

## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA - Zeta Zeta Chapter

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

February. 22 2011, Minutes

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek, CA

- I. Call to order: 6:45 PM, Stephanie Brown Myers presiding
- II. Inspiration/ICE BREAKER: How many institutions of higher learning have you attended? The count rose to 10 as the highest number of institutions attended.
- III. Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Lois Sherwood introduced Liz Groelle a former Chapter President and Area Director in Eldorado County, and Marilyn Reid who will be the new Area III Director. Ann Shinske introduced Cathy Dodd a Kindergarten teacher. Lynne Heyne introduced Lynn McLaughlin who was with a group from Pleasant Hill AAUW. Jeanne Gelwicks introduced Emily Ehm who taught English in Illinois. Stephanie Brown Myers introduced Olithia O'Toole, our current Area III Director.
- IV. Attendance/Registration – Bobbie Mortensen reported tonight's attendance at 54 members and guests.
- V. Approval of Minutes - Linda Swatek presented the minutes for the January 18, 2011 meeting which were reviewed and approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Sue Robinson reviewed our current accounts and totals. The balance sheet is attached at the end of these minutes.
- VII. President's Report: Stephanie Brown Myers introduced Olithia O'Toole who reported on a DKG project with schools in Africa, these schools no longer qualify for UNICEF help. If we give a donation as small as \$10.00 it helps to provide supplies. Stephanie stated that we would consider if we can contribute from our chapter fund. Stephanie asked if someone had attended the Leadership North Meeting. If you have information regarding that meeting please contact Stephanie.  
Chi State convention information: Diana Sawin announced that the convention this year will be held in Sacramento April 29 – May 1 at the Hyatt Regency across from the capitol. Diana encouraged everyone to attend because it is a lot of fun and very informative. For more information and a registration form see the Chi State News for Winter 2011.
- VIII. Committee Reports:

## SOCIETY BUSINESS COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP: Jeanne Gelwicks placed brochures on each table from International explaining the purposes of DKG. If you know someone who is interested in DKG Zeta Zeta share a brochure and let Gail Costello or Joe Anne Doyle know.

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

COMMUNICATIONS: Jeanne Gelwicks announced the Email addresses that are available for DKG: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) or [www.chistateca.org](http://www.chistateca.org)

WORLD FELLOWSHIPS: Georgia Moore circulated the spare change jar for the support of World Fellowships.

## PROGRAM OF WORK:

PERSONAL GROWTH AND SERVICE: Anne Schinske

Backpacks: Pam DeBernardi & Diana Sawin announced the need for more backpacks, please bring them to a meeting or deliver them to Pam DeBernardi. They are on sale at TJ Maxx, Target and other stores as well.

T.H.A.T Hours report – Valerie Kellner and Stephanie Brown Myers collected hours reports tonight. At the Convention in Sacramento DKG plans to present a check in the \$ amount equivalent to T.H.A.T. hours donated by our members to Tom Torlakson, California's Superintendent of Schools.

HOSPITALITY: Bobbie Mortensen provided a chocolate mint and valentine heart at each place setting tonight.

- IX AAUW business: Mary Mix and Marcia Steinhard, co presidents of AAUW presiding. Jacque Schubert, Education Foundation co-chair announced the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek AAUW Garden Tour to be held May 6 and 7 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Tickets are available for \$30.00 for Adults and \$25.00 for Seniors. Everyone is invited to attend.

## X New Business:

PROGRAMS: Karen Large of AAUW introduced tonight's speaker, Ma Tam who was awarded this year's AAUW Educational Fellowship. Ma Tam is in her third year at Bolt Law School at UC Berkeley. She has been a judicial extern for the Hon. Kimberly Mueller, US Magistrate Judge of the eastern district of California. Prior to that she worked as an assistant to Senator Sheila Kuehl.

In 1979, Ma's mother emigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam and Ma was born two months later. She went to public schools and was an undergrad at Berkeley. While at Berkeley she worked with incarcerated young boys and she became

concerned with social, economic and racial issues and social justice. The current economic recession has greatly impacted poor women and children and eroded their safety net. She gave several examples of programs that no longer exist. However, there are women throughout the state who are working to provide opportunities for economic improvement, to address environmental safety and other issues impacting this group. Ma stated that bringing women to the front line of policy making brings real change. Ma has worked with the Women's Foundation of California and Women's Policy Institute. She hopes her law degree will further enable her to serve the needs of those marginalized by poverty.

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XI Raffle - Debbie Grilli

XII Adjournment: 7:40PM Stephanie Brown Myers

Next meeting: Scott's Restaurant: March 28, 2011 @5:30

Respectfully submitted, Linda Swatek Co-Recording Secretary, February 24, 2011