



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

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TUITION GRANT WINNERS INTRODUCED

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta Chapter awarded Tuition Grants of \$1300 to each of five recipients to assist them in their pursuit of education and better prepare them for teaching. Pictured above is **Kathleen Herrmann, Nechia Miller, Carol Rowley** (Zeta Zeta Scholarship Chair), **Lorena Murillo, and Wendy Rick**. Not present was the fifth awardee, **Catatherine Kwan**. All were invited to our dinner, and each spoke about receiving and using the tuition grant to further their education. Thank you, **Carol Rowley** and committee, for your hard work.



Jeanne Gelwicks transferred to our chapter in 2003. She did her undergraduate work at Vassar and attended the International Graduate School in Stockholm, Sweden. She has taught multiple grades, been a Resource Teacher and an Elementary Principal. Although retired, Jeanne is currently the Chi State Publicity Chair. She is an intelligent woman who has a heart for helping others. What a lucky group we are to have Jeanne in our chapter as she inspires all to be their best and be involved.

For more information go to:
www.dkg-zetazeta.org,
[chistateca.org](http://www.chistateca.org)
<http://www.dkg.org>
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are actually getting our summer weather, now that fall has officially begun. Our chapter has been busy getting things organized so that we can now focus on doing the tasks and events our organization affords us. This newsletter, so aptly presented by **Kit King**, has included the focus of our chapter, "Enjoy Lifelong Learning" with the purposes of our

future meetings summarized beautifully by our vice presidents in charge of program, **Donna Bell** and **Valerie Kellner**, at the end of this document. The September meeting was a great start to our purpose of "endowing scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study." By the October 3rd tea, being hosted by **Valerie**



Kellner, we will address the purpose “to **inform** the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.” Before we meet again as a chapter, on November 10th when we will be honoring our members with 25-year pins thereby “**honoring** women who have given a distinctive service in any field of education,” we will have the opportunity to “**unite** with women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship” by attending the Area III <http://www.dkg-ca3.org>, Conference at **Crow Canyon Country Club, Saturday Oct. 23, from 10:30AM – 2:00PM**, with guest speaker **Cara Mendoza**. At this meeting, our gracious hospitality chair, **Bobbie Mortensen** will be preparing a “Goodies” basket. **Kit King**, who is also preparing the program, will be honored as our chapter’s selected member to recognize her for outstanding community service. Her sister Donna Bell has beautifully articulated Kit’s talents. *“Kit King has a servant’s heart that always wants to give to others, be it one of her students in the 38 years she has taught, one of the women at the shelter where she has started a Literacy Program for both children and adults, or in her Church where she serves as an Elder in charge of Worship and Arts!”*

I would like to direct your attention to the communications that you get in many forms. Since the DKG International Society www.deltakappagamma.net sends their world-class bulletin, and Chi State <http://www.chistateca.org> has such an effective brochure I do not want to duplicate their efforts but if you have any questions regarding the dates of our scholarships, wonderfully coordinated by our chair **Carol Rowley**, please check out these sites. The first deadline is Dec. 31 for continuing education grants from Chi State, and Leadership Grants are available by Dec. 10, 2010. The International Scholarships are available by Feb. 1, 2011 and

the Legislative Studies applications are due by March 1, 2011. So many opportunities are available if you would like to look through the organizations materials. This affords us the opportunity to “**advance** the professional interest and position of women in education.”

Our bylaws have been changed and will be posted on our website <http://www.dkg-zetazeta.org>, thanks to our talented Webmaster, **Roseann Krane**, to reflect the changes in the organizational policies. One of the biggest thoughts is to remind members that it is ever important to continue to add members. We would like to be encouraging members who have experienced being an educator though not necessarily in the traditional classroom setting.

I look forward to seeing many of you in October with two opportunities to gather.

Stephanie Brown-Myers

Zeta Zeta Chapter president, 2010-2012

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011

Voter Info. Tea, Sun. Oct. 3 @ Valerie’s
Saturday, October 23, CCCC Area III
Wednesday,
November 10th
Tuesday,
January 18th
Tuesday,
February 22nd,
Monday,
March 28th
Monday,
April 25th
Wednesday,
May 25th





NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Our next regular dinner meeting will be at **Scott's Restaurant on Wednesday, November 10th** in Walnut Creek beginning at 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner. We will have a special 25 year pin ceremony, and are looking forward to having **Mary Ellen Taylor** join us. Please send your \$33.50 check to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, CA 94507 by Tuesday, November 2nd with your choice of 1) Shitake Crusted Breast of Chicken (lemon dill sauce) OR 2) Vegetarian Poleta Tower (polenta triangles, grilled vegetables, fontina cheese, green-pea and sundried tomato sauces) 3) Grilled Salmon. Wine and drinks will be available for individual purchase, but dessert and coffee or tea are included.

\$10 Raffle contributors are: **Denise Dolan, Joe Anne Doyle, Peggy Ebersole, Gail Faber, Laura Ferreira, Ozma Ferren, Lola Ganse, Jeanne Gelwicks, Debbie Grilli, Kathy Hayes and Sharon Keaton.**

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 send your check of \$ 85.00 to our treasurer,

Sue Robinson,
11398 Bay Laurel St,
Dublin CA, 94568

Please support our chapter with your dues!



CHAPTER BUSINESS:

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

FYI:

Barbara Stumph is in China. She is going with about thirty people on a Silk Road adventure where travelers from the Middle East, Europe, and Asia crossed overland into China just like the mission of the East West Center. She writes , *"The last time I was in China on the Great Wall (1986,) a dense fog blanketed the dragon wall. I sat on an empty segment of the wall and listened to repair workers below as they whistled. I wrote a poem in my art journal. I tried to read graffiti on the bricks. My ecstasy overflowed. To have a few moments to myself on the only man-made object one can see from the moon. Imagine. I pondered my Chinese history professor's descriptions of how this wall was built with the calcium from thousands of broken dreams and broken bones. Now I will walk the Wall again in a couple of days-- forty-five years later."* We'll be eager to hear her impressions of current day China!



Kit King accepts Chi State's Leadership Award from the Chi State Convention. She says, "Thank you, Zeta Zeta, for making my job so easy and fun!"



✕ 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. Hours will be turned in the first of December. Copy available at <http://www.chistateca.org> under FORMS. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Simkin.

BACKPACKS

Ann Schinske is organizing a backpack stuffing party on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 p.m. at **Pam DeBernardi’s** house (406 Roberta Drive in Pleasant Hill) More information to follow. We’ll begin at two, and should take no more than an hour. It is very easy and rewarding to do. It’s a definite “Photo Op.” Pam will be taking the backpacks to VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Service Team in Action) who makes sure that they get to needy children throughout the school year. We will have **Ann Struthers**, from VESTIA, as a guest speaker at our January meeting.



SHEPHERD’S GATE SHELTER - PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY PROGRAM

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.

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.

P.S.: Please consider contacting you health provider regarding the need for a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine.

Zeta Zeta Programs for 2010-2011



MONTH	PURPOSE/COMMITTEE	PROGRAM
September 13 th , 2010 (Mon.)	1 and 2 (Scholarship)	Review Purposes, Honor Grant Recipients
November 10 th ,2010 (Wed.)	1 and 2 (Membership)	Table Toasts Twenty-Five Year Pin Ceremony
January 18 th , 2011 (Tues.)	1 and 7 (Personal Growth & Services)	VESTIA Guest Speaker (Backpack program) Ann Struthers
February 22 nd , 2011 (Tues.)	1 and 2 and 5 (World Fellowship)	AAUW joint meeting, Scholarship winner honored & is guest speaker.
March 28 th , 2011 (Mon.)	1 and 6 (Prof Affairs Comm.?)	Suggest: Learning & the Brain Marilyn Reid-Prof Affairs Comm. Initiation
April 25 th , 2011 (Mon.)	1 and 3 (Personal Growth & Services?)	Suggest: Master Gardener (Talk to Val)
May 2011 Looking for a home to meet in..	1 and 6 (Membership/ Hospitality Comm.?)	Suggest: Let's have fun...evaluate the year.

WEEKEND TEAS OR EVENTS!

October 3 rd 2010,	1 and 4 and 7	Diablo League of Women Voters Pros and Cons of upcoming legislation. CONTACT VALERIE KELNER WITH QUESTIONS
October 23 rd 2010 (Sat.)	1, 2, 3, 6 and 7	Crow Canyon Country Club - AREA 3 FALL Conference 11:00-2:00 Lunch \$30 (Form coming with newsletter)
Undetermined - PROBABLY SPRING	1 and 3 and 6	Latest in technology (iPhones, iPads, etc.?)

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

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AREA III FALL CONFERENCE

Generations

Keynote Speaker: **Cara Mendoza**
Coordinator of Professional Staff Development
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Crow Canyon Country Club
Danville, CA 94526

10:30 a.m.

Registration, Opportunity Ticket Sales, Chi State Store

11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Program Order:

Chapter Honorees Presented, Lunch, Speaker, and Opportunity Baskets

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

Menu: Chicken Tortilla Soup, with tortilla strips, then Build your own Salad of fresh greens with an assortment of toppings, garnishes, and bread sticks, or Tossed Caesar with cubed grilled chicken and/or ham. Follow that with a Fruit Platter and the freshly brewed coffee and tea.

Directions: From Hwy 680 South, take the Crow Canyon exit. Turn left on El Captain.

Turn right; proceed 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** _____

Make check(s) payable **only** to: *Delta Kappa Gamma, Area III*

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