



ZETA ZETA NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma, CA State, Area III, Zeta Zeta Chapter

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

Upcoming Zeta Zeta Events

Our next DKG dinner meeting will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, February 13th, 2019**. The menu choices are...

- 1) Tri-tip with Bourbon BBQ sauce
- 2) Chef's Choice Vegetarian (probably ravioli)

Served with Chef's choice of seasonal sides, and Salad with Mesclun Greens, Hearts Of Romaine with Toasted Almonds, Bosc Pear, Blue Cheese, and Poppy Seed Dressing. Also included is a Chef's choice dessert. Warm rolls and butter, and coffee, tea, or iced tea will be included. Sounds yummy! Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social

6:00 Dinner + meeting

Please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, February 5th**. 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 speaker will be **Heather Cooper's** mother, **Susan MacHugh**, author of ***Tips, Tools and Techniques for Use with Kids - Birth to 10***. It will be great for all you moms and grandmothers.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

FEBRUARY: Gail Kamerer, Valerie Keller, Kit King, Cyndi Koby, Mary Anne Kolda, Roseann Krane, Shellie Kravitz, & Patt Low. 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.

Vision Statement

Key Women Educators Impacting Education

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Dear Friends,

We had a great meeting, with lots of discussion about how to help the Camp Fire schools and victims. Basically, we decided to give money to **Camp Fire Rescue** (or one of the organizations to which North County donates.) and **gift cards to Target for Debbie Grilli's son** and his family who lost their home and are living in a trailer. More information is on the next page.

JANUARY SPEAKER: We were very fortunate to have **Jane Emanuel** as our speaker at our dinner meeting. She spoke as a 24-year volunteer at the Crisis Center. She had lots to say about how they received 60,000 calls, with 3,000 of them being suicide calls. Warning signs of suicide are: not caring about appearance, sleeping a lot, and talking about death or "going away". Asking a person if they are having suicidal thoughts will NOT cause them to kill himself or herself. She told us that anytime - 24/7, someone can call **211** and be connected with the Crisis Center. Other interesting topics discussed by Jane were dealing with Eviction Notices, Homelessness (3,000 homeless in CC County), PG&E cut offs, Drugs, Disaster Info, Grief Counseling, and *Help Me Grow* for Kids, etc. A wonderful speaker, and a great night!!!



BARBARA MANLEY: Thanks to the generosity of all who attended our January meeting, we were able to reimburse **Sandy Madewell** who purchased a living red rose bush, had it planted in a beautiful tub with flowers surrounding it, and presented it to **Barbara Manley** with a note from our chapter - in loving memory of her recently deceased husband, David. Thank YOU, Barbara, for another awesome icebreaker!!! Pictures of her being presented with this gift of love are on page 5. Her wonderful son helped with the unloading and placement of her gift. Barbara, we need to see a picture of the first bloom. 🌹

ISABELLE ZAMANIAN: Our chapter is donating \$100.00 to the LIFE (Learning is for Everyone) Foundation in her memory. It will be listed in the *California Connection, State Newsletter*, and we intend to put an ad in the CA State Convention program in May. We hope several of you will join us in May as it is located in San Francisco this year. More details to come later about the convention..

HOMELESS PACKETS: For the next few months we will be donating snack packs to the homeless via VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Service Team In Action). Our wonderful **Marilyn Steichen** will be collecting them each meeting. Things to be included in a gallon zip lock baggie are listed on page 6.

HELP US GROW: Thanks for recruiting new members, by inviting friends and fellow educators to our meetings. You are an awesome group! Happy New Year ❤️

Diana & Kit



How Can You Help the Camp Fire Victims?

At our January 16th Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta Dinner Meeting, we discussed this very question. As you know Paradise, CA was completely devastated and children attending eight schools were sent all around the area...some to Chico, some to Oroville, others to the Facebook plant, others can do school online, etc. We understand that clothes are piling up as are other donated items. It will take years to rebuild the area, so for now families are scattered all over. It was determined that there are many ways to donate in a practical way, **but we zeroed in on two:**

1. Our own **Debbie Grilli's son, Bobby, his wife, and 2 sons lost their home and their beloved dog, Mac, in the Camp Fire.** Like many of the people who lived in Paradise, it took them 3 harrowing hours to escape the fire because of gridlock. But, they feel fortunate and blessed that they made it unharmed. They now live in a trailer in a small town near Oroville and are looking to buy a home nearby which is difficult because there are so many other buyers, too. The grandkids are doing fine. Ethan who is 10 is going to school in Chico and 4-year-old Bobby will be going to preschool in Oroville in mid-January. **If you would like to help Debbie's son and his family, you can bring Target Gift Cards to help them replace lost items.** Target does have furniture and an abundant choice of kitchen appliances, bath towels, and other things needed to replenish basics. In order to deduct this for charity, I would suggest keeping your receipt, labeling it, photographing it, and putting it in your charity file for taxes next year.

2. There are many relief funds going right now. **Cyndi Koby** and I have a common friend who lives in the Chico area, who used to teach in SRVUSD, named Cathy Danielson. She likes, **Christina Clemens**, considers the North Valley Camp Fire Relief Fund the best one around as they give to the Butte County Schools Fire Relief Fund among others. They are vetted, with only 1% going to Administration. You may have heard of this fund as Aaron Rodgers is a big backer of this organization (NORCAL FIRE RECOVERY FUND) who has already helped so many groups and individuals. If you want to know more or donate directly on line, go to nvcp.org. When you arrive at the site, scroll down to read more...If you want to donate to a specific fund, scroll down to the pink area "I Want to Help." Then you can either **send a check to NVCF Camp Fire Relief, 240 Main St., Ste. 260, Chico, CA 95928** which goes into the general fund, or a specific charity listed under the  button. There is a phone number to call if you want more info, or you can scroll all the way down to the bottom and select, "show all funds list" in blue under the Search box. You can donate here to a specific charity.



DINNER PROGRAMS - 2019



DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
February 13, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 6 & 7	Tips, Tools and Techniques for use with Kids birth to 10. (Susan MacHugh, Author)
**March 6, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 1 & 6	ZZ Induction of New Members -High School Highlights (Travis Bell, Principal Acalanes High School)
April 17, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 1,2 & 6	Celebration of Membership and Founders Day-WEAR A HAT! (Sandy Madewell and Barbara Manley)
May 15, 2019 (WED.)	Goal 1!!	P A R T Y ! Mexican Fiesta at Carol Rowley's!

Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

To UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

1. *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.*



Featuring Karen Yee



Karen Yee has been a loyal member of our chapter since May of 1995. She is married to Ed and has an adorable grandson named Forest, whom she loves and cares for often.

Karen graduated with a B.S. from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado, and got her MS at St. Mary's College in Moraga. She has taught Grades Kindergarten though 6th, and was a Miller Unruh Reading Specialist for Grades 1 -3 in Lafayette. She is an amazing educator who retired after being a Literacy Coach for the Mt Diablo Unified School District.

*Karen was recently awarded the California Reading Association's prestigious **Margaret Lynch Award** for her excellence in reading and literacy leadership and work with children. She has been on the Contra Costa Reading Association Board fulfilling many roles there - including President. Congratulations, Karen! She has also served on the CalRTA board as Secretary. She is currently on their Legislative Committee, and serves as Zeta Zeta's Legislative Chairperson.*

Karen enjoys bicycling, gardening, camping, hiking, cross country skiing, and keeping fit with yoga. We love our Karen!



Presentation of rose bush plant to Barbara Manley in loving memory of her husband David.



Here is a suggested list of items for the snack packs:
The items are to be put in a gallon Ziploc bag. New, unopened
items. No perishable or non-food items.

Bring bags to next DKG meeting. Thank you. *Marilyn*



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 THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, OR APRIL DINNER MEETING.**

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.
Thank you!

Marilyn Steichen



What's Happening with our Members?



Terry Magnin welcomed her fifth grandchild, a baby girl 🤰 the day before Thanksgiving! Our family spent the holidays in Hawaii.🌴☀️

Jackie Adams will be celebrating her grandson's third birthday. 🎉

Liz and Jim O'Brien are celebrating two grandchildren's birthdays. 🍰. Hunter will be ten and Trenton will be seven. They are also going on a fifteen day Hawaiian Cruise out of San Francisco with dear friends on January 27th. 🛳🍍

Charlene McPherson is excited to share her experience at a Storytelling workshop in the valley as a means of building community. Ask her about it the next time you talk. 🎨

Diana Sawin and Patt Low returned from a Viking Cruise on the Danube in December. Eleven days touring medieval towns such as Budapest's Castle District in Hungary; exploring Gottweig Abbey, sailing down the Wachau Valley, and touring Salzburg and Vienna, Austria. We had wonderful local guides in Passau, Regensburg, and Munich. We departed home from Nuremberg, Germany. A favorite event was a musical heritage concert in Vienna featuring works by Mozart and Strauss! 🛳



TWO BUCKS A BOOK!



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JANUARY MEETING PHOTO COLLAGE

