



PEARLS OF WISDOM

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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President's Message

The New Year is upon us, and with it comes new possibilities, new opportunities, and, hopefully, new learning. I am a strong advocate for learning something new every day, may it be as simple as a new fact or as complex as a new computer program or application. Embracing something or some way that is new keeps those brain synapses firing. It is exercise for the brain. The new learning is not always recognizable or appreciated. I challenge you to identify your new learning each day and label it as such. Say, "That is my learning for the day." You will soon see how much new learning you do each day. And if you are not doing much new learning, it is time to change that.

There are a few "new learning" items in this newsletter. Like the hidden poppy in the AAA magazine, try to find the new learning, recognize it as such, and say, "That's my learning for the day."



Barbara Marie Stein, Xi

Past State President Barbara Stein, a member of Xi chapter, joined the Omega Chapter in December. Barbara served as State Treasurer, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, and the 1966 – 1968 State President. She also served as the Grand Vice President of the Southwest Region, serving on the International Chapter with Agnes Shipman Robertson. At the memorial service in Fresno, International President-Elect Mollie Acosta and State President Karen Kirby spoke about Barbara.

The following are some of the remarks made by California State President Karen Kirby at Barbara's memorial service:

Barbara was an Alpha Delta Kappa legend, a gem of a Diamond Sister, and a true piece of California Gold.

Barbara was a formidable presence in California Alpha Delta Kappa, and the International chapter as well. Her contributions to Alpha Delta Kappa are innumerable and transcend decades. Barbara spoke her mind, and let you know when she disagreed with you, a quality I personally treasure, admire and have been a recipient of in a recent letter from her. Barbara's presence in our organization of women educators will be profoundly missed. Her contributions to Alpha Delta Kappa are profoundly appreciated.

At the November Valley District Conference, Barbara and I discussed our mutual love of needlework. I am in proud possession of three of Barbara's tissue box covers. I will look fondly on those tissue covers, remembering a dear Alpha Delta Kappa sister as I do so. Treasured remembrances remind us of those we treasure.

Barbara's legacy will live on in her Xi sisters. It will live on as her protégée, Mollie Acosta, assumes her International Presidency. Barbara was so proud of Mollie. I know Mollie will live up to and transcend Barbara's vision.

California Alpha Delta Kappa will be donating to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation Living Legacy Fund in Barbara's name, honoring her tenure as a California State President.

We will all hold Barbara dear in our hearts with sisterly love.



Submitted by Harriet Kelly, Gamma Nu, Orange County.

An Alpha Delta Kappa [Regional Professional Development Mini Scholarship](#) of \$500 supported me in my attendance to the National ProLiteracy Conference in San Diego in September, 2019. From across the United States, teachers, tutors, managers, board members and many others gathered to lead change in the adult literacy field. We had over 100 presentations to choose from to explore how we can be more effective in our literacy services for adult learners.

The significant theme of the conference is reflected in the poster shown above. There are 45,000,000 adults in the US who have literacy skills below third grade. **Two thirds of them are**

women. There were several awards given to women who are now successful in many ways. They have amazing life stories!

As president of South Coast Literacy Council in South Orange County with 27 ESL centers serving 1,000 students), it was a true privilege to be a “learner” among so many who are about the work of improving literacy in the United States. Thank you, Alpha Delta Kappa.

Do you have a passion in the volunteer or work world? Would funds help you fulfill the change needed? Do consider applying for a Regional Professional Development Mini Scholarship.

Deadline for submitting an application for a **\$500 Regional Professional Development Mini Scholarship is April 15, 2020.** The scholarship is for non-ΑΔΚ sponsored conferences, classes, or workshops taking place May 15 – Nov. 15. The application is found on the International website under Member Center/ Scholarships and grants. It is completed online.

GAMMA BETA



In the photo above, Gamma Beta shows their holiday altruistic projects. At the Christmas party, each Sister brought gifts for seniors at St. Anne's Home in San Francisco, and toys for Puento de la Costa in Pescadero, Gamma Beta holiday projects for many years.

Please Use Current Forms A Note from International:

Several forms have been recently revised, some due to changes approved by delegates to the 2019 International Convention. Please be sure you are using the most recent forms, which can be found on the International website. The H-103 Membership Application has changed significantly. Form H-133, Report of Initiation, has been discontinued. Badges should now be ordered through the Marketplace on the International website. The Excellence in Education forms, Chapter and S/P/N Altruistic forms have been updated. Several scholarship forms have also been updated, and all may be applied for online. Online applications become available approximately three months before the deadline. If you apply online, you need not do anything further.



Some Great Ideas



sisters,
above, were asked to bring a **book to swap**. They each had one minute to tell a little about the book. Then, following the order of numbers drawn at random, sisters could take a book that interested them.



Gamma Tau Chapter of Northern Orange County joined with the La Habra Women's Club to hold a fundraiser "Fall into Fashion" last November. The autumn theme was carried out in the lovely

decorations. The event included a champagne brunch. Twenty-four baskets and restaurant gift cards were raffled off. Seven items for silent auction that included some beautiful handcrafted handbags and theater tickets were offered. The main event was a moderated fashion show presented by Joan Lord. Members of the organizations served as models wearing the clothes Joan provided for the event. The clothes were available for purchase. Joan gave a percentage of her profit to the group. The help from Sonora High School JROTC students was greatly appreciated. All in all, the event was a huge success. Gamma Tau **joined forces with a civic community club**, and together they had an audience of 100.



Above, Gamma Tau President Sandy Johnson models for the fashion show. She would like to thank all the AΔK sisters who attended and supported this effort.



In December, Gamma Lambda gathered in a festive mood. As participants in the Napa Food Project, they each brought a bag of groceries for the food bank. They do this sharing every other month. A meeting was held and light supper was served. And then they held **A COOKIE EXCHANGE**. They each brought one type of cookie and went home with many. Added to that were bonus gifts of limoncello, Chex trail mix, and tangelos for all. Hugs and well wishes were exchanged.



Left to right: Mary Quintal, Marjo Johanson, Sierra Butler, Helene Wood, Janet Dobbs, Carol Roach, Carole Freethy, Suzanne Locke, Gloria Fujimoto show off their cookies.



Left are Beta Iota Sisters. **Beta Iota** was recognized for outstanding service and was awarded a **Certificate of Recognition** as the **2019 Southwest Regional Distinguished Program Award Winner**. The winning program was a spa night. More about this in the next newsletter.

MINI GRANTS

Congratulations to our new mini-grant recipients. Each grant is funded at \$500. Three grants were awarded in the Northern District because no applications were received from Marina and Southern Districts. The grants were awarded to:

- * **Christel Biasell**, *Xi*, Valley District, to attend a guitar and ukulele workshop where she will receive forty hours of training to teach beginning level classical guitar and ukulele lessons to students.
- * **Ann McCarty**, *Alpha Lambda*, Northern District, to purchase supplemental materials for teachers at her school. The materials will match students' instructional levels and/or support their behavioral and social-emotional needs.
- * **Kim Gerould**, *Beta Eta*, Northern District, to assist her endeavor to obtain her Tier II Administrator Credential.
- * **Christy Thorson**, *Beta Eta*, Northern District, to offset the cost of a third grade science-enriched field trip to the Maidu Museum and Historic Site in Roseville, CA.

ALTRUISTIC REPORT PERIOD

It is time, once again, to gather all of your chapter's altruistic data, and submit an altruistic report. The due date is **March 15, 2020**. The updated form for 2020 is on the California website under Forms. Submit the forms to the Altruistic Report Chairmen:

Northern & Valley

Colleen Golden, *Beta Rho*
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Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-0811
colleenglnd@yahoo.com

Marina & Southern

Kathy Raschka, *Beta Theta*
806 Fawn Pl
Santa Barbara, 9310
(805) 687-7857
kathy.raschka@gmail.com

Remember to send newly initiated and reinstated member information to State President Karen Kirby:
adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com.
Karen will send a welcome e-card.

STATE CONVENTION

REGISTER BY MARCH 20, 2020, TO ATTEND

Do you know the way to San Jose? It is time to check that GPS and be ready to attend the thirty-third California State Convention, April 24 – 26, 2020, at the DoubleTree hotel in San Jose. To make hotel reservations, see the link on the state website to the hotel. The convention will be three days of sisterhood. Saturday is filled with activities starting with the Leadership Breakfast, moving on to the general session to conduct business including election of new officers and ending with the traditional elegant Banquet and the Installation of Officers. Sisters who have joined Omega in this biennium will be remembered at the Sunday morning Omega Memorial Service led by State Chaplain Virginia Riding. If your chapter has anyone who has joined Omega this biennium, please let Virginia know at adk.virginiariding@gmail.com.

All sisters are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the business of our organization. Each chapter is allowed one voting delegate for every ten members, and one alternate. Chapters should decide who the delegates and alternate are now so that information may be recorded on the registration form. The convention packet, including the registration form, will be mailed to all chapter presidents. This information may be downloaded from the state website as well.



State Historian Needed

Do you like to take pictures?
Can you use/learn the Snapfish program? If so, you may be a great candidate for the State Historian on the State Executive Board. For more information contact Karen
adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com.

Assistant Sergeants-At- Arms Needed

Volunteers are needed at the Convention to assist State Sergeant-At-Arms Rosena Kruley. If you can volunteer, mark the box on the convention registration form, or contact Rosena at adk.kruleyr@gmail.com.

NOEL LEONARD FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CONVENTION ATTENDEES

The generosity of Noel Leonard, state president from 1992-1994, provides **\$100** in financial aid for first-timers at the **State Convention** in San Jose and **\$100** for Council Presidents or her designee attending the **Regional Conference** in Honolulu, Hawaii, this summer.

Each council receives one first-timer grant. Chapters are to submit to their Council the name of one member who has not attended a state convention and who shows promise of leadership in the organization. The council will hold a random drawing to determine the recipient. **The council presidents must notify the state president of their selections by April 1, 2020**

Regional conference grants are for Council Presidents or a designee of a council to further their leadership skills. There is one grant for each council with recipients chosen by the Council President. **The deadline for submitting the names to the state president for this award is June 1, 2020.**

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SALES AT STATE CONVENTION

Chapter altruistic sales may take place at the state convention. To reserve a place, chapters must submit the application available on the Home Page of the state website under State Convention to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova. List the items for sale and the name of the altruistic project that will benefit. The application must include a **\$20 donation to the State Altruistic Project**. Applications must be **received no later than April 1, 2020**. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.

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BRING YOUR BANNER Remember to bring your chapter banner to the state convention for the Parade of Presidents. Chapter Presidents or their designees will line up outside the Sierra Ballroom at 8:45 AM on Saturday. Assistant Sergeants-At-Arms will give directions. Now is the time to locate those banners, ladies.

Let me share a letter from Sherry Lynes, *Beta Rho*. Following the thirty-second State Convention in Santa Ana, Sherry Lynes sent the following letter to her chapter sisters. Sherry captured the spirit, the sisterhood and the spice of the convention. With her permission, I am including her letter in this newsletter. If you have not yet made up your mind to attend, perhaps her insight will **INSPIRE** you. Please read on.

Dear Sisters of AΔK,

The convention is over and I'm home now. For those of you who were not there, I wanted to take a few moments to reflect on what I had experienced, and to capture my ideas and thoughts in words before they flee from my brain.

The California State Convention of 2018 was an extremely well organized affair. Kudos to Chairperson Susan Raffo and helpers for all they did! President Diana Galvan modeled beautifully the protocols of convention, the presentations of resolutions, the ensuing discussions, and then led us through the voting process. She was precise, smooth, and articulate. I thought to myself, "Ah, that's how you do it," having been a chapter president and wondering if I was following correct protocols and procedures.

The attendance for the convention numbered 119; there were 84 voting delegates. There was wonderful entertainment by local high schools and community groups in the Cinco de Mayo theme. The meals and appetizers were delicious and kept us all going.

The installation of officers was fascinating and heartfelt as each officer handed over her position to the sister newly voted in. There were smiles, hugs, eyes moist with gratitude and appreciation for all that's been accomplished, and for that which is yet to be accomplished.

During the business session there was guided conversation about membership: its value, its strength, how to build it to be even stronger. Many ideas were offered (which will be shared with all California chapters as some point). They are amazing ideas, which were born out of the intellectual variety and large number of sisters present at this convention. I heard many say, "Oh, that's a great idea!" and saw members scribbling these ideas down on note pads or backs of fliers. It is good that we could all be together in one group discussion so astutely led by our leaders. Which brings me to the reason I am taking the time to write this reflection.

At dinner, as I relaxed and looked out over the sea of faces, I thought about the collective power of intellect and the deep histories of experience of all in that room. There were women with whom, I knew, I could connect at any time. They understand what it is to be an educator; they understand the ups and downs, the funny stories, the feelings I've had along the way. With these women, I don't have to explain myself because they get it – they understand my love for teaching, for connecting with the kids, for finding new ways to learn and to teach, and can share the palpable excitement of getting it right with a student. In this room there was love, reverence, a sense of honor, intelligence, and a history of a lot of hard work.

Throughout the weekend, as we reconnected with old acquaintances and connected with new, there was a feeling of acceptance, respect and appreciation that was unspoken. Most of all, there was a lot of love.

In the discussion about how to build membership, of the many great ideas I heard, the one that stuck with me was this: "What made me want to join AΔK is the relationships with other sisters." In my eyes, it's not just a passing acquaintance, it's sincere. It's rooted in all that we value as educators. Those relationships, this sisterhood, are pearls to have and to hold, and as was experienced in the beautiful Omega Ceremony on Sunday morning, to treasure forever.

We look now to new leadership in Karen Kirby, our new President. I know she will do a great job, and will inspire us to even greater heights. I hope you will afford yourself the opportunity in the future to attend a convention and a conference so you can experience the value of building relationships in Alpha Delta Kappa.

In the bonds,
Sherry Lynes, Beta Rho

Welcome



Mari Page - California State Vice
President for Membership

In her Southwest Regional Newsletter, *Sister Scoop*, Kitty Nutting, our Southwest International Vice President, made an interesting comparison of the date 2020 to several different things. One of the comparisons was the phrase “hindsight is 20/20”. We all recognize this term and how it is often used when we look back at actions taken in the past.

In our chapters, at conferences and conventions, we have all heard and discussed why Alpha Delta Kappa membership has decreased. These reasons are easy to see and talk about, as “hindsight is 20/20“. Often we look back in hindsight when we try to make changes, but maybe we should also focus our 20/20 vision into a new foresight for Alpha Delta Kappa’s future. We need to lead with our 20/20 vision. We must look carefully to see how we can continue to recruit, initiate and reinstate members into our chapters.

January is the start of our new Membership Campaign. The dates run from January 1 to April 30, however initiation and reinstatement can occur throughout the year from June 1 to May 31. Think how you can use your 20/20 vision and have the foresight to increase your chapter’s membership in this coming year.

Please note:

Initiates pay a membership fee, and do not pay dues until the following year.

Reinstated sisters pay dues for the year they are reinstated.

What is Kaleidoscope?

The International Executive Board has adopted **Kaleidoscope**, a secure online platform that manages all scholarship and grant application processes from the initial application through the adjudication. Reports will be given to the appropriate state chairmen. “This change will ultimately speed up the process and allow states to put awarded funds in the hands of recipients in a more timely fashion,” said International Executive Board Liaison to all Scholarships and Grants Committees **Ann Marie Brown**. Ann Marie has been working with **Kaleidoscope** to make the transition as smooth as possible, but it will take time for everyone to become accustomed to the new procedures. For any questions, contact **Ann Marie Brown** at getthefacs@cox.net.

We are in need of a Technology Chairman at the State Convention. If you can help, contact Karen Kirby at adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com



Diamond Celebrations

Alpha Iota, chartered 1960

Diamond Sisters:

Zora Hanock, *Alpha Iota*
Verla Brown, *Sustaining*
Jean Kirk, *Sustaining*
Lene Johnson, *Sustaining*



Beta Upsilon, Delta Council, celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary with a dinner.

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Golden Celebrations

Beta Upsilon, chartered 1970

Golden Sisters:

Barbara Ceri, *Beta*
Chris Cromer, *Beta*
Carol Tirrell, *Beta Eta*
Patricia Elliot, *Sustaining*
Dorothy Heick, *Sustaining*



Thank you, Joanne Grimm, for editing this newsletter. You are truly a piece of California Gold.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **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
- **January 31, 2020: Dues not received by this date incur a late fee.**
- **January 31, 2020: Regional Professional Development Scholarship application due.** See International website for details.
- **February 15, 2020: Fine Arts Grant.** See International website for details.
- **February 15, 2020: Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (FNA Living Memorial Scholarship due.** See International website for details.
- **February 15, 2020: Betty Rosenberg Distinguished Program award application due.** This is awarded at the State Convention and is given to the outstanding California chapter. See the California website for details and application.
- **February 25, 2020: Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship application due.** 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. See the California website for details and application. See article above.
- **March 14, 2020: Southern District Conference:** Redlands, California
- **March 15, 2020: Chapter Altruistic Reports due.** See article this newsletter.
- **March 20, 2020: State Convention registration deadline**
- **April 15, 2020: Regional Mini Scholarship applications due.** See article this newsletter.
- **April 24 - 26, 2020: California State Convention:** San Jose, California.
- **April 30, 2020: International Membership Campaign ends.**
- **June 21, 2020: Alzheimer's Association Longest Day**
- **July 13 - 16, 2020: NW/SW Regional Conference Honolulu, Hawaii**