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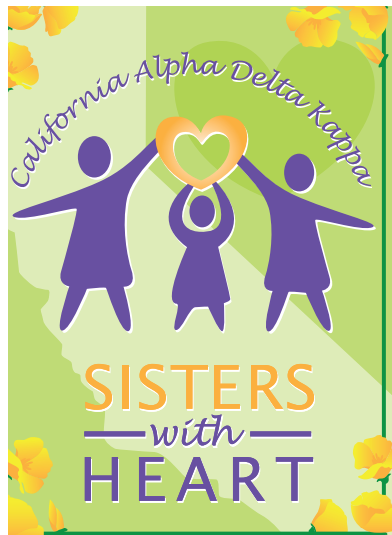
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CALIFORNIA ALPHA DELTA
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SISTERS WITH HEART

Hello, Sisters with Heart!

All of a sudden, the holiday season is here! The decorated trees in the stores, the ads on TV, the carols on the radio - all reminders that the season of giving is here. This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, when we give thanks for family and friends. I give thanks for my sisters in Alpha Delta Kappa who are also my best friends! I give thanks to you for all you do for AΔK!. As you think about giving this year, think about giving the gift of AΔK to a fellow teacher. Invite her to come with you to your chapter's December meeting. Let her experience the commradery, the support, and the good cheer AΔK sisters provide. Give her the "feel good" feelings we get when we support our altruistic projects. Allow her the opportunity to apply for Regional, State and District scholarships. Remember that we are an honor sorority and that you are honoring another teacher when you consider her as a member!

May you and yours have the most wonderful holidays ever!

Mary Ann



FLASH.....NEWS FLASH.....

We just received permission from International Headquarters to make the following announcements:

The Executive Board of California Alpha Delta Kappa is privileged to announce that Susan Raffo of California Beta Rho chapter has qualified as a candidate for International Vice President of the Southwest region. Our best wishes are extended to her and to all candidates for International office.

AND...

The Executive Board of California Alpha Delta Kappa is privileged to announce that Mollie Acosta of Xi chapter has qualified as a candidate for International Executive Board Two Year Member. Our best wishes are extended to her and to all candidates for International office.

SUPPORT SUSAN AND MOLLIE BY SENDING A DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

JULY 8TH-11TH, 2015

Remember, every chapter now has two votes! Send your delegates and alternates! Salt Lake City is right next door!! Registration details are in the December Kappan. International President June Bellamy provided a great tip: if your chapter fills a 3 liter soda bottle with dimes, you'll have about \$300.00 for your International Convention delegate's expenses. It's an easy and fun way to raise money!

State Board Statements!

Would you like to be on the State Board?

With the resignation of our very much missed Kerry Hackman, the position of Corresponding Secretary is open! Do you like to travel? Do you like to meet new sisters? Contact State President Mary Ann if you are interested in being our new Corresponding Secretary!!

State Board Actions

At the November Executive Board meeting, the State Board voted to change the rotation of the State Conventions to alternate between the more northern and more southern halves of the state. The new rotation beginning in 2016 will be Valley, Marina, Northern, Southern. We looked into establishing a Facebook page for California AΔK; however, the International Facebook page is already in place and would serve the same purpose as well as give sisters connections across the country.

Resolutions!

Occasionally, the California State Board does something out of the ordinary and definitely worthy of your notice! We have submitted two resolutions to International. After the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference this past summer, there was much discussion about the need for International's decision making processes to be more inclusive. The first resolution asks International to accommodate the needs of members by obtaining more input from state and local

leaders in determining the date and location of regional conferences. The second resolution asks International to actively seeking input of state/national/provincial leaders regarding items on the International Board's agenda.

Also, Alpha Psi has submitted a resolution requesting consideration of a different way to attach our pins to clothing that uses a separate piece of material.

If these resolutions get through the International Resolutions Committee, they will be presented at the International Convention in Salt Lake City in July, 2015. Make your travel plans now so your chapter's voice can be heard in consideration of these resolutions!

Bylaws

So chapters can maintain their "non-profit" status, the IRS requires that they must have a governing document - such as bylaws. The State Executive Board recommends that all chapters in the state retain their bylaws. This fall, chapters must vote to either retain their bylaws and submit a "Letter of Certification", or vote to suspend their bylaws and prepare an official statement for their Policies and Procedures Manual for the State Bylaws Chairman. Bylaws chairman sent letters to all chapters asking for the results of their chapter's vote. Most chapters will vote to retain their bylaws and check the first box. Then just send the letter back to Susan!

Susan Raffo, Beta Rho
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From International!

santa's Gift List for Alpha Delta Kappa

- ☒ **Each chapter will now have two delegates and two alternatives. Yes, this means each chapter will have two votes at our next International Convention.**
- ☒ **Excellence in Education—The Excellence in Education Committee will now be a standing committee.**
- ☒ **Pilot Study at Ball State—Lynette Varner, Chairman will be manning a pilot program at Ball State. We are considering Alpha Delta Kappa Associate membership for Education Majors. More news coming in future about this study.**
- ☒ **ITE Students will be at our International Convention. We will have one weekend at International and one at our Convention per Biennium in the future.**
- ☒ **CNA—Heads Up. This form is in process of revision. Changes will make this form easier to complete.**
- ☒ **Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship at a Glance will soon have a quick link on website.**
- ☒ **All Resolution Actions and Feasibility studies will be printed in the December Kappan.**

Alpha Delta Kappa Classroom Grant

International Chapter accepted a proposal to allocate funds for the Alpha Delta Kappa Classroom Grant. Starting in November 2015, up to five \$400 grants will be awarded annually by the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation. These grants are available to teachers who are **NOT** members of Alpha Delta Kappa. Watch for more details on this grant in the Kappan and on the web sites.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS!

Maxine B. Pettibone Scholarship

The Maxine B. Pettibone Scholarship is awarded to the direct descendants of active members of Alpha Delta Kappa. This scholarship was created for students working on their Master's degree in education who have the#

aspiration of continuing as outstanding educators in the field of education. The scholarship recipient shall have already displayed success through completion and attainment of certification with undergraduate coursework for teaching in his/her chosen major area of study. Recipients may be invited to present during International convention or regional conference(s). The fall semester scholarship application must be postmarked or received electronically on or before March 1 and the spring semester scholarship must be postmarked or received electronically on or before September 1.

Future Educator Scholarship

The Alpha Delta Kappa Future Educator Scholarship is awarded to assist education majors in their final two semesters of coursework with tuition, room and board and course materials. This scholarship was developed for students who display potential to be excellent educators. The Future Educator Scholarship will be awarded annually to one recipient from each of the seven Alpha Delta Kappa regions. The scholarship application packet must be postmarked or received electronically on or before March 1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNNE KEATING, CALIFORNIA GAMMA ETA,
WINNER OF \$200 REGIONAL MINI-SCHOLARSHIP!!

YOU ARE EARNING PEARLS IF:

- Your treasurer has sent in your chapter dues (1/2 point for timely reporting)
- Your chapter has shown positive net growth:
 - Chapter Balance (15 or more members with at least 50 percent of the members actively engaged/employed in education).
 - Retention Rate of 90 percent or higher
- ePostcard filed on time
- Annual Chapter Highlights Summary (H-114) submitted to Headquarters by August 1st
- Copy of the Chapter Needs Assessment EVEN YEAR completed and submitted
- Chapter represented at Regional Conference
- Observed Alpha Delta Kappa Month and reported it on the H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary form
- Colonized or sponsored a new chapter

World Understanding

Dear CA Sisters:

How very fitting that Native American Heritage is featured this November by CTA and that our World Understanding Project is *Books on the Move* with the Cheyenne River Lakota/Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

I had the opportunity to work with Quechan Tribal members in Winterhaven, CA for 10 yrs. at San Pasqual Valley USD before moving to Palm Springs USD. It was a wonderful experience that I cherish and I visit Tribal offices, and my “small necessary CA school district” each time that I travel to Yuma, AZ. Winterhaven is the last little CA town before crossing into Arizona or to Los Algodones, Baja, Mexico. It has a very special place in my heart.

Please see the following ideas to share Native American Heritage with your chapter:



American Indian Heritage Month

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we will make for our children."

—Tatanka Iotanka (Sitting Bull)

Recommended:

[Amazing Grace in Cherokee](#)

[Oyate.org](#)

Awards

[Read about CTA's Human Rights Awards, including the Jim Clark American Indian/Alaska Native Human Rights Award](#)

[Kristy Orona-Ramirez of Alvord Educators Association is Jim Clark American Indian/Alaska Native Human Rights Award recipient for 2014](#)

Classroom resources

[Smithsonianeducation.org](#)

[Educationworld.com](#)

[Readwritethink.org](#)

[Learn about civil rights hero that opened state's public schools to Native Americans](#)

Listen to songs of American Indian women

[Folkways](#)

[National Gallery of Art](#)

View the National Museum of the American Indian's online art gallery

[National Museum of the American Indian](#)



Meet Christel Biasell!!

Another of California's nominees for the Excellence in Education Award is the amazing Christel Biasell. Christel teaches K-12 music education in a rural school district in the Central Valley foothills. Yes! Kindergarten through 12th grade! In addition to music classes for primary grades at two school sites, Christel is the choir director for Yosemite High School.

Christel has been a music educator for 36 years and has taught in the Yosemite Unified School District for more than 20 years. In many ways, she IS the music program for the district. She states, "I have focused on creating lesson plans that were fun for the students as well as educational. It has/is my intention to foster an atmosphere in my classroom of tolerance, kindness and patience, but at the same time, asking for effort and participation from the students."

Christel truly embodies the altruistic spirit of Alpha Delta Kappa. For the past 8 years, she and her students have given a charity concert. The proceeds of the concert are given directly to children in Africa who are at risk of starvation. They have given the funds for food through the well known and respected charitable organization, World Vision. One of the most enjoyable fundraising events that Christel has produced and directed is the "Evening of Entertainment" that showcases the talents of high school students in all aspects of musical entertainment. Also, in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa, Christel has given monthly financial support to the Calvin Crest Outdoor

Education Program and the Fresno Institute of Urban Leadership.

Xi Chapter initiated Christel in 2010. In addition to her very busy teaching career, she has served as chapter co-president and chaplain. She is an active member of the National Association of Music Education, the American Choral Directors Association and the Fresno and Madera Counties Music Educators Association. I am SO proud that Christel is my Xi sister!



**Say 'Hi' to
Romina!**

It's been on again, off again, and now it's sort of on again!! California has been asked to adopt Romina Peschiera for the month of February. Romina is from Peru and is attending Columbia University in New York City. Her birthday is February 27th. Let's be her "Aunties" and send her birthday greetings, Valentines, tokens and notes in February. Her contact information is:

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**"Sisters with Giving Hearts"
Northern District Conference
2014!**



Northern District sisters came together at the lovely Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco for a welcoming and well planned conference on October 11, 2014. The Golden Gate Council chapters of Beta, Kappa, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Psi, and Beta Xi hosted, with Golden Gate Council President Shirley Perkins chairing the meeting.

The day began with time for mixing and greeting old and new friends from across the district, as sisters enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast and beverages, and admired the wonderful table decorations.

After Shirley welcomed sisters, State Chaplain Joanne Grimm reminded the group of the ideals, purposes and generosity of our Alpha Delta Kappa. Attendance was outstanding, and reported at 132, including eight state board members. Fraternal education included introductions of the state officers, followed by State President Mary Ann Englehart's address. Mary Ann spoke of our founders' desires to create an organization that would help women bond together, while growing as leaders and compassionate individuals. She stressed the need to make Alpha Delta Kappa strong through growth.



Members joined together to sing "The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa," and then attended breakout sessions for officer training or workshops on Bylaws, Policies and Procedures; Scholarship; Altruistic Projects or Fun and Frolic in Retirement. Participation in the workshops was lively, and provided those present with opportunities to gain training, share ideas, discuss issues and network with each other.

A social time preceded lunch - more time for conversation, laughter, catching up with news from chapters and sisters, and sharing stories. Shirley provided remarks and Joanne reminded us of the tale of Anansi the spider and why wisdom can be found everywhere. A served luncheon was provided, and in addition to great food, the wait staff was very friendly and accommodating.

In testament to their theme, "Sisters with Giving Hearts," Northern District sisters donated gift cards, money, books or toys to the San Francisco Fire Department Toy Program. It was reported that \$750 plus toys and books was collected, thanks to the generosity of



Immediate Past State President Mollie Acosta awards Past State President Susan Raffo

chapters and members.

The day ended with the State Executive Board's presentation of "Vile Villianesses" of Disney, with narration by "Walt Disney"/Mary Ann and with other board members portraying the villainesses. They closed their skit by singing to the tune of "When you wish upon a star..." - "When your heart's in AΔK, every day's a sunny day!"

Thank you to all the California sisters who attended and especially those who presented workshops. You did a great job!

CHAPTER NEWS!

Happy 50th Anniversary to:

CA Beta Theta - December 12, 1964

CA Beta Iota - January 17, 1965



Beta Upsilon voted to donate up to 50 books to a student teacher who is collecting books to teach children the Love of Reading.

Beta and **Xi** chapters are collecting Christmas gifts for children! **Beta Iota** will be making fleece blankets for their Christmas families.

Be sure to let State President Mary Ann know the outstanding things your chapter is doing!!

Membership Idea

Beta Iota filled baskets with pencils marked "ADK Honors Educators". Sisters signed up to deliver these baskets to school sites.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

1/1: State and Chapter treasurers send dues to International. (Postmarks after 1/31 are delinquent)

1/10: Marina District Conference

1/31: Regional professional Development Scholarship App. sent to Regional Scholarship Programs Committee Chair

2/1: **May Kappan** deadline State Publicity Chair send any CO news

2/15: Deadline for Fine Arts Grants Application sent to Intl Headquarters

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THANK YOU!!

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