

PEARLS OF WISDOM

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President's Message

March has come in like a lion here in sunny Southern California. We had rain yesterday, and cold, gusty winds today. I love March because it is time to plant my summer vegetable garden. Below is a poem I found today in my mother's address book. Although she has been gone five years, she still shows up and surprises me. Thanks Mom. This is a perfect message for my California sisters.

The Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Water with patience and cultivate with love. You reap what you sow.

Author unknown.

Shared by **Gene Cruise, my Mom.**

-Karen Kirby, California State President



California Beta Chapter President Barbara Cerri celebrates becoming an AΔK Golden Sister – 50 years of membership! **Love the purple!**

Purple is now one of the official color of Alpha Delta Kappa.

How to Harness the Power of Purple By Cathy Hobbs, Tribune News Service

Purple has long been a color associated with royalty and wealth. Whether you are looking to incorporate soft pastel tones or rich, deep colors, purple can add an interesting twist to nearly any room in your house.

Why purple?

Purple has a number of strong undertones, especially warm tones such as red, yellow and orange. As a result, many shades of purple can add an inviting element of warmth and richness to a space. Purple isn't always easily duplicated, so it is often considered rare and special.

Where can I use purple?

Think of purple as a great accent color. You can use purple in a number of different ways to add an unexpected or unique color mix to your space. Consider accessories such as toss pillows, throws, artwork and area rugs as well as accent furniture such as side chairs.

What colors work well with purple?

While purple can make a strong stand-alone statement, purple also works well when paired with other colors. Purple and orange is especially popular, while purple and yellow are complementary colors. Purple also pairs well with neutral foundation colors such as charcoal gray, black, cream and even chocolate brown.

Thanks to California State Secretary Anita Brown for sharing this information.



Beta Upsilon sisters held a Breakfast Book Talk, where they discussed the book "The Nickel Boy" by Colson Whitehead.



SW Region Classroom Grant Winners

Colleen Golden, *Beta Rho*, and **Maria Quintana**, *Beta Omicron*, each received of a \$400 grant. This award is open to all members who are in the classroom and engage in innovative teaching practices.

Here is a summary of their proposals.

Colleen Golden: Learning to read is a process. Each child accomplishes the rewarding task of unlocking the code differently. At some point along the path students may need reinforcement in a particular skill area. My role, as the reading specialist, allows me to be a detective in figuring out in which discrete foundational skills individual students need reinforcement. My students would benefit from high-interest books at their level. The high-interest books would allow the students to practice the CCSS Foundational ELA standards in the context. I believe students who receive explicit instruction in a particular reading skill would greatly benefit from using the skill in context as a culmination of their hard work. High interest is important as many of the students I see may be reading at a different level from their peers; however, their interests are the same. The high-interest books will be placed in the individual students book boxes in their general education class. This will allow the students to read them with peers in class and provide an opportunity to read the books at home with their families. I appreciate your support in aiding students in catching and keeping the reading bug.

Maria Quintana: I have been working on coding games on the computer

with my first graders and they love it. It is challenging and fun for them. As the students create games, they sharpen their computer and keyboarding skills. I plan on purchasing Sphero Bots, small robots. Through using the Sphero Bots the students will be working not just with coding but they will also be learning and recognizing patterns, using math skills, looking at distance, using STEAM, and doing quite a bit of engineering by creating mazes and other challenges. The students will be problem solving at every step and working together to create new challenges.



UPS FRAUD ALERT

UPS sent me the following information. I think it is important information to share with you. - Karen

- UPS will not request personal information, financial information, account numbers, IDs, passwords or copies of invoices in an unsolicited manner through email, mail, text, phone or fax, especially in exchange for the transportation of goods and services.
- If you receive a message that appears to be from UPS that you believe is fraudulent, send a screenshot of the message or forward it to fraud@ups.com for investigation.
- Learn more about how to avoid phishing scams in this article from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

MARKETPLACE and SALES TAX

Why did Alpha Delta Kappa change to Marketplace to sell products?

- ▲ The Wayfair vs. South Dakota Court decision opened the door to require sales tax to be calculated by individual sales tax districts.
- ▲ There are 9,998 different sales tax jurisdictions in the U.S. Headquarters does not have staffing to manage necessary calculations.
- ▲ Transcend purchased the Green Company who is the AΔK jewelry provider and was the logical choice to manage online sales.
- ▲ Transcend has provided a link at the top left corner of the Marketplace Homepage where members may order and pay by check.

A World Understanding Experience While Traveling

By Grete Lima, *Beta Iota*

In November, 2019, my husband and I traveled to Mexico City to visit family and friends. We always try to visit a new destination when we travel there. We had arrived at the beginning of the Monarch butterfly wintering season, so we visited the Piedra Herrada preserve. We would see far fewer butterflies than in the peak season of January or February, but we decided to seize the moment and see what the experience would bring us. The setting was beautiful to behold at this particular preserve as our guide walked with us two miles up the mountainside. After about an hour and a half we began to see the occasional Monarch on the ground or resting on the branch of a bush. Finally we had climbed as far as we were allowed to. We stopped on a muddy, slippery slope where we could see that a hundred or so feet beyond us the Monarchs were clustering on the species of tree they seek out in this forest, a resinous Mexican pine called an ocote.

Looking to the sky we could see them a hundred feet above us, circling and fluttering to their destination. We stood, enchanted, reflecting on their mysterious flight south to this central area of Mexico from as far north as Canada, and the return trip back north. The guide explained to us that this journey takes place over a time period of three generations of butterflies. Those that depart from Canada are not the ones that arrive to Mexico. Those that return to Canada are not the ones that departed from Mexico. How does each generation know the flight path? It is a marvel of nature we humans are still trying to understand. If there is any way you are able to plan a visit to one of the preserves, it is not to be missed. The preserves are on communal property called *ejidos* and are carefully managed and well maintained.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye 'tis Information Time

- ▲ **State Convention registration deadline is March 20, 2020. The registration form is on the California website.**
- ▲ State Vice President for Membership Mari Page has developed a form for reporting the reason for a resignation. This form will be used to identify trends and compile reasons so they can be addressed in a proactive way.
- ▲ The State Altruistic Project “New Day for Children” will receive a final check at the State Convention. If a chapter still wishes to donate, it may send a check to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova by March 30. Write the charity on the memo line.
- ▲ Check the state website for State Chaplain Virginia Riding’s thoughts shared throughout the year. Look in Chaplain’s Chatter on the homepage.
- ▲ Has your Chapter Historian completed the two pages of

the State Historian’s book? The due date is May 15, 2020. The book will be presented to State President Karen Kirby at the State Convention in 2022. Instructions are on the state website under Historian’s Corner.

- ▲ The AΔK ceremonies have been updated. The ceremonies include:
 - 1. Welcoming a New Member**
 - 2. Honorary Member**
 - 3. Reinstated Member**
 - 4. Chapter Officer Installation**
 - 5. Memorial Service**
 - 6. Founders Day Program**The ceremonies are posted on the International website under **Documents and Forms**. Click on **Ceremonies**, then **Ceremonies Revised November 2019**.
- ▲ Send names of sister who recently joined the Omega chapters to State Chaplain Virginia Riding. Include the name they were known by if it is different from their listed name.

Here are some gems from State Chaplain Virginia Riding:

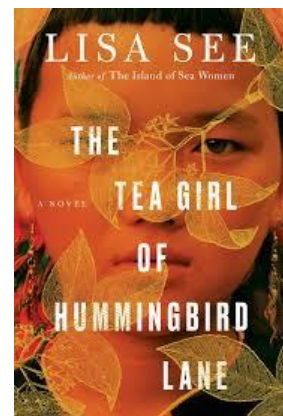
- ▲ Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why we call it ‘Present’. – Eleanor Roosevelt.
- ▲ Happiness does not come from doing what you like to do. It comes from liking what you have to do. – Wilford A. Peterson

Beta Omicron's Christmas Sock Donation

50 pairs of holiday socks were wrapped and donated to the residents at Elmcroft Assisted Living Community where Beta Omicron sister Carol Castlen now resides. Shown Carol holding the gifts and with a nurse at the facility.



Beta Iota President Grete Lima recently organized a Book Talk held at the Smiley Library in Redlands. Sisters from Inland Cities Council Chapters Alpha Delta, Beta Iota, Fidelis Iota and State President Karen Kirby attended. The book discussed was "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. What made this event unique and engaging was the presence of the author via Skype. Participants asked Ms. See questions about the characters, plot points and the cultivation of tea. Ms. See graciously answered questions for over an hour. Above: Participants pose with Lisa See on the screen.



MEMBERSHIP

By California Vice President for
Membership Mari Page

As the biennium comes to a close I would like to thank each of you and all of the chapters who have worked hard to increase membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. I was pleased to hear from quite a few chapters about their initiations of new members and reinstatement of former members. I hope that your chapter is preparing to reinstate or initiate new members or has already done so. We are now at the halfway point in our Membership Drive (January 1-April 30). However, it is not too late to invite a new prospective member to join your chapter, even if she will not be initiated until a later date. The Membership Campaign is not the only time we can recruit new members. Initiation can occur any time during the year. We always should be on the lookout for women educators that we can invite to our meetings or events. With all of our efforts, together we can continue to grow Alpha Delta Kappa and give the "The Gift of Membership" to other fine women educators in California. The pamphlet "The Gift of Membership" is on the International website.

EDUCATORS HELPING EDUCATORS

At the January Executive Board meeting, the California State Executive Board approved the distribution of funds from the Educators Helping Educators crisis relief fund to sixteen teachers at the Paradise Ridge Elementary School. The school burned down in the November 2018 Camp Fire near Chico, California. All of the students' families and most of the staff lost their homes and are still recovering from the traumatic event. The funds were requested to promote healing through the arts by providing each teacher with a multitude of visual and support arts supplies. This will allow them to provide an array of art lessons and activities for their students. With the funding, teachers will be able to purchase items such as watercolors, easel pads, modeling clay, musical instruments, CDs, CD players, and Bluetooth speakers. A total of \$4,800 was given. Margie Smith, *Beta Tau*, submitted the application on behalf of the teachers and the school.

The Longest Day Fundraiser by the Longest Day Chairman and California State Immediate Past President Diana Galvan

What is Alzheimer's?

Alzheimer's is a disease that slowly and irreversibly destroys memory and thinking skills. It is not curable yet, but researchers have identified biological evidence of the disease: amyloid plaques and tangles in the brain.

What is The Longest Day?

The Longest Day is an annual fundraiser to support efforts in research, education, care and support for victims, family and friends who have this debilitating disease. Alpha Delta Kappa International has adopted Alzheimer's Association as one of its International projects.

How do we help?

1. You and/or your chapter can set a goal to raise \$300 or more and join our "California Cares" team to fundraise. Let your chapter members, friends, and family know that you are fundraising for Alzheimer's and how they can donate to support your efforts.
2. Go to www.alz.org/adk
3. Choose *Find a Participant*
4. Type in *California Cares*. You will be taken to the Team Page of "California Cares".
5. Choose either *Join our Team* or *Donate*.

Members and friends are encouraged to participate in fundraising by doing something FUN to raise money. Game days are great. You can invite people who are not members of Alpha Delta Kappa to join you for an afternoon of fun. How about a garage sale, gently used jewelry auction, dinner out at contributing restaurants or a pottery party? Pass a jar for "The Longest Day" contributions at your chapter meetings. Donations can be made **anytime** starting now through the end of June.

As your "California Cares" team captain, I encourage you to join with your AΔK sisters to surpass our fundraising from last year.

How do I donate? Choose either method:

1. Use a **credit card** online.
 - a. Go to www.alz.org/adk
 - b. Click "Donate to the cause" at the top of the page
 - c. Click "Donate to a team" and type in **California Cares**. Click Search.
 - d. At the "California Cares" team page, scroll down to "Team Members" and select your chapter or individual. You may also donate directly to the "California Cares" team. Click "Donate" and fill in the form.
2. Mail **checks** to me.
 - a. Make the checks out to "**Alzheimer's Association**"
 - b. Indicate which chapter team or individual to support.
 - c. Mail checks to: Diana Galvan, 2402 Ridgeside Ct., Roseville, CA 95661



Thank you, Joanne Grimm, *Alpha Alpha*, for editing this newsletter and all the other newsletters this biennium. I have learned so much from you. You are truly a piece of California Gold!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 20, 2020: State Convention registration deadline**
- **April 1, 2020: First Timers from each council due to Karen Kirby**
- **April 15, 2020: Regional Mini Scholarship applications due.**
- **April 24 - 26, 2020: California State Convention: San Jose, California.**
- **April 30, 2020: International Membership Campaign ends.**
- **May 1 (or prior): H-107 form: Report of Chapter Officers due to International**
- **May 2020: Chapter Historians' deadline to complete 2 pages in Historian Book**
- **June 21, 2020: Alzheimer's Association Longest Day**
- **June 31, 2020: Report of all Chapter Officers due to State President-Elect**
- **July 13 - 16, 2020: NW/SW Regional Conference: Honolulu, Hawaii**
- **August 31, 2020: Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) due**