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Dearest California sisters,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you and to serve with an incredible group of fellow sisters on the California Executive Board. I cannot thank you - and them - enough for the love and support I have felt this past biennium.

Alpha Delta Kappa nurtures me as an educator, a fellow sister, a member of my community locally and globally, and as a woman. I have learned so much and am indebted to many.

*The sharing of stories which retell the multitude of ways individual members and chapters are **Making a Difference** this biennium has been amazing. I am most grateful to the many sisters who shared these wonderful stories. I cannot wait to celebrate **Making a Difference** at the California State Convention in 3 weeks. YOU ALL deserve the accolades. YOU have been **Making a Difference** in your communities, the lives of your fellow sisters, and the lives of women and children. More examples were shared at the last District Conference of the biennium. During the Southern District Conference in Highland this past March, several sisters stood to share how one chapter's altruistic endeavors led to another chapter adopting or recreating the same or a similar project. It is particularly heartwarming to see one of our last Fidelis chapters, Fidelis Delta, present several \$100 scholarship awards to active teachers. This is what Alpha Delta Kappa is all about - supporting one another.*

Thank you, thank you, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Convention. We will not only celebrate the wonderful work of this biennium, but also install the 2014-2016 California State Executive Board. I wish my dear Xi sister and friend, Mary Ann Englehart, the very best as the incoming California State President. I know with dedicated sisters like all of you, hers will be another outstanding biennium!

With sisterly love and respect,

Mollie

California 30th State Convention in Ontario

May 2nd - 4th, 2014

We are three weeks away from Convention and looking forward to a wonderful gathering of sisters! The weekend will provide opportunities for fellowship, networking with fellow educators, and the conducting of important California Alpha Delta Kappa state business. In the event that any chapter has a sister or sisters who have not yet registered, it is not too late. We do need final registrations by Wednesday, April 16th (once your taxes are complete!)

Hotel info: Ontario International Airport Hotel, 700 N. Haven, Ontario, CA 909-980-0400
Convention Code: COA-GFC3562

The following items are specifically for those attending.

- ✓ If you are in need of a roommate or a room, call or email Mollie ASAP.
- ✓ Please make sure your chapter delegate and alternate are prepared to vote on:
 - Proposed 2014-2016 State Budget
 - Proposed Bylaw Amendments (updated and available on the State web site)
 - Nominated 2014-2016 Altruistic Projects
 - Candidates for State Office, 2014-2016
 - Approval of Convention Rules (available on the State web site)
- ✓ Bring:
 - your chapter banner for the Parade of Presidents; if the Chapter President is unable to attend, please delegate a representative for the Parade in her place
 - chapter and/or council archives (tables will be set up in the ballroom for them)
 - all documents sent out with registration
 - Proposed 2014-2016 State Budget
 - Nominated 2014-2016 Altruistic Projects
 - Candidates for State Office, 2014-2016
- ✓ You will receive with your registration:
 - Name badge with delegate status
 - Meal tickets (Presidents' Breakfast)
 - Convention Program
 - Copies of Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Convention Rules
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Please see the attached order form for a California shirt. **If you order by April 16th, you may pick up at the Convention.**
- ✓ All information is also on the State web site! SEE YOU THERE!!!!



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

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

Southern District Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, CA

March 8, 2014

By Monica Meade

It was a beautiful, warm day in Highland as the Southern District Conference of Alpha Delta Kappa convened. Registration began a 9:30 A.M. and at 10:00 A.M. the meeting started with the flag salute lead by state historian, Monica Meade. Then Becky Sikes, State Chaplain read the Thought for the Day, "Veronica's Baby" which showed us the impact of a teacher is great and far-reaching. Mary Ann Englehart, President-elect, introduced state officers and explained that several officers would give presentations.

Monica Meade, state historian, reminded members that they had a week left to contribute to the online scrapbook for Mollie Acosta, our State President. A question and answer session began and several sisters received clarity on the project. Next, Kerry Hackman, vice-president of membership, shared that Alpha Delta Kappa has fifty-three chapters and 1,293 members. Diana Galvan, State Treasurer, gave members positive information regarding our checking and savings accounts.

Fidelis Delta President, Nancy Wilkison, spoke about the opportunity to give four \$100 scholarships to classroom teachers after the hat was passed at last year's Southern District Conference in support of this most worthy way to make a difference for fellow sisters. She applauded our efforts and then presented several Southern District sisters with \$100 scholarships for their classrooms. The 'hat' was passed once again, resulting in Alpha Delta Kappa sisters giving over \$250 to support Fidelis Delta's wonderful cause. After a short break our State President, Mollie Acosta, spoke to the members about the Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention, May 2-4, 2014 in Ontario, California. She encouraged all to attend.

At noon we enjoyed a delicious lunch of salad, potatoes, chicken, green beans, and dessert. Afterwards many sisters joined in Tau's altruistic project of "Creating greeting cards for children at Loma Linda University Medical Center." The Opportunity Gift Card Drawing allowed many members to go home with a memento of the event.



Fidelis Delta sisters at Southern District Conference



Southern District sisters making greeting cards for children at Loma Linda University Medical Center

Dear Wonderful Chapter Historians,

This is the last call for chapter pictures for the DVD I am creating be shown during our State Convention. President Mollie Acosta's vision is to have pictures from all of our chapters on the DVD. We have 53 chapters in California and so far, I have received pictures from 15 chapters.

I have received pictures from: Iota, Beta Pi, Alpha Phi, Beta Alpha, Alpha Psi, Alpha Rho, Beta Eta, Gamma Mu, Gamma Eta, Beta, Pi, Gamma Beta, Eta, Gamma Nu, Gamma, and Zeta. If any of you have photos from your District Conferences, please send those also.

Remember when you got the first call from Mollie and you said to yourself you would get to it later? Remember when I sent you the first request and again you said you would get to it later? **Guess what! Later is here.**

I only need 4 - 6 pictures. I would love to have pictures showing the sisters of your chapter 'Making a Difference', making fun, and/or making sisterhood rock. I'm looking for photos that show sisters enjoying activities that make their chapter unique and special and pictures that tell their chapter's stories of this biennium. Sometimes, the most innocuous photo to some is the most poignant, so I would love to see precious photos of sisters interacting, enjoying, and loving sisters. Can you help me out?

Send photos to me at karencruisekirby@att.net

I need the pictures by **ASAP** so I have enough time to create the DVD, at titles, and put in music. Thanks!

Fraternally,

Karen Kirby

State Recording Secretary and now DVD Master



Important Upcoming Dates

April 15th

Postmark deadline for Regional Mini-scholarship Applications for activities taking place between May 15 and November 15 to be received by Regional Scholarship Chairman

International Membership Campaign ends

May 1st

Deadline for Chapter President to submit H-107 Report of Chapter Officers to Headquarters; may be submitted online

May 2nd - 4th, 2014 California State Convention, Ontario

- by June 1st Chapter and Council Presidents send new officer information and Council meeting dates to incoming State President-elect
- August 1st Deadline for Chapter Presidents to submit H-114, Annual Chapter Highlights Summary; may be submitted online
- July 8th-10th Northwest/Southwest Joint Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. See the SWR web site link from our state web site or the International web site

Chapter and Council Presidents: Please do not schedule Council meetings in conflict with the following State Board meetings. Your liaisons cannot be in two places at once!

2014 – 2015

- October 11, 2014 Northern District Conference, Golden Gate Council
- November 15, 2014 Valley District Conference, Bakersfield/Delano Council
- January 10, 2015 Marina District Conference, Channel Islands Council
- March 7, 2015 Southern District Conference, San Diego Council

2015 – 2016

- October 3, 2015 Northern District Conference, Peralta Council
- November 7, 2015 Valley District Conference, Turlock/Modesto Council
- January 9, 2016 Marina District Conference, Orange Coast Council
- March 5, 2016 Southern District Conference, Inland Cities Council