

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.



Local columnist, author, and speaker, **Penny Warner** signs a book for member **Jeanette Fitch** at our April dinner meeting at Scott's Restaurant.



**JOE ANNE
DOYLE**

Joe Anne joined our Zeta Zeta Chapter in

November of 1978. She attended Holy Names University for her undergraduate work. She is currently the Resource Teacher at St. Isidore's School and taught in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District for over 30 years. She taught K & 1st, was Reading Specialist at Greenbrook, and Resource Teacher at Rancho.

Joe Anne has been Zeta Zeta's President and VEEP in charge of Membership. She is on the board of Contra Costa Reading Assn. in charge of Registration. She has been CCRA President, Sec'y, and Area Director. JoeAnne received CCRA's Margaret Lynch Award and the Celebrate Literacy Award.

JoeAnne and Mike have 3 sons, 2 daughters, and 11 grandchildren. JoeAnne enjoys reading, baking, and caring for her rose garden. What a generous, giving woman!

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MAY DINNER MEETING

Our **MAY** dinner meeting will be held **Monday, May 19th**, 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 \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan** (P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507) by Tuesday, May 13th. *It was decided by vote of the members present at the April meeting that we would charge the usual amount to offset the cost of an increase in dues for next year at Scott's.*

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. Books were sold and checked out of the Zeta Zeta Lending Library. 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!**



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 22 was full of laughter and good cheer as members greeted each other. Conversations of travel, grandchildren, books read and adventures to come, created a happy buzz at Scott's Restaurant. **Barbara Stumph** and **Isabelle Zamanian** led our members in a John Denver song called "Sunshine on my Shoulders" which proved that we have some great singers!

Peggy Ebersole and **Kit King** announced that the proposed slate of officers for 2014 to 2016 was approved by ballot. The installation of officers will take place on May 19th at the Mexican Fiesta. Thanks to Peggy and her committee for their hard and convincing work! **Diana Sawin** read two pieces of correspondence. The first was from the Life Foundation, Chi State, thanking our chapter for our contribution in memory of **Joan Cunnings**. The second was announcing that the Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday morning, May 4th at the Chi State Convention in Santa Clara. **Karen Martens** and **Joan Cunnings** will be honored and remembered at this ceremony. **Mary Lempke**, our Educational Law and Policy Chair talked about the National Women's History Museum in Alexandria, Virginia. Charter membership forms are available. The Change for Change jar got very heavy as our members placed their change in the jar for Schools in Africa! Thanks so much **Georgia Moore**, Chairperson.

Valerie Kellner and **Jeanette Fitch**, co-chairs of Educational Excellence/Program talked about the programs of the year and introduced **Penny Warner**, our speaker. Penny is a local author of children and adult books, and a columnist for the Contra Costa Times. Her children attended local schools. **Joe Ann Doyle** and **Gail Costello** were thanked by Penny for doing an outstanding job teaching her children. Penny talked about how she has always been a teacher, teaching and writing about pre-school students and beyond. Penny always loved to write and still teaches classes. She has a marvelous sense of humor and had us continually laughing, as she gave examples of her writing brainstorms and research! Penny has written over 60 books and always has more in the planning stages. Penny gives classroom presentations about writing and the joy of reading. The question and answer segment at the end of her presentation was lively and very involved. What a GREAT program! I think we can convince Penny to join Zeta Zeta!!!



Our next meeting is the **MEXICAN FIESTA on Monday, May 19th at 5:00PM**. The location is Carol's home --7524 Northland Avenue, San Ramon (828-5527) The cost has been raised to \$35 which includes Margaritas! The increase will help our budget for next year, as dinners are increasing in price at Scott's. Please send your \$35 to **Denise Dolan**, PO Box 551, Alamo, CA 94507 by May 14th, so we have an accurate count. Dress for SUMMER FUN!

Looking forward to seeing you on May 19th!

Carmen and Carol

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS

Professional Loaning Library

Six of the Notable Books reviewed or listed in the Delta Kappa Gamma's Fall International Journal for Professional Educators will be available to borrow at coming meetings. Charlene has added a seventh book to our DKG professional library. *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. Call **Charlene McPherson** with questions.

Pay It Forward Literacy Enrichment Program

Many thanks to those of you who have donated books, toiletries, 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. **Carmen Curtis** went with **Kit King** and **Donna Bell** this month. She read *Peter Rabbit*, and *Tom the Kitten* to the children. She came complete with props. It was great fun and the children were intently focused! Unfortunately there weren't many children that day. It's always a surprise to see how many show up. If you would like to go with **Kit King** to read one month, call Kit.



BACKPACKS UPDATE

Charlene McPherson is collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies for children of low-income families. Supplies needed are listed to the right. 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



New Officers for 2014 - 2016 Biennium

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- CO-PRESIDENTS: Carmen Burks & Carol Rowley
- FIRST CO-VICE PRESIDENTS (Membership) Sandy Madewell & Barbara Manley
- SECOND CO-VICE PRESIDENTS (Programs) Donna Bell & Valerie Kellner
- RECORDING SECRETARY Lois Sherwood
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Diana Sawin

Appointed Positions (so far...)

- CO-TREASURERS: Sue Robinson & Sallie Nelson
- PARLIAMENTARIAN: Stephanie Brown-Myers
- WEBSITE/YEARBOOKS: Roseann Krane
- HOSPITALITY: Bobbie Mortensen & Jackie Adams
- HISTORIAN/NEWSLETTER: Kit King



5/14 Legislative Links - From Mary Lembke

More on the National Women's History Museum

DKG National appreciates the importance of getting Congressional approval to get an actual building funded for building the National Women's History Museum. At our last meeting I encouraged you to join the museum and to use the website as a great resource for teachers. Now there is only one senator who has not signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill which would authorize an actual building. That is Senator Deb Fischer of Nebraska. If you know anyone or have family in Nebraska, prevail upon them to urge her for support. We have museums dedicated to everything from the American Indians to the history of American journalism in Washington, D.C. Shouldn't we have one specifically aimed at the achievements of women?

There are a number of contested races in the June 3rd Primary election. Don't let this opportunity slip by and see it as "just" a Primary. A lot of money is coming from out of the state to support an agenda that might not be consistent with Delta Kappa Gamma goals for education. Superintendent of Schools, Tom Torlakson, who has been a strong advocate of Common Core, is being challenged by Marshall Tuck, a former president of Green Dot Public Schools, a supporter of charter schools. Joan Buchanan's Assembly seat is open with Tim Sbranti, a teacher, running against Steve Glazer from Orinda and Newell Arnerich, City Councilman from Danville. Mailboxes have been flooded with expensive ads from Sbranti and Glazer. Lots of money is being spent, which means "someone" with money to spend wants one of these candidates to win badly. Make sure you research which candidate is going to be the better supporter of education. Look to see who is providing that money.

Be sure and vote on Tuesday, June 3rd.

Mary Lembke



**CHI STATE CONVENTION
LETTER FROM JEANNE GELWICKS**

Dear Zeta Zeta Sisters,

Wish you could have been there! Just returned from our 2014 Chi State Convention which was held at the Hyatt Regency (beautiful hotel) around the corner from the new Santa Clara Stadium where the Forty-niners' are going to be playing in the coming season. It was only an hour's drive from here.

We had more than 550 attending in twenty shades of red and roses with so many things to see, do, and hear in 48 hours that it was impossible to participate in everything. However, here are just a few experiences that many of us enjoyed:

- *New ~ Arts and Crafts Gallery*
- Friday afternoon's choice of training for new presidents or a dynamite presentation of Common Core State Standards (*Presentation content forwarded to participants via e-mail – we can share too!*)
- *New ~ Young DKG Members Panel* (more to say about this at the upcoming May 20th meeting when Carol, Diana, Lois also provide feedback)
- *New ~ Area Networking ~ meet and greet DKG members and guests from throughout California ~ with Area "stations" equipped with photos*
- Record-breaking choice of 38 Interest Sessions
- *Saturday Luncheon Keynote Speaker ~ Rebecca Mieliwocki, 2012 National Teacher of the Year ~ dynamic, hilarious presenter with slides and narratives of her meetings with President Obama at the White House, her visitations throughout the U.S., and her middle school students.*
- A memorable and poignant Celebration of Life led by *Diana Sawin* to honor the many losses we incurred in the past year, including our own ***Joan Cunnings and Karen Martens.***
- ***Carol Rowley***, who received certificates for *Zeta Zeta* for Order of the Rose (for adding five members to our Chapter) as well as for "Honor Chapters with Five + Years" (awarded for undertaking activities that keep us current and viable).
- *Sunday Breakfast Keynote Speaker ~ Kathy Bauer ~ spoke with great insight and practical measures for meeting life's challenges on "Transitions - How to Recognize States of Change and Infuse Humor, Teamwork and Action to Survive and Thrive".*

Well, there's so much more to tell you, but you just have to experience this for yourself! How about just getting some Zeta Zeta carloads together and heading for the Hyatt Regency San Francisco from May 1-3, 1915?

Carol Rowley's Thoughts on the Convention...

My thoughts on the Chi State Convention---over 600 members attended and many first timers. It was beautifully organized with MANY great sessions and speakers. My favorite was having a reunion with the great friends that served as Area Directors from 1987 to 1989. We meet annually at the convention.

Other favorites—

1. *listening to the Young DKG Members Panel who answered questions about teaching and being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.*
2. *enjoying the dynamic presentation of Rebecca Mieliwocki from LA, who is the National Teacher of the year.*
3. *seeing Assemblywoman **Joan Buchanan** being initiated as an Honorary Member of DKG.*
4. *beaming as our Zeta Zeta Chapter was honored as a five star chapter for five plus years.*
5. *smiling as the chapter awards were recognized--**Charlene McPherson**- Chapter, **Carmen Burks** - Professional, **Carmen Curtis** - Public, **Kit King**- AreaService Award - Professional.*
6. *proud of **Diana Sawin** as she organized the entire Ceremony of Life at the Convention--but sad that we lost two of our sisters this year--**Karen DeBaca Martin** and **Joan Cunnings**.*

Next Year the Chi State Convention is in San Francisco! Let's all plan to attend. There is money for first timers in the Area III budget and our Zeta Zeta Chapter can help a little too!

