

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI STATE, AREA III

ZETA ZETA NEWS

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement

Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Presidents' Message

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 10th** at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. The menu choices are

- 1) Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken,
- 2) Grilled Atlantic Salmon or
- 3) Vegetarian Wellington (minimum of 5 need to order this) Raspberry Jack (vanilla ice cream w/raspberries Sourdough bread, coffee, and tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social!

6:00 Dinner + meeting!

Please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, by Tuesday, February 3rd or sooner. Her address is P.O. Box 551, Alamo, 94507.

Karen Sakata, Contra Costa Superintendent of Schools, will be speaking to us on the progress of Common Core with an emphasis on early education grades K-3. (*We will be hosting members of Theta Psi Richmond DKG chapter.*)

February Opportunity Drawing: Roseann Krane, Shelli Kravitz, Mary Lembke, Eldene Lucchese, Sandy Madewell, Barbara Manley, Irene McKeever, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, & Bobbie Mortensen. Each 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. If you can't come, please send your gift with someone.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Our Zeta Zeta Meeting of January 12, 2015 was very well attended with 35 members and guests, ready to start the New Year. The room was filled with lively conversations of travel, holiday celebrations, and the announcement that our new member, **Kassie Fell** had a healthy, happy baby girl called Addison. Members introduced guests and prospective Zeta Zeta members. We were glad that **Joan Buchanan** was able to attend and to announce her new plans to run for Senate.

We were very saddened to hear of the death of our beloved sister, **Jeanne Gelwicks**. She was such an inspiration to us and was very appropriately honored at our Area III conference in October 2014, for her outstanding contributions to education, Chi State Leadership and our Zeta Zeta Chapter. Members shared fond memories of Jeanne and **Barbara Stumph** led us in a song in her memory. Services will be held on February 7, 2015 at 11AM at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek. The address is 55 Eckley Lane. The phone number of the church is 934-3135. Hope you can attend.

Our program of the evening featured **Leslie Graham**, a guide dog puppy raiser. Her beautiful dog accompanied her and was extremely well behaved throughout the evening. Leslie explained how she got started raising guide dog puppies and all the procedures she had to go through to be qualified. Her love of dogs and the people that the dogs will be placed with, was very evident. It was a great learning opportunity for all of us!

Our next Zeta Zeta Meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015! We will have a joint meeting with Theta Psi Chapter of Richmond. Our speaker for the evening will be **Karen Sakata**, Contra Costa County, Superintendent of Schools. She attended our meeting when Nancy O'Malley, Alameda District Attorney. was the speaker. It is wonderful to see such capable women in leadership roles speaking at our Zeta Zeta Meetings! Hats off to our program chairs- **Donna and Valerie!**

Hope to see you on February 10th! Please bring a friend!

MEETINGS & MENUS for 2015 Scott's Seafood Restaurant

333 N California Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(Vegetarian dish available)
Bread, coffee, tea & parking
all included in price

Tuesday, February 10

Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken, Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Vegetarian Wellington (min 5) Raspberry Jack (vanilla ice cream w/raspberries)

Monday, March 9

Classic Caesar Salad Cedar Planked Orange and Bourbon Salmon Tuscany Chicken or Vegetarian

Tuesday, April 14

Roadhouse Prawn Salad (salad entrée)
Chicken Piccata (not a salad)
Vegetarian
Chocolate Velvet Cake

Monday, May 18

Fiesta at Carol Rowley's House. Details to be announced in April

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Catherine Deehan



Catherine is a relatively new member of Zeta Zeta chapter (joined in 2013) and we would like you to get to know her. Catherine has a BA in Education, a Masters in School Leadership, and a BA in Public Administration. She is currently the principal at St. Raymond School in Dublin, CA. Catherine is Past President of Oakland St. Andrew's Society, and she has taught in both Scotland and Ireland. Married. with four children, two sons and two daughters, and a grandson, Catherine enjoys reading, walking, going to the movies, and camping in their new RV. We love having her in our chapter. Enjoy her - she has a delightful accent! :-)

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BACKPACKS UPDATE

Good News:

Just this month, Jeanette Fitch and Charlene McPherson packed 71 backpacks (a new Zeta Zeta record) to take to VESTIA as a service to county homeless families. Thank you all for your generous donations! Continue to keep an eye out for bargains on school supplies for our fall collection.





Wow! Thanks, **Charlene and Jeanette**, for all your hard work in helping Zeta Zeta supply needy children in the county with backpacks!



Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

- 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.



Two Bucks a Book

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. Bring

along any books you've recently read and are willing to donate for others to enjoy. Thanks, Carly Owens, for coordinating this project.

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. If you would like to go with Kit King to read one month, call Kit.

WANTED: USED JEANS

Kit King is collecting used jeans that are washed and mostly cotton for the ARM of **Care**, an organization that works with victims (girls) of human trafficking. If a girl can make an old pair of jeans into something useful and valuable, so can she be useful and valuable.

A stands for *Art* (the girls sew the jeans into bags, purses, pillows, etc.) R for Recreation and **M** is for Movement. These and other modes of therapy work together to cultivate healing.

If you have jeans that you are giving to charity, please consider bringing them to any meeting, and give them to Kit.



REPORTING T.H.A.T. HOURS ELECTRONICALLY

Teachers Helping Another Teacher (T.H.A.T.) form is NEW. Go to <u>chistateca.org</u> and find the new electronic form for reporting hours. It's easy!

PROCESS:

The new online data submission is a "click" system.

1. Click on the link that is provided to you or accessed on the Chi State website or through the QR code.

Chi State website: chistateco.org

Link: THAT Program

- Click on "Direct Link Google Docs to Report T.H.A.T. Hours."
- 3. Fill in the blank boxes with the basic information, including total volunteer hours.
- 4. Click "SUBMIT." S confirmation page will appear to confirm the submission of data.

Area Directors and Area Educational Excellent/Program Chairwomen are given access to the data which allows them to monitor it on a daily basis.

*Hours MAY be submitted monthly, but ALL hours for 2014-2015 **MUST be submitted by the April 1 deadline.**

Questions or concerns?

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Other links on Chi State website that might be interesting for you to read are...

What Counts? - Examples of Volunteer Activities that Apply toward THAT Hours

Monthly T.H.A.T. Reporting Procedure New and Improved!

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Guide Dog Puppy
Presentation
January 12, 2015
Zeta Zeta Chapter Meeting

Leslie Graham, Science Aid at Montair School in Danville joined us with her Guide Dog puppy, Vidal, an AKC registered Labrador Retriever. She has had 12 guide dog puppies to raise, and has often surrendered her dog to be a companion for a blind person via Guide Dogs for the Blind. There have been over 4,000 guide dogs raised as of this year, 170 breeders, and 135 retired breeders with 2,200 working guide dogs. Each dog is given a unique name and comes with a BIG Puppy Manual. The guide dog raiser has a relationship with the blind person and dog. There are 2 locations for Guide Dogs for the Blind: San Rafael, and Boring, Oregon. Guide dogs learn to wait, go to the bathroom on command, and be quiet. We loved having Leslie talk to us!

