80 state organizations. All the benefits of membership were discussed and included worldwide projects, community programs, leadership training, scholarships and grants, conferences, networking opportunities and support for each member. The seven purposes of DKG were presented and ways of putting them into action was discussed!

Our program of the evening was the Initiation Ceremony beautifully prepared by **Peggy Ebersole** and her committee- **Kit King** and **Carmen Curtis**. The four new members initiated were **Susan Bonilla**, sponsored by **Carol Rowley**, **Sylvia Orellano-Barrera**, sponsored by **Karen Yee**, **Terry Magnin**, sponsored by **Helen Rees** and **Liz O'Brien** sponsored by **Barbara Manley**. Each initiate accepted membership in Zeta Zeta chapter, signed our member's book, received a red rose, and lit a candle. It was a very impressive ceremony applauded by the entire audience. After each candidate told about their education journey, all those members present told about their background in education! The stories and history of each member was truly impressive and unifying!

We are looking forward to attending the Chi State Convention on May 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. Many impressive workshops will be given and it is also a chance to meet other members of Delta Kappa Gamma and exchange ideas. A *Ceremony of Remembrance* will be held on Sunday morning and our beloved, deceased members will be honored.

**Stephanie Brown-Myers**, and your co-presidents have been reviewing our chapter by-laws/standing rules and making them align with the new format for Chi State. It was a very tedious process, but we are now in compliance. We will present them to our membership, for approval, at our Fiesta Party Meeting on May 18th.

Please remember to turn in your THAT hours to **Mary Ann Kolda**. Let Mary Ann know if you are having trouble entering your hours and she will help you. **Charlene McPherson** said to remind you to look for sales on school supplies and backpacks. **Kit King** is still accepting books for children and toiletries for the *Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program* at Shepherd's Gate.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, May 18th at Carol's home - 7524 Northland Avenue, San Ramon. The time is 5PM and the menu is Mexxi's wonderful Mexican food and MARGARITAS. Please come and welcome our new members. Please send your \$25 to Denise Dolan at PO Box 551, Alamo. CA 94507 by May 10th.



Happy SPRING!

*Carmen & Carol*

## 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.



### Two Bucks a Book

Be sure to check out the wide selection of titles at our **Two Bucks a Book** table. Questions? See **Carly Owens**.

narratives and lots of research to write about the growing opportunity gap between rich and poor children. Check it out! At our May meeting why not borrow a book from our library for your summer reading?

### 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. The latest addition to the Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library is ***Our Kids - The American Dream in Crisis*** by **Robert D. Putnam**, author of *Bowling Alone*. Professor Putnam uses personal

### 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**.





**KAREN YEE**

*Karen Yee joined our chapter in May of 1995, as an educator in the Mount Diablo Unified School District. She has taught all the grades K-6th, was a Miller Unruh Reading Specialist, and Literacy Coach. She earned her B.S. at Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO and her MS at St. Mary's College in Moraga.*

*Karen enjoys bicycling, gardening, camping, hiking, cross country skiing, and exercise. She is retired and loves spending time with her grandson, Forest, and his mother. She volunteers as a reader at Bel Air Elementary School in Bay Point, and has served in various positions on the Contra County Reading Association Board.*

*Karen is a delight to know and an asset to our chapter. She's a peach!*

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**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.



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**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

**Backpacks**

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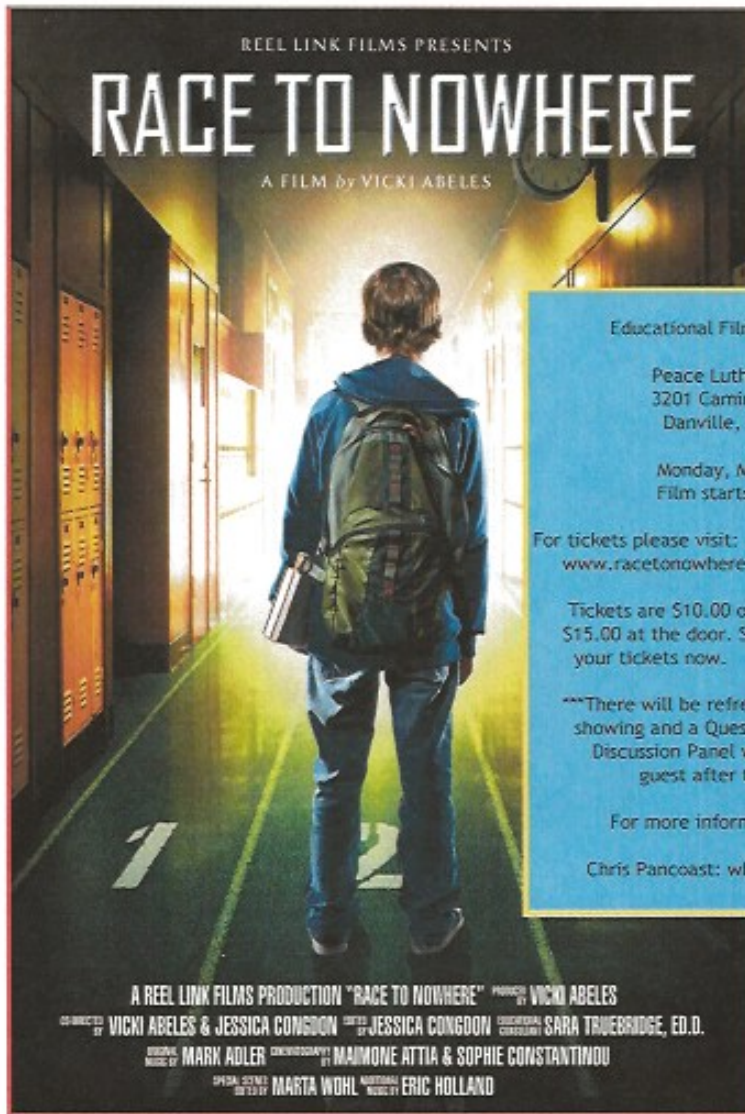
**Sad News:**

Do you remember our member, **Ann Kyle**? Ann was a gifted teacher who retired from the Pleasanton School District about 3 years ago. She taught various grades at Lydiksen Elementary for 40 years. She was diagnosed with a rare form of ALS two years ago called Bulbar ALS, a fast moving form of the disease. She passed away at her home in Pleasanton on Sunday, April. 26. Plans for a memorial are pending. Her wonderful smile and sweet disposition will be missed! **Valerie Kellner** will keep us posted.



**You are invited to attend a screening and discussion of "Race to Nowhere" on May 11, 7:00 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara in Danville. We need to have our experienced-educator voices heard.**

Named by TakePart.com as one of "10 Education Documentaries You Don't Want to Miss." "Race to Nowhere" is a film and call to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, and contributing citizens.



Educational Film, Race To Nowhere

Peace Lutheran Church  
 3201 Camino Tassajara  
 Danville, CA 94526

Monday, May 11 2015  
 Film starts at 7:00pm

For tickets please visit:  
[www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/7507](http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/7507)

Tickets are \$10.00 on the above site and \$15.00 at the door. Space is limited so get your tickets now.

\*\*\*There will be refreshments before the showing and a Question and Answer Discussion Panel with a special guest after the film.\*\*\*

For more information contact:  
 Chris Pancoast: [whyplay60@gmail.com](mailto:whyplay60@gmail.com)

Join us at our screening and discussion of "Race to Nowhere." Together we can make our voices heard in the national discussion about education, childhood and healthy success for our students.

"Raises important questions that parents and educators must confront...a provocative, conversation starter of a film." - Daniel Pink, author of *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind*

Join the conversation RaceToNowhere @RaceToNowhere

**Zeta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Initiation**

We initiated four new members at our April meeting. Their pictures and information is below. We also reinstated a former member who moved away and then moved back to this area. Her picture is included also. Be sure to introduce yourself and get acquainted with these wonderful women.

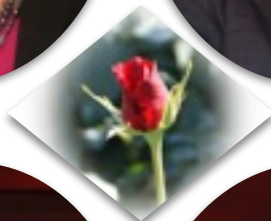
**Liz O'Brien -**

Taught 35 years, was teachers' union secretary 7 years, and student teacher mentor. Involved in the community with local swim club and many school fundraisers.



**Susan Bonilla -**

Former Concord HS English teacher, member of CC County Board of Supervisors, became mayor of Concord, served in State Assembly, and is currently running for State Senate. **BE SURE TO VOTE FOR HER!**



**Terry Magnin -**

Began teaching career in Southern California. Taught grades K-5 before returning to Bay Area in 2006. Currently is a Home/Hospital teacher for Walnut Creek School District.



**Silvia Orellana deBarrera -**

Currently BTSA Coach for Mt. Diablo district. Has been classroom teacher and literacy coach. Also taught in native county of Argentina.

**Patt Low** was initiated in 2007 and moved to Long Beach, Mississippi a couple years later. She just moved back this past December, and was reinstated. She graduated from San Jose State with a BA, and MA in Curriculum Development. Patt then attended USF and earned a Masters in Administration. She taught K-8, was a principal of an elementary school in Fremont, and finished her career as a Asst. Principal at Mission San Jose HS. She has been retired for 8 years. We're glad you're back, Patt!!!



## REPORTING T.H.A.T. HOURS ELECTRONICALLY

Teachers Helping Another Teacher (T.H.A.T.) form is NEW. Go to [chistateca.org](http://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](http://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. ***Let Mary Anne Kolda know how many hours you submitted.***

\*Hours MAY be submitted monthly. **All hours submitted will go towards 2015-2016 year.**

Questions or concerns?

*Mary Anne Kolda*

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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!

