

World Understanding Resource for CA Alpha Delta Kappa: Chapter Activities for 2016-2018

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Beta Iota- Dec. 2016: (meeting) **Christmas Party-** Sisters were encouraged to bring a brief explanation of their ethnic heritage and how it is reflected in their family Christmas traditions. Traditions that were shared originated in Denmark, Mexico, Germany, Czech Republic, and others.

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Feb. 2018:(meeting) **Program-** Two **Lions Club members** from the **Calimesa Breakfast Lions Club** spoke of the challenge Helen Keller made to the early Lions Club to become "knights for the blind." They also showed a short video clip about a new vision screening process developed in conjunction with Loma Linda Hospital that facilitates screenings for young children and another video about their commitment to providing free vision clinics. Sisters began **collecting old eyeglasses** for the **Calimesa Breakfast Lions Club**. In conjunction with **Friends in Sight** and other Lions Clubs, this club is instrumental in conducting free eye clinics throughout the year in southern California and in Tijuana, Mexicali, K-57, Tecate, and Calexico. The used eyeglasses are cleaned, sterilized, and categorized according to prescription at a local site to be used as needed in the eye clinics.

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Beta Rho- Feb. 2016: (meeting) **explanation of the World Understanding Project** by Carole Taylor

Nov. 2016 and 2017: **(fundraising)** bagging nuts for Alpha Delta Kappa projects and scholarships

Dec. 2017: (meeting) **discussion of World Understanding Project T.E.A.C.H.**

Fidelis Iota- Nov. 2016: (meeting) discussion of the well-being of the mission school in Haiti that is our **World Understanding Project**. It was not damaged during Hurricane Matthew.

Jan. 2017: (meeting) Program- **Letters Over the Wall: Life in Communist East Germany** by Dave Strack. The author presented his experiences and the writing of the book

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Gamma Eta- April 2017: **Debbie Crawford from Eden Reforestation Project** provided a program about current developments within the various countries it serves.

Fraternal education was developed through a question/answer game about the facets of Alpha Delta Kappa. (*This activity is included in the document titled: Categories and Descriptions of Chapter Activities 2016-2018.*) The game involved reading the definition of “world understanding” and the projects at international level. The game also explored the **ITE program** (International Teacher Education) as well as other topics.

Contributions were made to the international and state projects and crisis/disaster funds. **Kathleen O’Malley**, member, past World Understanding Chairman, and outgoing State Chaplain, has **visited past international projects**. She has visited Peru and Viet Nam and reported back to the chapter on updates.

Gamma Nu- Dec. 7, 2016: **“Operation Christmas Child”**- individual’s choose to participate in packing/organizing shoeboxes that are sent all over the world. During the **volunteer hours**, members learn about where boxes are going in the world. The shoeboxes are filled with appropriate toys and clothes for various ages.

Sept. 9, 2017: (meeting) Program- **“Women of the Wells”** Two representatives from the organization shared how building bore wells around the world began. The organization advocates for the underprivileged by building clean water wells for people in need throughout Asia, Africa and South America. As individuals (not as a chapter) members contributed \$1800 to build a well.

Gamma Phi- Eat at a Chinese restaurant for Chinese New Year.

Zeta- April 30, 2016: (activity) **Scholarship Tea**: The **theme** of the tea was **“Crossing Boundaries”**. It celebrated the many cultures, ethnicities, and religions were represented in classrooms nowadays. For centerpieces there were prints with shoe styles from countries around the world. Gift cards with the same shoe designs were sold as well. A \$200 **donation** was made to the **International Justice Mission**.

April 28, 2017: (**donation**) \$150 was given to the **International Justice Mission**, a global organization that protects the poor from violence in developing countries.

January 20, 2018: (**District Conference**) **Marina District Keynote speaker Kelly Meade** talked about her **trip to Antarctica** studying changes in ice patterns and the effect on penguins.

World Understanding Resource for CA Alpha Delta Kappa: Categories and Descriptions of Chapter Activities 2016-2018

My most sincere thanks to the chapters who responded to my request for a report on world understanding activities carried out during this biennium: **Alpha Alpha, Alpha Delta, Beta Iota, Beta Rho, Fidelis Iota, Gamma Eta, Gamma Nu, Gamma Phi, and Zeta**. We hope these categories and descriptions will serve as a resource to those looking for chapter activities, speakers, altruistic projects, and resources.

Grete Lima, CA World Understanding Chairperson

Resources for Speakers and World Understanding Altruistic Projects- please visit the websites for the definitions of the altruistic projects. These organizations are also referenced in the World Understanding Resource for CA Alpha Delta Kappa: Chapter Activities for 2016-2018.

- **Bridges to Help Foundation**
www.bridgestohelp.org
Dr. Traci Williams, president (willing to be a speaker for chapter programs and to consider visiting most parts of CA)
- **Eden Reforestation Projects**
www.edenprojects.org
Debra Crawford, Chief Development Officer (willing to consider visiting southern CA)
debbie@edenprojects.org
(626)-872-3770
- **International Justice Mission**
www.ijm.org ; go to GET TO KNOW US to see the list of speakers (there is at least one for northern CA and one for southern CA)
- **Lions Club**
www.lionsclubs.org ; scroll down to the bottom of the home page to find a Lions Club near you.
- **Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse (international relief organization)**
Samaritan's Purse- serving California, Hawaii, and Nevada
3000 W. MacArthur Blvd. Suite 310, Santa Ana, CA, 92704
(714)-432-7030
www.samaritanpurse.org
- **Women of the Wells**
www.womenofthewells.org
Speakers Bureau- call (714)-846-2244
Email: info@Womenofthewells.org
P.O. Box 1841, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Categories of Chapter Activities- These activities are also referenced in the World Understanding Resource for CA Alpha Delta Kappa: Chapter Activities for 2016-2018.

Book Group: hold a book group as a special event or a meeting. Choose a title that explores or is related to a current event or relates to the current **International World Understanding Project**. (See a sample booklist below.)

Celebrating Diversity: Explore the ethnic backgrounds of members by sharing family Christmas or winter time traditions at the December meeting.

Eat Chinese food for Chinese New Year and/or volunteer at the Chinese Senior Center.

Have a scholarship tea or other event with the theme of “Crossing Boundaries”. This theme would be used to celebrate the many cultures, ethnicities, and religions represented in our classrooms. Carry out the theme by having prints of different shoe styles from around the world as centerpieces. Raise funds by selling gift cards with pictures of the same shoe designs.

Donating chapter funds and individual funds, for altruistic purposes: Contribute chapter funds and donations by individuals to international, state, and local crisis funds; contribute to state altruistic projects; and the **International World Understanding Project**. Funds may be raised by selling tickets to raffle baskets, or holding a Barnes and Noble book fair for example.

Donate “in kind” gifts: Contribute used glasses to the Lions Club or Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

Explore the International World Understanding Project and how to help: Track the progress of fundraising for the project and progress along the timeline of the project at chapter meetings.

Explore the location and updates on the ITE Students (International Teacher Education): What is ITE anyway? How did it start? Who is supported by this project and why? Play a question and answer game for **fraternal education** to assist in these explorations.

Submit a proposal for International World Understanding Project on the even years: It is a lot of work, but you will learn so much about the project you are proposing.

Travel speakers: Invite speakers to share their experiences traveling around the world. Examples are speakers who have walked the 500 mile pilgrimage in France/Spain called “El Camino de Santiago” or “The Way”; speakers who have travelled to Antarctica and speak to the effects of climate change on the penguins and the environment.

Selected Titles for the Annual Melinda Stevens World Understanding Book Group (from Alpha Delta, Beta Iota, and Fidelis Iota)

When possible, titles were chosen that associated with the ongoing International World Understanding Project.

2018- *Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants* by Jane Goodall with Gail Hudson

Jane Goodall explores the world of plants and rouses us to respect and care for them.

2017- *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder

Kidder traveled with Farmer for six years and writes of his life, his training at Harvard, his generous work as a medical anthropologist and infectious disease expert in Haiti and around the world.

2016- *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* by Carlos Eire

Eire rights from a child's point of view of life in Havana with his family until Castro ousts Batista. Then he becomes one of the 14,000 children airlifted out of Havana without their parents, and he tells the story of his new life in the United States. Eventually he is reunited with his brother and mother, but he never sees his father again.

Havana Real: One Woman Fights to Tell the Truth about Cuba Today by Yoani Sanchez

Sanchez writes of her daily life in Cuba under the Castro regime. She is a dissident who chooses to stay in Cuba and write a daily blog that is forbidden. She lives under constant threat and must build her own computer and teach others how to communicate using technology.

2015- *Bead on an Anthill: A Lakota Childhood* by Delphine Red Shirt

Red Shirt writes a moving memoir of her youth in Nebraska and on the Pine Ridge Reservation in the 1960s and 1970s. She weaves her native language in to her story and explains the traditions of her people. She grew up with no books in her home, so her people became her books.

Quiz Show!

Supplies: One-to-two page articles or documents about Alpha Delta Kappa, with enough copies for those preparing questions, paper, pen or pencil

Goals: Fraternal education, ice breaker

Fraternal Education Link: Choose information related aspects of Alpha Delta Kappa, especially for an area where your chapter members may not have as much knowledge as in other areas, such as World Understanding, I.T.E., International projects, scholarships/awards, seven-pearl criteria, or protocol.

Remind members that this information comes from sources to which they all have access!

Procedures:

1. New members quickly review informational material, and as a group develop 5 to 10 questions to ask the "old" members. (5 minutes)
2. While new members are writing questions, the others list at least three ideas for a stunt or silly action that the losers of the game must perform.
3. New members take turns reading questions aloud, and select one of the experienced members to answer each one.
4. Moderator keeps score.
5. At the end of the questions/answers, the losing team must perform whatever stunt the winning team selects from the list.

Tips:

1. For sources, use pages from the websites for informational purposes, i.e., scholarship names/descriptions; general information about International; World Understanding projects; I.T.E.; altruism; protocol; etc. Articles from *Kappan* or state newsletter are also excellent.
2. Examples for stunt/actions might be: dance a dance that was popular when you were in high school; sing and dance the Hokey-Pokey; mime climbing a tall mountain; sing the alphabet backwards as a group.
3. The new members choose a sister to answer, rather than asking for volunteers, in order to perhaps use body language to choose someone who may not have the answer.
4. Each member in the answering group must have a turn before letting sisters answer a second question.

Alternate Procedure:

1. Divide members into teams of four, with each team preparing six questions regarding their information. Each team should have a combination of new and experienced members.
2. Teams are numbered, and then team one asks three questions of team two, with moderator keeping score as above. Play progresses, team two asks team three, etc., with the highest numbered team asking their questions to team one.
3. Once all teams have posed first three questions, then reverse the order, i.e., team six asks team five, until all have had a turn, with team one asking team six as the final question.
4. Have a small prize or snack for the winning team rather than a stunt.

Tip: For time constraints, write four questions instead of six, and/or have teams of five or six members.

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