



PEARLS OF WISDOM

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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President's Message

The International Convention held in Minneapolis July 17 – 20 was an exhilarating experience. I was proud to represent you during the opening session. Forty-five California sisters attended with 33 as delegates and four as alternates. Twenty California chapters were represented.

Some of the convention highlights included:

- International President Sue Pelchat's quick wit.
- Speaker Marc Brackett's valuable strategies for expressing our feelings authentically.
- Our CA dinner Thursday night, a bonding experience that I hope we can repeat in two years.
- Listening to the presidents from the new collegiate chapters
- Power point presentations from the International Teachers in Education (ITE) students

Keynote speaker Elizabeth (Liz) Huntley was mesmerizing. She told of a difficult and abusive childhood that she escaped and rose above because of her caring teachers. My favorite quotes from her: "Teachers are the artists of humanity." and "Read the story behind their eyes." I also loved her grandmother's quip: "Clean don't cost a dime." I recommend her book "More than a Bird".

The crowning moment was when our own Mollie Acosta was elected International President-Elect. It has been a long time since a California sister has held this high office. I know Mollie will do so with grace, love, and those wonderful techno skills she possesses. Let's all do what we can when we can to assist her in her new position.

Which brings me to my heartfelt thanks to all of the delegates who took their responsibilities seriously. Every California sister was present for the voting.

The banquet was a sparkling culmination of our conference days. Everyone looked beautiful. International President Judy Ganzert revealed her logo (see next page). I am excited to see what Infinite Possibilities are ahead for Alpha Delta Kappa. Please work with your State Executive Board to choose the path of strength and progress as we face a crossroad in our sorority.

Sisters who attended, I ask you to take the experiences and the enthusiasm from this convention back to your chapters. Show them the pictures that Sara Cooper sent you. Give your chapter sisters a sense of what Alpha Delta Kappa is like beyond the chapter level. Tell them about the astonishing International totals of our altruistic contributions. (See additional article). Let's all support and work with our new International President Judy Ganzert to keep Alpha Delta Kappa going, growing and thriving.



International President-Elect Mollie Acosta, International President Judy Ganzert, International Immediate Past President Sue Pelchat (left to right)



The California Delegation

President Judy Ganzert's Logo



Judy Ganzert gave this explanation of her logo:

In the center is a golden heart representing the lessons we learned from Agnes, Marie, Hattie and Marion. From their hearts we continue to share AΔK with excellent educators and work to sustain our organization for generations to come.

The four white stars represent the steps we must take as we make choices that will make a difference for our future. The steps are: Imagine and Dream. I dream of a revitalized, vital and innovative AΔK. Believe. We must believe that we can be successful in spreading our mission and even more. Act. We must step out of our comfort zone and do what it takes to make our dreams come true. And, Achieve. Our tasks are not easy, but together we can achieve our dreams.

The white infinity symbol crosses in the center, like a fork in the road. AΔK is at a crossroads. We stand looking down the paths that lie ahead. What will it mean to take one path, but not the other? We must make choices. Our future can be as bright as the stars while holding onto the Heart of our Founders. We know that the path we take will be the path of Infinite Possibilities.

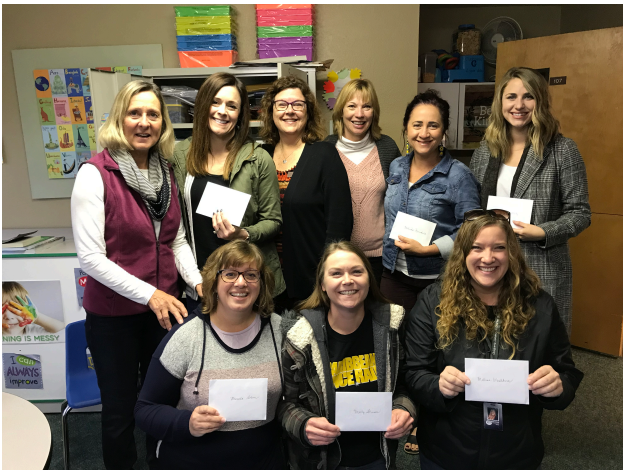


World Understanding

Whether you have been traveling near or far, share your adventure or special memory with your California Sisters. Send a brief anecdote to CA World Understanding Chairman, Kathleen O'Malley at malleyk@hotmail.com
Kathleen writes, "On a trip to India, the sites, smells, food, and travel companions were amazing. However, the memory of a very petite older lady at the temple who put her weathered hands on my waist to pull my "tall and generous frame" directly in front of her so I had a better view of the priests and ceremony is a special, sweet memory of that trip."

"Whenever you go on a trip to visit foreign lands or distant places, remember that they are all someone's home and backyard." – Vera Nazarian

Educators Helping Educators



Jaime Hansen, Beta Tau Chico, applied for funds from Educators Helping Educators on behalf of 12 teachers who lost their school in the Paradise Camp fire. Jaime, top left, presented the teachers with their checks. This picture and article was in the Chico Enterprise.



Zeta's Tea

Zeta sisters held their annual tea on May 11, 2019. The tea, raffle and silent auction raised scholarship money for credential candidates attending California State University Long Beach and Long Beach City College.

END OF THE YEAR: May 31 was the end of our fiscal year.

Chapter Presidents must check with Chapter Membership Chairmen to see if the new initiates, reinstatements, and transfers have been updated on their Chapter Rosters on the International website. Notify International and State Chaplain Virginia Riding of sisters who have joined the Omega Chapter. Updating Chapter Rosters in the Directory on the International website is extremely important.

Membership Message from State Vice President for Membership Mari Page

Dear Sisters,

As the Membership Drive was coming to a close I thought about membership in organizations in the past. During World War II women were an important part of the workforce. When the men came home from war, these women were used to getting things accomplished and started to look for ways to help in their communities. Many volunteered at churches, youth sports programs, hospitals, veterans' groups, community projects and many other organizations.

In 1947 Alpha Delta Kappa was founded to give women educators a meaningful activity to help others as well as a social outlet for themselves. Thousands of members joined Alpha Delta Kappa and hundreds of chapters were developed. New friends were made and sisters enjoyed getting together for entertainment and doing good works.

Fast forward to the present. Entertainment opportunities have advanced by leaps and bounds. Computers have opened a new world for both young and old. Live entertainment and sporting events are easy to attend. Parents and grandparents are involved in more activities with their children and grandchildren. Frequently changing guidelines in education have teachers faced with added responsibilities and stresses.

As a result of all the changes, our membership has diminished over time. Alpha Delta Kappa has changed to attract new members in this time of very busy lifestyles. We need to continue to see how we can help and attract new teachers into our wonderful, worthwhile organization.

I have been impressed with all of the women I have met this past year that have worked so hard to bring new ideas and members into Alpha Delta Kappa. We will continue to work hard the rest of the biennium to add new members to our chapters. Recruiting new members does not just occur during the Membership Drive, but it is a year round goal that we can meet. I hope you will continue to join me in working toward our Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Goals.

B e t a E t a

February's meeting was a high tea.



G a m m a N u



This is Irene Taylor, longtime Honorary Member and contributing sister. Gamma Nu's altruistic projects this year included: Blankets for Isaiah House, a shelter for homeless women in Santa Ana; Contribution to Tara's Choice, a therapy horse interaction center for special needs children in Fullerton; Donated a large amount of children's books to Wounded Knee Lakota.

B e t a

U p s i l o n



Beta Upsilon had a book review of "Firefly Lane" by Kristin Hannah. Each year they decide on a book to read and hold a special meeting to review the book.

Founders' Month

Get ready to celebrate in October. October is Founders' Month and Founders' Day is October 1. The purpose of Founders' Month is to celebrate our membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. It was through the vision, dedication, and actions of Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marion Southall, Marie Neal, and Hattie Poppino that the state of Missouri in 1947 issued a charter incorporating Alpha Delta Kappa allowing it to organize chapters in every state and around the globe.

For celebration activity ideas, go to the International website. Type Founders Day in the Search Box, then click on AΔK/Founders Day Central.

Send pictures of your celebration activities to Karen Kirby (see below for email). Pictures will be included in the November newsletter.

Here is a Founders' Day poem written by a sister:

I think that I will always say
No group is as lovely as AΔK
Whose membership, I can attest
Are teachers chosen from the best.
Sisters with badges worn with pride
Sisters who stand together side by side
Who've gathered to honor our Founders today
I'm glad we're sisters in AΔK.

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



Dear Alpha Delta Kappa California Board,

We want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for selecting New Day for Children as your state altruistic project, and for your recent generous gift of \$1,075. It came at such a fortuitous time and was a great encouragement to us. We've now welcomed 88 girls through our doors, with an average stay of 15 months, and we couldn't do this lifesaving work without caring hearts like yours! Hopefully many of you will make it to our 10 year birthday celebration; some of our graduates will be there.

With gratitude,
The New Day Team



Do you like to travel? Meet new sisters? Make a contribution to AΔK? Have a lot of fun? Read on.....

Here is your chance to do all four by serving on the State Executive Board.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The election of new officers to serve on the CA state executive board 2020-2022 will be held at the California state convention on April 25, 2020. Applications for candidacy must be submitted to Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Barb Ackelberry, by **November 30, 2019**. An online candidate's filing form is available on the CA website. Click on State Convention to access the application.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE LONGEST DAY RANKS #3 IN THE NATION

The "California Cares" Team far exceeded its 2019 fundraising goal in support of the Alzheimer's Association, reports Diana Galvan, CA Team Captain. "We worked toward raising \$5000, then raised it to \$7000 as we kept exceeding our goal. California is proud to have raised **\$9058.26** this year. That is nearly three times as much as we raised last year. We ranked third in the nation for our fundraising contributions behind South Carolina \$19,702, and Georgia \$18,093."

Chapter fundraising events as well as donations from individuals put California in the top three. Special thanks to **Teresa Olea, Beta Eta, and Dorean Barnes, Beta Rho**, for their outstanding

fundraising efforts. Teresa organized two game days where members and their guests were invited to lunch and to play Mexican Train and Left, Right, Center games. Other chapters also had game days, organized dinners out at contributing restaurants, held garage sales, and even an estate jewelry sale. The proceeds from these events were donated to The Longest Day.

Alpha Delta Kappa members internationally contributed over \$114,000 to Alzheimer's this year. Go to www.alz.org/adk for detailed information about our donations.

Start now to plan your fundraising events for The Longest Day 2020. Perhaps each California chapter could set a goal to raise \$500.



At the Regional luncheon during the International Convention, International Executive Board Chairman Ann Marie Brown awarded the 2019 Membership Service Award to California Immediate Past President Diana Galvan (right).

**Nominations Requested:
Excellence In Education Award
November 1st Deadline**

It's time to "Ride the Wave of Inspiration" and nominate an AΔK sister or educational professional for the [California Excellence In Education Award](#). This award recognizes colleagues who exemplify those "pearls" of wisdom and achievement that are central to the goals of AΔK: dedication to excellence in professional knowledge and success, exemplary school/community collaboration, and active involvement in Alpha Delta Kappa.

California State recipient of this award will receive \$200 to help with expenses in attending the Southwest Regional Conference. If selected as the regional recipient, the nominee is encouraged to attend the International Convention where the winner of \$5000 is announced. \$2500 goes directly to the recipient and \$2500 goes to the recipient's school.

Guidelines, nominator forms and vitae templates with additional requirements for nominees to complete are available on the adkcalif.org website. Click on Awards/Grants/Scholarships to download. Nomination forms must be received by November 1, 2019.

Email to:

adk.msastreet@gmail.com

Or mail copies to:

Andrea Street, AΔK
Excellence In Education Chairperson
550 N. Clifford Ave.
Rialto, CA 92376



SHOW US THE MONEY!

The purpose of **CA District Mini-Grants** is "to promote continuing professional and/or personal development while benefiting other members of the community at large." This grant is available to both classroom and retired educators. A total of **\$500** in grant money is available in each district in California. [Applications, short and easy to complete, are available on the CA state web site under Awards/Grants/Scholarships.](#)

Applications are due to California State Scholarship Chairman Rita Prichard by **October 30.**

Regional Mini-Grants pay **\$500** and are for members who apply to attend non AΔK-sponsored conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops and non-credit classes. The full description is on the International website under Scholarships and Grants. The due date is **Oct. 15.** Application and instructions are on the International website/Grants.

Innovation/Classroom Grants

November 1 is the deadline for submitting applications for the **Innovative** and the **Classrooms** grants. The purpose of these grants is to help teachers be creative in their lesson planning. These grants pay for materials and services that enhance classroom lessons.

The **Innovative** grant pays **\$200** and is for non- Alpha Delta Kappa members. A member must recommend the teacher applying and the teacher needs to fill out an application. The **Classroom** grant pays **\$400.** This grant is for members and requires only an application. Applications and the grant requirements are on the International web site/Grants.

Northern District Conference

Saturday, October 5, 2019
9:00am – 12:30pm

Michael's at Shoreline Links
2940 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA
94043

9:00am: Breakfast Buffet & Registration
10:00am - 12:30 pm: Conference Meeting
Cost: \$25

We will have Raffle Baskets!
Bring walking shoes and join us after the meeting (optional) to walk trails along the bay and tour the historic Rengstorff House!

Make CHAPTER/individual checks to ADK and send to:

Diana Pires at 629 Calpella Drive, San Jose, CA 95136
408-267-6749
Email: dianapires@comcast.net

Deadline for registration and payment is
Sept. 27

NOW ON TO SOME ACCOLADES

There are **12** chapters that reached **7 Pearl** status. They are:

Beta	Phi	Alpha Lambda
Alpha Nu	Beta Pi	Beta Omicron
Beta Rho	Beta Tau	Gamma Mu
Beta Eta	Zeta	Beta Kappa

There are **5** chapters that reached **6 Pearl** status and only missed the one pearl requirement for sending someone to the Regional Conference in Alaska in July, 2018. They are:

Alpha	Beta Upsilon	Gamma
Lambda	Gamma Beta	

There were **3** chapters who received **6 Pearl** status, but did not initiate or reinstate a member.

All **19** of these chapters turned in the five required forms on time.

It is a new reporting period. The H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary was due June 30. **All but 6 chapters turned this report in on time.** That means those 39 chapters are on their way to 7 Pearl status.

You can check out your chapter's Pearl status on the California website's home page. Just scroll down until you see Final Pearls Report and then scroll through the document until you get to California.



Alpha Delta, 60th Anniversary

Beta Tau, 50th Anniversary

Fidelis Iota 30th Anniversary

**Special thanks go to
Joanne Grimm for
editing this
newsletter!**

UPCOMING DATES

- **July/August, 2019: Chapter Officer Supply packet:** Were emailed to chapter presidents.
- **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.
- **October 30, 2019: District Mini Scholarship application deadline:** (See article above)
- **November 1, 2019: Nomination forms for State Executive Board due** (See article above)
- **November 1, 2019: Innovation and Classroom grants deadline** (See article above)
- **November 1, 2019: Excellence in Education nominations due to International**
- **November 9, 2019: Valley District Conference:** Place to be determined.
- **November 30, 2019: State Altruistic Project Nomination Forms due** (See article above)
- **January 1, 2020: International Membership Campaign begins**
- **January 25, 2020: Marina District Conference:** Seal Beach, California
- **March 14, 2020: Southern District Conference:** Place to be determined
- **April 25, 2020: California State Convention:** San Jose, California.
- **July 13 - 16, 2020: NW/SW Regional Conference Honolulu, Hawaii:**