



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

Read Carol and Carmen's message on page 2.

Featured Member!

See page 3 to read about featured member, Isabelle Zamanian!

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Meeting

Our March meeting will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on Wednesday, March 16th. The menu: 1) **Corned beef and cabbage OR 2) Penne Pasta with Sautéed Fresh Vegetables and Marinara Sauce..** Spring salad of baby greens, artichoke, sliced toy box tomatoes with raspberry vinaigrette, warm rolls and butter, and coffee, tea, or iced tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social!

6:00 Dinner + meeting!

Please send your \$35.00 & menu choice to **Denise Dolan**, by **Monday, March 7th**. Her email is denimbd@yahoo.com, and her phone is listed in the directory. Remember, Denise has to have your reservations **eight** days in advance, as there may be no last minute numbers added. She must have your verification via email or phone even if she hasn't received your check. Once you verify that you are coming, you are responsible for the \$35.00. Our evening program will give us a chance to hear **Kathy Moore**, from the SRVUD who will talk about curriculum and common core. Many of us have enjoyed her inservices and writing expertise. Come and enjoy!

RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS:

March: Silvia Orellana de Barrera, Carly Owens, Elaine Penning, Helen Rees, Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Diana Sawin, & Ann Schinske.

(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.)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS!

The Zeta Zeta Chapter meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma on February 17th was attended by 35 members and 5 guests. Crow Canyon Country Club was filled with laughter and good cheer as members gathered. The sun was shining and everyone was in good spirits. **Barbara Stumph** and **Isabelle Zamanian** led us in Elvis Presley's song--"Let Me Tender" in honor of Valentine's Day!

The minutes were approved as amended. (**Bobbie Mortensen** made the cookies for the January meeting). Otherwise - perfect job, **Elaine Penning!**) The treasurer's report remained the same as Sue was unable to attend. **Barbara Manley** talked about a wonderful opportunity in the Mt. Diablo District. There is a Title 1 School that would love to have our chapter members volunteer as tutors. Hopefully many members will find the time to help! It is not too late to sign up with Barbara!

After dinner **John Coleman** from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) talked about the drought and the affects of El Nino. It was a fascinating presentation of the District and how they are preparing our water needs for the future. We were given lots of information and helpful advice. There was enough time for many questions from our members which John answered in a very professional manner. We are so fortunate that John is our representative as he is so knowledgeable and accessible to his constituents.

Patt Low gave a great legislative report and **Peggy Ebersole** had everyone fill out suggestions for the next slate of officers. Please do not be bashful, as it is fun, and everyone wants to help. Remember that it

takes a village to keep your Zeta Zeta chapter active and involved. We have an amazing chapter filled with talented educators.

Charlene McPherson talked about needing more backpacks and supplies. She also mentioned the professional library that she has started for our chapter. The books selected are very mind provoking and may be checked out at each meeting. **Kit King** talked about Shepherd's Gate and thanked everyone for the supplies. **Diana Sawin** brought her computer and **MaryAnn Kolda** helped everyone log in their T.H.A.T. Hours. **Carly Owens** displayed the *Two Bucks a Book* and sold several. It was a very busy and productive meeting. We also had the popular opportunity ticket drawing, which will help our scholarship fund.

As we were leaving the rain came pouring down! Someone must have been listening to John's presentation, as he said we are not out of the drought yet!

We are looking forward to the next Zeta Zeta meeting on Wednesday March 16th at Crow Canyon Country Club! (Wear green or orange) for St.Patrick's Day. Thanks to all of you for working together for our chapter and remember to bring a perspective member to the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Carmen & Carol



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.*

FEATURED MEMBER

ISABELLE ZAMANIAN

Isabelle joined Zeta Zeta in 2006. She has been an active member since then, and leads us in singing before each chapter meeting begins. She has substituted in High School, taught Junior High in Guam, and taught Driver's Training AND English as a Second Language in Mt. Diablo Unified school District.



She is married, has two sons, and lives in Orinda. She has been involved in the community in the local garden club, providing coffee and arranging treats for monthly meeting, as well as other hospitality duties. She volunteers to deliver flowers monthly to Orinda Rehabilitation & Convalescent Hospital.

Isabelle loves to go hiking and enjoys walking regularly. She likes learning new things - such as Spanish. She is very happy when she is traveling and serving as a property manager. Isabelle is a very sweet, gentle person, and we are very fortunate to have her in our chapter.

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

In the coming months watch for bargains on the items listed below for our next backpack drive. **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** will take donations throughout the year for next January's delivery to VESTIA.

School Supply Shopping List

Elementary School Age K-3

1. Back pack (please, no Blue or Red due to gang affiliation)
2. Pencils, Eraser & Pencil Sharpener
3. 1 box of Colored markers
4. 1 box of Colored pencils
5. 1 box of Crayons
6. Scissors
7. Glue Sticks
8. Ruler
9. Pencil Box
10. Dictionary (optional)
11. Three Ring Binder
12. Binder paper (wide ruled)
13. 2 folders
14. Book, new or lightly used
15. Small toy



Grades 4-8

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| 1. Back pack (please, <u>no Blue or Red</u> due to gang affiliation) | |
| 2. Pencils and sharpener and eraser | |
| 3. Pens (black, blue and 2 red) | 12. 2 or 3 Pee Chee type folders |
| 4. Highlighters (one yellow, one other color) | 13. 2 glue sticks |
| 5. 1 box of colored pencils | 14. Ruler |
| 6. Zipper pouch | 15. Paperback Books - K-3, 4-6 |
| 7. Spiral notebooks (3) | |
| 8. Paperback dictionary and thesaurus (optional) | |
| 9. Three Ring Binder | |
| 10. Binder paper (college ruled) | |
| 11. Simple business calculator | |

ZETA ZETA PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

At the March meeting you will receive a complete list of the titles available from the Professional Lending Library so you can plan ahead for your summer reading. These books do not want to spend the summer in Charlene's garage! Take one to the lake, the beach or your backyard. Two Bucks a Book

TWO BUCKS A BOOK

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



T.H.A.T. HOURS

Thanks everyone for keeping track of your THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) hours. It is now very simple to log them electronically. You can either do it yourself through the website provided in the newsletter, or even easier you can take advantage of Diana's laptop at the next meeting. She'll provide any help you might need. Mary Anne says, "She helped me at the last meeting and I was all done in about 5 minutes." Also, you now only need to log the total # of hours you worked in the last year. You don't need to enter times, dates, or places. Couldn't be simpler! Questions: Contact **Mary Anne Kolda**.

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. Shepherd's Gate always welcomes **children's books** that are in good condition - both fiction and non fiction trade books.

Donna Bell and **Kit King** are going out *to* read to the children and *with* the women this coming weekend. If you want to join us, call either one of us.



SHEPHERD'S GATE SHELTER

1660 Portola, Livermore, California
Providing a safe refuge, striving to restore hope and dignity, and rebuilding shattered lives.



Legislative Update

Patt Low gave an in-depth report on two Ballot Propositions that have been cleared by the Attorney General for circulation.

1. The Voter Empowerment Amendment imposes restrictions on pension and retiree healthcare benefits on new public employees hired after 2019.
2. The Government Pension Cap Amendment imposes restrictions on employer contributions toward cost of pension and retiree healthcare benefits for new public employees.

The signature deadline for these propositions is June 6, 2016. **Neither amendment is supported by Zeta Zeta.** Members can go to www.ballotpedia.org/california to learn more.



California State Convention is coming soon.

If you've never attended a Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention, you're in for a treat! Ya'all come...we can arrange a car pool to Fresno. (Only about three hours by car.) Check out the website for full agenda and other information!

Registration for our California State Convention is online at www.chistateca.org as is the link to a hotel reservation.



Hotel Reservations
Double Tree by Hilton
2233 Ventura St.
Fresno, CA 93721

Reservation Number (559)268-1000
 Mention DKG California State Convention as your organization

Standard King (Sleeps 2) \$130.23
 Standard Double (Queen-Sleeps 4) \$130.23
 King Suite (Sleeps 3) \$181.63

After you fill the form out on your computer, you must make 2 copies of the form. One copy to be sent with payment and one copy is for your records. Payment is sent to Pat Bringetto at 3120 W. Kearney Blvd. Fresno, CA 93706

••Early Registration until April 10th, no refunds after April 10th

Contact Stacey Chicoine (Webmaster) for help with the form...

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Our February Speaker - JOHN COLEMAN

“John Coleman gave a comprehensive report on the impacts of the drought and ways to conserve water. John was elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District in 1990 and was re-elected six times to represent Ward 2, which includes Alamo, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, the Town of Danville, communities of Blackhawk and Diablo, and portions of Pleasant Hill and San Ramon.



EBMUD has a variety of programs to educate and advise our community. Groups will go out to the schools to help educate students about water saving. Employees will come to your home to advise on landscaping and/or leaks in your system. They offer up to a \$2500 credit for drought resistant landscaping, and a \$100.00 credit is available if a low-flow toilet is purchased. He also advised that if you have a leak repaired by a plumber, and notify EBMUD, you can get a credit on your water bill. Members were advised to go to www.ebmud.com and click on water conservation for more information.” (Contributed by our Recording Secretary, **Elaine Penning**)

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESENTATION

- We get our water now from Pardee Reservoir.
- Water usage is 15-17% lower than 2013, yet our population has grown 1/3 higher.
- For EBMUD, 93% of their costs run the system, and much has been spent on upgrading the system since Loma Prieta.
- More food was produced during the drought, but ground water has been depleted.
- It takes 5 gal per flush!
- PG&E give rebates on selected washers and dishwashers.
- EBMUD is doing more with storage, especially underground storage.
- Bottled water not recommended, as it is not regulated, Safeway and Dasani are EBMUD water, tap water has more controls, safer and cleaner!
- They are looking into desalinization, but it's not the answer for all water needs, especially Northern Cal. (Contributed by **Valerie Kellner.**)



KUDOS to **Diana Sawin**, who was elected to go to the educational Leadership Conference at the McComb School of Business! She was selected from a field of international competition.

ZETA ZETA HAS GREAT SPEAKERS!



Our Speaker with our Presidents!
LtoR: Carmen Burks, John Coleman,
and Carol Rowley



EBMUD Board Member and Speaker
John Coleman



Wonderful Hospitality Team
Sisters, Jackie Adams &
Bobbie Mortensen



Enjoying the fellowship
Isabelle Zamanian, Barbara Stumph,
Helen Rees & Terry Magnin



Liz O'Brien, Sandy
Madewell, & Barbara
Manley



Gail Costello & Peggy
Ebersole



Denise Dolan, Moe (our
server) & Georgia Moore