

# Siblings Revelry




California Alpha Delta Kappa

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## President's Message



By now, you should have received your 2026 State Convention registration packet. It was delivered via email. This packet contains a lot of important information, including who qualifies to be a voting delegate. Based on the qualification information, chapters need to decide who will represent them as a voter at the in-person convention. **Delegates need to indicate their status on their registration form.** Registration forms and payment are due by March 31, so be sure to take care of this soon. Keep reading for more convention information.   

## The State Convention Is Almost Here!

The 36th Alpha Delta Kappa California State Convention will be held the weekend of **May 1-3, 2026** 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 specific hotel to allow the state to 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** (two blocks from Veteran's Bldg.)  
143 Clovis Ave., Clovis, CA 93612
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites** (four blocks from Veteran's Bldg.)  
50 N. Clovis Ave., Clovis, CA 93612

Other options include nearby rental homes, VRBO's, and Bed and Breakfasts. Wherever you choose to stay, plan on a fun and friendly weekend with your Alpha Delta Delta Kappa sisters.



## Send in Your Registration NOW!!! 🌸

Your State Convention registration packet should have already arrived via email. Read through the information carefully, then fill out the jot form to register. Send your check to registrar Rita Prichard. Contact either of the convention co-chairs, Mollie Acosta ([adk.mollie@gmail.com](mailto:adk.mollie@gmail.com)) or MaryAnn Englehart ([adkenglehart@gmail.com](mailto:adkenglehart@gmail.com)), if you have any questions.

**Registration forms and checks must be submitted by March 31 in order to pay the \$170 fee. Late registration, from April 1-15, will cost \$180.**

**No registrations will be accepted after April 15. 😺**

## Who Can Be A Voting Delegate? 🤔

According to International bylaws, which California bylaws follow, the rules for choosing state convention voting delegates include:

- Each state Executive Board Member-1 vote
- Each past state president-1 vote
- Each chairman of a state committee-1 vote

Each chairman of a state convention-1 vote

Each president of a chapter presidents' council or her alternate-1 vote

One delegate or her alternate for every 10 active members with a minimum of one delegate per chapter-1 vote

One delegate for every 10 sustaining members in attendance-1 vote

Check the delegate line on your registration if you are a delegate for your chapter.

**Bring your phone since you will need it to vote.** 📱

## **Calling All First-Time Attendees to a State Convention!** 📞

The Noel Leonard Leadership Grant honors past state president (1992-1994) Noel Leonard and is funded using the interest accrued by a \$35,000 endowment bequeathed to Alpha Delta Kappa by Noel's estate. The purpose of the grant is to develop the leadership skills of Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, especially newer members. Attending state conventions is one way to do that.

In the spirit of Noel's wishes, the State Executive Board has agreed that any sister who has never attended a California State Convention will be offered the opportunity to receive a \$200 reimbursement check from this fund to help defray the cost of registration fees, travel, food, etc. In order to access this reimbursement, first-time attendees must:

- Check the line on the registration form stating they are a first-timer
- Pay their convention fees at the time of registration
- Notify State President Virginia Riding ([adk.virginiariding@gmail.com](mailto:adk.virginiariding@gmail.com)) that they are applying for the grant
- Attend the entire state convention

After verification of attendance, the state treasurer will present qualifying sisters their checks. In the event that checks cannot be presented at the convention, they will be mailed within 30 days.

## **Altruism Hours and Donations Due**

Chapter Altruistic reports are due. The online JotForm opened February 15. The deadline for earning a pearl was March 15, but the JotForm closes on March 31. Contact Fran Dunleavy ([francesmdunleavy@gmail.com](mailto:francesmdunleavy@gmail.com)) for more information.



## Disaster Fund Update

Alpha Delta Kappa California's teacher assistance program, Educators Helping Educators (EHE), recently received a generous \$5,000 donation from the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA). The State Board searched diligently for a way to use the money, eventually voting to help teachers affected by fires in Southern California.

There were many relief efforts immediately following the fires, but the Board discovered that there are still teachers in need. They therefore granted \$500 each to **11** qualifying teachers from Pasadena School District.

More money is available in the fund, so if you know of a teacher that needs assistance due to a natural or other disaster, click on the link below for an application.

### [EDUCATORS HELPING EDUCATORS APPLICATION](#)

Email completed applications to State President Virginia Riding at [adk.virginiariding@gmail.com](mailto:adk.virginiariding@gmail.com) or mail it to: Virginia Riding, 4735 N. Malvern Ave., Sanger, CA 93657.

## Membership News

Don't forget to keep sending State Vice President for Membership Teresa Heitmiller Olea your nominations for the **“Rockstars of Membership”** award which will be given during the upcoming 2026 State Convention in Historic Clovis. What a great way to honor those sisters who are helping their California chapters thrive!

Nominations and questions can be sent to Teresa at [TOLEACASA@GMAILCOM](mailto:TOLEACASA@GMAILCOM). Please include a detail or two about why you are recommending your chapter sister for this special recognition. Feel free to nominate more than one sister if your chapter is lucky enough to have several Rockstars.

♥ Connection is Contagious!

♥ **Teresa Heitmiller Olea, State VP for Membership**



# Attention, Historians/Sgt.-at-Arms!

submitted by Linda Barker, State Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms

## Historians

An email was sent to each chapter President and Historian regarding sending photos for the current biennium (20224-2026). Thank you for all that have already done this. You have until after the state convention (May 1-3) to send pics. You can also send them to me directly at [adk.lindabarker@gmail.com](mailto:adk.lindabarker@gmail.com).

## Sergeant-at-Arms News

When you register for the State convention, consider checking the box at the bottom of the form to volunteer as an Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms/Page. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



## California State Altruistic Project

Camp Kesem is our 2024-2026 State Altruistic Project. **Your support is needed.** 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. We will be presenting a check to a Camp Kesem representative at the state convention.

## 2026-2027 District Conference Information

Below are the dates and hosting councils for the upcoming 2026-2027 **IN-PERSON** District Conferences:

Northern District Conference	Oct. 3, 2026	Delta/Sierra Councils
Valley District Conference	Nov. 7, 2026	Fresno/Clovis Councils
Marina District Conference	Jan. 23, 2027	Orange Coast
Southern District Conference	Mar. 20, 2027	Inland Cities Council

The second year of conferences are **VIRTUAL** and hosted by the State Executive Board. Their dates are:

Northern: Oct. 2, 2027	Valley: Nov. 6, 2027
Marina: Jan. 22, 2028	Southern: Mar. 18, 2028



Keep sending chapter and individual donations to our International Altruistic Project, the Alzheimer's Association. The fundraising window is open through June 30, 2026.

### **Donating to California Cares is a bit different than in the past.**

- Chapters do not need to register as part of California Cares as has been done in the past.
- All donations go directly to California Cares. Donors are recognized under the California Cares page, so you and/or your chapter will be given credit for your donation.
- Do not register as a separate event. If you do, your donation will not go to California Cares.
- Do not use the donation form on the website. That form is only for donations that go directly to the Alzheimer's Association and California Cares will not get credit.

### **Donating is much easier. To donate using a credit card:**

- Go to [alz.org/adk](https://alz.org/adk). Find the Alpha Delta Kappa National Team page.
- **SKIP** How to Register. We are already registered as California Cares.
- Under Our Team Events, click on All Events and scroll down until you see California Cares. **Hint:** Look for State President Virginia Riding's logo.
- Or, you can click on this link (or copy this link and paste it in your browser): <https://events.alz.org/fundraisers/karenkirby/california-cares> and go directly to the California Cares donation page.
- Fill in the amount of the donation and click on **Donate Now**.
- Decide if you are making a personal donation or you are donating for your chapter (Organization option). Fill in the form and click **Donate Now**.
- **Do not** use the downloaded offline form.

### **To donate with a check:**

- Make your check out to: **Alzheimer's Association**. Put your chapter name (e.g. CA Gamma Mu) in the memo line.
- Mail it to: Karen Kirby, 21921 Calatrava, Mission Viejo, CA 92692.

It's that simple! If your chapter has a special fundraising event planned, email pictures with captions to: [adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:adk.karen.kirby@gmail.com).

For answers to any questions, email Team Captain Karen Kirby at the above email address, or call 949-466-8796 and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as possible.

Submitted by: Karen Kirby, California Cares Team Captain

These instructions can also be found on the state website [adkcalif.org](http://adkcalif.org).

## The GRreek Squad Can Help!



**Coming to a computer or tablet near you!** The Greek Squad will offer workshops on the use of Google Tools. These workshops are:

1. **Using Google Docs** to write agendas, meeting minutes, invitations or meeting flyers. **Date: March 30 at 4:30 pm.**
2. **Using Google Sheets** to create spreadsheets to track fundraising, record membership data, or create a budget. **Date: April 13 at 4:30.**
3. **Using Google Forms** to survey chapter members and Using Google Slides to create a slide presentation. **Date: May 11 at 4:30.**
4. **Tips to Organize Google Tools Documents** by creating folders and color coding them for easy access. **Date: June 1 at 4:30.**

You may choose to attend any or all of these workshops. An eblast with a Zoom link will be sent out a week before each workshop.

So put the date(s) on your calendar and watch for the email Zoom link.

After all, what is better than teachers teaching teachers?

The Greek Squad

Diana Galvan, Kathy Gutierrez, Karen Kirby, Ann McCarty, Debbie Waltzer

## Calendar



April/May	Update Chapter/State officers immediately after elections
May 1-3	State Convention in Old Town Clovis
June 24-26	Tri-Region Conference at Park MGM Hotel in Las Vegas