

Delta Kappa Gamma

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

Zeta Zeta Chapter

November 18, 2008

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek

1. Call to Order, 6:00 PM, Kit King, President
2. Initiations: Carmen Curtis read the biographies for tonight's initiates, Elaine Penning and Peggy Ebersole. Carmen also read the biographies of Paula Tye and Pat Low who were initiated in September. Roseann Krane went over the DKG goals and responsibilities and the meaning of the symbols. Elaine and Peggy received a rose as a symbol of Delta Kappa Gamma and a pin.
3. Inspiration: Ozma Ferren read a poem for the Thanksgiving Holiday and led us in singing "Over The River And Through The Woods".
4. Introduction of Guests: Guests included Nancy White, Principal at Golden View School in San Ramon Valley USD, Linda Walonen and Diane VanTaffle from Bay Books in San Ramon.
5. Attendance for tonight was 36, as reported by Denise Dolan. Denise also announced that **our next meeting** will take place on **January 7, a Wednesday, at Scott's in Walnut Creek**. Please note that Denise will be out of town in January and asked us to remember to send our dinner **reservations to Bobbie Mortensen**.
6. Treasurer's report: Sue Robinson
 - Total in account: \$114,848.17
 - CD's: \$104,724.87 and \$3,266.35
 - Checking: \$ 6,357.50
 - Scholarship Fund: \$ 500.45
7. Finance, Pam Debernardi reported that the \$100,000.00 CD was moved to get a better rate and \$6,357.50 is now in the checking account. Sydney Allison reported that our treasurer was using Quicken, which was too slow to get the job done. Sydney's husband was able to get a laptop and added a more up to date program. Sydney made a motion that we donate \$50.00 to the San Ramon Senior Center, which provided the laptop. The move was approved.
8. Communications: Pam Debernardi passed out birthday cards for members whose birthdays are in November. Pam also read thank you notes from our scholarship recipients.
9. World Fellowships: Donna Bell collected change for World Fellowships.

10. Program of Work:

- Adopt an Angel: Marilyn Steichen described the holiday project benefiting teenage foster children. Purchase one gift for \$35.00 and deliver by December 1st. to Marilyn or Pam Debernardi. Please call Marilyn if you wish to participate and she will assign you a teen.
- Kit King announced that Shepherds Gate needs supplies. Please bring any supplies to our next meeting and Kit will deliver them.
- Christmas is for Everyone: Backpacks were stuffed on November first by a large group at Sydney Allison's home. The work was completed in record time because so many showed up to help. Sydney handed out a list of items needed for the next backpack project and asked that only those items on the list be donated because we already have plenty of everything else.
- Buck a Book: Many books were available tonight. Please keep the selection fresh by bringing books you've enjoyed to the next meeting.
- T.H.A.T: Marilyn Steichen collected record sheets of hours spent helping another teacher. These records are collected each November and May. If you didn't turn yours in, please send it to Judy Simkin.
- Professional Affairs: Jeanne Gelwicks asked us to let our legislators know that we are keeping an eye on the budget and what's happening. Adopt a Legislator Program. We'll need to turn in our selection from our district. We are in Assembly Districts 7 and 15. Zeta Zeta newsletter will have news about this process. Continue to keep an eye on GPO (Government Pension Offset) and WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) and hope incoming legislators will act as needed.
- Hospitality: Tonight, each place setting included a festive seasonal box filled with chocolate kisses.

11. Roseann Krane distributed Zeta Zeta Chapter Directories and noted that at the back of the booklet Marilyn Thelen and Elva Valli's pictures were mixed up.

12. Kit announced that the Bylaws are out of date and asked for volunteers to review them with her.

13. Tonight's Program: Gail Costello introduced Linda Walonen and Diane VanTaffle from Bay Books in San Ramon. They led us through a Quiz of 11 questions. Each question went with one of 11 books listed below the questions. We were to try to match the questions to the correct books. Linda gave a brief review of each book. She routinely makes recommendations to book groups, selecting books that promote discussion.

14. Raffle

15. Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 5:30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by
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November 24, 2008