

Opening

As I was thinking about our mutual journey this biennium, on the California Executive Board, I was reflecting on how being reliable was so vital to us all in working together. As I thought about what makes an individual reliable, I was impressed by how many characteristics of reliability we all share. We know that showing up on time, taking charge in unexpected moments of crisis and helping out are all important characteristics of a reliable person. We all work hard to be that type of person.

There are other important things that reliable people do as well. A reliable person's actions and words match. When they say they are going to accomplish some action they do it rather than just talk about it and not follow through. Their words and actions align.

Another important trait of reliable people is they state the facts and the truth. You can trust a reliable person to tell the truth and be honest with you. That means not just lying or cheating, but also lying by omission or passing along gossip. When a reliable person talks to others they tell the whole truth rather than passing on unreliable information.

I could go on pointing to many other traits of reliable person, but I am only going to talk about one more and that is committing to one's values. A person's values should lead their lives and behavior rather than letting the circumstance they are in or their quick reaction to a situation take over. I came across a quote from Maya Angelou that illustrated this. She said, "You can tell a lot about a person by the

way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas lights”. A reliable person does not have to be told how behave, act or even what to do. They just know what the correct action is and do it.

As we start our meeting today I would like you to think about the quote I passed out and is on the table. “ ***Reliability is the quality that leads others not just to believe you, but to believe in you***” and how we can work together this weekend as we finish up the work of this biennium where we have “**Stepped Into the Future**” with our President Rosena .

Reconvening Thought.

We come together once again after our last District Conference for the biennium. We have had fun with our Southern District Sisters and have enjoyed the hospitality of the Inland Cities Council. It had been too long since we had been able to meet with them in person. We listened to an informative speaker from the Wild Life Conservancy and heard of the importance of, and impact of conservation in our lives.

Now as we get back work this afternoon let us remember the quote I gave you yesterday “ ***Reliability is the quality that leads others not just to believe you, but to believe in you***” and think about how our reliability has moved the Executive Board toward the completion goals that President Rosena set for her biennium.

Closing Thought

As we end today, I want us to reflect back on the reliability of our personal leadership and how it has benefited our State and International Alpha Delta Kappa. Your reliability was exhibited when you served on this board as well as in your chapters and councils as officers and liaisons. Many of you have served on many

committees at the State, Regional, International levels where your reliability was exhibited. We can be proud of our accomplishments as reliable educators and leaders, and the goals we met with our President Rosena Kruley, this biennium as we followed her lead to *‘Step into the Future’*