

# California Alpha Delta Kappa *Making a Difference*

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*To my California sisters,*

*I am thankful for each and every amazing one of you. You have chosen to dedicate a significant part of your life to educating those who are the future of our country and our world. You were recognized as an outstanding educator, invited to join and then chose to accept the responsibility of membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. You have chosen to be an active part of an organization which honors outstanding women educators and is dedicated to altruism, promoting world understanding, and fraternal fellowship; you have chosen to be a part of something bigger than yourself.*

*I am thankful for the opportunities made available through my membership in Alpha Delta Kappa - for scholarships which support fellow women educators from both near and far, for the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with outstanding women educators from around the world, for stimulating travel and educational experiences, for being able to contribute to greater educational opportunities for children.*

*I am thankful that many of you have chosen to accept greater responsibility in leadership roles. I am thankful to you, the women who serve California as State Chairmen; we could not function as a state-wide organization without you. And I am thankful to you, Susan, Mary Ann, Kerry, Diana, Karen, Lynne, Monica and Becky, for serving with me on the State Executive Board. I am thankful for the support you provide me, in countless ways. You epitomize Making a Difference with your unending patience, enthusiasm, abilities to not only get the job done, but to go above and beyond for the best possible outcome. You are my sisters and you are awesome women!*

*I wish you all - every sister and member of California Alpha Delta Kappa, a wonderful Thanksgiving and a holiday season filled with health, love and laughter.*

*With appreciation,*

*Mollie*



# California Alpha Delta Kappa

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



**Please take time to read about California sisters Making a Difference in the December Kappan!**

Honors: *Karen Finkel, Pi* (p. 26)

Recognizing Excellence for Doing Good: *Ellen Champlin, Phi* (p. 32)

Altruism in Action:

*Kathy Tegg, Gamma Lambda*, (p. 35)

*Gamma Nu sisters* (p. 36)

*Gamma Mu sisters* (p. 41)

*Zeta sisters* (p. 44)

Suggestion: Ask your chapter corresponding Secretary to submit at least one article, with photos, to the *Kappan* each year of the biennium; also send to State President Mollie Acosta!

***Happy 50th Anniversary to Beta Eta - chartered January 6th, 1964!***



Please remember our ITE (International Teacher Education) student, Romina Peschiera, from Peru. She is here in the United States working on her Masters in Educational Technology at Columbia University in New York. Her mailing address is Whittier Hall, Rm. 325 1230 Amsterdam Ave., New York, New York, 10027. Her email address is [romina.peschiera@gmail.com](mailto:romina.peschiera@gmail.com). Her birthday is February 27th. Thanks to Gamma Mu who sent her a care package, including a beautiful card hand made by chapter member Bev Shu and signed by all Gamma Mu members.

Congratulations to the following **7 Pearl Chapters** for the first year of the biennium!

**Zeta   Beta Xi   Beta Tau   Beta Upsilon   Gamma Mu   Gamma Nu**

**Another 14 chapters earned 6 pearls; keep up the GOOD WORK!**

# Coming....California State Convention, Ontario

May 2nd - 4th, 2014

The State Board has lowered costs in an effort to encourage greater participation in this important event. State Convention is a unique opportunity to come together with sisters from around the state to celebrate our accomplishments, participate in important decisions affecting our organization, and honor those who have joined Omega this biennium. The Convention registration rate is **\$100.00**. Hotel rates are \$89/night. Please plan as a chapter to send as many sisters as you can! We want EVERY chapter represented. Remember, Councils, the Noel Leonard Leadership Grant (\$100.00) is available for a First-time attendee to Convention.

Make hotel reservations now: Ontario International Airport Hotel, 700 N. Haven, Ontario, CA  
Convention Code: COA-GFC3562 **www.coastpromos/ycc** or 800-716-6199

Convention registration information will be out in early January.

## Dues Collection Information for Chapter Treasurers

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2013**

The **H-138 Member Payment Record** indicates the amount of International dues for each member. Mail International dues in the payment envelope provided.

- State Dues remain at \$20.00 per member and should be mailed *along with a copy of the H-138 payment record* to CA State Treasurer, **Diana Galvan, 2402 Ridgside Ct., Roseville, CA 95661**.
- Dues are considered late during the month of January.
- Late fees of \$5.00 each will be assessed for both International and State dues received after January 31, 2014. Total = \$10.00

**Form H-119, Report of Member Changes**, must be completed for members who have passed away, resigned, or moved. Copies of the form should be directed to the CA State Treasurer and to the CA State President. This form may be completed online at the International website: [www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org) or printed out and completed by hand and mailed.

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 H-103 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!!



# “Treasuring the Sisterhood of Alpha Delta Kappa”

Northern District Conference

October 12, 2013

By Monica Meade

“Argh!” said the ADK sister dressed as a pirate, selling tickets for the Opportunity Drawing. The Northern District Conference was accurately named “Treasuring the Sisterhood of Alpha Delta Kappa.” Sierra College Campus Center in peaceful Rocklin, California was the location and the weather was perfect.

After registration and a lovely continental breakfast, Sandi Roullier and Sheila Farnsworth, Sierra Council Co-Presidents welcomed members. Marilyn Bracelin, Delta Council President, also welcomed everyone and introduced special guests. Each California State Executive board member concentrated on Fraternity Education by sharing a favorite memory that occurred at the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention held in Washington, D.C., July 3, 2013 through July 8, 2013.

This Conference was incredibly educational, focusing on local work that is truly Making a Difference for countless children and their families. The first guest speaker, Dr. Leonard Abbeduto, Phd., was introduced by Past California President and Past Southwest Region International Vice-president Susan Goto from Beta Eta. “Dr. Abbeduto, a nationally recognized researcher and a leader in improving the lives of children and adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities, is the director of the UC Davis MIND Institute.” He gave us information on children with Fragile X syndrome, ADHD, Chromosome 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, and Down syndrome and the treatment they receive from the MIND Institute. The MIND Institute provides families many resources, including training to improve quality of life and uses in-home video conferencing so families do not have to travel to the Institute. Following Dr. Abbeduto was Patricia Schetter, a trainer for Autism and Behavior at the U C Davis MIND Institute. As a Developmental Disabilities Program Specialist, Ms. Schetter trains teachers how to work with children who have autism.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious Mexican buffet and fabulous entertainment provided by the Roseville Cooley Middle School with Stephanie Sugano, the Jazz Band Director. State President Mollie Acosta thanks Susan Goto and the Cooley Jazz for the special dedications, "What a Wonderful World" and "In the Mood." Sisters were dancing in the aisles!!





## ALPHA DELTA KAPPA CENTRAL VALLEY DISTRICT CONFERENCE *Making a Difference*

Fresno/Clovis Council November 2, 2013 By Monica Meade

The Alpha Delta Kappa Central Valley District Conference started with a tribute to our nation. Red, white, and blue were the patriotic colors and a feeling of celebration was in the air. The theme of "Making a Difference" kicked off the meeting at the Fresno First Baptist church. Maureen Chase, (XI), Fresno/Clovis Council president, gave us a warm welcome.

California State Board members shared what made the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention in Washington, D.C. special for each of them. Sisters from the Fresno/Clovis Council shared what their chapters do to "Make a Difference" in their students' lives and in the community. From new teacher support to helping at the Ronald McDonald House, these ladies are very altruistic. After lunch we were entertained by the "Melodears," a wonderful group who sang 1940's songs formerly sung by the McGuire Sisters and the Andrews Sisters. They included songs like "Route 66," "Don't Sit Under That Apple Tree," "A Bushel and a Peg," and one of my favorites, "Sincerely." Some sisters could be seen tapping their feet and singing along. The Conference altruistic project was collecting items to donate to the brand new and recently opened Fresno Veterans' Home, a long-time in coming and a welcome service provided by Cal-Vet for disabled, homeless, and other veterans in need of housing, ranging from independent living all the way to skilled nursing. Thank you, Gamma and Xi sisters for a rewarding day focused on service to others and Making a Difference!





## ***Important Upcoming Dates***

- November 30<sup>th</sup>**      **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 11<sup>th</sup>**      Marina District Conference, Orange Coast Council hosting
- February 15<sup>th</sup>**      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 1<sup>st</sup>**      California State Scholarship Applications due to Chairman Carolyn  
Rising  
\*See <http://www.adkcalif.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/08/CaliforniaScholarshipAwardGuidelines.pdf>  
and <http://www.adkcalif.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/08/CaliforniaScholarshipApplicationForm.pdf>
- March 8<sup>th</sup>**      Southern District Conference, Inland Cities Council hosting
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**    **California State Convention, Ontario**

