



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

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Patty Platt

At our April meeting of **Zeta Zeta Chapter**, we enjoyed hearing from **Patty Platt**, who is Deputy Chief Officer for Benefits and Services for CalSTRS. Ms. Platt discussed member services, windfall

elimination, and answered many questions about CalSTRS. She assured us that our pensions are secure and that we would be paid on time. However, in 30 years, things may be different.

Chi State Convention

Jeanne Gelwicks, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Lois Sherwood, and Carol Rowley are pictured here. More about the convention in the President's Letter on page 2,



MAY DINNER MEETING

Our last dinner meeting of the school year will be held on May 25th, 6:00p.m. at **Sharon Keeton's** house at 29 Winding Glen in Alamo. Please notify **Denise Dolan** if you are coming, and what you will bring. It's a potluck! Those

signed up so far are **Sydney, Sue R., Donna, Carmen B., Ann C., Carmen C., Pam, Denise, Joe Anne, Peggy, Jeanette, Jeanne, Lynne, Valerie, Kit, Mary, Kim, Karen M, Sue R., Carol R., Diana, Ann S., Lois, Jean, Loretta, Stephanie, Elaine, Sharon, and Karen Y.**

VALERIE KELLNER
Valerie

Kellner is our Co-Second Vice President in charge of Programs. She is newly retired from SRVUSD where she taught various grades and ended her career part time in third grade, and part time acting Vice Principal. She served in various roles for the district, and now volunteers her time at Kaiser each week, and is in Poppy Children's Hospital Branch. We just love Valerie!



Valerie Kellner

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We will be having a formal initiation at this 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 under "forms."

MAY RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:

If you have been unable to bring a raffle prize this year, please do so for our May meeting. 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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I started this message while sitting at the Chi State convention. Now don't think I am a distracted listener, but I am one that takes copious notes. (This is one of the reason's that being secretary was so difficult for me, as I wrote too many things down and had to spend so much time trying to thin the minutes.) There was a sea of red with all of the ladies sporting their red jackets and the red roses being presented for the "Order of the Rose." Music flowed through the hall to recognize the first timers as well as those who have been members for over 50 years.

I was very happy to hear our own **Diana Sawin** announced as a new member of the nominating committee for Chi State.

Zeta Zeta also showed well with our contribution of **3088 volunteer hours for the T.H.A.T. program**. Assemblyperson Roger Dickinson, of

the 9th Assembly district, received the representational check for \$1,150,514.64 showing over 140,000 hours of volunteer time by the Chi State members. Zeta Zeta chapter was awarded the "**Five Star Honor Chapter Award**" with esteem and honor for outstanding performance from our members for the many things we do. Our chapter members being recognized in the program were **Jeanne Gelwicks** with the Chapter Award, **Denise Dolan** with the Professional Services Award, and **Carol Rowley** with the Public Services Award. I was so proud. The Chi State guest speaker, Linda Wallace, who has overcome incredible physical hardships by promoting her philosophy of "Laughter is the Best Medicine", motivated us. It is important to laugh 12 times a day to keep healthy. She also shared a wonderful thought, "Be yourself, every one else is taken." Such a steadfast group of people and it was a pleasure to attend a conference so filled with energy.



Pictured above are **Olithia O'toole**- Outgoing Area III Director, **Marilyn Reid**, Incoming Area III Director, Outgoing Chi State President, **Marilyn Stalder-Burke**. What enthusiastic ladies they are!

Stephanie Brown-Myers, President



*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

Backpack needs are: rulers, scissors, glue sticks, 3 ring binders, paper, colored pencils, Classic broad-tip markers, crayons, post-its, highlighters, stuffed animals, small toys, erasers, and new or slightly used paperback books for K-2, 3-6 grades. We also need a few more backpacks. Please bring them with you to the May meeting.

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.