



# 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: Dr. Patricia Wool and Carol Rowley)**  
 At the January meeting, **Dr. Patricia Wool**, current Superintendent of Walnut Creek School District, spoke about the new Core Curriculum Standards and how they differ from former State Standards. Read more about Dr. Wool's topic in President's Letter on pg. 3)

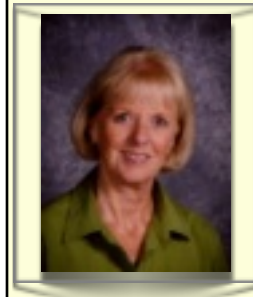
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**CHARLENE MCPHERSON**



*Charlene is one of our newer members, and recently retired. She taught second grade for 20 years at Country Club*

*School in SRVUSD. She graduated from MSU in Billings where she got her BS in General Ed & Special Education. She was a BTSA mentor for many years. Charlene volunteered at Books for the Barrios and even went to the Philippines and did some teacher training for them for 2 years. She was recognized by the Philippines Department of Education for her mentoring there. Charlene is a widow with 3 grown children who remain in the area. She has 4 grand daughters ranging in age - 3 months to 6 years old.*

*When asked what she likes about Delta Kappa Gamma she said she likes the service opportunities, (She's our Backpack Chairperson) the educational aspect of our speakers, the camaraderie with like-minded educators, and the dinners! She gets a powerful feeling when she's in the room with such energy and wisdom.*

*Thanks for getting our professional library started Charlene. We love having you as a member!*

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Please join us for our annual collaborative meeting with **AAUW** (Association of American University Women), Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch. Our speaker will be **Mamie Chow**, a current recipient of an AAUW Funds Grant to complete her MA in Traditional Chinese Medicine. This joint chapter dinner meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11th**, 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 Wednesday, February 5th with your choice of menu item.



**Marnie Chow**

Flyer to send with reservations is on page five at the end of the newsletter. There is always an option for a vegetarian item as well. Come and bring a friend or colleague.

**RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:**

JANUARY: **Mary Lembke, Eldene Lucchese, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Kim Marasco, Irene McKeever, Charlene McPherson, & Georgia Moore.** 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 & MENUS**  
**for 2014**  
**(Vegetarian dish available)**  
**Bread, coffee, tea & parking all included in price!**

**Tuesday, February 11**  
Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, and Raspberry Jack or Sorbet with cookie for dessert

**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**

*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 January 14, 2014 was a great start to the New Year as we had over 40 members and guests in attendance. It was great to hear all the conversations and greetings as everyone had enjoyed the Holidays! We were welcomed back with an uplifting song by **Barbara Stumph** and **Isabel Zamanian**, and all the guests were introduced.

**Lois Sherwood** did a great job on the minutes of the November 2013 meeting and **Sue Robinson** gave an update on our finances. Our chapter is thriving! We continue to be impressed with our newsletter and all the information that **Kit King** brings to us each month! Thanks also to **Jeanne Gelwicks**--for our publicity, **Mary Lempke**--for giving us a legislative update, and **Marilyn Steichen** for organizing the Angel Project!

**Peggy Ebersole** and her team will be working on a new slate of officers for 2014 to 2016. All our members are so willing to help whenever they are needed. Installation of officers will be Monday, May 19th!!

The highlight of our meeting was hearing the presentation by **Dr. Patricia Wool**, Superintendent of Walnut Creek Unified School District. She spoke on the subject of Common Core Standards and the impact on teaching and learning. She gave us each a packet of information called *The Opportunity for Change and the Challenge*. The dynamic presentation was just what we needed to learn about what students need to know for careers, college and citizenship. The Common Core Standards are aligned with college and work expectations and include rigorous content and application of knowledge through higher level skills. Expectations are different: Children will learn more problem solving techniques and have to draw or explain how they got their answers via computer. Another change is the emphasis on non fiction more than fiction. The lecture and the packet of information used during the talk will be a valuable resource for all our members to understand all the changes. The questions and answers at the end of the lecture really showed that our members totally understood the value of the shifts in learning. We really appreciated Dr. Wool, graciously spending time with Zeta Zeta!

**Sally Scholl**, our November speaker, wanted to let you all know that she met her goal! With the help of Zeta Zeta and other organizations, over \$4,000 was raised for corrugated roofs to collect rain water! There is still so much more to do! Checks can still be made out to *Sally Scholl, 30 Broadmoor Court, San Ramon, CA 94583*. Sally sends the money to Africa and a letter will be sent to each contributor for tax purposes. Since the Global Awareness Committee encompasses world scholarships and schools in Africa, this is a perfect cause!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th in Scott's Garden Room. This is a joint meeting with AAUW and the speaker is Mamie Chow. A flyer for reservations is at the end of this newsletter. Due date for reservations is February 5th. Hope to see you in February! Wear RED for DKG and Valentine's Day!!!!



~ *Carol and Carmen*

ZETA ZETA SERVICE PROJECTS



BACKPACKS

Forty-five backpacks filled with school supplies will be delivered to VESTIA this month. On behalf of the children of low-income

families in Contra Costa County, thanks to Zeta Zeta members for your generous donations.

Charlene McPherson

TWO BUCKS A BOOK

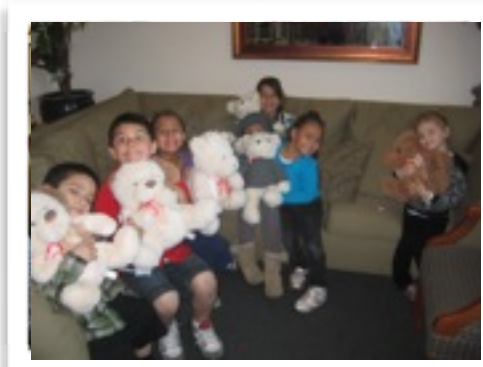
Always Wanted: Quality Used Books! If you've read a good book recently, please consider donating it to Zeta Zeta. Also, keep your Zeta Zeta sisters in mind, before loaning or disposing of that extra great book. Happy Reading!

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. Titles include Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free, Born To Rise: A Story of Children and Teachers Reaching Their Highest Potential, 17 Women Who Shook the World: Learning the Secrets for Embracing Highly Effective Lives, I Hope I Join the Band: Narrative, Affiliation, and Antiracist Rhetoric, and The Teachers' Lounge (Uncensored): A Funny, Edgy, Poignant Look at Life in the Classroom, Love, Life and Elephants: An African Love Story. 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.



Children received a B.E.A.R - Be Excited About Reading!

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. We gave out reading bears to the children there. It was great fun!

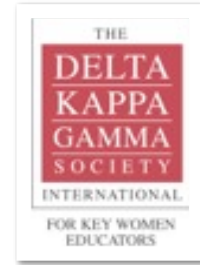
Please continue to contribute like-new and gently used books for preschool children and babies to any regular meeting. We could also use some good "read aloud" books. If you would like to go out to read one month, call Kit King.

# DKG/AAUW Dinner Meeting



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

*Promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



**Date:** Tuesday, February 11th  
**Place:** Scott's Garden Room  
**Time:** 5:30 Social  
 6:00 Dinner  
 7:00 Speaker: **Mamie Chow**  
**Topic:** *How Traditional Chinese Medicine Can Help Heal Modern America*



### MENU CHOICES:

- 1) **Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken**
  - 2) **Grilled Atlantic Salmon**
- Raspberry Jack or Sorbet with cookie for dessert**  
**Coffee or tea included with dinner**

**PLEASE SEND \$35 TO DENISE DOLAN WITH YOUR MENU CHOICE, BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.**

**DKG/AAUW RESERVATIONS:**  
 Denise Dolan  
 P. O. Box 551  
 Alamo, CA 94507

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Menu Choice: **Chicken** or **Salmon** (circle one)

Organization \_\_\_\_\_