



# PEARLS OF WISDOM

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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## President's Message

I step into the position of your State President with excitement, anticipation, and a bit of trepidation. I am excited about the possibilities ahead in this new biennium. I anticipate we will accomplish what we set out to do. The trepidation comes from knowing whom I follow in this job, knowing I have big (figuratively) shoes to fill.

The theme for this biennium is **“Ride the Wave of Inspiration.”**

I knew I wanted an ocean wave incorporated in my logo design. The ocean was a big part of my life. I grew up in San Clemente, California, and I was one of those tanned, blonde beach bunnies the Beach Boys were always singing about. Body surfing was my water sport. I won't tell you how long ago that was, but if there was a Golden Sister award for beach bunnies, I would qualify.

The wave is also a shout-out to the Marina District, my home district, and my council, Orange Coast Council.

I added a pearl to the logo for several reasons. Besides coming from the ocean, it is a symbol of Alpha Delta Kappa. We have it on our badges and guards, and we

strive to be 7-Pearl chapters. Our founders chose the perfect symbol in the pearl. It symbolizes wisdom gained through experience. Wisdom gained through experience is exactly what those of us in education and in Alpha Delta Kappa achieve both in the classroom and in our chapters. I aim to do that as well this new biennium.

There is a wonderful passage about the pearl: “ From humble beginnings as a grain of sand, the pearl slowly grows into an object of beauty and simplicity. Symbols of **honesty, integrity, prosperity, and wisdom**, pearls represent the best in us.” I placed a pearl in my logo as a symbol of the best in all of us and the best in Alpha Delta Kappa.

I challenge each one of you to inspire others. Inspire them to bring out their best and to bring out the best in their fellow sisters as well. I will challenge myself to do so also.

I also urge you to draw inspiration from your Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. There is so much we can learn from each other and so much we can do together. Together let's **“Ride the Wave of Inspiration”** in California Alpha Delta Kappa.

**Karen Kirby**  
**California State President**

## President Karen Kirby's Goals for 2018 – 2020:

1. To see each chapter initiate one new member each year of the biennium. *This was a goal last biennium. I am continuing with this important goal.*
2. To inspire at least 30% of California's chapters to receive Alpha Delta Kappa's 7-Pearl Award, *23 chapters represented California at the NW/SW regional conference. This is a pearl requirement. These 23 chapters are eligible for 7 pearls.*
3. To inspire at least 30% of California's chapters not eligible to receive a 7-Pearl Award (see #2) to receive 6 Pearls. *Those chapters will receive special recognition for striving toward excellence.*
4. To increase attendance at all California district conferences and the 2020 State Convention by 20%. *This is a chance for me to meet my California sisters face to face and listen to you. I hope to see many more of you at your district conference and at the 2020 State Convention.*
5. To provide each chapter, council, and state officer training so each officer understands the duties and responsibilities of their office. *The California State Executive Board will prepare updated officer training materials. I will be relying on state officers to disseminate these materials in a timely manner.*
6. To support altruistic endeavors at all levels of Alpha Delta Kappa. *This includes St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Alzheimer's Association at the International level; New Day for Children at our state level; all and any projects at the council and chapter levels*

7. To continue to use technology as an effective and efficient method of communication while also focusing on personal contact. *The California AΔK website and the President's Newsletters have proven to be effective communication tools. However, sometimes, human interaction is the best method of communication, something I feel we all need to return to.*

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**Fifty-three California sisters attended the NW/SW Regional conference in Anchorage, Alaska.** Here we are, gathered on the Grand Staircase posed for the California State picture. Seated in the front row are Past State President and Past International President **Mayme Chinn**, Past State President and current International Vice President for the Southwest Region **Mollie Acosta**, and Past State President and Past International Vice President for the Southwest Region **Dorothy Vaio**. Do you recognize any other California sisters?

## Noel Leonard Recipients

Five California sisters represented their councils at the NW/SW Regional Conference and received \$100 from the Noel Leonard Leadership Grant. They are:

Monda Forrestal – San Diego Council

Linda Guitron – Golden Gate Council

Mary Krause – Sierra Council

Carol Valcarcel – Orange Coast Council

Susan Raffo – Peninsula South Bay Council

CONGRATULATIONS

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## CA State Altruistic Project 2018 – 2020 New Day for Children

Congratulations. New Day for Children is the new State Altruistic project nominated by Beta Upsilon. New Day for Children operates restorative programs for girls from the ages of 10 to 18 who have been victims of sex trafficking. Their facilities are located in Northern CA and support a statewide population with partner locations in the Western US. The project provides the girls with schooling as they work toward their high school diplomas, and as they transition to college or careers. The project also provides safe housing, therapy and emotional

healing for these girls in an attempt to lift them out of their desperate situations. New Day for Children receives no government funding but is supported by voluntary donations. CA AΔK is looking forward to supporting this worthy project. [www.NewDayforChildren.com](http://www.NewDayforChildren.com)

Submitted by:  
Linda Warfield  
State Altruistic Chairperson  
2016 – 2018

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### Friendship Faire NW/SW Regional Conference



The theme of our table at the Friendship Fair was “California: the Playground of the USA.” We had paddle balls and wooden catch ball games to play while we passed out California Gold (butterscotch candy). A projected slide show of California’s landmarks completed our display. Thanks goes to Mari Page for her help in planning and carrying out our theme. A good time was had by all!

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**“Stories help us understand more than any other form of communication.” – Joanne Grimm, Southwest Region Chaplain**



## Educators Helping Educators Crisis Relief Funds Available

Recent disasters have caused havoc in many areas of our state. The California Executive Board has established a process and an application to disseminate funds to help our members and fellow educators who suffer losses from disasters.

A request for funds may be submitted by a member. Members or chapters aware of someone in need of assistance may request funds. Help may be requested on behalf of a member, an individual non-member or for educators at a school site.

Two funding sources are available. The California Educators Helping Educators funds may be given to members or to non-members. International Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation funds donated to California for disaster relief may be given to members only.

To request funds, go to the state website, [adkcalif.org](http://adkcalif.org), and click on the Educators Helping Educators Application found in Forms on the right side of the home page.

To make a donation to the California Educators Helping Educators, please send a check to State Treasurer Marlene Cordova. Make the check payable to California Alpha Delta Kappa with Educators Helping Educators on the memo line.

California Cares team raised **\$5,806** for Alzheimer's Association in 2018. In the annual **"The Longest Day"** fundraiser, California AΔK ranked **#4** in the nation, only \$55 behind "Heartbeats of Kentucky" as the campaign closed. Alpha Delta Kappa, as a global sponsor, raised **\$125,535**, far surpassing its goal of \$50,000.

This annual opportunity to support Alzheimer's Association, one of Alpha Delta Kappa's International altruistic projects, grows each year. California's team captain, Past State President Diana Galvan, thanks each individual and chapter for their contributions. Special recognition goes to **Dorean Barnes, Beta Rho, for raising \$1,851 and to Beta Eta chapter for its \$1,000 contribution.** Funds raised support research and education about this devastating illness that affects so many people. Details are available at [alz.org/adk](http://alz.org/adk).

Diana Galvan, Immediate Past Pres.

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Chapter President Donna Hyde (center) holds the California Chapter Membership Award presented to Gamma Mu at the May state convention.

**Share your chapter's news in the next newsletter. Send articles and information to Karen Kirby [adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com)**

# GRANTS

requirements are on the International web site under Grants.

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## California District Mini-Grants

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 to each district in the state. Applications are short, easy to complete and are available on the CA state web site. Application deadline is **October 30**.

## Regional Mini-Grants

**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**.

## Innovation and Classroom Grants

**November 1** is the deadline for submitting applications for the **Innovative** and the **Classrooms** grants. The purpose of both 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



## Pearls of Achievement

How did your chapter do this past year in gathering those pearls? Pearls signify more than just garnering them to achieve a 7-Pearl status. Pearls indicate how many of the 5 required forms your chapter has submitted, along with initiating or reinstating a member and if your chapter sent a delegate to a regional conference or an international convention.

I remember, as a classroom teacher, how frustrated I was when assignments were not turned in on time. I spent an inordinate amount of time retrieving those assignments. I feel the same way about the forms that are required for Pearls. Each form is something International requires us to complete so they can do their jobs as stewards of our organization. I, personally, have spent an inordinate amount of time chasing down missing chapter forms. State board officers have had the same experience.

I ask you all to be sensitive to deadlines, and to turn in required forms by the deadline. Not just to gather pearls, but to do the business of our organization in a timely manner.

**Now, on to some accolades.**

There were **18** California chapters that achieved 7-Pearl status. **That is an amazing number.** I thank Past President Diana Galvan for making this achievement a priority. These outstanding chapters are:

Alpha	Beta Iota
Beta	Beta Kappa
Eta	Beta Rho
Theta	Beta Tau
Xi	Beta Upsilon
Phi	Gamma Eta
Alpha Lambda	Gamma Lambda
Alpha Nu	Gamma Mu
Beta Eta	Gamma Nu

There were **14** chapters who achieved 6-Pearl status:

Gamma	Beta Alpha
Zeta	Beta Zeta
Lambda	Beta Xi
Alpha Alpha	Beta Omicron
Alpha Omicron	Beta Pi
Alpha Pi	Gamma Beta
Alpha Phi	Gamma Sigma

These chapters missed 7-Pearl status for two reasons. Either they did not initiate or reinstate a new member (6 chapters), or they did not send a chapter representative to the NW/SW Regional conference (8 chapters). In 2019, the requirement in this category will be to attend the International Convention.

All 14 chapters completed the required forms on time.

I hope the requirements of attendance to a regional conference or to an international convention will be reconsidered. There should be sensitivity to the time restrictions for our actively teaching sisters and the cost of

travel to these venues. Chapters should not be penalized for not attending these events.

I personally asked International President Sue Pelchat to ask her board to reconsider this requirement. I suggested the attendance to a state convention as an addition to this pearl requirement.

Keep on top of those form deadlines, and let's see if we can improve California's pearls score.

Karen

#### **Friendly Reminder to Chapter Presidents**

To help your chapter stay on top of the required forms, you might want to appoint a Pearls Monitor. That sister would follow the Pearls Calendar and the Pearls Report which may be accessed on the homepage of the California AΔK website.

#### **Friendly Reminder to Treasurers**

Hello Ladies. Welcome to the 2018-2020 biennium. Now that your chapters are planning their altruistic and scholarship fund-raising activities, please be aware of your responsibility when holding a **raffle**. The State of California, Department of Justice, requires that you file an "Application for Registration" Form, include your "Entity Status Letter" and send \$20 made payable to the Department of Justice.

The registration period is from September 1 through August 31. Upon approval, the Registry of Charitable Trusts will send a confirmation letter confirming your registration that includes a raffle permit number and expiration date. You may register more than

one raffle on the application. After your raffle or raffles you must submit a "Nonprofit Raffle Report" for all of them no later than October 1. **If you sent in an application last biennium, you need to file the "Nonprofit Raffle Report" by this coming October 1.** All directions and forms are located on the California ADK Website under "Treasurer's Corner". If you need assistance, please contact me.

Marlene Cordova  
California State Treasurer  
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These women are the founders of Alpha Delta Kappa. **They are Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall and Hattie Poppino.**

What is your chapter doing to honor them during October, Founders' Month? There are some great suggestions for Founders' Day on the International website. Type Founders Day in the search window to access the ideas.

Please send photos of your activities to Karen Kirby:  
[adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com)



**Notice: There is a new address for AΔK Foundation donations. It is:**

**AΔK Foundation  
P.O. Box 870567  
Kansas City, MO  
64187-0567**



### **Excellence in Education Award**

The Excellence in Education Award recognizes members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education. The nominees' adjudication is based on professional dedication, knowledge, skills, professional achievement and success, school/community collaboration, contributions to the educational process and active involvement in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Excellence in Education Chairman Andrea Street received 8 nominations for the Excellence in Education Award. They were:

**Michelle Heffner**, *Gamma Nu*, nominated by Carol Valcarcel.

**Wendeline Borowski**, *Gamma Nu*, nominated by Carol Valcarcel.

**Kelly V. Meade**, *Zeta*, nominated by Susan Blough.

**Monda Forrestal**, *Beta Omicron*, nominated by Tina Ziegler.

**Laura Daniel**, *Gamma Eta*, nominated by Lynne Keating.

**Stephanie Sugano**, *Beta Eta*, nominated by Susan Goto.

**Gena McArdle**, *Beta Eta*, nominated by Diane Filice.

**Connie Rowden**, *Beta Eta*, nominated by Kim Gerould.

The 2018 winner of this prestigious award was **Michelle Heffner**, *Gamma Nu Chapter*. Michelle was presented with the award at our state convention in May.

Andrea will continue on as Chairman of this committee. Sister nominated may be nominated again.



Did you know Fraternity Education should be a part of your chapter meeting? This can sound like a dry topic, but The International Membership Committee has come to your rescue. There are 45 **NEW AND FRESH** fraternity education activities on the International website titled "**FUN, FREE FRATERNITY EDUCATION FOR YOU!**" The activities will infuse some fun into your meetings. On the International website home page, click on Meetings in the yellow ribbon. Click on Chapter meetings then click on Fraternity Education. From the middle, click on 2018 Fraternity Education Activities – download this booklet. Click on the one you want. **Have fun with them!**

**California Zeta Chapter** was awarded the **2017 Regional Distinguished Program Award**. The Alpha Delta Kappa Distinguished Program Award is designed to recognize chapters that have outstanding programs to promote involvement and attendance of members, plus attract the attention of prospective members through creativity and uniqueness.

Zeta's lavish Scholarship Tea "Ponder the Pen" attracted 160 guests and raised \$6,000 in scholarship money for prospective teachers and another \$1,400 for altruistic projects at the May, 2017 event.

**International Vice President for the Southwest Region Mollie Acosta** said, "Zeta chapter's annual Scholarship Tea is the ultimate outstanding program, an altruistic endeavor where all members of the chapter come together to support excellence in education AND promote membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. It was delightful to witness the fruits of their labor when I attended the 2018 Scholarship Tea this past spring. Congratulations, Zeta sisters!"



**Thank you all for your kind words and support. I love my California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters!**

**Karen**