

# STEPPING STONES

California Alpha Delta Kappa



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## President's Message



As the first year of my presidency comes to an end, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments so far.

We have really begun to step into the future! In many ways, we have embraced technology to become a hybrid organization. It's great that our sisters are getting together again in person. But we are also using technology to have meetings remotely when doing so better serves our needs. Many chapters, including my own, have some meetings via Zoom when they want to bring in an outside speaker, or wish to include more sisters who are unable to travel, or for other reasons.

We have greatly expanded our use of technology in communicating with you, including establishing our "Greek Squad" to assist chapters with

technology needs. And, we have implemented new programs to simplify leadership at the chapter level and to establish an open-door policy for our State Board meetings to receive valuable input from the membership.

The Fall is the time to propose altruistic projects for the next biennium. And, of course, the summer is the perfect time for sisters to step up and think about serving on the State Board for the next biennium. So, please start thinking about those two items over the summer.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 75<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Kansas City in July. I know that many of you will be there in person and others attending virtually.

I hope that we all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and come back in

the fall rejuvenated and ready to continue our journey into the future.

Rosena Kruley, California State President

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**Who are we?** We are the California Greek Squad, sisters helping sisters with

AΔK technology issues.

**Why?** California State President Rosena Kruley's technology goal focuses on the increased use of technology.

**What we can do or provide:**

- Assist with finding information on the California website.
- Assist with finding information on the International website.
- Assist navigating *AΔK Connect*.
- Help to complete online forms.
- Set up chapter and council Zoom meetings and virtual fundraisers.
- Conduct training for chapter presidents on using California website resources.
- Conduct seminars for people feeling they are techno challenged.

- Show how to change information in the *Directory* on the International website.
- Conduct training for chapter chairs on completion of forms such as *Chapter Needs Assessment*, Membership, C-1 reports and e-postcards, raffles, and altruistic reports.
- Show how to use *Google Slides, Sheets*, etc.
- Show how to use *Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel*
- Introduce needed tools to the chapter officers so they may do their job.

**What we cannot do:**

- Fix a crashed computer.
- Function as *Tech Support Professionals*.

**There are 3 ways to contact the Greek Squad:**

1. (Preferred) Send an email to [caadkgreeksquad@gmail.com](mailto:caadkgreeksquad@gmail.com), including your name, chapter, email address, phone number, PC or Mac user, and a brief description of your issue.
2. Call 949-466-8786 and leave a voicemail including your name, chapter, email address, phone number, PC or Mac user, and a brief description of your issue.

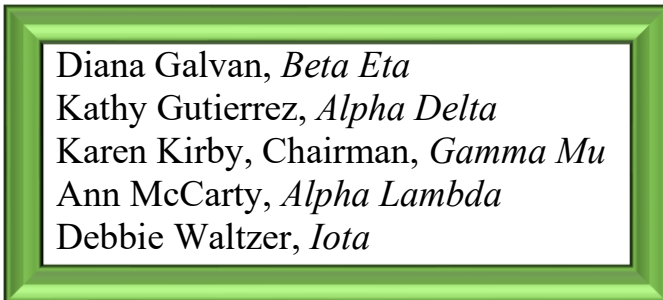
3. Submit the *Google Form* by clicking on this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvQAn-dVskPf3zPO0muTX\\_2DS75j\\_IU8vBdHKYkF9VEtXypg/viewform?usp=s\\_haring](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvQAn-dVskPf3zPO0muTX_2DS75j_IU8vBdHKYkF9VEtXypg/viewform?usp=s_haring)

Someone will contact you within 24 – 48 hours.

**Please do not contact the Greek Squad members directly.**

**The Greek Squad members are:**



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### **George Mark Children’s House**



continues to be the state altruistic project for this second year of the biennium. A Center of Excellence in

Pediatric Palliative Care, it provides support for families and life affirming care and comfort for children with incurable illnesses. Since the field of pediatric palliative care is relatively new in the U. S., only a portion of actual costs are funded by insurance reimbursements. 80% of its operation budget comes from the generosity of donors.

Learn more about this worthy project at its website - [georgemark.org](http://georgemark.org)  
When donating, please make out the check to CA Alpha Delta Kappa with CA Altruistic Project on the memo line and send the donation to the CA treasurer Diana Galvan, 2402 Ridgeside Ct., Roseville, CA 95661.

Susan Blough  
CA Altruistic Project Chair  
[susanblough@gmail.com](mailto:susanblough@gmail.com)

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### **Chapter happenings!**

#### **Northern District**

##### **Alpha Phi**

##### **Dim Sum Luncheon photos**

Sisters celebrating Chinese New Year of the rabbit luncheon and of course being with each other. King Valley Tea House, Pinole, CA

Theresa Parella who is our Centenarian Sister at 106 with her



care giver next to her. Barbara Johnson, Janet Johnson, Yvonne O'Drain, Vivianne who is Carol Li's sister, Rosemary Blaylock, Marilyn Bracelin,



Li is standing, Jocelyn Pare and my mom who is in the wheelchair and a centenarian at 100.

Carol Li made the cute year of the rabbit bags with goodies inside.

Submitted by:  
Jocelyn Pare

## Beta Rho

### Teacher Grant Recipients

For over 20 years, Beta Rho Chapter has given Classroom Grants to active teachers in school districts along the Peninsula south of San Francisco. A myriad of projects over time includes classroom books and materials; field trips to museums and the symphony; professional development opportunities; and presenters that enrich various

curricular standards. The 2022 recipients, from left to right: Brian Kersey, middle school art connections to curriculum.

Sandy Mills, science backpacks for in-the-field exploration, grade 3; Renee Orsi, gross-motor equipment/materials for early childhood SPED; Marcia Mehl, Teacher Grant Coordinator. Not pictured: Michelle Easley, math materials to develop problem solving skills post-pandemic. Several grant recipients have become chapter members.



## **Peninsula-South Bay Council Celebrates Earth Day!**

Karen Bergen, Alpha Lambda, guided members of the Peninsula-South Bay Council on a bird-watching hike to celebrate Earth Day 2023. They explored the Casey Forebay Bayside Park marsh habitat along San Francisco Bay in Mountain View.

Articles and pictures for Beta Rho submitted by: Susan Raffo, State Scholarship Chairman; Liaison Peninsula-South Bay Council



## **Valley District**

### **Gamma**

At Gamma chapter's April meeting, the sisters awarded two \$500



scholarships to first-year teachers who were recommended by their former university advisor because of their dedication to providing a quality education to their students. The young ladies were encouraged to use the money to fund projects or curriculum not usually provided by their school. Both were thrilled to receive their checks and promised to send photos and updates. Along with the checks, their envelopes included tri-fold cards explaining more about ADK as well as a note encouraging them to consider membership.

**Something wonderful for Gamma Chapter Sisters!**

Sometimes funds for chapter scholarships can come from non-traditional sources, as California Gamma recently discovered.

Trubee Leslie, a beloved Gamma sister who recently joined the Omega Chapter, was an amazing, inspiring, and encouraging educator who influenced the lives of her students for over 30 years. She was also a mentor and avid supporter and inspiration to new teachers.

To honor this highly respected educator, her family, led by daughter Lorna, who is also a teacher and Gamma member, decided to create a new-teacher scholarship in Trubee's name. They asked that people donate via a QR Code or a Go Fund Me page to the Trubee Leslie Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded by Gamma in \$500 increments each spring to first-year teachers.

Amazingly, as of mid-May, the total amount donated had already reached \$1,750. The Gamma sisters are thrilled and look forward to presenting checks to deserving new teachers. They know that Trubee would be proud to have been the source of support for their creative projects.

Submitted by: Virginia Riding,  
Gamma; State President-Elect

## Southern District

**San Diego AAK Eta Chapter  
Members Attend the Southern  
District Conference on March 11**

**The Bay Club in San Diego**



L-R (back standing) Trina Gerdes-Hughes, Evy Newton, Diana Keyes, Sue Ellen Benson, and Linda Rankin.

L-R (front seated) Nancy Keller, Ann Marie Monanhan, Cindy Acerno, San Diego Presidents' Council President (Beta Omicron), Rosena Kruley, ADK CA State President, Zahydie Annandono, Barbara Campbell.

## Marina District

### Gamma Mu

The sisters of Gamma Mu recently celebrated their sister Lynne Savran's presentation of becoming a Sapphire Sister at their most recent April chapter meeting.



*Photo of Diane Poettgen with Lynne Savran (holding certificate)*

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Gamma Mu received an endowment from their dear and revered sister, Janet Hooper, who joined Omega chapter. Gamma Mu has established the **Janet Hooper Scholarship** award with her endowment and is currently accepting scholarship applications for two \$1500 awards for this year.

Submitted by:

Karen Kirby  
Past State President  
State Technology  
Chairman/Webmaster



Our CA Gamma Mu chapter spent an afternoon (April 4<sup>th</sup>) at NEGU (Never Ever Give Up) foundation where they stuffed “Joy Jars” for children undergoing cancer treatments and their families. The foundation is a pediatric cancer non-profit which works internationally to provide CARE and is based in Orange County. The foundation was started by the family of Jessie Joy Rees. They work with them annually to stuff jars as well as to donate items and funds.



Submitted by:  
Diane Poettgen  
Gamma Mu  
Chapter President



## Zeta

Scholarship Tea  
Old Ranch Country Club  
Seal Beach, May 6, 2023



“Being Our Best” in Special Education was the theme of CA Zeta’s 2023 Scholarship Tea during which 115 attendees heard Zeta members give short talks emphasizing that every student can learn, just not on the same day or in the same way. Guests enjoyed

delicious tea and were tempted by many fundraising choices: plants for sale, raffle prizes, a chance to win \$100 cash, and a Silent Auction. Attractive centerpiece containers filled with school supplies were purchased by guests and then donated to Special Education classes in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Zeta Member Patti Calabrese (fourth from left) and her guests resplendent in the tea’s colors



Members from other AΔK chapters, several state officers, and International President, Mollie Acosta, showed their support by their attendance and donations.

### California’s Crisis Fund “Educators Helping Educators”

If you know of an educator who has suffered loss in the recent rains, you can fill out a one-page application for a \$300 grant (found on the CA website under *Forms*). Send the application to State President Rosena Kruley.



Through the tea's fundraising opportunities, event donations, and a generous contribution from Zeta member, Cynthia Clark, we raised \$8,300, enough to fund a Long Beach City College scholarship and three scholarships at California State University, Long Beach including another that honored Cynthia Clark as a Sapphire Sister.

### **The 2024-2026 State Executive Board Needs YOU!**

That's right! The time has come to run for an office on the California State Executive Board. Being on the board will allow you to help determine the future of our organization for the 2024-2026 biennium and beyond. You'll travel and meet sisters from all over the state, plus make life-long friendships with your fellow board members.

There are many positions open: President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President of Membership, Sergeant-at-Arms/Historian, and Chaplain. Choose the one that appeals to you, then fill out the application that can be found on the California website ([adkcalif.org](http://adkcalif.org); ID and password are both kore123; look under Forms).

Applications need to be submitted to Candidate Qualifications Chair Cindy Acerno by November 30, but don't put this off. Your 2024-2026 State Board is counting on you to join them!

Have questions? Contact Cindy Acerno (619-244-2672 or [acerno@comcast.net](mailto:acerno@comcast.net)) for more information.



- **June 30, H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary to HQ deadline**
- **June 30, C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Form deadline**
- **June 30, S-1 & S-2 Annual State Treasurer's Reporting Forms to Headquarters deadline (US & Puerto Rico only)**
- **July 12-16, International Convention, Downtown Marriott, Kansas City, MO**
- **August 31, Distinguished Program Award deadline**
- **Sept. 15, Classroom Grant deadline**
- **Sept. 20, S/P/N Membership Consultant submits CAN checklist to RMC deadline**
- **Sept. 30, S/P/N Presidents submit next convention date, city and hotel site to headquarters**
- **Oct 1, Chapter Yearbook to S/P/N President**