



ZETA ZETA NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma, CA State, Area III, Zeta Zeta Chapter

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



Speaker, **Shanna Gagnon**, at November DKG, Zeta Zeta Chapter dinner meeting.

Upcoming Zeta Zeta Events

Our first meeting of 2019 will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, January 16th, 2019**. The menu choices are...

- 1) Mustard Herb Crusted Salmon with Chardonnay Cream
- 2) Chef's Choice Vegan Risotto

Served with Chef's choice of seasonal sides, and spinach, arugula & frisee salad, with strawberries, candied pecans, goat cheese, & creamy balsamic dressing. Also included is a Chef's choice dessert. 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 to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, January 7th**. 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 speaker will be a representative of the Contra Costa Crisis Center.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

JANUARY: Gail Faber, Laura Ferreira, Roseann Fissore, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Jennifer Haynes, & Shirley Henson. 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. picking until it's unwrapped.

PLEASE FILL OUT THAT HOURS online at dkgca.org

Vision Statement

Key Women Educators Impacting Education

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME WINTER: We had some much needed rain. It's so much fun to cozy up in front of a fireplace with a good book. Get that shopping done and relax and enjoy family and friends as you celebrate the holiday season.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: We were very fortunate to have **Shauna Gagnon** (*pictured on page 7*) as our speaker at our dinner meeting in November. She spoke on the iQuest Program at California High School in SRVUSD. It is an elective class that earns each participant full credit, and is designed to allow students time to pursue their passions through a mentored internship. It's for seniors only, who need to interview for admission in the spring of their Junior year. If chosen they are placed with industry partners for 3-4 hours per week, and meet on campus one time a week. It's been a very successful program in that it gets seniors ready for college and gives the various intern business partners energy and increased productivity. Funding for the program comes from the academic boosters. Around 90 students participated in the program this past year.

ISABELLE ZAMANIAN: Our friend, **Isabelle Zamanian**, passed away December 10, 2018. Her burial was at 2:00 on the 13th with a 2:45 celebration at Zio Fredo's. Her long time friend, **Barbara Stumph** shared a wonderful tribute to their friendship at the service, and it's included on pages 4 & 5. You will enjoy reading it. Here's a picture of some of your Zeta Zeta sisters who also attended the service. From left to right: **Lola Ganse, Terry Magnin, Roseann Krane, and Karen Yee**. Thanks for representing us ladies! Isabelle was a sweet, kind-hearted person who will be missed.



BACKPACKS: Our backpacks will be stuffed and delivered after the January meeting. **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** would appreciate your help in bringing some the things they don't have enough of yet...listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Thanks so much to you two, for your organization and efforts to meet the needs of kids in foster care who arrive with no supplies to take to a new school.

ANGEL GIFTS: Kudos go to our **Marilyn Steichen** who organized and delivered all the Angel Gifts to VESTIA so teens could have a gift for Christmas. And thank you all who were generous and donated a gift.

JANUARY MEETING:

Our January meeting is at Crow Canyon on January 16th. A Staff Ambassador from the Contra Costa Crisis Center will be our guest speaker. The agency's motto is "We keep people alive and safe, help them through crises and connect them with community resources." It should be an enlightening evening! Come and join us. It will be nice to see everyone and to start the year off — seeing all those Zeta Zeta smiles and getting hugs too! (Future meeting dates are listed on the next page. Be sure and put them all on your calendar.)

HELP US GROW: Keep on recruiting new members, by inviting friends and fellow educators to our meetings. Happy New Year ♥

Diana & Kit





DINNER PROGRAMS - 2019



DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
January 16, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 4, 6 & 7	Relevant community resources to assist those in crisis. (Contra Costa Crisis Center Speaker)
February 13, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 6 & 7	Tips, Tools and Techniques for use with Kids birth to 10. (Susan MacHugh, Author)
**March 6, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 1 & 6	ZZ Induction of New Members -High School Highlights (Travis Bell, Principal Acalanes High School)
April 17, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 1,2 & 6	Celebration of Membership and Founders Day-WEAR A HAT! (Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley)
May 15, 2019 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	P A R T Y ! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

Charlene McPherson and **Jeanette Fitch** will still collect donations to fill backpacks for VESTIA at our January meeting. January will be the last donation opportunity for our generous members before they fill and deliver the backpacks to VESTIA. Charlene and Jeanette, if you need any assistance with the stuffing, we have lots of willing helpers. Just ask!

We still need the following:

- ▶ **erasers**
- ▶ **sharpeners**
- ▶ **colored pencil sets**
- ▶ **crayons**
- ▶ **scissors**
- ▶ **rulers**
- ▶ **binders and binder paper**
- ▶ **pencil boxes and zipper pouches**



Thanks for your wonderful service and hearts for others, Zeta Zeta. Some young child will be so happy to have a backpack and supplies to take to their new class.

In Memory of Isabelle Zamanian



Written with love by friend, Barbara Bornet Stumph



Isabelle and I met in 2001 when I moved from Pittsburg High School teaching to work in the Bilingual Department of Mt.Diablo Unified School District. Isabelle was one of two dozen teachers that I met, but we taught in different schools. We became pals later on because neither of us understood how to use the new computer program required in our work, as Itinerant Teachers. She and I traveled from school to school helping principals and teachers comply with State guidelines for Bilingual Education. During that period, Isabelle and I sat in the Media Center watching the computer screen jump around... filled with panic, giggles, and, finally, satisfaction, as the new program gradually yielded its mysteries to us. "I couldn't do it without you," she would say. I answered, "I'm learning too! We have to help each other."

We both retired in 2005. Isabelle and Jamie invited me to go to the International House in U.C. Berkeley for Chinese New Year dinners; we attended the Messiah several times and went to San Francisco with our teacher friends. We were enchanted to hear Teacher Irene Wong's advanced guitar concerts at Diablo Valley College every December. We had a regular Ladies Lunch Out with Jane, Hueyli, Celia, and Irene from our teacher days. She invited me to attend Jamie's and her sixtieth Wedding Anniversary where family friends sang while her beloved sons hosted. Isabelle was very proud of her Persian, Principal husband, Jamie, sons, Glen and Claude, grandsons, and artistic niece, Melody. We went to Melody's art show together. We actually helped each other retire, which is not always easy.

I invited Isabelle to join Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), a sorority for Outstanding Educators like Kit King, Carol Rowley, and Diana Sawin, Presidents, Karen Yee, Terry Magnin, and so many others. (*Sun Terrace Elementary teachers came to her memorial to honor her.*) Isabelle and I shared the drive to DKG. We joined other teachers in accepting a red rose for new members. (*At Isabelle's memorial, each of us placed a stunning red rose on her grave. I thought of our Zeta Zeta sisters.*). Isabelle joined in DKG service projects and awarding scholarships to student teachers. Also, Isabelle invited me to join Orinda Gardening Club. We helped each other learn to retire.

When President, Roseann Krane, of DKG asked, "Will you teach beginner English to adult, Chinese immigrants at the Alamo Senior Center?" Once again, our dear Isabelle lent me courage and companionship. She was experienced in elementary ESL. I had taught mostly high school. Between the two of us, we had a blast teaching a complaint letter and telephone call language lessons to one Chinese couple in our class: they had had a plumber who had over-charged them. Isabelle knew how to get workers to be fair since she was a real estate agent and had managed her family's assets.

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Isabelle was an internationally minded person who majored in French, but learned Italian as a child, Farsi with her husband, Jamie; and she learned Spanish in recent years. Two of her close Mexican worker friends came to her service. People traveled by air to attend. There were at least sixty people at her memorial, including a table of ten teachers, which I really appreciated.

Her memorial speakers emphasized how serious Isabelle was about giving service to others, her sweetness, easy going nature, and character. I appreciated her honesty and ability to be loyal to her many friends.

Lastly, Roseann asked me to lead singing at DKG sorority to comply with a DKG arts component, of course--you guessed it--so I invited Isabelle to join me. We sang in the car all the way to our meetings. One of Isabelle's favorite songs was, "Yellow Bird." Our music seemed to cheer Isabelle after her stroke. Isabelle spoke Spanish, so she loved this Latin sounding song.

At her service, I said, "This one is for you, Isabelle...." Then we, teachers, sang as Jamie had asked me to. It was a sweet way to offer a tribute without making me cry.



Barbara Stumph in the middle with two friends at Isabelle's service. Nice tribute, Barbara. ❤️

Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

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

1. 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.



Camp Fire Victims

At our last meeting we had a committee of three Zeta Zeta members (**Cyndi Koby, Diana Sawin, and Christina Clemens**) volunteer to investigate how we can help the victims of the Camp Fire in the Chico area. As you know the town of Paradise was burned to the ground. Christina is the committee chair, and she suggests going to the following link...She wrote the following: "I have a link for a family friend of a friend of mine. The family and two young children lost their home. Could this be a potential family we donate to as a chapter?" Anyone know of another way we could help as a group? There was an extensive article in today's San Ramon Valley Times about some survivors of the Camp Fire.

www.gofundme.com/johnson-family-camp-fire-2018?fbclid=IwAR14-olo8yZdchjCu6FmiA-d5lssgngtKKDlo8yFrNMWKpktxhTryD5Oik

Christina will get more information about the family and what they specifically need. We will discuss this at the January meeting. If you are interested in a last minute deduction and the family probably needs help now. This is a **Go Fund Me** link.



TWO BUCKS A BOOK!



Are you an avid reader? Bring your favorite books to share! Only \$2 dollars to buy a book. Such a deal! A selection of books continues to be available for purchase on the back table. Do you have any questions? Contact **Carly Owens**.

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ANGEL GIFTS DELIVERED

Marilyn Steichen delivered our Angel gifts to **VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Service Team In Action)**. There were twenty-five gifts given to needy teens! Thanks Zeta Zeta for your generosity!

Donations of relevant material to our Professional Lending Library are welcomed. Share with us items of educational interest you have read and enjoyed. Be sure to check out the great additions **Charlene McPherson** has made to our Professional Lending Library.

NOVEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

