

# PEARLS OF WISDOM

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## President's Message

As California Alpha Delta Kappa continues forward in this second year of the biennium, I have been reflecting on my history serving on the State Executive Board. I began seven years ago and had the honor of serving as State Recording Secretary during Mollie Acosta's presidency. The following biennium, I served as State Treasurer during Mary Ann Englehart's presidency. I became State President-Elect this past biennium during Diana Galvan's presidency. It has been a wonderful seven years, and I have served with many wonderful Executive Board members, sisters who have become dear friends. I have met and gotten to know many of you at the district conferences, state conventions, regional conferences, and international conventions. We have such a special sisterhood here in California. It has been an honor to represent all of you. My life has been enriched by serving on the California Executive Board.

November 30, 2019, is the deadline to submit an application to run for an office on the Executive Board. I urge you to consider doing so. The application is on the homepage of the California website. Executive Board officers' duties are there as well.

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At the California Reading Association Conference, Susan Goto, *Beta Eta*, received the Policy Maker of the Year Award for making a difference in literacy as a school and county board member over the years.

**Congratulations, Susan!**

## Membership Thoughts from California Vice President for Membership Mari Page

In August all chapters were asked to turn in their Chapter Needs Assessments to me. I have enjoyed learning about individual chapters and how each chapter is working toward its membership goals. I thought it would be interesting for all the members to hear some of the ideas I have drawn from the Chapter Needs Assessment data.

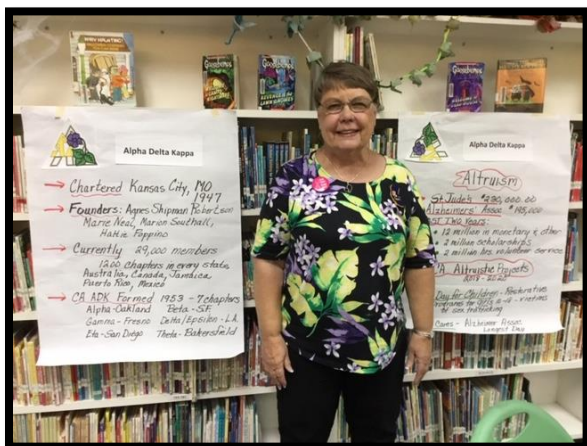
The strongest chapters with good membership numbers and attendance at meetings were the ones with a variety of programs. Altruistic activities seem to be what attracts the most members. Members enjoy the good feelings they receive when helping others. These activities bring the chapter members closer together. Most members want to come to a meeting and have fun, so the meetings should be short and to the point.

One of the biggest difficulties to overcome is the idea that small chapters without working teachers cannot find potential members. New members energize a chapter and enliven it. I will be sharing more membership ideas from successful chapters in the next newsletter.

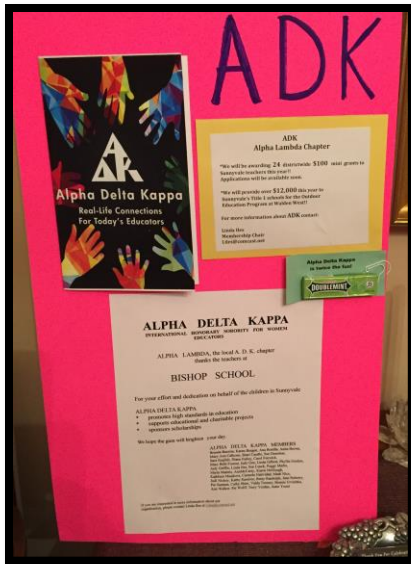
It is important for all members to remember that even if they are no longer in contact with active educators, they can still find new chapter members. Sisters just have to be creative. Retired teachers often come into contact with other teachers at churches, classes they might take or even at the senior center. Alpha Delta Kappa should be brought up in conversations. Prospective members should be invited to a meeting or an event. These women will never become a member of Alpha Delta Kappa unless they experience Alpha Delta Kappa in action.

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### Founders' Day Activities



Past State President Alice Bullard, *Beta Omicron*, shared a Founder's Day activity with her CA Beta Omicron sisters. She took them back in history to 1947 when Agnes Shipman Robertson's dream to bring teachers together began. Everyone downloaded Agnes's speech to their phones and listened afterwards to her own voice tell how Alpha Delta Kappa came to be.



Every year, CA Alpha Lambda puts this poster up in every school in the Sunnyvale School District. This year the chapter gave all teachers a package of gum with the message “Alpha Delta Kappa doubles your fun.” The poster also provided information about Alpha Delta Kappa and membership possibilities.

If your chapter has Founders’ Day activities to share, send them, with a picture if possible, to State President Karen Kirby

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## World Understanding Report

World Understanding Chairman Kathleen O’Malley reported that the window for donations to the International World Understanding Project Teach Too has closed because the project has reached the goal of \$50,000.

TEACH TOO requested grant funds to construct transitional housing for 48 older teens to enable them to finish their education and learn an occupation. According to Haitian law, children residing in licensed orphanages cannot remain after the age of 18. As a result, older students have had to leave the Imagine Missions orphanage without the skills or abilities required to be independent and successful. Transitional housing with occupancy limited to two years

or less enables these students to finish their most important goal—completing their education. Imagine Missions will mentor these students and assist them through this process.

A new World Understanding Project will be vetted and voted on in the future.

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Susan Crane, Gamma Mu Chaplain shared this thought at a recent meeting:

The first one to apologize is the bravest.

The first one to forgive is the strongest.

The first one to forget is the happiest.

# DONATIONS

Below are the altruistic projects and funds that chapters may want to consider donating to:

1. New Day for Children: This is the California State Altruistic Project. It is a restorative program for girls rescued from sex trafficking. Donations may be sent to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova with New Day for Children in the memo line. Check is made out to California Alpha Delta Kappa.
2. California State Scholarship Fund: This fund finances the District Mini Scholarships given twice each biennium, and the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship awarded at the State Convention. Donations may be sent to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova with California State Scholarship in the memo line. Check is made out to California Alpha Delta Kappa.
3. Educators Helping Educators: This fund awards \$300 per person for educators who have suffered loss due to a disaster such as the California wildfires. Donations may be sent to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova with Educators Helping Educators in the memo line. Check is made out to California Alpha Delta Kappa.
4. The Longest Day: California's Alpha Delta Kappa team for The Longest Day Alzheimer's fundraising activity is called California Cares. Fundraising will start again in 2020.
5. International Scholarship and Grants
6. International Altruistic Projects St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Alzheimer's Association

For #5 and #6, donations may be made to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation. Designate the donation destination and send check to:

**Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation  
PO BOX 870567  
Kansas City MO 64187-0567**



At the 2019 California Reading Association Conference, International President-Elect Mollie Acosta sat with Kat Stevens, a Paradise fire victim and recipient of an Educators Helping Educators check. Several Paradise teachers were in attendance and honored at the Conference,

You can nominate someone, who has experienced a loss due to a disaster, to receive funds. Go to the California website. Educators Helping Educators is on the home page.

Please avoid choosing **Reply All** when responding to an email, unless you really want to have everyone see your response. This will help keep down the number of emails we all get.

Thanks, Karen Kirby

**Thought for the Day: Read by  
Maureen Boland, CA Gamma Beta**

**Take Time  
by 1961-1963 International  
President, Nellie Morris, Iowa**

- \*Take time to have Faith – Faith is the belief in things unseen.
- \*Take time to be Grateful – Gratitude is self-rewarding.
- \*Take time to make Friends – Friends are a person’s most valued possession.
- \*Take time to be Happy – Happiness comes when you give beyond what is expected of you.
- \*Take time to Smile – A Smile gives power and encouragement.
- \*Take time to be a Leader – A Leader is determined to find the best way – not her way.
- \*Take time to give Service – Service is to ask, “What can I give?” rather than “What shall I receive?”
- \*Take time to Praise – Praise for an individual is like fuel for a fire.
- \*Take time to Live – Life is always worthwhile to the person who can laugh, love, and lift.
- \*Take time for Alpha Delta Kappa. – “All for One and One for All.”



It is official. **Purple** has been added as an official color of Alpha Delta Kappa by a vote of the International Executive Board. Purple will join the other two colors, olive green and golden yellow, as official colors of our organization.

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## Pearls Report Correction

Two chapters were left off the Pearl accolades in the last newsletter. Gamma Eta and Gamma Nu each earned 7 pearls. Congratulations to these two chapters for their diligent efforts.

### NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS, AND TREASURERS:

It is **best to reinstate a member after January**. When reinstated, the member must pay dues for the year they are reinstated plus a \$25 reinstatement fee. That means someone reinstated in September through December (or even earlier) must pay dues for that year plus dues for the upcoming year.

I asked International about this and was told this comes straight from the International Bylaws.

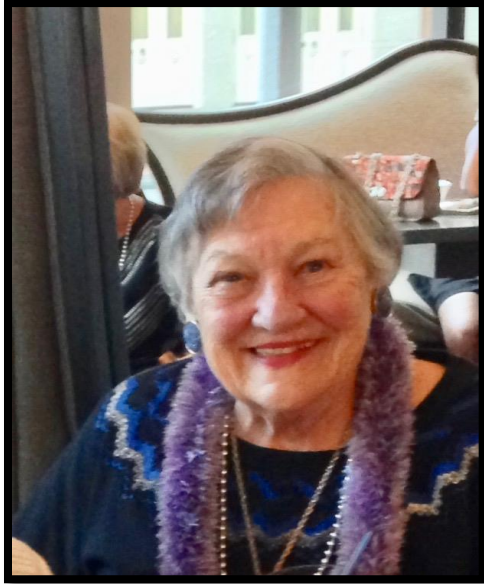
**Save your sisters \$\$\$.**

Karen Kirby



Gwen Marino, *Beta Iota*, joined Omega September 19, 2019. She was Beta Iota's last Charter Member. The photo above is of Gwen, flanked by Sara Cooper and Mary Ann Englehart when Gwen was awarded the Golden Sister Certificate at a Southern District Conference.

Gwen valued Alpha Delta Kappa, and paid dues for years, even though she was not able to attend a meeting once she left Yucaipa to live in San Diego.



Recently, **Dorothy Vaio** shared her Alpha Delta Kappa history. Here is what she shared:

In 1953, I was initiated by Agnes Shipman Robertson and Marie Neal as a charter member of CA Beta. In the formative years of CA AΔK, I became close to Agnes and was very fortunate to learn more about the organization and the members from her. She told me "My dream is to honor outstanding women teachers and offer fraternal opportunities." I was honored and still am proud to be an Alpha Delta Kappa sister.

During the fifties and early sixties, Agnes spent a lot of time in California as our state grew. I was happy, very fortunate and always in awe to be with her when she met prospective members, and

when she worked with hotels to reserve meeting, convention and dining venues. This was an experience never to be forgotten!

I have been honored to serve Alpha Delta Kappa as CA State President, SW Regional Vice President, Province Chairman for CA, AZ, NV, UT and Hawaii. I had the rewarding experience of serving on the International Executive Board for eight years.

I continue to lead an active AΔK life but at a slower pace now.



Following the Northern District Conference on November 5, 2019, seven Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters (plus the photographer, Winnie Coleman) went on a bird viewing walk at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. The nature walk was led by Karen Bergen, *Alpha Lambda*.

A sister is a gift to the heart,  
a friend to the spirit, a golden  
thread to the meaning of  
life." - Isadora James



#### **News from CA Zeta:**

During Fraternity Education we have encouraged our members to use both the state and international websites. Sadly the response we received most frequently was, "I don't know my user name and password." To address that problem we decided to put a label on the front page of every yearbook. Our very techie, Pat Handy, printed out the roster from International and created labels for every member. Now our sisters know right where to find the information. Pat included each web address and underneath the address the username and the password. I find it very useful and continue to encourage our members to access the information available on the websites.

#### **News from Peralta Council:**

The Scholarship and Recognition luncheon is a joint event put on by the four chapters in Peralta Council. All Peralta Council chapters take part in the luncheon each year with one of the chapters acting as mistress of ceremonies. We give scholarships to worthy student teachers that are finishing their student teaching. At the same event we honor and celebrate experienced teachers. It is a wonderful opportunity for new teachers to meet current teachers, for our Alpha Delta Kappa sisters to socialize with each other and our guests, and for us to introduce Alpha Delta Kappa to all. Our next luncheon will be in the spring.

Please send chapter or council news to State President Karen Kirby so she may include your article in the next newsletter.





## **World Understanding, 2.0:**

**Beta Iota** has announced the titles for their annual World Understanding Book Club. They are: [The Tea Girl](#) by Lisa See and [For All the Tea in China](#) by Sarah Rose. The annual book club talk event will be held on February 29 in Yucaipa.

### **Travel notes from a CA sister:**

"In May, I went on a Road Scholars program entitled "A Gardner's Delight: The Private and Public Gardens of Asheville, N.C." I'd never been to that part of the country, the southernmost part of the Appalachian range of the Black Mountains. Among others, we visited the private garden of the estate that was once the summer White House of President Hoover. The program's focus was on the life and works of Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American Landscape Design.

I highly recommend the biography [A Clearing in the Distance-- Frederick Law Olmsted and America in the 19th Century](#). The book is an excellent history of our country in that period as seen through the many contributions of this man as a public servant beyond just in landscape design. The extra highlight of the weeklong program was meeting an Alpha Delta Kappa sister from Philadelphia.

Adelaide M. De Medeiros  
CA Beta Pi

**Have you travelled internationally?** Share a personal experience by sending an email to [malleyk@hotmail.com](mailto:malleyk@hotmail.com) Kathleen O'Malley, CA World Understanding Chairman. Your experience will be shared in the next newsletter.

## International Teacher Education (ITE) Students

We are indeed blessed to have two wonderful ITE students in our Southwest Region. This is their second year with us and their final year before they are awarded their Master's degrees.

We do hope that our entire region gets to know these intelligent young women. Your letters of encouragement and little gifts really help them feel the love and support of Alpha Delta Kappa..



Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong, from Thailand, is with her co-sponsors, Kristi Koziol and Karla Fernwault (AZ Alpha Nu)

Tipsuda is excited to complete her research that will lead to her master's thesis. When she returns to Thailand, she plans to open a language school.

She does plan to earn a Ph.D. and may choose the U.S. to attain it since she is very impressed with the school system here. She is attending Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Tipsuda became an honorary member of AZ Alpha Nu last spring. Many enjoyed meeting Tipsuda at International in Minneapolis in July. Tipsuda's favorite activity, outside of school, is rock climbing!

Tipsuda's Address: P. O. Box 192, Tempe, AZ 85280.



Busra Deniz, from Turkey, is with her co-sponsors Marge Anderson and Sue McConnell (AZ Mu).

Busra is in her final year before she earns her master's degree. She plans to continue her studies to attain a Ph.D. in the U.S. She admits that she really enjoys the atmosphere of learning in the States. She appreciates the accessibility of her professors at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. Busra shared that she's always wanted to learn more because an educator never stops learning. Her trips in Arizona have enabled her to enjoy her hobby of photography. Busra was invited to become an honorary member of AZ Mu chapter.

Busra's Address: 1055 W. 5th St. Unit #21, Tempe, AZ 85281.

## Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award

This is awarded at the State Convention and is given to **the outstanding California chapter for the biennium.**

The award was first given in 1996 and honors Elizabeth "Betty" Rosenberg, Past International President and Past California State President (1954-1956). Betty was a founding sister in California's first chapter - Alpha Chapter in Oakland in 1953. Betty loved Alpha Delta Kappa and is an ever-present **Inspiration** and role model for her California sisters.

Criteria for outstanding chapter include:

1. Interesting and innovative programs.
2. Involvement in community altruistic programs.
3. Contributions to a scholarship program
4. Representation and participation at all levels of Alpha Delta Kappa.
5. Consideration of pearls earned.

**If your chapter meets most or all of the criteria, please submit an application, found on the CA website) to State President Karen Kirby by February 15, 2020.**

## Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship

This **\$2,500** is given to a member of California Alpha Delta Kappa who is actively engaged in the field of education **and is seeking professional growth.**

Professional growth is defined as enrollment in an advanced study program or engaged in creating or participating in a project that advances student/educator proficiency. Examples may include enrollment in an academic degree or certificate program in an accredited college or university, or creating curriculum that enriches and enables students to learn and teachers to teach.

The scholarship is open to any Alpha Delta Kappa member who has been in good standing for the previous biennium.

The guidelines, application form, and the evaluation rubric are on the California website in Awards/Grants/Scholarships.

**Applications are due to State Scholarship Chairman Rita Prichard by February 25, 2020.**

For any questions, please contact her at:

(916) 847-5734 or

[prichard.rita@gmail.com](mailto:prichard.rita@gmail.com)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **November 9, 2019: Valley District Conference:** Piccadilly Inn, Fresno
- **November 30, 2019: Applications for State Board officers due**
- **January, 2019: State Convention packet sent to chapter presidents**
- **January 1, 2020: International Membership Campaign begins. Ends April 30.**
- **January 25, 2020: Marina District Conference:** Seal Beach, California
- **February 15, 2020: Betty Rosenberg Distinguished Program award application due** (see article above)
- **February 25, 2020: Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship application due** (see article above)
- **March 14, 2020: Southern District Conference:** Place to be determined
- **April 24 - 26, 2020: California State Convention:** San Jose, California.
- **July 13 - 16, 2020: NW/SW Regional Conference Honolulu, Hawaii:**



Thank you, Joanne Grimm, for the giving of your time and writing talent as you edited this newsletter.

Miss Poppy would be proud.