

# Alpha Delta Kappa

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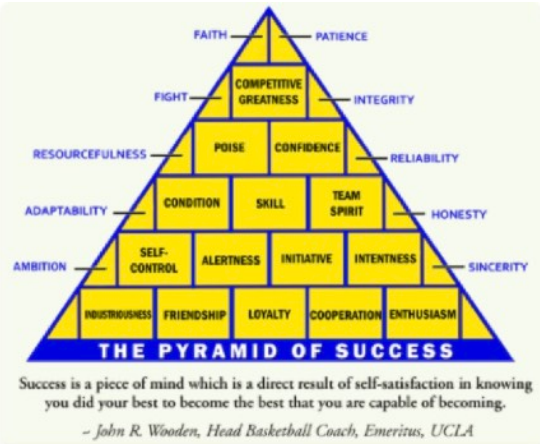
### Honor, Nurture, Support, Flourish

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### PRESIDENT’S THOUGHTS

Happy October to you all! Your State Executive Board has been hard at work since taking office on June 27, 2020. It is incredible what has been accomplished via Zoom, frequent emails, and numerous phone calls. The appreciation and pride felt for these sisters, and all of the 44 chapter executive board members, is beyond words. Many plans have been scheduled, rescheduled, postponed, and canceled on every Alpha Delta Kappa level. Although the disappointments have been great, my goal to stay in touch with as many members as possible has remained steadfast. We have had to make many changes to maintain a healthy and viable organization. Your board and chapters have faced one obstacle after another, and we are continuing to honor, nurture and support one another so we can flourish.

The year 2020 will go down in history for many reasons. We must face the new challenges being put forth in every aspect of our lives. We are still here, and we are still trying to do the best we can during this time. As a former English teacher, I love quotations, posters and charts.

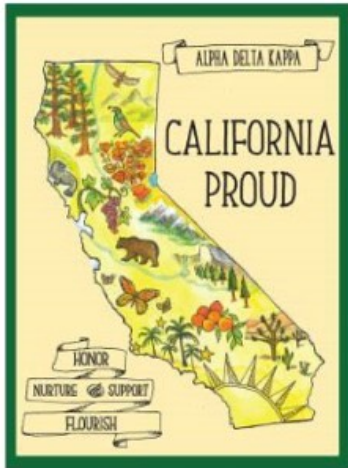


John Wooden, former head basketball coach of UCLA created a success pyramid when he was an English teacher in Virginia. It has been refined and has 25 common behaviors to reach success.

These traits remind me of our Alpha Delta Kappa sisters and our role as educators. Notice that faith and patience are at the top of the pyramid. These two essential concepts will help us through this challenging year. The other traits will be refined as we move forward. We need to be there for one another, whether it is a note, phone call, email, etc. Let’s reach out to our sisters and stay proud of California AΔK.

Please be well and safe, sisters.

Sara Cooper, State President [ask.sara.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:ask.sara.cooper@gmail.com)



## California Alpha Delta Kappa

### *“California Proud”*

### Goals for 2020-22

#### 1. To reach all California sisters.

- Zoom
- Newsletters
- FaceBook
- Instagram
- e-Blasts

#### 2. To showcase the excellence in education, altruistic, and the world understanding works done by the members

- Working-educators Recognition Campaign
- Women Who Served
- Acknowledge achievements
- Encourage scholarships, grants

#### 3. To increase public awareness and knowledge of the organization

- Newspapers
- City Entrance Signs
- Wearing volunteer badges

#### 4. To increase membership

- Honoring past women who served
- Diversity Awareness
- Increased Communication
- Personalized contact of sustaining and resigned members

#### 5. To establish a collegiate club

- Assist sponsor and chapter with process
- Accept courtesy documents
- Connect with headquarters
- Attend chartering ceremony



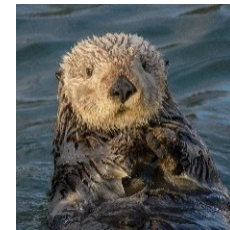
**Peralta Council Proudly  
Presents  
The Northern District  
Conference**



**“Fall Reconnect”**

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**10:00 am – 11:15 am  
on Zoom**



**Come join us to reconnect with your Northern California ADK Sisters!**

**We will**

- begin with a warm up activity
- meet our new State Executive Board Members
- engage in a fraternal activity
- be given resources for virtual teaching
- be shown a fun fall project you can make at home – in less time than it would take to hollow out and carve a fancy pumpkin

**A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you  
a few days prior to the conference**

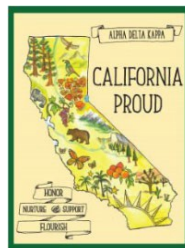
**For questions contact:**

**Judi Garcia, Peralta Council President: [nanateacher1@aol.com](mailto:nanateacher1@aol.com)  
Rosena Kruley, CA President-Elect: [adk.kruleyr@gmail.com](mailto:adk.kruleyr@gmail.com)**

**For Zoom assistance, contact:**

**Laura Courtney Alpha Chapter President: [lcourtney24@yahoo.com](mailto:lcourtney24@yahoo.com)  
Karen Kirby, Immediate Past President: [adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com)**

**Please include “ADK” in the subject header of your email**



## DUE DATES



### Mark your calendar

- October** Alpha Delta Kappa Month
- October 1** Copy of chapter yearbook (address book, roster, meeting date) should be received by the State President ([adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com))
- World Understanding Project proposals due to Rachel Shankles
- October 15** Regional Mini-Scholarship application  
District Mini Scholarship application  
Alpha Delta Kappa Leadership Academy application  
Form 990-N e-Postcard  
Proposed Amendments to the International Bylaws  
Proposed Resolutions for a feasibility study by the International Executive Board
- November 1** Application to serve as a committee volunteer at the 2021 International Convention (Balloting, Action, Program Coordinator, Credentials, Timekeeper)  
Application to serve on a 2021-2023 International board or committee
- November 15** Innovation Grant application

## EVENTS

- October** Alpha Delta Kappa month
- October 3** Northern District virtual conference
- November 7** Valley District virtual conference

## PLAN AHEAD

- May 13-15, 2022** California State Convention - DoubleTree Inn - San Jose, CA
- July 8-11, 2021** Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention, Austin, Texas
- Aug 2-5, 2022** Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference, Honolulu, HI



# From Your Officers

## Reminders to Treasurers

Form 990-N e-Postcard is due October 15 and all have been sent. The form was filed electronically. There is a direct link to the IRS available on the Alpha Delta Kappa International website. The link is under Library, Documents and Forms, the Chapter. Sending the postcard is part of the Pearls of Achievement Award.

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, and include your "Entity Status Letter" and a check for \$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 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.

Virginia Riding, State Treasurer      [adk.virginiariding@gmail.com](mailto:adk.virginiariding@gmail.com)

## Chaplain's Report

I am Donna McCartney, Gamma Nu. Although I have had many leadership experiences in my 20+ years in our AΔK organization, I have never served as a chaplain. I am delighted to be your 2020--2022 California State Chaplain. One of my duties is to plan the Omega Memorial Ceremony at the State Convention. Until then, I will let you know about sisters who have joined Omega. You can help. Please send me the name, chapter, and any other information you want to share, including a photo if you have one, of any of your chapter sisters who join Omega from this point on.

### Omega Chapter

- \* June Hash, Beta Eta, November 2018  
(Unable to be honored in June at the Virtual State Convention.)
- \* Cindy Clark, Beta Omicron, June 2020

Donna McCartney, State Chaplain      [adk.donnamccartney@gmail.com](mailto:adk.donnamccartney@gmail.com)

## World Understanding



As we are all navigating through these unprecedented times of social distancing, distance learning, Zoom meetings, an early California fire season, COVID-19, and the 2020 election, I hope your family and friends are well.

Just as many of our lives have changed, we are not alone. The World Understanding link on the International site has lots of information. You can locate it at [www.alphadeltakappa.org/](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org/) and then choosing the **Foundation** tab.

Please continue to support World Understanding in your chapter and share with me how it is being incorporated into meetings.

Until we are all “on the road again,” you may enjoy traveling virtually by visiting the following international sites:

[UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#), [Movie-Babushkas of Chernobyl](#),  
[Unlikely Heroines of Chernobyl](#),  
[Spectacular Train Stations](#), [Uffizi Gallery-Florence, Italy](#), [British Museum-London](#)

Kathleen O’Malley, World Understanding Chairman  
[malleyk@hotmail.com](mailto:malleyk@hotmail.com)

## ALTRUISM GOES ON LINE

Two chapters are meeting the challenge of social distancing by turning to the Internet and email this year to let purchasers know about their annual fund raisers.

**Gamma Eta** has worked with Mickman Brothers of Minnesota creators of wreaths and table top decor for eight years. The sales profits are used for the chapter’s many altruistic projects. This year, they are expanding the use of online ordering.

**Beta Rho** wasn’t sure they would be able to continue selling a variety of nuts until the distributor agreed to pre-package and seal the one-pound packages, ensuring the safety of the product. The San Francisco chapter has raised funds for teacher grants and other educational and charitable projects for over fifteen years. Due to the cost of shipping, Beta Rho has limited its orders to the Bay Area.



## SNAP-SHOTS

### A Click in Time:

### Designing the Future – Honoring the Present - Preserving Our Past

Purpose of Historical Records is to:

1. Preserve memories
2. Clarify relationships
3. Focus on priorities and values
4. Conserve and Preserve the Past

Picture collections have stories to tell and are worthy of archiving. These picture-stories document important moments, and offer clues to the many roles individuals play, and the varied activities of CA Alpha Delta Kappa, preserving the history of our organization at all levels. The images we capture, along with brief captions, interpret and add to our understanding of the past, the present, and provide a glimpse into our future. The role of chapter historians, with the help of their sisters, is to make this happen. The archives for this biennium will look very different.

During this “new normal,” created by COVID, chapter historians need to preserve and document the resilience, creativity, and strength of our sisters to meet this challenge. To do this, we all need to work together. Historians, “think outside the box.” Ask your sisters to take and send you pictures of chapter activities that may happen in small groups – walks along a trail (remember that the 2020-22 banner has CA natural beauty without human impediments (using “Honor, Nurture, Support, then Flourish” as applied to nature and humans alike); individuals or safely-distanced gatherings to assemble donations for needy families; selected “screenshots,” possibly of a special speaker or a cooking demonstration; wearing masks of all kinds to keep others and ourselves safe. We’re not just sitting at home. We’re still engaged in altruistic projects, such as helping fire victims. We’re there for our students, actively teaching under very difficult conditions – document that with “Selfies from the Classroom.” Be creative.

We’ll be using the **Shutterfly** platform this biennium. Practice using this platform by creating some personal family albums. I know organizing baby pictures, family trips, soccer games, and ballet recitals has been on my To-Do list for a long time. Now is the time.

Watch for more “SNAP-SHOTS” from the State Historian in the coming months.

Susan Raffo, State Historian

## Membership Report

Congratulations to all the chapters for completing the Chapter Needs Assessments. I realize this year with the pandemic it was more difficult to collect the data needed to complete the form. The information on the assessment is used to help at the State, Regional and International levels to determine the needs of the membership and the chapters.



To keep our membership stable we must try new ideas. Our Alpha Delta Kappa meetings will probably have to look different in the coming months. We are all going to have to be creative in how we have our meetings and stay connected. I have talked to several chapters who have had meetings in outdoor socially distanced settings and through Zoom. If your chapter has not tried to meet virtually you need to approach the chapter officers to suggest your chapter tries Zoom or a similar platform. I know many of you attended our California State Convention virtually with Zoom and saw what a success it was. I will be letting you know more ideas to stay connected as the year progresses.

Mari Page, Vice President Membership [adkmari.page@gmail.com](mailto:adkmari.page@gmail.com)

**Any time during the biennium** — Help us honor and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of chapters and members. Send news to Sara Cooper [adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com), Joanne Grimm [pjrgrimm@gmail.com](mailto:pjrgrimm@gmail.com), or Sara Armstrong [saarmst@telis.org](mailto:saarmst@telis.org)

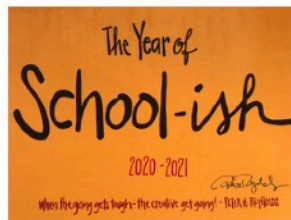
## A few interesting educational websites:



The MY HERO Project  
[www.myhero.com](http://www.myhero.com)



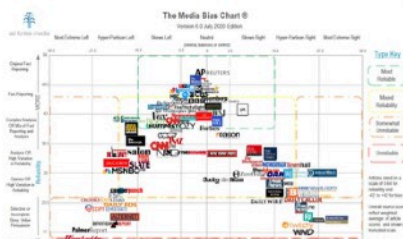
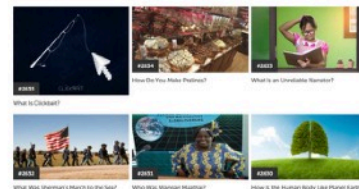
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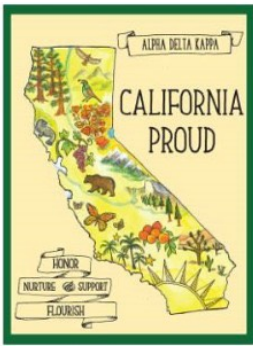
Fablevision Learning  
<https://www.fablevision.com/>



Wonderopolis  
[www.wonderopolis.org](http://www.wonderopolis.org)







## HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM SESSION

Joining a Zoom session seems difficult, but it is actually quite easy. Open the email account you listed for Alpha Delta Kappa. Look through your emails for a line that says, “**ZOOM meeting invite.**” Once opened, it will look something like this:

**ZOOM meeting invite**  
Inbox

Sara Cooper (the sender's name)  
To name, name, name, name

Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
Sara Cooper is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sara Cooper's Zoom Meeting for **ALL** Chapter Members  
Time: Sep ??, 2020 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89551230561?pwd=emh3OGtiUWtTQ1hKMtNLlWM2U2FIZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 5123 0561  
Passcode: 518647

One tap mobile  
[+16699006833](tel:+16699006833),89551230561# US (San Jose)  
[+13462487799](tel:+13462487799),89551230561# US (Houston)

Dial by your location

- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 895 5123 0561  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keyZXLVjxg>

**Click on blue hyperlink**

**Ignore these numbers**

When the Zoom meeting link is open follow the prompts on the screen. The meeting host will let you in.



## THE LONGEST DAY CAMPAIGN MAKES CALIFORNIA PROUD

The 2020 “California Cares” team once again exceeded its goal of raising more money than it did the previous year in the Alzheimer’s Association’s annual fundraising campaign, “The Longest Day.” Team Captain Diana Galvan reports that California raised **\$10,797**, well ahead of last year’s \$9,058. The total raised in this year’s campaign from all chapters was **\$135,549**.

California’s team ranked fourth in the AΔK fundraising campaign behind first place South Carolina with \$21,935, second place AΔK International raising \$12,832, and third place Georgia with \$11,713. Alpha Delta Kappa is one of the global sponsors of the Association’s fundraising campaign.

Three California chapters, **Beta Eta**, **Beta Rho**, and **Gamma Mu** deserve special recognition for raising nearly **\$6,500** of the “California Cares” team total. Dinner take-out at a restaurant sharing its profits for the evening, scarf tying, game playing, and simply reaching out to friends and members helped California exceed its goal.

Diana said she is pleased that more California sisters throughout the state were involved this year despite the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic. She asks, “What will be your chapter goal for the 2021 campaign?”

Go to [www.alz.org/adk](http://www.alz.org/adk) for detailed information.

## HOW TO DONATE TO CRISIS FUNDS

What a year this is turning out to be. We are sheltered with COVID-19 during a politically-charged election surrounded by social unrest, and we are still engulfed in fires statewide. California is not unaccustomed to disasters and challenging times, but 2020 will be one for the history books.

When the fires hit a few years ago, the Executive Board established a process and an application to disseminate graciously donated funds to help our members and fellow educators who suffered losses from disasters.

The *California Educators Helping Educators* fund is still available to those needing it. The member in need of assistance, another member, or a chapter may submit a request for funds. It may be for a member, a non-member, or for educators at a school site. The second source of funds is The *International Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation*. These funds are donations made through the Foundation to be used in California. It is for members only.

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

To donate to the state crisis fund, please make the check payable to California Alpha Delta Kappa with *Educators Helping Educators* on the memo line, and send it to:

Virginia Riding, State Treasurer  
4735 N. Malvern  
Sanger, CA 93657



## GRANTING CASH AND CLASSROOM WISHES



Deadlines for grants and scholarships given by the State and International are coming up soon.

Application for the State District Mini-Scholarship is **October 30**. Each district is allowed a total of \$500 to be awarded annually. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote continuing and/or personal development of sisters while benefiting other members and/or the community-at-large. Any member in good standing may apply.

**October 15** is the deadline for applications for the Classroom Grant given by International. This grant is to aid members with the cost of materials and services for classroom activities. The grant is awarded annually to a maximum of five recipients from each of the seven districts and is for \$400 per recipient.

The Innovation Grant given by International is “designed to assist creative, innovative educators who are not members with the cost of materials and services that enhance classroom lessons.” Applicants are to have no more than five years teaching experience and must be nominated by a member. The grant of \$200 per recipient is awarded annually to a maximum of five recipients from each of the seven districts. The deadline for this grant is **November 15**.



The selection results of the state altruistic project for the 2020-2022 biennium were announced at the Virtual California Convention in June. Once again, the majority of you voted for **New Day for Children**. This worthy charity provides hope for a new life for American girls rescued from sex trafficking. It seeks to recover children, ages 10 to 18, caught in the despair of child sex trafficking and to restore their stolen childhoods. New Day and their partners provide a loving family environment, safe housing, school, medical and mental health care, horse therapy and more. If you or your chapter would like to donate, send a check to State Treasurer, Virginia Riding, 4735 N. Malvern, Sanger, CA 93657, with New Day for Children in the memo line.

Susan Blough, State Altruistic Project Chair

## SISTER RECOGNITION

### New members since March 2019

3/2/2020	Gamma Eta	Karen Cheney
3/2/2020	Gamma Eta	Cindy A. Martinez
3/6/2020	Fidelis Iota	Fran Ochoa-Smith
3/8/2020	Beta Iota	Cynthia A. Riley
3/8/2020	Beta Iota	Karen T. Smith
3/12/2020	Beta Eta	Jane T. Murnane
4/13/2020	Beta Iota	Erin E. Wallace
4/28/2020	Alpha Lambda	Marla Deutsch

### Alpha Delta Kappa Now Has Violet Sisters

After ten years of membership, a sister will now be recognized as a Violet Sister. The new category was approved by the International Board in May. A ten-year charm has been designed and is pictured here.



Other Membership Anniversaries are:

#### New Diamond Sisters (60-Year Members)

Sustaining	Verla Brown
Sustaining	Jean G. Kirk
Alpha Iota	Zora Hancock
Sustaining	Lene A. Johnson

#### New Golden Sisters (50-Year Members)

Sustaining	Patricia A. Elliott
Sustaining	Dorothy Heick
Beta Eta	Carol J. Tirrell
Eta	Chris Cromer

#### New Sapphire Sisters (35-Year Members)

Beta Kappa	Nancy Couchot
Beta Kappa	Jean Anderson
Fidelis Iota	Suzann Smith
Sustaining	Kendra Langer
Beta Zeta	Violet Ammann
Beta Zeta	Vivian Hillig-Hawley
Gamma Mu	Janet Hooper
Beta Alpha	Miike Yoshimo
Iota	Dona Scandura
Beta Upsilon	Nanci Treichelt
Beta Iota	Debra Wilson

#### New Silver Sisters (25-Year Members)

Alpha	Rebecca Calderwood
Gamma Zeta	Eloise Johnson
Beta Alpha	Catherine Wright
Beta Alpha	Peggy Bohm
Gamma Beta	Carolyn Canobbio
Beta Eta	Carole Foote
Beta Eta	Mary Ellen Chaboya
Beta Eta	June Killmer
Gamma Lambda	Sierra Butler
Gamma Lambda	Carole Freethy
Gamma Lambda	Carol Roach
Zeta	Joann McDonald
Alpha Nu	June Carroll
Eta	Nancy Keller
Eta	Barbara Campbell
Eta	Martha Livingston
Beta	Marion Grady
Alpha Alpha	Catherine McLane
Psi	Doris Hetrick
Pi	Kathleen Lasseter
Alpha Phi	Judith Kantor
Gamma Eta	Kathleen O'Malley
Lambda	Julie Bedford
Fidelis Iota	Caroleen Cosand
Fidelis Iota	Martha Kennedy
Fidelis Iota	Fern Dewees
Fidelis Iota	Christina Christopherson



## REACH OUT TO OTHERS



Communication is the key to making Alpha Delta Kappa stronger. This is especially true now that meeting in person is such a challenge. Newsletters and websites are the keys to letting every sister know what is happening in her chapter, council, district, region, and International. All members receive the newsletters, but if they do not know how to access the websites, they lose interest and miss out on so many fantastic opportunities.

State and chapter presidents share the responsibility for effective and timely communication. They should prepare a newsletter to communicate with members and with the state officers. Every issue of a chapter's newsletters should be sent to the State President and State President-Elect.

All sisters should get in the habit of regularly checking the International and California websites, reading the KAPPAN, and looking for eBlasts from International on the second, third, and fourth Fridays every month. Our state now has a new private Facebook page called California Connects Educators. It is an excellent way to keep in touch with other sisters.

Email chapter articles and photos for the State website to Sara Cooper, [adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com), then check out the website regularly to see yourself in pictures. New ones will be added frequently.

How do you find the website? Log on to [adkcalif.org](http://adkcalif.org). Both username and password are kore123.

Chapter newsletters are more critical now than ever, particularly during COVID-19: They promote chapter unity and keep our membership informed about things happening at every level of Alpha Delta Kappa. Whether you choose to do a simple email letter or use a newsletter template, here is a list of what might be included in a chapter newsletter. The first three items are most important, and the other points could change depending on the month, season, or chapter preferences.

- Chapter name, district, date.
- Upcoming chapter meeting with date, time, place, program, hostesses, altruistic project, and reminders for any reports to be given.
- Chapter president's message (greetings, seasonal, inspirational, motivational, informational).
- List of scholarships, grants, and any other opportunities available soon.
- Items of interest from the KAPPAN, regional, state, and district newsletters should be mentioned.
- Personal items such as birthdays, awards received, illnesses, etc.
- Fraternity education trivia.
- As a timesaver, minutes from the previous meeting may be attached so members can read them ahead of time.
- Give dates and places of future conventions, conferences, and district meetings.
- Member "spotlight" articles.
- Photographs of chapter events.

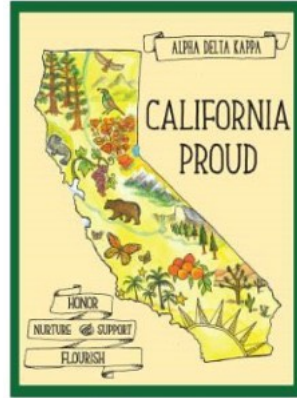
### **Chapter Newsletters and Minutes - Who should receive a copy?**

California State President	Sara Cooper ( <a href="mailto:adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com">adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com</a> )
California State President-Elect	Rosena Kruley ( <a href="mailto:adkkruleyr@gmail.com">adkkruleyr@gmail.com</a> )

## HOW TO UPDATE THE ONLINE DIRECTORY

Members can make their own contact information updates under the “my profile” link on the International website.

Only the **Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer and Chapter Membership Chair** can update the chapter roster on the online directory. Chapter transfers are an exception. Go to the Alpha Delta Kappa website ([alphadeltakappa.org](http://alphadeltakappa.org)) and login (your username and password are on the mailing label on your *Kappan*). Contact Headquarters for your username and password, if needed (see below). Click on **LIBRARY** on the gold information bar, then go to the **Directory** on the bottom of the dropdown. You will automatically land on “My Chapter Roster.” Scroll down, then click on the name of the member to update.



The fields on the *top portion of the profile* that can be updated are: **first, middle, informal and last name, birth date, engaged/employed in education status, and whether or not the member has resigned or joined the Omega Chapter.**

If you mark a sister as resigned or joining Omega, she will automatically be removed from your chapter’s roster within one day. Check your roster later. If she has not been removed, please notify HQ.

The lower portion of the profile includes updates for **mailing address, phone and email.** Click on the pencil icon at the top corner of the area to make updates.

**DO NOT USE SCHOOL ADDRESSES** Be sure to save your changes.

Save & Close Cancel

To return to “My Chapter Roster” go to the bottom of the page and click on it. If a member

moves and needs assistance in finding a chapter to affiliate with in her new area, she’ll need to go online. The receiving chapter is to complete the transfer form.

Changes for **sustaining members** can be made by notifying HQ via mail, email or phone.

Once the member’s profile has popped up, click on the **pencil icon** at the top right corner of the area you would like to update. You will be able to click on and type into the editable fields. Be sure to save your changes. If there is no pencil icon, use the link at the bottom of the profile to see if you are listed as Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer, or Chapter Membership Chair. Only one member per office at the chapter level can be listed *If you should be listed as such, but are not, please contact Headquarters.*

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## CALIFORNIA'S FIRST VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION

California's First Virtual State Convention was held via a Zoom Webinar on June 27, 2020. The virtual convention had most elements of an in-person convention. The virtual convention opened with a musical and visual tribute to California. Following that was a virtual Parade of Past Presidents with pictures of each past state president.

A convention is a business meeting consisting of reports, elections and installation of new officers. At our virtual convention, all state standing committee chairmen reported on the work their committee completed during the biennium.

It was necessary to conduct our election of state officers, selection of the state altruistic project, approval of the 2020–2022 state budget, and adoption of the two submitted resolutions prior to the virtual state convention because of date deadlines. Therefore, the election was held via Survey Monkey. The survey was sent to all chapter delegates. The voting results were reported during the convention.

Two special awards were given at the convention. Susan Raffo, Beta Rho, was selected as the California Excellence in Education recipient. Alpha Lambda received the Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award, naming them the outstanding chapter for the biennium.

International Chapter Representative Ann Marie Brown conducted the installation of new officers, followed by a speech from outgoing State President Karen Kirby and a speech from incoming State President Sara Cooper.

Thirty-six of the forty-four chapters attended the virtual convention, which is 80% of our chapters. We were all very pleased with the outcome. This was certainly new territory to charter, and based on the comments from the evaluations, we were very successful.

I especially want to thank my Executive Board for all of their input and hard work to make the virtual convention happen and run smoothly. I thank Convention Chairman Susan Raffo for her assistance in planning both the in-person and virtual conventions. I thank both Diana Galvan and Janet Armstrong for their technical acumen. And, I thank each and every one of you who attended.

Now, it is time for me to paddle ashore.

Karen Kirby, Immediate Past State President

