

# California Alpha Delta Kappa

## *Making a Difference*

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*Dear California sisters,*

*Though Thanksgiving has passed and delicious meals have been enjoyed, I would like to thank my Alpha Delta Kappa family for the many kind words and deeds during the time prior to and during the passing of my mother in October. YOU truly lifted me up and wrapped me in your loving and supportive arms.*

*I am sure you have heard the following story before, but I find it conveys the idea so*

*effectively. One word, one smile, one small act can make a great difference to another's day.*

**Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.**

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference."

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

*adapted from The Star Thrower, by Loren Eiseley (1907 – 1977)*



**THANK YOU ALL for Making a Difference in my days and the days of many, many others!**

*May the coming holiday season and New Year be filled with health, happiness, rest and rejuvenation for you and your loved ones.*

*With sisterly love,*

*Mollie*



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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



From Lambda President Wendy Hodash (Bakersfield)...

Our Chapter is not large one, but we are friendly, supportive and always looking for new causes to support. As the vice-president last year I brought up the idea of preparing a meal at our local Ronald McDonald House. The other local chapter (Theta) had mentioned what a great cause it is, and we thought this sounded like something we would be interested in. After many phone calls to the house, we set up a day and time. We usually spent our February meetings at a restaurant for a Dinner on the Town, but we thought this was a more significant way to spend our "Dinner on the Town". A committee was formed for the menu planning and shopping, and after a very extensive menu was planned and a very expensive trip to the market, we showed up at the Ronald McDonald House. Since this was our first time experiencing this wonderful place, we were not familiar with the size and lay out of the kitchen we would be cooking our dinner in. We also had many of our caring sisters show up to cook our fabulous dinner. Needless to say 12 sisters in a kitchen made for four, made the event even more bonding then we expected, and we loved every minute of it. So much so, that this February we will cooking dinner on two nights, consecutively, so that all the sisters who want to participate can.

I would also like to mention, that there was only one family staying at the house that evening, so they got the royal treatment from 12 ladies who were eager to wait on them. The "house mom" did say that the food would not go to waste. There were day families who would come down later to eat.

Don't you just love new experiences. At Lambda Chapter. We do.

From Andrea Street and Eloise Johnson,  
Gamma Zeta Co-Presidents (Rialto)...

The Gamma Zeta ADK Chapter strives to make a difference throughout the year through a variety of projects. But one project we would like to highlight at this time of year is an ongoing one we have been involved in for several years.

The USO Center at Ontario Airport supports military personnel and their families as the troops deploy to their various duty stations. Gamma Zeta, as part of our ongoing "Make a Difference" program, collects needed items that we donate to this USO center. Each year the needed items may vary, and in the past we have donated new books/plush toys/coloring and drawing material for the family room so that the children of troops waiting for planes to come and go can have books to read (or be read to), tools to write and draw with, and comfort toys to cling to. We have also donated note cards, stationary, stamps, blank CDs for sending messages, and phone cards to the waiting lounge area for troops to use as they please, as there are often long waits for flights.

We are proud of the military women and men that move in and out of the Ontario USO Center, and we appreciate the opportunity to do these very small things for the troops that serve our country, and for the families that also serve in their own way.

From Alpha Alpha President  
Joanne Grimm...  
(Oakland)



For ADK month and to celebrate Halloween, Alpha Alpha chapter sisters filled 60 Halloween bags to be distributed to children accompanying their parents at the weekly hot meal distribution. The children were thrilled. I have to admit there was a lot of tasting for quality control in the filling process!



## **TREASURER'S CORNER**

***From California State Treasurer Diana Galvan***

***Dues are DUE ☺ January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013***

Chapter Treasurers should have received their annual **H-138 Members Payment Record**.

1. Make a copy of the H-138 as it is no longer a 3-part form.
2. On the copy add a column for CA State dues which remain at \$20 per member, unless exempt for Limited Status or Life Membership.
3. Collect the dues and indicate payment on this copy.
4. When complete, make another copy for your chapter records and send one to CA State Treasurer, **Diana Galvan, 2402 Ridgeside Ct., Roseville, CA 95661**, with your chapter's state dues check made out to ADK California.
5. Track international dues on the original H-133. Make a copy for your records before mailing it to International with your chapter's international dues check made out to Alpha Delta Kappa.
6. Please collect and mail your dues in December or early January to avoid late fees. Do not wait for one or two late members.
7. Any dues received at International or at the State after January 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a \$5.00 late fee for both International and State.

### **AND...FISCAL YEAR CHANGE**

In a letter from International Headquarters sent to all chapter presidents this summer, chapters were advised that **ALL** chapters of Alpha Delta Kappa will follow the fiscal year, **June 1 to May 31**. International will do a mass change with the Internal Revenue Service to accomplish the fiscal year change. **Chapters must sign a letter requesting this change and return it to International in the envelope provided.**

After reviewing the **C-1 Annual Chapter Reporting Form and Audit forms** submitted this past summer, it is apparent that many of California's chapters are not following this fiscal year. To be sure to be included in the mass change with the IRS, chapter presidents are urged to sign and return the letter from headquarters immediately. Also, please be sure that your Chapter Treasurer is aware that the fiscal year is **June 1 to May 31** beginning with 2012, which is the year to be reported on the 2013 C-1 Reporting Form next June.

**UPDATE:** The following chapters HAVE sent the required letter to HQ. Please act quickly to have your chapter's name ON the list!! **THANK YOU** to:

**Alpha, Beta, Eta, Psi, Upsilon, Xi, Zeta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Alpha Rho, Beta Alpha, Beta Phi, Beta Tau, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Beta, Gamma Eta, Gamma Mu**





## Highlights of the Fall District Conferences

By Monica Meade, State Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms

On a beautiful Saturday morning, October 6, 2012, the Peralta Council of California Alpha Delta Kappa chose the idyllic city of Pleasanton to host the **Northern District Conference** at the Castlewood Country Club. The rural setting was perfect with wild turkeys wandering the hillsides. "The Magic of Learning" began with Council President Judi Garcia welcoming more than one hundred sixteen ADK sisters. State President Mollie Acosta, in her remarks, reminded us of our origins when "Agnes Shipman and Marie Neal, founders of Alpha Delta Kappa, met on the afternoon of August 25, 1953, and with Pauline Martin, Missouri State Chairman, and Maye Payne, Arkansas State Chairman, chartered California's first chapter, Alpha, in Oakland; in the evening of the same day, California Beta was chartered in San Francisco." And the rest is a rich history of which we are so proud.

Fraternal Education sessions were hosted by the California state board officers continuing with a magical theme: Levitation: Chapter Presidents; Vanishing Coin: Treasurers and Fund Raisers; Invisible Ink: Secretaries and Chaplains; The Magical Wand: Membership, Program and Altruistic Ideas; Abracadabra: Historians. Many ladies were convinced that learning can be fun. After a delicious luncheon, Roy Porfido, a magician, entertained us with an amazing number of thought-provoking illusions. The State Board thanks Peralta Council and all of our Northern District sisters for a truly magical day!



The **Valley District Conference** was held at the Cesar E. Chavez High School in Delano, California, on Saturday, November 3, 2012. Hosting Bakersfield-Delano Council sisters and President Kathy Layman (Chi) warmly greeting us. The State Board provided Leadership training and Fraternity Education, recognizing the rich heritage of leadership within the Central Valley. We were entertained by the Cesar E. Chavez High School Choir who truly inspired us. They sang like angels. Kathy Layman presented the choir director with a check of \$500. We were served a bountiful Thanksgiving Feast prepared by the high school's culinary program students. Monies raised from the opportunity drawing also benefited Delano's Performing Arts. A special THANK YOU to Delano High School Superintendent and Chi sister Rosalina Rivera for facilitating a WONDERFUL conference!



## Web News Web News Web News Web News Web News Web News Web News

The California web site at [www.adkcalif.org](http://www.adkcalif.org) (the login and passwords remain the same, k\_\_1\_\_). A BIG THANK YOU to Webmaster Janet Armstrong, Gamma Kappa, for her continued dedication to maintaining this vital communication tool for our California sisters. She is ABSOLUTELY Making a Difference!

On the web site you can find:

- The Presidents' Council Handbook in its entirety with up-to-date corrections:
  - ✓ All District Conference dates and host councils for the biennium
  - ✓ Guidelines for planning and conducting a District Conference
  - ✓ A calendar of all Council meetings, as submitted by Councils
  - ✓ A calendar schedule of when all FORMS are due
  - ✓ Directories of all International, Regional, State, Council and Chapter officers and chairmen
  - ✓ Descriptions of duties for Presidents' Council President and Secretary/Treasurer
  - ✓ Suggested Formats for Presidents' Council meetings and minutes
  - ✓ Assignments for State Board Liaison officers to Councils (who you contact when you have a question)
  - ✓ Music and words to *'The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa'*
- The most current information on:
  - ✓ the State Altruistic Project
  - ✓ Scholarships
  - ✓ Bylaws
  - ✓ specific chapter officer information (ie. for Treasurer, Historian)
  - ✓ selected Chaplain's Readings
  - ✓ any aid efforts in response to disasters affecting California sisters
- State Newsletters
- Minutes of the State Executive Board Meetings
- Links to both the Southwest Region and International web sites
- Announcements about important upcoming dates and events
- Information on how to earn PEARLS for your chapter.



We are also mindful that not all of our California sisters are 'web enabled.' As chapter and council leaders, please make sure that print information is shared with ALL sisters who require it. This is essential for our continued success!

Please send suggestions for the web site to [susan.raffo@gmail.com](mailto:susan.raffo@gmail.com).

### ***Important Upcoming Dates***

**January 31st, 2013** - deadline for dues to State (Diana Galvan) and International

**July 4th - 7th, 2013** - International Convention in Washington, D.C. **See the December Kappan for registration information. Let's GO, California girls!!**

*Wishing you ALL the happiest of holidays and a New Year filled with the love of family and friends, good health, peace and joy.*