



VISIONS

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REFLECTIONS

Diana Galvan, CA State President

More than 60 California sisters joined the over 1,500 who attended the International convention in New Orleans July 12 to 16. The Golden Staters joined sisters from throughout the United States and Mexico, Australia, and Canada to conduct organizational business and enjoy being together.

California's **Mollie Acosta** was elected to serve as International Vice President Southwest Region.

The 2017-2019 International Board was elected and installed and the International logo "**Energy·Opportunity·Impact**" was introduced.

Other highlights included:

- Sue Pelchat, *Connecticut Mu*, began her term as International President.
- Judy Ganzert, *Virginia Zeta*, elected International President-Elect
- Ann Marie Brown, former SW IVP was elected to serve as International Executive Board Chairman.
- Bylaws #1-17, 19-22, 24-27 passed. #18 was amended, then passed. #23 was lost.
- Resolutions #1-3 were lost. Resolutions #4 and #5 were adopted.
- Alzheimer's Association and St. Jude's Children's hospital re-elected as International altruistic projects.
- Altruistic reports were given (see results below).
- Lesa Meath, *Alaska Gamma*, won International Excellence in Education award.
- Jahana Hayes, 2016 National Teacher of the Year spoke about her passion for teaching and encouraging students to pursue their dreams in spite of obstacles.
- Keynote speaker, Elizabeth McCormick, former Black Hawk pilot spoke about confidence in life.

- Three students from Ball State University spoke about their AΔK Collegiate Club, a first.
- Jacques Rodrigue spoke about his father's art and his foundation to support art in the schools.
- A memorial service honored the 900 sisters who joined Omega during this past biennium.
- The AΔK Strategic Plan was updated.
- Regional luncheons were held.
- CA sisters gathered at Café Adelaide to celebrate Mollie's election and enjoy CA camaraderie.
- Ruth Ann Griggs concluded her term as International President at the closing banquet.

For details regarding these and other convention activities, go to the International website, www.alphadeltakappa.org and click on the International Convention link on the Home Page. You can view all the Convention Action newsletters there.

CALIFORNIA KUDOS

- Highest Level of Participation in 2017 Membership Campaign
- 2017 Membership Service Award
Joanne Grimm, *CA Alpha Alpha*
- 2017 Winner of \$100 Membership Campaign Voucher, *CA Beta Eta*

ALTRUISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

2015-17 World Understanding Project T.E.A.C.H \$46,518

2017 St. Jude's Children's Hospital \$35,000

2017 Alzheimer's Association "The Longest Day" \$64,854

MOLLIE ACOSTA



INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT SOUTHWEST REGION

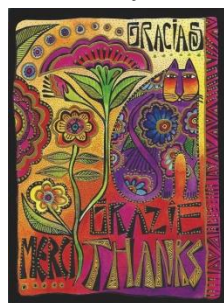


Mollie accepts a rose from International Executive Board Chairman Barbara Stanfield as she is installed as the new Southwest Region International Vice President. Mollie is a member of CA Xi chapter and Past CA State President. Escorted by Susan Goto, she is the first SW IVP from California since Susan served from 1999-2001.



Retiring IVP Ann Marie Brown congratulates new IVP Mollie Acosta. Celebrating with Mollie are past CA SW IVP's Dorothy Vaio, 1965-67, and Mayme Chinn, 1975-77.

Dear California Sisters,



There truly are not enough words to thank you for your love and support as I begin this journey as your SW IVP. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and gifts when we gathered in New Orleans and I so appreciate the encouraging words I have received since then. I am hard at work planning next summer's joint regional conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Glad Loreen, NW IVP and I, along with our conference chairmen, will be visiting Anchorage in early September. We are very excited! Since California is the co-host of the conference, we need all hands on deck! Please make plans to join us July 9-11. We will have a wonderful time together! Much love, Mollie

Special thanks to **Judy Froning** and **Becky Johnson**, *Beta Omicron* for arranging our California gathering at Café Adelaide in New Orleans to honor new IVP Mollie Acosta.



Becky Johnson, JudyFroning, Diana, Mollie, Kelly Labeta



Ruth Ann Griggs, North Carolina Alpha Mu, completes her term as International President



Sue Pelchat, Connecticut Mu, is installed as International President



Ruth Ann Griggs, Sue Pelchat, Judy Ganzert

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

Mary Krause, CA State Historian

NEW ORLEANS was the venue for the 2017 International Alpha Delta Kappa Convention. I was privileged to serve as a Sergeant-at-Arms (I'm the one on the right in the picture). During the day, members and delegates participated in "taking care of business" like voting for new officers, tweaking bylaws and resolutions and making decisions on how best to serve its members, community and the world. In the evenings, ladies had time to explore the French Quarter, French Market and Garden District. Some ladies came early and used the Hop On Hop Off Bus to show them the sights of the city. One of the stops was the new and exceptionally well-done World War II Museum.



Now if you were a foodie, you could enjoy such delicacies as beignets from Café du Monde, crawfish jambalaya, shrimp po boys, fresh oysters on the half shell and etouffée seafood dishes. Besides the wonderful food, you had the opportunity to visit a southern plantation or maybe take a sunset steamboat dinner cruise on the mighty Mississippi. (Yes, I personally did all of the above and had a fabulous time.)

Each convention or conference whether regional or international has its own unique set of attractions and culinary spots to enjoy. Next NW/SW regional conference, 2018, will be in Anchorage, Alaska, while the next international convention, 2019, will be in beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota. What wonderful places to visit and still be "taking care of business".

SOUTHWEST REGION ALTRUISM

2015-17 Southwest Region

Monetary Contributions \$1,382,600

Volunteer Hours 218,882

2017 SEVEN PEARL CHAPTERS

California chapters rose to meet President Diana's challenge to strive to become 7-Pearl chapters. It has been a strong focus for chapter presidents this past year and their efforts have been rewarded.

California boasts **SEVEN** 7-Pearl Chapters:

Beta, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Lambda, Beta Eta, Beta Iota, Gamma Eta, Gamma Tau

We are also proud to commend **SIXTEEN** 6-Pearl Chapters:

Alpha, Eta, Phi, Zeta, Alpha Nu, Beta Kappa, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Beta Tau, Beta Theta, Beta Xi, Beta Zeta, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Mu, Gamma Nu

The only pearl not earned by these sixteen chapters was the one required for positive net growth. Good news! Positive net growth is no longer required to earn a pearl. What IS required is for a chapter to initiate or reinstate members.

There are new rules for earning 7-Pearl status (included with a check list in this newsletter) which were implemented beginning June 1, 2017. When asked about California's 7-Pearl results, President Diana responded, "I'm absolutely thrilled! We had the most 7-Pearl chapters in the Southwest Region. Let's do even better this coming year! You know we can!"



SAVE YOUR PURSE CHANGE

Are you like many women who dump their change into the bottom of their purses? Then, when the purse becomes too heavy to carry, they empty it, and the change. Why not save that change, and add a little to it from time to time so that you can attend both the CA State Convention in Santa Ana next May AND the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference in Alaska next July.

Chapter Presidents: Please note that there is a July 2017 revision of the Officer Calendar.

See Home Page of CA website: www.adkcalif.org



Photo collage created by CA Historian, Mary Krause

Top row: California sisters and delegates at Southwest Regional luncheon

2nd row from top: L to R: Marlene Cordova, Kathleen O'Malley, Ms Poppy, Mary Ann Englehart, Diana Galvan, Ann Marie Brown

3rd row from top: L to R: Diana Galvan, Susan Raffo, Mollie Acosta, Mayme Chinn, Dorothy Vaio, Karen Kirby

Bottom row: L to R: Sara Cooper, Joanne Grimm, Sally Sifuentes, Connie Baker, Mary Ellen Chaboya, Kim Gerould



RE-MEMBERINGS

Sara Cooper, CA VP for Membership

Alpha Delta Kappa meetings are underway, calendars are set, and this is a great start to the academic year. Let's make this year all about the membership. By that I mean that we can pay special attention to one another as we were once selected for our "excellence in education." Let's help lessen the load of our working educators and continue to appreciate those who are retired as we fulfill the goals of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Very important reminder: Your Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) report is due to VP for Membership, Sara Cooper by August 31. This report is **required** for a Pearl. Send to: adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com. The report should be used to analyze what the members want to see happen in this year. Take the time to talk about what your chapter wants to do. The assessments make it apparent that most chapters value the time spent doing altruistic endeavors because it allows time to get to know one another. It is in sharing that our organization grows.

Ask excellent educators to come and join in those activities. Whether the chapter is doing an activity, listening to a dynamic speaker, or covering fraternal education, other educators need to see Alpha Delta Kappa as a caring and philanthropic organization that fulfills needs from its own members, students and teachers in the classrooms, the community and to the World.

California welcomed 21 new members this spring. We continue to work to meet President Diana's goal of initiating at least one new member into each California chapter this coming year.

WELCOME NEW CA SISTERS

April 2017 Chapter

Emma Payares	Delta
Laura Borjon	Beta Eta
Kathy Chew	Beta Eta
Kathleen Crane	Beta Eta
Michele Giacomini	Beta Eta
Gena McArdle	Beta Eta
Lynda Schou	Beta Eta
Mary Seidman	Beta Eta
Sue Strand	Beta Pi



May 2017

Mary Harkay	Eta
Amelia Bailey	Alpha Alpha
Kathleen Maloney	Alpha Alpha
Elisa Ugarte	Alpha Alpha

June 2017

Michelle Bateman	Theta
Debra Dillard	Theta
Caroline Baldonado	Beta Rho
Marcia Mehl	Beta Rho
Sara Maria Menendez	Beta Rho
Nancy Arsenault	Gamma Mu
Billie Essenwanger	Gamma Mu
Lynda Alexander	Gamma Nu

THE LONGEST DAY ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the many chapters throughout the state who rose to the challenge and participated in the Alzheimer's Association fundraising event "The Longest Day". As California's team captain, Diana Galvan is grateful for the willing and eager participation of members and chapters throughout the state. At the time of this writing "California Cares" was the #10 team out of 60 in its fundraising success. We raised over \$2160, exceeding our goal of \$1800. Special recognition goes to **CA Zeta for** raising over \$555! Next year we'll have to raise the bar.

SUPPORT CA STATE ALTRUISTIC PROJECT "BREAK THE BARRIERS"

Contributions are welcomed by state treasurer Marlene Cordova. Proceeds from sales of CA lanyards, shirts, and pins also support this project.

MEET LISA ERNST



Lisa Ernst, CA Beta, was awarded the International Fine Arts Scholarship. What an honor!

Lisa teaches 6th grade Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. She has two strands of students. She is the Student Council Advisor for her Middle School Students, as well as the advisor for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). She is entering her 29th year of teaching.


Lisa's school is the first public Chinese immersion school in the nation. The K-5 focuses on Cantonese; in grades 6-8 the students add Mandarin. The scholarship money which was awarded to Lisa was integrated into the Ancient History component, along with literacy. Her students' vast projects range from Ajanta Cave paintings, soap carving of ancient artifacts, and using a 3D printer to make Egyptian artifacts, from pyramids to Canopic jars.

Lisa is a member of CA Beta in San Francisco. She has posted on her twitter account Lisa Ernst @Lae121 the artifacts, and has given a shout of support to AΔK.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PLANNING

The CA Executive Board would like your input regarding any questions you might like to see addressed by the board at the upcoming district conferences. Please send your questions/concerns to President-Elect Karen Kirby at adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Put October 7 on your calendar to join your Northern District sisters at The Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield. Earlybird price is \$45 if received by **August 31**. Don't delay. Register today! Buffet lunch will be catered by Buckhorn Catering. Ms Poppy has informed us that skunk flavored Jelly Beans will also be for sale. Contact Rosena Kruley, Delta Council Treasurer, rkruley@comcast.net.  **Register today**

STATE ALTRUISTIC PROJECT

Linda Warfield, CA State Altruistic Project chairman invites you to submit projects for consideration as California's State Altruistic Project for 2018-2020. The project will be selected by chapter delegate vote at the CA State Convention May 4-6, 2018 in Santa Ana. Deadline to submit a project is November 1. Applications and revised scoring rubric are on the CA website.

TREASURER TIDBITS

Marlene Cordova, CA State Treasurer

Reminder: If your chapter or council plans to conduct a raffle this year, you must once again apply for a permit from the state of California. See instructions on the CA Website: www.adkcalif.org

Check your personal profile by clicking "Directory" at www.alphadeltakappa.com. Is your information up to date? If not, you can change it yourself by clicking on the little pencil in the upper right-hand corner of the window. If you change your email address, please let Diana Galvan know so you do not miss future editions of "Visions".

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR STATE BOARD

The election of new officers to serve on the CA state executive board 2018-2020 will be held at the California state convention on May 5, 2018. Applications for candidacy must be submitted to Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Mari Page, by November 30, 2017. An online candidate's filing form will be available on the CA website on the State Convention page in September.

ASK MS POPPY

Dear Ms Poppy,

Are there guidelines for deciding who qualifies as a teacher of excellence?

Any teacher who volunteers to supervise the cafeteria during the rainy season or who accepts second period conference without whining is a teacher of excellence in my book of definitions.

Ask yourself, "Would I be pleased if my child was assigned to this teacher?" If your answer is yes, then you have a teacher of excellence.

Dear Ms.Poppy,

Why should I give up my weekends and spend my money to attend conferences? They seem to be planned for officers.

Many of the conferences focus on training for officers and can seem to have no purpose for plain old members. Look at it this way. You get a nice meal that you don't have to prepare.

I like to see how many new people I can meet and what I can learn from them. I learned Zen doodling, discovered an altruistic project that made use of my old bras and heard about DIY websites with simple crochet patterns.

A mistake that many attendees make is to sit with chapter members. You know all about them. Be brave. Plop yourself down next to stranger and begin to talk. I think you will see the good in attending and if you are still on the fence, look me up and I'll teach you how to make a bonnet out of your napkin.



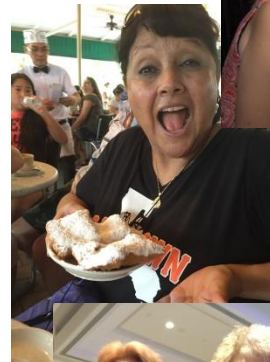
*Susan with Kim Gerould,
Beta Eta chapter president*

A sad note: Susan Goto, former CA State President and past SW International Vice

President, suffered the loss of her husband of 62 years, George Goto, on July 8, 2017.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Susan. Her address is 230 Diamond Oaks Rd., Roseville, CA 95678 if you would like to send a note of condolence.

2017-2019 INTERNATIONAL LOGO



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CALENDAR

- ◇ **JULY 1** C-1 Audit Report and ePostcard verifications due to Marlene Cordova, CA State Treasurer
- ◇ **AUGUST 31** Chapter Needs Assessment due for Pearl to Sara Cooper, CA VP Membership
- ◇ **AUGUST 31** Distinguished Program Award applications due to Mollie Acosta, SWR IVP
- ◇ **AUGUST 31** Early bird registration deadline for Northern District Conference to enjoy \$45 price

FUTURE DATES

- ◇ **SEPTEMBER 1** Maxine Pettibone Scholarship deadline
- ◇ **OCTOBER 1** Revised chapter Yearbook/Roster due to State President Diana Galvan
- ◇ **OCTOBER 7** Northern District Conference, Jelly Belly Factory, Fairfield
- ◇ **OCTOBER 15** Regional Mini-Scholarship deadline
- ◇ **OCTOBER 30** CA District Mini-Scholarship deadline
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 1** Excellence in Education nominations due to Andrea Street
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 1** State Altruistic Project nominations due to Linda Warfield
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 1** Classroom Grant deadline
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 1** Innovation Grant deadline
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 4** Valley District Conference
- ◇ **NOVEMBER 30** Applications for candidacy for CA state executive board positions due to Mari Page
- ◇ **JANUARY 20** Marina District Conference
- ◇ **MARCH 10** Southern District Conference
- ◇ **MAY 4-6** CA State Convention, Santa Ana



The AAK PEARLS of Achievement Award Checklist (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018)

* May be submitted on line.

	Criteria	Officers Responsible for Report	Submit To Whom	Date Due	Date(s) Submitted by Chapter
1	Initiation and /or reinstatement of member(s) (H-133* IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INITIATION and/or H-154)	Chapter Membership Chairman	International Headquarters	June 1 – May 31 (throughout the year)	
2	Annual Chapter Highlights Summary (H-114)*	Chapter Corresponding Secretary	International Headquarters	June 30	
3	Chapter member(s) attended Regional Conference Or International Convention	Tracked by HQ and Regional Conference Registrars	Not applicable	July	
4	Chapter Needs Assessment*	Chapter Membership Chairman and Chapter President	S/P/N Membership Consultant & Regional Membership Consultant	August 1-August 31 (postmark)	
5	IRS Form 990-EZ* or 990-N Postcard*	Chapter Treasurer	IRS through AAK Website	Oct. 15	
6	Member Payment Record with dues paid (H-138)	Chapter Treasurer	International Headquarters	Jan 31 (postmark)	
7	Altruistic Report*	Chapter Altruistic Chairman	S/P/N Altruistic Chairman	March 15	
