



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III

ZETA ZETA NEWS

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



*L to R: **Carol Rowley**, **Candace Anderson**, County Board of Supervisors, District 2, and **Carmen Burks** at our April Dinner Meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta Chapter. Details to follow on page 5.*

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PAULA TYE

joined Zeta Zeta in September of 1908. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a BA in



Mass Communication (6 out of 8 siblings went there as did her mom and dad), so she is a HUGE Cal fan. Paula did post-graduate work at CSUHayward (now East Bay) and got her Multiple Subjects Credential and CLAD after volunteering for years at Neil Armstrong. In fact, she is currently teaching second grade there! She has volunteered at Pine Valley and at Cal. High School in San Ramon. She has been married to wonderful husband, Mike, for 28 years; and has three sons (ages 25, 23, & 20), who went to school in the district. One son just graduated law school and will clerk this summer in Oakland.

Paula was active in Little League and on the Aqua Cats Swim Board when her boys were young. Paula enjoys skiing, hiking, backpacking in the Sierras, and she loves to read.

Appropriately enough, she is in charge of our **Two Bucks a Book** fundraiser. We love her smile, her positive outlook, and her winning personality!

MAY DINNER MEETING

Our **MAY** dinner meeting will be held **Monday, May 20th**, beginning at **4:30**. It will be a Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's home. Her address is 7524 Northland Avenue in San Ramon. It will be catered by Mexxi's Restaurant in San Ramon. Please send in \$25.00 to **Denise Dolan** (P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507) by Tuesday, May 14th.

The Menu ~ Yummy Fajitas Bar: a combination of Angus sirloin steak and grilled chicken, sautéed with roasted pimento peppers, sweet onions and Roma

tomatoes, accompanied with refried beans, rice, four tortillas, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, salsa and chips. Cheese enchiladas are also available. Don't forget the margarita machine!



Directions to Carol's home: 680 south to Alcosta Blvd off ramp, left on Alcosta to Blue Fox Way. Right on Blue Fox Way - go past Country Club School -Left on Northland Avenue--2 story grey house on right.

**Two Bucks a Book
WANTED: Used Books!**



At the April meeting, we had lots of activity at the book table. Twenty books were

sold. Please bring some popular titles or books you enjoyed reading to the May meeting. If YOU are looking for a good read for the summer, check out the selection on the *Two Bucks a Book* table at each meeting. **Happy Reading!**

Contact **Paula Tye** with questions.

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.*

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS, CARMEN AND CAROL

The Zeta Zeta meeting on April 15th was full of laughter and members exchanging important events. Everyone was in a great mood, as their taxes were in and they were winding down for the school year. Our new members were meeting new friends and we had two new prospective members in attendance. We certainly are on a roll!

Our committee chairs reported on Two Bucks a Book, Backpacks, Shepherd's Gate and THAT hours. We have had some wonderful book selections and members were talking about books that they purchased. It looks like we could start a book review club! The important aspect of our Zeta Zeta Chapter is that everyone realizes that we need to continually support education and to give back to our communities!

Hats off to **Barbara Stumph** and **Isabelle Zamanian** for starting our meeting with an uplifting song! We enjoyed the lyrics and had fun singing together. Next kudos to **Jeanette Finch** and **Valerie Kellner**, our program chairs for planning all the programs this year. They have been the most interesting and informative presentations and have addressed all seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Zeta Zeta Chapter is indeed fortunate to have Jeanetta and Valarie working so hard for us.

Contra Costa Supervisor **Candace Anderson**, our speaker for our meeting was a great example of a woman not worried about breaking the glass ceiling and achieving her goals. She completed her career goals, got married, raised six children and still has time to volunteer and serve her community in many different roles. We are fortunate to have Candace as our representative on the Contra Costa Supervisor's Council. Thanks to **Kit King**, our newsletter editor and historian, for giving a full report on Candace in this edition of the Zeta Zeta Newsletter!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th at **Carol Rowley's** home. Please get your check into **Denise Dolan** ASAP. It only cost 25 dollars and included a fabulous mexican buffet dinner and margaritas! See the newsletter for the complete menu for our MEXICAN FIESTA! Dress casual and arrive at 4:30 PM to start our evening of fun! We will have a brief presentation on investing for the future and a very short business meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all our Zeta Zeta sisters on May 20th!



Carmen and Carol

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS

BACKPACKS

Charlene McPherson is collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies for children of low-income families. Supplies needed are listed below. Check out Ross', Target, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, and Rick's Picks in Danville for good buys. You may bring backpacks and supplies with you to the May meeting, drop off supplies at Charlene's house, or call her for a pick up. During the summer, keep an eye out for great back-to-school deals and bring supplies to the September meeting for our late-fall delivery to Contra Costa's VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action).

- Backpacks
- Post-Its
- Rulers
- Scissors (especially needed)
- Glue sticks
- 3 ring binders (Grades 3-6 only)
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Colored pencils
- Classic Broad-tip Markers
- Pencil boxes or bags
- Highlighters
- Small toys (e.g., Matchbox cars or Beanie Babies)
- Pencil erasers
- New or slightly used paperback books for K-2 & grades 3-6

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Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have donated books, toiletries (pictured in the basket on the table), and other personal items for the residents and children of **Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter in Livermore.**

Please continue to bring like-new and gently used books for preschool children and babies to any regular meeting. **Terry DeYoung** went with Kit this month. It was great fun for both of them. If you would like to go with **Kit King** to read one month, call Kit.



**CANDACE
ANDERSON**

**SUPERVISOR, CONTRA
COSTA COUNTY
DISTRICT 2, BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

Candace Anderson impressed us with her knowledge of the many

facets of the county's role in making life here safe and comfortable. She spoke passionately and without notes!

BACKGROUND

Candace is an attorney and mother of 6 children. She studied music and political science with a major in Public Policy. She attended law school at Brigham Young University, and graduated in July of 1982. After that she married and moved back to Hawaii.

She practiced law as a prosecuting attorney, and after that on a part-time basis. After her fourth son was born, she put her legal career on hold. They moved to Morgan Hill, and in 1991 she heard of two vacancies on two different City Council positions. She applied but was not contacted. One day, while watching the community channel on TV, Candace was surprised to hear of her being appointed to BOTH positions.

DANVILLE

Her husband accepted a job offer in Danville in 1995. She volunteered in her children's classes weekly and was on school site committees at Sycamore, Charlotte Wood, and San Ramon High School. Candace also worked on parcel tax and bond measures for SRVUSD.

DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

When Millie Greenberg left office, Candace was appointed to her vacancy in 2003. She served as Danville's mayor in 2008, and 2012. In June of 2012 she decided to run for County Supervisor and was appointed to fill the rest of the Gayle Uilkema's term, when Gayle passed away.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

What exactly does the County Board of Supervisors do? Among other things they oversee

the following services:(Just a few are mentioned below!)

- Libraries
- Agriculture (pesticides, etc.)
- Weights and measures (grocery stores)
- Airports (Buchanan and Byron)
- Animal Control Services
- Assessors (Tax Collector)
- Child Support Services
- Welfare Programs
- Community Services for unincorporated areas (like Alamo)
- County Television Channel (CCTV)
- District Attorney
- Elections
- Employment and Human Resources
- Call Center for Health Care (1500 applicants for 350 positions)
- County Hospitals
- Housing Authority
- Sheriff's Department
- Public Works
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Fire Department
- Health Care Reform
- Home Business permits
- Land Use Permits (Planning and Zoning issues)

Whew! What a big job she has. She told us that you can Google Contra Costa Emergency Warning System and sign up to receive emergency alerts for your home, town, or country. Candace was informed and interesting. If you want to contact her further, her email is

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LOCAL EDUCATOR'S ORGANIZATION EASES PAIN OF HIGH-COST TUITION

Joe Anne Doyle, Scholarship Chairman of the DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter , announced that the 2013 Jessie Falconer Tuition Grants applications are now available. The grants, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, are intended for students in the field of education, including any teacher working to further his/her degrees or credentials. The grants, which will be awarded in September, are given on the basis of academic achievement, community service, leadership, and extent of financial need without regard to race, religion, gender, or age. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and a resident of Contra Costa County. **The form is due by May 15** and is available at: www.dkg-zetazeta.org/DKGTuitionGrantApplication.pdf or by contacting Joe Anne Doyle at (925) 837-5406.

Last September, three recipients received grants. Pami Dirksen, a second grade teacher at Coyote Creek Elementary in San Ramon Valley USD, is working toward her Masters in Teaching Leadership at St. Mary's College. Grace Kim, a long-term substitute, teaches at Live Oak Elementary in SRVUSD and applied her grant toward completion of a Special Education Credential. Another Live Oak teacher, Shelbi Wong, teaches second grade and is working on her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Brandman University, part of the Chapman University System.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG), established in 1929, is an honorary association comprised of more than 90,000 women educators in 18 countries with a mission to promote personal and professional growth and to support excellence in education. Zeta Zeta Chapter, one of 175 DKG chapters in California, is comprised of East Bay active and retired educators who also volunteer in community activities, such as assembling backpacks filled with supplies for needy children, the Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program at the Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter in Livermore, as well as mentoring and supporting teachers through the THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) DKG-sponsored program.

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