



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.



*Fabulous presentation on education in China by guest Chinese teacher **Wenji Gui**, and SRVUSD principals, **Sharon Keeton, Nadine Rosensweig, and Carol Loflin**. More details follow on page 4.*

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PAT HANSEN



is relatively new to Zeta Zeta. Rumor has it that she holds the record for being the principal at the same school (Vista Grande School in Danville) for longer than anyone else in the district. Her passions revolve around her faith, school, family (3 kids & 7 grandchildren), and friends.

Pat was the VP at a middle school, taught 6 - 8 grades, Adult Education, and Alternative Educ. at the high school level, before becoming an elementary principal. She has taught CCD at her church, and mostly done things revolving around sports (snack bar coordinator and umpire coordinator, etc.) which her family adores.

She has been honored as Rotary Admin. of the Year and ACCSA Admin. of the Year, and is highly regarded as an educator, mom, and good friend. Pat always gives of her time, energy, money, and self to help others. She is awesome!

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Our February meeting is the always popular joint meeting with Association of American University Women. **The form to accompany your reservation is on the last page of this newsletter!** Please send in your \$35.00 for our TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH dinner meeting to Denise Dolan (P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507) by Tuesday, February 19th. The entree choices are 1) Salmon alla Bella or 2) Chicken Picatta 3) Vegetarian. Included is Dessert, Bread, and Coffee or Tea.

Would the following members bring \$10 gifts for our chapter raffle? If you can't come, please send it with another member.

Mary Lembke, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Kim Marasco, Karen Martens, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, Bobbie Mortensen and Sallie Nelson.

Two Bucks a Book

WANTED: Used Books!

We're looking for some popular current titles to resell at our next meeting. Bring a good book to recommend! If YOU are looking for a good read, check out the selection on the *Two Bucks a Book* table at each meeting. See **Paula Tye** with questions.



MEETINGS & MENUS
Remaining for 2012-2013

Tuesday, February 26

Salmon alla Bella or Chicken Picatta with Raspberry Jack for dessert

Monday, March 18

Grilled Salmon or Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Caesar Salad

Tuesday, April 16

Roadhouse Prawn Salad or Southwestern Salad with Chocolate Velvet Cake

May meeting - TBD

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

DON'T FORGET TO CHART YOUR T.H.A.T HOURS. BRING THEM TO THE MARCH MEETING!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS, CARMEN AND CAROL

The Zeta Zeta meeting on January 28th was marvelous! We had 42 people in attendance and the room was filled with friends talking about their winter break and holiday plans. We had a great ice-breaker presented by **Donna Bell**. She got all the tables sharing about the "old days" and how we ran off dittoes and used chalkboards, etc. We knew the students of today wouldn't know what we were talking about, but we had fun sharing stories!

We had a very productive business meeting. The treasures's report by **Sue Robinson** and the minutes taken by **Lois Sherwood** were approved. Updates on Backpacks by **Charlene McPherson**, Shepherd's Gate by **Kit King** and What's Happening by **Diana Sawin**, proved that Zeta Zeta Chapter is very busy, indeed! **Valerie Kellner** and **Jeanette Fitch** presented a revised program schedule for the rest of this year. Hats off to this dynamic duo for scheduling such great programs for us!

Our program for the evening was Education in China, presented by our own **Sharon Keeton**, a retired principal from San Ramon Unified School District. Also presenting were **Carol Loflin** and **Nadine Rosensweig**, principals from two elementary schools in San Ramon and **Wenyi Gui**, a guest teacher from China. The panel of educators showed films and excerpts from their time visiting schools in China. Each educator shared some aspect of their trip, showing classrooms, curriculum and facilities. We even saw one thousand kindergarten students, dressed in uniforms, doing physical education exercises. Wenyi talked about the differences of educational practices in both countries. There were lots of questions from the audience and most of us agreed that we would like to visit! Thanks to our presenters for providing such an enlightening and engaging program for us! More details on the next page.

Once again we had special treats for each person attending! Thanks to **Bobbie Mortensen** and **Jackie Adams** for spoiling us!

Ballots were passed out to vote for Zeta Zeta members for the following : service to chapter, professional service and public service. Congratulations to **Stephanie Brown Myers** and **Sue Robinson** for receiving our Chapter Service Award. Congratulations to **Emily Ehm** for receiving the Professional Service Award and **Lois Sherwood** for receiving the Public Service Award! We are VERY Proud of you!!!

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 26th** at Scott's in Walnut Creek, as usual! It is a Joint Meeting with AAUW. We will have a scholarship winner honored and a guest speaker from Mills College. Reservation form is on the last page for this popular event.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Carmen and Carol



INTERESTING CHINA!

We enjoyed a fabulous presentation on education in China, by our own **Sharon Keeton**, newly retired principal from Montevideo, **Carol Loflin**, principal at Quail Run, and **Nadine Rosenzweig**, principal at Live Oak - all SRVUSD elementary schools.



They visited sister schools Changzhou and Hangzhou, each having from 1900 to 6000 students. They also participated in a trip sponsored by the College Board and Hanban (the Chinese Confucius Institute), visiting the cities of Guangzhou, Huai'an, and Beijing. Our presenters shared videos of schools in China showing students in uniforms - learning, singing, and being taught by power point lessons developed by their teachers on their own time. Word walls in English, "turn and talk" activities, and lots of questioning strategies were observed in Chinese schools.

Technology and the arts are highly valued in China, with many students participating in singing, dancing, opera, and of course ~ calligraphy. They noted that there was an emphasis on "pride in school." Parents and grandparents are very involved and have great respect for teachers. Typical school hours are from 7:50 until 4:40, but children have a two-hour break at lunch when children can go home and are expected to nap so they can be focused for the afternoon.

Schools in China are very competitive, and children memorize from a very young age. BIG exams are given twice a year. Students are ranked (which is a controversial subject to some parents in China).



Guest Chinese teacher, **Wenyi Gui**, gave a wonderful power point examining the differences in American schools and those in China.

She explained that instead of one-to-one, parent conferences were done in front of a group of all parents, and children's grades are displayed for all to see. Classes are very large and teachers are strict and direct. An interesting fact that we learned was that "eye exercises" are mandated by the government each day involving massage of temples, noses, etc. all done to music.



Carol Loflin has a dual immersion program at her school where half the day is taught in English and the other half, Mandarin Chinese. Nadine and Sharon expressed the opinion that we need to offer Mandarin as an alternate to Spanish or French - at a very early age, not waiting for middle school.

We thank our wonderful presenters for their honest sharing, taking time to bring all the projectors and videos for our enjoyment, and for allowing us to experience their trip to China vicariously. Well done, ladies!

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS BACKPACKS

In January **Charlene McPherson** delivered 50 supply-filled backpacks for K-6 students from needy families to Contra Costa's Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action. (V.E.S.T.I.A.) Thanks to Zeta Zeta members for your generous donations. We will continue to accept with appreciation the supplies listed below for our 2013 collection. You may bring items to chapter meetings throughout the year or arrange their pickup or delivery to Charlene.

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| Post-Its | Colored pencils |
| Classic Broad tip Markers | Pencil Boxes |
| Rulers | Highlighters |
| Scissors | Glue sticks |
| Stuffed animals | 3 ring binders (Grades 3-6 only) |
| Wide-ruled notebook paper | Small toys (e.g., Matchbox cars) |
| Pencil erasers | |

New or slightly used paperback books for K-2 & grades 3-6

Life Skill Center Shepherd's Gate



Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have brought books, toiletries, tooth brushes 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.

Kit King just went on a tour of Shepherd's Gate and saw the inside of the new Life Center. They have hopes to finish the inside this year. They have reserved a room for a library, so all the books will be moved over there at that time. If you would

like to go with **Kit King** and **Donna Bell** to read one month, call Kit.

T.H.A.T. HOURS

The THAT **Teachers Helping Another Teacher** Chapter report is due on **April 4th, 2013**. Keep on recording your THAT hours! Let's go for a record number again! Ann will need your hours by **April 1st**. Thanks, Ann. Please bring your hours to the March meeting, or send them to Ann Kyle, <annkyle.kyle@gmail.com> or a hard copy to her home.



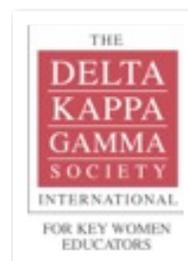
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DKG/AAUW Dinner Meeting

*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
education, and research.*

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Our fellow and speaker for the evening is Priya Mariana Shimpi (below) who is an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Mills College, where she is the director of the Language Development Laboratory. We are looking forward to what she has to say on social and cultural foundations of child development and the role of cultural and environmental experiences in young children's language development.



Date: Tuesday, February 26th
Place: Scott's Garden Room
Time: 5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner & Speaker*

Please send \$35.00 made out to DKG to Denise Dolan by February 23rd with your menu choice, #1 Grilled Salmon, #2 Chicken Parmesan or #3 Vegetarian. Dessert, tea, coffee, and bread included!

DKG/AAUW RESERVATIONS:

Denise Dolan
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Alamo, CA 94507

Name _____

Phone _____ **Menu Choice: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian (circle one)**

Organization _____