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## **THE DAFFODIL PRINCIPLE** by Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. "I will come next Tuesday," I promised on her third call. The next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren. "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"I was hoping you'd take me over to the garage to pick up my car." "How far will we have to drive?"

"Oh. . . just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "But I'll drive. I'm used to this." After several minutes, I had to ask, "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!"

"We're going to my garage the long way," Carolyn smiled, "by way of the daffodils."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn.

"Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster.

"Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking" was the headline. The first answer was a simple one.

"50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time—often just one baby-step at time—and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!" My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said. She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

**Use the Daffodil Principle. Stop waiting. . .Until your car or home is paid off . . .Until you get a new car or home. . .Until your kids leave the house. . .Until you go back to school. . .Until spring... Until winter. . .Until fall. . .Until you die...**

*With sisterly love, Mollie*





# California Alpha Delta Kappa

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



Many thanks to Michelle White, Alpha Pi, and Robin Burns, Beta Rho, both California Altruistic Reports Chairmen, for compiling the many hours and gifts, monetary and otherwise, given by California sisters this past first year of the making a Difference biennium. It is MOST impressive!!

Monetary Gifts in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa	\$129,061.00
Non-monetary Gifts in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa	\$ 71,713.00
Scholarships	\$ 54,745.00
TOTAL	\$255,519.00
Volunteer Hours in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa	46,302

# Wow!

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### **CALIFORNIA ALTRUISTIC PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-2016 NOW BEING SOUGHT!!**

From State Altruistic Project Chairman, Kathy Layman, Chi

Throughout the state of California, Alpha Delta Kappa chapters have continually supported altruistic projects that are dear to their heart. In May of last year we chose Summer Search, for the second time, to be our state project. It doesn't seem possible, but it is now time to nominate our favorite projects once again, in hopes of being chosen as the next state project. Please consider your worthy projects, and submit them for consideration. If you don't nominate, you can't be on the ballot of our next state convention. Last time around we had eight nominations, which the selection committee had to cut down to four. It was a difficult task indeed. I'd like it to be even harder this time around!!

The process is simple. First, your chapter must choose the project you'd like to submit. Then you gather as much information about the project as you can, and fill out the nomination form. Send the form to me, before Nov. 1, 2013. That's all there is to it. You may fill out the form and send it to me on line, or in the mail. I will notify you when it has been received. [The form will be sent out via e-blast separately from this newsletter.] Thanks for all you do.

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## **Congratulations to California's newest chapter, Gamma Tau!**

On the afternoon of August 25, 1953, Agnes Shipman and Marie Neal, Founders of Alpha Delta Kappa, Pauline Martin, Missouri State Chairman, and Maye Payne, Arkansas State Chairman, chartered California's first chapter, Alpha, in Oakland, and in the evening of the same day, California Beta was chartered in San Francisco. The national leaders then went south to Fresno, chartering California Gamma. The team continued south, initiating California Delta and California Epsilon in Los Angeles. The last chapters to be chartered during this initial organizational period were Zeta in Long Beach, Eta in San Diego, and Theta in Bakersfield.

Today California Alpha Delta Kappa is comprised of 53 chapters and approximately 1300 members. Our newest chapter, Gamma Tau, was just chartered March 16th, 2013, in Fullerton, California.



**California Gamma Tau Charter Members March 16th, 2013**

Many thanks to the sisters "Making a Difference" by investing more than 2 years in the development and inception of Gamma Tau. Past State President Judy Welch was a major force, as well as many of the Gamma Nu sisters responsible for nurturing and initiating new members who then colonized the new chapter. Gamma Tau President, Marilyn Del Giudice, chose to transfer to the new chapter to provide experienced leadership and guide the new chapter. Charter members of this newest chapter are: Carol Cooper-Ajibabi; Denise Alvarado; Tanya Antunovich; Pam Apolinar, Chapter Co-Secretary (Recording & Corresponding); Janet Buzan; Christine Clark, Chapter Co-Secretary (Recording & Corresponding); Jingky Clementir; Marilyn Del Giudice, Chapter President; Cheri Deptola; Diana (Hernandez) Flores; Ginger Frady; Janet Hewett; Sandy Johnson, Chapter Membership Chair; Beverly McMillin, Golden Sister; Connie Romero; Lucy Sacco; Cathy Severev; Armandina Turner; Judy Welch, Chapter Vice President; Hilary White, Chapter Treasurer; Carey Whiting. Gamma Tau continues today the proud tradition and heritage of our founders which began 60 years ago!

## *California Gamma Mu Honored by Marines*

Gamma Mu's February altruistic project involved packing boxes of supplies for our soldiers in Afghanistan. We searched on the website AnySoldier.com and found the specific request list of the Aviation Supply Marines from MALS-40. Gamma Mu sisters brought the special items to the meeting, and together the sisters packed the boxes and prepared them for shipping. In addition, Gamma Mu collected \$315.00 in donations to be sent to the AnySoldier.com website. The Aviation Supply Marines from MALS-40 dedicated a Flag Raising in honor of the California Alpha Delta Kappa, Gamma Mu chapter, to show their "appreciation for the very specific Any Marine packages put together for us". 1st Lieutenant Carole Coleman is in charge of this 11 male Marine and 5 female Marine unit. She sent Gamma Mu pictures of the Flag Raising ceremony and THE ACTUAL FLAG used in the ceremony. Gamma Mu will proudly display this flag at all of our subsequent meetings. Semper Fi!

submitted by Gamma Mu member and State Recording Secretary Karen Kirby



# *Highlights of the Southern District Conference*

hosted by the San Diego Council

March 9, 2013

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

The Southern District Conference of Alpha Delta Kappa was held on March 9, 2013, at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Church, in sunny San Diego. The call-to-order was led by Sandra Gerard, San Diego Council President after which Monica Meade, California State Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms lead the flag salute. Rebecca Sikes, California State Chaplain with a relaxing breathing exercise as an opening thought. Roll call was taken by Gretchen Nakanishi who also asked members for approval of the minutes. Mary Ann Englehart, our state President-elect introduced the California State Board and the treasurer's report was given by Diana Galvan, state treasurer.



Kerry Hackman, Vice President of Membership gave the Membership Report informing us of total members. The Historian's update was given by Monica Meade. Mollie Acosta, California State President, informed members of our humble beginnings.

Carol Castlen of Beta Omicron spoke on behalf of the Military Outreach Ministry Speaker who was unable to attend. Carol told us about the Food and Bread Ministries, infant needs, furniture and household goods, holiday events, and heart to heart mentoring which all operate under the umbrella of San Diego MOM, a member of the Independent Charities of America. In fact attendees at the conference were asked to bring a piece of fleece and fabric scissors to make baby blankets for MOM or an organization of the maker's choice. It was a beautiful site seeing the ladies working on this project helping each other while fraternizing.

A delicious buffet lunch of salads was enjoyed by all: Tarragon chicken, tuna, pasta, lettuce and tomato, and rolls were served. The Opportunity Drawings were held after lunch and Rebecca Johnson of Beta Omicron lead the ladies into the Altruistic Activity of blanket making. Rebecca Sikes, California State Chaplain, ended the conference reading "The Daily News" by Vicki Caruana which encouraged us to continue having patience and hope for our students. Sisters proudly sang the Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.

## *Excellence in Education Award*

by Kathleen O'Malley, California Excellence in Education Chairman

The Alpha Delta Kappa Excellence in Education Award recipient will be announced in Washington, DC this July. Unfortunately, California did not have a representative at the state level. It is very early to be thinking about the presentation at International 2015 in Salt Lake City but we know that CA ADK is rich with sisters who are deserving of such a prestigious award.

Please encourage members in your chapter to consider nominations for this honor. Having been the California recipient in 2010, I can assure you that it is truly an honor and high point in my career.

The deadline for application is December, 2013; however, it is never too early to have the following in your professional folder:

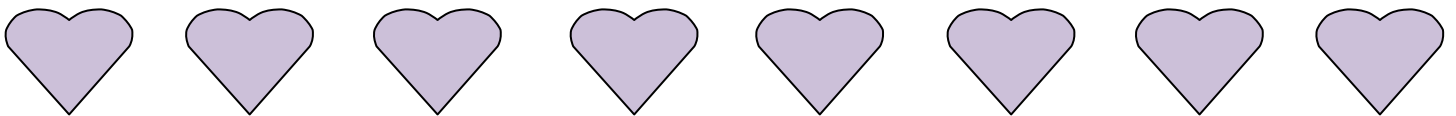
- A complete resume/vitae
- Three letters of recommendation from administration, and/or colleagues.
- One-page** summary of your accomplishments in education and why you should be considered for the award.

Nominees must be actively employed in education to receive the award.

## ***The Alpha Delta Kappa 29th International Convention, "Connections" to be held in Washington, D.C., July 4th - 7th, 2013.***



*See the December KAPPAN for the tentative schedule and listings for the breakout sessions and description of available tours. Registration is possible up to the beginning of the Convention for a modest additional fee (are possible at an additional cost). Being in our nation's capitol for Independence Day will be quite a treat. Let's make memorable connections in a city with monuments to America's greatness around every corner! California sisters will connect while we are there - more news will be forthcoming. See you there!*



## ***Important Upcoming Dates***

**July 4th - 7th, 2013** - International Convention in Washington, D.C.  
**YOU MAY STILL REGISTER!! Let's GO, California girls!!**

**May 2nd - 4th, 2014** - California State Convention, Ontario, at the invitation of the Inland Cities Council - THANK YOU, LADIES!!

**FALL District Conferences - Northern October 12th**, Roseville, hosted jointly by Delta and Sierra Councils  
**Valley November 2nd**, Fresno, hosted by Fresno-Clovis Council

