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*In honor of all sisters who have just returned to the classroom for another year, molding futures...thank you for having the courage to teach!*

## **COURAGE**

*I don't feel courageous as I enter my classroom. I feel tired. Tired from spending hours rehearsing my class for winter festival. Tired from trying to make the performance work when only half the students show up. Tired from hurrying home to write my students' progress reports.*

*I don't feel courageous as I dial the telephone. I feel sad. Sad that I need to tell a parent that her child is being teased by other children. Sad that when I ask how I can help, the mother tells me that it's all my fault that her child smells bad, steals from other children, and can't write a good sentence.*

*I don't feel courageous as I listen to a child struggle to read. I feel discouraged. Discouraged because I've done everything that I know how to teach him to read. Discouraged that no one at his home reads to him, helps him with his homework, or even listens to him talk about his day at school.*

*I don't feel courageous as I sit in the teachers' meeting. Uncomfortable as my colleagues argue over committee assignments or duty schedules. Uncomfortable because at times it seems that we've lost sight of our purpose.*

*Tired. Sad. Discouraged. And still I teach.*

*I teach for the moment when a student believes in herself. I teach for the teachers' meeting when we discover how much we have in common. I teach for the chance to speak honestly and to listen openly while others do the same. I teach to become vulnerable, to be questioned and to question, to feel the sense of danger that comes with molding futures.*

*I teach because teaching is a job that demands the most courage. I have the courage to teach.*

*Adapted from an essay by Shirley Bendau, Educational Leadership, December 1998.*

*With sisterly love,*

*Mollie*



California Alpha Delta Kappa



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Our newly installed International President, June Bellamy (see International Convention news later in this newsletter) would like to send a challenge to each chapter in Alpha Delta Kappa for the month of October. As a way of honoring our Founders during Alpha Delta Kappa month, President June is asking that each chapter in every state, province and nation have a hands-on service project. Many of you are doing this already, as we know. After your chapter has completed the service project, publicize it in your local newspaper. Even consider submitting a photo for the KAPPAN. Certainly send photos and details to me ([adk.mollie@gmail.com](mailto:adk.mollie@gmail.com)). I would like to share with others in the newsletter and also during our State Convention which is May 2nd -4th in Ontario (more later). California Alpha Delta Kappa is Making a Difference!!

### *Excellence in Education Award*

by Kathleen O'Malley, California Excellence in Education Chairman

The Alpha Delta Kappa Excellence in Education Award is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding work that many of our sisters do as educators. It is very early to be thinking about the presentation at International 2015 in Salt Lake City but we know that California Alpha Delta Kappa 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 1st, 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.
- A 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.

### ***Altruism Altruism Altruism Altruism Altruism Altruism Altruism Altruism***

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

From State Altruistic Project Chairman, Kathy Layman, Chi

ALTRUISM ABOUNDS IN CALIFORNIA...and I, Kathy Layman, want to hear about your special projects that are worthy of state sponsorship. Please submit your application, and your project may be selected to be voted upon at our state convention in May of 2014. I will happily send you the guidelines and application form, or you may get it on our ADK website. You may contact me at [tlayman@bak.rr.com](mailto:tlayman@bak.rr.com), or call me at 661-725-8301. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Don't wait until the last minute, applications are due to me no later than November 1st.

## ***A Reminder for Chapter Corresponding Secretaries!***

You are responsible for completion of the **Annual Chapter Highlights Form H-114**, which must be sent to International Headquarters via mail, fax or online by August 1 each year. The form can be found at [www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org) under "Resources," and then "Documents and Forms." A hard copy is included in the chapter president's packet, and was also distributed at district officer training sessions in 2012. Keep a copy of the completed form in your chapter files.

- When you access the form online, there are handy tips and suggestions for completing the form and submitting electronically.
- The August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is misleading, because once your chapter ceases meeting for the summer months, you will have to track down sisters with needed information if you have not collected the data needed!
- Familiarize yourself with the information that is required, and follow up with your chapter president, recording secretary (essential!), and chairmen for membership and altruistic projects.
- You might record some information each month on a copy of the form, and then complete it online after May 31. At your first board meeting this year, brainstorm each area with board members to ensure that all facts about your chapter are recorded on the form.
- The dates to include are June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, so if your chapter had a meeting or event in June 2013, please include that information.

If you have not sent in your form for 2012-2013, please complete and return it as soon as possible – thanks!

Lynne Keating, Gamma Eta  
State Corresponding Secretary



Attention Chapter Treasurers: Please send State Treasurer Diana Galvan your C-1 Annual Report and verifications of receipt for both epostcards, IRS 990N and CA 199N. Either email or snail mail, but she **MUST** have these (you know the IRS... ) Full directions for each requirement are on our CA website in the Treasurer's Corner.

California State Website: <http://www.adkcalif.org> Login and password are BOTH **kore\_ \_ \_** (the numbers...)

The **California Membership Award** will be presented at the 2014 State Convention to the chapter with the greatest positive net growth!! This will be calculated as Headquarters does for pearls; the chapter with the greatest increase in overall members.

New members must be initiated by **March 1st, 2014**, and the H-103 and H-133 forms must be received by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to be counted!!



*Order your  
California  
Alpha Delta Kappa Shirt*

*NOW!!*

*\$36.00*



**Show your ΑΔΚ spirit by wearing this wonderful shirt,  
that includes great bling and a lovely embroidered violet!**

The shirt is the perfect purple, with a feminine cut, and is easy-care polyester. It is made by Port Authority, has cap sleeves and is cut to hip length.

**Send one chapter check with payment and a copy of this order form to Diana Galvan at 2402 Ridgeside Court, Roseville, 95661.**

**Northern District orders and payment are due by September 20th**, so that shirts will be ready in time for your conference. Shirts will be brought to the conference.

**All other orders and payment are due by October 10<sup>th</sup>**, and will be brought to your district conference or to a council meeting.

Please email Diana Galvan if you have any questions ([adk.dianagalvan@gmail.com](mailto:adk.dianagalvan@gmail.com)).

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shirts by Size:

\_\_\_\_\_ XS      \_\_\_\_\_ S      \_\_\_\_\_ M      \_\_\_\_\_ L  
\_\_\_\_\_ XL      \_\_\_\_\_ XXL      \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL      \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL

State Executive Board officers also have beautiful new California Making a Difference pins for sale!

# 2013 AΔK International Convention

## Just SOME of the highlights:

- More than 1400 sisters gathered in Washington, DC to attend from all 50 states, Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. California had more than 50!!
- We have 34,924 members internationally.
- ALTRUISM ABOUND: **2,406,942 hours and \$13,946,871 donated** including monetary donations, scholarships, and in-kind giving.
- Delegates voted **St. Jude's Children's Research Project** and the **Alzheimer's Association** as the 2013-2015 International Altruistic Projects.
- A HUGE THANK YOU to Barbara Horne; her red, white, and blue 50 state needlepoint quilt (beautiful!) sold for \$1,000 to help fund these projects!
- St. Jude's received a check for \$30,000 at the Convention, combined with \$30,000 presented in 2012, totaling \$60,000 for the biennium. AΔK has given 2.4 million dollars to St. Jude to date.
- \$2,870 was raised during the convention for Connections of the Heart, which provides weekend backpacks filled with food for DC children.
- The International Executive Board's World Understanding Project, Project Hope, is raising funds to build school in Peru; \$51,149 was collected, exceeding the goal. Villagers in Peru raised the money to buy the land for the school.
- Recipients of the International Teacher Education Scholarships working on their Master and PHD. degrees spoke about how much these scholarships and the ability to study in America means to them and how much it would mean in the lives of women in their individual countries when they returned to live there.
- Delegates voted to hold the 2016 Regional Conference also as a Joint Conference; the 2014 Southwest /Northwest Regional Conference will be in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on July 8th-10th. This is a great training opportunity for newly elected chapter and council officers!
- Eleven new AΔK chapters were installed this past biennium, California's Gamma Tau being one. PEARLS: 416 chapters were 7 Pearl chapters. The federal 990-N e-postcard now earns a pearl.
- Delegates voted on bylaw amendments. All but one, #11, passed.
- Delegates elected International officers for the 213-215 biennium (see the International website for a full list). President –elect will be Ruth Ann Griggs. Our Southwest representative on the International Board is Pat Trias from Arizona. Susan Raffo and Mollie Acosta are both serving on the Southwest Regional Board, proudly representing California.

Thanks to Karen Kirby and Anne Yeghoian for sharing their summaries of Convention business!

## 2013-2015 International Theme and Logo

### ***Wings to Soar, Roots of Tradition***

The first part of our logo is the majestic tree with its roots of tradition, representing our Four Founders. The seven sturdy branches are symbolic of our seven regions. The thick, leafy foliage represents our members, each with unique talents and interests, yet dedicated to the principles and ideals of Alpha Delta Kappa. Carved in the heart of the tree are our Greek letters much like the initials carved in a tree to remember someone special. Soaring above the tree is a bird; soaring near the water are butterflies, each looking toward the future with hope and purpose.



## ...More on the Alpha Delta Kappa 28<sup>th</sup> International Convention

July 4-7, 2013

By Monica Meade, State Historian

Approximately fifty California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the twenty-eighth International Convention. All totaled 1500 sisters attended from all fifty states, plus Australia and Mexico. Jamaica was not represented this year at the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa. Since it was my first visit (and others) to the capitol, I was anxious about who and what I would see. Alpha Delta Kappa sisters are known for their warm hearts and kind nature. The convention project was Connections of the Heart which provides weekend backpacks filled with food for D C children. Sisters gave \$2, 870 to this project. Delegates voted to repeat the combined Southwest and Northwest Regional Conference that will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 2014. The 29<sup>th</sup> International Convention will be in Utah in 2015. Eleven new chapters were installed in 2013 and Gamma Tau was one of them. Seven pearl chapters numbered 416 and the e-postcard now will earn its chapter a pearl. International altruistic report totals; 2, 406, 942 hours and \$13, 946, 871 was donated including monetary donations, scholarship, and in-kind giving. Denise Juneau, the Jacquie Loughed World Understanding Lecturer, addressed us first. She talked about the poor conditions in education for Native American children. They have the highest drop-out and murder rate of any students in the United States.

The “Learning Sessions” began with a wide variety of interests for everyone. In fact, I attended one that told me that the type of purse you carry says a great deal about your personality? I learned that it speaks volumes in the “Purse-sonality” session. If you are a “Tiny-Toter” (small purse) you’re probably on a diet and you carry one unlimited credit card, one lipstick, and one moist towelette. If you carry the “More is Better” purse, you never got over the diaper bag phase. Also you will be carrying food (2-1/2 week supply), many credit cards, and even a McGiver tool. It was well worth my time. I also attended a Feng Shui session. We all have an area in our homes that needs to be freed of clutter. I learned that playing music in your home helps to clear the atmosphere; Opening the door can clear the air also (front and back). And then, Mollie Acosta, our California State President, presented “Connections: Moving Forward Digitally” in which she showed members how to create a website. She also shared information on creating an on-line scrapbook using Snapfish.

After the “Learning Sessions” I boarded the bus (there were eight buses) with many other ADK sisters on a short tour of the District of Columbia. We saw the Watergate Building, the Kennedy Center, and the Washington Monument. We dined at Phillips Seafood Buffet and after dinner we were taken to the Mall where we waited for the “Sparkling Fourth” Celebration. I spent the entire afternoon and evening with the sweetest Indiana sisters.

The Opening Session began on July 5, 2013 with Kaya Henderson, Chancellor of the Washington, D.C. School System welcoming the members. International Chaplain Marie Hurst gave the thought for the day and June Carpenter, the International Executive Board Chairman, gave us the good news that a magnetic badge had been given the OK by International. She also gave us other information about what had been approved. Recognition was given to Silver, Sapphire, and Golden members.

After enjoying the Regional Luncheons, the first Business Session was held. The Keynote speaker, Jason Wright, inspired us with a story about his father. His message was “We are not alone.” Most of us have a support system and he encouraged us to support other also. Many ADK sisters have already read several of his books: Christmas Jars and Wednesday Letters. I was so impressed and inspired that I intend to read his books also.

We moved on to the Credentials Committee Report. Using voting pads, the delegates had to log in to let the committee know that they were present. Some of the voting pads malfunctioned and caused a halt to the proceedings. At times, we became a little impatient, but after a little practice, everything went smoothly. There were about 1500 Alpha Delta Kappa members attending the convention. The Second and Third Business Sessions were held on July 6, 2013. St. Jude's Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association were selected as our two charities. Susan G. Komen came in third and is no longer an International altruistic project: however, they did receive a donation from the past biennium. The International By-Laws Committee Report followed. This report took a little more time and patience. Patricia Trias was voted International Vice-President for the Southwest Region... Yeh! Also, Marilyn Del Giudice was awarded a special pin for membership because she was instrumental in establishing a new California chapter, Gamma Tau that was initiated in March 2013.

On Sunday, July 7, 2013, the heartfelt Memorial Service was held for sisters who have transitioned. It was a beautiful service. The Fourth Business Session began with International Chaplain Marie Hurst giving the Thought for the Day. A final Credentials Report was given and winners of the Fine Arts Grants were given by Sue Ellen Benson. Roberta Patterson's name was called during this session as the winner of the grant from 2011-2013, plus the new winner was named. Teacher of the Year (2011), Michelle Schearer gave the members so many education models from other countries to think about. She told us that teaching is a very special job and that we should not listen to folks who say that teaching is easy.

Sisters were given an invitation to attend the next International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2015.

The Installation Banquet, "Hearts Aglow," began at 7:00 PM that evening. We were all "Sparkling" and ready to begin a new biennium. The theme of the new biennium is "Wings to Soar-Roots of Tradition."

**Convention Pictures are available at <http://adeltakdc2013.shutterfly.com>**



**California Delegation in Washington DC, July 2013**



*2013-2015 International Chapter and Executive Board*



*California President-elect Mary Ann Englehart  
California President Mollie Acosta  
California Past-President Susan Raffo*



*International Teacher Education Recipients*





## \$\$\$\$\$\$ Southwest Regional Mini-Scholarship \$\$\$\$\$\$

Brochures containing applications are available from the Regional Scholarship Program Chairman, state/provincial/national and chapter presidents and also on the website of Alpha Delta Kappa and from Headquarters.

The purpose of the Mini-Scholarship program is specifically to attend non-A K conventions, seminars, workshops and non-credit classes. Graduate and/or doctoral studies are beyond the scope of this program.

Applications (original and one copy) to be sent by regular mail to the Regional Scholarship Program Committee chairman and an additional copy to International Headquarters via regular mail or fax by the following deadlines:

Applications for activities taking place between November 15 and May 15 should be postmarked no later than **October 15**.

Applications for activities taking place between May 15 and November 15 should be postmarked not later than **April 15**.

### **Regional Professional Development Scholarship**

This scholarship program provides our members with opportunities for meeting the increased demands for requirements of National Board certification, recertification and post graduate degrees; and opportunities to enrich the educational experiences of children and youth.

An applicant must submit two copies of the application stating briefly, 1000 words or less, what program she would like to pursue and her reason for wanting the grant. Also one is copy mailed for Headquarters. For more information regarding this grant applications is available from the Regional Scholarship Program Chairman , S/P/N and chapter presidents and also on the website of Alpha Delta Kappa and fro Headquarters.

The deadline for this grant is January 31, 2014.

Regional Scholarship Chairman Sandra Marshall, 8517 W. Port Royale Lane, Peoria, Arizona 85381-2765, (623) 972-4202, [azsandy123@cox.net](mailto:azsandy123@cox.net)

### ***Historian's Corner***

Dear Sisters (Chapter and Council Historians),

I hope you are all well and having a great summer! You've probably taken quite a few pictures by now. And I know some of you have completed your two pages. Congratulations! And thanks a bunch. After attending the twenty-eighth International Alpha Delta Kappa Convention, I was amazed at all the magic picture moments available. So many beautiful sisters doing so much for others.

I would like to make it clear that Chapter historians and Council historians are to create two adjacent pages for this biennium. Your Deadline is March 2014. If you need help, please contact me or go to the California website to view instructions at the Historian's Corner.

Happy Snapping,

Monica Meade, Alpha Delta Kappa California State Historian



## ***Important Upcoming Dates***

- September 1st** Deadline for ITE weekend in Kansas City
- September 10<sup>th</sup>** ANNUAL PROGRAM AWARD APPLICATION DUE Use the Annual Program Award Brochure (International)
- October 12th** Northern District Conference, Roseville, hosted by Delta & Sierra Councils
- October 15<sup>th</sup>** Membership Action Plan, Part B (H-128B) is due (may be completed online - International web site).
- October 15<sup>th</sup>** Postmark deadline for Regional Mini-scholarship applications for activities taking place between November 15th and May 15th to be received by Regional Scholarship Programs Committee Chairman
- October 15<sup>th</sup>** Federal IRS 990-N deadline for submission (IMPORTANT)
- November 1<sup>st</sup>** State Altruistic Project Nominations due to Chairman Kathy Layman (contact information is in the Presidents' Council Handbook).  
\*See <http://www.adkcalif.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/AltruisticNominationForm.pdf>
- November 1<sup>st</sup>** Proposed Bylaw Amendments are due to Chairman Mary Ann Dews (contact information is in the Presidents' Council Handbook).
- November 2nd** Valley District Conference, Fresno, hosted by Fresno-Clovis Council
- November 16th-17th** ITE Weekend at Headquarters in Kansas City
- November 30th** **Candidate applications for State Executive Board offices due.** Available on the State web site under 'Forms'
- December 1<sup>st</sup>** Excellence in Education Award Nomination Form due to Headquarters.  
\*See [http://www.alphadeltakappa.org/s/1292/images/editor\\_documents/HQ%20Documents/e\\_in\\_e\\_nomination.pdf](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org/s/1292/images/editor_documents/HQ%20Documents/e_in_e_nomination.pdf)  
You may also contact California Excellence in Education Award Chairman Kathleen O'Malley.
- January 11th** Marina District Conference, Orange Coast Council hosting
- February 15th** Betty Rosenberg Outstanding Chapter Award Application due - 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 Chairman 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 hosting

**May 2nd - 4th, 2014 - California State Convention, Ontario** Registration rates are being lowered. Hotel rates \$89/night. Please plan to send as many representatives as possible from your chapter. Especially for new members, there is nothing like being at State Convention!!