



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III
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Mission Statement: To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

At our joint meeting with AAUW and Delta Kappa Gamma, we were so intrigued with our speaker, **K. Alexa Koenig**, who spoke to us about her fellowship and study on violence toward women. At fifteen her mom left an abusive marriage and they were almost homeless. Alexa has overcome many stereotypic roles and obstacles in her life. Her dissertation concerns human rights as it relates to cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners. Pretty amazing lady...she has won many awards: Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Dean's Merit Scholar at UCSF where she graduated magna cum laude with a full ride scholarship in Law. Alexa is now attending UC Berkeley School of Law where she is seeking her PHD. She has a book contract called *Hiding in Plain Sight - The Politics of Pursuing War Criminals in the 21st Century*. Very intelligent lady.



ELAINE PENNING joined our chapter in November of 2008. She studied in NY at Buffalo State. She also went to Cal State Hayward, and has two advanced degrees: Speech Pathology and Mild Moderate Learning Disabilities. In addition to other districts, Elaine worked for over 20 yrs. in SRVUSD as a speech therapist and Spec. Ed. teacher. Eileen taught in Thailand at the Intern. School from 1975 - 78, where she adopted her older son. Her 5 month old grandson, Brycen, takes most of her spare time. Elaine will be our recording sec'y again next biennium. Thanks, Elaine!

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MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of Zeta Zeta will be held on **MONDAY, March 26th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Social begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please send your check for **\$34.00** to **Denise Dolan**,

P. O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507 **NOW**, so that your reservation will reach Denise by **Tuesday March 20**. The menu choices are: 1) Salmon All Bella or 2) Tuscany Chicken. Mixed green salad, bread, and coffee or tea are provided with the meal.

Turn in your T.H.A.T. hours to Jeanette Fitch this month!!! PAGE 1



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Drawing prizes will be brought by the following members: **Lois Sherwood, Francine Sanchez, Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, Jackie Adams, Marilyn Steichen, Barbara Stumph, Joan Cunnings and Pat Hansen.**

Remember, each raffle contributor should 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. If you can't attend, please send your raffle prize with a fellow member.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies,

I don't want to jinx the weather by saying "Spring has Sprung" but I am sitting in my backyard looking as a wall of daffodils and the budding of the candy tufts below them. The clematis is flowering, the rose bushes have new growth and the trees have pink blossoms against the clear blue sky. It is good to live in California.

I have had the honor of completing a number of forms for our chapter over the past two months that helps me know that we have a very busy and exciting chapter. As I completed our annual report I can say that we are thriving chapter, with our use of the internet, involvement in DKG beyond our chapter, new membership, T.H.A.T hours, and our wonderful website and newsletters. We continue, with the help of **Georgia Moore**, to collect money for World Fellowship. **Sue Robinson** has kept us current in the financial requirements of the Society, and **Carol Rowley** and **Pam DeBernardi** help with the output of money through our Jessie Falconer Tuition Grants. **Jeanne Gelwicks** has been an exemplary chairperson for our communications and

publicity at the chapter, Area III and Chi State level. Our chapter continues to grow, with the organization help from **Joe Anne Doyle** and **Gail Costello**. The Area III director has complemented us on our directory, produced by **Roseann Krane**, and shared the model with all area presidents. We will again be sending in our T.H.A.T. hours, thanks to **Jeanette Fitch**, putting us in a category with 5 Star Honor Chapters.

Our March meeting will be a time to initiate our new members, **Charlene McPherson, Carly Owens, Mary Ann Kolda**, and **Barbara Manley**. If there are any other potential members please let Joe Anne Doyle or me know as soon as possible. This addition of members will also make our chapter qualify for *Order of the Rose*, an honor for chapters who are continuing to grow by at least five members within a biennium.

Remember that the Barnes and Noble/Chi State LIFE bookfair is running from March 1 through March 15, 2012. If you go to your nearest Barnes and Noble almost anything you purchase in the store will contribute to the LIFE Fund raiser. You can also participate online. The code # for the fundraiser is 10643419. Please go to <http://www.chistateca.org/> for more information. Remember to make plans for attending the **Chi State convention, May 4-6, in Irvine.** We will have members being honored and recognized at this gathering and it will be exciting to have a good turnout from our chapter.

Thank you.

Stephanie





ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS

BACKPACKS

Pam DeBernardi needs more backpacks! They have filled seven and have supplies to fill at least ten more. Please check Ross Marshalls, TJ Maxx and Rick's Picks in Danville for good buys.

PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Kit King continues to go out to Shepherd's Gate shelter in Livermore to read to and with the women and children there. If you have any gently used books for preschool children and babies that you would like to donate, please bring them to the next meeting. They must look like new to intrigue the little ones. Flap books, pop ups, and interactive ones are the most popular. Shepherd's Gate also needs paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, kleenex, diapers, cleaning supplies, canned goods, cereal, juices, and feminine products. If you would like to go with **Kit King** and **Donna Bell** to read one month, call Kit.



Delta Kappa Gamma Chi State Convention - May 4 - 6, 2012 in Irvine

If you've never attended a Chi State Convention, please consider attending the one this May. It's a great way to get to know other chapter's members, make new friends, get great ideas for our chapter, and just have a grand time. We do have money that is set aside in our treasury for attendees.

THAT HOURS: a note from Jeanette Fitch

THAT hours will be due again in March so they can be sent into the chapter by April 1st. You can bring me a paper copy at the meeting or do them online and have them sent to me on email. Thanks!



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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.

IN MEMORY OF JOYANNE KENNEDY

Our beloved Joy passed on in January of this year, leaving behind many dear friends and wonderful memories. Joyanne served on the Math Consortium for the County Office of Education, and was candidate for Teacher of the Year in San Ramon Valley Unified School District. She was a math mentor who gave many



demonstrations in SRVUSD, and was a master teacher for students from St. Mary's College in Moraga and Hayward State University. Joyanne taught

thirty-three years in the elementary grades. She was a role model who influenced thousands of children, parents, and teachers.

Upon retiring, Joy served as a docent for the San Ramon Valley Museum and volunteered her time at Sunrise Retirement and the Methodist Church in Alamo. Joyanne enjoyed playing both tennis and golf, and adored her sons and husband, Del.

Joy served as Zeta Zeta Treasurer from 2002 through 2004, and was a faithful member who loved to come and visit with friends at our dinner meetings. We all miss her laughter, her joy, and her generosity of spirit. Donations can be given in her name to L.I.F.E. Foundation.