

Alpha Delta Kappa Southern District Gathering

Chubby Cheeks Meadery, Temecula March 8, 2025


As members arrived, they were greeted at the door by members of the CA State Executive Board. Coffee and sweet treats were available as members mingled and reacquainted with long-time friends from the Inland Cities and the San Diego Councils. Everyone was so excited to be together, many for the first time since the pandemic.

Greeting


Virginia Riding, CA State President

Virginia welcomed everyone and shared her business card, encouraging members to contact her or members of the Executive Board any time with questions, as well as send her pictures and chapter updates for the President's Newsletter. The format for the Gathering is a new look at how a Conference might be held in the future - a mixture of business, Fraternity Ed, along with fun and relaxation. Each member received a ticket with their registration; drawings for prizes will be held throughout the meeting.

A few Items of Business:

 Pledge of Allegiance


Linda Barker, State Sergeant-at-Arms/Historian

 Thought for the Day: National Women's Day


Debbie Waltzer, State Chaplain

“Women are like teabags. We don't know our strength until we're in hot water.”

~Eleanor Roosevelt. Longest serving First Lady

 Minutes of the Southern District Conference, March 2024, were read, amended and approved.

Ellen Sabie, Inland Cities Council President

 Attendance will be taken using name cards picked up at the door.

Alpha Pi 3

Alpha Delta 5

Beta Omicron 10

Tau 2

Eta 1

Beta Iota 5

Gamma Eta 8

State Executive Board 8

Guests 2

Land Acknowledgement:

Rosena Kruley, Past State President

Honoring the indigenous people who first lived on the land in this area of California.

<https://www.pechanga-nsn.gov/>

To the Pachanga people in the Temecula area, the land and the Great Oak carry meaning that transcends its physical presence. The Great oak embodies the identity and character of the Pechanga Band: strength, wisdom, longevity and determination.

Business

Meet our Hosts: Shannon & Cory Mooers, Owners of Chubby Cheeks Meadery graciously hosted our group today; personal friends of Teresa Heitmiller-Olea, State VP for Membership. Mead is widely thought to be one of the oldest alcoholic beverages, dating back to 7th Millennium BCE in China.

Introductions:

Virginia Riding



Special guests: Mollie Acosta, Past International President

Mary Ann Englehart, International Executive Board Member

*Both Mollie and Mary Ann are also Past CA State Presidents



Longevity recognition: Pearl, Violet, Silver, Sapphire, Golden and Diamond Sisters

*Alice Wuerch, Tau Chapter is a Diamond Sister



Past CA State Presidents: Rosena Kruley, Sara Cooper, Susan Raffo, Rosemary Heenan, Alice Bullard



Other Leadership recognition: Past State Executive Board Members; committee chairs and members - past and current; chapter/council presidents - past and current



Noted: Joanne Grimm, CA Alpha Alpha, is the Editor of the *Kappan*. Send her articles and pictures, showing the activities in your chapters.



An easy way to **find locations for future group meetings** at little or no cost by reaching out to friends, family, schools, civic organizations, and other community connections.

Connection/Activity #1: Song Trivia

Ann McCarty, State Secretary

Working with table-friends, listen to three songs and then decide which one was popular in 1947 when Alpha Delta Kappa was founded?

Drawings throughout the meeting: tickets for drawings were given as part of registration.

Reports:

Financials:

Virginia Williamson, State Treasurer

Bank Accounts @ Wells Fargo Bank

WF Checking	\$ 16,044.65
WF Scholarship	\$ 7,638.29
WF Reserve	\$ 46,082.07

Investment Account:

Noel Leonard AΔK Foundation* \$ 72,490.60

* Only the interest may be used and only for grants to first-time Convention attendees and Council leadership attendance at Regional Conferences.

Other Important information:

sisterhood; forever friends who have your back no matter what, who will laugh and cry with you, and who you look forward to being around. Inclusion and empowerment are guiding principles in Alpha Delta Kappa; value welcoming all races, cultures, and religious beliefs, as well as age, educational occupations, political opinions, and more.

Fraternity Education: **Fraternity Edna (AKA Debbie Waltzer) and Teresa Fraternity Ed** is required at each meeting for the purpose of learning more about our organization and each other. Fraternity Ed comes in all sizes - tiny bits of information or supersized into an activity. A “getting to know you” activity builds community and belonging. Focus on small things like how to wear your badge correctly, or something big - how to fill out and submit a scholarship/grant application. Fraternity Ed activity/ideas can be found on both International and California websites.

Connection/Activities #3: Name that Tune and Prize Drawing

Drawings: The following members won prizes throughout the meeting: Judy Nowlin (Tau), Kelle Higgins (Beta Omicron), Cathy Schilling (Alpha Delta), Catherine McAweeney (Beta Omicron)

Closing Thought:

Debbie - Chaplain

Charlie Brown: “I thought the point of life was to be happy, help others and make the world a better place.”

Lianus: I guess you’re right we all can’t become teachers!”

Announcements:

~ **Lunch-** Lala’s Mexican Fusion food truck will be open. Menu items range from \$5-\$20.

~ **Learn About Mead** - If interested, you are invited to purchase a discounted Mead Tasting Experience.

~ **Chubby Cheeks Meadery** opens to the public at 1 PM. Since they are donating the venue for our gathering, we invite sisters to purchase beverages as a thank you to our hosts.

Adjourn - Enjoy lunch and more time with your Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. Safe travels.

Submitted by:

Susan Raffo, Past CA State President

*Link to the Summary Reflection for the “Southern District Gathering”

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11OfTT6RTdDCUc7fQjRffHTPhq1RUvfGPXfgiRSIfCOs/edit?usp=sharing>