Our April meeting will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on Wednesday, April 20th. The menu: 1) Salmon w/ an avocado tomato salsa OR 2) Puff pastry with vegetables  
Spring salad of baby greens, artichoke, sliced toy box tomatoes with raspberry vinaigrette, warm rolls and butter, and coffee, tea, or iced tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social!  
6:00 Dinner + meeting!  
Please send your $35.00 & menu choice to Denise Dolan, by Monday, April 11th. Her email is denimbd@yahoo.com, and her phone is listed in the directory. Remember, Denise has to have your reservations eight days in advance, as there may be no last minute numbers added. She must have your verification via email or phone even if she hasn’t received your check. Once you verify that you are coming, you are responsible for the $35.00. Our initiation of three members is scheduled for that evening, and also a birthday celebration. Delta Kappa Gamma will have it’s 85th birthday this year and we have a great time planned.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:
APRIL: Marilyn Steichen, Barbara Stumph, Jean Warnke, Joannie Wedell, Karen Yee, and Isabelle Zamanian. (If you haven’t brought a drawing gift this year, please do so at this last regular dinner meeting of the year.)  
(Each drawing 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!

What a difference a month makes! Last Zeta Zeta meeting in February---it was raining and we were dashing to our cars to keep dry. At the March meeting, everyone looked like they were dressed for Spring and St. Patrick’s Day! The night was warm and balmy. Variety is the spice of life and we are so fortunate to be getting more rain. My flowers and weeds are so happy to get their weekly showers.

We had 34 members and guests at our March 16th Zeta Zeta Meeting! Elizabeth Groelle, our Area III Director drove all the way from her home in Napa to present the Penne Ferrell Award to Christina Clemons. Diana Sawin nominated Christina for this award, as she has been in her classroom many times. Christina is from Florida and teachers at a charter school in Oakland. She will be initiated into our chapter in April! Elizabeth and Christina are amazing educators and and embody all the principles of DKG.

Kathy Moore, Director of Curriculum for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, presented a outstanding overview of Curriculum and Common Core and how it has changed education, the presentation of knowledge and the general classroom appearance. Kathy’s 40 years of educational experience made her presentation even more meaningful, when she compared teaching and learning styles over the years. In addition, Kathy has 4 children who attended local schools and had many Zeta Zeta members as their teachers.

Hats off to Barbara Stumph and Isabelle Zamanian for leading us in a Peter, Paul and Mary favorite--"Lemon Tree". Boy -

did that bring back memories! Great singing Zeta Zeta Ladies!! Hats off the Charlene McPherson for providing everyone with a copy of books from the Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library. Great selections of notable books to borrow! Hats off to Bobbie Mortensen for baking the delicious cake and providing a piece for each member! Yummmm!

A very special thank you to the nominating committee for presenting the slate of officers for Zeta Zeta Chapter for 2016 to 2018. It was a lot of work for Kit King, Carmen Curtis and Peggy Ebersole et al---but you pulled it off! Please consider being on the board for the next biennium 2018 to 2020! Many hands make light work and everyone in Zeta Zeta contributes in some way!

Happy SPRING! See you at the Zeta Zeta meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 for the Initiation of new members and a birthday celebration. In addition we will have a Founder’s Day skit. Delta Kappa Gamma is 85 years old this year and we have three members with their birthdays on April 20th!

Sincerely,

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.

FEATURED MEMBER

Elizabeth (LIZ) O’Brien

Liz just joined our chapter last year. She graduated from California State University at Chico, where she received a BA in Social Sciences and her Elementary Credential. Liz has taught 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade at various places…St. Benedict’s in Oakland, Seven Hills School and in two schools in the Walnut Creek School District. She retired in June of 2013. Her husband, Jim, is a retired teacher from SRVUSD. They have a son - Nate, and three grandchildren ranging in ages from 2 to 7. Her daughter is newly married last July and is expecting a baby boy mid-April. Very exciting!

Liz enjoys traveling, reading, and volunteering in her grandchildren’s classrooms. She is an active member of Diablo Valley Assistance League. A couple of her favorite books are The Kite Runner, and The Mountains Echoed - both by Khaled Hosseini. She says what she likes about Delta Kappa Gamma is that she enjoys the camaraderie of fellow educators and our philanthropic projects. We are so very glad that Liz joined our group.
Pumpkin Bread
Thanks, Bobbie Mortensen
Preheat Oven to 350’
Mix in large mixing bowl until well mixed:

- 3c. sugar
- 1c. oil
- 2c. canned pumpkin
- 1c. water
- 4 eggs
- 2tsp. baking soda
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 4tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 3 ½ c. flour
- 1 c. raisins (optional)
- ½ c. chopped nuts (optional)

Pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350’ for 1 hour or until done. YUMMY!

(If baking in muffin cups, bake about 20 min.)

Thanks, Bobbie and Jackie, for providing treats for us each meeting.

A Thank You NOTE from VESTIA via Marilyn Steichen

Hello Everyone!

Thank you so much for your continued support in making this program possible year after year. We truly couldn’t do it without your support and the support of our volunteers.

Please find attached the children’s thank you notes and the link below to a nice short video. Enjoy!

Here’s the link to the pictures which encompass our Angel Tree event:
https://animoto.com/play/MpaAQcYFmuUdLhB2r91CkA?autostart=1

Thank you for your continued kindness and caring!

Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas
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*MARILYN STEICHEN is in the video link… watch it and see if you can identify her. Thanks so much, Marilyn, for facilitating this each year.
Thank you so much for your continued support of our Angel Tree Program. There were a total of 1,866 children who were heartened by your generosity. Your generosity and giving spirit has become an inspiration to us all. Thank you on behalf of all the children who received a gift from you this holiday season.

Here are some short thank you responses from our teens:

“You've given me something for Christmas every year, giving me something to look forward to. Thank you very very much.” - Marques

“Thank you Secret Santa for my cooking equipment. I really appreciate it and I will make great use of it.”
Sincerely, Julea

“Thank you for the Bed, Bath and Beyond gift card. I just got into Transitional Housing Program-Plus and this will allow me to get a mini food processor.” - Cynthia

To all of our Volunteers and Donors - a heart warm thank you for your continued support in keeping this program alive and making it possible for so many of our foster children to receive an extension of your love and care for them.

Please share the link provided with your office, family and friends.

We wish you a great new year! We look forward to working with you again at our next Angel Tree Program.

Warm Thanks!
Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas
Angel Tree Program Manager
VESTIA, INC.

Sandy Gaylord
Volunteer Angel

Contra Costa County
400 Ellinwood Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 521-5060
ZETA ZETA PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

At the March meeting Charlene passed out a complete list of the titles available from the Professional Lending Library so you can plan ahead for your leisure reading. Take one to keep in your car or purse. *List is on next page*…

TWO BUCKS A BOOK
Bring in your favorites, and be sure to check out the wide selection of titles at our Two Bucks a Book table. Questions? See Carly Owens.

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. A special thank you to Ann Schinske who always brings a big bag of toiletries to Kit that her husband Neal has saved from his many business trips.
Shepherd’s Gate always welcomes children’s books that are in good condition - both fiction and non fiction trade books.
Donna Bell and Kit King will be going out to read to the children and with the women again in May. If you want to join us, call either one of us.

SHEPHERD’S GATE SHELTER
1660 Portola, Livermore, California
Providing a safe refuge, striving to restore hope and dignity, and rebuilding shattered lives.
Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library

Notable Books reviewed or listed in the DKG International Journal for Professional Educators and Bulletin: Collegial Exchange and other relevant books are available to borrow.

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

The Teachers’ Lounge (Uncensored): A Funny, Edgy, Poignant Look at Life in the Classroom

Love, Life and Elephants: An African Love Story

Improbably Scholars

The Age of Miracles

Raising Henry – A Memoir of Motherhood, Disability, & Discovery

The Teacher Wars – A History of America’s Most Embattled Profession

Getting to It!

Getting the Blue Ribbon

The End of Membership as We Know It

Knowing Y – Engage the Next Generation Now

Juggling Elephants

Our Kids – The American Dream in Crisis

Far from the Tree – Parents, Children and the Search for Identity

The Invention of Wings (Life’s Foundation 2015 Read Across Chi State)

The Birchbark House

The Breadwinner Trilogy

With a Little Help from our Friends – Creating Community as We Grow Older

The Human Age – The World Shaped by Us

The Republic of Imagination – A Life in Books

The Giver
California State Convention is coming soon.
If you've never attended a Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention, you're in for a treat! Ya'all come...we can arrange a car pool to Fresno. (Only about three hours by car.) Check out the website for full agenda and other information!
Registration for our California State Convention is online at <www.chistateca.org> as is the link to a hotel reservation.

Hotel Reservations
Double Tree by Hilton
2233 Ventura St.
Fresno, CA 93721

Reservation Number (559)268-1000
Mention DKG California State Convention as your organization

- Standard King (Sleeps 2) $130.23
- Standard Double (Queen-Sleeps 4) $130.23
- King Suite (Sleeps 3) $181.63

After you fill the form out on your computer, you must make 2 copies of the form. One copy to be sent with payment and one copy is for your records. Payment is sent to Pat Bringetto at 3120 W. Kearney Blvd. Fresno, CA 93706

- Early Registration until April 10th, no refunds after April 10th

Contact Stacey Chicoine (Webmaster) for help with the form…
stacyycdkg@hotmail.com

T.H.A.T. (TEACHERS HELPING ANOTHER TEACHER) HOURS

Mary Anne Kolda

Thanks everyone for keeping track of your THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) hours. It is now very simple to log them electronically. You can either do it yourself through the website provided in the newsletter, or even easier you can take advantage of Diana's laptop at the next meeting. She'll provide any help you might need. She helped me at the last meeting & I was all done in about 5 minutes. Also, you now only need to log the total # of hours you worked in the last year. You don't need to enter times, dates, or places. Couldn't be simpler!
**Legislative Update**

Assembly Bill 375: Effective Jan. 1st allows certificated personnel who have exhausted all available sick leave and continues to be absent while taking maternity/paternity leave under the CA Family Rights Act (CFRA) to receive differential pay for up to 12 wks. This is called “bonding leave” and is for the birth of a child or placement through adoption or foster care. It applies equally to male and female certificated employees. There are eligibility requirements – the employee must have worked at least 1,250 hrs during the previous 12 mos. -EdCal (Newsletter of ACSA)

Local Control & Accountability in Education Initiative: (In signature phase) Increases the length of service required before a teacher may become a permanent employee from two consecutive yrs. to five consecutive yrs. It also gives local school boards sole authority to set policies for, and ends collective bargaining over,
- teacher transfers
- reassignment
- layoffs or re-employment
- and the start date of the school year and hrs.in a school day

It also prohibits seniority as a primary consideration. - Ballotpedia

CalPers Lawsuit against Moody and Moody’s Investors Services has been settled for $130 million. This has to do with Moody’s erroneous ratings of structured investments vehicles prior to the financial crisis. They settled with Standard & Poor’s for $125 million bringing the total recovery to $255 million. (Hurray for us!) -EdCal

Effective Teacher Initiative: (In signature phase) This refers to the number of yrs. required for teacher permanency, as in the above initiative, should the above initiative fail to retain signatures or lose in the election.

~ Patt Low

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**A note from Diana Sawin**, who was elected to go to the educational Leadership Conference at the McComb School of Business! She was selected from a field of

“I want to share the letter the Golden Gift Committee sent me regarding my selection to participate in the 2016 Leadership Management Seminar. This is but one example of the leadership opportunities members can apply for. Toni Cook, Gamma Psi Area IV was also selected to attend and represent California. We are both very excited to have this "once in a lifetime" opportunity. There is more information online at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) where the 2016 Golden Gift Award participants are listed.

I feel so blessed to be a member of Zeta Zeta Chapter Area III and serving on the Early Career Educators, ECE Committee - DKG California Leadership Team. Our organization truly supports women educators through fellowship, awards, grants, scholarships, professional development workshops, and personal and or professional growth experiences at conferences and conventions. I hope some of our Chapter members sign-up to attend our Convention in Fresno to see first-hand what Delta Kappa Gamma, DKG has to offer!”

Letter on next page...
FORWARDED BY Email Only: dianacsawin@comcast.net

Diana Sawin
1277 Sandelin Ave
San Leandro, CA 94577-3956

Dear Diana,

Congratulations! The Golden Gift Fund Committee is pleased to announce that you have been selected as one of thirty (30) Delta Kappa Gamma members to participate in the 2016 Leadership Management Seminar. This two-week program will be held at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, July 17 - 29, 2016.

The Golden Gift Fund will cover the following costs:

1. Round trip transportation at the lowest fare available from your home to Austin. If you drive, automobile transportation will be paid at the rate of $0.575 per mile, not to exceed the cost of the lowest round-trip airfare. Please wait to make flight arrangements until you receive further instructions.

2. Lodging at San Jacinto Residence Hall on the University campus from Sunday evening, July 17, through Friday evening, July 29, with departure on Saturday, July 30. Two participants will share a bedroom and bath. A limited number of single rooms with private bath may be available for a fee of $650.00 for thirteen nights (please verify).

3. Most meals, beginning with dinner on Sunday, July 17.

The Golden Gift Fund investment in each participant is in excess of $8,000.00. You are expected to attend, participate and be on time for ALL seminar sessions and functions. Additionally, by participating in the seminar, you are making a strong commitment of service to the Society.

Attached is a release form granting permission for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to provide a copy of your application to The University of Texas for their use in preparing for the seminar. In addition, please provide the requested information on the bottom of the form if you would like the international president to inform your professional supervisor of your selection for the seminar.

A special breakout session at the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN, is being planned for your class. You are invited to join the committee and participants of your class at this session – please confirm your attendance on the release form.

Please acknowledge receipt of award notification by replying immediately to this email message.

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

www.dkg.org
DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

In the coming months watch for bargains on the items listed below for our next backpack drive. Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch will take donations throughout the year for next January's delivery to VESTIA.

School Supply Shopping List

**Elementary School Age K-3**

1. Back pack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils, Eraser & Pencil Sharpener
3. 1 box of Colored markers
4. 1 box of Colored pencils
5. 1 box of Crayons
6. Scissors
7. Glue Sticks
8. Ruler
9. Pencil Box
10. Dictionary (optional)
11. Three Ring Binder
12. Binder paper (wide ruled)
13. 2 folders
14. Book, new or lightly used
15. Small toy

**Grades 4-8**

1. Back pack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils and sharpener and eraser
3. Pens (black, blue and 2 red)
4. Highlighters (one yellow, one other color)
5. 1 box of colored pencils
6. Zipper pouch
7. Spiral notebooks (3)
8. Paperback dictionary and thesaurus (optional)
9. Three Ring Binder
10. Binder paper (college ruled)
11. Simple business calculator
12. 2 or 3 Pee Chee type folders
13. 2 glue sticks
14. Ruler
15. Paperback Books - K-3, 4-6