



Siblings Revelry

California Alpha Delta Kappa

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President's Message



Our very first Virtual Northern District Conference for this biennium was a great success! We received a lot of positive feedback plus great suggestions for improvement which we are implementing at the upcoming Virtual Valley District Conference. Sisters that attended learned to use Slido, a fun way to share opinions, answer questions, and more. Thank you to our technology whiz Ann McCarty for setting up and running the conference as well as our fantastic board and all the attendees for their participation.

Virtual District Conference Reminders

Zoom links will be emailed to all district members a couple of weeks before each conference. Conferences start at 10:00 AM, but there will be time to socialize from 9:30-10:00. The dates are as follows:

Valley District	November 1, 2025
Marina District	January 24, 2026
Southern District	March 14, 2026

If for some reason you can't attend your own District Conference, or you find it's so much fun you want to experience it again, feel free to join another conference. Questions? Contact Virginia Riding (adk.virginiariding@gmail.com).



Mark Your Calendars

The State Convention Is Coming!

Miss meeting in person with your ADK sisters? The 36th Alpha Delta Kappa California State Convention will give you that opportunity. Plan to spend the weekend of **May 1-3, 2026** socializing in charming Old Town Clovis. (Clovis is located just east of Fresno in the Central Valley.)

Meetings, the Omega Ceremony, and the banquet will be held in the beautiful Clovis Veterans' Memorial Building located at 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612. Lodgings will be a bit different from previous conventions.

Where You Might Stay

Because we are using the Clovis Veterans' Memorial Building as our meeting/banquet venue for this convention, you do not have to stay at a particular hotel so that we can meet a room quota. Sisters may choose from several hotels conveniently located nearby to stay. Some of these include:

- **Best Western Clovis Cole** (across the street from Veteran's Memorial Bldg.)
415 Clovis Ave., Clovis, CA 93612
- **Comfort Suites** (a block from Veteran's Bldg.)
143 Clovis Ave., Clovis, CA 93612
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites** (two blocks from Veteran's Bldg.)
50 N. Clovis Ave., Clovis, CA 93612

Other options that chapters are investigating are nearby rental homes and Bed and Breakfasts. Wherever you choose to stay, plan on a fun and friendly weekend with your Alpha Delta Delta Kappa sisters.

State Officer Candidate Applications

Don't forget that if there's an upcoming convention, there must be State Officer positions opening up. **Just say YES** and apply to join the 2026-2028 State Executive Board. Your Board sisters will surround you with love and support, so don't be afraid to try something new. You will learn to appreciate Alpha Delta Kappa on a whole new level and will meet sisters by choice who will truly become your forever friends.

To find an application and more information, go to the California website (adkcalif.org) and click on State Conventions. Applications should be sent to Gamma Mu sister Mari Page (adkmari.page@gmail.com) by December 5, 2025.

Nominations for State Altruistic Project

Another State Convention requirement is choosing a new State Altruistic Project. Look around your area to find an organization that would be a perfect recipient of our famous Alpha Delta Kappa altruistic generosity. Then nominate it! State Altruistic Chair Susan Blough (Zeta) (susanblough@gmail.com) and her committee have been working hard to update the application and rubric. You should be receiving an email with more information soon, but be looking for that project to nominate now.



Resolve to Write a Resolution

Got a great idea that will make Alpha Delta Kappa even better? State Conventions are the time to turn those great ideas into reality via the resolution process. On the California website (adkcalif.org) in the State Conventions section, you can find directions and hints to help you write your resolution properly.

Once you've written your resolution, you'll need to fill out the application (on the California website in Forms). Still have questions? Contact State President Virginia Riding (adk.virginiariding@gmail.com). Applications are due by December 5, 2025.

Treasurer Information

submitted by Virginia Williamson, State Treasurer



It's that time of year again ... time to be thinking about ADK dues! **State dues are \$30**, and members should give their Chapter Treasurer a check for State dues. When dues have been collected, Chapter Treasurers should include a list of members who are paying and send a chapter check for all state dues to the State Treasurer: Virginia Williamson, 22586 Fifth Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

International dues are \$40, and when paying International dues, members have a choice. They may pay online (see www.adkcalif.org "Treasurer's Corner"), or members may include this amount in a check to their Chapter Treasurer. For all International dues paid by check, the Chapter Treasurer will send a chapter check to: Alpha Delta Kappa, 1615 W. 92nd St., Kansas City, MO 64114. Again, be sure to include a list of members who are paying by check.

In addition to International dues, each chapter is assessed a fee of \$20.00 for ITE. You may be wondering what that is. ITE is the **International Teacher Education** program, established in 1961 to offer scholars from around the world the opportunity to learn about cutting edge education theory in some of the greatest universities in the world, so they can return to their home countries ready to apply their new knowledge to improve education. To help support this opportunity, the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation provides money to help fund their graduate studies through each chapter's \$20 ITE fee and through contributing \$1 from each member's dues.

Here are some important deadlines for dues:

- The deadline for payment is **December 31, 2025**.
- Dues not paid by **February 1, 2026**, will incur a late fee of \$5.00.
- If dues are not paid by **March 1, 2026**, the member will be dropped.

Thank you for your membership and for your support of the mission of Alpha Delta Kappa. I wish you a productive, fulfilling year with your chapter sisters!





Educators Helping Educators Fund Has Money to Give Away!

submitted by
Ann McCarty, State Secretary

Who is eligible: Any Alpha Delta Kappa sister can nominate themselves, a fellow sister, any non-ADK person, or even a group. Maybe you are retired, but colleagues at your old school or in your district could use some help to replace items lost in a local disaster.

What are some examples: Anyone who has lost items, personal or other, due to a disaster of any sort - fire, flood, earthquake, etc. Teachers who lost school supplies, think classroom books, art supplies, technology, or The list of classroom materials needing replacing is probably endless.

What does it take to apply: It is a very simple process - fill out the two page form attached below and mail it to our state president. This is a no strings attached grant - we want to get it into the hands of worthy recipients as easily and quickly as possible.

Where did the money come from: These are funds donated directly by your fellow California ADK sisters, along with donations from sisters across the country. We do not want it to sit in our bank account - we want to distribute it. ACT NOW for an up to \$300 grant!

[EDUCATORS HELPING EDUCATORS APPLICATION](#)

Email completed application to State President Virginia Riding at
adk.virginiariding@gmail.com

or mail it to her at:

Virginia Riding, 4735 N. Malvern Ave., Sanger, CA 93657



Membership News

Our membership is having a resurgence thanks to sisters who are reaching out and connecting with both working and retired women educators they meet at the hair/nail salon, dentist, a dinner party, luncheon, gym, etc. They mention a fun and/or enriching activity, speaker, altruistic project, or field trip to spark the potential members' interest, then invite them to visit their chapter's next meeting. Before you know it, the chapter has a new member.

I am happy to announce that these **“Rockstars of Membership”** will be recognized during our upcoming 2026 State Convention in Historic Clovis, and that you can nominate sisters who are helping their California chapters thrive.

Nominations can be emailed to Teresa Heitmiller Olea. Please include a detail or two about why you are recommending your chapter sister for this special recognition. (If you already submitted sisters from your chapter, you do not need to re-submit.) Feel free to nominate more than one sister if your chapter is lucky enough to have several Rockstars.

Nominations and questions can be sent to me at TOLEACASA@GMAILCOM.



♥ Connection is Contagious! ♥

Teresa Heitmiller Olea, State VP for Membership

"Mrs. Aloha" 🌴



State Chaplain Thoughts

by Debbie Waltzer

Look on the Bright Side

by Maria Mullins

Think about the good things in life,
Like sunshine, holidays, feeling loved,
special friendships and laughter.

Think about rainbows, blue skies, and beautiful sunsets,
and feeling loved, cared about, and accepted.

Remember that in life, although there is some bad stuff,
good things really do happen, too.



Calling All ADK Historians and Chapter Presidents

submitted by
Linda Barker, State Historian

Please send me pictures of your 2024-2026 chapter events and meetings. These will be shared with the Southeast Regional Historian and also used for our current President Virginia Riding's memory book. Send at least 5 to 10 pictures with captions to adk.lindabarker@gmail.com.



California State Altruistic Project

Camp Kesem was chosen as the California State Altruistic Project at the 2024 State Convention. **We will continue collecting donations until a new project is chosen at the state convention in May.** Chapter and individual donation checks should be made out to California Alpha Delta Kappa and sent to State Treasurer Virginia Williamson at 22586 Fifth Street, Hayward, CA, 94541.





Scholarship Update

*The [CA website](#) is currently being renovated. Please use the links provided to access the various scholarships and grants. The Scholarship Committee hopes that including links will increase accessibility to the many opportunities available.

Susan Raffo, State Scholarship Chair

CA District Mini Grant – 2025

The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that the **CA District Mini Grant** can now be submitted in a digital format. Our goal is to make scholarship dollars readily available to all members, actively involved in education or retired.

The purpose of the **District Mini Grant** is to promote continuing personal or professional growth to assist self, other members, and/or the community-at-large with the cost of materials and/or services.

One mini-grant is awarded to each District annually, up to \$500. Applicants must be a CA member in good standing - retired or actively engaged in education. The scope of the mini-grant includes attendance at non-Alpha Delta Kappa conferences, workshops or coursework, as well as assistance with the cost of materials and/or services that benefit self, other members, or the community-at-large. A member may receive a District Mini Grant only once during a biennium. If you have any questions, or cannot access the digital application, please contact a member of the scholarship committee listed on the CA website.

To apply, **complete the online application link, then click to submit by October 30 at 11:59 pm.** It will be directly forwarded to the State Scholarship Committee Chair. You will receive a response from the committee chair within one week confirming the receipt of your application. Because the CA website is “undergoing renovation”, use these links to access the application and rubric.

[District Mini Grant 2025](#)

[Rubric for District Mini Grant](#)

Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee's next task is to convert this scholarship into a digital format, **submission date March 1, 2026**. This scholarship, named and endowed by former State President Eleanor Bendell, was created to encourage professional growth: applicants must be enrolled in an academic degree program at an accredited college/university or involved in a worthy education project. **The recipient will receive up to \$3000 at the State Convention. Watch for an e-blast in the next few months for a link to the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship application.**

Other CA Awards

The [Elizabeth "Betty" Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award](#) is presented at the State Convention to honor chapter participation throughout the biennium. The application is completed by the chapter president and must be **submitted to the State President, Virginia Riding, by February 15, 2026**, to be considered. A description and application can be accessed using the link above.

Regional/International Scholarship Opportunities for Fall

When searching for International scholarships/grants, check out the [Scholarships at a Glance](#) chart on the website (Members Only>Foundation>Scholarships and Grants). To increase accessibility, links are included.

Nominations for the [Excellence in Education Award](#) are due November 1. [Go to the International website> Members Only>Membership>Awards and Recognition](#)

[Innovation Grant](#)

deadline: November 15



The ABCs of the SWR

The Alpha Delta Kappa (ΑΔΚ) Southwest Access, Belonging, and Community Committee is constantly growing. We have members who have been with the committee since its inception four years ago, and new members who have joined along the way. This committee has developed into a space where we can discuss what is on our minds. We started off with members telling their personal stories, which gave them a sense of belonging to the group. We then moved on to having book discussions. We have also used a variety of media to broaden our sense of awareness. The next meeting is Thursday, January 22 at 4.00 pm.

How can you join? Easy. Send me your email address! Everyone is welcome!

Rosena Kruley, Chair

ΑΔΚ, SWR Access, Belonging & Community
adk.kruleyr@gmail.com



The GRreek Squad Can Help

Does your chapter or council need help setting up Zoom meetings? The GReek Squad can do that for you. Contact the Greek Squad one of three ways:

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 for Karen Kirby 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: [Assistance Request Form](#)

Calendar

October	Alpha Delta Kappa Month
November 1	Regional Officer Candidate applications deadline
November 1	Excellence in Education Award Nominations deadline (may be nominated by chapter or self-nominated)
November 1	Virtual Valley District Conference
November 1	State Altruistic Project nominations due
November 15	Innovation Grant Deadline
December	Send cards, emails, etc. to ITE scholar Meri Kadagidze
December 5	State Officer applications due
December 5	State Resolution applications due
December 15	State Excellence in Education Application packet deadline
January 24	Virtual Marina District Conference
March 14	Virtual Southern District Conference
May 1-3	State Convention in Old Town Clovis



Remember, send articles and pictures for the next issue!