

# California Alpha Delta Kappa *Making a Difference*

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Dearest sisters,

It is hard to believe that the 30<sup>th</sup> California State Convention was held more than a month ago now. I cannot express my gratitude adequately – to all of my California sisters and especially those in the hosting Inland Cities Council. Convention Chairman Lynne, Registration Chairman Rosemary, Decorations Chairman April, Treasurer Barbara, and ALL Inland Cities sisters worked tirelessly and always with a smile to make the Convention very successful. California sisters were well represented by the 150 in attendance; 42 chapters sent delegates (79% of California chapters).

A summary of the business conducted is later in the newsletter, but I wanted to share my closing remarks from the Convention with those of you who were unable to attend:

*I am so grateful to you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Alpha Delta Kappa California State President. I truly stand on the shoulders of giants - our founders, Agnes, Hattie, Marie, and Marion; first lady of California, Betty Rosenberg; and all of the state presidents who followed. One of my missions this biennium has been to pay tribute to the outstanding women educators and leaders who paved the way for me. I had several who specifically took me by the hand, held my hand, or encouraged me to reach out my hand - first, my Xi sisters, Jean Waterman and Barbara Stein, then Noel Leonard, Susan Goto, Alice Bullard, and all of the State Presidents who followed. All of my Xi sisters - thank you to Mary Frances (our newly reinstated member!), Becky, Maureen, Victoria and Barbara again - and my dear friend, Mary Ann...I am profoundly grateful to you for ALWAYS being there for me. I would not be here at all if it weren't for my family, Jock, Laurie and Ted - through ups and downs, you are there to raise me up.*

*Thank you to every California sister - we are so much more together than we are individually. I know because this biennium I have witnessed first-hand the difference we make. It sounded like a rather plain idea - Making a Difference - and yet it has been so powerful and rewarding. Sisters helping sisters - from a grandchild in need of a service dog, to a daughter fighting cancer, to a neighborhood in need of assistance. From making dinners for families at Ronald McDonald House to supporting military families to feeding the hungry or firefighters or supporting a women's shelter with needed toiletries - from making Chemo-blankets or enlisting students to make Knots of Love to running or walking for life...Performing Arts Scholarships, scholarships for active teachers, scholarships for teachers-to-be...supporting students going to play at Carnegie Hall – and supporting our State Altruistic Project, Summer Search, which provides enrichment opportunities, and changes the lives of young people - California sisters gave over \$200,000.00 this biennium, plus donating over 90,000 hours of service in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa. THAT is Making a Difference! Thank you all for Making a wonderful Difference in my life.*

With sisterly love,

*Mollie*

# Highlights of the 30<sup>th</sup> California State Convention

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Ontario, California

## Scholarships

State Scholarship Chairman Carolyn Rising, Alpha Nu, reported that **nine California Alpha Delta Kappa District Mini-Scholarships** were awarded this biennium to:

- \* Judy Dere, Alpha Psi, to attend the Northern California Math Conference at Asilomar.
- \* Karen DiJulio, Alpha Nu, to provide a science/social studies focused field trip for her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Title 1 students.
- \* Suzette Stavrianoudakis, Beta Delta, to purchase big books to support reading, math, science, and social studies instruction.
- \* Linda Barker, Gamma, to fund a Grandparents' Day brunch for children and adults with a focus on the San Joaquin River and surrounding trails and habitats.
- \* Linda Futterer, Gamma Eta, to fund iPad and iPhone applications to be used with severely disabled students.
- \* Margaret Boehm, Beta Alpha, to take a class on alternative methods consistent with Common Core to teach math to dyslexic students.
- \* Michelle Patton, Gamma Eta, to fund a class trip to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.
- \* Sonya Ross, Beta Tau, to attend "Life Lab Workshop for Elementary Teachers."
- \* Carole Taylor, Beta, to assist Operation School Bell in providing clothing to students in need.

**2012 State Scholarship recipient, Colleen Golden, Beta Rho**, presented on how she utilized her scholarship funds. She developed six units of study with a total of 49 art lessons. The lessons were designed so students become problem solvers and creative thinkers, become emotionally strong, and learn to collaborate with one another. A link to her lessons will be forthcoming on the State web site.

President Mollie announced a name change for the California State Scholarship, which may be awarded at the State Convention every two years. Past State President Eleanor Bendell, Alpha Gamma, originated the California State Scholarship. "Bendy" passed away this biennium and bequeathed \$10,000 to the California Alpha Delta Kappa State Scholarship fund. The State Executive Board renamed the California State Scholarship the **Eleanor Bendell California State Scholarship** in her honor. Through this legacy Bendy will continue to *Make a Difference*. Sadly, there were no applicants for the 2014 State Scholarship, which was in the amount of \$2500.00. Remember, you cannot be awarded if you do not apply!!!

## Altruism

California Alpha Delta Kappa will send Summer Search, the 2012-2014 State Altruistic Project, a donation of \$4,000 for 2014. A check for \$1,000 was previously presented to Summer Search in 2013. The total contribution to Summer Search for this biennium was \$5,000.

Delegates selected **Schools on Wheels** as the 2014 -2016 California State Altruistic Project, nominated by Gamma Nu.

Northern/Valley Altruistic Reporting Chairman Robin Burns, Beta Rho, and Marina/Southern Altruistic Reporting Chairman Michelle White, Alpha Pi, presented their **California Altruistic Report for 2012 – 2014**. The following are contributions by members during the biennium:

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Hours of service	46,302 hours	46,852 hours
Monetary gifts	\$129,061.00	\$ 97,752.00
Non-monetary gifts	\$ 71,713.00	\$ 75,040.00



**Thank you, California sisters, for truly Making a Difference for so many!**

### ***Recognitions at State Convention***

**Kim Gerrould, Beta Eta**, was recognized as the 2014 California **Excellence in Education** recipient. The Excellence in Education Award recognizes members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education. Congratulations, Kim!

The **Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award** was established to honor a chapter that exemplifies first lady of California Betty Rosenberg's dedication to our honorary sorority and ideals. President Mollie presented the 2014 award to **Beta Tau**, a 7-pearl chapter that initiated new members both biennium years and had members attending leadership training, Presidents' Council meetings, District Conferences, and the State Convention. This chapter incorporates regular field trips as part of their programs, has their own website, and has a long list of altruistic projects. **Mary Krause** accepted the award on behalf of the 52 members of her chapter. Congratulations, ALL Beta Tau sisters!

California Vice-President, Membership, Kerry Hackman, presented **Membership Award** certificates for chapters who initiated new members during this biennium. The following chapters received certificates:

For initiating 1 – 2 new members: Gamma Eta, Beta Xi, Beta Theta, Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta, Zeta, Xi, Kappa, Iota.

For initiating 3 – 4 new members: Gamma Zeta, Alpha Alpha, Theta, Lambda

For initiating 5 or more new members: Gamma Nu, Beta Upsilon

**Gamma Tau** was recognized and congratulated as California's newest chapter, installed in March, 2013, in Fullerton. **Gamma Nu** was recognized for sponsoring the new chapter.

The new **California Membership Award**, a perpetual award based on positive net growth during the biennium and as of March 1 of the last year of the biennium was awarded. Two chapters tied for the 2012 – 2014 award and will share it during the next biennium. The winners of this award are **Xi Chapter** from the Valley District, and **Beta Kappa Chapter** from the Northern District.

### ***Bylaws Amendments***

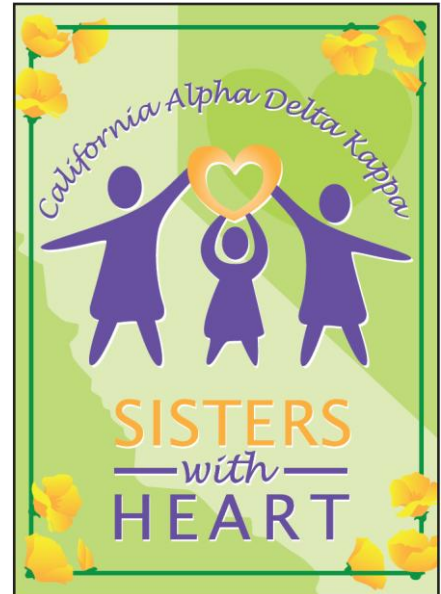
Delegates at the **Convention approved retention of our California State Bylaws** and aligned them with International Bylaws. Included in aligning with International, the State also now has the option of whether to have a State Vice-President of Membership, a State Corresponding Secretary and/or a State Historian. (This option only applies to State officers.) Alignment also means that every chapter has the choice to retain their chapter bylaws OR adopt policies and procedures which include a statement stating they follow International's Bylaws. New State Bylaws Chairman Susan Raffo will be communicating with you about this further. **It is important to note that the chapter bylaws chairman shall send, for certification, a copy of the chapter bylaws or the official policy statement, from the chapter policies and procedures manual, that satisfies the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service, to the chairman of the California bylaws committee by October 15 of even numbered years. That means by this October!** Look for information from Susan in August or early September.

## *New State Officers Elected at State Convention*

Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Sara Cooper
Chaplain	Joanne Grimm
Corresponding Secretary	Kerry Hackman
Recording Secretary	Lynne Keating
Treasurer	Karen Kirby
Vice-President	Rebecca Sikes
President-Elect	Diana Galvan

Continuing and not needing election...

President	Mary Ann Englehart
Immediate Past President	Mollie Acosta



We ALL look forward to the 2014-2016 biennium of *Sisters with Heart!*

## Scholarship Money Available!

Do NOT miss this opportunity! Encourage fellow sisters to think ahead and apply!

**REGIONAL MINI-SCHOLARSHIPS** (For Alpha Delta Kappa members in good standing only) — Under the umbrella of the Regional Professional Development Scholarships, International annually gives each region \$3,000 to distribute to members in good standing, whether actively engaged in teaching or not, who apply to attend non AΔK-sponsored conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops and non-credit classes. Graduate and/or doctoral studies are beyond the scope of this program. The maximum scholarship is \$500. Brochures containing applications are available from the Regional Scholarship Programs Committee chairman in each region, state/provincial/national and chapter presidents, on the password-protected portion of the Alpha Delta Kappa website and Headquarters. Applicants shall send via regular mail completed applications (original and one copy) to the Regional Scholarship Programs Committee chairman in their region and one copy of completed application via regular mail or fax to International Headquarters by the following deadlines: Applications for activities taking place between November 15 and May 15 **must be postmarked no later than October 15**. Applications for activities taking place between May 15 and November 15 must be postmarked no later than April 15. **To be eligible for a Regional Mini-Scholarship, an AΔK member shall not have received a Regional Mini-Scholarship during the current fiscal year (June 1—May 31).** [Brochure/Application \(PDF\)](#)

## Help Choose AΔK's Next World Understanding Project

The International World Understanding Committee, in accordance with procedure, evaluated each proposal submitted by the deadline, and selected the three projects below. **You may choose one. ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBER.** Here are the three ways you may vote:

1. At your Regional Conference (Cheyenne, July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
2. At [AlphaDeltaKappa.org](http://AlphaDeltaKappa.org) between June 2 and August 8, 2014.
3. By mail. Print the ballot found on the Int'l web site, check one of the boxes and send it to Alpha Delta Kappa International Headquarters, 1615 West 92nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64114. Must be postmarked by August 8, 2014.

**1) Books on the Move is a literacy initiative that will bring the world of reading to the members of the Cheyenne River Lakota/Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota.** This project is a joint venture with Hawkwing, Inc. and the Dakota Club Library. Hawkwing, Inc. was founded in order to fulfill a promise made to a Lakota grandmother to "go home and help the People." This project will fund the purchase of a bookmobile, two computers, scanning equipment, books and resource materials. Vehicle maintenance, insurance and gas will also be provided for one year. The bookmobile will provide easy access to books and encourage reading among members of the Lakota/Sioux tribe. It will help increase literacy and graduation rates in this remote, high poverty area. The final aspect of the project will promote intergenerational interaction focusing on reading and education. Projected cost: \$50,000 [www.hawkwing.org](http://www.hawkwing.org)

**2) Community Partnerships for Global Literacy — TALICA**

This multifaceted venture will allow for the collaboration between **Teaching and Learning Initiative for Central America** organization (TALICA) and the community members from Balgue, Ometepe, Nicaragua, and surrounding villages. This three-part project will expand on previous TALICA initiatives begun in 2007. The first facet is the addition of new classroom space in a high school that serves 350 students in grades 7-11 in the village of Merida, Ometepe, Nicaragua. Additionally TALICA will adopt four public schools located on the island of Ometepe and provide teachers the opportunity to select and purchase essential textbooks and materials through a three-year book grant. The final part of this project will provide scholarships to support female students attending the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua in Managua to pursue careers in education, dentistry or medicine. Projected cost: \$42,000 [www.talica.org](http://www.talica.org)

**3) Zebra Academy — A primary school in the Murera community of Kenya**

The establishment of Zebra Academy primary school is a multidimensional project that will serve two populations of students. The Zebra Academy located near Meru National Park in Murera will provide an extensive education to primary students in an area where there is no school and transportation is lacking. Zebra Academy will also serve as a demonstration school for the teachers in training from Tendo Valley Teachers College. Currently no student teaching component exists in Kenyan teacher training. The teachers in training will be able to observe qualified teachers in a classroom setting. They will also create and teach lessons that are evaluated by their host classroom teacher. Additionally, the school will positively impact the local economy by providing jobs for family members which includes the construction and maintenance of the school and preparing two meals a day for the students. Projected cost: \$47,289.64 [www.mtochurch.com](http://www.mtochurch.com)

## ***Important Dates to Remember!***



- June 30<sup>th</sup>** Deadline for chapter treasurers to submit C-1 form
- July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- August 1<sup>st</sup>** Deadline for submitting Chapter Highlights Form H-114 [may be submitted online through Int'l].
- August 8<sup>th</sup>** Deadline for voting on AΔK's World Understanding Project (details above).
- September 1<sup>st</sup>** Deadline for submitting articles for the December ***KAPPAN***.
- September 10<sup>th</sup>** Deadline for Annual Program Award Entry by Chapter Presidents
- October 15<sup>th</sup>** Deadline For Part A of the H-128 Membership Action Plan to be received by International Headquarters [may be submitted online through Int'l].
- Deadline for filing 990-N e-postcard [may be submitted online through Int'l].
- Deadline for Regional Mini-Scholarship applications for activities taking place November 15 – May 15 to be postmarked; send to Regional Scholarship Chairman Sandy Marshall ([Azsandy123@cox.net](mailto:Azsandy123@cox.net)). Access at <http://www.alphadeltakappa.org/s/1292/index.aspx?sid=1292&gid=1&pgid=514>
- Deadline for submitting chapter bylaws or a policy statement in compliance with International and the IRS to State Bylaws Chairman Susan Raffo.

***Thank you ALL for Making a Difference EVERY DAY in Alpha Delta Kappa!!!***

