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CALIFORNIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

The Beginnings

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, International Sorority for Women Educators, was a dream of the founders, **Agnes Shipman Robertson**, **Marie Neal**, **Marion Southhall**, and **Hattie Poppino**, for many years before it became a reality. The year was **1953** when the founders of Alpha Delta Kappa expanded the organization to California. On the afternoon of August 25, 1953, Agnes Shipman and Marie Neal, Founders, and Pauline Martin, MO State Chairman, and Maye Payne, Arkansas State Chairman, initiated California Alpha in Oakland, and, in the evening of the same day, California Beta was chartered in San Francisco. **Betty Rosenberg**, Alpha, and **Elnora Fuller**, Beta, were installed as the first presidents of their respective chapters. The national leaders then went south to Fresno and chartered California Gamma with **Viola Allyn** as president. Continuing south the team initiated California Delta and California Epsilon in Los Angeles with **Goldie Martin** and **Margaret Kline** as their presidents. The last chapters to be chartered during this initial organizational period were Zeta in Long Beach with **Laura Bassett** as president, Eta in San Diego with **Norma Batchelder** as president, and Theta in Bakersfield with **Johanna Haight** as president. From this point on it was the responsibility of these eight original chapters to expand ALPHA DELTA KAPPA in California, and so they have done.

California ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is affiliated with and under the auspices of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED. The State Executive Board, comprised of eight elected officers and the immediate past president, meets in each of four districts once a year. The State Executive Board divides the state geographically into districts and forms Presidents' Councils within each district. Each Chapter is a member of a council. A Presidents' Council is composed of the president, president-elect and/or vice president and the immediate past president of each chapter. The purpose of the Presidents' Council is to serve as an avenue of communication between chapters and the State organization, and to discuss mutual goals and concerns. Once each year all Presidents' Councils meet with the State Executive Board at district meetings. The Presidents' Council meets as a body at each State Convention.

Chapter officers are elected in even-numbered years and serve for two years. Each chapter meets at least nine times a year and develops its own altruistic and scholarship programs. It is not possible to list here in detail the gifts, service projects, scholarships and other endeavors contributed by chapters in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa.

California has chapters from Redding in the north to San Diego in the south. The dream of the founders who came to California in 1953 is fulfilled. The guidance and dedication they gave California ALPHA DELTA KAPPA will help to attain new goals and dimensions in California.

FIRST BIENNIUM 1954-1956

National appointed **Betty Rosenberg**, Alpha, State Chairman. Other officers appointed to the Board were **Viola Allyn**, Gamma, Vice Chairman and Recording Secretary. The first state Executive Board meeting was held October 9, 1954 in Fresno. California Alpha Delta Kappa had ten chapters at this time. Discussion at this meeting centered around the first National Convention to be held in Chicago in August 1955, preparation and presentation of State Bylaws, and the first California State Convention. **Catherine Bohme**, Epsilon was added to the State Executive Board as Chaplain. **Myrna Graves**, Beta, and **Johanna Haight**, Theta, completed this appointed board.

Other Executive Board meetings were held in Laguna Beach in March 1955, Bakersfield in October 1955, Piedmont in February 1956, and Los Angeles in March 1956. At the first National Convention, **Alta Harris**, Beta, was elected First Vice President. **Jean Mersereau**, Delta, and **Dorothy Vaio**, Beta, also attended this historic meeting.

On October 13-14, 1956, the first California State Convention was held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. **Lou Voss Ekstrand** was Convention Chairman. One hundred and thirty-two members were registered. Business of the state was conducted and the following officers were elected:

Johanna Haight, Theta President
Jean Mersereau, Delta Vice President and Treasurer
Dorothy Vaio, Beta Vice President and Recording Secretary
Catherine Bohme, Epsilon Historian and Chaplain
Viola Allyn, Gamma Corresponding Secretary

Stuart Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Oakland Elementary Schools, was the keynote speaker for the opening session and **Alta Harris** brought greetings from National. She stressed the importance of quality rather than quantity in our Alpha Delta Kappa membership.

The luncheon session was hosted by the three San Francisco chapters, Beta, Kappa, and Mu, and featured **Lenore Kjos**, Librarian at Anza Library Center at Amza School in San Francisco, as speaker, and a fashion show with models from the San Francisco chapters.

A Sunday brunch featured **Dr. William Sanborn**, Coordinator of Audio-Visual Facilities of San Francisco Schools as the speaker. The hostess chapters for this final meeting were Gamma and Xi of Fresno and Alpha and Nu of Oakland.

Alta Harris installed the officers for 1956-1958 and **Shirley Kinney**, Gamma, concluded the first convention with a ritual "Gifts from the Sea." The California Alpha Delta Kappa State Organization was now a reality!

SECOND BIENNIUM 1956-1958

President	Johanna Haight	Theta
Vice President/Treasurer	Jean Mersereau	Delta
Vice President/Recording Secretary	Dorothy Vaio	Beta
Historian and Chaplain	Catherine Bohme	Epsilon
Corresponding Secretary	Viola Allyn	Gamma

California Alpha Delta Kappa had begun to grow by the time Johanna became State President. We had fourteen chapters and three hundred and thirty members. When she attended the National Convention in Kansas City in 1957, California was fourth in growth and membership among other states. **Alta Harris** was elected the first Western Regional Vice President and **Betty Rosenberg**, Grand Historian.

The state was divided into three regions - Southern, Valley, and San Francisco Bay Area. The purpose of this division was to encourage group meetings before and after National and State Conventions, to discuss progress, and to increase participation throughout our state.

During the year 1957, California installed Alpha Chapter of Nevada. California became third in the sales of National Housing Bonds. **Bea Stamm**, Theta, was named National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman; she also chaired the State Bylaws Committee.

The second California Convention was held at the Hacienda Inn, Bakersfield in October 1958. There were twenty-two chapters and five hundred and fifty members. New officers elected were **Jean Mersereau** as State President.

The guests of honor from National were:

Pauline Martin, Grand President
Agnes Shipman, Executive Chairman
Alta Harris, Western Regional Grand VP
Betty Rosenberg, Grand Historian.

THIRD BIENNIUM 1958-1960

President	Jean Mersereau	Delta
First Vice President and Recording Secretary	Dorothy Vaio	Beta
Second Vice President and Treasurer	Reba Redwine	Iota
Corresponding Secretary	Virginia McIntyre	Zeta
Chaplain and Historian	Shirley Kinney	Gamma

Major accomplishments of this period were ratification of State Bylaws, organization of the state membership file, and formation of Area Presidents' Councils.

Betty Rosenberg was elected Grand President at the first International Convention in Miami Beach in 1959. Twenty-six California members representing twelve chapters attended.

The California Banner was designed by **Helen Tobias**, Iota, and a proud and beautiful one it was with crest and letters on a white satin field with gold fringe.

Thirteen new chapters were installed during this period totaling thirty-five. On March 21, 1959, California began the second alphabet with Alpha Alpha in Oakland.

State President, **Jean Mersereau**, appointed **Foy Beck**, Eta, California Expansion Chairman, and **Glad Mitchell**, Delta, California Altruistic Chairman.

Grand President, **Betty Rosenberg**, was a speaker at the NEA convention in Los Angeles in 1960 and **Esther Halgren**, Epsilon, was the chairman of the Alpha Delta Kappa breakfast at this national meeting.

The third California State Convention was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, October 22-23, 1960. **Irma Payne**, Grand Vice President of the Western Region, was there representative from International. **Agnes Shipman** and **Betty Rosenberg** were honored guests. One hundred and sixty-seven members attended this state meeting. The new Executive Board, headed by **Dorothy Vaio**, was duly installed.

FOURTH BIENNIUM 1960-1962

President	Dorothy Vaio	Beta
First Vice President and Recording Secretary	Reba Redwine	Iota
Second Vice President and Treasurer	Jessie Bender	Chi
Chaplain and Historian	Virginia McIntyre	Zeta
Appointed Corresponding Secretary	Kay Lockhart	Beta
Appointed Chairman of President's Council	Florence Ruggles	Beta

Californians have accepted the Alpha Delta Kappa challenge and have proven the need and desire for our sorority in our state. We have forty-eight chapters and over nine hundred memberships as of September 1962. Fifteen new chapters were initiated during this period.

The International Convention was held in Denver in August 1961. California hosted an Open House to honor Grand President, **Betty Rosenberg**. Our State Banner made its first trip to the International Convention. "Together in Orbit" was the convention theme. **Dorothy Vaio** was chairman of the International Handbook Committee.

State Committee chairmen for this biennium were: **Foy Beck**, Eta, Membership; **Catherine Morgan**, Nu, Altruistic; **Rosemary Sawtelle**, Alpha Beta, Bonds; **Helen Mills**, Alpha, International Convention; **Johanna Haight**, Theta, Budget.

San Francisco's Mark Hopkins Hotel hosted the fourth state convention. **Myrtle Peck**, Phi, and **Julie Peterson**, Mu, were most capable chairmen. **Florence Ruggles**, Beta, presided at the Presidents' Council session. **Agnes Shipman** and **Mary Zua Kamp**, Grand Vice President of the Western Region were honored guests. The new officers, headed by **Reba Redwine** were installed.

FIFTH BIENNIUM 1962-1964

President	Reba Redwine	Iota
First Vice President/ Recording Secretary	Jessie Bender	Chi
Second Vice President	Foy Beck	Eta
Treasurer	Barbara Stein	Xi
Chaplain/Historian	Rosemary Sawtelle	Alpha Beta
Sgt. at Arms	Myrtle Peck	Phi
Chairman Presidents' Council (Appt)	Jean Canker	Iota
Corresponding Secretary (Appt)	Helen Tobias	Iota
Immediate Past President	Dorothy Vaio	Beta

This biennium brings the state chapter total to fifty-three with one thousand and fifty-two members. State committee chairmen were: **Mary Owen**, Alpha Kappa, Altruistic; **Alpha Koerner**, Omicron, Bonds; **Helene London**, Beta, Resolutions; and **Eugenie Rolph**, Kappa, New Business.

California was honored to have three members chair International Committees; **Jessie Bender**, Policy; **Dorothy Vaio**, Courtesy; and **Jean Mersereau**, Resolutions.

The International Convention convened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Thirty-two Californians representing twenty chapters attended. **Jean Mersereau** was elected Southwest Regional Vice President, and **Reba Redwine** served as Western Regional Historian during this period.

Disneyland was the site of the 1964 State Convention. **Agnes Shipman** and Grand President **Odell Smith** were honored guests. **Helen Tobias** and **Inez Hessner**, Tau, were co-chairmen.

Dr. Leila Tossas, Psychologist at San Diego State was selected as an International Woman of Distinction at the Pittsburgh Convention. She was so honored and pinned by **Dorothy Vaio** at a Southern District Meeting.

Jessie Bender was elected our next State President for the biennium of 1964-1966.

SIXTH BIENNIUM 1964-1966

President	Jessie Bender	Chi
First Vice President/ Recording Secretary	Barbara Stein	Xi
Second Vice President/ Membership Chairman	Myrtle Peck	Phi
Treasurer	Joyce Weisz	Alpha Nu
Chaplain/Historian	Florence Hendrickson	Gamma
Sgt. at Arms	Helen Tobias	Iota
Corresponding Secretary	Kay Guiney	Chi
Chairman of Presidents' Council	Doris Homme	Theta
Immediate Past President	Reba Redwine	Iota

Jessie Bender leads our state during this biennium. California Alpha Delta Kappa grows to fifty-nine chapters. State Committee Chairmen were: **Florence Ruggles**, Beta, Bylaws; **Barbara Billerbeck**, Chi, Altruistic; **Reba Redwine**, Iota, New Chapter Organization; **Frances Petefish**, Eta, Woman of Distinction; **Edna Fleming**, Delta, Public Relations; **Johanna Haight**, Theta and **Inez Thornton**, Chi, State Convention Chairmen.

Seattle, Washington was the scene of the 1965 International Convention. **Jean Mersereau** was elected Grand Vice President and **Dorothy Vaio**, Grand Vice President of the Southwest Region. **Reba Redwine** was appointed National Membership Chairman. **Mayme Chinn** was appointed Southwest Regional Historian.

A Tenth Anniversary theme was selected for the state convention at the Hacienda Inn in Bakersfield. New officers were elected and are headed by **Barbara Stein** as President.

SEVENTH BIENNIUM 1966-1968

President	Barbara Stein	Xi
First Vice President	Myrtle Peck	Phi
Second Vice President	Florence Hendricksen	Gamma
Treasurer	Doris Homme	Theta
Corresponding Secretary	Bonita Cornish	Xi
Recording Secretary	Ioma Dunstan	Alpha Nu
Chaplain	Elinor Berg	Alpha Rho
Historian/Sgt. at Arms	Frances Petefish	Eta
Immediate Past President	Jessie Bender	Chi

The year started with fifty-nine chapters and a total membership of thirteen hundred and thirty-four. There has been an increase of two hundred and fifty members since the last convention.

The 1967 International Convention was held in Minneapolis and thirty-four delegates represented twenty-one chapters from California. We had forty-five members attending. **Jean Mersereau** was elected as Grand President. **Dorothy Vaio** completed her term as Southwest Regional Grand Vice President and **Jessie Bender** began her Grand Chapter membership as the Southwest Regional Grand Vice President. **Reba Redwine** was reappointed National Membership Chairman.

The biennium ended with sixty-two chapters and a total membership of fourteen hundred and sixty-nine. Omega Chapter claimed eleven of our sisters.

International started realignment and Province Chairmen will be elected beginning in 1969. **Reba Redwine** was appointed National Membership Chairman.

The 1968 State Convention was held at the Del Webb Hotel in Fresno. Sixty-one delegates and two hundred thirty five members were registered.

During the past two years, Alpha Delta Kappa sisters have raised \$17,007 in food, money and materials and also contributed three thousand and ninety-two hours of work toward bringing a ray of cheer to someone else's life.

The State Convention was closed with the special Founder's Day program created by **Bonita Cornish**. Bonita also composed and presented the "Honor-In" of all chapters, which was a study in involvement.

EIGHTH BIENNIUM 1968-1970

President	Florence Hendrickson	Gamma
First Vice President	Doris Homme	Theta
Second Vice President	Mayme Chinn	Alpha Psi
Corresponding Secretary	Jean Waterman	Xi
Recording Secretary	Eleanor Bendell	Alpha Gamma
Treasurer	Elinor Berg	Alpha Rho
Chaplain	Dorris Pratt	Alpha Xi
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha
Immediate Past President	Barbara Stein	Xi

Alpha Delta Kappa in California began this year with sixty- two chapters and an active membership of twelve hundred and ninety-four, fifty-nine members at large and twenty-seven life members. **Elinor Berg** found it necessary to resign her office due to illness and **Frances Brooks**, Tau, was appointed to complete her term of office.

The calendar was established scheduling the State Board to visit the Bay District in January 1969, the Southern District in March 1970 and the Valley District in May 1970. At the Bay District Meeting the board met with the President's Council in the morning and with the general membership for luncheon. At the Southern District meeting, which was held in Ventura at the Pierpoint Inn, the President's Council met in the morning and was open to questioning of the officers. Hodels restaurant was the scene of the Valley District meeting in Bakersfield.

The follow chapters were installed during this biennium: Beta Rho, April 29, 1969 in San Mateo; Beta Sigma, May 10, 1969 in Redding; Beta Upsilon, November 10, 1969 in Antioch; Beta Chi, December 7, 1969 in San Leandro; and Beta Phi, November 22, 1969 in Modesto.

The biggest concern was the possibility our convention will be moved to the spring of even years. This was brought about through an International Bylaw change. The first Spring Convention is to be May 5,6,7, 1972. **Ina V. Potter** accepted the invitation to serve as Parliamentarian at the Convention. **Dorothy Vaio** served as Province IV Chairman (CA and Hawaii) from 1969 - 1972.

The year 1969-1970 marked the time the State Board provided workshops for each District Meeting. A short skit composed by **Dorris Pratt**, with assistance from **Eleanor Bendell**, **Mayme Chinn** and **Verna Simmons** was presented at the beginning of each meeting. The members attending then broke into small groups for discussion and fraternity education.

The 1970 District Meetings were held as follows:

Southern District	Long Beach
Bay District	Marin County
Valley District	Fresno

We ended the 1968-1970 biennium at the State Convention of "Challenge of Change" in Oakland at the Hilton Hotel on October 9, 10, and 11th. We have reached the goal of this term of office. We now have sixty-nine chapters with a membership of over fifteen hundred Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.

NINTH BIENNIUM 1970-1972

President	Doris Homme	Theta
First Vice President	Mayme Chinn	Alpha Psi
Second Vice President	Eleanor Bendell	Alpha Gamma
Treasurer	Frances Brooks	Tau
Recording Secretary	Carlito Dreblow	Alpha Chi
Corresponding Secretary	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha
Chaplain	Mary Hutto	Alpha Kappa
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Mary Owen	Alpha Kappa
Immediate Past President	Florence Hendricksen	Gamma

Our total membership in October 1970 was sixteen hundred and thirty-seven. We had seven life members, ninety-two members at large and fifteen hundred and eighteen chapter members. Sixty-nine chapters have been established. The next State Convention will be held in May 1972 in San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel.

The Bay District meeting was held in January 1971 at the Lakeside Golf Club in San Francisco; the Southern District meeting was held at the Catamaran in San Diego in March of 1971; the Valley District luncheon was held on May 15, 1971 at the Country Club in Bakersfield.

California was well represented at the International Convention in August 1971 in New York City. Altogether there were nineteen California delegates. **Barbara Stein** was elected Southwest Regional Grand Vice President.

September 1971 marked the Bay District Meeting at the Villa Felice Restaurant in Los Gatos; the Valley District meeting was convened at the Airport Marina Hotel in Fresno; the Southern District meeting was held on May 10, 1972 at Griswold's Inn in Claremont.

Since the last State Convention the following chapters have been chartered: Gamma Alpha-Alameda; Gamma Beta - Millbrae; Gamma Gamma - Stockton; Gamma Delta - San Diego; Gamma Epsilon - Lafayette; and Gamma Zeta- Rialto.

TENTH BIENNIUM 1972-1974

President	Mayme Chinn	Alpha Psi
President Elect	Eleanor Bendell	Alpha Gamma
Vice President	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha
Recording Secretary	Betsy Furth	Alpha Sigma
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Owen	Alpha Kappa
Treasurer	Frances Brooks	Tau
Financial Secretary	Mary Hutto	Alpha Kappa
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi
Chaplain	Thelma Sprague	Alpha Sigma
Immediate Past President	Doris Homme	Theta

The State Convention was an auspicious beginning for **Mayme Chinn** and all California Alpha Delta Kappas. The theme "Honor our Heritage" was carried through the convention held at the San Diego Town and Country Hotel. A new office of Financial Secretary was added. Growth within the state has been large enough to warrant the additional office. The number of chapters in May 1972 was seventy-five; chapter membership sixteen hundred and ninety-eight members; one hundred and one members at large; Life Members now number twenty-four. The total membership is eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

The new State Board held its first meeting on Sunday, May 7, 1972 at 7:30 A. M. at which time the calendar for the ensuing year was set. Plans were also made for attendance at the Southwest Regional Conference to be held July 17-19, 1972, at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The State Convention for this Biennium will be held at the Hyatt Union Square in San Francisco on May 3-5, 1974. The theme is to be AΔK In-Focus.

The Bay District hosted the new Board on September 16, 1972 at the Miyako Hotel at the Japanese Trade Center, with a workshop type meeting being held. On November 18, 1972, the Board met with the Valley District at the Skyway House in Bakersfield. Universal City was the scene of the Southern District's Board meeting in Los Angeles on March 3, 1973.

Members up and down the state were making plans for the International Convention in Miami. The largest delegation to date from California assembled at the American Hotel. **Jean Mersereau** was elected 6 year Rotating Member of the International Executive Board.

The 1973-1974 calendar included Board meetings in the Bay District in San Francisco on September 22, 1973; the Valley District in Fresno on November 17, 1973; again in San Francisco on January 19, 1974; and in the Southern District on March 2, 1974.

The year 1973-1974 had much discussion on the division of the Southern District, along with planning the State Convention to be held in San Francisco. It was decided to divide the Southern District into the Marina District with three Councils; Los Angeles, Long Beach, and the Channel Islands, and maintain the Southern District with two Councils: Inland Cities and San Diego.

All were saddened with the return of three Charters: Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Theta, and Beta Nu. Four new chapters were chartered: Gamma Eta - Palm Springs; Gamma Theta- Eureka; Gamma

Iota-Oxnard; Gamma Kappa-San Jose.

ELEVENTH BIENNIUM 1974-1976

President	Eleanor Bendell	Alpha Gamma
President Elect	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha
Vice President	Betsy Furth	Alpha Sigma
Treasurer	Mary Owen	Alpha Kappa
Financial Secretary	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Jett	
Corresponding Secretary	Frances Brooks	Tau
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Dorothy Setlik	Beta Psi
Chaplain	Cecilia Brown	Beta
Immediate Past President	Mayme Chinn	Alpha Psi

The State President desired to initiate a California Scholarship program for Alpha Delta Kappa members. The first awarding of this scholarship was planned to be made at the 1976 Convention in Palm Springs. The award money for the first grant would be taken from the interest accrued on the Convention funds. Approval for future awards must be granted by the members at the next state convention. **Margaret Flam**, scholarship chairman, suggested the emphasis be placed on honor rather than need. The scholarship can be used for personal enrichment or professional growth.

The State Executive Board for 1974-1976 held its first meeting on May 5, 1974 at the Hyatt on Union Square. Plans were made for attendance at the Southwest Regional Conference to be held in Park City, Utah, July 7-13, 1974. Inland Cities extended their invitation to hold the next State Convention in Palm Springs.

The 1975 International Convention was held in Los Angeles at the Century Plaza Hotel, July 13-17. **Carol Hurst**, Beta Beta, and **Charlene Naughton**, Delta, were co-chairmen. **Jean Waterman** and **Barbara Stein**, Xi, were chairmen of the Credentials Committee. This was the largest International Convention, with a total of fifteen hundred and ninety-eight members attending. California had sixty-one delegates, twenty-nine alternates and thirty-four members attending for a total of one hundred and twenty-four. The official insignia for California delegates attending the convention was a scarf with California poppies and the word CALIFORNIA imprinted on it. The new California Banner, made by State Treasurer, **Mary Owen**, saw its first convention. Immediate Past President, **Mayme Chinn** was elected Grand Vice President for the Southwest Region. **Mayme**, the recipient of the Living Memorial Scholarship, spoke to the delegates of her sabbatical in Japan. Margery Yates, Gamma Beta, was named Southwest Regional Historian.

A new chapter, Gamma Lambda, Richmond was established. At the close of the 1974-1976 term there were seventy-five chapters with a membership of nineteen hundred and fifty.

TWELTH BIENNIUM 1976-1978

President	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha
President Elect	Betsy Furth	Alpha Sigma
Vice President	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi
Treasurer	Mary Owen	Alpha Kappa
Financial Secretary	Dorothea Gales	Psi
Recording Secretary	Cecilia Brown	Beta
Corresponding Secretary	Irene Wood	Beta Alpha
Chaplain	Margaret Flam	Gamma
Immediate Past President	Eleanor Bendell	Alpha Gamma

President **Verna Simmons** chose as her theme for this biennium "Togetherness." She stressed that by togetherness she meant the unity we find when we play together, work together, and strive together.

The first State Board Meeting was held on May 2, 1976 at the Spa Hotel in Palm Springs. An invitation was received and voted upon to hold the next State Convention at the Sacramento Inn in Sacramento on April 28, 29, and 30, 1978. Plans were made to attend the Southwest Regional Conference to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This conference was held under the capable leadership of Mayme Chinn, Southwest Regional Vice President. The conference theme was "Even though the harvest has been plentiful, you must keep on hoeing; Leadership is the Tool." The Southwest Regional theme was "The Spirit of Alpha Delta Kappa- Dedication, Distinction, and Dreams."

The 1976-1977 District Meetings were held as follows:

Bay District	October 27, 1976	Francesco's in Oakland
Valley District	November 13, 1976	Turlock
Marina District	March 6, 1977	Oxnard at Casa Sirena Hotel

The Tenth International Convention was held at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago, Illinois, July 25-28, 1977. The theme was "Ever Widening Horizons." Mayme Chinn was elected Grand Chaplain.

The 1977-78 District Meetings were held as follows:

Bay District	October 1, 1977	Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
Valley District	November 5, 1977	Bakersfield
Southern District	January 21, 1978	San Bernardino Museum
Marina District	March 4, 1978	Costa Mesa

The State Board sponsored the sale of new binders with California Alpha Delta Kappa and the logo on the front and Greek letters for AΔK on the spine.

As of October 1, 1977 there were seventy-five chapters in the state and a total of nineteen hundred and five members.

THIRTEENTH BIENNIUM 1978-1980

President	Betsy Furth	Alpha Sigma
President Elect	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi
Vice President	Cecilia Brown	Beta
Treasurer	Margaret Flam	Gamma
Financial Secretary	Betty McNair	Gamma
Recording Secretary	Virginia Miller	
Corresponding Secretary	Irene Wood	Beta Alpha
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Mary Pierce	Alpha Delta
Chaplain	Alice Brandt	Alpha Phi
Immediate Past President	Verna Simmons	Alpha Alpha

In honor of California's twenty-fifth year in Alpha Delta Kappa, a special ceremony was made of the beginnings of our sorority in California. **Betty Rosenberg**, first President of the first chapter, Alpha, and the first State President gave one thousand dollars to the State Scholarship Fund. Delta Chapter presented two hundred and fifty dollars to the fund. **Jane Missal**, Alpha Phi, received the 1978-1980 scholarship grant. Out of two hundred and eighteen registered members, one hundred and forty-two were voting delegates representing fifty-eight chapters.

The first State Board Meeting was held in the Sacramento Inn on April 30, 1978. An invitation was received from the San Diego Presidents' Council to hold the next State Convention in San Diego at the Hotel Del Coronado.

The Southwest Regional Conference was held at Stouffers Denver Inn on July 31, August 1, 2 and 3. Twenty-six chapters were represented in a delegation of forty-one. **Frances Brooks**, Tau served as Co-Chaplain.

The 1978-1979 District Meetings were held as follows:

Bay District	October 7, 1978	San Francisco Holiday Inn
Valley District	November 4, 1978	Fresno Westminster Pres. Church
Southern District	January 20, 1979	San Diego Bahia Hotel
Marina District	March 10, 1979	N Hollywood Universal Sheraton

The Eleventh International Convention was held at the Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, July 22-26, 1979. The theme was "Tomorrow's Dimensions". **Jean Mersereau**, Delta, was chairman of the International Scholarship and Grant Committee. **Charlene Naughton**, Deltawas on the Regional Scholarship Committee. **Jean Waterman** and **Barbara Stein** of Xi served on the Credentials Committee. California was represented by fifty members, thirty-four delegates, nine alternates, and seven non-voting members. California pins were worn while poppies made by Fidelis Alpha were "passports" to the California party. **Mayme Chinn**, Grand Chaplain conducted an impressive memorial service.

The 1979-1980 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern District	October 6, 1979	Concord Inn
Valley District	November 3, 1979	Turlock
Southern District	January 19, 1980	March Air Force Base

Marina District March 8, 1980 Oxnard - Lobster Trap Restaurant
As of May 1, 1980, there are seventy-six chapters in California with nineteen hundred and
eighty-eight members.

FOURTEENTH BIENNIUM 1980-1982

President	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi
President Elect	Cecilia Brown	Beta
Vice President	Margaret Flam	Gamma
Treasurer	Joan Taber	Alpha Pi
Financial Secretary	Betty McNair	Gamma
Recording Secretary	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta
Corresponding Secretary	Margery Yates	Gamma Beta
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Barbara Horn	Beta Kappa
Chaplain	Mary Brandeberry	Psi
Immediate Past President	Betsy Furth	Alpha Sigma

The State Convention was held in San Diego at the Del Coronado Hotel. There were two hundred registered members; one hundred and thirty were voting delegates representing fifty-two chapters, State Officers, and Committee Chairmen. At the first State Board Meeting an invitation was received and accepted to hold the next State Convention in the Long Beach Council area. President, **Betsy Furth**, challenged all of us to "Find Creative Leaders; become Creative Leaders; commit ourselves to putting new vitality into Alpha Delta Kappa!" President Elect **Pauline Hunter** gave us the Challenge of Involvement; YOU IN ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

The Southwest Regional Conference was held at the Sheraton Inn in San Diego on July 27, 28, 29, and forty-seven members attended.

The 1989-1981 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern District	October 4, 1980	Sunnyvale Hilton
Valley District	November 7, 1980	Fresno
Southern District	January 17, 1981	San Diego Balboa Park
Marina District	March 14, 1981	Long Beach Holiday Inn

The Twelfth International Convention was held at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Mayme Chinn** was elected the two year rotating member to the Executive Board. California was represented by forty-three members. A "Get Acquainted" social was held preceding the convention and a reception for Mayme was given after the closing banquet.

The 1981-1982 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern District	October 3, 1981	Santa Rosa
Valley District	November 7, 1981	Bakersfield
Southern District	January 16, 1982	Riverside Mission Inn
Marina District	March 13, 1982	Pasadena Huntington-Sheraton

As of March 13, 1982, there are seventy-five chapters in California Alpha Delta Kappa.

FIFTEENTH BIENNIUM 1982-1984

President	Cecilia Brown	Beta
President Elect	Margaret Flam	Gamma
Vice President	Barbara Horn	Beta Kappa
Recording Secretary	Betty McNair	Gamma
Corresponding Secretary	Virginia Miller	
Treasurer	Joan Taber	Alpha Pi
Financial Secretary	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Margaret Straight	Beta Theta
Chaplain	Belle Goldstein	Beta Phi
Immediate Past President	Pauline Hunter	Alpha Pi

The above officers were installed by **Florence Henricksen**. **Cecilia Brown** presented her theme as "Celebrate AΔK.." Two scholarships were presented. One to **Pat Davies** for \$750 to help her establish a library in Haiti and one for \$500 to **Verna Simmons** for her project on computer education. **Betty Rosenberg** made another gift of one thousand dollars to the Scholarship Fund and with the continuing efforts of the Past State Presidents' Advisory Council this will allow an award of one thousand dollars at the next State Convention. There were 184 registered guests with 115 delegates including ten State Officers, six Past Presidents, four Committee Chairmen and eight Council Presidents.

The Southwest Regional Conference was held from August 8 through 13, 1982 at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu. **Noel Leonard** served as Regional Secretary. Altogether there were sixty California AΔK's.

The 1982-1983 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern District	October 2, 1982	Sacramento, Howard Johnson Hotel
Valley District	November 6, 1982	Fresno/Airport Picadilly Inn
Southern District	January 15, 1983	San Diego/St. Andrews Church
Marina District	March 12, 1983	Ventura Holiday Inn

International Convention was held from July 25-28, 1983 at the Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C. There were thirty- three members attending from California. **Mayme Chinn** was elected as Grand President Elect.

The 1983-1984 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern District	October 1, 1983	Oakland – Gallagher's Jack London Square
Valley District	November 5, 1983	Ceres - CTA Building
Southern District	January 14, 1984	Riverside Mission Inn
Marina District	March 10, 1984	Long Beach, Covenant Presbyterian Church

During this biennium, Alpha Nu sponsored AΔK-ite **Rosa Gavoni** from Italy who studied at Mills College for 1983 Spring Semester.

Omicron chapter disbanded in September 1982 and Alpha Kappa in March 1983. Three new chapters were organized: Fidelis Beta, Gamma Mu, and Gamma Nu. The last two chapters were

colonized by Beta Zeta.

SIXTEENTH BIENNIUM 1984-1986

President	Margaret Flam	Gamma
President Elect	Joan Taber	Alpha Pi
Vice President	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta
Treasurer	Mary Morgan	Beta Alpha
Recording Secretary	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi
Corresponding Secretary	Belle Goldstein	Beta Delta
Sgt. at Arms/Historian	Alice Brandt	Alpha Phi
Chaplain	Francis Posthumus	Beta Delta
Immediate Past President	Cecilia Brown (no longer a member of ADK)	

The Fifteenth State Convention was held in San Jose at the Hyatt Hotel on April 27,28,29, 1984. **Betty Rosenberg** presented still another one thousand dollars to the State Scholarship Fund. The first one thousand dollar award went to **Barbara Murray** from Alpha Iota. Two hundred and fifty members were in attendance with 153 voting delegates. **Margaret Flam** spoke and sang her theme to the members: "AΔK in Harmony-Altruism, Dedication, Knowledge."

Southwest Regional Conference was held at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 30 through August 2, 1984. Fifty-seven California AΔK sisters were in attendance. **Barbara Hill** served as Regional Sgt.-at-Arms.

The 1984 - 1986 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 6, 1984	Concord	Delta Council Hostess
Valley	November 3, 1984	Fresno	Fresno/Clovis Council
Southern	January 12, 1985	San Diego	San Diego Council
Marina	March 9, 1985	Torrance	Los Angeles Council

The Fourteenth International Convention was held at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The State Board sponsored breakfasts in the California Suite three mornings. **Barbara Stein** and **Jean Waterman** served as Registration and Credentials Chairmen, **Verna Simmons** as chief page, **Irene Wood** as page to the Grand President, **Barbara Hill** on the Media Committee, **Noel Leonard** on the Balloting Committee and **Mary Morgan** and **Alice Brandt** on the Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms Committee. **Mayme Chin** was installed as Grand President.

The 1986-1986 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 6, 1985	Concord	Delta Council
Valley	November 2, 1985	Bakersfield	Bakersfield/Delano
Southern	January 11, 1986	March AFB	Inland Cities
Marina	March 8, 1986	Santa Barbara	Channel Islands

As of March 1, 1986 there were 79 chapters in California with a total membership of 2,058.

SEVENTEENTH BIENNIUM 1986-1988

President	Joan Taber	Alpha Pi
President Elect	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta
Vice President	Belle Goldstein	Beta Delta
Treasurer	Frances Posthumus	Beta Phi
Recording Secretary	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Porter	Alpha
Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms	Rebecca Johnson	Psi
Chaplain	Susan Goto	Beta Eta
Immediate Past President	Margaret Flam	Gamma

At the Sixteenth State Convention, **Patti Abbott**, Grand Historian, represented Grand Chapter by presenting the keynote address. The officers were installed by **Pauline Hunter**.

Southwest Regional Conference was held in Scottsdale, AZ on June 23-25, 1986 at the Marriott's Mountain Shadows. State Board members taking a leadership role were **Joan Taber, Noel Leonard, Margaret Flam, Barbara Hill**, and **Belle Goldstein**. Grand President, **Mayme Chinn**, presented the keynote address. **Jean Mersereau** and **Dorothy Vaio** also participated. California initiated a daily "California Breakfast" which was a big hit.

The 1986-1987 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 4, 1986	Millbrae
Valley	November 1, 1986	Fresno
Southern	January 10, 1987	San Diego
Marina	March 14, 1987	Irvine

The Fifteenth International Convention was held at the Westin Peachtree Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia on July 12-17, 1987. California hosted a grand reception for outgoing Grand President **Mayme Chinn**. Breakfast was served in the California Suite each morning. Twenty-nine chapters were represented at convention.

The 19878-1988 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 3, 1987	Sacramento
Valley	November 7, 1987	Turlock/Modesto
Southern	January 9, 1988	March AFB
Marina	March 12, 1988	Studio City

Gamma Theta was disbanded, but three new chapters were initiated. They were Gamma Xi of Imperial County, Fidelis Eta of San Diego, and Fidelis Zeta of Chico. As of March 1, 1988 there were 2,119 members.

EIGHTEENTH BIENNIUM 1988-1990

President	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta
President-Elect	Belle Goldstein	Beta Delta
Vice President	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi
Treasurer	Francis Posthumus	Beta Phi
Recording Secretary	Susan Goto	Beta Eta
Corresponding Secretary	Rebecca Johnson	Psi
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Joan Porter	Alpha
Chaplain	Alice Bullard	Beta Kappa
Immediate Past President	Joan Taber	Alpha Pi

The Seventeenth State Convention was held at the Red Lion Inn in Ontario, CA. The theme was "Reach with AΔK". Keynote speaker was **Mariane "Billie" Kenney**, Southwest Regional Grand Vice President. The new officers were installed by **Margaret Flam**.

Southwest Regional Conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from July 23-25, 1988 at the Marriott Hotel. **Barbara Hill, Noel Leonard, Jean Mersereau, Dorothy Vaio** and **Mayme Chinn** were workshop leaders.

The 1988-89 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 1, 1988	Oakland
Valley	October 29, 1988	Bakersfield
Southern	January 12, 1989	San Diego
Marina	March 11, 1989	Ventura

The 1989-1990 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	September 30, 1989	Concord
Valley	October 28, 1989	Fresno
Southern	January 20, 1990	Palm Springs
Marina	March 10, 1990	Torrance

The Sixteenth International Convention was held at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, Washington from July 23-28, 1989. California sisters traveled on the Monorail to have dinner together at the Space Needle. Breakfast and lunch were served in a suite for California sisters every day. The chairmen for these events were **Linda Fisher** and **Ruth McMillan**. Each sister paid \$20 for the food. Lots of laughter and fun was enjoyed by all the sisters present. California had 47 delegates at convention along with many other alternates and spouses.

The theme for the biennium was "Focus on Excellence". Chapters were recognized at the State Convention by receiving an Award for Excellence. An Ad Hoc Committee was established to begin revising our State By-laws. For the first time, the President's State Newsletter was produced using a computer and Pagemaker during the biennium. We were entering the Technology Age!

NINETEENTH BIENNIUM 1990-1992

President	Belle Goldstein	Beta Delta
President Elect	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi
Vice President	Susan Goto	Beta Eta
Treasurer	Rebecca Johnson	Psi
Recording Secretary	Ruth McMillan	Alpha Pi
Corresponding Secretary	Alice Bullard	Beta Kappa
Chaplain	Barbara Murray	Alpha Iota
Historian/Sgt.-at-Arms	Roseanne Loop	Psi
Immediate Past President	Barbara Hill	Beta Zeta

The Eighteenth State Convention was held at the Irvine Hilton Hotel. The theme for the biennium was "Focus on Excellence." **Joan Taber** installed the new officers for the 1990-1992 biennium.

Southwest Regional Conference was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 28-31, 1990. California members were leaders: **Rebecca Johnson**, Regional Historian. Presenters included **Francis Posthumus**, **Susan Goto**, **Barbara Hill** and **Mary Brandeberry**.

The 1990-1991 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 6, 1990	San Francisco
Valley	November 12, 1990	Fresno
Southern	January 12, 1991	San Diego
Marina	March 19 1992	Buena Park

The 1991-1992 District Meetings were held as follows:

Northern	October 5, 1991	Santa Clara
Valley	November 3, 1991	Bakersfield
Southern	January 11, 1992	Palm Springs
Marina	March 14, 1992	Ventura

The Seventeenth International Convention was held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee from July 14-18, 1991. A California night out was spent aboard the General Jackson Showboat Cruise.

The theme for the biennium was "Garland of Friendship." Two hundred members gathered at the Santa Clara Marriott on May 1-3, 1992. Revisions and updates of bylaws, manuals and handbooks were completed during the biennium. California Bylaws Chairman, **Jean Kelly** and her committee, streamlined the shortened state bylaws. Chairman **Betty Langpap** and **Barbara Hill** revised the California Handbook, developed by **Eleanor Bendell** in 1974-1976. A new Manual for State Officers, Committee Chairmen, Convention Chairmen was completed. **Mayme Chinn** and the Past State Presidents were in the process of developing a new Policy Manual. It was a very productive biennium. Sharing the "Garland of Friendship" was very special to our circle of members.

TWENTIETH BIENNIUM 1992-1994

President	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi
President Elect	Susan Goto	Beta Eta
Vice President	Rebecca Johnson	Psi
Recording Secretary	Jean Kelly	Alpha Alpha
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth McMillan	Alpha Pi
Chaplain	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha
Immediate Past President	Belle Goldstein	Beta Delta

The theme of the 20th CA AΔK biennium was “Share the Connection.” Members were encouraged by State President, **Noel Leonard** “to make connections through altruism giving of ourselves, our time and our talents.”

Eight District Meetings were held. The Southwest Regional Conference was held in Irvine and the International Convention was in Toronto, Canada. Eighty California members attended.

Three chapters were disbanded — Sigma, Alpha Eta, and Fidelis Epsilon. As of April 1994 there were 53 active chapters with 1978 members including 49 sustaining members.

The 1992-1994 Altruistic Report included Gifts in name of AΔK \$45,135. Gifts other than monetary valued at \$52,061; Scholarship \$42,000; and hours of service 38,790 hours.

During this biennium the California Policies and Procedures document was completed and accepted by the State Executive Board to be used as a guide for future board actions.

The 1994 state convention “A Winning Connection” was held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott in Burlingame. **Betty Jo Evers**, SWRGVP, was the official AΔK International Representative and Lila Hummel, CA Honorary Member, served as convention parliamentarian. 229 attended including 139 delegates and 45 First-Timers. Members participated in officer training workshops and attended fraternity education sessions.

The 1994 CA State Scholarship recipient was **Lorraine Richardson**, Iota. The 1992-94 Altruistic Project was CA Hospice Program and its president, **Mary Taverna**, was introduced and expressed her appreciation for AΔK’s support. **Betty Jo Evers** gave the luncheon address “A Gardeners Delight” — a poetic tribute to AΔK’s. **Jane McNally**, Alpha Phi and 1978 CA AΔK Scholarship recipient presented “Ten Ways to Promote Literacy.” Habitat for Humanity was selected the 1994-96 CA AΔK Altruistic Project. At the adjournment of the convention members were asked to continue their connections by using past accomplishments as a springboard for future achievements.

TWENTY-FIRST BIENNIUM 1994-1996

President	Susan Goto	Beta Eta
President Elect	Alice Bullard	Beta Kappa
Vice President	Barbara Murray	Alpha Iota
Treasurer	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha
Recording Secretary	Mollie MacMullin	Xi
Corresponding Secretary	Johnie Nottingham	Alpha Delta
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Elaine Fong	
Chaplain	Donna Ray	Beta Zeta
Immediate Past President	Noel Leonard	Alpha Psi

The Southwest Regional Conference was held at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, on June 28-30, 1994. California sisters presented a skit promoting the 1995 International Convention to be held in San Francisco. Workshop presenters were: **Susan Goto**, Plan Ahead; **Noel Leonard**, Go For It, Leadership; **Mayme Chinn**, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Protocol; **Alice Bullard**, Service Call: Installation Ideas.

District Conferences in 1994-1995:

Valley	October 1, 1994	Bakersfield
Northern	November 5, 1994	Pleasant Hill
Marina	January 21, 1995	Channel Islands
Southern	March 4, 1995	San Diego

District Conferences in 1995-1996:

Valley	October 7, 1995	Fresno
Northern	November 4, 1995	San Francisco
Marina	January 20, 1996	Long Beach
Southern	March 9, 1996	Palm Springs

The Twenty-First State Convention was held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento from April 26-28, 1996 co-chaired by **Ellen Savage** and **Joyce Becraft** of Beta Eta. The theme was "A String of Pearls." Total Registration was 251. The first **Betty Rosenberg** Golden Chapter Award was presented to Beta Zeta. The State Altruistic Project was Habitat for Humanity. The GuestSpeaker was **Ann Hudson** from International.

The State President, **Susan Goto**, was honored and privileged to have had many visitations during her term.

TWENTY-SECOND BIENNIUM 1996-1998

President	Alice Bullard	Beta Kappa
President Elect	Barbara Murray	Alpha Iota
Vice President	Donna Ray	Beta Zeta
Treasurer	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha
Recording Secretary	Mollie MacMullin	Xi
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Rendon	Beta Kappa
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Diana Clinton	
Chaplain	Minnie Lou	Pi
Immediate Past President	Susan Goto	Beta Eta

The theme “Catch the Spirit of Alpha Delta Kappa” was the inspiration for the Twenty-Second Biennium under the leadership of President **Alice Bullard**. The first board meeting for the biennium was conducted at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento on April 26, 1996 following the state convention.

Sparks, Nevada was the location of the Southwest Regional Convention on July 22-24, 1996 and all California participants attended the California Breakfast to honor past state presidents. Pictures of the past state presidents were posted on the “California Wall of Fame.”

The fiftieth anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa was celebrated at the International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 1997. Eighty-nine California sisters attended the celebration and enjoyed the California Suite for fraternal fellowship.

During the biennium a Chapter Review process was implemented to encourage chapters to evaluate chapter procedures and programs and to develop a long-range plan to increase membership and improve chapter attendance. Moving to a new era of technology, Vice President **Donna Ray** and husband David initiated the first database for California State Membership eliminating the necessity of individual handwritten membership card files.

Although two chapters were disbanded during the biennium, a new chapter, Gamma Pi was installed due to the tireless efforts of Past President **Pauline Hunter**.

The culminating event of this biennium was the 1998 state convention held at the San Diego Doubletree Hotel on May 1-3, 1998. Highlights of the convention included an inspirational opening of bagpipes and color guard, the California AΔK ensemble singers led by **Gail LaFortune**, personal enrichment workshops and **Dr. Michele Borba** International speaker and educator who inspired sisters and guests by her keynote address ‘You are the Door Opener.’

TWENTY-THIRD BIENNIUM 1998-2000

President	Barbara Murray	Alpha Iota
President-Elect	Donna Ray	Beta Zeta
Vice President	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha
Immediate Past President	Alice Bullard	Beta Kappa
Treasurer	Mini Lou	Pi
	Ruth McMillan	Alpha Pi
Recording Secretary	Diane Clinton	Tau
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Futterer	Gamma Eta
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Johnnie Nottingham	Alpha Delta
Chaplain	Madeleine McCormick	Beta Xi

The theme of the 23rd biennium was ***“Share Your Dream”***. Members were encouraged to share the experience of Alpha Delta Kappa with prospective new teachers. This could be done by the retired teachers volunteering at the schools.

Eight district conferences were held throughout the state. The regional conference was held in Denver, Colorado in July of 1998 and was attended by 63 California sisters.

During the biennium the first California state website was created with the help of **Tom Hudson, PattySue Hudson’s** (Alpha Iota) son. This website was online for the second year of the biennium.

The International Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky. Our own California sister, **Susan Goto**, was elected Southwest Regional Vice President. A reception was held by the California sisters.

The Hyatt Westlake Plaza, in Westlake Village, was the scene of the 23rd State Convention. There were 227 people in attendance, with 128 delegates. **Phyllis Burgess** of Gamma Eta received the state scholarship of \$2000.00. **“Books Aloud”**, the State Altruistic Project was given a check for \$3500.00. The convention included time for six different workshops in the afternoon.

There are 1748 members in 72 chapters. More than half of the chapters, (51) showed growth during the biennium.

TWENTY-FOURTH BIENNIUM 2000-2002

President	Donna W. Ray	Beta Zeta
President Elect	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha
Vice President	Linda Futterer	Gamma Eta
Treasurer	Phyllis Burgess	Gamma Eta
Recording Secretary	Mary Ann Englehart	Xi
Corresponding Secretary	Madaline Liu	Alpha Psi
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Madeleine McCormick	Beta Xi
Chaplain	Rosemary Heenan	Alpha Pi
Immediate Past President	Barbara Murray	Alpha Iota

State Committee Chairmen:

Altruistic Projects	Jeanette Haseyama	Beta Omicron
Altruistic State Projects	Sharon McCarthy	Alpha Psi
Bylaws	Janice Bianchini	Beta Eta
Candidate Qualifications	Ruth McMillan	Alpha Pi
Honorary Member	Carolyn Rising	Alpha Gamma
Publications	Lynne Savran	Beta Zeta
Resolutions	Carolyn Bruck	Beta Kappa
Scholarship	Nancy Wilkison	Alpha Pi

Budget:

	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
Total Receipts	\$19,500.00	\$22,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$22, 275.00</u>	<u>\$23, 745.00</u>
	(\$2, 775.00)	(\$1,745.00)
World Savings as of 10/31/00	\$38, 211.78	

Membership:

June 1, 2000	1918	
March 1, 2001	1866	Total Chapters 72

The installation of 2000-2002 officers was conducted by IVPSWR/PSP **Susan Goto** at the State Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Westlake Village May 5-7, 2000.

District Conferences in 2000-2001:

Valley District	October 7, 2000	Hillhouse in Bakersfield.
Four District Mini-Scholarships at \$300 each distributed for 2000-2001 (for use by members).		
Northern District	November 4, 2000	Hilton Airport Hotel, Oakland
Marina District	January 20, 2001	Clarion Palm Court Hotel, Thousand Oaks
Southern District	March 10, 2001	Holiday Inn, Old Town, San Diego

International Convention was held in Boston, July 2001.

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District Conferences in 2001-2002:

Valley District	October 6, 2001	Piccadilly Inn, Airport, Fresno
Northern District	November 3, 2001	Clarion Hotel, Millbrae
Marina District	January 12, 2002	Country Inn and Suites, Costa Mesa
Southern District	March 9, 2002	Calimesa

The **Policies and Procedures Handbook** was revised and rewritten where necessary.

The **Officers' Manual** was revised, rewritten, printed, and distributed to new officers in the next biennium.

Ten (10) State Newsletters were printed and sent out during the biennium.

Publicity Chairman, **Lynne Savran** revised and printed a new three (3) fold brochure telling about California Alpha Delta Kappa.

The 24th California State Convention was held May 3-5, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel, Fresno. Theme: Angels Dedicated to Kindness and Knowledge. **Sharon Seif**, IVPSWR, was the International representative.

State Convention Chairman	Mollie Acosta	Xi
Registration Chairman	Betty McNair	Gamma
Treasurer	Barbara Stein	Xi
Decorations Chairman	Trina Schneider	Beta Zeta
Saturday luncheon	Turlock-Modesto Council	
Banquet	Beta Zeta Chapter	
Sunday brunch	Bakersfield/Delano Council	
Music Chairman	Suzanne Ray	
Fresno hostess	Kathie McNamara	Fidelis Theta
President-Elect's reception	Alpha Chapter	

Beta Rho Chapter received the **Betty Rosenberg** Award for being the outstanding chapter for the biennium. **Nancy Wilkinson** received the 2002 state scholarship.

A change was made in the convention procedure. The installation of new officers was held at the banquet on Saturday night. The Omega service and brunch were held on Sunday.

TWENTY-FIFTH BIENNIUM 2002-2004

President	Anna M. Konstantopoulos	Alpha
President-Elect	Linda Futterer	Gamma Eta
Vice President	Mollie Acosta	Xi
Recording Secretary	Mary Ann Englehart	Xi
Corresponding Secretary	Rosemary Heenan	Alpha Pi
Treasurer	Judy Welch	Gamma Nu
Chaplain	Linda Galassi	Beta Xi
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Madaline Liu	Alpha Psi
Immediate Past State President	Donna Ray	Beta Zeta

During my biennium, as State President, I planned nine Executive Board meetings and attended seven District Conferences. I attended a variety of chapter meetings, initiations, special events, and conducted several installations of officers for chapters and councils. Together with several of the State Executive Board members and the Past State President, **Barbara Murray**, I participated in initiating the former Past Mayor of Santa Barbara, **Harriet Miller**, as an Honorary Member. Seven newsletters were written. The Southwest Regional Conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which I attended along with the International Convention in Dallas, Texas in July 2003.

Bev Sparks was appointed Publications Chairman as she had a strong background in computers. She updated and placed the California Newsletter on the web site. Registration for the CA State Convention 2004 was made available on the web site.

The 25th California State Convention was held April 30-May2, 2004 at the Marriott Hotel in Oakland. The theme was "Teaching, Learning, and Wisdom." Gamma Lambda received the **Betty Rosenberg** Award for being the outstanding chapter for the biennium.

As of March 1, 2004 we had 1774 members which included 56 sustaining members. There was a loss of 73 members over the last biennium. Two chapters lapsed, Beta Gamma and Fidelis Theta. We now have a total of 65 chapters in California.

TWENTY-SIXTH BIENNIUM 2004-2006

President	Linda Futterer	Gamma Eta
President Elect	Judy Welch	Gamma Nu
Vice President	Rosemary Heenan	Alpha Pi
Treasurer	Carole Taylor	Beta
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Galassi	Beta Xi
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Betty Johnson	Gamma Nu
Chaplain	Madaline Liu	Alpha Psi
Immediate Past President	Anna Konstantopoulos	Alpha

“Give the Gift of Knowledge” was the theme that President **Linda Futterer** selected for her biennium which began at the Marriott City Center in Oakland, CA April; 30-May 2, 2004. Officers were installed by the South West Regional Vice President, **Mitzi Holmes**, of New Mexico. State Committee Chairmen were installed for the first time by President, **Linda Futterer**.

Salt Lake City, Utah was the host for the Southwest Regional Conference, June 6-8, 2004. Six California members gave leadership sessions at this conference.

The 24th International Convention was held July 6-9, 2005 in Orlando, Florida. California sisters shared fellowship at a dinner and lunch event. **Connie Cathey** was installed as International President. **Sue Potts** of Utah was installed as South West Regional Vice President and **Janice Tashiro** of Hawaii was installed as a board member.

Two chapters, Beta Sigma and Beta Lambda were disbanded this biennium. A new chapter in Coachella, California is in process. This chapter will be named Gamma Rho and chartered April 2006. California membership was between 1500-1600.

California dues were \$20.00 during this biennium therefore allowing the funding of scholarship and altruistic projects from members' dues.

The California State Scholarship, **Betty Rosenberg** Outstanding Chapter Award and State Convention minutes have been revived and new criteria written. The California History was updated to 2004-2006. Archives were begun with the recording of the history of the first eight California chapters using video. The California Web site was fully operational.

The 26th State Convention was held June 2, 3, 2006 in Palm Springs at the Wyndham Hotel. **Darleen Scott**, California Scholarship recipient, was the luncheon speaker and International President, **Connie Cathey**, was the International Representative.

TWENTY-NINTH BIENNIUM 2010-2012

President	Susan Raffo	Beta Rho
President-Elect	Mollie Acosta	Xi
Immediate Past President	Rosemary Heenan	Alpha Pi
Vice President, Membership	Mary Ann Englehart	Xi
Treasurer	Carole Valcarcel 2010-11	Gamma Nu
	Carole Taylor 2011-2012	Beta
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Anania	Gamma Nu
Corresponding Secretary	Robin Burns	Beta Rho
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Diana Galvan	Beta Eta
Chaplain	Kerry Hackman	Gamma Sigma

“Seize the Spirit” – Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service, was selected as the theme for the 29th biennium; the giant California Redwood tree was chosen as the logo. **Susan Raffo** was installed as President of California Alpha Delta Kappa at the state convention in Bakersfield by **Jane Stringfellow**, International Representative and Past Chairman of the International Executive Board. **Pat Pursell** and **Barbara Stanfield** will share the duties of International Vice-Presidents of the Southwest Region during this biennium.

Three goals provided the focus for this biennium: 1) expanding the use of technology; 2) more opportunities for members to take leadership roles; and 3) statewide membership growth. The **CA website**, lovingly and efficiently maintained by our webmaster, **Janet Armstrong**, was a wealth of information about state activities. Copies of the state Presidents’ Newsletter, various documents and applications, the Presidents Council Handbook, and Officers’ Manual are readily accessible to members. Communications Chairman, **Carole Taylor**, maintained online directories that facilitate quick and efficient communication among officers, chairmen, chapters, the Regional officers and International Headquarters. More sisters who had never held **leadership roles** stepped forward at all levels. Altruistic service and scholarship participation were at an all-time high, exceeding 50,000 hours and nearly \$500,000. More sisters actively sought scholarship and grant opportunities locally, statewide, regionally and internationally. Our chapters initiated and reinstated new members; a new chapter will be installed in the new biennium in the Fullerton area of Orange County (Marina District). Chapters look for creative ways to reach out to potential new members and make Alpha Delta Kappa more relevant, welcoming, and accessible.

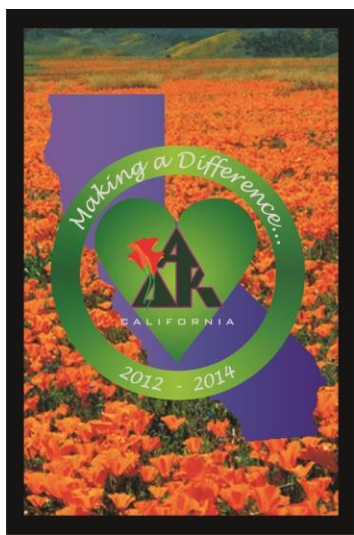
The budget, bylaws, and Policy & Procedures documents continue to be “living” documents and are reviewed and revised to meet the needs of California Alpha Delta Kappa. **Beta Tau**, Chico, received the 2012 Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award; **Colleen Golden**, Beta Rho, was the recipient of the State Scholarship; **Roberta Patterson**, Zeta, 2010 State Scholarship recipient was the 2012 winner of the \$10,000 International Fine Arts Grant; and **Summer Search** was selected for a second biennium as the State Altruistic Project. California sisters gave a total of \$10,000 to Summer Search in this biennium.

The State Convention was held at the Embassy Suites – San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. The chapters and councils of the Northern District hosted the convention. **Barbara Stanfield**, International Representative and IVP-SWR installed the 2012-2014 executive board. John Rothman, author, social commentator, and radio personality, was the keynote speaker. A number

of local dignitaries spoke or sent letters of welcome. The Convention was the culmination and celebration of accomplishments for the biennium.

THIRTIETH BIENNIUM 2012-2014

President	Mollie Acosta	Xi
President-Elect	Mary Ann Englehart	Xi
Immediate Past President	Susan Raffo	Beta Rho
Treasurer	Diana Galvan	Beta Eta
Vice President, Membership	Kerry Hackman	Gamma Sigma
Recording Secretary	Karen Kirby	Gamma Mu
Corresponding Secretary	Lynne Keating	Gamma Eta
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Monica Meade	Zeta
Chaplain	Rebecca Sikes	Alpha Pi



Mollie Acosta was installed as President of California Alpha Delta Kappa at the 2012 state convention in Burlingame by **Barbara Stanfield**, International Representative and International Vice President of the Southwest Region. She challenged her California sisters to join her in *“Making a Difference,”* the logo for the 30th biennium.

Her goals for the biennium were: 1) to continue to expand the use of technology to reach and inform all California sisters, 2) to support and encourage leadership opportunities at all levels – chapter, state, regional, and international, 3) to continue membership growth, and 4) to actively publicize Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship recipients and to partner with well-known altruistic

projects to increase awareness and knowledge of California Alpha Delta Kappa.

Copies of the state President’s Newsletter, various documents and applications, the Presidents Council Handbook, and Officers’ Manual were readily accessible to members. Communications Chairman, **Carole Taylor**, maintained online directories that facilitated quick and efficient communication among officers, chairmen, chapters, the Regional officers and International Headquarters.

“Summer Search”, a leadership development program for young people who strive to break the cycle of poverty, was selected as the California State Altruistic Project for the biennium and received a total of \$5,000.00. International altruistic reports totaled over 93,000 hours of service and more than \$480,000.00 donated during the biennium.

There were 54 chapters after our newest chapter, Gamma Tau, in Fullerton was installed in March of 2013, and a total of 1,253 members. A new membership award, the California Membership Award, was created to recognize the chapter with the highest positive net growth; two chapters tied for the award, Xi chapter in the Valley District, and Beta Kappa in the Northern District.

The Policy & Procedures manual was digitized after hours and hours of work on the part of Immediate Past President **Susan Raffo**, with assistance from Treasurer **Diana Galvan**, a huge

accomplishment.

The Southwest Regional Conference was held in Inverness, Colorado, near Denver in July of 2012. The 2013 International Convention was held in Washington D.C. over the 4th of July; 50 California sisters attended. The 2014 California State Convention was held at the Ontario International Airport Hotel in Ontario, California with 150 sisters in attendance. Past California Recording Secretary, **Lynne Keating** served as Convention Chair and Past California President **Rosemary Heenan** served as Registration Chair, with the Inland Cities Council, Southern District, hosting the convention. **Beta Tau**, Chico, received the 2014 Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award for the second biennium in a row; **Kim Gerould**, Beta Eta, was the recipient of the Excellence in Education Award. **Pat Trias**, International Representative and International Vice President of the Southwest Region installed the 2014-2016 executive board. The State Convention was the culmination and celebration of accomplishments for the biennium, California sisters truly *“Making a Difference”*.

THIRTY-SECOND BIENNIUM 2016-2018

President
 President-Elect
 Immediate Past President
 Vice President, Membership
 Treasurer
 Recording Secretary
 Corresponding Secretary
 Historian/Sgt-at-Arms
 Chaplain

Diana Galvan
 Karen Kirby
 Mary Ann Englehart
 Sara Cooper
 Marlene Cordova
 Lynne Keating
 Joanne Grimm
 Mary Krause
 Kathleen O'Malley

Beta Eta
 Gamma Mu
 Xi
 Beta Iota
 Phi
 Gamma Eta
 Alpha Alpha
 Beta Tau
 Gamma Eta



The thirty-second biennium theme and banner *“Reflect the Vision”* was designed to remind us of the beauty of our state, to remember the vision of our founders, and to reflect this vision in our Alpha Delta Kappa endeavors.

Diana Galvan was installed as President of California Alpha Delta Kappa on April 30, 2016 at the state convention in Visalia by **Ann Marie Brown**, International Vice President of the Southwest Region.

Encouraging more chapters to seek 7-Pearl status was one of Diana’s goals. The majority of the state’s chapters rose to the occasion and achieved great success. Another goal was to increase membership. Allowing retired teachers to become members opened the opportunity to many more valuable educators. Use of technology to streamline communications and reporting continued. For the first time, the President’s Newsletter was emailed to each member with an up-to-date email address. It was also posted on the California website which is updated regularly to provide up to date information and resources for all members. California’s Policy & Procedures document was fully digitized and updated.

California members supported **“Break the Barriers”**, an organization supporting special needs children and adults including veterans, as the State Altruistic Project for the biennium. A new fund, **“Educators Helping Educators”** was begun to help educators who are victims of disasters in our state. California also hosted a team **“California Cares”** to raise funds for Alzheimer’s Association’s **Longest Day**. Statewide altruistic endeavors totaled **\$498,819** with **74,479** hours of service.

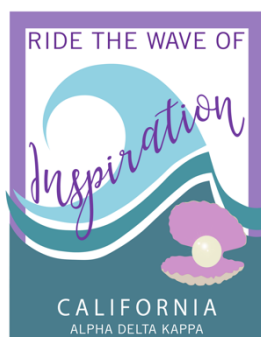
At the State Convention in Santa Ana, May 4-6, 2018, 84 delegates voted to raise the state dues from \$20 to \$25 per member due to continued declining enrollment and rising costs. Another cost saving decision was made by the board to combine the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Eight first-time attendees to the state convention received Noel Leonard grants. District mini-grants of \$500 were awarded to **Karen Kirby**, Gamma Mu, **Teresa Olea**, Beta Eta, **Tracy Bowen**, Beta Theta, **Linda Guitron**, Beta Xi, **Carole Taylor & Maureen Boland**, Beta. **Lisa Ernst**, Beta, received an International Fine Arts Scholarship. **Teresa Thompson**, Beta Rho, received the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship. **New Day for Children** was elected as the state altruistic project for 2018-2020. **Beta Eta**, Roseville, was selected to receive the 2018 Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award. Thirty-three members joined Omega

chapter.

California co-hosted the SW/NW Regional Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, July 9-11, 2018.
Minneapolis, Minnesota was the site of the International Convention, July 7-10, 2019.

THIRTY-THIRD BIENNIUM 2018-2020

President	Karen Kirby	Gamma Mu
President-Elect	Sara Cooper	Beta Iota
Immediate Past President	Diana Galvan	Beta Eta
Treasurer	Marlene Cordova	Phi
Vice President, Membership	Mari Page	Gamma Mu
Secretary	Anita Brown	Alpha Lambda
Chaplain	Virginia Riding	Gamma
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Rosena Kruley	Beta Alpha



The Thirty-Third biennium theme and logo, *“Ride the Wave of Inspiration,”* was chosen to reflect President **Karen Kirby’s** childhood spent in and on the ocean. Also, the wave was a shout-out to her Marina District Sisters. She added a pearl to the design, not only because it comes from the ocean and is a symbol of Alpha Delta Kappa, but the pearl represents honesty, integrity, prosperity and wisdom. It is a symbol of all that is best in Alpha Delta Kappa. **Karen** challenged each sister to inspire others by bringing out their best and the best in their fellow sisters.

A three-day leadership training for the new Executive Board was held in **Karen’s** home in August 2018. Besides taking care of state business, the state officers had an opportunity to collaborate with each other, learn the specifics of their jobs, and receive some valuable technology training. During the first months of the biennium, all chapter officers received training and materials from their state board officer counterpart. This assured chapter officers were trained at the beginning of the biennium.

Highlights and accomplishments of this biennium are:

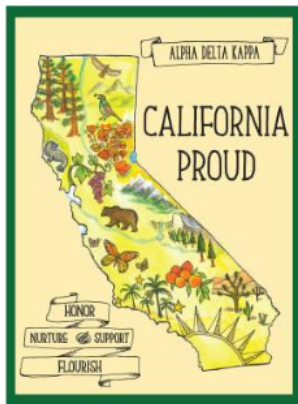
- 53 California sisters attended the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Five of these sisters represented their councils and received \$100 each from the Noel Leonard Leadership Fund. Beta Iota was recognized for outstanding service and awarded a Certificate of Recognition and the 2019 Southwest Regional Distinguished Program Award.
- For the 2018-2020 biennium California Alpha Delta Kappa had 44 chapters plus Sustaining and 1,035 active members.
- The California State Altruistic Project for 2018-2020 was **New Day for Children**, a restorative program for girls ages 10-18 who have been victims of sex trafficking. **New Day for Children** received \$1,075 from California Alpha Delta Kappa in 2019 and \$5,509 in 2020 for a total of \$6,584.
- \$1,998 was raised during the biennium through state altruistic project sales at conferences and conventions. \$999 was awarded to **New Day for Children**, and \$999 was put in the state scholarship fund.
- Eight state newsletters, *“Pearls of Wisdom,”* were written and distributed to all California sisters.
- The International Convention was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 17-20, 2019. Forty-five California sisters attended, 33 were delegates, and 20 chapters were represented. At the Regional lunch, **Diana Galvan** received the 2019 Membership Award.
- The Regional Professional Development mini-scholarship was awarded to **Harriet Kelly**, Gamma Nu, to attend the National Pro-Literacy Conference.

- In 2019, two mini-grants of \$500 each were awarded to **Kathleen Waffle**, Beta Eta, and **Debbie Waltzer**, Iota.
- In 2019, fourteen chapters received 7 pearls, and 8 chapters received 6 pearls.
- In 2019, The Longest Day team, **California Cares**, raised \$9,058,26 for the **Alzheimer's Association**. By the State Convention in 2020, an additional \$9,100 was raised.
- The California's Altruistic Report for 2018-2019: 39,376 volunteer hours; \$136,481 monetary gifts; \$136,481 non-monetary gifts; \$122,997 gifts in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa; \$56,779 scholarships. The grand total was \$316,257.
- 16 teachers at the Paradise Ridge Elementary School, which burned down during the November 2018 Camp Fire, received funds from the **Educators Helping Educators** relief fund.
- In 2020, two Southwest Regional mini-grants of \$400 each were awarded to **Colleen Golden**, Beta Rho, and **Maria Quintana**.
- In 2020, 4 mini grants of \$500 each were awarded to **Christal Biasell**, Xi, **Ann McCarty**, Alpha Lambda, **Kim Gerould**, Beta Eta, and **Christy Thorson**, Beta Eta.

The Thirty-Third State Convention was scheduled for April 24-26 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. **Susan Raffo** was Convention Chairman. Due to the pandemic and the resulting shutdown statewide, the convention was cancelled. The State Executive Board, State Committee Chairmen, and Convention Chairmen rallied and created a virtual convention presented on a new virtual platform, Zoom. The Virtual Zoom State Convention was held on June 27, 2020. All elements of an in-person convention were included in the virtual convention, including the Omega ceremony. Subsequently, guidelines for conducting a virtual convention were written. Thirty-six chapters were represented at the convention; 64 delegates were registered. Virtual voting was conducted prior to the convention using Survey Monkey created by Balloting Chairman **Patrice Mallory McCarley**. California's Altruistic Report for 2020 was presented: 39,999 hours of service; \$176,844 monetary gifts; \$81,032 non-monetary gifts given in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa; \$51,540 scholarship; grand total = \$309,416. At the convention, **Susan Raffo** was named California's Excellence in Education recipient. **Ann Marie Brown**, the International Chapter representative, installed the 2020-2022 Executive Board. At the conclusion of her outgoing president's speech, **Karen** stated, "It is time for me to paddle to shore." Indeed, it was.

THIRTY-FOURTH BIENNIUM 2020-2022

President	Sara Cooper	Beta Iota
President-Elect	Rosena Kruley	Beta Alpha
Immediate Past President	Karen Kirby	Gamma Mu
Treasurer	Virginia Riding	Gamma Mu
Vice President, Membership	Mari Page	Beta Iota
Secretary	Grete Lima	Gamma Nu
Chaplin	Donna McCartney	Beta Rho
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Susan Raffo	



On June 27, 2020, Ann Marie Brown installed me as California’s 34th State President. My theme, California Proud – Honor, Nurture, and Support was created before the Covid 19 pandemic and initially focused on California’s nature. Once all members were quarantined and forced to communicate online, the theme took on its second and more critical focus of sisterhood, where all members might be honored, nurtured, and supported so they could flourish. Most of the biennium was virtual from installation as the president until May 2022’s Convention with two exceptions, the Valley and Marina District Conferences,

By being online, California met my goal of communicating with more members. While the World experienced illness, seclusion, fires, social unrest, political divisiveness, and environmental concerns, zooming became the norm. The goal to support educational excellence for our overworked, stressed-out-teaching-from-home and face-to-face teachers was touched upon but not done to the extent desired. California did create a website of positive memes and sayings entitled “California Connects Educators (and their supporters)” on Facebook. The International Board and its officers increased Alpha Delta Kappa’s public image and awareness with daily opportunities for members involvement through: zooming Sister Chats, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions gatherings, and shared book readings; the International website created an idea generator “AAK Connects” as a go-to network for interacting with others; and informal meetings, how-to workshops, and a myriad of other activities. Every activity was emailed to the 43 chapter presidents to distribute to the members. California, however, did not look into creating Collegiate Clubs during the biennium. These activities are listed below:

Activities with the State Executive Board – to collaborate in carrying out the business of California, I attended 67 online Zooms as I:

- joined nine face-to-face gatherings
- selected 11 liaisons to the Presidents’ Council of Presidents
- hosted Executive Board meetings
- attended PCRC – Leadership and Communications Sessions
- led the Leadership Training – Seal Beach
- participated in fraternity education at district conferences, “Founders’ Day” and “To Tell the Truth.”

Activities Specifically for California Members – to include as many members as possible, I attended 211 Zooms as I:

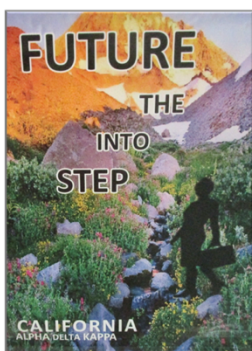
- shared Chapter Officer Training with the Board officers – virtual and posted
- held regular Chapter Presidents meetings
- met numerous times with the State Standing Committee Chairs
- hosted multiple Convention Chair and Committee meetings
- was liaison for San Diego Council
- assisted with disbanding chapters
- enjoyed a member's going away party with Beta Omicron
- participated in Gamma Eta's 50th Anniversary celebration
- produced seven newsletters
- planned and presented the 34th California State Convention
- hoped and organized to hold a Past State Presidents' party, but it never happened

Participated in Southwest and International Opportunities – to stay in the AΔK loop, I attended 115 Zooms as I:

- joined the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group (and its book discussions)
- enjoyed the Southwest Regional Conference and the International Convention sessions
- shared in Sister Chats (Southwest Presidents, Southwest Three P's – SP, SPE, and SIPP, and International)
- participates in the All-Regions Regional Conference (four days of sessions, workshops, and the Educational Symposium)
- watched the International Convention in a watch party
- celebrated incoming International President Mollie Acosta's Celebration with ITE student Trang Hoang and others
- learned more at the bylaws meeting
- flew to and attended Arizona's State Convention
- stressed supporting the AΔK altruistic endeavors
 - New Day for Children* – CA state altruistic project
 - Dig Deep* – SW Special World Understanding project
 - Alzheimer's Association* – Longest Day, CA Cares – International altruistic project
 - St Jude Children's Hospital* – International altruistic project

THIRTY-FIFTH BIENNIUM 2022-2024

President	Rosena Kruley	Beta Alpha
President-Elect	Virginia Riding	Gamma
Immediate Past President	Sara Cooper	Beta Iota
Treasurer	Diana Galvan	Beta Eta
Vice President, Membership	Donna McCartney	Gamma Nu
Secretary	Marilyn Bracelin	Alpha Phi
Chaplin	Mari Page	Gamma Mu
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Deborah Waltzer	Iota



On May 14, 2022, Betty Jo Evers installed me as California’s 35th State President. The theme and banner “*Step Into the Future*” for the 2022 – 2024 biennium was designed to represent all the wisdom and experience that we can bring into the future of Alpha Delta Kappa, but also room for new ideas and creativity. And we really do need to focus on how we can do things differently as we step forward. COVID forced us to create new, and often more effective, ways of teaching, and this theme was meant to encourage us to be **creative, flexible, and resilient** as we assist our teachers with their critical efforts to move California sisters forward with new ideas about curriculum, using technology and being flexible into a brighter future for Alpha Delta Kappa.

As President, I selected the State Committee Chairs and State Committee members. I designated all board members to be liaisons to the eleven Presidents’ Councils.

In August 2022, I conducted the new State Executive Board’s leadership training in Karen Kirby’s home in Mission Viejo. I developed a series of norms for the board members to follow during meetings. Board members were trained to conduct online training to all chapter officers using the chapter officer training materials available on the California website.

I attended seven district conferences during the biennium where I led and participated in leadership and fraternity education sessions. The eighth conference I attended was virtual due to knee surgery. I planned each of the Executive Board meetings and prepared the agenda for each one.

One of my goals was supporting the chapters, when necessary with issues arising using technology effectively. A committee was created, “The Greek Squad”, under the guidance of the Executive Board to address these issues.

From a 2020 – 2022 feasibility study, we implemented a Membership Input program to allot time after each district conference to bring concerns, comments, announcements etc., to

the Executive Board. This served to be an effective way for one council to bring an issue to the Board regarding rotation of the councils in their district to plan District Conferences. This led to a feasibility study for the entire state resulting in changing the rotation of the councils for future district conferences.

There were two chapters where all members had served several terms in leadership roles. No one wanted to step up to lead. Under the guidance of the Executive Board, the VP for Membership presented the program “Shared Leadership” which was adopted by two of the chapters. It worked for them.

I have communicated with sisters in California, Regional and at International Headquarters through email and Zoom. I wrote seven newsletters, *Stepping Stones*, which were e-blasted to every California sister. I wrote articles for Southwest Newsletter and much more.

Members throughout the state supported a variety of altruistic projects. The California State Altruistic project was “*George Mark House*”. California also hosted a fundraising team “*California Care*” in support of “*Longest Day*” Alzheimer’s Association fundraiser.

The California website has been continually updated and had information on all facets of participation in Alpha Delta Kappa, scholarship applications, altruistic opportunities, officer training, President’s newsletters, a history of California Alpha Delta Kappa and more.

As Chair of the Southwest Region Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee, I conducted monthly meetings, prepared agendas, and topics for discussion. I attended the monthly DEI Steering Committee meetings and expanded Southwest Regional Executive Board meetings for DEI.

In June 2022, I represented California at the NW/SW Regional Conference in Hawaii. I attended the leadership training for state presidents and the membership sessions. Northwest DEI Chair Pat Vallen and I as Southwest DEI Chair presented a workshop on “**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Fostering a Sense of Belonging**”.

In July 2023, I represented California at the International Convention in Kansas City, MO. Past International President Sue Pelchat, DEI Committee Chair Pat Valle, DEI Committee Co-Chair Sue Wade and I presented a workshop on “**Microaggressions and Me – *Why They’re Not So Micro.***”

The California State Board responded to the results of the 2023 feasibility study with the preparation of the 2024 – 2026 budget. Our recommended budget considered that membership had declined over the last five years: the rotation schedule for district conferences would help to decrease the amount of monies spent at the council level for conferences as well as at the Executive Board level on travel and lodging expenses. The recommended budget reflected an increase of \$5.00 state dues with travel every other year to district conferences (with virtual conferences in the other year) to balance the budget. The delegates approved this budget for the 2024 – 2026 biennium. A special thanks to Diana Galvan, State Treasurer, and her committee for all the preparation work that was needed to bring about the 2024 – 2026 budget.

The challenge of planning a state convention was made easier by the wonderful support team of Co-Chairs Karen Kirby and Susan Raffo, with their many talents and experiences

for making a successful convention. I appreciate all the work of the Peninsula-South Bay sisters for so graciously hosting the convention.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as the California State President. I was fortunate to have had a talented Executive Board who brought their insight, intelligence, and experience to conduct the business of California Alpha Delta Kappa. We have left a legacy for the new executive board to step into the future.

THIRTY-SIXTH BIENNIUM 2024-2026

President	Virginia Riding	Gamma
President-Elect	Donna McCartney	Gamma Nu
Immediate Past President	Rosena Kruley	Beta Alpha
Treasurer	Virginia Williamson	Beta Kappa
Vice President, Membership	Teresa Heitmiller-Olea	Beta Eta
Secretary	Ann McCarty	Alpha Lambda
Chaplin	Deborah Waltzer	Iota
Historian/Sgt-at-Arms	Linda Barker	Gamma

