

# California Alpha Delta Kappa *Making a Difference*

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*To my California sisters,*

*It's already February! WOW! Your State Convention Chairmen, committees, and hosting Inland Cities Council sisters are hard at work planning a terrific 30th State Convention. We are excited about welcoming you to Ontario as we celebrate **Making a Difference** over this past biennium.*

*The State Board has made it a priority to LOWER the cost of attending Convention and sincerely hope that this will allow chapters to support greater attendance.*

**Registration fee \$100!! Room rate \$89!**

*This is the one time every two years when we come together as California Alpha Delta Kappa. It is an opportunity to network with your sisters and is especially important for newly elected officers to attend, but more importantly, it is the time to hug sisters you haven't seen for a while and to become acquainted with new sisters you will want to hug the next time!*

*Here is a quote from one of the attendees from our last State Convention.*

*"So much spirit, friendship, altruism and educational excellence! I wonder what some chapters do to introduce AΔK to prospective members - if they could experience 1/10th of the Convention's energy...they'd be beating a path to our AΔK door...Convention renews our excitement and sense of purpose in being AΔK members in the best way."*

*I hope you will make plans to attend now and will bring a sister with you who has never attended a State Convention. See more information later in the newsletter or on the State website under State Convention.*

*Looking forward to seeing you in Ontario on May 2nd!*

*With sisterly love,*

*Mollie*



# California Alpha Delta Kappa Making a Difference



## San Francisco Chapters Partner to Send Students to Carnegie Hall

Eighty five students from Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts traveled to New York and sang at Carnegie Hall on January 24th as part of the mass chorus performing in the premiere of a new work by Welsh Composer Karl Jenkins. California San Francisco Alpha Deltas Kappa chapters Beta, Kappa, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha Xi, Alpha Psi, and Beta Xi invited the California Retired Teachers Association, Division 36, to join forces and raise funds to make this a reality. Students were selected for their high levels of musicianship and received accolades from celebrated vocal directors. A total of \$4,500.00 was raised and presented November 25th to make a dream come true for these students. All San Francisco Alpha Delta Kappa sisters in the photo below are also members of California Retired Teachers Association, Division 36.



Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, CalRTA members and students from Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts when the \$4,500.00 was presented to them November 25th, 2013.(Front row) Mary Wasserman, Alpha Xi; Mayme Chinn, Alpha Psi, Mary Ann Wurnitsch, CalRTA; Flora Zagorites, CalRTA. (Back row): Ann Dalton, Beta Xi; Amy Lee, Beta; Shirley Perkins, Beta Xi; Lora Ginsberg, Alpha Psi; Dorothy Vaio, Beta.

# California 30th State Convention in Ontario

May 2nd - 4th, 2014

## REGISTER NOW!!

*Packets have been mailed to all Chapter and Council Presidents and should be in your hands now. The State Board has made it a priority to lower costs in an effort to **encourage greater participation in this important event**. State Convention is a unique opportunity to come together with sisters from around the state to celebrate our accomplishments, participate in important decisions affecting our organization, and honor those who have joined Omega this biennium. The Convention registration rate is \$100.00. Hotel rates are \$89/night or \$99/night for the Executive Level (while available). Please plan as a chapter to send as many sisters as you can! We want EVERY chapter represented. Remember Councils, the Noel Leonard Leadership Grant (\$100.00) is available for a First-time attendee to Convention (information on the State website under Awards/Grants/Scholarships).*

*I encourage you to **complete the online** registration form we are piloting this year; it will save lots of time for our Registration Chairman, Rosemary Heenan, and it is quick and easy. Follow this link:*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hynFiCEno081ERCp9L3mXeSJwwKvxfbl88PNRIVnae4/viewform>

**Payment still needs to be mailed to Rosemary at 29096 Garden Crescent Circle, Highland, CA 92346.** *Incoming Chapter Presidents, Presidents-elect/Vice-presidents and Treasurers are invited to the Presidents' Council Breakfast Meeting to be held Saturday morning to receive important information. However anyone is welcome - A hot plated Breakfast will be served (\$10.00 to be paid with registration). All documents are on the State website under State Convention. Chapters and Councils please make sure that delegates know their chapter/council wishes regarding votes for State Officers, a new State Altruistic Project, the Proposed Budget for the 2014-2016 Biennium, and also Proposed Bylaws Amendments which will be sent to you following the State Board's March meeting. [See information later in the Newsletter on potential Bylaws changes affecting both the State and Chapters.]*

**\*\*Each Council is eligible for one Noel Leonard Leadership Grant for First-time Attendees to State Convention for every 4 chapters in the Council. The Grant is \$100.00 - it will cover Registration!! Information is on website under Awards/Grants/Scholarships.**

Make hotel reservations now: Ontario International Airport Hotel,  
700 N. Haven, Ontario, CA  
Convention Code: COA-GFC3562  
**www.coastpromos/ycc** or 800-716-6199

California State Website: <http://www.adkcalif.org>

Login and password are BOTH **kore\_ \_ \_** (the numbers....)



## ***Important Information***



**Thank You to All Chapter Treasurers who submitted dues on time! If you have not yet send them in, please check with State Treasurer Diana Galvan for information regarding late fees.**

The State Executive Board has set the **California State Scholarship Award** at **\$2500**. The award shall be given to a member of California Alpha Delta Kappa in good standing for professional growth. "Professional growth" is defined to be enrolled in an academic degree program in an accredited college or university. This may include pursuit of National Teacher Certification. Applications are due March 1st; links to more information and the application are included at the end of this newsletter.

### **International Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1 and Section 2 Changes Adopted at International Convention**

in Washington, D.C. this past summer will require voting at State Convention. There are two options for States to consider:

Option 1—Retain State Bylaws (if the State prefers their bylaws as a governing document for the State)

Option 2—Suspend State Bylaws (This requires a comprehensive State Policies and Procedures Manual in place, which supports the International Bylaws and has statements which comply with IRS requirements.)

The State Board must make a recommendation, which we will do at our March meeting. An informal poll indicates the desire to retain our State Bylaws. This would mean delegates must vote on Proposed Amendments to State Bylaws to keep them in compliance with International Bylaws. Information will be sent out to chapters mid-March so they may review and give direction to their delegate(s) for Convention. Regardless of the State's actions, this change in International gives Chapters the same choice – suspend their Chapter Bylaws if they have a comprehensive Policies and Procedures document in place (or create one), or retain Chapter Bylaws. More information will be coming!

**Reminder: Please notify State Chaplain Becky Sikes (contact info on first page) of any sisters who have joined Omega this biennium so that we may honor them at Convention.**

**YOU are NEEDED!** If you enjoy traveling and would like to meet more outstanding women educators, please consider serving on the California State Executive Board! Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Convention. It is a MOST rewarding experience!

**California State Historian, Monica Meade, reminds chapters that the deadline for completing the on-line scrapbook is March 15, 2014. Monica also invited members to volunteer as Sergeants-at-Arms at the California State Convention, May 2-4, 2014 in Ontario, California**

## Marina District Conference, Seal Beach

January 11, 2014

By Monica Meade

The Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach, California was the serene setting of Alpha Delta Kappa's Marina District Conference. With the theme of "Fit for Life," the Orange Coast Council organized a program that was enjoyed by seventy-six Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. The meeting began with a welcome by Orange Coast Council President Noreen Miura. Sisters enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast while listening to smooth jazz played by the Long Beach Polytechnic High School Jazz Band. Opportunity and 50/50 tickets were sold before the meeting began and during breakfast. After breakfast, Mary Ann Englehart, California State President-elect presided as the California State Board members each provided Fraternal Education items relevant to the remaining months of this biennium.

The "Fit-for-Life Break-Out" session presenters included Mare Stephens, who informed us about "Brain Gym for Optimal Functioning"; Music Sprouse from the Be Aware Foundation, who reminded us to complete our monthly self-breast exams; Cathy Thomas, Food Editor for the Orange County Register, who introduced healthy vegetables included in her book, 50 Best Plants on the Planet; and Chanda Halpin, who led ladies in "Gentle Yoga" out on the veranda. Laughter and applause could be heard all around. California State Chaplain, Rebecca Sikes provided closing thoughts sharing the message of a 92 year old, blind woman who offered five simple rules to be happy: 1) Free your heart from hatred; 2) Free your mind from worries; 3) Live simply; 4) Give more; 5) Expect less. We thank all Orange Coast Council chapters for their help in making the conference a wonderful success - truly a day focused on Making a Difference!





## ***Important Upcoming Dates***

**February 15th** Living Memorial Scholarship due to Headquarters

**February 15th** Fine Arts Grant due to Headquarters

**February 15th** Betty Rosenberg Outstanding Chapter Award Application due to President Mollie Acosta- awarded at 2014 State Convention

See [http://www.adkcalif.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/BettyRosenburgGoldenChapterAward\\_final.pdf](http://www.adkcalif.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/BettyRosenburgGoldenChapterAward_final.pdf)

**March 1st** California State Scholarship Applications due to State Scholarship Carolyn Rising

See <http://www.adkcalif.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/CaliforniaScholarshipAwardGuidelines.pdf> and <http://www.adkcalif.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/CaliforniaScholarshipApplicationForm.pdf>

**March 8th** Southern District Conference (Inland Cities Council)

**March 15th** Chapter Altruistic Reports due to State Chairmen

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**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** **California State Convention, Ontario**  
**SEE YOU THERE!**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** Joint Southwest/Northwest Regional Conference

Please share stories of ***MAKING A DIFFERENCE*** with Mollie at [adk.mollie@gmail.com](mailto:adk.mollie@gmail.com).