

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**

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Upcoming Zeta Zeta Events

Our next meeting of the new year will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**. The menu choices are...

- 1) **Seared salmon fillet, lemongrass beurre blanc & fried capers**
- 2) **Chef's Choice Vegetarian**

Salad: Apple gorgonzola salad on romaine, radicchio lettuce, dried cherries, candied pecans with apple cider vinaigrette.

Chef's choice dessert Warm rolls, butter, and coffee or tea will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social

6:00 Dinner + meeting

Please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, April 3rd**. Email is denimbd@yahoo.com and phone is (925) 837-4542. **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.

We will be initiating our new members and also have Founder's Day. **Wear a hat**, so you can get in the spirit of the founders.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

March: Sue Robinson, Carol Rowley, Francine Sanchez, Diana Sawin, Ann Schinske, Marilyn Steichen, Barbara Stumph, Darla Tuning, Jean Warnke, and Joannie Wedell. 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!

Our March 14th meeting was off to a rolling start with the sound of all Zeta Zeta sisters singing “When Irish Eyes are Smiling”. Most everyone was wearing GREEN in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Thanks to **Isabelle** and **Barbara** for bringing music to our chapter! Music is very uplifting and fun too!

We had a large crowd and many visitors who will become new members of Zeta Zeta chapter. Our next meeting will be INITIATION of new members and DKG Founder’s Day celebration. **Please wear a hat in honor of our Founders** who always wore hats to their chapter meetings!

Our program of the evening was **Rick Schmidt**, the Superintendent of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. He became the Superintendent in July 2016 and has become a very positive force in our community,— supporting students, staff and parents. He has a proven track record that reflects his dedication to educational excellence and visionary leadership. He had been the Superintendent of San Diego Union High School District in San Diego County and held many other administrative positions in California. Rick began his career teaching History, Economics and Government classes in high school, so he truly understands how to reduce teen stress. He seems like the right man at the helm of a very active and diverse student population! We liked his casual, honest and creative approach to questions asked by our members! We hope he will return as our speaker and give us an update on all the programs and solutions he presented.

Marilyn Steichen presented a program sponsored by Volunteer Emergency

Services Team in Action (VESTIA), which helps our homeless population in the valley. The membership was very interested in helping with this project. Marilyn will coordinate the program and members can help when they are able to contribute supplies. See page 5 of the newsletter for more information.

Zeta Zeta Chapter nominated *Zeta Zeta Sisters Help a School in Need* —(School destroyed by fire in Santa Rosa) to be recognized at the DKG California Convention in May 2018. Chapter Service Award Recognition went to **Diana Sawin** for being active at the Chapter, Area III and State levels of DKG. **Charlene McPherson** received the Professional Service Award for our Chapter for developing the professional library which has a positive impact on the profession! **Nancy O’Malley**, Alameda County DA, who spoke to our chapter several years ago, received the Public Service Award from our Chapter. She has become a nationally recognized expert in human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence and a leading advocate in the field of prosecutorial ethics. We are so proud of our nominees!

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, April 11th** at Crow Canyon Country Club!

Come and see your friends, support our new members, and celebrate Founder’s Day! **Wear a HAT!**

Happy SPRING!

Carmen and Carol





MARCH Meeting Highlights

Rick Schmidt, SRVUSD Superintendent, spoke to us about **Reducing Teen Stress**. He comes from a family valuing education. His mom was a teacher and continued to sub at 82. He has attended 40 staff meetings, many town hall meetings, and has talked to numerous students, teachers and parents. Kids are stressed! Schmidt feels that the two greatest barriers to being successful in school are lack of sleep and being over scheduled. High School students are concerned about getting into college with more than double graduating since 2010, with the same number of college spots. Rick sees three big problems in the San Ramon Valley:

1. Class size and funding. San Ramon Valley is the 3rd lowest funded district, and HS class sizes average 38-42.
2. Over scheduled, stressed out kids who seem to lack joy. They are in sports, music lessons, have homework, SAT preparation, and on and on with little time for relaxation.
3. Fewer class options and too many classes per day.

SRVUSD is starting Saturday school which will allow kids to take options that are fun and interesting, which will benefit both students and the district who gets \$66 @ student daily attendance. They are reinstating college classes for credit at high schools, stressing flexible starts, and giving credit for outside activities. Kids need more time to breathe. Schmidt referenced two books: *How to Raise an Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims (in our professional library) and *The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey. He answered many tough questions by our members and guests. Great speaker, very informative, and likable!



Rick Schmidt, San Ramon Valley Unified School District Superintendent



More pictures...





CREATE A SNACK PACK FOR THE HOMELESS

Food insecurity is real, especially for our County's homeless population. Sometimes having a snack can help someone in crisis focus on the task ahead. **YOU CAN HELP!** Create a **SNACK PACK** with small, ready-to-eat items to help alleviate immediate hunger for homeless clients seeking assistance. **BRING IT TO EITHER THE NEXT MEETING OR THE LAST MEETING IN MAY!**

Fill a gallon Ziploc bag with any of the following new, unopened food items:

Bottled water
Juice
Canned tuna/meat
Granola/protein bar
Single serving fruit/vegetables
Single serving peanut butter
Cup O' Noodles
Trail mix/Nuts
Jerky
Crackers/Chips
Cookies
Pudding
Gum/mints
Spoon



*Please do not include perishable or non-food items. We also provide hygiene kits (socks, soap, toothpaste, etc) to homeless clients. To schedule drop off of donated **SNACK PACKS** or for more information on hygiene kits please call: 925-521-5060.

Thank you!



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!



Carly is always accepting used books from members to resell! Such a deal: Only \$2 dollars a book! We make anywhere from \$40-\$50 per year on this endeavor. Any questions? Contact **Carly Owens**.

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Orientation Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, April 11th, 4:00 PM

WHERE: Crow Canyon Country Club

WHO: New Members AND Sponsors

Regrets Only, Call **Sandy Madewell**
(925) 876-2972

PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

Charlene McPherson

Check out a new addition to Zeta Zeta's Professional Lending Library: *How to Raise an Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims and recommended by **Rick Schmidt**, our speaker at the March meeting. The book is "a rallying cry for those who wish to ensure that the next generation can take charge of their own lives with competence and confidence. Read and find out how you can help.

T.H.A.T. HOURS

Please remember to log all your THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) hours electronically. You only need to log the total # of hours you worked in the year. Diana Sawin will help you if you've never done it before. It's very simple to do! **Mary Anne Kolda**

DKG Zeta Zeta Chapter Backpack Project for VESTIA

Please keep our backpack project in mind through the summer and back-to-school sales on school supplies for our VESTIA backpack project. We will be gathering supplies at our fall meetings. **Charlene McPherson** and **Jeanette Fitch** will take donations throughout the summer and school year for next January's delivery to VESTIA.



School Supply Shopping List

Elementary School Age K-3

1. Backpack (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

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



DKG March/April Legislative Update

Universal Preschool:

AB-47 State Preschool Program (2015-16) passed the California Assembly 69-4 and the State Assembly 29-11 on 9/10/15, but met with Governor Brown's veto on 1/15/16, citing the cost as a major impediment. However, four leading candidates for Governor: Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, State Treasurer John Chiang and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin embrace universal preschool as essential for our children and our state. Increased preschool teacher salaries and improved training are included in their visions. They state they will look at reforms to Proposition 13 or the state's tax structure to support expanding early education programs. For more details, see Ed Source article by Louis Freedberg and Ashley Hopkinson: <https://edsource.org/?p=590470>



Additional Notes on Governor's Proposed Budget for 2018-19:

- \$55 million in funding to county offices of education to assist local school districts identified as needing help with low-performing student groups, and \$4 million to choose eight county offices that would provide guidance to other counties.
- \$6.5 million to fund the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, to oversee district's academic achievement, providing additional district supports for improving student performance.
- \$100 million in one-time funding to recruit and train special education teachers in an effort to reverse the critical shortage, with \$50 million going to establish one-year mentoring programs for teacher in training and the other \$50 million used for competitive grants to districts proposing their solutions to their special ed teacher shortage.

(Ed Source article by John Fensterwald: <https://edsource.org/?p=592432>)

Special Education Funding:

The formula for special education funding is based on a district's total student enrollment, not on the number of students with disabilities, and **has not been changed in two decades**. In 2008, federal and state funding met over half of the costs of special education. Currently it is 38 percent. We've experienced a 1.3 percent growth in the total number of students in the state since 2005, which has been outpaced by the 11 percent rise in the percentage of students with disabilities. In addition, SELPAs (Special regional Education Local Plan Agencies that also administer special education services for school districts, also suffer from the same flawed funding formula. (John Fensterwald, Ed Source <https://edsource.org/?p=594336>)

In 2013, at Gov. Brown's urging, the Legislature passed the "Local Control Funding Formula" equalizing disparities in districts' funding. It folding into their funding base multiple categorical grant funds, but neglected the biggest categorical, special education. In addition to the \$100 million to recruit and train special ed teachers (mentioned above), Brown's 2018-19 budget also includes:

- \$120 million in one-time funding for inclusive education and care for children aged 0 to 5 years old (especially for students with disabilities in low-income areas)
- \$10 million for SELPA and county offices of education to coordinate academic plans for students with disabilities.

Without budgeting for larger special ed reforms, districts, especially those with declining general enrollments, will continue to struggle with this inadequate funding formula.

DKG March/April Legislative Update continued...

School Privatization Alert:

In the federal legislature, watch/follow two voucher bills, both referred to as the *Military Education Savings Accounts Act* (House, HR 5199/ Senate, S.2517). Both bills would siphon off **Impact Aid** from public school districts, in order to fund an Education Savings Account, ESA, allowing some students to use as a voucher to attend a private school.

Impact Aide helps fund school districts that lose tax revenue, because their district includes federally tax-exempt land such as military bases, Native American reservations, national parks or federal housing: 1,300 school districts that educate more than 11 million students. Most military families are not wealthy enough to use the ESA. The National Military Family Association and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) have expressed concerns in opposition to diverting **Impact Aid** from schools that education military-connected students.

Zeta Zeta Tuition Grants 2018-2019

Each year Zeta Zeta gives out TUITION GRANTS to educators of all ages and stages in their educational pursuits. If you or someone close to you are seeking to pursue a career in education or furthering your degree, please submit the following application to **Joe Anne Doyle** by **May 15, 2018**. JoeAnne chairs the Scholarship Committee group.

* Attached please find application forms.

DKG-Zeta Zeta Committee Chair

Joe Anne Doyle

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DINNER PROGRAMS 2017-2018

DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
April 11, 2018 (WED.)	Goals 1,2,6	Initiation/Order of the Rose and Founders Day-WEAR A HAT! (Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley)
May 16, 2018 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	PARTY! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's! *Installation of new Biennium Officers