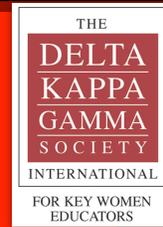


ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



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Key Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

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ZETA ZETA UPDATE

What a wonderful Zoom Meeting **Christina Clemens** and **Dawn Walton-Ary** conducted on Wednesday, October 21st. We had a great icebreaker where we all told what we missed the most during this SIP pandemic. **Diana Sawin** put together a word cloud using our answers.(pg 5)

One of the clever things that our new presidents did at the Zoom meeting was the hula hoop video, where we were encouraged to keep "hoopin' it" by getting involved with a committee. Be sure to sign up on one of the blank spots if you aren't on one of the committees yet, or if you want to be more involved. We all appreciated the time and energy our co-presidents put into the meeting - with all the powerpoint slides, video, and fun graphics. They are both innovative teachers for sure.

Our speaker, **Osi Juergens**, second year principal at Vista Grande Elementary School in Danville spoke about how they are handling COVID and distance learning. She was enthusiastic and creative, as she shared how she kept traditions going, and organized the parents in picking up work for their children via a "Drive through."

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“CHANGE FOR CHANGE”

Don't forget to continue to save coins for our “Change for Change” jar. It will be sent to Delta Kappa Gamma's Global Awareness (Schools for Africa) Fund. Thanks so much, Zeta Zeta. And thank you, **Georgia Moore**, for facilitating this collection.



THANKS!



Thank you, thank you, thank you...all who have sent in pictures. They are featured at the end of this newsletter. It is so great to see them and what you have been doing thus far during the pandemic. Please keep sending pictures to **Kit King** via email.)

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You are all wonderful examples of excellence!

We ended the evening by discussing ways to celebrate diversity and there was a brief mention of *Hands Across the Border* Fundraiser. Denise kept the attendance for the meeting. The list of attendees is below.

Present were: Brenda Aepli, Donna Bell, Jamie Beltran, Margaret Batesole, Stephanie Brown Myers, Christina Clemens, Carmen Curtis, Denise Dolan, Jeanette Fitch, Lola Ganse, Debbie Grilli, Pat Hansen, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, Roseann Krane, Patt Low, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Karen McGregor, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, Bobbie Mortensen, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, Marilyn Steichen, Dawn Walton-Ary, and Karen Yee.

We are Zooming again on **Wednesday, November 18th**. Our next meeting will have another interesting speaker, **Kathy Dillingham**, on “Opportunities for Students to Learn through Independent Study and the Philosophy of Venture School in SRVUSD. Kathy has been in Education for 33 years and has taught at all three levels. She is currently in her 14th year of teaching at Venture which is the Independent Study Program for the San Ramon Unified School District. Kathy is an avid reader and writer and loves to share her many special gifts and talents with her colleagues and her students. She has developed curriculum and implemented new programs to support her students at Venture from Kinder through grades twelve. We are looking forward to Kathy sharing with us what Venture School is all about and how it supports the students who choose to attend the Independent study Program. Her passion for teaching and her enthusiastic personality promises to create a very entertaining presentation. Won't you join us?

Happy Halloween!



PRESIDENTS' LETTER



We hope you are all enjoying the slightly cooler weather, clearer air, and sunny skies. Hopefully you've been able to get out for socially-distanced walks! We have both been busy bees trying to keep our students motivated, engaged, and emotionally cared for while also trying to care for ourselves. Let us know [What's Happening](#) in your world!

We are both still in awe of the amazing work that our guest speaker, **Osi Juergens**, is doing for Vista Grande Elementary School! We acknowledge how much hard work administrators are putting in to simulate a school experience for students, and we are so grateful to them. Osi is serving her community in an exceptional way as she follows in the footsteps of Vista Grande's former principal and Zeta Zeta member, **Pat Hansen**.

We want to recognize all of the women who have faithfully served on the various committees in Zeta Zeta to keep our chapter relevant, strong, and fruitful. We continue to build on what so many have already done to make our chapter an active and engaged organization. A special thanks to Charlene McPherson for opening her porch up for [2-Bucks-A-Book](#) and the [Professional Library](#). Please take a moment to [review committee vacancies](#) that are still available. A new committee to note is Diana Sawin's new Early Career Educator's committee focused on recruiting and supporting new educators. You can [read more about it here](#).

We are both willing to meet with any committee which would like some help thinking around ways to make your committee doable in a virtual setting. Don't hesitate to reach out. Also, **if you are a committee chair and have something you would like to share at our next meeting, please email either Dawn or Christina so we can put you on the Agenda.**

In our recent meeting, we enjoyed hearing the stories of members with Hispanic Heritage. Thank you Diana, Sue, Joannie, and Christina! We appreciate learning each other's stories and where we come from! At our next meeting, in honor of Native American Indian Heritage Month, we hope to hear more stories. If you have something you would like to share on the topic or have Native American Indian heritage, please let us know. We are looking forward to honoring those whose lands we now live on and care for.

Christina and Dawn

*"Every moment is an organizing opportunity. Every person is a potential activist.
Every minute, a chance to change the world." Dolores Huerta*



What are we asking?



-  Support our committees! Find a committee with a vacancy, and plug in. The more involved, the less hula-hooping everyone has to do!
-  Consider your strengths, expertise, and availability. What committee, that's relevant to the current climate, might you start or help to lead?
-  Don't underestimate the importance of a single committee. They each play a part in supporting our internal community as well as our external community.
-  Think outside the box! Be willing to help your committee brainstorm ways to make it work "in the time of COVID".

Membership Ideas

Idea #1
Join the committee described below!



Our Members are the Heart of Our Society and the Key to Our Future

Membership Committee

Supporting Early - Career Educators ...

Zeta Zeta members have a unique opportunity to support Early Career Educators such as:

- Non-member First – Third Year Teachers
- Student Teachers
- Collegiate Undergraduate and Graduate Students

You may know someone in one of these categories and would be willing to sign-up on the Early - Career Membership Committee. More than ever, First – third year teachers, and now Collegiate students are in need of our support.

Our first step will be a Zoom meeting to brainstorm a plan. If you love working with emerging educators and wish to share the gift of membership in **DKG**, this committee is for you. You can sign up at the bottom of the Committee Sign Up sheet - Christina and Dawn inserted a link for Signups in their letter on page 3.

ZOOM ICEBREAKER

QUESTION: What do you miss the most during these tough times?



Based on responses, Diana Sawin, put together this colorful word cloud. Good work, Diana.

Here's what Osi had to say after reading the appreciations you left for her:



Thank you very much!
 It was a pleasure being a part of your evening and sharing my experience with everyone.
 Please let all the ladies know I truly appreciate their compliments and support.
 Thank you again,

GRATEFUL



:) Osi
 Osi Juergens

Gift Cards



Angel Project:

The "Angel Project" has a different look this year. VESTIA (Volunteers Emergency Service Team In Action) is requesting \$50 gift cards instead of other kinds of gifts. If you'd like to participate this year in the project, please let Marilyn Steichen (mLsteich@comcast.net) know by **October 29th**. Many of you have already signed the list, but if not, you can email her. Then you can send her a check for the gift card or a gift card valued at \$50. Vestia has requested that the cards come from Target or Walmart.



Fire Relief OR Donors Choose:

Zeta Zeta members are so generous with time and money. One of the best parts of our chapter and society is the philanthropic nature of giving and helping others. During this pandemic, we will still be doing service projects...like buying gift cards for people who have lost their homes in recent fires. If you feel so led, get a \$25 or \$50 gift card from Amazon, Target, Safeway, or Walmart. Please send it or them to **Kit King**, and specify **Fire Relief OR Donors Choose**. Thank you **Terry Magnin** for sending in TWO gift cards. Kit will save them until we have the right place or person to send them. If you have a friend or family member who has a loss due to the fire, please let one of us know. OR if you know of a local teacher who has a Donors Choose list, let us know that as well.

DINNER PROGRAMS 2020-2021

REMINDER: Denise needs 8-day advance notice of your attendance!

DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
Nov. 18, 2020 (WED.) (ZOOM)	Goals 3, 6 & 7	Kathy Dillingham – Opportunities for Students to Learn through Independent Study, Philosophy of Venture School
January 20, 2021 (WED.)	Goals 3, 4 & 7	Lisa Ward – Maddy’s Program, What it is and educational opportunities available.
February 17, 2021 (WED.)	Goals	Tentative Teacher panel
March 17, 2021 (WED.)	Goals 1, 2 & 6	Founders Day – WEAR A HAT! Induction (Initiation) of New Members
April 21, 2021 (WED.)	Goals	TBD
May 19, 2021 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	P A R T Y ! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley’s!

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.



Joannie Wedell

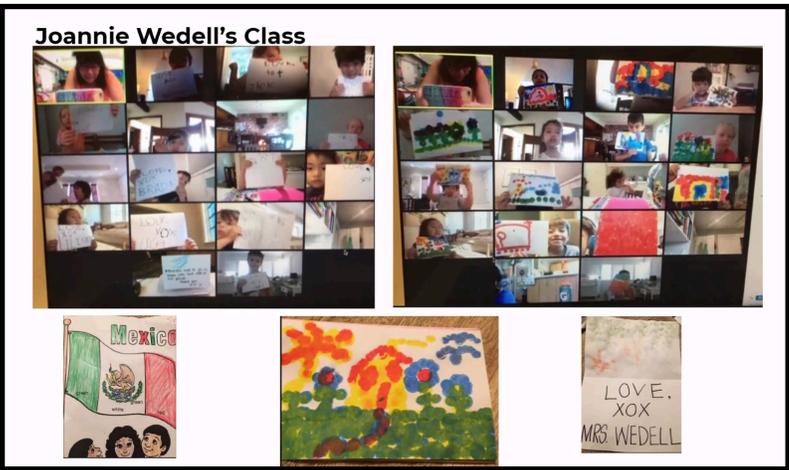


Joannie Wedell has been a member of our Zeta Zeta Chapter since 1985. She has taught in Lafayette School District for 40 years. She is currently teaching TK at Happy Valley Elementary. Joannie earned her BS in Child Development at UC Davis and then went on to Mills College to get her Elementary Teaching Credential. She has been involved in many community service activities: Adoption of the Bobcat at the Lindsey Museum, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, St Jude’s Hospital/Pediatric Brain Tumor Research, sponsored a child annually for the Taylor Family Foundation, and supports several non-profit organizations. She was selected for Lafayette’s Education Association’s WHO Award, served as Membership Chair for the Lafayette School District for over ten years, and just received a 40-year Service Award. She is the only teacher in her district that has been in the same classroom for all of her years of teaching!

Joannie is an outstanding teacher who loves to involve herself (and her class) in philanthropic endeavors. See below one such project! She also enjoys gardening, relaxing on the Delta where she and her husband, Stephen, have a cabin and boats. Joannie loves animals and has 2 cats and 2 birds for pets. (She used to have bunnies and fish.) She loves the sense of belonging to a group of women educators, and appreciates all of our many philanthropic projects. Get to know Joannie - she’s enthusiastic and fun to be around!

Hispanic Heritage Month

Shown are Zoom screenshots of her TK students studying Mexico in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The first picture is of her students writing a message to farm laborers and ranchers in Watsonville. The second is of her students using Bingo Blotters to create beautiful pictures. Displayed below the screenshots are cards and a sample close-up picture.



DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

VESTIA (V olunteer E mergency S ervices T eam I n A ction) welcomes our TBD replenishing of backpacks for their kids in need. **Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch** will attempt to fill every backpack with all the needed supplies. In addition, a small toy or book is much appreciated. This is a good time for sales. *Please store all your items at home, until asked to bring them in.* Thank you!



Continue to look for sales, as we will be doing this when we are able to meet again.

School Supply Shopping List

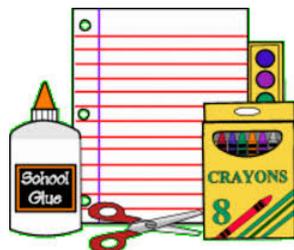
Please mark the outside of the backpack with masking tape and label it **K-3** or **4-6**.

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. 2 Glue Sticks
8. Ruler
9. Pencil Box
10. Three Ring Binder
11. Binder paper (wide ruled)
12. 1 folder
13. Book, new or lightly used
14. Small toy

Grades 4-8

1. Backpack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils, sharpener and eraser
3. Pens
4. 2 Highlighters
5. 1 box of colored pencils
6. Zipper pouch
7. 1 to 2 spiral notebooks – one subject
8. Three Ring Binder
9. Binder paper (college ruled)
10. Simple business calculator
11. 2 folders
12. 2 glue sticks
13. Ruler
14. Paperback books (2-6 gr, levels)



ZETA ZETA PHOTO ALBUM



Ann Schinske and husband Neal...at an Air B&B in Tahoe with younger daughter-Britta, older daughter-Jill, (grandkids, Trent and Izzie) for our *50th Anniversary*. Britta quarantined with us and Jill's family is mostly home. Her son, Jeff, and his family wasn't comfortable coming and Dave (Jill's husband) worked. (Ann is having foot surgery on October 26th. She will be unable to put any weight on it for 6 weeks. Yikes!)



Donna Bell: Has been doing drive through birthday greetings (pictured here at granddaughter JoElla on her birthday). She loves her walks with her son, Wesley, and his dog.



Stephanie Brown-Myers is spending her time quilting. To the right is her COVID quilt that is unfinished, as is the virus. To the left side is a sideways view of her sprinkler valve cabinet in her backyard. But some days I just read a book.



...more Photos

Gail Kamerer with a friend's daughter's rabbit...cool picture, huh?

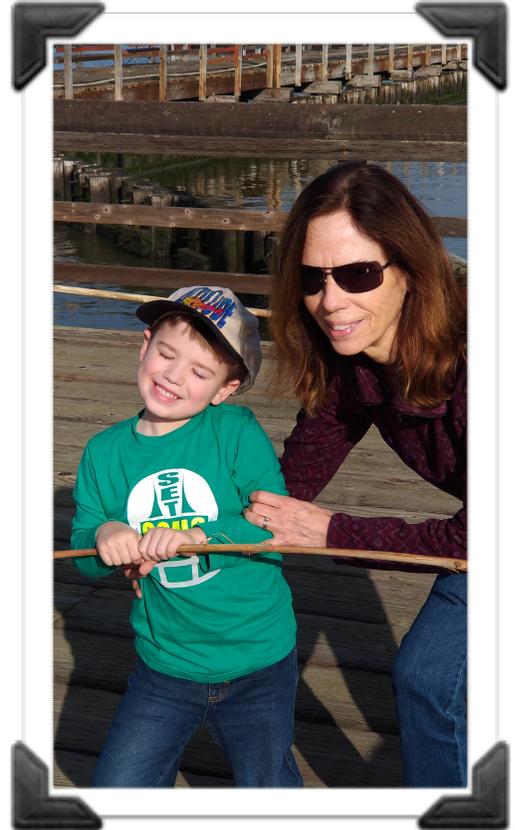


Here's a picture of Gail Faber from about 6 months ago with her cat, Clara Francis.

The second photo was taken last week at Henry's Lake in Idaho by her son, Matt. Henry's lake was a spot her family used to visit in the 30's and 40's. Gail says that the carving you see on this tree is a carving she did herself, back in the 40's. The "GM" stands for Gail Morine, Morine being Gail's maiden name.



Debbie Grilli: Walking at the marina in Martinez is something I like to do. And, it is even better with my grandson, Bobby.



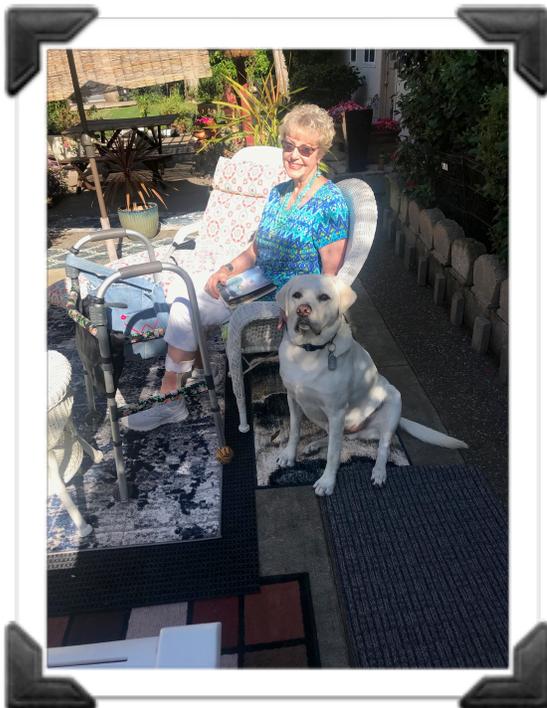
Still more photos...

Joannie Wedell : I've been going to the houses on TK birthdays to surprise both the family and the TKer with a song, dance, pom-pom cheer, loud whistle, stop sign, symbols clanging and more! Of course I leave a birthday present and giant birthday badge with each TKer before I leave. I traditionally have my class pose in a giant 5 for turning 5 years old. My little 4 and 5 year olds are doing pretty darn good on Zoom considering. I am total by ly ridiculous, but that is my job to bring birthday cheer during these very different times of Distance Learning on Zoom. So this is what appeared my door today...



Liz O'Brien: Below's a picture of me with our new baby granddaughter, Campbell Elizabeth Wilson, who was born on July 4th! We have so enjoyed spending time with our 5 grandkids during this pandemic. I also have spent more time with my sisters who all live in California.

Other than that, walking every day with my husband, cooking/baking/reading and getting together with our close neighbors have been the highlights of the last seven months.

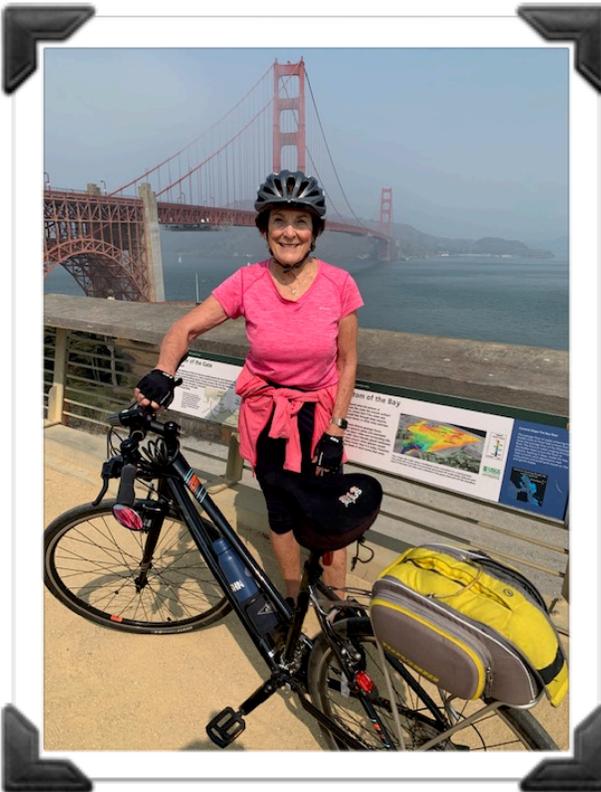


Kit King: I enjoy sitting out in my backyard with a good book and reading. Of course, our dog, Tucker, keeps me company hoping I will throw the ball for him.





Diana Sawin: Special time with granddaughters!
Spending time with family from Washington Sunday
October 11, 2020.



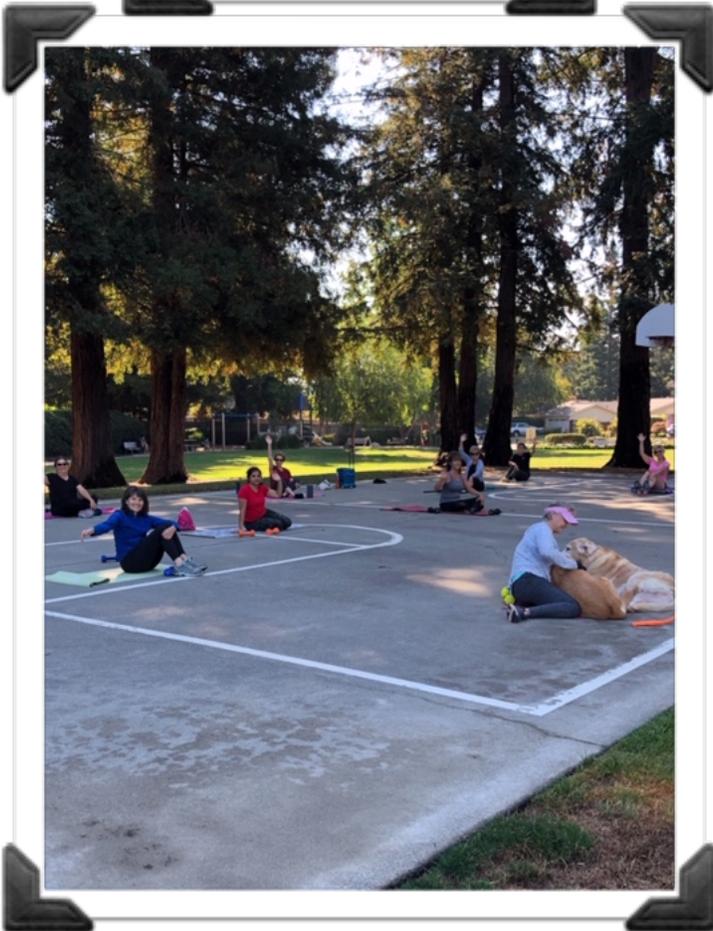
Jeanette Fitch: This photo was taken on her
birthday this year.



Sue Robinson in self-isolation:
reading with her dog.

Margaret Batesole:

Daughter Nicole sent my bday Zumba shirt last month. I feel like 'a one man show!' Yikes. But I do follow your directions. In the second picture I'm trying to find the 'Holiday Spirit' with outside safe distancing with friends. 🧛🍂🍂



We meet at South Park in Danville 5 days a week at 8:30 for cardio dance and weight training wither Leslie. It is FREE - we do a donation collection each month Call me for details if you are interested?

Margaret