



# 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.*



Our next meeting of the new year will be held at Crow Canyon Country Club, on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**. The menu choices are...

1. **Grilled Ginger Soy Chicken with Mango Salsa.**
2. **Butternut Squash Tortellacci with Sage Butter Cream Sauce, Sautéed Mushrooms, & Roasted Brussels Sprouts**

Spinach salad, candied pecans, strawberries, goat cheese & creamy balsamic dressing. Warm rolls & whipped butter. Chef's choice dessert.: Coffee, decaf coffee, tea, iced tea, or lemonade will be included. Parking is complimentary.

5:30 Social

6:00 Dinner + meeting

Please send your \$35.00 to **Denise Dolan**, by **Tuesday, February 26th** which is just a week away! **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. Bring a friend!

Our speaker will be **Travis Bell, Principal Acalanes High School**, (and past Tuition Grant Awardee) speaking on **High School Highlights**. Zeta Zeta Induction of New Members will also be held.

#### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING CONTRIBUTORS:

**FEBRUARY:** **Sandy Madewell, Terry Magnin, Barbara Manley, Karen MxGregor, Charlene McPherson, Georgia Moore, Aileen Mortensen, Bobbie Mortensen, and Liz O'Brien.** Each contributor should bring a \$10.00 gift of their choice **OR** \$10 in cash, all WRAPPED, so the winner won't know until it's unwrapped.

### Vision Statement

**Key Women Educators Impacting Education**

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Dear Friends,

We have decided to continue 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. We will be collecting donations through the April meeting. More information is on the next page.

**FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER SUSAN MACHUGH:**

For over 30 years, Susan has specialized in Early Childhood, serving as a Founding Director, Head teacher, and Early Childhood Specialist and Trainer. When Susan isn't teaching, she and husband Ken enjoy international traveling and visiting their 16 grandchildren living in California, Arizona and Texas.

Her book, *Grand Parenting Success*, is a collection of Tips, Tools & Techniques. Susan delighted our chapter members with wonderful accounts of her grandchildren "together-time" activities. She graciously donated her book to our professional library. Her daughter, member **Heather Cooper** joined her mom demonstrating puppet movements through song from *Susan's Grammy's Bag*. Thank you, Heather, for sharing your mom with us this evening!



**ICE BREAKER:** What a fun activity was introduced at our chapter meeting last night! Using color M&M's at each table and asking us to come up with a song using that color was very clever. Everyone was laughing and involved; even our guest's - some of whom acted as the table "lead singer" joined in. **Singing Photo Gallery on page 9.** Thank you so, so much **Barbara Manley** and **Sandy Madewell, and Patt Low,** our photographer.

**DKG CA State Annual Convention:** If you haven't been to a DKG CA Convention, you are missing out. We invite you to attend this year's event - May 3rd through 5th, as it is located in San Francisco this year at the SF Airport Marriott, Burlingame. **Convention flyer included on page 10.**

**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. Marilyn collected between 15-20 homeless bags at our February meeting, and continuing to collect the bags through April.

**HELP US GROW:** Thanks for recruiting new members, by inviting friends and fellow educators to our meetings. You are an awesome group! See you on March 6th ♥



*Diana & Kit*

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## 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 through April.** 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. **Receipts are available from Debbie. A note from Debbie is included on page 5.**
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 like, **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](http://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/write 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  for 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.
3. We will collect these checks through April as well. **Kit King** will be collecting the checks and send them in all together following the April meeting.



**DINNER PROGRAMS - 2019**



DATE & DAY	GOALS	PROGRAM
**March 6, 2019 (WED.)	Goals 1 & 6	(Travis Bell, Principal Acalanes High School) -High School Highlights  ZZ Induction of New Members
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!

**Barbara Manley** and **Sandy Madewell**, our wonderful Vice Presidents of Membership will be sending out details on when new members will come on March 6th to Crow Canyon County Club. Look for more info and a ballot within the week.

**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 **Patt Low**



*Patt Low was initiated into Zeta Zeta Chapter in 2008, lived in Mississippi state for a couple of years, and then was reinstated in 2015. Patt graduated from San Jose State with a BA in History/Geography and a MA in Instructional Technology. She received her MA in Administration and Supervision from University of San Francisco. She has been a classroom in Evergreen, San Jose in Grade K-8, taught Kindergarten in Sasebo, Japan and LA Community College teaching adults in English-to-Japanese. Patt was a Vice Principal and Assistant Principal for Fresno Unified and K-6 Principal in Fresno.*



*She was founder of Children Helping Children, with the San Jose Police Department and was selected at Teacher of the Year.*

*She has many outside interests and hobbies: Fabric arts, knitting, gardening, playing Ukulele, pottery, equine assisted therapy, pastry, and photography. To top all the off, did you know that Patt is a Master Gardener. In fact she maintained ciic Ardens in Mississippi and supervised students at school gardens. She is indeed an amazing person, with a big heart for others. She has agreed to be our ZZ photographer at meetings! Thanks so much, Patt!*



**A NOTE from Debbie Grilli...**

*The support and generosity shown by my Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Zeta sisters was so heartwarming. I told the group that teachers are the most generous and caring people, and I feel so lucky to be in such company.*

*The donations from last night included \$50 cash, \$425 Target gift cards plus four more Target cards without the amounts, and a \$50 card for Home Depot. Unbelievable!*

*I know my son, Bobby, and his family will be surprised and thankful for this support.*



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 two DKG meetings. 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?



### Travel:

Karen McGregor is looking forward to going to Hawaii this month.



Mary Ann Koldo is going to the San Francisco Giants spring training in Scottsdale March 6 to 11th. This is her 11th year in a

row.

### More News:

Valerie Kellner's children treated them to Hamilton for their Christmas present with both sets of grandparents. Nine of them

went for opening night.

Carmen Curtis' granddaughter Aariah has been hired by Traackr in San Francisco and is excited about her new job putting her business degree to good use.

Sue Robinson's daughter has moved to El Sobrante.

Christina Clemens was accepted to a teaching fellowship in Tanzania for a month in the summer to support and provide PD for teachers there.

Carly Owen's daughter Keely got engaged on February 10th.

Shirley Hansen's daughter, son in law and two granddaughters will be moving into their first owned home in Carlsbad. She will be helping with the move.

*Courtesy of Terry Magnin*



Teachers Helping Another Teacher

April is fast approaching, and the last chance to submit T.H.A.T. hours to count for this year. Diana Sawin will bring her laptop and can help you turn in hours. Those of you who volunteer at the SRV Museum or the Tassajara School House (above) should turn in those hours, too. It's very easy...just keep track of the number of hours you volunteer. Questions: Call Mary Anne Kolda.



PROFESSIONAL LENDING LIBRARY

Donations of relevant material to our Professional Lending Library are welcomed. Share with us items of educational interest you have read and enjoyed. Be sure to check out the great additions. Susan MacHugh was our wonderful guest speaker and she donated a copy of her book, Grand Parenting Success to our Professional Lending Library. Charlene McPherson has put together an incredible resource for us. Thanks, Charlene!



TWO BUCKS A BOOK!

Are you an avid reader? Bring your favorite books to share! Only \$2 dollars to buy a book. Such a deal! A selection of books continues to be available for purchase on the back table. If you have any questions, contact Carly Owens.



Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award DKG California Support Team for Emerging Professionals

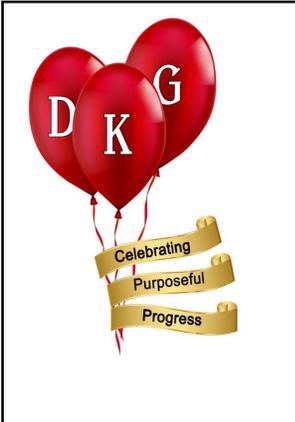
A bequest to DKG CA from the estate of Penne Ferrell was the basis for the establishment of this award. Penne was a dedicated teacher and lover of books. She instilled the joy of teaching in many new teachers whom she mentored, always encouraging enthusiasm and excellence in being an educator. The award finances the cost of books, e-books, or reading apps. These reading/literacy resources are intended to supplement curriculum or for a classroom library. Two teachers in the SRVUSD were awarded one hundred dollars each. Meet Rachel Chuhak, who attended our February dinner meeting and received an official certificate, check, and letter congratulating her in being a winner. Lydia Schneider, Coordinator – San Ramon Valley Teacher Induction Project/Peer Assistance Review was invited to share in the presentation. Veronica Saxer also received the award and will be honored at her school's next staff meeting. The winners will need to photograph what they used the money to purchase and send it to the contact in the congratulatory letter. CONGRATULATIONS!



LtR: Rachel Chuhak and Lydia Schneider.

February Singing Photo Gallery





# DKG California Convention May 3-5, 2019

**San Francisco Airport  
Marriott Waterfront  
Burlingame, California**

**Convention Registration coming soon at  
[www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org)**

**Make **Marriott** hotel reservations anytime  
at [www.dkgca.org](http://www.dkgca.org)**

DKG CA Convention Block Room Rate: \$159.00 per night  
Last Day to book with rate is April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront is minutes from  
SFO Airport. There is a shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

If you are driving, the reduced Parking Rate for overnight parking  
is \$15.00 a day. Day parking is \$30.00 a day. Please carpool.

There will be **“Grab and Go”** meals available on Friday evening.  
We will have **“Meet and Mingle”** Friday night after the meetings.  
Enjoy interesting speakers and entertainment  
Professional Development and Breakout Sessions  
Check out the website for more information

**[Get ready for an exciting Convention!](#)**