



ZETA ZETA NEWS

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

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*Donna
Bell*

Donna graduated from the U of A and went on to Sonoma State to get her masters. She taught in the elementary grades, was a Reading Specialist, and was VP of a high school in Santa Rosa, before she became a principal in Arnold and at Green Valley in SRVUSD. Donna assists with the Pay It Forward Literacy Program at Shepherd's Gate and volunteers her time at Kaiser WC in Neonatal Unit and at the information desk. Donna helps with our backpacks, Toys for Tots, Books for Barrios, etc. She is currently our World Fellowship Committee Chair. Her latest interest is her new grandson, JJ, who is two months old. She's a wonder!

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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?

AREA III CONFERENCE:

Our Area III meeting will be at Crow Canyon Country Club on Saturday, October 17th. It begins at 8:30 and is finished by noon.

Our chapter is in charge of the program, and **Bobbie Mortensen** has produced a wonderful "Tea Basket" of goodies. The morning begins with a delicious breakfast, followed by a program featuring Martha Zaragoza-Diaz and the latest news from the legislature.

Each chapter selects one person annually who has made a tremendous contribution to the community and to the chapter. This year Zeta Zeta Honoree will be **Carmen Curtis**. Come and help us celebrate Carmen, and show her how much we love and support her!

We want to have several tables of Zeta Zeta Chapter represented. Registration is \$30.00 and due by this Thursday, Oct. 1. Late registration is \$35.00 due by Oct. 10th. The registration form is on the last page of this newsletter.

DUES: Dues of \$85.00 are to be turned in by October 15th. It's deductible! It may seem like a lot, but do consider how wonderful this organization is, how much we help educators (past present, and future), and what we do for others. We support each other in case of illness, injury, and help out in our classes and/or homes. Please help our treasurer, **Sue Robinson**, by sending her a check for \$85.00. Please support our chapter with your dues!

Sue Robinson

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

Continue to be on the lookout for fellow educators who have made a difference in the lives of children, and bring them to a meeting. You can also think about a favorite aide who has worked effectively for a long time with children. Or consider your principal to invite to our meetings. We need to continue to grow in order to thrive as a chapter.

BACKPACKS

Sydney Allison is having a backpack stuffing party on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at her house (9432 Cherry Hills Lane, San Ramon). More information to follow. We'll begin at ten, and 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 go read one month, let Kit or Donna know. We always need infant/preschool/picture books and paper products, detergents, and toiletries for the ladies. We are showcasing both this program and the backpack program at our Area III Conference on the 17th.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

At the September meeting we voted on changes to the Bylaws. Revised version is posted online.

Our Tuition Grant recipients this year are varied: **Harmony Lingen** is working on her teaching credential and masters at USF, **Mark Popovich** is currently teaching at St. Raymond's School in Dublin and working on his masters at

National University. And **Jeannine Visbal** is a new teacher using her grant money to pay for her BTSA training in SRVUSD, as she teaches in a the private sector. Jeannine was not able to come, but she will come to a later meeting.



(L t R: **Mark Popovich, Carol Rowley (Zeta Zeta Tuition Grant Chair), and Harmony Lingen**)



Zeta Zeta Happenings

•**Kathy Hayes** hosted the reception for her son Ryan's marriage on September 5th with 109 guests. It was a lovely celebration. Congrats, new Mother-In-Law!

•**Sue Robinson and Pam DeBernardi** went to Austin, Texas together this summer to visit fellow educator, Val Hillerich, and had a rip roaring time. They brought back "menus" for Math & Science. Delta Kappa Gamma sisters, colleagues, and friends. That's Zeta Zeta!

•**Carmen Burks and Carol Rowley** traveled to Mexico together and had fun relaxing, eating, laughing and walking the beach. You go girls!

•**Stephanie Brown-Myers** helped plan a June wedding and party for her daughter on the beach in Monterey. Larissa continues to teach Science at Pine Valley Middle School, and she and her husband live in San Ramon. Nice for mom to have her daughter nearby. Woohoo, a future initiate!!!

•**Elaine Penning's** son Mitch was married in June as well. They are moving to Incline Village from Maui. Her other son, Barry, was rehired as a Byron 6th grade Core teacher after getting his "pink slip."

•**Linda Swatek's** daughter was married in Sayulita, Mexico in April and is expecting in January. Sweet! Congrats grandma-to-be!

•**Donna Bell** is in San Diego taking care of her grandson, Joshua James (JJ for short) because his mom has to go back to work. (She's a nurse!). JJ has been in the hospital with a virus. Very worrisome as he is just two months old. He's home now and doing better. Please pray for little JJ.

•**JoeAnne Doyle** has been battling two infections, but after several rounds of antibiotics, she's on the mend.

•Please continue to pray for **Diana Sawin**, who broke her left arm in two places and fractured her pelvis when she fell. She is expected to be in rehab for a few weeks. Will keep you posted as to what we can do to support her.

Pictured below are your sisters holding artifacts that tell something about themselves or what they did this summer. Creative and fun!



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Chi State, Area III**

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**AREA III FALL CONFERENCE
AWAKEN TRANSFORM. . . . SOAR. . . .**
Chapter Service/Project Displays
Keynote Speaker is **Martha Zaragoza-Diaz**
Followed by **Chapter Honoree Awards**

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Crow Canyon Country Club
Danville, CA 94526

8:30 a.m.

Registration, Opportunity Ticket Sales, Chi State Store

9:00 a.m. to 12:00

Buffet Breakfast, Program, Chapter Honoree Awards, Opportunity Drawings

COST: \$30.00 for Brunch and Conference Late Registration \$35.00

Menu: assorted morning pastries, sliced fresh fruit, fluffy scrambled eggs with chives, country potatoes, choice of smoked bacon, assorted juices, freshly brewed coffee and tea.

Directions: On Hwy. 680 take the Crow Canyon exit
Turn left on El Captain.
Turn right to 711 Silver Lake Drive

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Registration **\$30.00** due by **Oct. 1**. Late registration **\$35.00** due by **Oct. 10**

Member Name: _____ **Chapter** _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Total Number @ \$30.00 _____ **Amount enclosed** _____

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