# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CA 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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## **Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting**

Our first regular fall dinner meeting of Zeta Zeta will take place on Wednesday, September 7th at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. The menu choices are 1) Chef's Chicken Special, or 2) Spinach Ravioli. 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!

The price remains \$35.00, which will need to be sent to **Denise Dolan, at P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507** by **Tuesday, August 30th**, Her email is <u>denimbd@yahoo.com</u> and her phone is listed in the directory. Remember, Denise has to have your reservations <u>eight</u> 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.

SEPT Opportunity Drawing: Jackie Adams, Sue Becker, Donna Bell, Susan Bonilla, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Joan Buchanan, Carmen Burks, Gail Costello, and Carmen Curtis. 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!

Our last official Zeta Zeta meeting of the year was held on May 18, 2016. It was fun to celebrate with margaritas and our annual Mexican Fiesta prepared by Mexxi's Restaurant in San Ramon. All the members and guests were in a very happy mood preparing for summer travel and relaxing times with family and friends.

Our business meeting was very short, as we heard a presentation on Strategic Asset Allocation-a sound approach to Portfolio Diversification. The handout answered many of our questions about investing for our future needs. Then we had the installation of the Zeta Zeta officers for the 2016 to 2018 years. Hats off to all the officers and to **Peggy Ebersole** and her team for preparing for the official ceremony!

The highlight was the opportunity drawing and the donation of a DKG blanket and a teacher pillow by our wonderful **Lois Sherwood**. The bidding was fast and furious, and **Aileen Mortensen**, our newest member was the winner of the blanket and **Charlene McPherson** won the pillow! Thanks so much Lois and best wishes from all your Zeta Zeta friends!

Our Zeta Zeta Executive Board met on June 2, 2016. We talked about many items for the coming year. We will continue to meet at Crow Canyon Country Club as the members like the location, food, and parking. The meeting dates were established for 2016 to 2017. The dates are: September 7th, October 7th (wine tasting event to raise funds for grants & scholarships), October 29th (Area III Conference), November 9th, January 11th, February 8th (joint meeting with another DKG chapter), March 15th, April

12th and May 17th (Mexican Fiesta). All the meetings will be held on Wednesdays, with the exception of the Wine Tasting, which will be held on a Friday! More details about all the meetings, topics and events will be discussed at our August Executive and full Board Meetings. The Executive board will meet on Wednesday, August 10th at 3:30PM and the full Board will meet at 4:15 PM. (Carol's Home)

It is going to be another great year for Zeta Zeta! We will probably have two initiations (one in the fall and one in the Spring) as we are recruiting many new members. The dues for Zeta Zeta are \$90, active members and \$34 for reserve members. Please get your dues in as quickly as possible, so Sue can keep us all current! Sue says that you can send \$45 in now, and pay the second \$45 in August or September.

Have a fun, relaxing summer! There will be another update to you after our August 10th planning meeting at Carol's home. Thanks for all that you do to make our chapter one of the best in the California State DKG!

With love and best wishes,

## Garol and Garmen





#### **FEATURED MEMBER**

# In Memory of... **A** lice Reynolds

Our dear friend and fellow educator, **Alice Reynolds**, passed away last week at the age of 94. She joined our chapter in November of 1970 and served as treasurer for three years, produced the directory, and was involved with membership and scholarship for many years. She will be remembered as an outstanding educator who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brown University, and did biological research at University of Pennsylvania. She began her teaching career in a nursing school where she taught anatomy and chemistry. From there she taught in New York, and then came to this area and taught in the San Ramon Valley. Alice was selected twice as Teacher of the Year in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District - once when she taught at Rancho Romero Elementary and the second time as teacher at Greenbrook Elementary. In fact, your editor's younger son was in her class at

Alice earned a teaching credential from S. F. State College (now University) and her librarian credential for the Univ. of S.F. She was a Girl Scout leader, taught classes on California Indians at the Museum of the SR Valley, was a docent there for ten years, and was one of the founders of the Old Tassajara One-Room School House. She "taught" third graders who visited there for ten years. We all loved her and will dearly miss her.

Greenbrook. Matthew remembers her fondly as someone who was not only a great

# Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

1. To UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

teacher, but was very kind and sweet to her students.

- 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.

#### "CHANGE FOR CHANGE"

**Georgia Moore** mailed a check for \$176.01 to Delta Kappa Gamma Global Awareness from our collection of change at each meeting. Way to go, Zeta Zeta! Thank you, Georgia!

# 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. 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 August. If you want to join us, call either one of us.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

One of our members, **Ann Carter,** has moved to Huntington Beach. She was initiated in November of 1973, and has been very active in our chapter over the years. She will be missed!

Ann's new address is 8655 Fresno Circle #502B Huntington Beach CA 92646 (657) 301-2533 Same Cell & Email



Ann and Denise enjoying a margarita at the fiesta!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



Our own Pam DeBernardi volunteers to sew colorful dresses and shorts for impoverished children through" Dress a Child Around the World." The organization sews 6000 dresses and more than 1,200 pairs of shorts from donated fabrics and notions each year. She and many other volunteers hold sewing sessions in the Parish Hall at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill on the first and third Wednesdays each month. Contact Pam if you want to help. Pam's picture and article was featured in a local newspaper recently.

#### **DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA**

Keep your eyes peeled for fall back-to-school sales on school supplies for our VESTIA backpack project. We will be gathering supplies at our fall meetings. **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** will take donations throughout the summer and school 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

15. Paperback Books - K-3, 4-6

13. 2 glue sticks

14. Ruler

### LEGISLATION UPDATE

#### Patt Low

# ACSA's Sponsored Bill, AB 2336 (Olsen), on Substitute Teachers in Special Education Advances to Senate

With a 79-0 vote on May 5, 2016, the Assembly unanimously approved the ACSA-sponsored bill, AB 2336 by Assembly Member Kristin Olsen. The proposal will extend the number of days a substitute teacher may serve in a special education classroom. If passed by both houses and signed by Governor Jerry Brown, AB 2336 would increase the number of days that a special education substitute teacher is able to

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serve in one classroom to 40. Current law restricts the number of days to 20. The bill specifies that a substitute teacher must be provided with six hours of training prior to the service extension, as well as ongoing support by a fully

credentialed teacher.

The intent of the bill is to provide a stable learning environment to special education students, while also supporting substitute teachers who step up to support them while full-time teachers are away from the classroom. The bill currently has a five year sunset and is considered a short term strategy while the state simultaneously considers other legislative proposals aimed at addressing the teacher shortage and pipeline issues from recruitment to credentialing, induction and retention.

The bill was heard in the Senate Education Committee on June 8<sup>th</sup> and amended to include a provision for approval of an extension of 20 days to be added to current 20 days. For the full text of the bill and its amendments, please visit the <u>California Legislative</u> website.

#### 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. Please remember to log them electronically. You can either do it yourself through the website provided in the footer of this newsletter, or you can take advantage of Diana's laptop at the next meeting. She'll provide any help you might need. She helped me, and I was all finished 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!





LTO R: Carmen Burks, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Valerie Kellner



## Zeta Zeta Installation of 2016-2018 -Biennium Officers



LTO R: Carmen Curtis, Kit King, Carmen Burks, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, and Valerie Kellner



L to R: Barbara Manley, Valerie Kellner, Sue Robinson, Helen Rees, Charlene McPherson, and Diana Sawin.



#### Zeta Zeta Mexican Fiesta and Carol Rowley's house... Celebration of a successful year!

#### **CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE GALS, TOO?**

