



# ZETA ZETA NEWS

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

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*Loretta Wilhelmensen*

*We are honoring our esteemed past Co-President for her years of service to our organization. Loretta retired from teaching in 1995 after 27 years of service at Monte Vista High School in SRVUSD. She received the WHO Award from the SRV Education Association. Now we have the benefit of her sweet smile and calm disposition.*



For more information go to:  
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## ✕ T.H.A.T. ✕

*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. You will receive a sheet at meetings, and we will turn them in throughout the year, beginning in December.*

## WHAT'S NEW?

### CHANGE IN LOCATION:

Our first dinner meeting will be at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Don't forget to send your \$32 check to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo CA 94507 by Wednesday, August 20th with your choice of Salmon Alla Bella (grilled parmesan egg-battered salmon with caper butter) or Chicken Piccata (grilled breast of chicken, with caper lemon butter). Wine and drinks will be available for individual purchase, but salad, bread and coffee or tea are included.

The following members are reminded to bring a raffle prize for the drawing: Jackie Adams, Sydney Allison, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Carmen Burks, Ann Carter, Chris Cleveland, Gail Costello, Joan

Cummings, and Carmen Curtis. Thank you! There will be extra items supplied by Board members.

Plan on the meeting lasting a little longer than usual, because of the nature of the evening: We have lots of business to cover, and we'll have the Tuition Grant recipients to introduce, initiation of four new members (Janny Faber, Pat Lowe, Elaine Penning, & Paula Tye) and a service project/program about Making Cards for Soldiers with Kathy Swanson showing us how. It will be great to see everyone again and catch up with what's happening in your life. We'll pass around a *What's Up?* and get an overview of the year.

Try to bring a book for the "Buck-a-Book Table" and remember to wear your pin!

## 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.
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 PRESIDENT

**DUES INCREASE:** After a lengthy discussion and vote of the delegates, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International raised their portion of our dues \$20, which makes our total dues **\$85.00**. The main reasons are these: rising costs, maintaining the vitality of our Society, taking care of immediate needs of our members, and building a reserve fund for emergencies (like Katrina). We need to accept this, know that our International leaders will be prudent and wise about the

increased funds in the treasury, and move forward.

*With the dues increase, our total dues equals \$85. We are aware that this is a big jump, and thought it would be helpful to break down where the money is being spent:*

International	\$40.00
Chi State	19.00
Scholarship	1.00
Publications	3.00
Area Assessment	2.75
Insurance	1.00
Zeta Zeta	<b>18.25</b>
TOTAL	<b>\$85.00</b>

Dues are to be turned in by October 15th. Please help our treasurer, Sue Robinson, by sending her a check for \$85.00 before the September 2nd meeting or bring it with

you. If you do that, you will receive 6 extra raffle tickets. Just think of it like this...it's under 10 dollars a month for a great cause and lots of fun.

Sue Robinson  
11398 Bay Laurel St.  
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*Do you know who volunteers her time once a week at a local school, even though she is retired?*

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(Answer given on next page.)

# More News and Notes



## BACKPACKS

Don't forget to bring supplies for our backpacks. Did you know that *Christmas For Everyone* has been donating backpacks to us for at least four years? Our own Kathleen Searles has transported approximately thirty-five backpacks the last four years to our backpack committee to fill. *Christmas for Everyone (CFE)* is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose goal is that no one in Contra Costa County should go hungry, be without a present, or be alone on Christmas. CFE provided a Christmas experience for over 2,700 people last year alone. People in need, poor working families, the elderly, the homeless, and the housebound received a warm, traditional Christmas dinner, a new gift, the choice of some used clothing, and many, many smiles from the cheerful volunteers. If you have extra time at Christmas or before, contact Mary Perez, founder and director of CFE: 228-2233, e-mail [twc98perez@aol.com](mailto:twc98perez@aol.com), website: <http://www.christmasforeveryone.com>. You can get more information from Kathy Searles. Thank YOU Kathy for speaking up for our backpack program so this donation is continued each year.

Thanks, too, Bobbie Mortensen, for putting together our chapter's basket for the October Area Conference at Crow Canyon Country Club. Kudos to you.



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### An update on two of our members:

**Joan Knowles** has a tumor in her stomach, and is deciding on whether to have it removed at Stanford or have chemo at Kaiser. She has a very positive attitude and would love to have prayers for her healing and discernment as to what is her best first step.

**Sue Smith** had radiation for cervical cancer and was in the hospital with internal complications. She is home, getting stronger, and feels confident that it is curable. Sue has been checking her email and appreciates your cards.

*Pictures below from Area III Presidents/Treasurers Meeting August 9th.. Sydney, Kit, Roseann, and Diana represented Zeta Zeta.*

See you on September 2nd!

*Kit*

*The answer to question on page 2 is Pam DeBernardi. She volunteers at Neil Armstrong in their library weekly. What a gal!!!*

