



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III**  
**ZETA ZETA NEWS**

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**Kit King, Editor**

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

At our April meeting we learned about using the iPad in schools, experimented with them, and were entertained and informed by **Paul Foucart**, Director of Instruction for SRVUSD.



(L to R: Exploring on the iPad was **Donna Bell, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Val Kelner, and Ann Kyle.**)



**SUE  
BECKER**

**Sue is relatively new to our chapter. She**

**attended Immaculata College in Pennsylvania and took classes at Penn State, St Mary's, U C Berkeley, and Villanova University. She taught in Riverside and taught 1st grade at Sunset School in Livermore. She has been a PTA Board member, Great Works of Art lecturer, and is one of the volunteer teachers at the Old Schoolhouse. Sue was awarded the Valley Forge Teacher's Medal and the George Washington School Award. Sue has three children and 2 grandchildren. We love our book lady!**

For more information go to:

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**MAY MEETING**

The next meeting of Zeta Zeta will be held on **MONDAY May 21st** at Ann Carter's home. Her address is 1069 Westridge Avenue, in Danville, 24526. Social begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please send your

check for **\$15.00** to **Denise Dolan**, P. O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507 **NOW**, so that your reservation will reach Denise by **Wednesday, May 16th**. Dinner will be catered so we need an exact amount. Many paid at the April meeting.

**Have a restful and relaxing summer to regenerate you strength for next year. PAGE 1**



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If you didn't get a chance to bring a raffle prize to one of our meetings, would you please bring a \$10.00 gift of your 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**

As we are preparing for our last meeting of the year, and our biennium (two years of planning, work, and enjoyment) I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank our wonderful executive board. About this time two years ago I was asked to consider taking the leadership role for the Zeta Zeta Chapter. It had not been something that I had planned, but when I was told who was agreeing to do the various jobs on the board I know that I would be well supported.

**Lynne Heyne**, as corresponding secretary, has been wonderful in sending chapter messages and keeping us abreast of our chapter members by circulating and preparing our "What's Happening" notes. This has afforded us the opportunity to get on with our meeting topic and still have a chance to keep up on the many activities and life changes in our fellow member's lives.

**Sue Robinson** has been able to keep our finances straight so that our auditors can concur that we are in good shape. She has keep up to our budget and regularly reports her data in the most cheerful manner.

**Joe Anne Doyle and Gail Costello** have seen us through one of the largest increases in membership in some time. With the help of our active membership, we have added 10 members in this last two years.

**Elaine Penning and Linda Swatek** have done a monumental job of keeping minutes at our

meetings in spite of their busy schedules. They do a great juggling act to assure that one is always present. Having done that job I certainly know how demanding the task can be.

**Kit King**, as our parliamentarian and past president has been able to keep me on track, not only as an informational support but also as our terrific newsletter editor. She keeps us all focused.

And last but certainly not least is our dynamic duo vice-presidents in charge of programs, **Donna Bell and Valerie Kellner**. They have done an exemplary job of making my dreams come true. When I thought about how these two years might look, I had a vision to tie our programs to the seven purposes, so clearly posted at the end of this newsletter. They have made those visions come true. Looking back over the two years, we have united, honored, advanced professional interest, been informed on legislation, endowed, stimulated interest, and been informed. This has been done through speakers, including **Ann Struthers** from VESTIA, **Carol Rowley** and Assemblywoman **Susan Bonilla, Patti Platt** from CalSTRS, Storyteller **Olithia O'Toole**, and Director **Paul Foucart** with technology. They also brought in the League of Women Voters for an extra gathering to inform us before the fall elections.

I thank all of the members for allowing me to get to know you and link you to this wonderful organization of DKG. At this time I wish to thank this executive board for their support of our chapter.



*Stephanie*



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**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. Please bring them with you to the May meeting, or drop them off at her house.

**PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

**Zeta Zeta** continues to support Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter in Livermore. Thank you, Zeta Zeta for donating gently used books for preschool children and babies. 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.



**T.H.A.T. HOURS**

Remember to record hours for the next collection, which will be in December of this year. The **Teachers Helping Another Teacher** (THAT) Program was created to support classroom teachers. Chi State members can provide assistance in five (5) focus areas. Go to our website to find out about those five areas.

**NEWS FROM CHI STATE CONVENTION**

By **Karen De Baca Martens**, Zeta Zeta Chapter

I didn't know I had 560 sisters, but I do. As a new member of Delta Kappa Gamma I went to the Chi State Convention for the first time. Like a regular newbie I wandered the halls, searched for rooms, was late to lunch and asked a million questions. Soon I began to know I was a part of something big--bigger than me and bigger than anything for which I knew I had ever been a part. I saw



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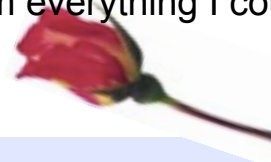
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hundreds of women everywhere with an excitement that only a convention can bring.

The Chi State Convention was held in Irvine, California from May 4 through May 6. As I entered the Irvine Marriott Hotel with great expectations, I found to my great amazement that everything ran smoothly and functioned as a well oiled machine like no other convention or conference I've ever attended. Yes, I've been to many state and national conferences before, but our Chi State convention was absolutely put together by women of distinction for women of distinction and recognized and honored many women of distinction.

What I took away is that a rose is a symbol of courage, strength, camaraderie and love. The passing of the torch to new members can be strengthened, and further insights could be given as to how to enhance the convention for "newbies" but leadership will always be an important focus for which we all want to be a part.

Most of all, always go to your first state convention with a mentor--someone like my wonderful cousin Diana Sawin. Her guidance and understanding was immeasurable and she helped me to get the most value from everything I could



### *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.*





**More from the CHI STATE CONVENTION**



Nominations Committee Members on a Star Search from left to right:  
**Marlene Daniels, Diana Sawin, Sue Noyes, Kay Heineman, Chair, and Patti Bear.**

Nominations Committee members were busy during Members Mall giving information about the coming Nomination of Elected Chi State Officers and the Recommendation process for Area Directors and Chi State Committee positions open for 2013 - 2015. Brochures are available as a PDF file from **Diana Sawin** Liaison for Area III, IV, V, and VII. We are looking for leaders who will serve the Society from 2013 and beyond. Recommendations can be made by an individual member, Chapter, or Area. Be sure to get their permission first. Forms will be available on the Chi State web site by August 2012. The deadline to submit forms are due November 1, 2012. Who do you know? For more information contact Diana at [d.sawin@comcast.net](mailto:d.sawin@comcast.net).