



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.



*Lovely Scott's Garden was the destination for our February Delta Kappa Gamma/ AAUW joint meeting. Read about our speaker, **Mamie Chow**, on page 4.*

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BARBARA STUMPH



Barbara Stumph joined our chapter in April of 2004. She received her BA in Asian Studies at Univ. of Oregon, and a Masters in Education at Cal State Hayward. She has been sponsored by the East/West Center in Intensive Mandarin Chinese at the Univ. of Hawaii and the Republic of China. She has traveled to China many times.

She has delighted us with her Chinese Brush Painting and is pleased to submit her latest creation to Chi State for their Art Display this year.

Not only is Barbara a highly intelligent woman, but she is creative, artistic, and kind to others. She and Isabelle Zamanian have contributed to the good of the chapter by their gift of songs.

Barbara has been an ELD teacher in Mt Diablo Unified School District, and has taught writing as an after school instructor at Los Medanos College. Additionally, she has been an ELD teacher in both elementary and middle school in Richmond Unified.

Not only has she given much to the community in service, she has been the recipient of grants, been a Fulbright scholar, and is a published author - many times over. We are so fortunate to have Barbara in our chapter!

MARCH DINNER MEETING: Please join us Zeta Zeta Chapter's March dinner meeting on **Monday, March 10th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. beginning at 5:30 for social time and dinner at 6:00. Please send your \$35.00 check into **Denise Dolan**, PO Box 551, Alamo, 94507 by Tuesday, March 4th with your choice of menu item. A Caesar salad, bread, and coffee or tea is included. There is always an option for a vegetarian item as well. Come and bring a friend or colleague.

MENU CHOICES:

- 1.) Cedar Planked Salmon
- 2.) Tuscany Chicken

We will be initiating new members at this meeting. Please welcome **Kassie Fell, Carol Hausmann, and Shelly Kravitz**. With three transfer members (Sarah Dunlop, Nancy Davidson, and Helen Rees) this year, that brings our total of new members to 6.

RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:

JANUARY: **Bobbie Mortensen, Sallie Nelson, Carly Owens, Elaine Penning, Alice Reynolds, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Francine Sanchez, & Diana Sawin**. 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.

MEETINGS & MENU
for 2014
(Vegetarian dish available)
Bread, coffee, tea & parking all included in price!

Monday, March 10
Cedar Planked Salmon or Tuscany Chicken with Caesar Salad

Tuesday, April 22
Roadhouse Prawn Salad or Southwestern Grilled Chicken Salad with Chocolate Velvet Cake

May meeting - Fiesta Party
Carol Rowley's Home

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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.*

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS, CARMEN AND CAROL

The Zeta Zeta Meeting on February 11, 2014 was our annual meeting with AAUW. Almost 50 members and guests were in attendance in the beautiful garden room at Scott's Restaurant. It was great to hear all the conversations and laughter as friends from both groups greeted each other. Everyone was welcomed to the joint meeting and all members of Zeta Zeta were asked to stand up and be recognized. Zeta Zeta guests **Kassie Fell, Carol Haussmann, Shelly Kravitz** and **Janis Stivers** were introduced. **Nancy Davidson**, former member of Epsilon Theta and **Helen Rees**, a transfer member from Florida were also presented to the audience. The AAUW Presidents also introduced their members.

Before dinner was served the "Change for Change" jar was passed around to help with our projects and opportunity tickets were sold for prizes. **Two Bucks a Book** had a steady flow of customers as attendees talked about their favorite books read.

The highlight of our meeting was hearing the presentation by **Mamie Chow**, who was the scholarship recipient of the AAUW scholarship for her research and work on Chinese medicine. Her topic was "How Chinese Medicine Can Help Modern America". She gave descriptions of her work and how it could be applied to today's medical practices. The questions from the audience were very enlightening and many members had tried Chinese medicine.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014. The program will be Initiation and Order of the Rose and a special play production by some talented Zeta Zeta Members led by producer Diana Sawin. Come and support our new members. We will be initiating **Kassie Fell, Carol Haussmann, and Shelly Kravitz**. A ballot will be coming under a separate email, as our bylaws require a vote. Additionally, we will be giving each member an orientation to our chapter on a separate date.

*On a very sad note---we are so sorry to inform you that our beloved Zeta Zeta sister, **Joan Cunnings** passed away suddenly last Sunday, March 16th. Joan was always the life of the party with her great sense of humor. She taught in the San Ramon Valley at Los Cerros School and loved all children, pets and her friends. She served on many committees and was active in the California Retired Teachers chapter in Walnut Creek. She will be dearly missed! A celebration of her life will be held in a couple of months. We will keep you posted on the date and any details when we know them.*



~ Carol and Carmen

We were fortunate to hear from **Mamie Chow** at our February joint meeting with AAUW. Mamie spent the first fifteen years of her professional life in social justice organizations, focusing on racial and gender equity, quality education, and equal access to resources for everyone. Mamie spoke from the heart saying that people need to work together to create change and spent much of her time in those fifteen years building political collaborations in Oakland.



Mamie is a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is passionate about women experiencing first-hand the mental and physical power that can come from this mind-body practice. Mamie decided to go back to school to become a traditional Chinese medical practitioner after experiencing IBS for 30 years and having four different Western medical doctors use many unsuccessful invasive and uncomfortable procedures. When she finally went to a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner who suggested acupuncture, she was helped. She credits it all to Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Since then she has pursued her dream of becoming a licensed practitioner by completing her MA in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) at the Academy of Chinese Culture and Healthy Sciences in Oakland. TCM is a broad range of medicine practices

sharing common concepts which have been developed in China and are based on a tradition of more than 2,000 years, including various forms of herbal medicine, acupuncture, massage (Tui na), exercise (qigong), and dietary therapy. She is in her last year of school and hopes to pass the CALE (California Acupuncture License Exam) upon completion of her courses. What she loves most is developing healthy rapport with her clients and using tiny needles and 2,000 year old formulas to alleviate pain and strengthen the mind-body-spirit connection. Her vision is to increase access to quality healthcare of women and girls from marginalized communities and support the healing process of trauma survivors. Way to go, Mamie!

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FYI

Marilyn Steichen sent this link from VESTIA for the **Angel Tree Program**.

< <http://animoto.com/play/eavT82pLSv97hkezdmbosg>>

Watch it and see if you can find Marilyn and our gifts. VESTIA sent thank you's from the kids for us to read. Marilyn can share those with you.

A copy of the letter she received from VESTIA is on the following page.

Thanks Marilyn, for managing this wonderful program each year!



VESTIA, INC.
Volunteer & Emergency Services Team in Action

Every year, I am amazed at your response to our Angel Tree Program. Many of you jump at the opportunity to serve as many foster kids as possible. Thank you for the extra pajamas, gift cards, toys, blankets for the new kids coming into the foster care system. This is very much appreciated by the social workers and staff of Children & Family services.

Thank you on behalf of the 1,642 foster children you helped serve with a special gift this past holiday season. For some of these children, this was the only gift they received all year.

Here are a few of the children's responses received:

One of our teens wrote: "I got a comforter and I love it! It keeps me nice and warm. Thank you so very much!" - Eric

One of our Social Workers emailed me the following to share with you:

"Hi Angel Tree "Angels". I want to share with you the joy and excitement that I saw in the face of a six year old little boy when I delivered the gift from you. This six year old boy had been living from place-to-place without consistent housing and subsequently he did not have many toys or clothes. When I arrived at his home he saw the wrapped package and was so excited and yelled with a big smile on his face "A present!!!!" He was so excited and he absolutely loved the Disney storybook set. It helps him learn to read and gives him something fun to do. He showed me the gift after Christmas and said that he loves it! That one gift brought him so much joy and happiness. I was blessed to witness his happiness and I wanted to share it so that all Angel Tree participants can get a flavor of the joy you bring to our children's lives!" - Kendra, SW

To all of our remarkable volunteers, thank you for your continued time and support- You're treasured!

To all of our marvelous donors, thank you for making this program possible through your time and support. Please share this website address with your office and friends: <http://animoto.com/play/eavT82pLSv97hkezdmbo5g>

We look forward to working with you on Angel Tree next winter. We wish you a very successful 2014; may it also be filled with much health, laughter and love.

Warmly,

Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas
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ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS



BACKPACKS

There will be 48 happy kids this year who will receive new backpacks filled with supplies, books and a special toy. Thanks to members of Zeta Zeta chapter for your donations to this service project, supporting children of area low-income families via VESTIA, Volunteer Emergency Services Team in Action.

Charlene McPherson

TWO BUCKS A BOOK

Always Wanted: Quality Used Books! Trying to decide what to read next? Want to pick up a new paperback? Then be sure to check out the wide selection of titles at our **Two Bucks a Book** table. You're sure to discover something wonderful to read.

Remember that we are always looking for new books to sell as well. So bring along any books you've recently read and are willing to donate for the good of the group.

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. Call **Charlene McPherson** with questions.

Read Across Chi State

Chi State's LIFE Foundation is sponsoring the project, "Read Across Chi State" with the book *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. LIFE has partnered with Barnes & Noble for a **Book Fair, March 1 - 23** that will help to raise funds for the LIFE Foundation. Please support the book fair to help **LIFE** promote and support special projects for learning and literacy throughout the state. More information will be forthcoming about this event.

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.**

Kit attended the SG graduation of five ladies that have been attending the book group. It was a lovely ceremony. What a fine program where so many women are helped to get back on track in their lives.

Please continue to contribute like-new and gently used books for preschool children and babies to any regular meeting. We could also use some good "read aloud" books. If you would like to go out to read one month, call **Kit King**.

Legislative Links

Report from **Mary Lembke**

The Governor's Budget: Individual districts are meeting to give input on the proposals now. These is a very brief summary.

Provides for \$10 billion for public education and for paying off all of the remaining deferrals.

Dedicates a certain percentage in Prop. 98 for Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) with the Legislature having no role in making this determination.

Provides for no resources for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. \$46.5 million is proposed to implement the provisions of the revised student assessment system.

As suggested by the Legislative Analyst, sets aside some money in the next budget process for the state's adoption of a long-term CalSTRS funding plan.

State Department of Education (SDE) has announced a tool designed to deliver information about the Smarter Balanced Field Test. Send a blank email to CAASPP@mlist.cde.ca.gov to received specific information about the tests directly.

CalPERS Long Term Care Insurance: Herein are phone numbers you might find useful: relating to your policy: 800-982-1775; relating to premium increases 888-877-4934.

The Federal government has made an exception for the State of California to suspend statewide testing for this year so the State Department of Education can develop test specific to the Common Core Curriculum. There will be no penalty.

