



# VISIONS

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## REFLECTIONS

*Diana Galvan, CA State President*

This February will be remembered as one of California's wettest. Here in Roseville, we have surpassed our total annual expected rainfall by five inches already and the season doesn't end until September 30. We are certainly experiencing some dreadful effects of too much water. While we are thankful that the drought seems to be over here in the north, we are now dealing with mudslides, levee breaks, and possible dam calamities. It is at times like these that our sisterhood comes together to support those who are less fortunate. Please let me know if any of our California sisters have experienced losses due to these unforeseen catastrophic weather events.

On a happy note, California chapters are well on their way to earning their chapter pearls. In the report released from International December 1, 2016, fifteen of California's 50 chapters have already earned six pearls. Positive net growth is a required pearl. New members initiated this spring can make that seventh pearl a reality.

## AAK INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 12-15, 2017

Café au lait and beignets are awaiting us in New Orleans as AAK sisters from throughout the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Australia gather for the 30<sup>th</sup> International convention. Past CA State President, **Mollie Acosta** from Fresno's Xi chapter is a candidate for International Vice President of the Southwest Region. Each chapter in the Southwest Region is entitled to two voting delegates who will elect the next SWR IVP as well as determine other bylaws changes at the convention. All AAK sisters are invited and encouraged to attend. **Register now.** Details are in the December *Kappan*.

## BYLAWS CERTIFICATION

**Due March 15, 2017, Susan Raffo**, CA Bylaws Chairman, reminds all chapters to certify their bylaws now in order to preserve Alpha Delta Kappa's non-profit status.

How to "certify" your chapter's bylaws:

Go to the CA website: [www.adkcalif.org](http://www.adkcalif.org) and click Bylaws.

1. Click "Certification Information and Required Changes to Chapter Bylaws". You will see a letter from Bylaws Chairman Susan Raffo, explaining changes to bylaws which were made at the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention 2015. Also included is a highlighted script of the changes that must be made to your chapter's bylaws.

2. Click "Chapter Letter of Bylaws Certification 2016". A file will be automatically downloaded to your computer. Complete the form as directed. Save the file to your desktop with the name of your chapter followed by Bylaws 2016. Example: Beta Eta Bylaws 2016

3. Email Susan Raffo at [adkraffo@gmail.com](mailto:adkraffo@gmail.com) and attach the saved file certifying your bylaws.

Any questions may be directed to Susan.

## ALTRUISTIC REPORTING

**Due March 15, 2017** Chapter Altruistic Chairmen are reminded to report their altruistic contributions of time, gifts and scholarships to **Rosena Kruley** [rkruley@comcast.net](mailto:rkruley@comcast.net) for Northern and Valley Districts, and **Hilary White** [hwhiteegg@msn.com](mailto:hwhiteegg@msn.com) for Marina and Southern Districts. The reporting form is available on the CA Website: [www.adkcalif.org](http://www.adkcalif.org) under Altruistic – Reports.

What was your chapter's favorite meeting activity this year? Send a picture to President Diana [adk.dianagalvan@gmail.com](mailto:adk.dianagalvan@gmail.com)



*Time is precious!*

*Act now!*

### Re-MEMBER-ings

*Sara Cooper, CA VP for Membership*

The 2017 Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Campaign is on. Time is of the essence, so don't let it slip away. There are outstanding working and retired educators out there who could help chapters flourish. They are dedicated individuals who reflect AΔK values. They have demonstrated excellence in education for at least two years, they want to participate in altruistic endeavors, and they desire to have a better world understanding.

Share the opportunities for friendship, travel, and scholarships available. Offer fraternal education about Alpha Delta Kappa. Stress how this organization highlights and supports excellence in education while socializing, building new friendships and contributing to society.

As new members are invited to join, be aware of the balance between working and retired educators. It's important to maintain chapter balance. Also, be sure to download the NEW application form H-103, and to submit the Report of Initiation H-133, by April 15, the campaign deadline. New members are always welcome.

Don't allow time to slip by. Call them today! Invite them to see how Alpha Delta Kappa can be benefitted by their membership and how they can benefit in return. Don't wait. Time is fleeting, contact them today!

### 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to

**ALPHA PI** Long Beach  
Chartered March 27, 1957

### FANCY FEET CONTEST

Sadly, we had no winner, but here are the answers:

**Big Foot** =Diana Galvan; **Big Toe** = Karen Kirby  
**Barefoot** =Sara Cooper; **Dancing Feet** = Marlene Cordova  
**Footloose** =Lynne Keating; **Fallen Arches** =Joanne Grimm  
**Footnote** =Kathleen O'Malley; **Happy Feet** =Mary Krause  
**Sole Sister** =Mary Ann Elehart

## INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS GAMMA ETA



Gamma Eta chapter members were thrilled to initiate five new members on February 6, 2017.



Welcomed into membership were **Megan Peterson, Maria Tota, Karissa Joiner, Patricia Witt, and Caitlyn Peterson.**



Gamma Eta's Immediate Past Co-President **Marsha Claybrook**, being presented with pearls from **Lynne Keating** Gamma Eta chapter president and CA state recording secretary, was honored on her return to meetings after surgery. She was instrumental in the activities last year that helped Gamma Eta earn seven pearls, but missed the celebration in September, so she was given multiple strands of pearls as thanks from her sisters.

## CA STATE ALTRUISTIC PROJECT “Break the Barriers”

The video, “Break the Barriers” is now available on the CA website. Click the Altruistic Project – State & International tab to view it. Your chapter’s support of the state altruistic project is appreciated. Mail checks to CA state treasurer, Marlene Cordova with “Break the Barriers” on the memo line.

## THE LONGEST DAY JUNE 21

What is *The Longest Day*? It is an annual event created to support the Alzheimer’s Organization, one of AΔK’s two international altruistic projects. “It’s all about love” says Amy from Alzheimer’s.org, “love of activities and love of people.” California AΔK will have a team called “**California Cares**”. Start thinking now about the activity you will pursue to support this worthy project. Details about how to participate will be sent to chapter presidents and will appear in the late spring edition of “Visions”.

## CA DISASTER/CRISIS FUND

California has established a fund to assist California educators experiencing loss due to an unexpected occurrence. If you or your chapter would like to contribute to this new fund, please send your check to CA state treasurer, Marlene Cordova with “Crisis Fund” on the memo line.

## CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT WINNER

### TERESA OLEA

**Teresa Heitmiller Olea** from Beta Eta chapter in Roseville is the winner of the Southwest Region’s *Classroom Innovation Grant*. Teresa plans to spend the \$400 grant to purchase Zuma rocking chairs for her classroom. She explained, “In our Special Education program, we often have students challenged with focus and body control. They need a lot of movement opportunities. With a wiggle chair or non-tipping rocking chair, they are able to move, but do their academic tasks at the same time.”



**SW REGIONAL MINI-SCHOLARSHIP**  
Applications Due April 15

## SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS

*Lynne Keating, CA State Recording Secretary*

At the state executive board meeting held Saturday, January 21, 2017 in Westlake Village, the following actions were approved:

- Establishment of a separate budget line item for expenses related to an I.T.E. student placed in California.
- Reimbursement of flight expenses for I.T.E. student sponsors Joanne Grimm and Sara Armstrong for travel to the 2016 I.T.E. weekend.
- Approval of revised policy and procedures in the following areas: Chapter Sales at Regional Conference and International Convention; Hospitality Event at Regional Conference; Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship; District Mini Scholarship, Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award; Membership Awards; Noel Leonard Leadership Grants; and Excellence in Education Award.
- Approval of first reading of policy and procedures for the Perpetual Chapter Membership Award.

## MARINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Channel Islands Council President and Past CA State President, **Barbara Murray** welcomed over 60 sisters to the Marina District Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Westlake Village.

“*Reflections*” was the theme for the conference. Two remarkable women in history, Clara Barton and Susan B. Anthony, both of whom started out as teachers, were characterized by **Barbara Murray** and **Carly Thorne**.



Delta chapter members, **Karen Richie**, **Estrelita Banks-Bordenave**, and **Rosalinda Goss** proudly accepted the CA Membership award from state president **Diana Galvan** for being the chapter with the highest positive net growth in 2014-2016.

After fraternal education from the CA executive board and **Ms Poppy**, guest speaker **Ziona Friedlander** shared techniques of mindful meditation.



**MARCH 15 - IDES OF MARCH**  
Altruistic Reporting & Bylaws Certification Due

## MEET CALIFORNIA'S *ITE* STUDENT *ELISA UGARTE*



*Joanne Grimm, Alpha Alpha ITE Student Sponsor and CA State Corresponding Secretary*

“Being with Alpha Delta Kappa members makes me feel like I am part of a family and wherever I land in September, I will look for that family”. That is the plan of California ITE (International Teacher Education) student Elisa Ugarte as she moves toward her next goal.

Elisa, who is known as Eli to her friends, arrived from Chile in 2015 to work toward a master's degree in Human Development and Education and will graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, with that degree this spring.

She has been accepted to doctoral programs at UC San Diego and UC Davis. She is on the wait list for the program at Berkeley. No matter which campus she chooses, she first has to return to Chile this summer to change her visa status. This can take some time and may mean that she will not be able to attend the International Convention in New Orleans in July.

Eli's sponsors are Sara Armstrong, president of Alpha Alpha chapter, and Joanne Grimm, state corresponding secretary, but all Alpha Alpha sisters consider themselves as her sponsors. Eli attends all chapter meetings and functions and is quick to offer suggestions for projects supporting new teachers. Recently, she convinced the chapter to provide graphic novels for an ESL high school class.

This month, she begins volunteering at Castlemont High School in Oakland, in a math class for limited English speaking students. She has also volunteered at a bilingual preschool.

To replace the scholarship funds she has received from her Fulbright and ITE scholarships, she plans to apply for a scholarship for students from Chile and to explore funds available from the university.

Eli and her sponsors are very grateful to the chapters and individuals that contributed to the newly established CA state ITE fund. The purpose of the fund is to assist both the sponsors and the student with unexpected expenses. While working on her laptop at a local cyber café, Eli literally had the device stolen out of her hands. She did not lose any research because she had stored it in the cloud, but replacing the computer

was an unexpected expense. Contributions to the fund should be sent to the state treasurer, Marlene Cordova, and identified as ITE fund.

The November ITE weekend at International Headquarters gave her what she called an “interesting perspective” on what is going on in education outside California. She really enjoyed meeting the other ITE students and learning how different the east coast is from the west coast.

Eli is truly a California girl. She loves the Bay Area because the people are so open minded. She said that as a guest of the United States, she feels it is not her place to comment on politics. She was on campus during a lock down at the time of recent protests at UC Berkeley. When she was asked about plans for Valentine's Day, she explained that, although it is observed in Chile, it is not a romantic day and is more for children. She didn't remember ever celebrating it. Hearing that, Sergio, her boyfriend, shouted from the other room, “Last year I took you on a boat ride to celebrate. Don't you remember?” Eli's response, “Oh, is that what that was about? I guess I'm not much of a girlfriend.”

She is very much a delightful addition to the AΔK family.

### **NORTH TO ALASKA**

“Sail the Inside Passage on a Princess cruise with your AΔK sisters,” invites **Winnie Coleman**, chapter president of Alpha Omicron, Marin County, California. Winnie, a veteran travel planner for 36 year, has secured a block of cabins on the same cruise ship, the *Golden Princess* that Colorado planner, Kitty Nutting booked. The trip leaves from Vancouver, British Columbia on June 30, 2018 and arrives in Anchorage on July 7, just in time for the NW/SW Regional Conference.

Winnie looks forward to hearing from her California sisters. She may be contacted at

[Winnie@dimensionstravel.com](mailto:Winnie@dimensionstravel.com) to answer any questions and help you arrange your trip. Early bird deposit is only \$100 for reservations made the week of March 13-20, 2017. See flyer next page.

## 2018 NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ADK ALASKA CONFERENCE CRUISE & TOUR



Book  
March 13-20, 2017  
and your deposit is  
just \$100 pp!



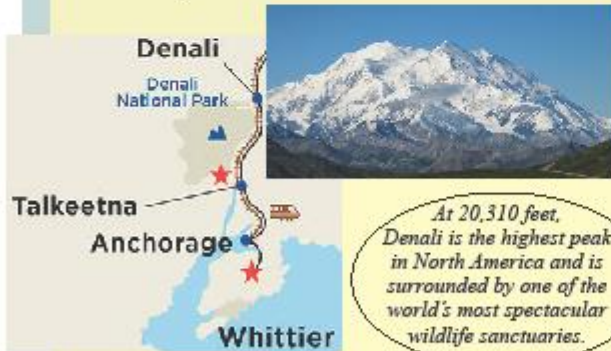
### PRE-CONFERENCE CRUISE Voyage of the Alaska Glaciers Sail Vancouver to Anchorage Golden Princess June 30-July 7, 2018



Join your ADK sisters in Alaska in 2018! Princess is one of the few cruise lines permitted to cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay, the highlight of our 7-day Voyage of the Glaciers cruise. This breathtaking national park boasts some of the world's most spectacular glaciers. College Fjord and its massive rivers of ice tumble down from mountains where you'll have a chance to watch the awe-inspiring process of glaciers calving as they crack and land with a thunderous splash. It's a magical wonderland of epic proportions!



### POST-CONFERENCE OPTIONS Journey to Denali National Park



At 20,310 feet, Denali is the highest peak in North America and is surrounded by one of the world's most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries.

#### DENALI PARK EXPLORER TOUR

- 5 days from \$1400 per person
- \* Clarion Hotel Anchorage
  - \* Luxury dome rail car journey
  - \* Denali Park Village Lodge
  - \* Talkeetna Lodge
  - \* Tundra Wilderness Tour (1/2 day)
  - \* Husky Homestead Tour (1/2 day) with 4-time Iditarod winner Jeff King and his 80 dogs
  - \* All transfers

#### ADK STATEROOM RATES

Includes a private ADK cocktail party!

Category	Rates From*
Inside	\$999
Outside	\$1,899
Balcony	\$2,349

\*Rates are cruise-only, based on double occupancy, subject to availability. Not included: Government taxes (\$215), airfare, insurance, airport transfers. Deposit is 20% of cruise fare per person. Ship registry: Bermuda. CST#1001493-40



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