

Alpha Delta Kappa

California Connects

Honor, Nurture, Support, Flourish

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear California Sisters,

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that kindness and compassion have never been more important. It has taught us that difficult times are made easier when we work together, when we take care of one another; when we reach out a hand to those struggling and lift up the heroes who protect us. It has taught us that the best way through the darkness is to look for the light. And if there is no light, to make it ourselves.

Week after week, I am continuously amazed by the thoughtfulness, positivity and joy you, the members of our ADK family, share. You pulled together to make our organization virtual. The convention, two district conferences, and chapter meetings advanced us into a technological era never known. You reached out to members alone in their homes and supported them by bringing them into meetings. Your nurturing of our working educators was seen by letters of thanks, small tokens of appreciation, and offers to help in any way possible. Chapter meetings were modified by spending less time doing business, and concentrating on lifting spirits during some abysmal periods of anxiety and uncertainty. In the new year,

As we are now into 2021, we can use the new knowledge of technology, all of our skills, and our incredible spirit to embrace all that Alpha Delta Kappa has to offer educators, our communities, and to help bring together women dedicated to altruism, excellence in education, and an understanding of the world around us. I hope we can bring even more of your stories, ideas and amazing energy to this little newsletter. Thank you for making 2020 a better, brighter time for us all. I hope 2021 is filled with healing, hope, joy, peace, and love.

With gratitude and sincere thanks,

Sara Cooper
President 2020-2022

DUE DATES

Calendar Updates

Jan 31 Postmark deadline for **Regional Professional Development Scholarship**

Application Form to be received by **Regional Scholarship Programs Committee Chairman.**

Feb 15 Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (ARGO) Scholarship deadline
Fine Arts Grant Applications deadline

Newsletter Deadline (send to Sara Cooper)

Mar 15 Chapter Altruistic Report are due to State Altruistic Chairmen
Northern and Valley Chapters send them to **Peggy Berner**
Marina and Southern Chapters send them to **Melanie Chant**

NOTE: The altruistic time period = March 2020 - Feb 2021

Apr 01 KAPPAN deadline

Apr 15 Newsletter deadline (send articles to adk.sara.cooper@gmail.com)

Subject line should say "NEWSLETTER"

Regional Mini-Scholarship deadline

Apr 30 Membership Campaign ends

PLAN AHEAD - Start saving those pennies for 2022.

You'll want to travel by then!

Jul 08-11, 2021 Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention, Virtual

May 13-15, 2022 California State Convention - DoubleTree Inn - San Jose, CA

Aug 02-05, 2022 Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference, Honolulu, HI

NOTE: California was under-represented in the *KAPPAN* this past time. Please consider writing an article and sending photos to represent our state. Have you held special meetings? Chosen how your chapter might earn money for The Longest Day? Done unusual online activities or had special guests? Let the rest of Alpha Delta Kappa know. Send articles to both *CA Connects* and the *KAPPAN*. The deadlines are listed above.

Speaking of newsletters, if you have contemporary computer skills, your assistance is greatly needed and desired. Joanne Grimm and Sara Armstrong have their hands full trying to do all the work as editors of two publications. Please text Sara at (909) 226-8294.

Honor, Support, Nurture, then Flourish

CA Proud of The Chapters That Met

The Corona Virus (Covid-19) hit California in March of 2020. Members and chapters needed to adjust to the parameters set by the state. Distanced meetings, more communication (by way of phone, internet and delivery to the doors) and programs were developed. California AΔK adapted



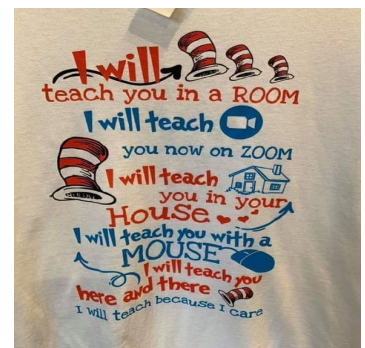
Beta Tau (Chico) The board met poolside while social distancing to discuss innovative ways to connect with our members during this 2020 pandemic year. Our goal was to brainstorm and develop some fun ideas to make the best of an uncertain situation this fall. It was so nice to see each other!. (Mary Krause)



Friends developed through Alpha Delta Kappa even had a responsibly-distanced, tribute dinner the night of what was to be the NW/SW Regional Conference in Hawaii.



California Connects Educators (and their supporters), a non-Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook group, was started with uplifting memes to brighten the days for those educators who are working. Non-member educators, such as former students who went into the field of education, were invited to join the group with the hopes that some might consider joining Alpha Delta Kappa!



CA Proud of Councils Hosting District Conferences

Northern District Peralta Council

Peralta Council proudly presents California Alpha Delta Kappa Northern District's Conference

"Fall Reconnect"

Saturday, October 3, 2020
at 10:00 am
on Zoom

RSTP: Judi Garcia nanateacher1@aol.com by Friday, September 18, 2020
We will have breakout rooms for smaller group discussions, activities, and so we need to know how many members will attend.

When you respond, please indicate one of the following:

- I know how to "Zoom," please send an invitation,
- I will ask someone to teach me how to "Zoom,"
- Please contact me and show me how to "Zoom,"
- I will social-distance with a friend while she "Zooms,"
- I regret that I will not be able to attend.

For questions contact:

Judi Garcia (Peralta Council President) nanateacher1@aol.com (610) 888-1692, or
Dorena Kinley (CA President-Elect) adk_kinley@gmail.com

For Zoom assistance, contact:

Sara Cooper (Alpha Chapter President) jcooney24@yahoo.com (610) 468-4514, or
Karen Kirby, (Immediate Past State President) adk_karen_kirby@gmail.com (949) 498-8788

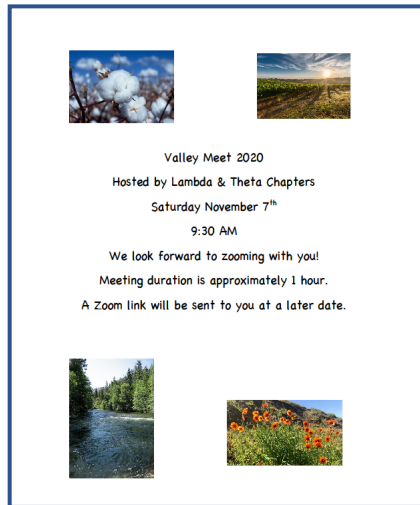
Sara Cooper
President
2020-22



Valley District Bakersfield

Valley Meet 2020
Hosted by Lambda & Theta Chapters
Saturday November 7th
9:30 AM

We look forward to zooming with you!
Meeting duration is approximately 1 hour.
A Zoom link will be sent to you at a later date.



Marina District Channel Islands

Alpha Delta Kappa presents:
Marina District Conference

Theme: Flourishing in the New Year

Come join us to reconnect with your Marina District ADK Sisters!

January 23, 2021
10 am - 11:15 am

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

We will

- meet our new State Executive Board Members
- honor our founders
- support our sisterhood
- nurture our spirits through humor
- flourish in nature

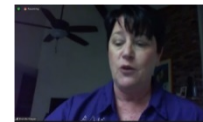
For questions, contact:
Barbara Murray — bjmteach@gmail.com




Wendy Hoddash



and Brenda Mayer



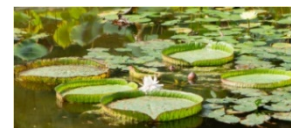
Marina - Practice



Barbara Murray

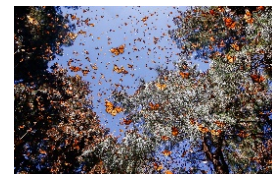
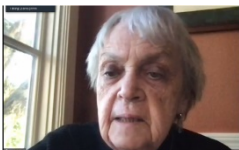


Nancy Dorey



Joanne Grimm

Sherry Bronow



CA Proud Of The Alpha Delta Kappa Founders

October brought Founders' Day and a myriad of ways to recognize the four women who started Alpha Delta Kappa



Alpha Delta (Ann Leonard)

Alpha Delta has a wonderful program they do in conjunction with honoring new teachers. They give a new book to each of the district's schools plus, they sent a video to the Superintendent's Office to be shared with each principal. It is an excellent way for each school to learn about Alpha Delta Kappa

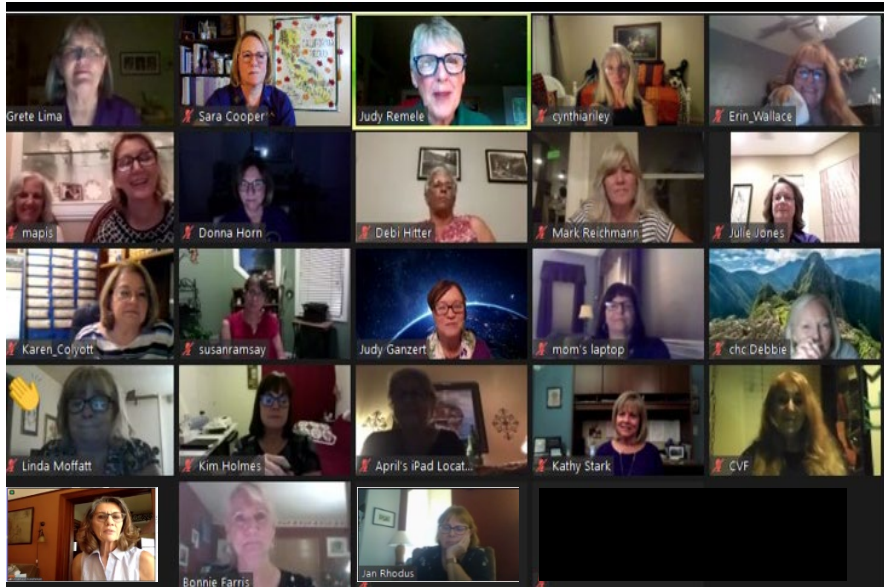
Beta Iota (Judy Remele)



Featured Judy Ganzert's 2019-2021 Banner "Infinite Possibilities" (Script written by Su Wade) October 12, 2020



Judy Ganzert,
Alpha Delta Kappa
International President
2019-2021

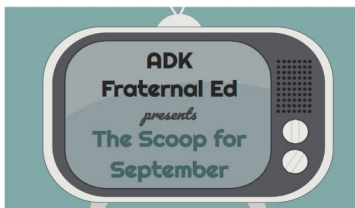


Prior to the meeting, each member received a star. After the script was presented, all stars were lighted and the celebration came to a close



Gamma Eta (Kathleen O'Malley)

Gamma Eta showed short videos about Alpha Delta Kappa's founders and provided fraternity education powerpoints about the organization. These two items were then shared with a few other chapters.



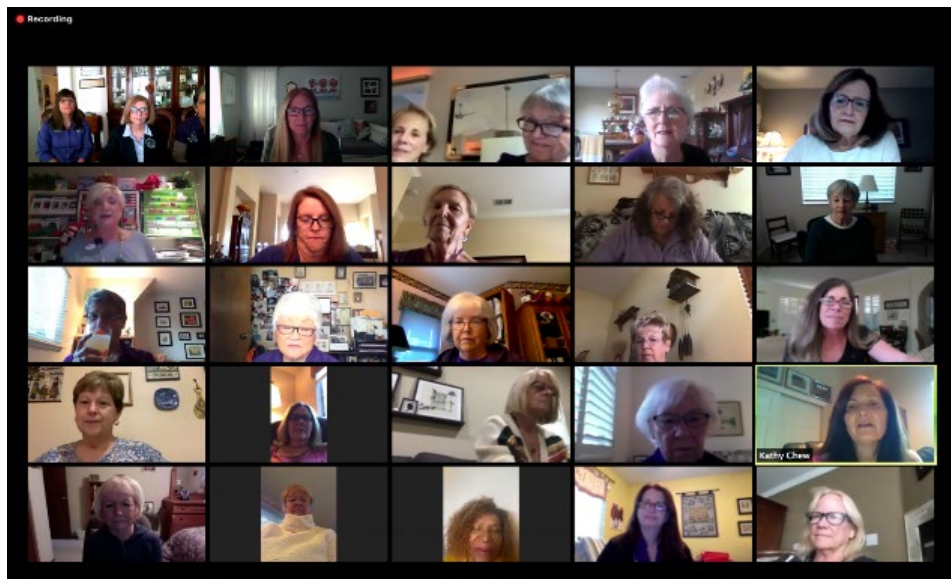
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Beta Eta

Teresa Heitmiller Olea, our President Elect, planned a Founder's Day scavenger hunt, via Zoom of course! Four different sisters took turns reading a short life history about each founding member. After each reading, our members were tasked with going off and finding different items related to that founding member. For example, we "hunted" for items related to music, travel, and working long hours for Agnes Shipman Robertson. What a fun show and tell activity, along with learning more about our founders!

An email chain was also started listing some of our chapter presidents who have moved on to Omega Chapter, and asking members to share memories they had about these sisters. It was a wonderful way to remember those sisters, and for newer members to learn about them!



Xi (Mary Ann Englehart)

We listened to the recording on the International website of Agnes talking about the founding of our organization. It was inspiring and renewed our dedication to finding new members for our beloved AΔK. I also shared the pumpkin decorating video from the Northern District Conference. It was great fun!



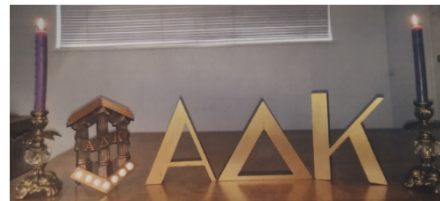
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25th Anniversary photo honoring the 8 past presidents, including the founder. Their names are from left to right in the back row: Catherine (Kay) Hawkins, Ardis Higgins, Ceil Schnepple, and Marge Linton. And from left to right in the front row: Margaret Straight, Beverly Pelton, Betsy Barnes (Founder), and Virginia Faber.



Beta Rho (Colleen Golden)

Beta Rho always looks forward to our October Founder's Day celebration. This year our Sister Patrice created an educational, inspiring and entertaining event all on Zoom. Patrice presented a slideshow, complete with audio, the materials were found on our international website. The slideshow provided us with a historical perspective and reminded us of our core values. Patrice did not end there, she put together a Bingo game for us all to play. Sisters were able to play virtually or utilize the bingo card Patrice mailed out to each of us. To cover a square Patrice would ask a question based on the slide show. The group enjoyed the learning experience so much we played an additional round. Patrice engaged and connected us all virtually centered around the importance of our history as a sorority.

Gamma Nu (Pam Burris)

Presenters divided information into 3 categories.

1. Our talented music teacher, Jane Carter sang a clever description of our four founding ladies in a song. It caught everyone off guard and was such a great opening to our discussion!

2. Our next member asked questions about the ladies from the song and just some general facts.

3. Another member had a list of questions concerning basic organization of Alpha Delta Kappa.

ie. Where is headquarters located?

Local Approximately how many chapters are in CA?

State How many districts do we have in CA? Can you name one?

National How many regions are there across the US?

What is our region called?

Which states make up this region?

Six other regions were shared with the members.

International Can you name any country which has an ADK chapter(s)?

CA Proud Of Our Altruistic Endeavors

Theta Chapter (Kathy Kozlowski)

In the past we met together with gift baskets with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life, Get On the Bus, etc. Other years we would play a trivia game with details about ADK as the questions. This year, because of the pandemic, we did the meeting on zoom, and we played a trivia game on Kahoot, which is a platform that teachers use to make quizzes. Each sister had the questions on her screen, and we would answer them as fast as possible. Things like the date of the founding, the city of the headquarters, the name of the newsletter, etc. were the possible questions. It was quite fun, and we learned more about Alpha Delta Kappa.



Gamma Mu (Stephanie Crilly)
Snuggle Day gives students a chance

Dear Wonderful Women of Gamma Mu,
We wanted to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you for all your amazing donations for Snuggle Day. We wanted to share some pics (for those of you not on social media) so you can see how we stretched all your dollars, thanks to Holly's magical deal-seeking powers! In fact, we had two massive carloads to take up to social services for Snuggle Day.

We can't thank you enough!
Laura Gosselin

Here's a list of what we bought:

- 48 Jewelry bags for teen girls with jewelry, make-up, scrunchies, and more!
- 49 boy beanies w/ socks and \$10 gift card
- 10 girl backpacks (watch, socks, toy, etc.)
- 21 boy backpacks (watch, socks, toy, etc.)
- 5 duffle bags
- 30 boy t-shirts
- 19 kids watches
- 30 child fleeces
- 20 bubbles (toy)
- 40 stuffed animals
- 10 pajama pants
- 38 LED lights for bedrooms (teens and tweens love these)



CA Proud Of All Officers and Our Entire Membership

Dear Sisters,

It is hard to believe that the challenging year of 2020 has drawn to a close. It was very difficult for many of our members and their families. I know for some it has been hard to try to look for the "silver lining" in this past year of hardships.

Alpha Delta Kappa has worked hard to do just that in many ways. Our International, State and Chapter levels leaders have worked hard to provide many opportunities to stay connected virtually by conventions, conferences, programs and meetings. The "silver lining" is attendance at these events has been larger than when we were able to meet in person. Those of us who had never used a virtual platform have honed our skills and have become comfortable using Zoom and Go to Meeting, this is another "silver lining".

During this past holiday season when we all were turning to gift giving it made me think of the "Gift of Membership" we received when we joined Alpha Delta Kappa and that we have passed on to others. How can we use this gift in the coming new year? We all must work together to support and help each other get through this unimaginable time. We can do this by reaching out to those we have not heard from whether they are in our chapter, a friend or family member. This reconnecting can be a continuing gift with a "silver lining" to ourselves and those we reach out to.

During this new year of 2021 we can all make the resolution to stay connected and look for the "silver lining" in our membership in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Fraternally,
Mari Page
California Vice President for Membership



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



THE LONGEST DAY CAMPAIGN MAKES CALIFORNIA PROUD

Last year, the California Cares team of California Alpha Delta Kappa chapters raised \$10,797 for The Longest Day fight against Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is one of International's altruistic projects. The California Cares Team is part of AΔK International's 2021 Global Team.

The Longest Day this year is June 20, 2021. It is time to register your chapter as part of our California Cares team so your chapter sisters, family and friends will have a place to go to donate, and your chapter will get the credit. Even though June 21 seems a long way away, all chapters should be on the team now.

Here is how to register your chapter:

1. Go to alz.org/adk. This will take you to the Alpha Delta Kappa page.
2. Click on Join a Team. When asked if you have participated before choose "No" so you can register your chapter correctly (even if you have participated in the past).
3. Type "California Cares" in the first Search box. Scroll down and click on "Join".
4. Set a fundraising goal (you can change it later), and decide if you want a T-shirt. If not, you can check "No Donation".
5. Fill in the form. Then register your chapter's name by typing **CA + your chapter's name** in the First Name box. Put your last name in the Last Name box. Fill in the rest of the form. Hint: In Additional Information, you can choose Fundraise Only.
6. Check the box "Agree to Terms and Conditions", review your details, and finish registration.

While you are on the website, click on Fundraising Ideas at the top of the page. Click on Physical Distancing, then scroll down to see the categories of suggested virtual fundraising activities.

A detailed letter will be sent at a later date describing the process for donating. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the California Cares team captain Karen Kirby at adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com or 949-855-1214.

Let's see if we can surpass last year's fundraising efforts and have some fun doing so.