



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

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**OUR OWN CAROL ROWLEY**

At our March meeting of **Zeta Zeta Chapter**, we enjoyed hearing from our Scholarship Chairperson, Carol Rowley. She entertained us with stories of how she became interested in city politics and told us of how she came to run for Mayor of San Ramon in the upcoming election. Carol has always been energized by being around people.

**Read more about Carol on the next page.**



**BETTY LEECING**

**Betty joined Delta Kappa Gamma**

**in April of 1997.**

**She graduated from University of Redlands and taught in East Whittier, Garden Grove, San Carlos, and then San Ramon at the K-5 level. She has been a Deacon in her church, and has been involved with the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO). Betty was her husband's primary caretaker until his death last year. We are happy to see her again.**

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For more information go to:

[www.dkg-zetazeta.org](http://www.dkg-zetazeta.org),

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**MARCH DINNER MEETING**

Our next regular dinner meeting will be at **Scott's Restaurant on MONDAY, APRIL 25** in Walnut Creek beginning at 5:30 pm. **Please send your \$33.50 check in to Denise Dolan, P.O. Box**

**551, Alamo, 94507 by Tuesday, April 18th** with your choice of menu. Please indicate your menu choice of salad:

- 1) **Roadhouse Prawn Salad** (grilled prawns stuffed with goat cheese,



spinach, and pine nuts wrapped in pancetta with a baby salad mix) or

**2) Santa Fe Chicken Salad**

Chocolate Velvet Cake will be offered for dessert, and coffee is included with the dinner.

**MORE ABOUT CAROL ROWLEY**

Carol is the ultimate educator, as she has been a teacher, reading specialist, and principal. She has served on the San Ramon City Council since 2003, was commissioner for 12 years on the San Ramon Parks and Community Service board, and has received many awards. She has gotten Zeta Zeta's Chapter Service Award in the past, and she is being honored as our chapter recipient again this year at Chi State the end of this month...for Community Service. Carol has received various other awards such as Citizen of the Year in 1995, Educator of the Year in 1994 and again in 2003, and others. She currently serves on the L.I.F.E (Learning is For Everyone) Board of Chi State. What a wonderful asset to our chapter. If you live in San Ramon, vote for **Carol Rowley for Mayor**...or tell friends who do live in SR to vote for her. They couldn't make a better choice. You go, girl!

**SPEAKER INFORMATION**

At the April meeting we will be hearing **Patty Platt**, who is Deputy Chief Officer

for Benefits and Services for CalSTRS. Ms. Plett joined CalSTRS in 1987 and spent more than 10 years serving as the Deputy CEO over Administrative Services at CalSTRS prior to moving to Benefits and Services in 2003. Ms. Plett is responsible for administering retirement, disability and survivor benefits, member services, and employer reporting processes. We will have many questions for her about CalSTRS. Come and bring a fellow educator!



**PATTI PLETT,**  
**our April Speaker**

**CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**FYI:** We voted that each raffle contributor would bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice or \$10 in cash - all WRAPPED, so the winners will not know what they are picking until it's unwrapped. We miss the mystery of it all!

**APRIL RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:**

*Mary Ellen Taylor, Ruby Tellsworth, Marilyn Thelen, Paula Tye, Elva Valli, Jean Warnke, Joannie Wedell, Loretta Wilhelmsen, Karen Yee, Isabelle Zamanian.*



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is Spring, and the sky is blue today. After some whacky weather, my allergies tell me that things are blooming. **Kit King** has prepared a wonderful newsletter and is just waiting for my piece. (She also has again received the L.I.F.E. Foundation award to help continue promoting literacy at Shepherd's Gate.) I have so many things to share from Chi State, in anticipation of the State convention, April 29-May 1, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. The theme is "Soar on Wings of Transformation." If you do not have your Chi State News for the registration information you can go to the link [www.chistateca.org/conventionsacramento.html](http://www.chistateca.org/conventionsacramento.html) to find all things convention. There is quite a range of sessions, from "Wanna cruise for pennies?" to "Bullying and Cyber Bullying" and "Math Pizzazz." Registration is \$50 until April 15 and goes up to \$75 after April 15. It should be very festive, as it is Chi State's 75<sup>th</sup> year as an organization.

Ours was an exciting meeting in March as the recipients of the DKG Chapter Service Awards were announced. The following members will be recognized at the Chi State Convention. Our **Chapter Service Award** will be going to **Jeanne Gelwicks** for her incredible work and training in publicity and communication for not only our chapter but for members of Area III and Chi State. The **Professional Service Award** is going to **Denise Dolan** for the work she has done with not only being a docent for

the old Tassajara schoolhouse, but helping with the Constitution Week bulletin board for the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is a little know but required element in the schools that few take time to prepare. Our **Public Service Award** will be going again to **Carol Rowley**, our wonderful guest speaker on community involvement in March, for her untiring service to education, community, and Chi State/LIFE foundation. There are so many terrific people in our chapter, it is difficult to acknowledge them all at one time, but these members certainly hold our respect for their work. (Purpose #2. To HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.)

Congratulations to **Ann Schinske** who received \$150 for classroom books about ecology from the Helene Going Green Grant. Way to go, Ann!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our April 25th meeting. **Valerie Kellner** and **Donna Bell** have worked hard to plan for our speaker from CalSTRS.

Stephanie Brown-Myers  
Zeta Zeta Chapter president



### INITIATION IN MAY

We will be having a formal initiation at the May meeting. If you are sponsoring someone for membership, please fill out a recommendation form and ask them to fill out a biographical form as well. They are turned in to our membership Vice Presidents: JoeAnne Doyle or Gail Costello. Forms can be obtained from [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under "forms."



*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. Copy available at <http://www.chistateca.org> under FORMS. If you have any questions, please contact **Jeanette Fitch**.*

### SERVICE PROJECTS

**Pam DeBernardi** will be purchasing some more **backpacks** for our next stuffing. Be saving up supplies to put in them such as: rulers, scissors, glue sticks, 3 ring binders and wide-ruled notebook paper, colored pencils, Classic broad-tip markers, crayons, post-its, pencils, pencil boxes, highlighters, stuffed animals, small toys, erasers, and new or slightly used paperback books for K-2, 3-6 grades.

**Shepherd's Gate** is a women shelter in Livermore that serves abused and homeless women and their children. Zeta Zeta supports literacy there through a program called Pay It Forward Literary Enrichment, started in 2002 by **Kit King**. If you can bring supplies such as kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, plates, napkins, laundry detergent, soap, women's hygiene products, etc, that would be a tremendous help to the residents. Our chapter is being awarded a LIFE Foundation Award Grant for continuing support of this literacy program.

### 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.