



ZETA ZETA NEWS

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

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Bobbie.
She
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Names Univ. and went to DVC for 1 year to study American Sign Language. Did you know that her sister is Jackie Adams, a Zeta Zeta sister? She has 2 daughters, one married with a year old daughter living in Seattle, the other lives at home and just got her Masters in Library Science and Communication. Bobbie puts together FABULOUS baskets for raffles, and was Area III Secretary for the last 2 years. Bobbie was CoPresident with Diana Sawin, and is Chair of our Hospitality Committee. We appreciate her creative touches and goodies at meetings.

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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. Judy Simkin will be collecting them in December. Copy available at <http://www.chistate.org> under FORMS.

WHAT'S NEW?

NOVEMBER MEETING:

Our next dinner meeting will be at Scott's Restaurant on Tuesday, November 10th in Walnut Creek beginning at 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner. Please send your \$33.50 check to **Denise Dolan**, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, CA 94507 by Wednesday, November 4th with your choice of #1 Shiitake Crusted Breast of Chicken (lemon dill sauce) OR #2 Vegetarian's Polenta Tower (polenta triangles, grilled veggies, fontina cheese, green-pea and sun-dried tomato sauce). Wine and drinks will be available for individual purchase, but dessert, bread and coffee or tea are included. Those members who are to bring raffle prizes are: **Denise**

Dolan, Joe Ann Doyle, Peggy Ebersole, Gail Faber, Laura Ferreira, Ozma Ferren, Lola Ganse, Jeanne Gelwicks, Debbie Grilli, and Kathy Hayes. If you can't make it to the meeting, please find someone to bring your raffle prize (valued at \$8 - \$15) OR trade with someone who is on the roster later in the year. Raffle Roster is posted on ZZ website.

At our meeting we will welcome guests and be privileged to hear our own **Gail Faber and Don Phelps** (an adjunct professor at St. Mary's College) speak on Indian life, art, and artifacts in the local community and Americas. This would be a good time to bring a prospective member.

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

BACKPACKS

Sydney Allison wants your help in stuffing backpacks on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at her house (9432 Cherry Hills Lane, San Ramon). It is very easy and rewarding to do. The more help we have the quicker it goes. It's a definite "Photo Op."

SHEPHERD'S GATE

Thank you for your continued support of the Pay It Forward Literacy Project. If any of you would like to come read one month, let Kit or Donna know. Thank you, **Kathy Hayes**, for volunteering this month! We always need infant/preschool/ picture books and paper products, detergents, and toiletries for the ladies.

These two chapter projects were featured at our recent Area III Conference. They are pictured below.



CHAPTER BUSINESS:

At our Area III Conference, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz was our keynote speaker. She is the Chi State Professional Affairs, and Legislative Advocate Consultant. She spoke on what has happened in Sacramento and what will be coming up. A report on her comments is on the next

page. We had many sisters represented on Saturday, as we celebrated our Zeta Zeta Honoree, Carmen Curtis. More pictures follow...





Area III Conference

Olithia O'Toole, (pictured above on the left) is our new Area III Director. She is a wonderful woman who is just full of stories and has a twinkle in her eye. We had a delicious breakfast followed by Martha Zaragoza-Diaz (next to Olithia) speak to us on current legislative matters in Sacramento. A final report will be sent to you via email if you want to read what every bill is about and where it stands: whether signed, is on "Watch," or is still in committee. Here's what I heard, but others who went may have more information for you.

Martha told us that the hottest thing in education right now is RTTP, which stands for Race to the Top. It's competing for federal funding and California is racing to be eligible to apply for grant money in the first cycle. If a state is not chosen for the first cycle, they may reapply for second round...but it is feared that money will not be available then. States selected will have 1) the highest quality of standards and data systems to support education, 2) effective teacher and principal evaluation, and 3) support for low performing schools. For the second reason above Senate Bill 19 was already signed. It eliminated the "firewall" that prevents data (testing) information to be used to evaluate teachers and principals. Unions are lobbying for other measures to be included...not just test data. We know as educators, how test results can vary from school to school, and class to class, and from year to year. Some of the hardest work I have ever done has been with classes that had many students with a myriad of learning difficulties and instructional challenges, yet those were the years that test results may have been at their lowest. She spoke about the *America Competes Act*. California is trying to increase the supply of high quality charter schools, and put an emphasis on highly qualified science, technology, english and math teachers. The API scores will be changed to provide for a growth model, and the "District of Choice" model will be studied. (That's when a student can readily transfer from one school to another or even from other districts.) The times they are a changing, that's for sure. Stay tuned for what's going to happen next.

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