

STEPPING STONES

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President's Message



Here we are in December. Can you believe that 2023 is coming to a close? It has been a busy and exciting year.

I was privileged to be able to attend, with the Executive Board, both District conferences in the Fall. The theme of the Northern District Conference was "Small Steps Create Big Changes." The entertainment was provided by the San Francisco Basque Folkloric Group and the Basque Folk Dancers, who used more than small steps to show how to do big changes. The narrator told us about the cultural background of the dances & costumes from the Basque Country in Spain & France. They were very impressive.

The Valley District Conference had a theme of "Impacting the Future". The

main agenda item was a discussion by two representatives from the Sweet Potato Project. This is a community project to involve students in growing, harvesting, marketing, and selling sweet potatoes. The project works with middle school and high school students in Fresno and teaches them many valuable skills including teamwork, creativity, and love for nature.

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.

Just when you think time is going by slowly, you look up and it is time to reflect on the time that has passed. The last year and a half have been a

great learning curve for me. Just when I can settle in and begin to understand and the cobwebs are clearing, it is time to step into the future for more challenges! Small steps create big changes and Impacting the future – perfect themes to move us forward. It is time to look for fresh ideas and new leadership on the executive board. I hope many of you step up to the plate. I look forward to experiencing what the new biennium will bring.

There are still things to do in this biennium. There are two more District conferences, which I plan to attend. You should have received an E-blast regarding registration for the California State Convention (April 26-28). Information is also on the California website – www.adkcalif.org I look forward to seeing many sisters there in San Jose!

Rosena Kruley, California State President

**GOLDEN STATE MEMBERS
GATHER IN SAN JOSE**

Plan now to attend the thirty-fifth California AΔK State Convention April 26-28, 2024, in San Jose, CA. Delegates will elect CA executive board officers, select a new state altruistic project, and vote on

proposed resolutions. Convention attendees will share social time with members coming from throughout the state as well as hearing inspirational speakers and enjoying special entertainment. Virginia Riding, the current president-elect, as well as new state officers will be installed at the Saturday night banquet. Omega members will be remembered at a memorial service Sunday morning. Each chapter is allotted one voting delegate for each ten active members. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in taking care of the business of the state. The reservation link to the San Jose DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel is on the home page of the CA website. Reserve your room now. We have a special convention hotel rate of only \$159 per night, but the number of rooms is limited. The convention packet will be available in January.

RESOLVE NOW

The deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at the state convention in April 2024 is December 22, 2023. Resolutions are used to initiate change in our organization. See “Resolve to Write Resolutions” on the International website. Resolutions are to be submitted to State Resolutions

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**LEONARD GRANTS FOR
MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

Noel Leonard, CA state president 1992-1994, left a legacy to CA Alpha Delta Kappa making it possible to award \$100 grants to first time attendees at the CA state convention. One grant is available to each council. Each chapter may nominate one member who has not attended a CA state convention and who shows promise of leadership in the organization. The council president shall conduct a random drawing to determine the recipient of the Noel Leonard Grant for first-time attendees to the CA state convention. The council presidents will notify the state president of their selections by March 1, 2024. In a second part of her legacy, Noel left funds for \$100 grants to council officers or a council designee to attend regional conferences to further their leadership skills. One grant is available to each council. The council president must notify the state president no later than June 1, 2024.

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO RUN
FOR STATE BOARD**

The election of new officers to serve on the CA state executive board 2024-2026 will be held at the state convention on April 27, 2024. Applicants for candidacy must complete the online filing form available on the CA website on the Home page by December 22, 2023. www.adkcalif.org



Chapter happenings!

Northern District



Patricia (Pat) **Kennison**, CA Beta Rho, has a two-fold reason to celebrate in 2023. The chapter honored her as a Golden Sister, and this fall we celebrated her 100th birthday. Pat was a long-time educator in the

Pacifica School District before retiring as a District administrator. Pat also held numerous positions in the chapter; always ready to lend a "helping hand" whenever and wherever needed.

Along with Pat Kennison, Beta Rho also honored Dorean **Barnes** as a new Silver Sister and Carol **Cohen** (picture below) as a new



Sapphire Sister.

Both Dorean and Carol are active members of the chapter, giving their time, talents, and energy to support their sisters in Beta Rho.





International Classroom Grant Recipients:

Peninsula-South Bay Council

Colleen Golden, *Beta Rho*

Carol Raisner, *Beta Rho*

Sierra Council

President Elect Rita Prichard, using the International Website resources for Founders' Day activities, wrote a wonderful, entertaining, interactive skit for our October meeting. Sisters learned even more about our Founders and our organization history.



pictured L to R:
Joyce Henry, Julie Severson, Jane Murnane, Jan Ewing, Rita Prichard
Photo by Christy Thorson



CA District Mini-Grant Recipients:

Gena McArdle, *Beta Eta*
Rita Pritchard, *Beta Eta*

Peralta Council
Brigetta Pryor, *Alpha*

70 Year Chapter
Alpha

Peninsula-South Bay Council
Leslie Schafer, *Beta Pi*

Golden Gate Council
70 Year Council
Beta

Valley District

International Classroom Grant
Recipients:

Bakersfield Council
Lisa Martinez, *Lambda*

Fresno/Modesto Council
70 Year Chapters
Gamma

Bakerfield Council
Theta

Marina District

Channel Island Council
Diamond Sister
Shirley C. Kunze, *Beta Theta*

Orange Coast Council
2023 Regional Mini Fall Scholarship
Kathleen Nugal, *Zeta*

70 Year Chapters
Delta
Zeta

40 Year Chapter
Gamma Mu



Southern District

International Classroom Grant
Recipient:

Inland Cities Council
Jacqueline Mantz, *Gamma Eta*

2023 Regional Mini Fall Scholarship
Sara Cooper, *Beta Iota*

International Classroom Grant
Recipient:

San Diego Council
Kathy Schwickert, *Beta Omicron*

70 Year Chapter
San Diego Council
Eta

Special Holliday Message

Every December our Roseville chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa enjoys a festive Holiday Brunch in one of our member's homes, celebrating our ADK sisterhood and the love we share. Our Retired Educators provide a delicious buffet. We usually have entertainment---a children's choir, musical performance, a singer, or something from our members.

Under the direction of one of our sisters, our members provided all the entertainment for this year's Brunch...from poetry, sign language,

funny riddles, and a bell choir, to a scarf dance! It was a celebration of our talents and **love**--and quite entertaining!

Beta Eta would like to share with you a special message from the brunch...with a short video by our guest from The North Pole, Holly Wood-Claus. Here is the link to the special guest.

Beta Eta wishes you a Holiday Season filled with special moments.

Submitted By: Teresa Heitmiller Olea
22-24 Beta Eta Chapter President

Invitation from The Greek Squad

There's gold on the California Website!

Please join us for an exploration of our website as we show you how to mine for information.

We will have two Zoom sessions. One is on January 10, 2024, from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. The session will repeat on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

Please fill out the attached registration form and click Submit. You will receive the Zoom link a few days prior to the session.

We hope to see you at one of the sessions. The Greek Squad, CA AΔK

Regional Professional Development Scholarship

Now is the time to apply for the **\$1,500 Professional Development Scholarship** for credit courses for advanced study, post-graduate degrees, or National Board Certification. Open only to active educators. Application due **January 31, 2024 by 11:59pm**. Find the application here:

<https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADKMembers/Foundation/AwardsGrant>

[Scholarships/RegionalProfessionalDevelopment.aspx](https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/Scholarships/RegionalProfessionalDevelopment.aspx)

Copy and share the link and flier with your members; some might like to use a QR code to access the document.

Submitted by: Susan Raffo,
Southwest Regional representative
International Professional
Development Committee

Regional Professional Development Scholarship

Due January 31, 2024

Learn more and apply here:



The Regional Professional Development Scholarship is designed to provide a member with funds to assist with pursuing post-graduate degrees or National Board Certification (USA), state, provincial or national certifications and recertifications.

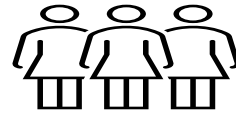
A Special Gift to You from the ITE Scholars and Board



Every member of Alpha Delta Kappa is warmly encouraged to attend the **ITE Virtual Gathering on Saturday, January 27, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** The webinar will feature our seven ITE Scholars, who will share their personal journeys with you. A link will be posted in January on various *password protected* AΔK sites. You do not have to register in advance. Just gather virtually as individuals or chapters to celebrate world understanding, excellence in education, altruism, diversity, and inclusion all incorporated into the International

Teacher Education (ITE) program.

HELP! You can give a special gift to the ITE Board. We are working to update all information on past scholars and their sponsors, especially in the years before 1980. Please send the names of any scholars and sponsors



during that period to ITE Board Chairman Judy Tate (VA Tau). We would appreciate any contact information you may have.



News you can use!

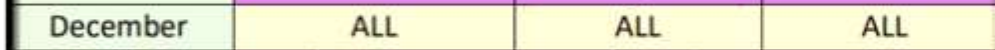
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Northwest and Southwest
Regions

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 spare 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	



- **Jan 20, 2024: Marina District Conference, Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach – Orange Coast Council (host)**
- **Jan 31, 2024: Regional Professional Scholarship deadline**
- **March 9, 2024: Southern District Conference, 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, 2025: International Convention Austin, TX**

