

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CA 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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Featured Member:

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meetings

Our first meeting of the new year for Zeta Zeta will be on Wednesday, JANUARY 11, 2017. Our speaker is **Marie Morgan**, New Superintendent at Walnut Creek School District. She is speaking on the challenges in education today. Many of you will remember her when she was in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Denise needs \$35 to reserve your spot by Tuesday, January 3rd. That's pretty quick after the holidays, so don't forget. If you feel like your check won't reach her in time, please call her (925 837-4542) or email her and tell her you are coming. You will be obligated to pay the money, even if you can't make it. Crow Canyon plans for the number she gives them 7-8 days before the event. The menu choices are:

1. Halibut roasted with fried caper berries in chardonnay butter, AND mashed potatoes
 2. Mushroom ravioli with grilled vegetables
- *Apple/Gorgonzola pecan salad, bread, coffee or tea for all.
 Denise Dolan
 PO Box 551
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JANUARY Opportunity Drawing: *Pat Hansen, Shirley Henson, Valerie Kellner, Kit King, Mary Anne Kolda, Shelli Kravitz, Elaine Lingle, Patt Low, and Eldene Lucchese*. 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.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

Season Greetings!

We hope you had a fabulous Thanksgiving with family and friends and are now sliding into the Holiday spirit! Whether you celebrate Christmas like we do or go skiing with friends, it is a time to celebrate family, friends and our own traditions that have been carried down for generations. It is a magical time for year!

Our last Zeta Zeta meeting was wonderful, as we initiated four new members! We are so proud of **Karen McGregor, Joan Ernst, Elaine Lingle and Shirley Henson** for joining our chapter! Our next initiation will be in the Spring, so it is the time to bring prospective members to our next meeting on January 11th. Reservations are due to **Denise Dolan** by the first Tuesday in January, so please mark your calendars and send in your \$35, so Denise will have a peaceful holiday!

Our speaker was **Amy Lynch**, the president of **ARM** of Care, an organization that has a mission to use the creative arts to restore and empower girls and young women who have been commercially sexually exploited. She presented using a power point slideshow of the ways they work with agencies that serve these women using **Arts, Recreation, and Movement** to help these girls overcome the trauma that is theirs from being trafficked. If you want to help or find out more, go to their website at < <http://www.armofcare.net> >



Our chapter can be so proud of all our volunteer efforts to support those in need! Individually and as a chapter, we are making a difference in so many lives. We are so thankful to be surrounded by such wonderful and caring women in Zeta Zeta Chapter.

We wish you a happy holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends. Please take time to relax, enjoy and count your many blessings! We look forward to seeing you in January and wish you a Happy New Year!

With love,

Carol and Carmen





DINNER PROGRAMS 2016-2017:

Courtesy of Donna Bell and Valerie Kellner

REMINDER: Denise needs 8-day advance notice of your attendance!

January 11, 2017 (WED.)	Purpose 3, 6 & 7	Marie Morgan, New Superintendent at Walnut Creek, Challenges of Education today.
*February 8, 2017 (WED.)	Purpose 3, 6 & 7	Christina Clemens & Darla Tuning -Everything you want to know about a Performing Arts Charter School!
March 15, 2017 (WED.)	Purpose 1 & 6	Dee Borgeson, Danville's Chico's Manager - Fashion show - The up and coming look of Spring.
April 12, 2017 (WED.)	Purpose 1,2 & 6	Initiation and Order of the Rose (Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley)
May 17, 2017 (WED.)	Purpose 1!!	<u>PARTY!</u> Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!

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.

PAY IT FORWARD LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Many thanks to those of you who have donated books, toiletries, books, and other personal items for the residents and children of **Shepherd’s Gate Women’s Shelter** in Livermore. Shepherd’s Gate is a wonderful place for abused women and their children to be restored and reenter society with new skills and an attitude of gratitude.

Pay It Forward is ending this year, as we feel that they no longer us. They have a library in each Residence Hall, and one big one in the Life Center. When I started going there in 2002, there were NO books visible anywhere. Now they have a fully stocked library for women and children. Thank you for your support of this program over the years.

Kit King

P.S. Please keep collecting toiletries for them and for the Richmond Soup Kitchen.

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

Thank you so much for the many backpacks and supplies you supplied. **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** will take donations throughout the school year. They will be stuffing backpacks and delivering them to **VESTIA** (Voluntary Emergency Services Team In Action) in mid-January.

STILL NEEDED:

Everyone has one last opportunity to help out with gifts of small toys and books, new or lightly used, and any additional packs and supplies for backpacks before we deliver them to VESTIA mid-January. You can



bring final donations to the January 11th DKG meeting. Children in need throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties thank you.



Angel Gifts for Teens

Members brought wrapped and labeled gifts for needy teens to be distributed by **VESTIA** in time for the holidays. Any gifts that weren’t brought to the meeting were delivered to **Marilyn Steichen’s** home. She will fill us in on more details in a future newsletter. Thanks, Marilyn!

DID YOU KNOW?

Terry Magnin was featured in a recent School newsletter as the **Volunteer Spotlight of the Month**. She was interviewed and here's what she said, "I started volunteering at Enatai, (the neighborhood in Bellevue, Washington) when my grandson Grant Masin was in kindergarten. He is now in third grade. I live near San Francisco and I visit my daughter and her family every three to four weeks. I am a retired elementary school teacher and I also volunteered in my three daughters' classes. I make an arrangement with Grant's teachers by email ten days before my arrival. His teachers have gotten to know me and ask me to help students with reading and math. I love the children and I get my little "teacher fix" when I help. I think I have made a difference for some students. One little boy told me "you know me better than I know myself." I was helping him, and he realized that I knew exactly what he did not understand.



Grant likes telling his friends his Grandma is a teacher. I also get to count my volunteer hours for Delta Kappa Gamma which is a national philanthropic educational society that I am a member of. Most important, my grandchildren are the best part of my life. I enjoy being a part of Grant's school day and spending the time with him. His teachers always give me a little time to work with him. I am looking forward to helping in Ella's kindergarten classroom this year. That means I get to spend double the time at ENATAI!"



Kudos to our Terry! Teachers love volunteers and to volunteer themselves!



We initiated four new members. Here's a little something about each one. Get to know them...make them feel welcome to our wonderful chapter.



ELAINE LINGLE: Elaine is a retired Dublin Unified, third, fourth and fifth grade teacher, She loves to read and travel, and is very active in the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club. She serves as third vice president, and resides in Dublin.



JOAN ERNST: Joan is a retired teacher and principal who resides in San Ramon. She is past president of the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club and spends hours volunteering in the community and our schools. She is San Ramon's Citizen of the Year for 2016.



KAREN MCGREGOR: Karen is retired from teaching TK and Kindergarten at Vista Grande Elementary School in Danville (SRVUSD). She has also taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th grades in Pleasanton and Castro Valley.



SHIRLEY HENSON: Shirley is a retired Dublin classroom teacher and resource specialist. She is active in the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club and volunteers in the community.



Holiday Helpers Warehouse - for VESTIA

Thanks to all of you who helped sort and level children's books for the holiday event at VESTIA. Think of all those happy readers!



12/8 Thursday Morning Shift LtR: **Donna Krueger, Charlene McPherson, Helen Rees, Stephanie Brown-Myers.**
NOT PICTURED: **Afternoon shift: Charlene McPherson, Donna Krueger, and Kit King. Monday, 12/12 Sandy Madewell & Barbara Manley**



All Finished!

