



ZETA ZETA NEWS

Mission Statement: To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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CHI STATE, AREA III



Roseann Krane:

Outgoing Co-President and educator extraordinaire! We thank you, Roseann, for the many hours you devoted to our chapter...in smoothly running the meetings and business of Zeta, Zeta, publishing the newsletter, directory (yearbook), and being our #1 friendly webmaster!

You are awesome!

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Teachers Helping Another Teacher Program was created to promote Chi State's visibility by providing support for teachers. Please record and save any and all hours that you spend helping an individual teacher, a particular school, a school district, or teachers in a community, professional development field, or at the college level. We will turn them in throughout the year.

OUR MAY MEETING

Thanks go to our 2007-2008 board members, (and especially Loretta Wilhelmsen who was the Co-President with Roseann) who kept our chapter strong. In each newsletter we will have a different member featured or thanked. At our last meeting of the 2008 school year, we broke into working committees. The minutes can be found on Zeta Zeta's website. <www.dkg-zetazeta.org> You can find out information about available scholarships, awards, reports, and forms on both the Chi State website <www.chistate.org> and Delta Kappa Gamma

International. <www.deltakappagamma.net> Thank you for each taking part and being actively involved with our chapter. What a great group of women educators. Mark your calendars for next year's meetings. They are:

Tues., Sept. 2 Mudds
 Sat., Oct. 18 Area III, CCCC
 Tues., Nov. 18, Scotts
 Wed., Jan. 7, Scotts
 Tues., Feb. 17*, Scotts *Magnet typo
 Mon., March 16, Scotts
 Tues., April 21, Scotts
 Tues., May 19 Mudds

Purposes

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. (CONTINUED...)

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.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT



Chi State Learning Is For Everyone (LIFE) Foundation supports special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California. They awarded \$500

toward the *Pay It Forward Literacy Program* that my sister, Donna Bell, and I implement at Shepherd's Gate in Livermore (a shelter for abused and homeless women and their children). To have our chapter be more involved with the program, a list of things needed at the shelter will be made available to our members.

The goals for our chapter for 2008-2010 are to get everyone involved, recruit new members (especially those who are still

actively teaching), and to have fun while working together.

In order to raise money for LIFE scholarships, chapter members and friends are asked to use www.GoodSearch.com, a Yahoo Powered search engine that donates about a penny per search to the charity that the user designates. Also, please use www.GoodShop.com if you are an online shopper at Nordstrom's, Wal-Mart, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and/or Barnes & Nobel. Each time you use one of these two sites and enter The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation as the charity you want to support, LIFE Foundation will earn money. Easy to do and for a great cause!

I'm looking forward to an interesting year filled with projects that provide services to others while enjoying fellowship with fellow sisters.

We will continue our projects that are in place such as backpacks for needy children, Adopt an Angel Holiday Project for Teenagers, Buck-a-Book and raffle fundraiser, AND add a few new ones. We will be discussing what other ways we can make a difference, and ways that we can fulfill the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. For a synopsis of information gleaned from the surveys you filled out, **READ THE SURVEY FOLLOWING THIS NEWSLETTER.** You can see why we have such a insightful group! **Parity results on the next page...**

Kit



Do you know who read her poetry along with her oldest grand-daughter at Cal State East Bay in May?

(Answer given on next page.)

More News and Notes

DUES: If you mail in your dues of sixty-five dollars (\$65) before the September meeting, you will receive 6 raffle tickets. We will have a extra raffle items to be drawn at the September 2nd meeting that you will may win. The following members need to bring a raffle prize that costs between \$8 and \$15 for the drawing: **Jackie Adams, Sydney Allison, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Carmen Burks, Ann Carter, Chris Cleveland, Gail Costello, Joan Cunnings, and Carmen Curtis.** Thank you! There will be extra items supplied by Board members. (How about some homemade cookies, a basket of decorator items, tickets to the movies?) If you pay before July 1, send it to Sydney Allison; after July 1, send it to our new Treasurer, Sue Robinson.

The September dinner at Mudds will cost \$32.00, so you can send your dues at the same time to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507. She asks that you write TWO separate checks, so that she can give the dues to the treasurer. The choices are either roasted chicken breast or flat iron steak. Dessert will be a chocolate molten cake. Yummy! Loretta will be passing the pin penalty box. NO PIN = 50 CENTS.

Pictures below are L t R: New Executive Board, Kit and Roseann, Diana Sawin, Area III Director at Chi State Convention President's Training meeting.



CHAPTER PARITY RESULTS

Tabulated results from the surveys turned in thus far reveal the following about our chapter:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

63 % retired, 37% active educators

DEGREES EARNED:

55% Bachelors, 32% Masters, 13% Post-Masters or Specialists Degrees

YEARS IN THE SOCIETY: (Zeta Zeta

Chapter was chartered in 1961 47 years in Oct. 39% 3 to 5 years, 32% 6 - 15 years, 16% 20 - 30 years, and 13 % 30 years or more.

AGES OF MEMBERS:

12% under 55, 88% over 55.

ETHNIC/CULTURAL BACKGROUND:

95 % Caucasian, 5% Other ethnic group.

YEARS IN EDUCATION: 9% 10 years

6% 11-20 years, 31% 21-30 years, and 60% over 30 years in education.

18% were or are administrators, 70% were or are are classroom teachers, and 21% were or are specialists, librarians, or worked in another capacity.

82% of our members work(ed) in the elementary grades, while 18% were or are now at the middle school, secondary, college, adult or college level. Over 95 % worked in the Public Schools, while 8% were in the Private Sector, or both.

We will be discussing how these results impact our chapter in terms of growth, programs, projects, and future recruitment.

The answer to question on page 2 is our own Barbara Stumph. Kudos!

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
**Promoting professional and personal growth for members and
excellence in education.**
ZETA ZETA CHAPTER SURVEY, Spring 2008

1.What do you like best about Delta Kappa Gamma?

Congeniality of members, networking, collegial networking and professional support, camaraderie with friends, meeting new people, the interaction and support of our members and their commitment to quality education, giving back to the profession, lively discussions, monthly meetings, community projects, tuition grants, seeing active adults doing worthwhile work, guest speakers, good food, fellowship, service projects, talking to fellow educators, wide range of experiences of our members, many wonderful ladies, friendship of women from around the world, Scotts restaurant as a venue, backpack project, Christmas Angels, helping others, wide variety of programs and projects, friendship, service, opportunity to grow professionally and personally, enthusiasm, good company and good food without having to make dinner, relaxed, informative, interesting dinner meetings in nice settings, and being kept abreast of current educational practices and legislature

2.What do you think we could do to make our chapter stronger?

Many thought that we are already strong. Other suggestions were to sponsor interest groups, continue to attract new members, recruit some younger members, have mixers or ways to get acquainted with those members who we don't know from other districts, encourage more participation – especially of the many retired members, recruit and invite guests, add to our membership, more regular attendance, assertive membership outreach, invite more active teachers, prize for bringing a guest, reaching out to Martinez members by having venue there, having more diverse activities, and set up a buddy system or apprenticeship for new members who are mentored or buddied up with their sponsors or another member, partner up within membership to motivate participation

3.How can we appeal to younger working educators and encourage them to join?

Adopt a local school and bake them cookies, invite them, fashion shows and other programs that appeal to a younger educator, each member sponsor a young teacher for membership, spread the word, talk it up, follow up Tuition Grant recipients, keep partnering with colleagues in other schools,

have interesting speakers and activities that are valued and meaningful, fun, and pertinent, offer mini grants for specific classroom or school-wide projects, more publicity, include teaching tips at meetings, survey working teachers, advertise on and publish more about our website, be more visible, provide childcare, not expect young mothers to hold office or give time consuming jobs unless they volunteer, reach out to educators with high school age children instead of young mothers who are too busy, use our most important resource: experienced teachers - encourage young teachers to discuss classroom problems, curriculum, etc. with more experienced teachers...have a meeting dedicated to discussion groups or teacher exchange

4. What are some ways that we could “Go Green” to protect the environment and make DKG noticed?

Carpool!!! Email as much as possible to eliminate paper, Chi State Bag, store bags, etc. to replace plastic bags, recycle clothes: Davis Street Shelter or Shepherd’s Gate Shelter for women who are returning to work, e-waste to benefit local school such as Cal High or others, collect cell phones and cartridges to recycle, hazardous waste collection of batteries, etc., contribute in some way to recycle efforts in schools, investigate other ways to help such as solar for our homes, include tips in the monthly newsletters, invite Valerie Boer to speak, meet with another chapter, fewer handouts to save the trees, make own shopping bags with Delta Kappa Gamma logo, and invite speakers (perhaps high school or college students who are involved with ecology/environmental projects) to give us suggestions, sponsor a “green” program/project, or sponsor a “green” contest at local schools and then help with \$ or volunteers

5. What are your ideas for interesting, informative programs?

FASHION SHOW – very popular

BAY BOOKS (Speaker and book sales...this is highly suggested.

It’s close, too!)

CULINARY:

Field Trip to SF Culinary Academy

Speaker from local Culinary shops, etc., ie: Danville, WC

ALPHA QUINCY – BETA NU - tracing your roots = Genealogy

CYNTHIA CHIN LEE dual chapter event...maybe in April

IMOVIE – POWERPOINT PRODUCTION of year in review

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

CRISIS CENTER SPEAKER – community issues

GO GREEN IDEAS – SOLAR FOR OUR HOUSES OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER
SELF-IMPROVEMENT TOPICS
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
JARED BOX MAKING FOR ONE MEETING OR OTHER PROJECT TO HELP NEEDY CHILDREN
NCLB PROGRAM SPEAKER
MUSEUM OF SAN RAMON VALLEY SPEAKER
ALEXANDER LINDSAY MUSEUM SPEAKER
CARMEN CURTIS ON BEATRIX POTTER OR SAVE FOR WOMEN AND THE ARTS
INTERIOR DESIGN OR DECORATOR SPEAKR
AUTHOR SPEAKER
ARTS – WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION
LITERACY PROJECTS (COUNTY, STATE, LOCAL)
BEST PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY CHAPTER MEMBERS – sharing strengths of own chapter members
TRAVEL TIPS
GARDENING/LANDSCAPE IDEAS
REVIEW GOOD NOVELS,
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE RELATED TO EDUCATION AND RETIREMENT
BTSA
MEDICAL UPDATES (INFO KEEPS CHANGING)
MULTIPLE WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY, BALANCING WORK AND HEALTH
MUSIC APPRECIATION, LITERATURE, OR THE ARTS
WHAT’S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY
“ROSIE, THE RIVETER” – NAT’L MONUMENT IN RICHMOND – HAS GREAT POWERPOINT/SLIDE PRESENTATION
TECHNOLOGY TIPS OR WORKSHOP

6. Do you have any passions or ideas for service projects that we are currently NOT doing?

Children’s Hospital Teen Challenge, Jared boxes for children in hospital, sponsor children in Third World country, loved ladies from Fairfield in Katrina Relief program, book donations or other needy items for Shepherd’s Gate, get involved with literacy program at county level, tutoring/reading at schools with large population of high risk students, collect the hundreds of

excellent textbooks, etc. that are thrown away at local schools or districts, and distribute them to needy schools and/or students.

7. Women and the Arts: Do you have or know of any of our chapter members who have artistic skills or hobbies that we might not know about?

Jewelry: Roseann Krane, Guitar: Ozma Ferren, Music: Bobbie Mortensen, Painting: Barbara Stumph, Quilting: Sydney Allison and Stephanie Brown-Myers, Vocal: Sue Roberson, Scrapbooking: Kathy Swanson, Authors: Gail Faber and Michelle Lasagna, Paper Cutting: Carmen Curtis, Knitting: Pam DeBernardi...and probably many others!

GENERAL COMMENTS: Enjoyed AAUW partnering, and prefer Scotts as Mudds is too noisy and too far for Martinez women, also suggested meeting over in that area sometime. Young teachers are very busy and involved with their children and activities. Calendar magnets are a great help. Comments were positive, like “This is a good strong chapter.” “I like belonging to our Zeta Zeta Chapter. The dinner meetings are enjoyable and we usually have interesting guest speakers.”