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Greetings from the International Vice President - SWR

Happy Alpha Delta Kappa Month! I hope you have a chance to celebrate our Founders with vision: Agnes, Marie, Marion, and Hattie. If you get an opportunity to step outside of your chapter to attend a District celebration, even better!

The **2016 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference** in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM was a wonderful success according to the evaluations and comments I have received. Thank you for participating in that opportunity to connect with NW/SW sisters from 13 states and Australia, as well as visiting International Chapter members and out-of-region members and guests. I would like to publicly thank the entire NW/SW Conference teams and the regional officers for their excellent work in providing a rewarding experience at the Joint Conference!

Furthermore, by attending the Joint Regional Conference, 73 Southwest chapters earned a “Pearl” for their chapter towards the **Pearls of Achievement Award**. Maybe your chapter will be one of the seven pearl chapters awarded next summer? In general, the Pearls of Achievement Award assesses the health and vitality of the chapter. Of course, positive chapter net growth in membership and other items like the Chapter Needs Assessment and the IRS Form 990N e-Postcard (both due this month) are essential. Reach out to those worthy educators you come in contact with and invite them to a meeting and possibly join our organization. Rewards overflow by expanding our membership. Just think of the good works we can accomplish together!

Many states, provinces, and nations in our organization have been devastated by the floods, hurricanes, and fires that have occurred these past months. Consider a donation to the **Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation**. You can write “disaster relief” on the memo line of a check, or in the online donation form, to help those sisters that are suffering consequences, long past the headlines in the news.

Opportunities for travel through Alpha Delta Kappa abound. The **International Teacher Education (ITE) Weekend** will take place at Headquarters November 11-12. Also, set your sights for the **30th International Convention** in New Orleans, LA, July 12-15, 2017. Hotel registrations will open January 4, 2017, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. “Let the good times roll!”

ALTRUISM - MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you Southwest sisters for being a part of the altruism project for our NW/SW Regional! Please read this excerpt from Albuquerque Public Schools for their personal thank you.

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your kind and generous donation. Your donation of **\$6,952.00** to the **Albuquerque Public Schools Title I Homeless Project** on August 1st is greatly appreciated.



Your gift will provide school supplies, school uniforms, hygiene products, underwear and socks, and non-perishable food for homeless children and youth in Albuquerque's schools. These practical items give our students the means and motivation to stay in school and succeed. This, in turn, helps break the cycle of homelessness in our community. You are truly making a difference.

Sincerely yours ... Patrick Scott, Liaison, Title I Homeless Project

FINAL FIGURES: Cash & Checks: \$7,196

In-kind donations (personal care items, hats, toys, etc.) \$300

NW & SW S/P/Ns donated gifts for altruistic drawing held-\$650 (about \$50 each state)

Total in kind= \$950

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115.082 hours of services toward altruistic projects

\$301,315.00 in monetary contributions

\$281,624.00 in other (non-monetary contributions)

\$99,547.00 in scholarships

TOTAL: \$682,486.00

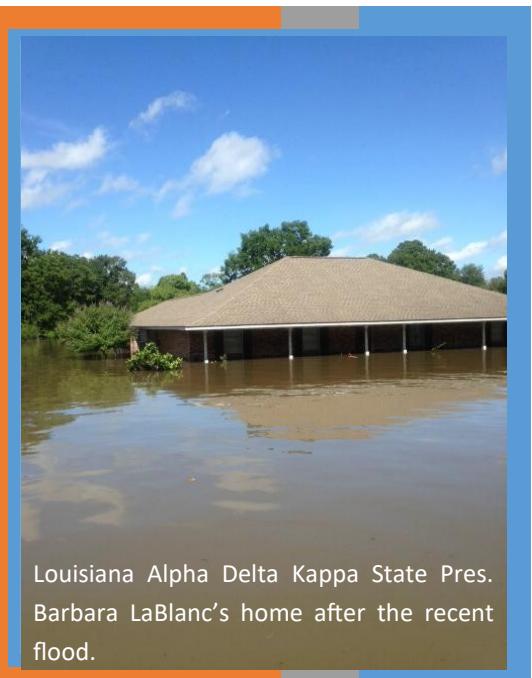
Thank you, sisters, for your nurturing and generous hearts!



NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF NEEDED

Recently we have been experiencing more and more natural disasters across this country. Many of them are endangering our sisters and the communities where they live. There have been floods in Louisiana and North Carolina recently as well as in Maryland and West Virginia this summer plus the fires in California.

What can we do? The AΔK Foundation has a line item in its budget for disaster relief. Donations can be sent to HQ written to the AΔK Foundation and you can indicate on the subject/memo line “disaster relief” or more specifically to a S/P/N (ex: Louisiana flooding). When it is specific to a S/P/N, those monies will be sent to the S/P/N treasurer and that S/P/N Disaster Relief Committee will decide how to distribute the funds. Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a donation statement for tax purposes in February.



Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa State Pres.
Barbara LaBlanc's home after the recent
flood.

A note about membership badges lost in natural disasters: If chapters have extra badges in their badge banks, please send them to International Headquarters (1615 W 92nd St, Kansas City, MO 64114) with a personal note to a sister who may have lost hers in a disaster, and we will see that they are appropriately distributed. Thank you so much! Executive Director Laura C. Bourgeois

OUR NEW WORLD UNDERSTANDING PROJECT for 2016-2017

T - training

E - educating and

A - affirming the

C - children of

H - Haiti



This project will finance the building of six additional classrooms at the orphanage* in Croix Des Bouquets, Haiti and the expansion of the Saturday trade school and women's skills program.

Donations may be made to The Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation, 1615 W. 92nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64114. Please put "Project T.E.A.C.H." in the memo line of the check. There is also an online donation form at the Alpha Delta Kappa website.

**Hurricane Matthew that hit Haiti recently did NOT destroy the school. They took steps to safeguard their property so only had some water damage; however, their needs are still great and our donations will be very welcome and appreciated.*

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE 2017-2019

Candidate applications are now available from Headquarters or from your chapter president. The following offices are open for applicants:

- 2-year Member of the International Executive Board
- 4-year Member of the IEB
- International Vice President for Membership
- International Vice President for the Region
- International President-Elect



The elected positions of International Chaplain, International Historian and International Sergeant-at-Arms will now become appointed positions. The position of President of the International Council of Presidents is being retired with respect and will remain an optional office at the SPN level. This aligns with what is currently optional at the chapter level and was decided upon to give our organization more effective direction for the future.

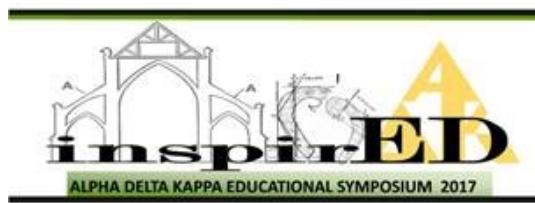


HOW ELSE CAN WE OFFER TO SERVE?

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS



Our International President-Elect, Sue Pelchat, is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and boards for the 2017-2019 biennium. If you are interested, please complete the application (available online) and return it to her before June 1, 2017. This form may be found on the website under: Library/Documents/Forms.



Good news for all International attendees in New Orleans, Louisiana! There will be many choices for classes and activities. Make sure you check the December *Kappan* for the entire list. Thank you sisters for offering to share your talents and interests. Make sure you **SAVE THE DATE: JULY 12-15, 2017!**



SW INTERNATIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION NEWS



SVETLANA "LANA" VIKHNEVICH (Russia)



My summer stay in Russia was very short (May 10-19), however, very productive. I spent several days with my boyfriend in Moscow. We went to an interesting exposition where we took many pictures. After several days in Moscow we flew to Sochi to see my parents. Such a great time together!

My time in D.C. was exceptional! I had an interesting internship at the Department of Education with many learning opportunities. Moreover, I had a chance to see and do things that I have never done before.

I celebrated my birthday at a Russian restaurant named Maria Vanna. I went to Phantom of the Opera at the Kennedy Center. I volunteered at a Petco pet shop and donated blood for the first time. I also attended my first American football game and rode a Segway to visit the Washington, D.C. memorials.

I am very happy to return to Flagstaff and Northern Arizona University for my final year of my Master's degree. I had such a great summer!

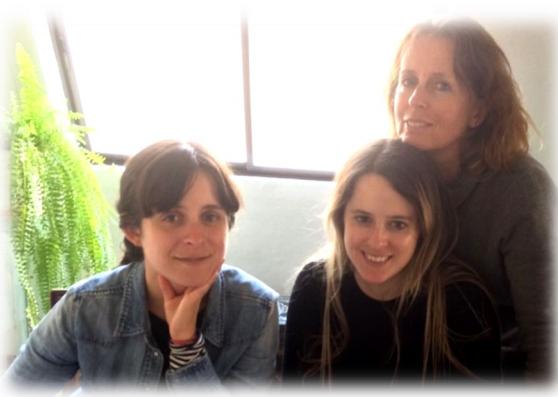
My address is: 516 S. Agassiz St., Apt. #1, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. svv9@nau.edu.



ELISA “ ELI” UGARTE (Chile)



During my summer, I won a fellowship to conduct field-work in Latin America and I went back to my low-income school district and worked with three schools, interviewing mothers and school administrators about the relationships between family and schools, the mother's goals for their kids and the routines they engaged in with them. I'm transcribing the interviews and they will be part of my master thesis that I have to finish by May 2017.



L-R: Eli, her sister Sofia and her mom, Yoya.

I'm very excited this semester because I'm learning and researching on two exciting areas. On one hand, I'm learning about stress, coping and resilience in adults and children and trying to connect it to the work done with the mothers back in Chile. On the other hand, I'm learning about the science of emotion with Dacher Keltner, the researcher behind *Inside Out!* I'm connecting this work to another course on psychosocial development and learning and to my research on SEL program implementation.

My address is: 675 Kula Gulway, #202, Albany CA 94706. Eli.ugarte@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS – PEARLS REPORT

Congratulations to the following chapters that attained 7 pearls!

AZ: Zeta, Pi, Psi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Nu

CA: Beta, Iota, Beta Kappa, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Eta

CO: Alpha Iota

HI: Gamma, Zeta, Kappa, Xi, Omicron

UT: Gamma, Xi



AZ Iota - Victoria Davis

AZ Iota - Rhonda Kesterson

AZ Iota - Rajie Apatan

CA Gamma Nu - Jill Crooks

CA Gamma Nu - Kristen Ellis

CA Gamma Nu - Erin Fouse

CA Gamma Nu - Michelle L. Ramos-Heffner

CA Gamma Sigma - Kristen Ashton

CA Gamma Sigma - Jennifer Knecht

CA Gamma Sigma - Irayma Smith

HI Pi - Marissa Noury

HI Theta - Sarah S. Jenny

HI Zeta - Joan Marie Y. Yanazaki

UT Gamma - Mary K. Courtney

UT Gamma - Susan B. Major





SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

2016 DEADLINE FOR REGIONAL MINI-SCHOLARSHIPS (OCTOBER 15, 2016)

This is for non-AΔK sponsored events - up to \$3,000 per region; \$500 per scholarship.

For events scheduled from November 15 - May 15, 2017

Applicants should send via regular mail completed applications (original and one copy available on website) to the Regional Scholarship Programs Committee chairman in their region and one copy of completed application via regular mail or fax to International Headquarters by the following deadlines: Applications for activities taking place between November 15 and May 15 must be postmarked no later than October 15. For the Southwest Region, send to:

Linda Kuwana
23 West 900 North
Tremonton, UT 84337



2017 INNOVATION GRANT DEADLINES

The Alpha Delta Kappa **Innovation Grant** is designed to assist creative, innovative educators who are *NON-MEMBERS* of AΔK with the cost of materials and services that enhance classroom lessons. Non-members with no more than five years teaching experience are eligible. The amount is \$1,000 per region; \$200 per grant.

The **Classroom Grant** program is for *MEMBERS* engaged in innovative teaching practices. The amount is \$2,000 per region; \$400 per grant available.



Look for the applications

on our website.

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

The patriotic quilt pictured is from a previous winner, Courtney Marie Sigler. She and her 2nd grade class worked together to make this meaningful quilt using funds from the innovation grant.

DUES UPDATE: After careful consideration, the International Executive Board has decided to increase our annual dues by \$5. There has not been an increase in dues in five years and declining membership has had a drastic impact on our bottom line. Revenue has decreased by 20% and expenses have increased by 1%. Please take this into consideration as your chapter begins to collect dues for the coming year.

AAK MONTH OR WORLD UNDERSTANDING ACTIVITY NEEDED?

Perhaps your chapter could send along a welcome greeting to our two Southwest ITE young women who will be completing their studies here this next spring (see page 5). The ITE program has one more returning student as well and four new ones:

Three returning students:

- **Elisa Ugarte** from Chile. 675 Kula Gulfway #202, Albany CA 94706
eli.ugarte@gmail.com
- **Svetlana Vikhnevich** from Russia. 516 S. Agassiz St., #1, Flagstaff AZ 86001
svv9@nau.edu
- **Maheen Shakeel** from Pakistan. 3322 Fairmont Dr., #13, Nashville TN 37203
maheenshakeel22@gmail.com



Four new students:

- **Trang Pham** from Vietnam. 721 Oakwood Ave., State College PA 16803
trangophamcfl@gmail.com
- **Viktoriya Ivanenko** from Tajikistan. 1800 Jefferson Park Ave., #11, Charlottesville VA 22903
vai8cv@virginia.edu
- **Natasha Febby Ocktora** from Indonesia. 9 N. 3rd St., Harrison NJ 07029
natashaocktora@yahoo.com
- **Anna Alejo** from the Philippines. 1230 Amsterdam Ave., #421, New York NY 10027
Alejo.anna@gmail.com

CHILE—INDONESIA—PAKISTAN—PHILIPPINES—RUSSIA—TAJIKISTAN—VIETNAM

Can your chapter find these students' homelands on a globe or atlas? What type of food items do they enjoy? What holiday customs do they have?





ARIZONA



AUSTRALIA - Judith Coghill



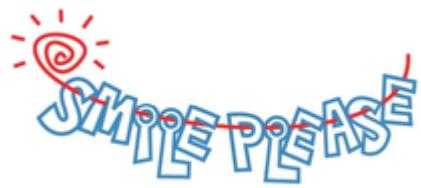
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NEVADA



UTAH



SW IVP Ann Marie Brown; Intl. Pres. Ruth Ann Griggs; NW IVP Mary Jane Henderson



IPIP June Bellamy; Intl. Pres.-Elect Sue Pelchat;
SW IVP Ann Marie Brown; Ex. Bd. Chair Barbara Stanfield



NEW MEXICO