

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

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Events



Our last regular dinner meeting of Zeta Zeta will take place on Wednesday, **MAY 16TH** at Carol Rowley's house at 7524 Northland Ave., San Ramon 94583.

Come at 5:30. We will have a Mexican fiesta complete with margaritas and lots of Oles!

The price is \$35.00, which will need to be sent to **CAROL ROWLEY** (at the address above) by **Wednesday, May 9th**, so Carol knows how much food to order. (Denise is going to be gone, so please send it to Carol.)

The officers for the new biennium will be installed. **Our new officers are listed on page 8. Remember** to bring your snack packs for the homeless if you didn't bring them to April meeting. (pg. 5)



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.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Our March Zeta Zeta meeting was so much FUN! Most everyone arrived at Crow Canyon Country Club wearing hats in honor of DKG Founder's Day! The room was alive with laughter and great conversations as everyone admired the hat parade. It put everyone in a great mood and even the guards at the gate to the Club were smiling!

Isabelle Zamanian and **Barbara Stumph** led us in a Peter, Paul and Mary song to start off our meeting. **Diana Sawin** read a informational piece about the history of Founder's Day! We have certainly come a long way, but the journey is not finished yet. It is still important to stay active and alert to women's causes and educational concerns!

We were so happy to have initiated five new members to our Zeta Zeta Chapter. Congratulations to **Diane Drain, Rosanne Fissore, Jennifer Haynes, Gail Kamerer,** and **Cyndi Koby**. We are so pleased that you joined Zeta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Thank you to **Peggy Ebersole** and team for arranging the very meaningful ceremony of initiation.

Our next Zeta Zeta meeting is a Mexican Fiesta with food prepared by **Mexxi's** in San Ramon. The cost is \$35 and includes margaritas!!! The food is always delicious and it is a great way to celebrate Zeta Zeta sisters and all that we have accomplished over the year. We will also be swearing in the new officers for 2018 to 2020! Come and have a FUN evening with us at **Carol Rowley's home -7524 Northland Avenue,**

San Ramon 94583— phone 925 828-5527 Please send Carol a check for \$35 or let her know by phone ASAP that you want to come, so they can order the food and margarita machine. Meeting is 5:30 to ??? on Wednesday May 16th !!!!! The **deadline for reservations in May 9th!**

We want to THANK YOU for your tremendous support over these past six years as your Co-Presidents of Zeta Zeta Chapter! We have enjoyed being your leaders and had lots of fun, too! Everyone in Zeta Zeta is a leader and helps out whenever a need arises. We are such an active chapter that many hands make light work and we get to know each of you in a special way. Thanks to each of you for being such an important part of Zeta Zeta Chapter and DKG!

HAPPY SPRING! Take time to enjoy the beautiful hills and flowers in our valley and beyond!

We hope to see you at our May 16th CELEBRATION!



Carmen and Carol

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



DIANE DRAIN: Diane is an amazing educator who taught in Vallejo, before she came to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. She has taught grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 and is now retired. She is a real team player with great ideas.



JENNIFER HAYNES: Jennifer just moved here from Anchorage, Alaska where she taught 3 - 6th grades, and gifted and talented youth for 25 years. She has a BA in Theater Arts from Whitman College, and a Masters of Arts in Teaching K-8. She is fun to be around!



ROSEANN FISSORE: Rosann has taught K, 1, 2 and 3rd grades in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. She has a great sense of humor and is very child centered. She loved teaching, but is now retired.



GAIL KAMERER: Gail went to San Diego State and has taught for over 25 years in California (mostly 5th grade). She has been Education Chair of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, teaches at the One Room School House and has taught the Indian Life Program at the Museum. Gail is a Singing Messenger at local retirement homes. She always has a amusing story to tell, and has a great sense of humor.



CYNDI KOPY: Cyndi graduated from USC and was a mentor to new teachers getting their ECE Credential. Next she taught at Seven Hills School in Contra Costa County before being hired at Walt Disney School in San Ramon. She has taught grades K, 1, 2, and 3. She is retiring this June. She loves reading and active sports!



FOUNDER'S DAY & Initiation





CREATE A SNACK PACK FOR THE HOMELESS

Food insecurity is real, especially for our County's homeless population. Sometimes having a snack can help someone in crisis focus on the task ahead. **YOU CAN HELP!** Create a **SNACK PACK** with small, ready-to-eat items to help alleviate immediate hunger for homeless clients seeking assistance. **BRING IT TO EITHER THE NEXT MEETING OR THE LAST MEETING IN MAY!**

Fill a gallon Ziploc bag with any of the following new, unopened food items:

Bottled water
Juice
Canned tuna/meat
Granola/protein bar
Single serving fruit/vegetables
Single serving peanut butter
Cup O' Noodles
Trail mix/Nuts
Jerky
Crackers/Chips
Cookies
Pudding
Gum/mints
Spoon



*Please do not include perishable or non-food items. We also provide hygiene kits (socks, soap, toothpaste, etc) to homeless clients. To schedule drop off of donated **SNACK PACKS** or for more information on hygiene kits please call: 925-521-5060.

Thank you!



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!



Carly is always accepting used books from members to resell! Get ready for summer reading and bring and get a book! Such a deal: Only \$2 dollars a book! We make anywhere from \$40-\$50 per year on this endeavor. Any questions? Contact **Carly**

PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

Charlene McPherson

Check out a new addition to Zeta Zeta's Professional Lending Library: *How to Raise an Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims and recommended by **Rick Schmitt**, our speaker at the March meeting. The book is "a rallying cry for those who wish to ensure that the next generation can take charge of their own lives with competence and confidence. Read and find out how you can help.

MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who would enjoy Delta Kappa Gamma? Why not explain our group and all the fun we have doing good things for others, talking together, connecting with old friends, making new friends, while dining at lovely Crow Canyon Country Club. Bring them to our fiesta!

T.H.A.T. HOURS

Please remember to log all your THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) hours electronically. You only need to log the total # of hours you worked in the year. Diana Sawin will help you if you've never done it before. It's very simple to do!

Mary Anne Kolda

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

Please keep our backpack project in mind through the summer and 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. Backpack (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. Backpack (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)



ZETA ZETA OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020 BIENNIUM

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

CO-PRESIDENTS:

Kit King & Diana Sawin

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PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Carol Rowley



Zeta Zeta Tuition Grants - 2018-2019

Each year Zeta Zeta gives out TUITION GRANTS to educators of all ages and stages in their educational pursuits. If you or someone close to you are seeking to pursue a career in education or furthering your degree, please submit an application to **Joe Anne Doyle** by **May 15, 2018**. JoeAnne chairs the Scholarship Committee group.

***Attached (in a separate email) please find application forms.**



DKG-Zeta Zeta Committee Chair

Joe Anne Doyle

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PTA Advocacy Day for Education, April 20, 2018 Offered by Karen Yee

What a fabulous and enlightening day! Grateful I had completed my “homework assignment” of reading three articles on the Ed100 website prior to attending, so my brain was somewhat prepared for the high quality, in-depth discussions presented at this event.

The Panel Discussion: moderated by **John Fensterwald:** author/editor-at-large, EdSource.

Jeff Camp, Founder and Primary Writer of Ed100

Carol Kocivar, CA-PTA State Budget Advocate,

Debbie Look, Director of Legislation of CA-PTA, Senior Consultant, Assembly CA State Assembly Committee on Education

Johnathan Kaplan, CA Budget & Policy Center, Senior Policy Analyst

Funding Take-a-ways:

•**Local Control Funding Formula, LCFF:** 85% of the state’s education budget is given to school districts in what is called “**base grant.**” The other 15% is dispersed to districts as “supplemental funding” and “concentration funding” depending on the number/percent of students who are English Language Learning (ELL), in poverty and/or in foster care. “**Basic Fund districts**” often **complain about the size of their slice, but the whole pie is too small!**

★ **AB2808**, coauthored by Baker, Bonta, Allen, would amend the LCFF by adjusting for inflation and establish **new base funding rates for the 2019-20 school year.** (PTA supports)

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•**Pressures on Base Funding: Special Education sucks \$ from the base.**

★ Students who qualify for Ep Ed services have increased state-wide from 35% of the student population to 60% since 2004-5.

★ Also results in a growing need for Se Ed pre-schools.

★ Sp Ed is missing from current “dashboard” reporting; 2/3rd of districts “in trouble” are so because of their Sp Ed population. Inequity exists as school districts vary greatly on their \$ spent on Sp Ed.

Gov’s proposed budget includes extra \$100M to hire more Sp Ed teachers.

AB 3136 could set **higher funding targets for SELPA** (Special Education Local Plan Admin). (PTA supports)

•**Early Childhood programs are not part of the pie:** Only 10% of our population of “0-3 years” are in preschools. Only 70% of our eligible 4-yr-olds are in state preschools, Head Start, or transitional kindergartens. Longitudinal studies show a one-time bump of 2 more years (adding pre-school) can result in a 10% increase in student performance...high quality pre-school = K-12 strength.

•**Local Control Accountability Plan, LCAP:** With Local Control Funding, the state has relinquished its role in monitoring and placed it with parents and community. How effectively are our districts spending their funds? AB2878 could increase \$ for parent involvement LCAPs. (PTA supports)

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•By state constitution, 40% of our state revenue must be spent on education. CA has lots of income—**how do we increase the PIE?**

Political will = taxes!

- ★ Prop 55: amends prop 13 and re-assess corporate property taxes at current values and places a portion of the \$ into a special public schools account to be distributed according to ASAT. (PTA supports)
- ★ Amend estate tax.
- ★ Remove barriers on local governments raising \$ for local districts with strategies for **equitable distributions**.
- ★ Use a services tax, i.e. accountants, dentists, etc., with a regressive provision so low income residents pay less than the wealthy.
- ★ Use a state “repatriation” tax.

Presence of political will is strongest at the local level: the public needs to advocate for \$ for students state-wide and pressure legislators for long-range planning.

Legislators Panel Discussion: moderated by **John Fensterwald**

Assemblymember Catharine Baker, AD16

State Senator Steve Glazer, SD7 (not present)

Assemblymember Tim Grayson, AD14

Discussion Take-a-ways:

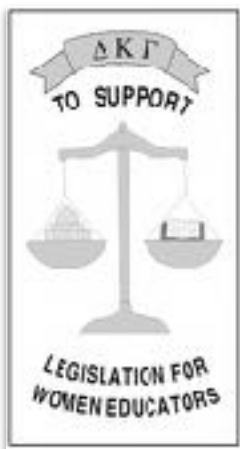
•CA School Board Assoc. estimates our current **K-12 education if underfunded \$24-42 B. Making the pie bigger is better than working for bigger slices. Our base funding is too low.**

•AB602, passed in 1997, assumed an equal distribution of Sp Ed student needs. Special Ed is not included in “categorical funding.”

•Teachers are not at fault for lack of funding, the legislature set the rates for CalPRS and Cal STRS. **The state must “modernize” the pension systems.** The “California Rule” may honor current teachers, but the state may move new hires to 401K’s

•Oklahoma has quietly implemented Transitional Kindergarten.

•McCardy’s **AB1754** attempted to provide pre-school for all 4-yr-olds, but **was vetoed** by Gov. Brown based on cost. State Senator Bill Dodd is pushing for universal preschool. Gubernatorial candidates align with universal pre-school, but new governor must be held to it. **CA-PTA has sponsored AB1754, SB837.**



**Follow Legislation PTA Supports:
AB2808; AB3136; AB2878; and AB1754, SB837**