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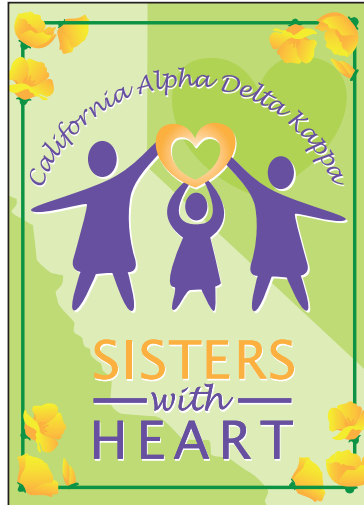
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SISTERS WITH
HEART

Hello, Sisters with Heart!

New beginnings are always
exciting and always opportunities

to change and grow! One of the comments in the Presidents' Council Survey done at the State Convention made a definite impression on me. This sister said, "Our group needs to re-examine the goals/purpose of AΔK.... to commit to work individually and together with the goals as our guide." With Founders Day right around the corner, let us remember the goals and purpose of our founders. Agnes Shipman Robertson and Marie Neal felt, "Something was needed to draw teachers together in small groups to enhance their professional attitudes and attributes." This is the founding purpose of Alpha Delta Kappa. Let us make it our unifying goal. Let us find outstanding educators and bring them into our small groups to enhance their professionalism through scholarship and allow their attributes of compassion and caring to blossom through our altruistic efforts. Agnes said, "If I'm ever going to do it, I must do it now." If we're ever going to do it, we must do it now! As you meet for Founders Day, I would like all of California chapters and sisters to reflect on our goals and purpose and to recommit ourselves. I look forward to the opportunity to leading you, Sisters with Heart, in working together to achieve that goal!

Mary Ann



Meet Your State Board!!

From left to right, Mary Ann Englehart, State President; Diana Galvan, President Elect; Karen Kirby, Treasurer; Lynne Keating, Recording Secretary; Kerry Hackman, Corresponding Secretary; Sara Cooper, Historian/Sargent at Arms; Joanne Grimm, Chaplain; Rebecca Sikes, Vice President/Membership; Mollie Acosta, Past State President.

State Board Statements!

State Chaplain, Joanne Grimm:

Twenty seconds. A blink, a sneeze, the time it takes to blow a bubble. The rule of thumb for grabbing the attention of an audience is the first 20 seconds. A good beginning says the old adage forecasts a good ending.

Plato, the Greek philosopher, stresses that “the beginning is the most important part of any work.”

A beginning is what one makes it. There are 57 synonyms for beginning in the English language. All of them mean the same thing. A new start, a change, a hope, another chance.

Henry Ford who knew a few things about taking chances and making beginnings said, “Coming together is beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.

Today we begin our work together. It is our opportunity to make these next two years the best of times not only for ourselves but for the hundreds of sisters who depend upon us. And so we begin.

State Vice President: Becky Sikes

Embracing Our New Biennium

Last biennium I was your state chaplain, so I may be familiar to some of you. As “Sisters with Heart” we all know the struggles of our sisters are facing in the classroom and in our communities. One of the top five ways teachers and women thrive and continue to be healthy dynamic people is by having friends and social networks that encourage and support them. The goal for this biennium is one new sister for each chapter. Of course you can initiate more, but a minimum of one per chapter will allow us California Alpha Delta sisters to show positive growth. So let’s get out there and get “s’more” sisters.

State Treasurer, Karen Kirby:

I want to thank all the chapters who sent in their C-1 reports and e-postcard verifications, especially those who turned them in by the deadline. As of this writing, I am still waiting for reports from two chapters. I applaud Alpha Rho for being the first chapter to submit these reports!

Chapters may send checks for the State Altruistic Project, Schools on Wheels, to me at any time (see address below). Remember to make the check out to ADK California. Thank you, Gamma Tau, for your generous donation.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the District Conferences. With all the emails back and forth, I feel as if I know many of you already. You may contact me at adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com. My address is posted on the California Alpha Delta Kappa website under Treasurer's Corner.

I have saved the best for last: **Dues are Due January 1, 2015**. Chapter Treasurers should have received their annual **H-138 Members Payment Record**. Here are detailed instructions for dues collection and disbursement.

1. Make a copy of the H-138 as it is no longer a 3-part form.
2. On the copy add a column for CA State dues which remain at \$20 per member, unless exempt for Limited Status or Life Membership.

3. Collect the dues and indicate payment on this copy.
4. When complete, make another copy for your chapter records and send one to CA State Treasurer, **Karen Kirby, 21921 Calatrava., Mission Viejo, CA 92692**, with your chapter's state dues check made out to ADK California.
5. Track international dues on the original H-133. Make a copy for your records before mailing it to International with your chapter's international dues check made out to Alpha Delta Kappa.
6. Please collect and mail your dues in December or early January to avoid late fees. Do not wait for one or two late members.
7. Any dues received at International or at the State after January 31st will incur a \$5.00 late fee for **both** International and State.

State Historian, Sara Cooper:

Learn from the past, preserve the present, and give hope to the future. Those are the words of our amazing historian, Sara Cooper. Sara is a member of Beta Iota Chapter in the Inland Cities Council of the Southern District. Sara has created an excellent power point for chapter historians. Click the link on the Historian's Corner page of the State website to see it!

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Meet Kim Gerould

California hasn't had a nominee for the Excellence in Education Award for a while, but in 2014, we had three! It was a difficult decision, but our Excellence in Education Committee chose the marvelous Kim Gerould.

Kim teaches in a multiage classroom in Greenhills School in the Eureka Union School District. As a matter of fact, she and a teaching partner piloted the multiage program at her school in 2002, and it is still going strong after 13 years. She is responsible for the educational and social experience of 43 kindergartners, first and second grade students within that dynamic multiage setting. Children experience a multitude of language arts skills such as, spelling, poetry, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. Students collaborate together on various science, math or language arts lessons and a classroom garden. Kim states, "I am so fortunate to be able to teach in a multiage program within a public school setting. It is the perfect channel for the high regard I give toward making long-term connections with my students and families. It has also allowed me to instill in my students a much more meaningful sense of service to others that I could not achieve in a single grade, single year classroom."

Beta Eta chapter initiated Kim in 2007. In addition to a very active teaching career, she has served as chapter historian and vice president. In 2002, Kim received the James P. Roberts Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. She was named among "Teachers Who Make A Difference" by the Placer County Office of Education in 2005. Prudential California Realty awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award. Aren't we lucky Kim is our sister?!



Northwest/ Southwest Regional Conference!!

Your California Sisters had a rip roarin' good time in Cheyenne, Wyoming! Hats, boots, buffaloes, and great fraternal fellowship were plentiful! Perhaps the best part of the conference was the opportunity to share with the many International representatives there as well as our Northwest and Southwest sisters. We were able to share



concerns about attracting and keeping younger members. Please share your good ideas, too!

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





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International World Understanding Project

International has announced that the new World Understanding Project is Books on the Move. This is a literacy initiative that will bring the world of reading to the members of the Cheyenne River Lakota/Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. This project is a joint venture with Hawkwing Inc. and the Dakota Club Library. Hawkwing, Inc. was founded in order to fulfill a promise made to a Lakota grandmother to "go home and help the People." This project will fund the purchase of a bookmobile, two computers, scanning equipment, books and resource materials. Vehicle maintenance, insurance and gas will also be provided for one year. The bookmobile will provide easy access to books and encourage reading among members of the Lakota/Sioux tribe. It will help increase literacy and graduation rates in this remote, high poverty area. The final aspect of the project will promote intergenerational interaction focusing on reading and education. Donations will be collected from now through the 2015 International Convention. Please send donations to: The Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation, 1615 W 92nd St, Kansas City,

MO 64114. Please make checks out to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation and print "Books on the Move" in the memo line.

2014-2016 California State Altruistic Project

School on Wheels

School on Wheels provides one on one tutoring services to 2,800 homeless children in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Here's the website: <http://>



www.schoolonwheels.org/about-us/our-history. Your support of our Altruistic Project is greatly appreciated! Donations may be sent to our State Treasurer, Karen Kirby.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

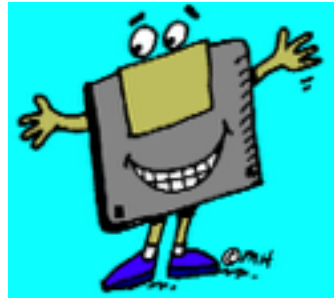
October 1st: Chapter Needs Assessment is due to International.

October 15: Postmark deadline for proposed amendments to the International Bylaws.

October 11: Northern District Conference

October 15: Postmark deadline for proposed 2015 Resolutions to be received by International Resolutions Committee

October 30: District Mini-Scholarship applications are due.



Be sure to check out the California web site at www.adkcalif.org FREQUENTLY!

The login and passwords remain the same. A BIG THANK YOU to Webmaster Janet Armstrong, Gamma Kappa, for maintaining our web site! We are constantly updating it and adding 'stuff'. It is a great resource for all members. The Presidents' Council handbook, dates to remember, scholarship information, etc., etc., can all be found there. If you think of something else we should add, please email your suggestions to State President Mary Ann at adkenglehart@gmail.com!

Our California Sisters are doing incredible altruistic projects and activities that show their HEART! Xi and Gamma members are once again donating their time and energy to support the Fresno St. Jude's Dream House. Gamma Tau is having their 2nd Founder's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show. What is your chapter doing? Let your State President Mary Ann know so we can put it in this newsletter.

THANK YOU!!

