

STEPPING STONES

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President's Message



It's that wonderful time of year as the holidays approach. I

hope you all had a joyful Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. And, a very special Christmas, Chanukkah, Kwanza, or other celebrations that are meaningful to you.

But, as you enjoy this time of year, please don't forget about AΔK. We have lots of activities going on in the fall and winter. We have already had two District Conferences. I was glad to be able to attend the Northern District Conference. Mary Ellen

Davis, *Beta* – Golden Gate Council President, had a display of diverse hand-made dolls that Mary-ellen created herself. [Click here](#) to view the video provided by Teresa Olea, Chapter President, *Beta Eta*, so you can see and find out all about the history of the dolls.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Valley Conference in person because I had knee replacement surgery in October. I attended our Executive Board meetings via Zoom. We have two more district conferences to come in early 2023. I am looking forward to attending and meeting the sisters from the Marina and Southern Districts.

We have re-named our pilot project, the **Membership Input program** (formerly Enhanced Board Meeting). This is a perfect opportunity for the Executive Board to hear from the individual chapters about any issues or special activities you are experiencing. One of my goals is to open the lines of communication between the Executive Board and our chapters. This program is a great way to do this.

Your next chance to meet with the Board will be the Marina District Conference on January 21. You can give input to the Board at the Conference or virtually when the Board convenes just after the conclusion of the Conference.

But, if there are matters of concern in your chapter now, please let me know. You don't have to wait until January or a district conference that is not in your district!!

We really need more sisters to help with the Greek Squad (more info below) – sisters helping sisters. We had only an 80% completion rate for the Chapter Needs Assessment. If we had the Greek Squad fully staffed, we could have helped those chapters who had issues with the technology involved with this report. If you have any interest/skill in this area, please let Karen Kirby, the Greek Squad Chairman, know. We need sisters representing the four districts of the state.

Rosena Kruley, California State President



June 21, 2023 is the Longest Day, a day with the most light and a day we fight against Alzheimer's disease. Alpha Delta Kappa will kick off the Global

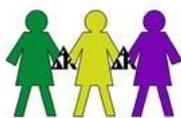
Team fundraising for the Alzheimer’s Association in January, and it will continue through June 2023. Once again, California Cares will spearhead California’s fundraising efforts. A letter will be sent to all California chapter presidents in January, detailing how chapters may join the California Cares team. An e-blast will be sent to all California sisters explaining how to donate to their chapter’s team or directly to California Cares.

I am honored and excited to remain the California Cares Team Captain. Let me know if you have any questions:

adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com.

Karen Kirby

California Cares Team Captain



Celebrate Founders Day!

For Founders’ Month, Karen Kirby (*Gamma Mu*) and her husband, Dan, bought bundles of Scholastic Books for their granddaughter, Rylie Kirby. Rylie is a first year teacher at Tejasas Creek Elementary School in Rancho Santa Margarita. Miss Kirby was excited to



add literature books to her classroom library.

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**



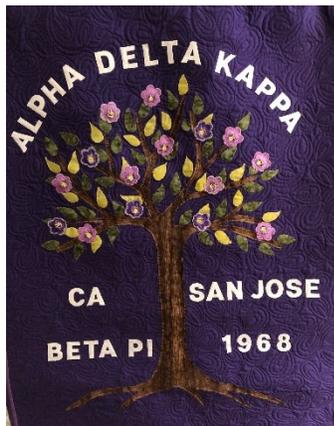
IMPORTANCE OF RECORDING CHAPTER HISTORY - Recreating a Lost Banner

Through a series of unfortunate events, CA Beta Pi recently realized that our banner, created by our early founders, had been lost!



unreliable.

That's where photos in past yearbooks, especially those electronically created, saved the day.



Even putting heads together, details were unreliable. Equipped with these, two talented quilters were commissioned to duplicate the original one made of felt. Everyone agrees that the new one is spectacular.

Without our carefully recorded chapter history, now housed at the city of San Jose Historical Archives, our banner might have remained permanently lost!

CA Beta Pi



President Biennium Book 2020-2022

Each chapter and Council have pages designated in Sara Cooper's **Biennium Book**, which is a gift to the outgoing President from all the chapters. Before too many more months fly by, please gather up the images that you've collected or that chapter members have shared with you to create your pages on Shutterfly. Creating your chapter pages might become a "group project"; everyone is an historian. The chapter pages already completed are amazing! Congratulations!

Directions to guide you to access the project on Shutterfly are posted on the CA website. Caution: work only on the pages designated to your chapter. The project is open for chapter historians: complete pages and/or edit, revise, or add images to existing pages. Don't wait! Thoughts and images are easily lost! Set a goal for yourself – perhaps January 1, 2023, or sooner?

www.adkcalif.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/04/InstructionsforShutterfly.pdf

Thank you.

Susan Raffo, State Historian 2020-2022

Share your chapter news in the next newsletter. Send article and information to: Rosena Kruley adk.kruleyr@gmail.com

**WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

A Greek Squad needs YOU!!!

We are looking for a few good, tech savvy sisters to join the 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 purpose 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; assisting 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 949-466-8786.

State Technology Chairman Karen Kirby



International AΔK 2022 Classroom Grant



This grant is for members who are currently teaching. In the Southwest Region, we had four recipients receive a grant. Their projects were selected for creativity and innovation in teaching practices and plans to enhance classroom lessons.

They are:

Kimberly Evans-Holmes, *Beta Iota*

Kelly Young, *Beta Omicron*

Janice Smith, *Beta Eta*

Teresa Thompson, *Beta Rho*

Congratulations!



CA District Mini Scholarships 2022

This grant is for a member who can be retired or actively involved in education. The following recipients received the District Mini Scholarships for 2022:

Northern: Christy Thorson, Beta Eta
Marina: Karen Kirby, Gamma Mu
Southern: Linda Aguilera, Beta Omicron
Congratulations!

chapter's name is added to a perpetual plaque which is presented at the State Convention.

The Golden Chapter application accompanied by guidelines and a rubric is available digitally on the website. The completed application is due to the State President by February 15, in the second year of the biennium. The application criteria cover the chapter's ongoing program activities, community altruistic efforts, contribution to scholarship programs, and participation at all levels of Alpha Delta Kappa. Since the application spans a biennium, keeping a "running record" using the application form makes it easier to document your chapter. Using the rubric, the State President reviews and scores all applications. The highest scoring applicant will be honored at the State Convention. The State President will acknowledge the receipt of applications.

State Scholarship Committee
 Susan Raffo, Chairman

Do you remember?

The Pearls of Achievement Award Program is to create a structure of attainable and trackable goals that each chapter aspires to achieve. The pearls

2022 Distinguished Program Awards (DPAs)

GULF: AL Alpha Iota
 NORTH CENTRAL: No qualifying chapters
 NORTHEAST: OH Lambda; honorable mention OH Alpha, PA Gamma
 NORTHWEST: No qualifying chapters
 SOUTH CENTRAL: TX Epsilon Omicron; honorable mention KS Beta Epsilon
 SOUTHEAST: TN Alpha Psi; honorable mention VA Alpha, VA Beta Nu, VA Nu
 SOUTHWEST: CO Eta; honorable mention CA Zeta



Congratulations to CA Zeta for honorable mention for the Southwest Region!

News you can use!

Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award

The Golden Chapter Award was first given at the 1996 State Convention to honor Elizabeth "Betty" Rosenberg, Past International President, and Past California State President (1954-1956). In 1953, Betty was a founding sister in Alpha Chapter in Oakland, California's first chapter. Betty loved Alpha Delta Kappa and will be an ever-present inspiration and role model for her California sisters. The

recognize chapters that strive for excellence. This excerpt - written by Helen Foster - explains more.

"Our founders; Agnes, Marion, Hattie and Marie chose pearls. In ancient times the pearl was a most treasured and valuable gem and a symbol of unblemished perfection. It has long been known as The Queen of Gems. Natural pearls are so rare and expensive that they were reserved almost exclusively for the nobility and the very rich. The Latin word for pearl literally means **unique**- attesting to the fact that no two pearls are identical. Is this what the founders were trying to tell

us? We- the members of our organization are **unique**, with not one of us being identical. I kind of like that idea of why the pearl is used on our badge and for achievements."

Being unique is what makes each Alpha Delta Kappa sister so extraordinary.

Barbara Cohen, President,
Beta Rho

PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!
Rosena would like to feature every chapter in the newsletters. Send photos with a caption to:
adk.kruleyr@gmail.com

Sisters you are Invited...

“There’s No Place Like Home”, ITE Webinar

You, our Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, have been personally invited to meet each of our scholars; Ambika, Vafa, Nesrin, Dona, Darmini, Anu and Janett through our **ITE Webinar, Saturday, January 14, 2023, 4:00 EST.**

The first-year scholars will open their doors to each of you, and tell you about their countries, customs, families, education, and so much more. Our second-year scholars will open their doors as well to academic research at the universities they have chosen, as well as their personal aspirations as they complete their master’s degrees. You will personally hear what they hope to do upon returning to their

countries and the appreciation they have for the ITE Scholarship. *Information can be found on our AΔK website, Connect, and Facebook.*



January 2023

Jan 1 International Dues and Chapter ITE contributions are due to HQ

Jan 1 KAPPAN submission deadline (March publication)

Jan 1 International Membership Campaign begins

Jan 14 ITE Webinar, 4:00 PM EST

Jan 31 Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application deadline

Jan 31 Dues Postmark deadline -or incur \$5 member penalty/late fee

Feb 15 Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (ARGO) Scholarship application deadline

Feb 15 Fine Arts Grants Application deadline

