



# PEARLS OF WISDOM

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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## President's Message

My winter garden is almost spent. The broccoli and snow peas are harvested, blanched, and stored in the freezer. The celery has reached its peak. Now it is time to plan and plant the spring - summer garden. I have visions of watching tomatoes, bell peppers, green beans and zucchini growing. Spring is my favorite time of the year. I am inspired to work in the soil and reap the benefits of my labor from canning tomatoes to filling my vases with roses.

This season reminds me of **“Let's keep Alpha Delta Kappa growing”**, a slide in my presentation at the recent district conferences. Chapters who nurture and keep their chapters growing by cultivating new members inspire me.

Those chapters who nurture their chapters with creative, innovative programs that infuse their sisters with enthusiasm inspire me.

Those chapters, who reap the results of their efforts by funding

scholarships, providing leadership opportunities, and conducting an abundance of altruistic projects, inspire me.

In this newsletter, you will see examples of these inspirations. Perhaps one of them will plant the seed of an idea to use in your chapter. Together, let's keep Alpha Delta Kappa going and keep Alpha Delta Kappa growing.

Karen Kirby



At the scholarship reception at California State University Long Beach. Zeta awarded 4 scholarships to future educators. Recipients and Zeta sisters are shown above.

# DONATION

The State Executive Board is pleased to announce California Alpha Delta Kappa will donate **\$1,065** to **New Day for Children**. This amount is the total contributed by CA chapters to date. Another check will be given at the state convention. Donations received next year will determine the amount.



As many of you know, our state altruistic project for this biennium is **New Day for Children**. This worthy charity provides American girls rescued from sex trafficking hope for a new life. It seeks to recover children, ages 10 to 18, caught in the despair of child sex trafficking and to restore their stolen childhoods. New Day and their partners provide a loving family environment, safe housing, school, medical and mental health care, horse therapy and more. Thank you to all of our California sisters and chapters for donating to New Day. If your chapter would like to donate, send a check to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova, New Day for Children in the memo line.

Submitted by Donna McCartney  
CA State Altruistic Project Chairman



## Calling All Sisters

**Where in the World** have you travelled recently? If you have a special anecdote about the culture and the people you met on your trip, send a *brief* message to CA World Understanding Chairman, Kathleen O'Malley ([kthln.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:kthln.omalley@gmail.com)) as well as information about the WU activities in your chapter.

Sara Cooper, SW Regional World Understanding Chairman has compiled a World Understanding reading list that will be linked to the CA website. If you have additional suggestions, please send them to either Kathleen or to Sara ([adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com))

Submitted by Kathleen O'Malley,  
World Understanding Chairman

## URGENT!

**Chapter presidents, chapter treasurers or chapter membership chairmen:** Go to the chapter roster on the International website and **UPDATE** your roster to make any changes in membership for your chapter: Omega, resignations, and/or transfers. See "Update My Chapter Roster" in the Directory on the website.



## Nuts, Nuts and More Nuts

Nuts were a successful fundraiser for three of our chapters.



**Beta Pi** sells one pound bags of nuts each year. The proceeds support altruism and scholarship.



**Beta Rho** sisters bag nuts for the major fundraiser for their altruistic projects.



Bernie Mason is bagging nuts at **Gamma Lambda's** annual Scholarship Fundraiser.



## The Longest Day

Diana Galvan is our California Cares team captain for The Longest Day Alzheimer's fundraising event. She encourages chapters to participate.

The Longest Day fundraiser was designed for donors to do something you love with people you enjoy and donate to the fundraising project. Participants can do things with friends or individually. It can be even something as relaxing as reading a book for the afternoon. The official date is June 21, 2019, the summer solstice, but activities may take place anytime this spring.

Last year, Alpha Delta Kappa raised **\$121,545.00**. The California Cares team placed **FOURTH** out of all of Alpha Delta Kappa teams supporting Alzheimer's. California's goal is to earn **\$5000** this year.

**How do you raise money for this event?** Play Bunco; dance; golf; perform; bowl; make crafts; play games such as bridge, Mexican Train, and Mahjongg; garden; get together for wine with friends; read a book; host a paint party; hold a garage sale. Use imagination. Include donations as part of the plan. For details on where and how to donate, see the California website.

# ALPHA PSI



Alpha Psi chapter sisters pose at their holiday dinner in December 2018. Happy New Year to all!!!

# BETA XI



Chapter President Madeleine McCormick in her Valentine Tea hat.

# BETA ALPHA



At Beta Alpha's Christmas meeting, the sisters collect donations for the Martinez Juvenile Hall.

# BETA ETA



Beta Eta volunteered to provide evening childcare while parents attended a series of six "Love and Logic" parenting classes. Pictured is Sally Sifuentes reading to the children.

## Feasibility Study Progress Report

At the CA State Convention last May, delegates voted to pass a resolution regarding the possibility of adding a nominal fee to the dues of sisters who wish to receive hard copies of CA AΔK communications. President Karen Kirby appointed a committee to conduct the study. Research into costs has been done. Chapter Presidents have been polled in an effort to determine how many members would be interested in paying \$15 or more annually to receive the President's newsletters by mail instead of email. The committee will review responses from the chapter presidents and make recommendations. The State Executive Board will consider recommendations in the fall.

Remember to send new and reinstated member information to Karen Kirby, [adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com). Karen will send a welcome e-card.



Above: The induction of Stacia Cragholm into the Gamma Lambda family.

## Inland Cities Council Book Club

The Inland Cities Council has a *Melinda Stevens World Understanding Book Group* where they read books that parallel the Alpha Delta Kappa International World Understanding Projects. Three Southern California chapters sponsor the book club: Alpha Delta, Beta Iota, and Fidelis Iota.

The books discussed were "The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti" and "Left Behind: a Disaster" by Jonathan M. Katz. Beta Iota President Grete Lima led the discussion.

The club was thrilled to have Melissa Young, the International Director of Imagine Missions, join them in their book discussion. Melissa gave an update on the *TEACH*, and *TEACH TOO* projects at Imagine Missions Orphanage and School in Despinos, Haiti where she is the administrator. Melissa will be speaking at the International Convention in July.

Submitted by Beta Iota President Grete Lima



Michelle Smith and Grete Lima

# ***DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM AWARD 2018***

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOUTHWEST REGION DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM WINNER

## **CALIFORNIA THETA**

Our chapter sponsor an awards program for 5th grade, 6th grade, 8th grade, and senior high school girls in the Bakersfield City School District. It is called the Juliet Thorner Award. We award the honor to two girls at each elementary school and one girl at each junior high/middle school in all of the schools in Bakersfield City School District. The district has 43 schools. We award 64 elementary certificates, 10 junior high awards, and 2 high school awards. We also present \$100 awards to the top two junior high winners and \$500 scholarships to two senior high school girls who graduated from BCSD. The awards are based on academic achievement, community service, and citizenship. The elementary girls receive a framed certificate, the junior high girls receive a small trophy, and the high school girls receive a pen set trophy. The awards are presented at an evening awards ceremony where the superintendent, board members, and the school administrators are present, as well as their parents and teachers. Each girl is also presented with a photograph of the entire group. After the ceremony, the chapter members provide refreshments for the girls and their guests. This is the 48th year our chapter has sponsored this awards program.

Submitted by California Theta Chapter President Kathleen Kozlowski



ETA



Eta held a Founders Day Book Talk and celebrated Sandy Gerard's birthday. A special guest, Betty Dohlenbrock, shared the history and accomplishments of Reading Legacies

BETA  
UPSILON



Beta Upsilon celebrated Founders' Day with a library window display at an Antioch School.

**Below is a list of milestones that have happened or will happen in 2019. Congratulations to our California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. The date denotes their anniversary date.**



### Diamond Sisters

Beta Eta **June Hash** 5/12  
Fidelis Iota **Mildred L. McKim**  
11/22  
Sustaining **Gail La Fortune** 4/11



### Golden Sisters

Iota **Carol A. McAnern** 5/19  
Alpha Alpha **Barbara F. Smith** 1/20  
Alpha Phi **Yvonne O'Drain** 10/17  
Beta Alpha **Mary J. Morgan** 11/11  
Beta Iota **Evelyn S. Armstrong** 4/7  
Beta Tau **Patricia M. Spear** 9/6  
Beta Upsilon **Kathleen Wirth** 11/11  
Beta Phi **Patricia L. Hambric** 11/22  
and **Frances Posthumus** 11/22  
Fidelis Iota **Judy Rougeau** 12/18



Lambda **Julie Laird** 10/15  
Alpha Psi **Denise Joseph** 9/25  
Beta Alpha **Lorraine M. Force** 9/17  
Beta Omicron **Judy Anne Froning**  
3/13  
Gamma Eta **Patricia T. Reed** 4/2  
Gamma Nu **Naomi Bergmann** 2/25



### Silver Sisters

Alpha **Victoria Bissell** 10/15  
Alpha **Mary C. Davis** 12/4  
Alpha **Brook Miller** 10/15  
Alpha **Barbara A. Simons** 6/1  
Gamma **Marilyn Renna** 6/4  
Eta **Evy Newton** 6/9  
Pi **Sharletta K. Myers** 6/11  
Alpha Alpha **Georganne Ferrier** 5/18  
Alpha Iota **Carole J. Peterson** 3/17  
Alpha Lambda **Mary Ann Calhoun**  
10/17  
Alpha Nu **Byrill L. Terrell** 6/25  
Alpha Omicron **Ann McNally** 6/20  
Alpha Omicron **Persis Newman** 3/25  
Alpha Psi **Patricia Aleck** 10/12  
Beta Xi **Karen A. Ferguson** 1/17  
Gamma Eta **Ellen Sabie** 11/7  
Gamma Mu **Lynn R. Miller** 6/11  
Fidelis Iota **Linda R. Browning** 12/9

**BETA THETA**



Golden Sister Shirley Kunze leads Beta Theta's Fraternity Education

## Chapter Membership Chairman Cornerstone

From Betty Jo Evers, SWR Membership Consultant

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REINSTATEMENTS: Former members can make great members! Who are your former members? Do you have a list in your S/P/N records? If not,

- ▲ Contact Headquarters and ask for a list of those members from your S/P/N who have resigned from 1997 to the present.
- ▲ Send this list to your **Chapter Membership Chairmen** and have them create a list of their former chapter members who have resigned.
- ▲ Have the **Chapter Membership Chairman** contact each one, strike up a casual conversation and invite them to a meeting.
- ▲ Share *The Gift of Membership* trifold with them.
- ▲ Explain the reinstatement process to them.
- ▲ Celebrate their return!

### Did you know.....

Did you know that International President, Susan Pelchat produces **monthly podcasts** that are posted on the Alpha Delta Kappa International Website? You can listen to informational and relevant topics on subjects including Gratitude, Taking Care of Yourself, School Days, Spring time, New Leadership, Founders' Day, Opportunities, Determination and many more. So check them out and listen today! Go to [alphadeltakappa.org](http://alphadeltakappa.org) and search: **Podcasts**.



# **Celebrate your California State Officers and State Committee Members who stepped up to serve AΔK:**

## **State Officers:**

President:	<b>Karen Kirby, <i>Gamma Mu</i></b>
Immediate Past President:	<b>Diana Galvan, <i>Beta Eta</i></b>
President-Elect:	<b>Sara Cooper, <i>Beta Iota</i></b>
Vice President/Membership:	<b>Mari Page, <i>Gamma Mu</i></b>
Treasurer:	<b>Marlene Cordova</b>
Secretary:	<b>Anita Brown, <i>Alpha Lambda</i></b>
Chaplain:	<b>Virginia Riding, <i>Gamma</i></b>
Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms:	<b>Rosena Kruley, <i>Beta Alpha</i></b>

## **State Committees:**

Scholarship Chairman:	<b>Rita Prichard, <i>Beta Eta</i></b>
Scholarship Committee:	<b>Nan Caldwell, <i>Beta Pi</i></b> <b>Addie DeMedeiros, <i>Beta Pi</i></b> <b>Dawn Pollard, <i>Xi</i></b> <b>Diane Poettgen, <i>Gamma Mu</i></b> <b>Grete Lima, <i>Beta Iota</i></b>
Altruistic Reports Chairmen:	<b>Colleen Golden, <i>Beta Rho</i></b> <b>Kathy Raschka, <i>Beta Theta</i></b>
Altruistic Project Chairman:	<b>Donna McCartney, <i>Gamma Nu</i></b>
Altruistic Project Committee:	<b>Connie Adams, <i>Beta Tau</i></b> <b>Sandra Fletcher, <i>Lambda</i></b> <b>Sandy Johnson, <i>Gamma Tau</i></b> <b>Maria Bartolotto, <i>Alpha Pi</i></b>
Candidate Qualification Chairman:	<b>Barb Ackelberry, <i>Gamma Mu</i></b>
Candidate Qualification Committee:	<b>Serena Johnson Rojas, <i>Alpha</i></b> <b>Linda Barker, <i>Gamma</i></b> <b>Gail Goodman, <i>Zeta</i></b> <b>Cindy Acerno, <i>Beta Omicron</i></b>
Bylaws Chairman:	<b>Susan Raffo, <i>Beta Rho</i></b>
Excellence in Education Chairman:	<b>Andrea Street, <i>Gamma Zeta</i></b>
Resolutions Chairman:	<b>Teresa Heitmiller-Olea</b>
Technology Chairman and Webmaster:	<b>Diana Galvan, <i>Beta Eta</i></b>
World Understanding Chairman:	<b>Kathleen O'Malley, <i>Gamma Eta</i></b>

## UPCOMING DATES

- **January 1 – April 30, 2019: International Membership Campaign**
- **June 30, 2019: Annual Chapter Highlights Summary (H-114):** Chapter Corresponding Secretary completes this form. This may be submitted online. See the International website.
- **June 21, 2019: Longest Day,** raising funds for Alzheimer’s Association
- **July 17 - 20, 2019: International Convention,** Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **July/August, 2019: Chapter Officer Supply packet:** emailed to chapter presidents.
- **August 31, 2019 (postmarked): Chapter Needs Assessment:** Chapter Membership Chairman and Chapter President complete this form and send it to the California Vice President for Membership Mari Page.
- **August 31, 2019: Distinguished Program Award deadline:** Watch for details.
- **September 1, 2019: Deadline to file C-1 Report and e-postcards:** Chapter treasurers are responsible for filing these. The advertised date October 15 is the IRS deadline. Please follow the California deadline.
- **October 1, 2019: Founders’ Day:** Observed the entire month of October.
- **October 1, 2019: Chapter Yearbook due:** Send a list of planned activities to State President Karen Kirby. A copy of the list given to members is sufficient.
- **October 5, 2019: Northern District Conference:** Mountain View, California
- **October 15, 2019: Regional Mini-Scholarship deadline:** Open to all members to attend non AΔK sponsored conferences, conventions, workshops, etc. \$500 maximum award. See CA website for details.
- **November 9, 2019: Valley District Conference:** Place to be determined.
- **April 25, 2020: California State Convention:** San Jose, California.
- **July 13 - 16, 2020: NW/SW Conference Honolulu, Hawaii:**



goes to Newsletter Editor Joanne Grimm, *Alpha Alpha*, for sharing her editorial skills. Joanne, you are truly an AΔK treasure.