



STEPPING STONES

California Alpha Delta Kappa



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President's Message



I am excited and overjoyed – now that I have begun my journey as State President. We

have already begun to “Step into the Future” with an action plan for the biennium.

Things began quickly with the NW/SW Regional Conference in Hawai'i, which was very informative and provided a great deal of ideas for moving forward.

The Executive Board's Leadership Training in August gave us the opportunity to implement the major focuses that I identified in my acceptance speech, specifically, Tech

and Support for Chapters. The first action item was introduced to the Executive Board by Vice President for Membership - called **Leadership by Committee – Alternative Model for Alpha Delta Kappa Leadership**. The Board is in the process of developing criteria for determining chapter(s) eligibility.

There will be two main chapter leaders: Communication Contact and Treasurer

*No need for full slate of chapter officers - *Less* responsibility for filling out number of forms.

- The *focus* will be on the important work of AΔK:

- *Excellence in Education – supporting practicing teachers; scholarships and grants

*Altruism – Choosing charities to support every year

*World Understanding – at least one program addressing this topic during a biennium

Second, in response to the Feasibility Study Resolution that passed at the 2020 state convention, the Board will adopt the **Pilot Program (Enhanced Open Board meeting)** that will allow members not on the Board to attend an Executive Board Meeting.

NOTE: The Board meeting is open to all. Under this Program, this will allow members to be able to bring to the Board matters that concern their chapter for the first hour of the Board Meeting.

The Pilot Program will start with the Northern Conference, October 1st. The program will be available at each District Conference throughout the biennium. Information about the procedure will be given on the flyer at each conference.

Third, **Greek Squad** is in the process to create “tech support” to assist members in the use of technology in filling out forms, navigating websites and other technology needs members face within the realm of Alpha Delta Kappa,

We have stepped into the future! Let us see how far we can go!

Rosena Kruley, California State President

President Rosena’s Goals 2022-2024

Goal 1 – Increase the number of chapters who reach the goal of having 7 pearls by the end of this biennium, by 2 over the past biennium.

We have already made the state webpage more user friendly. We will specifically assist chapters with reaching the goal of 7 pearls by uploading the pearl requirements to the state webpage and providing links (where possible) to the necessary forms to complete each step. We will reach out to chapters as deadlines approach to remind them of actions they can take to earn pearls and to offer our assistance.

Goal 2 – Establish a communication/technology group to give members support on the use of technology.

Form a “Greek Squad” at the Executive Board level. This group will assist chapters by providing one-on-one support for technology issues,

assisting them in navigating the International and California AΔK websites and in completing reports.

Goal 3 – Open lines of communication with the chapters to ensure that any chapters struggling to remain active are encouraged to notify the Board in time for intervention.

At all Council meetings, liaisons to the Councils will include in presentations a message that the Board would like to hear of any issues in the chapters. Any issues raised at the time of the meeting or afterward will be included in the Liaison summary and reported to the State President immediately.

Goal 4 – Increase the use of available scholarships for chapter members.

Many of the available scholarships have gone unused. The Board will clearly notify the chapters of the deadlines and requirements for these scholarships in sufficient time for the chapters to nominate sisters.



Thirty-Five California sisters attended the NW/SW Conference in Hawai'i

Front row: Right to Left - **Susan Gotto**, Past State Pres, **Dorothy Vaio**, Past State Pres & Past International Vice Pres, **Sara Cooper**, Immediate Past State Pres, **Mollie Acosta**, International President, **Rosena Kruley**, State Pres, & Linda Santillan

One CA sister received a \$100 grant from the Noel Leonard legacy for attending the Regional Conference in Hawai'i and will share her training with her chapter and council.

The recipient was Kathy Gallardo from Golden Gate Council.

ALOHA: Living and practicing Aloha



Akahi - kindness

Lokahi - unity

Olu'olu - agreeable

Ha'aha'a - humility

Ahonui - patience

NEW CA STATE ALTRUISTIC PROJECT 2022-2024



George Mark Children's House (GMCH) is a pediatric palliative care center, focusing on quality of life and continuity of care for children who are terminally ill or for those who have chronic medical conditions. GMCH is in San Leandro, CA and serves terminally ill children and their families in all of California

October 1, 2022 – Deadline for Candidate Application for International & Regional



Once again, California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters joined forces in our

fundraising efforts for The Longest Day. Together, we raised \$10,427 and exceeded California Cares team goal of \$10,000. California Cares ranked fifth in all the Alpha Delta Kappa Global Teams. The Alpha Delta Kappa Global Team, with teams from all states, nations, and provinces, collectively raised \$196,119.96.

Here are some fundraising highlights:

- Doreen Barns, *Beta Rho*, raised \$2,435 which put her in the top ten of all the Global Teams.
- California *Gamma Mu* raised \$1,772 which made that chapter number one of all the California Cares teams.
- California *Beta Eta* raised \$945.
- California *Beta Rho* raised an additional \$600 beyond what Doreen Barns raised.
- California *Zeta* raised \$545.
- California *Beta Omicron* raised \$460.
- California *Gamma* raised \$450
- \$1,860 was donated directly to the California Cares team.

Thanks go to all who participated this year and helped make our fundraising a success. I have agreed to continue as the California Cares team captain for 2023. You will be hearing from me in November. Meantime, please discuss your fundraising ideas with your chapter. It all begins again in January 2023.

By Karen Kirby, California Cares Team Captain

Don't Forget Founders Day!



October has traditionally been the month to celebrate the founders of Alpha Delta Kappa. Fortunately, there is a wealth of information about Agnes, Hattie, Marion, and Marie, including skits, plays, and other forms of fraternity education on the international website. These resources can help you make learning about our founders fun and memorable for your chapter. Your presentation might be as simple as having four members read about each of the founders' histories, or as elaborate as staging a full play with costumes and more. Whatever you choose, teaching, or maybe reminding, sisters about our own Fab Four is always appropriate for an October meeting.

Raffle Forms and Fees Updated



If your chapter is planning on conducting a raffle, you must register with the Secretary of State. If you have done this in the past, please know that the forms have been updated and the fee is now \$30.00. All updated forms, guidelines and checklist are on the California website under **Treasurer's Corner**

Project C.H.E.A.R.

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C.H.E.A.R. stands for: Making a **C**hildren's **H**ome with **E**ducation and **A**griculture a **R**eality and is Alpha Delta Kappa's cooperative project with the Harambee Foundation.

- C.H.E.A.R. is the International World Understanding project during President Mollie Acosta's biennium.
- The goal is \$50,000.
- There are two ways to make donations:
 - on the International website using the World Understanding tab (preferred)

- if you write a check, put C.H.E.A.R. on the memo line and send to:

Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation
1615 W. 92nd St.
Kansas City, MO 64114

- C.H.E.A.R. has already received \$400 and will continue to receive donations through July 2023.
- After July 2023, all donations for Project C.H.E.A.R. must be sent to the Harambee Foundation directly.

By Grete Lima, W.U. Chair 2021-2023



Greetings from the Executive Board

President-Elect Corner

I am Virginia Riding, state president- elect for the 2022-2024 biennium. I am a violet sister and member of Gamma chapter in the Fresno area. I taught for 35 years, mostly in grades 3-5, before retiring and still substitute at my former school. My husband Bob and I are the proud parents of two sons and grandparents of three amazing grandchildren.

I hope to meet many of you at our upcoming district conferences and look forward to a wonderful new biennium as we embrace State President Rosena Kruley’s theme and Step Into The Future. Be sure to contact me at adk.virginiariding@gmail.com if you have any questions or

Vice President Membership Corner

My name is Donna McCartney, and I am the VP for Membership for 2022-2024. I moved here from Pennsylvania seven years ago and have been an active AΔK member for almost 25 years. I was the CA State Chaplain during the last biennium and look forward to getting to know all of you better over the next two years.

Some of you have already held the office of Chapter Membership Consultant (CMC), but for the new recruits, here are a few suggestions to help you with your job:

- Download the Membership Development Manual (MDM) or copy it from the International website. If you prefer a hard copy, be aware that it is a long document.
- Read the MDM. You can find the answers to most questions in that document.
- Contact your chapter’s former CMC. They may have a thumb

drive with important information to give to you. If not, they should have a file. Be aware that there are changes since the last biennium, especially the Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA), so some of the information may not be current.

Look for my emailed Membership Message every month or so for current membership happenings. Chapter Presidents will also receive these emails. Contact me if I am sending them to someone in error and let me know who should be receiving them instead.

Remember that **the Chapter Needs Assessment needs to be filled out on the AΔK website and is due by October 15 at the latest.** I am setting up CNA training sessions in September to answer questions and support you with this task. You should receive the Zoom information plus instructions about how to fill out the CNA next week.

Best wishes on a great start to this biennium. I look forward to talking with you soon!

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WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

A Greek Squad is Forming!!!

By State Technology Chairman Karen Kirby

I am looking for a few good, tech savvy sisters to join my Greek Squad. As State Technology Chairman, the State Executive Board has directed me to form a technology committee of California sisters who have technology skills. The purposes of this committee will be to assist with technology needs within the realm of Alpha Delta Kappa. Such needs might include completion of online forms on the International and California websites; assist with Zoom logins; accessing the International Directory to make changes in chapter members' information; other technology needs that may arise.

If you would like to be a Greek Squad committee member, please contact me at adk.karen.kirby@att.net or call me at 949-466-8786.

News you can use!

Have You Received A Grant?

Thousands of dollars of Alpha Delta Kappa grant money goes unspent in our organization because members

do not apply. To help generate more applications, the following list contains ideas that were accepted at the International level.

1. Hands-on student science kits
2. Library books featuring stories of diversity
3. Phonic and morpheme flash cards (i.e. Morpheme Magic)
4. Hands-on math materials (i.e. individual wipe-off boards, base ten blocks, place value charts)
5. Aids for mainstreamed visually-impaired students, Braille learning aids for sighted classmates
6. Virtual robotics and *Class Connect* subscriptions
7. Aids to teach social and emotional learning (i.e. *Ninja Life Hacks*)
8. Kindergarten phonic aids
9. Club Tome (a book club for grades 3-5) and a Tome Society in the school
10. Hands-on individual geography kits
11. Materials to set up a classroom business
12. Books, treats, etc. to create an "On The Go Kit" for students experiencing adversities, such as death or divorce

13. Sound wall phonics enrichment materials

14. Graphic novels for reluctant readers

15. Classroom magazines

16. Online ESL materials

17. Books that help develop PE literacy

18. Breakout EDU subscription and Breakout Boxes for learning-based scavenger hunts

19. Do It Yourself (DIY) online account for individual learning

Some points to help your application succeed include:

1. Itemize your costs
2. Clearly explain programs, acronyms, kits, etc.
3. State the educational standards associated with your grant

Alpha Delta Kappa grants are one way to support educators. Use these ideas as you plan your future grant proposal.

Mari Page *Gamma Mu*, CA State Chaplain, *and* Member of the International Classroom Grant Committee

Chapter happenings!



Caitlyn Peterson, member of Gamma Eta since February 2017, featured article appeared in the Palm Springs Desert Sun Newspaper, August 15, 2022

Caitlyn Peterson's 4th grade "SUPER class" at Sunny Sands Elementary in Cathedral City is a delight. A superhero aficionado, she has been collecting and creating comic book memorabilia for her classroom for over 10 years.

Her lectern and desk are covered with Wonder Woman upholstery. Her custom-made curtains look like comic books. Her hand-made lamp has a Batman shade. Spider-Man spins a balloon-string web over the door.

Lady Venom, a fluffy bunny rabbit that is 0% venomous and

100% cute, hops around the room as an unofficial therapy animal for angsty pre-teens. Guinea pigs Chilly and Tootsie live near her library and reading corner, and there is a terrarium full of Madagascar hissing cockroaches. (She actually ordered two male cockroaches but mistakenly received one male and one female, hence the tankful.)

She teaches "wondrous writers" in homage to Wonder Woman and "marvelous math" in honor of her favorite Marvel characters.

"There are a lot of hands-on activities," Peterson said. "My kids move, and they talk with each other: it's controlled chaos."

Like her classroom design, her teaching style is not at all conventional — and parents have been skeptical — but it works so well that Peterson was a 2019-20 Teacher of the Year at Julius Corsini Elementary in Desert Hot Springs.

"We're loud, but we're learning, enjoying, and having fun," Peterson said. Her motto is: Do your adventures and get your business done.

Submitted by Kathleen
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World Understanding Chair

Share your chapter news in the
next newsletter. Send article
and information to: Rosena
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October Alpha Delta Kappa Month

- Oct 1 Candidate Application for International & Reginal Offices deadline**
- Oct 1 KAPPAN submission deadline (December publication)**
- Oct 6 International Sisters Sharing the Love Zoom**
<https://zoom.us/j/94401992133?pwd=eUtQMkVMV2JsNGk5bTNzN2R5VjQ1UT09>
Meeting ID: 944 0199 2133 Passcode: 699925
- Oct 15 Proposals for Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions to appropriate chairman deadline**
- Oct 15 Deadline to submit proposals for a new International Altruistic Project**
- Oct 15 S/P/N Bylaws or Official Policy Statement to the INTL Bylaws Chairman**
- Oct 15 Leadership Academy applications for participants and mentors deadline**
- Oct 15 Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) deadline**
- Oct 15 Regional Mini Fall Scholarship (activities between Nov 15-May 15) deadline**
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time ends**
- Nov 15 Innovation Grant deadline**