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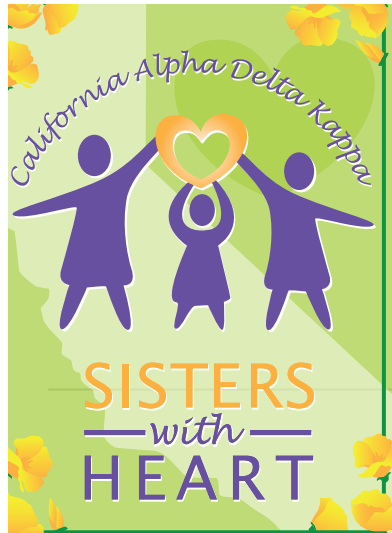
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Gung Hay Fat Choy, Sisters! Happy New Year and welcome to the Year of the Ram!

The New Year is a time to reflect on the past year - in our case, the last biennium. It was an awesome biennium, wasn't it? We truly "Made a Difference". 93,154 hours of altruistic service, \$481,334 in gifts and scholarships! As we move into the 2014 - 2016 biennium, we are continuing to make a difference. Our State Altruistic Project is School on Wheels, an organization that truly cares about children. Your state board took a major leadership role in the Southwest Region. We've written two resolutions for the International Convention seeking more communication and input from the rank and file in the decision making process. With your help, Sisters with Heart, we will make this biennium equally awesome!



*Mary Ann*

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## State Board Statements!

### WELCOME, KATHLEEN!!

The State Executive Board is delighted to welcome Kathleen O'Malley as our new Corresponding Secretary. When we asked Kathleen to tell us a little about herself, this is what she said:

I am originally from Bergen County, New Jersey and a teacher of Family and Consumer Science until leaving NJ in 1986. I currently live in Cathedral City.

For several years I traveled throughout the US, Canada and Mexico in a van and travel trailer as "summer/winter visitor" with my ex-husband until the SW became our home. I lived in Yuma, AZ and taught Family and Consumer Science, Reading and Grade 8 Language Arts at San Pasqual USD in Winterhaven, CA, before moving to the Coachella Valley in 2002. I was also the District Library Coordinator. I attended Graduate School at San Jose to become a Teacher-Librarian. I was the Teacher-Librarian at James Workman MS and then retired from Palm Springs High School in 2010.

I was invited to join AZ Alpha Kappa (Yuma) in 1995. I have been very fortunate to have applied for and to have been awarded many scholarships available through ADK. I was the 2010 CA Excellence in Education Recipient and I have served as officers and



committee chairman both at the chapter level and state level. Most recently, I was the CA Scholarship Chairman (2004-2006) and CA Excellence in Education Chairman (2012-2014). I am

currently CA World Understanding Chairman and will serve out the biennium as the CA Corresponding Secretary.

Since retirement, I have been a volunteer at the Palm Springs Animal Shelter and for the past two years, also a volunteer at Hanson House at Desert Regional Medical Center. I had the opportunity to go to Vietnam to see "our ADK" school and I am looking forward to the trip to see "our ADK" school in Peru.

Life is a journey...



## State Board Actions

At the January Executive Board meeting, the State Board worked on updating our Policies and procedures as well as updating the job descriptions of the Committee Chairmen. In particular, we are working on new language for the guidelines for the State Scholarship. Once approved, these guidelines will be on the state website. Be sure to review them and make plans to apply for the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship!

### Resolutions!

Occasionally, the California State Board does something out of the ordinary and definitely worthy of your notice! We have submitted two resolutions to International. After the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference this past summer, there was much discussion about the need for International's decision making processes to be more inclusive. The first resolution asks International to accommodate the needs of members by obtaining more input from state and local leaders in determining the date and location of regional conferences. The second

resolution asks International to actively seek input of state/national/provincial leaders regarding items on the International Board's agenda.

Also, Alpha Psi has submitted a resolution requesting consideration of a different way to attach our pins to clothing that uses a separate piece of material.

If these resolutions get through the International Resolutions Committee, they will be presented at the International Convention in Salt Lake City in July, 2015. Make your travel plans now so your chapter's voice can be heard in consideration of these resolutions!

### Chaplain's Corner

Chapter Chaplains, do you need a message for your next meeting? Here's some offerings from Joanne Grimm, State Chaplain:

" Always laugh when you can. It's cheap medicine."

"We are already one. But we imagine that we are not, and what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is

what we are."

Thomas Merton

### Bylaws

So chapters can maintain their "non-profit" status, the IRS requires that they must have a governing document - such as bylaws. The State Executive Board recommends that all chapters in the state retain their bylaws. This fall, chapters must vote to either retain their bylaws and submit a "Letter of Certification", or vote to suspend their bylaws and prepare an official statement for their Policies and Procedures Manual for the State Bylaws Chairman. Bylaws chairman sent letters to all chapters asking for the results of their chapter's vote. Most chapters will vote to retain their bylaws and check the first box. Then just send the letter back to Susan!

Susan Raffo, Beta Rho  
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### Treasurer's Corner

State dues of \$20 per member were due to the California State Treasurer Karen Kirby by January 31, 2015. Each member who has dues submitted after the deadline will be assessed a \$5.00 penalty from both State and International for a total of \$10.00. Chapter treasurers should submit dues by the deadline for members who have paid dues to avoid late fees for members who have submitted dues on time. Send checks to:

Karen Kirby  
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Mission Viejo, CA 92692

When sending donations to the State Altruistic Project, Schools on Wheels, make the check out to California Alpha Delta Kappa and write Schools on Wheels on the memo line. Mail checks to the state treasurer, Karen Kirby.

Please utilize the Treasurer's Corner on the CA AΔK website for instructions, mailing address, and deadlines.

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## NEWS FLASH...NEWS FLASH...NEWS FLASH



Usually, the Chapter News is towards the end of the newsletter, but we're putting it first because YOU WILL BE BLOWN AWAY by the wonderful things California Sisters do!

### CHAPTER NEWS!

**Beta Omicron** held a recruitment event in October. They initiated seven new members in January and will initiate one more in March. To include their new members in helping to shape the future of their chapter, members participated in a chapter review to identify what's working and ideas we have for strengthening our chapter. Chapter President, Alice Bullard, states, "We are proud of how we are revitalizing an already strong and supportive chapter!"

**California Theta** has been trying to increase their membership by having each current member bring in at least one new member this year. They just installed two new members at their last meeting. They have been working with their local

Ronald McDonald House for the past 3 years, by cooking meals at the home for the families who have children at our local hospitals. They also participate in the Color Me Rad Bakersfield, which gives 15% of the proceeds to the local Ronald McDonald House. Their big altruistic event is the Juliet Thorner awards program, which honors 2 girls at each elementary school and 1 girl at each junior high/middle school in the Bakersfield City School District. They have 34 elementary schools, and 10 junior high/middle schools in the district, with over 30,000 kids in the district. The top 2 8th grade girls receive a \$100 award, and they also give 2 \$500 scholarships to seniors in high school who graduated from junior high or middle schools in the Bakersfield City School District.

**Alpha Alpha** chapter is continuing to collect fiction books to be given to children living in shelters or on the streets with their families. Over the holidays the sisters collected over 80 books for elementary and middle and high school students. The chapter is also establishing a fund for sisters who may need help with continuing education. A mini-scholarship was recently given to a sister enrolled in an advanced degree program.

**Peralta Council** holds its annual Scholarship Luncheon on March 21 at the Sequoia Country Club in Oakland. Six scholarships will be awarded to students from Bay Area college who are entering the field of education. Theme of the luncheon is Live, Love Learn.

**Beta Tau** is excited about their upcoming annual bunco fundraiser happening February 11th where they raise money for their scholarship fund. They also had a great December dinner meeting that was a lot of fun. They look forward to their March meeting where they will hear what's new in education from one of their working members that is very involved in task forces at the local,

state and national level.

**Beta Alpha** celebrated Founders' Day with dining out at Mimi's Cafe in Concord, CA. The Galindo House in Concord has a long history with the Beta Alpha chapter. One of their members, Iola O'Grady gave a wonderful presentation of the history of Concord and how the Galindo House was established. Member Sheila Welt led a game of 'do you know the history of your badge and how it is worn!' In January, 2015, Beta Alpha honored Gail Sangenitto who is now a silver sister. Congratulations, Gail!

**Beta Kappa** has been busy reviewing Mini Grant applications and has just handed out \$1500 worth of grants to 5 classroom teachers in the Newark Unified School District. They had an informative program on Human Trafficking, delivered toys to the Salvation Army in December and are planning their 50th anniversary celebration.

**Zeta Chapter:** This fall Zeta Chapter voted to change one of their philanthropic designations to Children's Tumor Foundation. This organization funds research for

Neurofibromatosis. Joe Anania has suffered from this degenerative disease for many years, and Zeta sisters are all aware of it because his mother, Marilyn Anania, is a Zeta sister. Immediately, members added their personal contributions to the allotted funds. In November they were able to present Marilyn with a sizable check for CTF in honor of Joseph Anania and through the presentation, reaffirm their love and support for her.

**BETA:** At their January 21, 2015, meeting, Beta chapter had a tenure celebration as part of their fraternal education. In the picture below are Beta sisters from left to right: Myrna Tsukamoto (42 years), Diane Golton (27 years), Barbara Cerri (45 years), Dorothy Vaio (62 years), Carole Taylor (22 years), and Emma Gums (37 years)



**Pi** Chapter is planning their annual Chinese New Years Fundraiser to raise money for scholarship. The dinner will be held on February 12th at Yen Chings, 574 South Glassell Street, Orange California at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

**Beta Eta** enjoyed a wonderful Christmas brunch at the home of one of their sisters. They had a local high school teacher entertain with his guitar and vocals. January is their anniversary dinner which will be celebrated at Cattleman's Restaurant. 40 members attended and member Judy Lynch gave a wonderful talk on her travels through France following her father's WWII experiences. "Very touching!" Their Bunco fundraiser is in March. Kim Gerould, one of their members, has been selected as the Eureka District Teacher of the Year! We are all excited with this news for a well deserving teacher. Kim is also the president elect of Beta Eta.

**Gamma Nu's** Myrna Capsuto reports: At the recent Marina District Conference, I had an opportunity to share how our chapter is reaching out to the quality professional educators in the Fountain Valley School District.



The following is how I shared my personal experience when some of my Gamma Nu Sisters and I visited two elementary schools.

Networking with some of the top professional educators in the world, receiving scholarships and grants for my classroom and Peer Assistance Leadership/conflict Mediation Groups, and belonging to an organization that truly gives back to the world has been my experience for over twelve years of membership in the Gamma Nu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. We elaborated on our informative and fun general meetings, the Marina District Conference, Section, State and International Conferences. We talked about our many altruistic projects, and the scholarships and grants that are available. Babysitting for meetings and help in their classrooms was offered to those in attendance. As a result of this outreach, we have some new prospective members and both schools are going to help us with our

altruistic projects.



.From the recent Marina District Conference, left to right: Myrna Capsuto, Pam Burris, Harriet Kelly, Kathi Manuel, and Susie Crandall.



**THANK YOU FOR SHARING!!**

**Your chapter's news could be here, too. Be sure to let State President Mary Ann know the outstanding things your chapter is doing!!**

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## MAKE A RESOLUTION!!!

Some people make resolutions for the New Year. Resolutions are things we know we ought to do but need that extra oomph to do it.

There are things we need to do for California Alpha Delta Kappa, but need that extra oomph to get them done! Consider making the following resolutions for California Alpha Delta Kappa.

First, and most important, resolve to reach out to other teachers and invite them to share the benefits and joys of being a member of Alpha Delta Kappa. In the last biennium, we initiated 32 new members, but there were 57 resignations and 40 sisters joined Omega. **Resolve to make our organization grow!!**

Two: Resolve to continue the outstanding efforts to support our altruistic projects.

Three: Volunteer lots! - Especially in classrooms! You might meet your chapter's next new member!

Four: Resolve to have one meeting dedicated to world understanding. Reach out to understanding and sharing with women all over this world of ours! Do a book talk! Share where your ancestors came from! Have an International pot luck!

Five: And this is just as important as the first resolution, enjoy your sisters! Support them and have fun together!

Go into this year with enthusiasm, excitement and heart! Share that enthusiasm and excitement and heart with other education professionals! Let's all resolve to make California Alpha Delta Kappa bigger and stronger and even better!

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LOOK FOR IT!!!

As the board discussed the resolutions, we realized the importance of making our voices heard. A difference we will make in 2015 is to seek your input, to hear from you. We want to hear your concerns and to celebrate your achievements and to share them with all California sisters. Technology makes surveys easy, so look for surveys from us! The first one will be showing up in your inboxes SOON! We want to know what you think about chapter sales at District Conferences.

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## SALT LAKE CITY, HERE WE COME!!

You can make your voices heard on the International level too. The 2015 International Alpha Delta Kappa convention is right next door, in Salt Lake City. In case you haven't heard, every chapter now gets two delegates and two alternates. There will be some dynamic speakers including Stacey Bess, the subject of the Hallmark movie, *Beyond the Blackboard*, and Sean McCombs, 2014 National Teacher of the Year. Several of your California sisters are presenters for sessions of the Educational Symposium. The number of sessions has changed so look at the February Kappan for the revised list. Registration and hotel information is in the December Kappan. All the two-bed rooms at the Great America Hotel are already taken, but there should be rooms at the Little America Hotel across the street. King rooms are available at the Grand America. Make your travel plans now! Choose your delegates! Start passing the hat to collect money to support those delegates!

# Valley District Conference

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Sisters from Bakersfield, Fresno, Oakhurst, Turlock and Modesto gathered at the McHenry Mansion in Modesto, California. Nestled in a corner of the gift shop of the museum, the State Board shared information and provided officer training. Fortune cookies were a fun ice breaker as small groups shared their fortunes. Following a delicious catered luncheon, sisters were treated to a tour of the mansion. The McHenry Mansion is Modesto's Treasure. It is the city's only original Victorian home and one of the few remaining reminders of the town's rich heritage. In touring the mansion, we received a glimpse into the past. The mansion was decorated for Christmas with beautiful garlands and a magnificent Christmas tree complete with presents. It was easy to imagine holiday parties being held in this lovely home. Its restoration has proved to be the community's most visible, extended renovation project. Beta Theta sisters have been major participants in the renovation project and volunteer as docents for the home. If you ever drive through Modesto, this is a 'must stop and see' event! Find out more at [www.mchenrymansion.org](http://www.mchenrymansion.org).



# Marina District Conference 2015

Sisters from throughout the Marina District gathered at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel in Westlake Village for a splendid champagne brunch. The meeting room was lovely, the food delicious, the program inspiring, and the camaraderie superb!



Barbara Murray with guest speakers Linda Huddle and Carly Thorne. Linda Huddle spoke about School on Wheels and how they reach out to the 163,000 homeless children in the Marina and Southern California area. **Her presentation included a powerpoint! We now have it! If you would like to see it and share it with others, let your liaison know!**

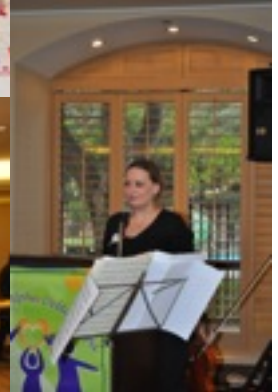
Carly Thorne does Conscious Building Collaborations. "We work with people and businesses on bridging the East with the West in a very grounded practical way to produce massive outcomes of Awareness, and Abundance in all areas of One's Life and Business."



Tickets for sale! Anna Blount, Rosalinda Goss-Hite, and Sherry Bronow, sold opportunity drawing tickets and 50/50 drawing tickets. Barbara Murray was one of the winners AND she donated her



Welcome, Newcomers! Karen Richie, Estrelita Banks-Bordenave, Edwina Akens



Sisters were treated to a wonderful mini-concert by violinist Nicolette van den Boerd.



This is Thomas. He was a server that day and watched with rapt attention as Linda Huddle talked about School on Wheels. Thomas grew up homeless in Chicago. He said he didn't know people cared. Yeah AAK



**Happy 50th Anniversary to:**

**CA Beta Iota**

**January 17, 1965**



**Happy Birthday, Romina!**

Our ITE student's birthday is February 27th.

Be sure to send her birthday greetings,

Valentines, tokens and notes in February.

Romina's contact information is:

Romina Peschiera

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## DATES TO REMEMBER!!

- February 1: Deadline for articles to be submitted for the May Kappan.
- February 15: Fine Arts Grant applications are due to International.
- February 15: Living Memorial Scholarship due!
- February 27: Romina Peschiera's birthday.
- March 1: Future Educator Scholarship due!
- March 1: Maxine B. Pettibone Scholarship due!
- March 7: Southern District Conference
- April 15: Membership Campaign ends! Due date for H-133's!



THANK YOU!!

