

STEPPING STONES

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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President's Message



In keeping with the theme “Stepping into the Future”, we had a combination of 47 in-person and 8 virtual for a total of 56 California sisters who attended the 75th International convention in Kansas City, MO, July 13 to 16. The 2023-2025 International Board was elected and installed and the international logo "*Bridge to the Future.*" was introduced. (Picture of logo on “logo” page) Other highlights included:

- Ann Marie Brown, *Arizona Mu* began her term as International President.
- Conway Blankenship, *Virginia Gamma Kappa*, elected International President-Elect

- Mollie Acosta, *California Xi* Immediate Past International President.
- CA sisters gathered at Rockhill Grille for a dinner and a tribute celebration for Mollie. The four guest speakers, MaryAnn Engelhart, SW Regional President, Joanne Grimm, Editor, *Kappan*, Betty Jo Evers, International Candidate Qualifications Chair, and Dorothy Vaio, Past State President, and a Platinum Sister! rounded out the *Ladder to Leadership* from Mollie's start in her chapter Xi to becoming International President. Each had their own unique way of giving personal support and guidance to assist Mollie along the way with a bit of comic relief (Joanne) of tell-tale signs that Mollie gives off from time to time. Mollie was presented with a gift from the Executive Board. Mollie thanked everyone for the tribute and her

special guest speakers and all who attended.

As a final tribute, we sang along to two songs that Mollie chose “Love Will Build a Bridge” by the Judds & of course “California Girls” by the Beach Boys, which we danced to as we cleaned!

- *Alzheimer’s Association* and *St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital* re-elected as International altruistic projects.

- *Keynote speaker* – Jane Enright, Author, is a former Kindergarten teacher, university lecturer, and the CEO of Everything at My Super Awesome Life Inc, spoke about being an ordinary person who has survived some extraordinary things.

- **Regional luncheons were held.**

From Southwest Region:

Scholarships & Grants – CA recipients for 2022 are:

Classroom Grant: Kelly Young, Janice Smith, Beta Eta, Kimberly Evans-Holmes, Beta Iota & Teresa Thompson, Beta Rho

Non-AΔK members

Lisa Joaquin & Melissa Souders

2022 Fall Mini- Scholarship

Kimberly Evans-Holmes, Beta Iota

- **Membership Service Award**

Susan Raffo, CA Beta Rho

- **Chapter in each S/P/N with highest Net Growth of members**

CA: Beta Kappa, Gamma Eta – 3 each

- **Highest Net Growth:**

California! 23 new members!

- Project C.H.E.A.R. SW Region **\$7,974.00** International total **\$61,968.68**

- **196 sisters from SW Region in attendance**

- **Regional Celebrations were held.**

- Mary Ann Englehart took office as SW Regional President, and she presented her logo “*Soar to the Future*”. (Picture of logo on “logo” page)

Achievement awards are given to each state for their unique innovative ideas for their state. CA Greek Squad (See picture on “Snapshot” page) received one

- A memorial service – “*A Garden of Love*” honoring sisters who joined Omega during this past biennium.

Rosena Kruley, California State President

News you can use!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR STATE BOARD

What position will you offer to hold in Alpha Delta Kappa?

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

*The election of new officers to serve on the CA State Executive Board 2024 - 2026 will be held at the 35th California State Convention April 26 - 28, at the Double Tree Hilton in San Jose. **Applications for candidacy must be submitted to Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Cindy Acerno, by November 30, 2023. Both an online and paper copy of the candidate's filing form are available on the CA website (<http://www.adkcalif.org>). Click on Forms and scroll down to Officer State Office Applications to access.***

2024 - 2026 California State Positions

*Positions may be shared but only one will receive correspondence

Already voted: President: Virginia Riding Immediate Past President:

Rosena Kruley

To Be elected:

President-Elect

Vice President for Membership

Secretary

Treasurer

Historian/Sergeant-At-Arms

Chaplain

Responsibilities and Duties
of California state executive board offices

Duties of the officers in brief

- Attend State Officer Leadership Training in August of the first year of the biennium
- Attend 4 district conferences yearly and present fraternity education
- Serve as liaison to council(s) as assigned by State President
- Attend State Convention, and if feasible, Joint Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference & International Convention

Procedure

- Complete application form and acquire Chapter President's signature/endorsement
- Submit application form with 2 additional copies, a 2x3 photograph and email/postmark the application form no later than Nov.30, 2023 to Chairman of Candidate Qualification Committee

President-Elect - computer skills are expected

- Observes and trains to be State President
- Serves as Chairman of the State Presidents' Council
- Assists hosting councils in planning/conducting district conferences
- Revises and updates Presidents' Council handbook

Vice President for Membership - computer skills are expected

- Serves as State Membership Chairman
- Oversees collection of Chapter Needs Assessment forms

Treasurer - computer skills highly recommended

- Administers the operation accounts of the State using Quicken software
- Oversees the State Budget
- Collects dues, fees, and assessments
- Disburses funds as directed by the President/Executive Board
- Makes regular reports to the membership
- Monitors completion of chapter financial reports and filing of e-postcards
- Monitors the membership status of all members, serves as liaison to sustaining members

Secretary - computer skills expected

- Records State Executive Board meeting minutes
- Records State Convention activities
- Prepares for publication The Proceedings of Convention

History/Sergeant-At-Arms

- Completes a pictorial/written history of the biennium of CA Alpha Delta Kappa
- Responsible for Assistant Sergeant-at-arms, Pages, and Balloting at State Convention

Chaplain

- Prepares opening/closing thoughts at District Conferences, Executive Board Mtgs, and State Convention
- Organizes and leads the Omega Service at State Convention

The California State Altruistic Project

Dear California sisters,

Do you know of a charity that can benefit from extra support? It's time to nominate that charity for the 2024-2026 California State Altruistic Project. There are so many charities in California that can use our financial help and that reflect AΔK's mission statement:

“To promote educational and charitable projects and activities, to sponsor scholarships, to further and maintain worthy standards in the field of education and to cooperate with worthy community programs relating to education and charities.” *The focus of the California state altruistic project shall be to support programs and activities that enhance educational and/or charitable efforts within the state of California.*

Please bring them to our attention and apply for the award. If you nominated a project in the past that was not chosen, please consider nominating it again. Because George Mark Children's House and New Day for Children have each been chosen more than once, they may not be nominated again.

Nominations are due by **October 1, 2023** so my hope is the state project is something you can talk about at the

September meeting. The four finalists will be determined December 1, 2023 and then they will be voted on at the next state convention in April 2024 where the winner will be announced.

Susan Blough
CA Altruistic Project Chair
susanblough@gmail.com



October is Founders' Month!

Ideas for celebrations and ceremonies are on the International website.

Also, we have a new fraternity education chairperson who is a new member on the newly formed International Fraternity Education Committee. Her name is Jeanne Donadio, *Nevada Gamma*. She is our SW Fraternity Education chair. She will be sharing ideas with us from time to time.

One suggestion she had for October's Founder's Month...ask for each sister's "why". Why did they join AΔK and why did they stay as active sisters? These answers may help build a more meaningful Fraternity Education program.

Please send pictures of chapter activities to Rosena Kruley via email adk.kruleyr@gmail.com.

Announcing the upcoming
Regional Professional Development Mini Scholarship.

Scan the QR code to access the application, or visit the International website: Foundation>Awards, Grants & Scholarships>Regional Mini-Scholarship. <https://www.alphadeltakappa.org//>



The graphic features the Alpha Delta Kappa logo on the left, which includes a stylized 'A' and 'K' with the tagline 'BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE'. Below the logo is a pink box with the text 'UP TO \$500'. To the right, a pink background with a city skyline contains the text '2023 FALL REGIONAL MINI SCHOLARSHIP' in white and yellow. A yellow button says 'NOW OPEN!' and a pink box below it says 'CLOSES OCTOBER 15, 2023'. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the graphic. On the left side of the graphic, there is a pink box with the text 'MEMBERS ONLY' and a list of activities: 'REGIONAL MINI SCHOLARSHIPS FALL PROVIDE FUNDS TO ATTEND NON-ADK SPONSORED CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND NON-CREDIT CLASSES.'

How Could You Use These Scholarship Dollars?

Purpose: To assist members in attending **non-Alpha Delta Kappa** sponsored conferences, classes or workshops taking place between November 15 – May 15.

Eligibility: Members **active or retired** from education.

Amount of Award: up to \$1500 per Region with up to \$500 per scholarship.

Deadline: Applications close online **October 15, 2023 @ 11:59pm CDT**



Once again, California Alpha Delta Kappa’s sisters joined forces in our fundraising efforts for The Longest Day. Together, California Cares Team raised \$9,766. California Cares ranked seventh out of the 110 Alpha Delta Kappa Global Teams. California Gamma Mu raised \$4,149 and ranked eighth out of 363 Global Team participants. The Alpha Delta Kappa Global Team, with teams from all states, nations, and provinces, collectively raised \$273,544.78, far surpassing the goal of raising \$250,000.

Here are some California Cares fundraising highlights:

California Gamma Mu raised \$4,149 which made that chapter number one of all the California Cares teams.

- California Beta Omicron raised \$905.
- California Beta Eta raised \$675.
- California Gamma raised \$670.
- California Beta Xi raised \$490.
- California Beta Alpha raised \$370.
- California Alpha Lambda raised \$310.
- \$2,197 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 2024. You will be hearing from me in November. Meantime, please discuss your fundraising ideas with your chapter. It all begins again in January 2024.

The Longest Day Fundraising Results

By Karen Kirby, California Cares Team Captain

TOP 10 TEAMS		TOP 10 PARTICIPANTS	
Team Name	Amount	Participant Name	Amount
GEORGIA ALPHA ...	\$34,233	Pippy Rogers	\$21,400
Together We Can-...	\$32,416	Michael Feldman	\$7,240
Alpha Delta Kappa...	\$14,875	Jeanne Desilets	\$6,125
VA Alpha Delta Ka...	\$13,776	Christi Smith	\$5,779
Maryland Black-ey...	\$13,187	Sc Alpha Psi Sc Al...	\$5,200
Heartbeats of Ken...	\$11,176	Nancy Thompson	\$4,668
California Cares	\$9,766	Alpha Phi Chapter...	\$4,180
Ohio Alpha Delta ...	\$9,050	CA Gamma Mu Po...	\$4,149
Miles for Alzheim...	\$7,240	Katherine Slate	\$3,734
Indiana Alpha Delt...	\$6,541	Jill Stemple	\$3,588



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, 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=sharing

Someone will contact you within 24 – 48 hours.

Please do not contact the Greek Squad members directly.

The Greek Squad members are:



Chapter happenings!

Northern District

Beta Pi



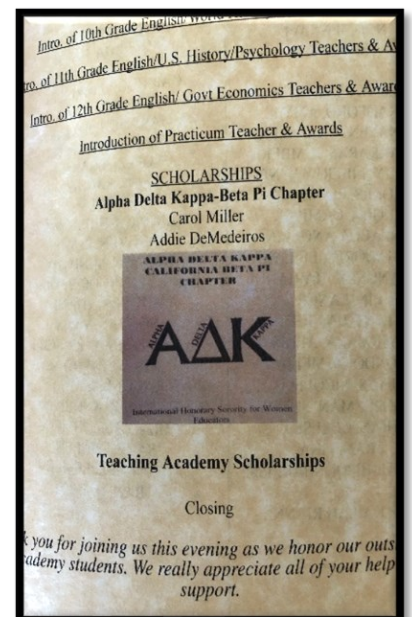
Carol Miller, far left, Beta Pi Chaplain, middle, two student awardees, far right, Addie De Medeiros, Beta Pi Co-President

CA Beta Pi Awards High School Teaching Academy Scholarships on May 19, 2023, two college-bound seniors from Independence High

School Teaching Academy in San Jose were awarded Beta Pi scholarships. Carol Miller, Chaplain, and Addie De Medeiros, Co-President, attended the annual Honors Night to make the presentations.

This Beta Pi commitment to the academy dates back nearly twenty years. The academy is a unique effort to nourish youth interest in the teaching profession. Students are immersed in actual classroom experience starting their freshman year. By the time they are seniors, these young teachers-in-training are preparing lessons and presenting them in various schools. Exciting proof that this program works is evident in that, currently, two academy teachers are graduates of this very same program!

Coming full circle, a surprising revelation came when Beta Pi sister Carol Shimizu joined the chapter and related that, as an administrator, she had played a role in the establishing of this unique program! Beta Pi Chapter and



Independence High School Teaching Academy indeed, share a special bond!

Submitted by:
Addie D Medeiros, Co-President Beta Pi

Marina District

Gamma Nu

Gamma Nu Celebrates!



At the June 24, 2023, meeting 26 members of Gamma Nu celebrated initiating two new members and voting for another new member to be initiated in the fall. It was very exciting to recognize four members as



Silver Sisters and four were honored as Violet sisters

.
In addition, we honored Calie Hewling's recent wedding with gifts and congratulations.

Besides all the wonderful recognitions, there was much friendship, laughter, and good food shared in Mimi Spencer's Westminster home.



It was a true celebration in every way!!

Submitted by
Harriet Kelly
Corresponding Secretary for Gamma Nu

SNAPSHOT TIME!



CA State Executive Board (Left to right) Mari Page, Chaplain, Virginia Riding, CA Stat President-Elect, Rosena Kruley, CA State President, Debbie Waltzer, CA State Historian/Sgt-At-Arms, Diana Galvan, CA State Treasurer, Mary Ann Engelhart, SW Regional President, Donna McCartney, CA State VP Membership, Sara Cooper, CA State Intermediate Past State President



CA State Treasurer Diana Galvan and CA State President-Elect Virginia Riding pose with Founder Agnes Shipman Roberts

California AΔK received a certificate from the Region for the development of The Greek Squad (Left to right) Karen Kirby, Chair, Greek Squad Committee, Rosena Kruley, CA State President, Diana Galvan & Debbie Waltzer, Greek Squad Committee.

Southwest



Heritage Room in Headquarters where materials significant to the history of AΔK. Left to right) Mari Page, Karen Kirby (CA Gamma Mu); Ann Street,

Judy Pino (CA Beta Kappa)

This soapstone and alabaster sculpture on display at International Headquarters. It was donated by California Alpha Delta Kappa in honor of three Past International Presidents from California: Betty Rosenberg 1959-1961, Jean Mersereau 1967-1969, Mayme Chinn 1985-1987.



Logos



Ann Marie Brown
International President
Alpha Delta Kappa
"Bridge to the Future"



Mary Ann Englehart
Alpha Delta Kappa
SW Regional
"Soar to the Future"



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.

Sisters in Maui:

Our hearts go out to our Hawaii sisters for the unbelievable devastation on the island of Maui. I'm sure that many of you want to support them in their time of need.

We as educators in AΔK have set aside funds to help in those times of need for our California sisters. But we cannot use those funds to assist in other states.

We can help our ADK sisters in Hawaii by donating to the **AΔK Foundation and designate it to the Maui sisters to be sent to the Hawaii AΔK.**

WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION DID YOU KNOW (DYK)

Deadline for nominations – **October 1, 2023**

AΔK Foundation has established the monetary awards for the 2023-2025 biennium.

1. Each State/Province/Nation (S/P/N) recipient receives \$500 and an EiE pin.
2. Each Regional recipient receives \$1000 and an engraved EiE award. If in

attendance at the International Convention, she will also receive a travel stipend of \$500.

3. The International recipient receives \$5,000 and an engraved EiE award.

Chapter Presidents please spread the word for sisters to nominate an active sister for this award! Information has been sent out to chapter presidents on procedure to nominate. We now have a CA Excellence in Education Chair – Grete Lima. If you have questions, please email Grete at adk.gretelima@gmail.com

Ad Hoc Committee

In response to member feedback, we have created an Ad Hoc committee to review the process for the Bylaw amendments and the election of the International Officers.

The Ad Hoc members include Ann Quinlan, Chair, Roberta Casabon, Barbara Stanfield, Kathleen Learn, Barbara Nore, Lauren Balint, and Christi Smith.

Look for additional information in upcoming International News. The committee will be facilitating listening sessions by zoom.



Alpha Delta Kappa

Northwest and Southwest
Regions

Support Dona Sonchat Srimahachota, ITE Scholar, during the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Fun Facts about Dona: Dona is an honorary member of WA Beta Alpha. Her sponsors are Carol Stern, Jackie Thomas-Rask, and Glad Loreen, all WA Beta Alpha. Her birthday is December 13. Her addresses are mailing: 1222 NE 65th St, Apt 205, Seattle WA 98115 and email address: donasonchats@gmail.com . Her phone is: (206) 561-7094 As Dona continues her studies this fall, she would love to hear from you! The following is a chart for the NW and SW states to follow to spread love and

cheer to Dona this year as she continues to pursue her master's degree at the University of Washington. She is also consulting with a company in Toronto who mentors Thai students doing university work in Canada. Dona loves running and runs a ½ marathon every year; she also loves going to the UW gym and watching movies in her space time. She loves baking but does not have an oven in her apartment. Some other fun facts: Her favorite color is *purple*. She has a twin brother. She likes to Salsa dance and joined a Salsa dancing community in her home town of Chiang Mai. She drove a manual shift truck in Thailand. **Visa gift cards** are her favorite because she can use them everywhere she goes.

Month	S/P/N	S/P/N	S/P/N
August	Alaska	Arizona	Australia
September	Idaho	California	Wyoming
October	Montana	Colorado	New Mexico
November	Hawaii	Oregon	Utah
December	ALL	ALL	ALL
January	Nevada	Washington	
February	New Mexico	Wyoming	
March	Alaska	Arizona	Australia
April	Idaho	California	
May	Montana	Colorado	Utah
June	Hawaii	Oregon	
July	Nevada	Washington	



- **Oct 1, 2023: Classroom Grant Deadline**
- **Oct 1, 2023: Excellence in Education (EIE) Nomination Deadline**
- **Oct. 1, 2023: CA Altruistic State Project Nomination Deadline**
- **Oct 7, 2023: Northern District Conference, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, CA - Peninsula/South Bay Council (host)**
- **Oct 15, 2023: Regional Mini Professional Dev Mini Scholarship Deadline**
- **Oct 15, 2023: 990-N IRS E-Postcard deadline**
- **Oct 15, 2023: Each Chapter contacted by SW Membership Committee Member Deadline**
- **Nov 4, 2023: Valley District Conference, Woodward Lake Clubhouse, Fresno, CA - Fresno Council (host)**
- **Jan 20, 2024: Marina District Conference, Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach – Orange Coast Council (host)**
- **March 9, 2024: Southern District Conference, Desert Willow Golf Resort, Palm Desert - The Inland Cities Council**
- **April 26 – 28, 2024: California State Convention, Doubletree, San Jose**
- **June 29 – July 1, 2024: NW/SW Regional Conference Bellevue, WA**
- **July 10-13, 2024: International Convention Austin, Tx**

