

DUES: If you haven't paid your dues, bring **\$90.00** to the meeting or send them to **Sallie Nelson, 74 Charles Hill Road, Orinda CA 94563**. Sound expensive? \$90 divided by 7 is a little under \$13.00@meeting to belong to an organization that does so much for so many! Just think of how great it is to see friends, and keep on top of what's happening in education.

*Reserve Members will be charged \$34.00 this year.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS

SEPTEMBER: **Jackie Adams, Sue Becker, Donna Bell, Stephanie Brown-Myers, Carmen Burks, Ann Carter, Gail Costello, Carmen Curtis, Pam DeBernardi, & Catherine Deehan.** Each drawing 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.

PROGRAMS FOR 2015- 2016

Thank you Vice Presidents/Programs, **Donna Bell & Valerie Kellner**, for your hard work in getting these planned for us this year. Great choices!

September 16, 2015 (WED.) Year Kickoff: Membership – "Go for Growth" and Scholarship Recipients presented.

November 19, 2015 (THURS.) Zach McDowel with Better Business Bureau (BBB): *Fighting Fraud in Today's World*.

January 20, 2016 (WED.) Christine Deane, C.C. County School Board, *Giving Students Choices – How Charter Schools Work*

February 17, 2016 (WED.) John Coleman, Director of EBMUD-*Impact of Drought on C.C. County (Joint meeting with other DKG chapters)*

March 16, 2016 (Wed) Kathy Moore, SRVUSD Curriculum/ Common Core Coordinator: *How Writing and Reading Has Changed*.

April 20, 2016 (WED.) Initiation and Order of the Rose

April 20, 2016 (WED.) PARTY! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's

SARAH DUNLOP



Sarah

transferred

into our chapter

from Beta Nu. She is 93

years young, and fun to talk

with. Sarah attended U.C.

Berkeley, Stanford

University, and SF State

University, where she

earned her Masters. She

taught elementary grades,

and Citizenship in Adult

Education. Sarah has 3

children and nine

grandchildren. She loves to

paint porcelain, sew,

embroider, crochet, knit, do

needlepoint, and play the

violin. Multi-talented, she is

an inspiration to us all. Get

to know Sarah...she's a

jewel!

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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*

Officers for 2015 - 2016

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 TBD
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Diana Sawin

Appointed Positions:

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Our May Zeta Zeta meeting, our annual Mexican Fiesta Party, was a huge success and so much fun. It was a great time to relax, although the weather could have been a bit warmer! There was a big crowd around the fire sipping margaritas to keep warm! Why does the weather change so quickly? Hats off to everyone who endured the weather, but enjoyed the food and great company of our Zeta Zeta sisters!

Our program of the evening highlighted the Chi State Convention at the Hyatt Regency, near the San Francisco airport. Three of our chapter members were honored at convention and their names were in the Chi State program. The honorees were **Lois Sherwood, Denise Dolan and Pat Hansen**. Stories were shared about the significant impact they have had in our chapter and the community at large. We are so fortunate to have these amazing women in our chapter who do so much for our chapter and others!

Everyone who attended the convention spoke about what they enjoyed and learned during this busy weekend. The number of DKG members who attended was very impressive. A Celebration of Life ceremony organized by our own Diana Sawin was very moving. Members who passed away this year were honored, including our Zeta Zeta sisters, Jeanne Gelwicks, Mary Ellen Taylor and Alice Roberts. They will always be remembered and in our hearts! **(PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED ON PAGE 6!)**

Chi State Convention Photos



President, Carol Rowley
and Phyllis Howard



L t R: Barbara Manley, Sandy Madewell,
Joe Anne Doyle, & Karen Yee



President Carmen Burks, Joe Anne
Doyle, Karen Yee, and Carol Rowley



BACKPACK UPDATE:

Charlene McPherson and Jeanette Fitch are collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies for children, grades K-5, from low-income families. Supplies needed are listed below. Check out Ross', Target, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Walgreen's, Walmart, and Rick's Picks in Danville for good buys. Keep an eye out for great back-to-school deals and bring supplies to the fall meetings, drop off supplies at Charlene's house or call her or Jeanette for a pick-up. Your donations will be delivered in January to Contra Costa's VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) who thank you for the 71 filled backpacks in Zeta Zeta's January 2015 delivery.

Zeta Zeta Backpack Service Project Needs

Backpacks

Post-Its

Rulers

Scissors (especially needed)

Glue

Glue sticks

3 ring binders (Grades 3-5 only)

Notebooks

Wide-ruled notebook paper

Crayons

Colored pencils

Classic Broad-tip Markers

Pencils

Pens (black, blue, and red)

Pencil erasers

Pencil boxes or bags

Highlighters

Flash drives

Small toys (e.g., Matchbox cars or Beanie Babies)

New or slightly used paperback books for K-2 & grades 3-5



MEETINGS & MENUS

for 2015-2016

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

**711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville, CA 94526
(925) 735-5700**

October 18 - Area III meeting Crow Canyon Country Club

Thursday, November 19

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Wednesday, May 18

Fiesta at Carol Rowley's House.

Angel Project

This project provides a Christmas gift to a foster child. The cost is around \$40. You can provide the gift yourself or go in with another person. If you would like to participate in this project, **bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to the September meeting.** In November, I will get the "gift tags" from Vista and then I will mail you one of the tags. Bring your gift, wrapped and tagged to the November meeting.

If you are unable to come to September meeting, email me that you are interested in participating or send your envelope with someone else to the meeting. My email address is: mLsteich@comcast.net

Presidents' Letter Continued...

The Area III, Presidents and Executive Board met at the Brass Door on June 6, 2015. All chapters in Area III were represented. **Heidi Chadwick**, Past Chi State President, talked about what makes a good leader. Some of the thoughts mentioned were: open to change, willing to try new things, balance, creating a supportive environment, doing right rather than being right and including everyone in the process. Great ideas as we venture out to look for officers for our chapter next year! Our chapter received three award certificates: **1- Teachers Helping Another Teacher Program, 2. Community Service/ Youth at Risk Project--Backpack Supplies for Needy Students, 3. Five Star and Honor Chapter Award for maintaining and increasing membership!**
Congratulations!

Our first summer Executive Board met on June 7, 2015. We last met in August 2014 and need to meet yearly or as often as needed. We reviewed the treasurers' report and talked about the audit which will be done at the next full Board meeting. We reviewed all the options for meeting places suggested by our membership. (Scott's was going up in price to over \$40.00!) After Denise reviewed all the choices, prices, parking, etc, we unanimously agreed to meet at Crow Canyon Country Club. We will have all meetings on Wednesday evening - with the exception of of the November meeting. We are looking forward to meeting at this new location with great parking, ambiance and wonderful food. Hats off to **Denise Dolan** and everyone who came up with meeting locations.

Our final summer Executive Board meeting took place on August 10, 2015 at 10AM at Carol's home. The Full Board (Chairwomen) came at 11AM. We reviewed our year's goals and programs, and reported on changes that will be happening this year. Minutes were taken by **Stephanie Brown-Myers**.

At the September meeting you will be filling out a survey. Give it some thought, and be prepared to discuss it at our September meeting. Our wonderful Vice Presidents, in charge of membership, **Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley** want your input to grow and maintain our membership. (*Survey is included on page 8.*)

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!



Carmen & Carol

Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library

The Zeta Zeta professional lending library continues to grow with the addition of *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* by Andrew Solomon, a multiple prize-winner about the power of a parent's love in a child's development. Check it out at the September meeting. If you read a book from our library or another great book during the summer, plan to tell us about it this fall.

The latest addition to the Zeta Zeta Professional Lending Library is ***Our Kids - The American Dream in Crisis*** by Robert D. Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*. Professor Putnam uses personal narratives and lots of research to write about the growing opportunity gap between rich and poor children. Check it out!

Two Bucks a Book

Bring your summer favorites, and be sure to check out the wide selection of titles at our **Two Bucks a Book** table. Questions? See **Carly Owens**.

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**. If you would like to go read sometime, please contact **Kit King**. *Pictures below of Fiesta in May at Carol Rowley's House...*



Fiesta Party!



REPORTING T.H.A.T. HOURS ELECTRONICALLY

Teachers Helping Another Teacher (T.H.A.T.) form is NEW. Go to chistateca.org 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
2. 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." A 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. **All hours submitted will go towards 2015-2016 year.**

Questions or concerns?

Mary Anne Kolda

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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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MEETING OUR NEEDS, GOING FOR GROWTH while MAINTAINING OUR OWN

I. Do you think DKG is MEETING YOUR NEEDS both personally and professionally?

Yes _____ No _____ Not Always _____

If you did not respond with "Yes" how could we provide support for you?

II. Our goal is to "GO FOR GROWTH!"

We want to engage the next generation while continuing to support our current membership. To that end, please respond below according to the general age groups listed. We are looking for ideas that would grow our membership.

Ages 22-35ish: _____

Ages 36-50ish; _____

Ages 51-"Retirementish" (We made up a new word!)
