

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education.

Zeta Zeta Chapter

January 16, 2007

Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS** – Roseann Krane
 - a. Roseann called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
 - b. The three new members of Zeta Zeta Chapter were introduced: Present were Georgia Moore, Valerie Kellner, and the third new member - Ann Shinske was absent.
 - c. Barbara Stumph and Isabelle Zamanian led the singing of “*Oh! What a Beautiful Morning*” from the Broadway Musical, “*Oklahoma!*” and then Isabelle read a poem – “*New Years Are a Chance for a Beginning*”. Barbara told the membership about a couple of art exhibits that are showing in San Francisco.
- II. **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as presented.
- III. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Sydney Allison
 - a. There is a total of \$119,306.41 in various accounts and CDs. The checking account has a balance of \$1810.08.
- IV. **DELTA KAPPA GAMMA BUSINESS**
 - a. No report available
- V. **CHAPTER BUSINESS**
 - a. If you are interested in scholarship information e-mail Ann Carter.
 - b. Bobbie Mortensen has a new e-mail address: bjcantillo@sbcglobal.net
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAPTER UPDATES**
 - a. Backpacks – Sue Robinson
The project needs more backpacks so if you see a “bargain” buy. A list of supplies for the backpacks will be e-mailed to members. Sue thanked the members for the supplies and backpacks that had been supplied to date.
 - b. Birthday Recognition – Barbara Stumph
Members with January birthdays were wished “Happy Birthday”
Carmen Curtis thanked Barbara for the beautiful handmade card that she had received.
 - c. Buck-a-Book – Teddi Kennelly and Joyanne Kennedy
Teddi encouraged members to buy books and to recommend any particularly interesting books that they have read.
 - d. Fine Arts – Barbara Stumph and Isabelle Zamanian
Presentation was done at the beginning of the meeting. See I. c above
 - e. Legislative – Jeanne Gelwicks
Asked members to list their representatives and senators.

- f. Membership – Lola Ganse
Lola reported that we have 3 new members, but at the same time encouraged members to invite others to become members.
- g. Nominating/Initiation/Ceremonies – Joe Anne Doyle and Carmen Curtis
No report
- h. Raffle – Bobbie Mortensen
At least 10 members won raffle prizes.
- i. Program News – Diana Sawin and Kit King
Program has a new committee to help plan programs. They are: Kit King, Carol Rowley, Donna Bell, Georgia Moore, Valerie Kellner, and as a consultant – Joan Cunnings
- j. Web Site – Ruby Tellesworth and Sue Smith
Both Ruby and Sue are taking a class to learn more about Web sites.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Diana Sawin introduced the speaker for the evening program. She is Martha Zaragoza-Diaz. Martha is the founder of Zaragoza-Diaz and Associates, a government relations and public policy consulting firm in Sacramento, CA. The firm provides advocacy and issue management services. Martha is a registered lobbyist with the State of California.

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, her clients include the California Council on Teacher Education, and the California Association of Teachers of English.

Some of the highlights from Martha's presentation are:

An overview of the Governor's 2007-2008 Budget Proposal

Health care reform

Pay down Economic Recovery Bonds

Additional infrastructure bonds

Balanced budget

No operating deficit

Fully funding Prop 98 of \$56.8 – however concerns have been expressed concerning the shifting of funds

STRS Changes

Martha presented a sample letter to members, encouraging them to write to the Governor urging him not reduce the state's contribution to the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account.

Respectfully submitted by:

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