

# Delta Kappa Gamma

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## Zeta Zeta Chapter

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March 16, 2009

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek

Prior to the regular meeting, Susan Peterson, DKG member and teacher from San Ramon Valley Unified School District, introduced School Board Member Rachel Hurd. Rachel described SRVUSD and the many programs it offers students. She emphasized several new and innovative programs teaching staff have worked hard to establish in the areas of reading, writing, science and technology. All of these programs are now at risk due to the state's and country's financial crises. Measure C will be on the ballot in April to propose a property tax extension. People can help by phoning, doing precinct walks, putting up yard signs giving donations and voting. You can find information at: [www.SRVProtectOurSchools.net](http://www.SRVProtectOurSchools.net)

- 1 Call to Order, 6:18 PM, Joe Anne Doyle presiding
- 2 Inspiration: Isabelle Zamanian read the poem 'Advice From a Tree' and Barbara Stumph led us in singing two songs 'Harrigans' and 'Irish Eyes are Smiling'.
- 3 Introduction of Guests: Donna Bell introduced Kathy Hayes who is visiting for the third time tonight. Joe Anne Doyle introduced Rachel Hurd, SRVUSD Board Member, and Dr. Bette Felton tonight's speaker.
- 4 Attendance: Denise Dolan reported that 29 people were in attendance tonight. Five were not able to come due to illness and other issues. Denise asked for discussion of where to hold the May meeting. Last fall we decided to have a Potluck Dinner at a member's home for the May meeting. Two people volunteered but now are unable to provide their homes at that time. Scott's can accommodate us if needed. It was approved that we would hold the May meeting at Scott's unless someone came forward to offer their home for a Potluck Dinner.
- 5 Minutes: The February minutes were approved, a copy is posted on our website.
- 6 Treasurer's Report: Sue Robinson gave the following report:

Total in accounts:	\$117, 270.84
CD'S:	\$104,723.87 and \$3,284.33
Checking Account:	\$2,834.12
Scholarship Fund:	\$6,428.52

- 7 Membership: Sydney Allison reported one completed membership application and Kathy Hayes will be installed in May. Everyone is encouraged to bring guests to our meetings.
- 8 Communications: Pam DeBernardi read a letter from member Carmen Curtis thanking DKG for granting her the Public Service Award last month.
- 9 World Fellowships: Donna Bell announced that the change box was being passed around this evening. She reported that we had collected \$66.00 last month. Donna suggested that we send our contributions on to National and that was approved.
- 10 Program of Work:
- \* Backpack Project: Sydney Allison reported that lots of Beanie Babies had been donated recently. Items will continue to be collected next month. We will be doing more backpacks later in April.
  - \* Shepherd's Gate Project: Joe Anne thanked everyone for the donations tonight and asked that we continue to bring donations.
  - Buck a Book: Valerie Kellner thanked everyone for bringing books tonight. Books will be available at each meeting for \$1.00 each. You can donate books you've enjoyed at the next meeting. Hardbound books are too heavy to carry from meeting to meeting and Valerie will donate them to the library.
  - Carol Rowley thanked donors of ink cartridges and cell phones for the LIFE Organization (Learning is for Everyone).
  - T.H.A.T: Stephanie Brown Myers reported for Judy Simkin that we must complete a form to report hours of service to teachers or other educational services. Stephanie passed out forms for recording hours and these will be collected again in April. It was reported that there are problems with the form on the website. Forms are also available from Kit, Judy or Stephanie.
- 11 Awards: Barbara Stumph was awarded the Chapter Service Award. Barbara was honored for her work with Chinese Elders, Chinese Brush Painting, an article on the Beijing Olympics and service to the profession. Check out Barbara's letter to her children about what it means to be an American on our website.
- 12 Professional Affairs/Research: Jeanne Gelwicks reported that Senator Diane Feinstein launched the Social Security Fairness Act as part of 'March as Women's History Month'. This act has to do with Social Security GPO (Government Prevention Offset) and WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision). There is now a lot of support for Senator Feinstein's measure. Please contact your representatives regarding Senate Bill 484 and House Bill 235. This Saturday, March 21, from 11:00 to 12:00 there will be a meeting at Iron Horse Middle School where personal experiences with WEP and GPO will be shared and ideas will be exchanged on how to elicit change.
- Jeanne also noted that Legislation Study in Sacramento is coming up and you must apply by April first. Scholarships are available from Chi State, contact Jeanne if you would like to go.

12. Raffle. Donna Bell, tonight we collected \$40.00.
- 13 This Evening's Program: Dr Bette Felton discussed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Bette served on the Nursing School Faculty at Cal State Concord Campus and her interest in lifelong learning and healthy aging led her to the Osher Institute. Bernard Osher is a philanthropist who wanted to develop access to lifelong learning and gave the seed money for developing institutes. Concord was one of the first 8 schools to be associated with OLLI, there are 122 sites in all. Volunteer teachers offer lectures and courses that explore areas of life that we might not have had the opportunity to explore. It is \$35.00 per year to join and you can preview the programs and lectures available at [Scholarollie.com](http://Scholarollie.com)

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 5:30 PM.  
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Respectfully submitted by  
Linda Swatek, Recording Secretary, March 17, 2009