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We are about to celebrate the birthday of our country with fireworks, picnics, family gatherings, . . . wait! Some, or all, of these things may not actually take place. Most of our country is still under the stay-at-home, wear a mask, no large gatherings, no fireworks, etc. Sometimes our plans don't work out the way we had wanted.

Susan Rae Long, Melodee Burreson, Kathy Babcock, Naomi Yap, Gayle Lum and I were planning for us to be in Hawaii for our NW/SW Conference. Instead, we are planning for the first ever "All Regions' Virtual Conference" on August 29, 2020. On Friday night, August 28, Susan Rae and I invite you to join us in a virtual evening of fun.

It would be fun, depending on your local pandemic rules, to maybe plan your first chapter meeting at someone's home to watch the conference together. Or just invite a few members to be together on these dates. A pearl will be awarded to any chapter having at least one member in attendance.

Congratulation to both Colorado and California for having virtual State Conventions. They did a beautiful job of getting all the business done, reports made, election results announced, memorial services, and installations of new officers. Each of our new State Presidents has held their first board meetings using technology. You are all getting very adept at using these programs. Could we get used to it? Maybe, but I am so ready for some true face to face time with my sisters.



NEW BIENNIUM DREAMS

Welcome to a new biennium. We are doing things in new and creative ways. We are Zooming to meetings, planning virtual conferences and conventions, as well as organizing chapters by phone and email. Missing face to face interaction with our sisters has become our new reality. Now we adjust and have virtual birthday parties, meet for wine tasting by Zoom, and contact family with Facetime. Many of us are learning new technologies almost daily.

Alpha Delta Kappa remains a constant, but keeping connected is sometimes a challenge. When discussing your goals for the year with your leadership teams, please consider adding a membership initiative to your discussion. I know that you already make plans for membership; but this initiative should be a statewide focus, implementing very specific actions to increase membership visibility and/or longevity. Two states implemented membership initiatives that have resulted in positive growth. Be creative and think of what you can do to encourage every chapter to take part in a new membership focus. Encourage your board members to think of creative ideas that would increase membership. If you want ideas, please email me and I will gladly brainstorm possibilities.

I recently read an excellent article by Linda Rissel (NER RMC) that suggested things to consider. She identified several reasons why members leave an organization. Ask your S/P/N Membership Consultant for a copy of the article. It is well worth reading and certainly worth applying to Alpha Delta Kappa. Five areas discussed: lack of leadership with a clear focus, lack of meaningful connections being made by new members, an offense occurred which could not be forgiven, lack of a clear opportunity to serve or make a difference and not enough mentoring or feedback for members. These are just a few points of her discussion. If you are passionate about solving the issue of declining membership due to resignations, please obtain the article and consider how to remedy this concern.

I challenge you to dream of how you want to make our organization stronger and more vital, plan steps to make those dreams come true and then work hard to make your dreams a reality

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CONFERENCE CELEBRATING!

So, we can't meet in person, but our wonderful AΔK International will still provide us with some fellowship and learning activities this summer, in place of our individual regional conferences. **Put these on your calendar and stay tuned for additional details!**

On Friday night, August 28, there will be *Get Social @ The IVP Premiere*. The #1 reason most sisters attend our Alpha Delta Kappa Conferences and Conventions is fellowship. So if that's you, this is for you! Times will vary according to region.



Get Social
at
The IVP Premiere

FRIDAY
AUGUST 28

Watch for details.

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL
UNITED IN SISTERHOOD

SATURDAY . AUGUST 29 . 2020

Then, on Saturday August 29, watch for details regarding a full slate of learning opportunities!



LIVE IT LIVE

All for One and
One for All

August 29
Register online

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS



The inaugural Alpha Delta Kappa Leadership Academy is coming in 2021. The purpose is to develop personal, professional and AΔK leadership skills. Enhance your leadership journey as a participant or become a mentor. Participants must be members for less than five years. Mentors must be willing to commit for one year.

Activities will span April 2021-July 2022. There will be six webinars and a face-face meeting at the International Convention in Austin, TX. For more details and the applications, go to Membership-Training Tools-Leadership Academy. Applications are due October 15, 2020. Looking forward to the 2021 AΔK Leadership Academy!



REMINDER . . . STILL TIME TO GIVE!



The altruistic project of the conference was HUGS. It was founded in 1982 by a small group who recognized the many challenges and stressors that families with seriously ill children face. They noticed that families were constantly stressed financially, spiritually, emotionally, and by many other issues related to their child's condition. They didn't want these families to go through this journey alone. The acronym, HUGS, was conceived by a family whose son had a cancerous tumor. "When your child is diagnosed

with having a terminal illness, sometimes the only thing even a doctor can do is give you a hug," said Pleaman Shaver. "To me a hug says so much – I care, I hurt with you, hang in there."

I would like to challenge each chapter in the SWR to make a donation to this fund. Our Conference Registrar/Treasurer has already sent out an email to those who had registered letting them know they can donate using any portion of their registration monies. She will reimburse the remainder. If your chapter, or you individually, would like to make a donation, please send a check to Janet Johnson, 8036 27th Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503-4039. She will then send one check to HUGS and AΔK will get the credit for it.

SHELTERING-IN-PLACE ON THE NAVAJO NATION

The following article is borrowed from the Dig Deep website. Dig Deep is "a human rights non-profit working to ensure that every American has clean, running water forever." For more information about Dig Deep, the Navajo Nation and Covid-19, [Click Here](#)

The Navajo Nation has the highest COVID-19 infection rate in the U.S.

The families we serve are some of the most vulnerable to coronavirus in America.

They struggle to wash their hands and bodies. They are forced to break social distancing to haul water. They live far from healthcare facilities. The COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) has upended the lives of all Americans, and that includes our friends and family across the Navajo Nation.

Here's how we're responding:

NEW: We're purchasing, distributing, and filling 275-gallon emergency drinking water tanks at homes without service. We're elevating the portable tanks for easier use and to protect against contamination. We're committed to filling every tank once a week, through the end of the year.

We've partnered with our friends at Nestlé Waters to distribute 262,000 gallons of bottled water to about 30,000 people across Arizona, New Mexico and Utah through a massive network of local partners. That's nearly two million pounds of water.

We're continuing trucked water deliveries to our clients without interruption. We've also expanded those deliveries to new homes in New Mexico and Arizona.

We're helping out-of-work families pay their water and electric bills so that their services continue uninterrupted and they don't fall behind on payments.

We're continuing to employ our hourly water and solar techs, ensuring that their families have financial stability and access to 100% employer-paid medical coverage.

Our local managers are working around-the-clock to coordinate water deliveries, conduct system repairs, stock inventory, train staff online, and process data. We are fully prepared to bring clean, running water to as many people as fast as we can when social distancing is relaxed.

Now more than ever, every American deserves the right to stay home and stay safe. Running water makes that possible.

We're tremendously grateful for the incredible leadership of the Navajo Nation, public healthcare workers, local and elected officials, other non profits, and mutual aid groups who have coordinated an unprecedented response to this crisis.

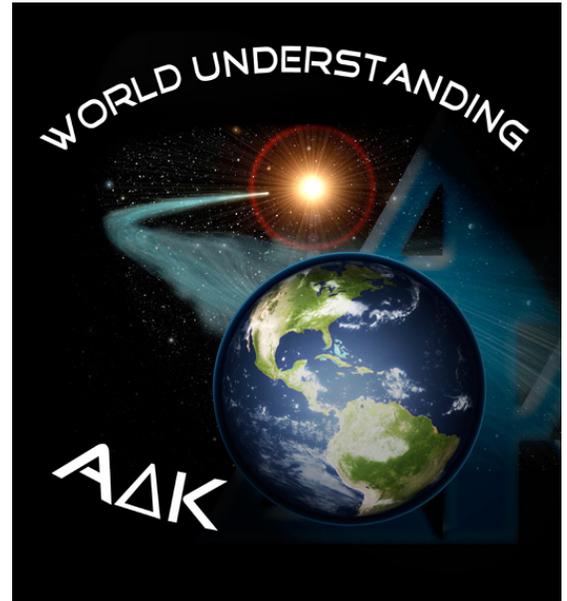
You or your chapter may also send money to the Navajo Water Project, marked "Food and Necessities," "Gas and supplies for truck" or undesignated.
Send it to Cindy Howe, PO Box 606, Prewitt, NM 87045.

You or your chapter can also help by sending care packages with hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes, bottled water, paper towels and facial tissues to Rene Seelbach, New Mexico Immediate Past State President at:
29 Walleye Dr • Thoreau, NM • 87323

Be ***United in Diversity*** and consider supporting our neighbors in the Southwest Region.

A Call for . . .

WORLD UNDERSTANDING PROPOSALS



It's time to get the word out that Alpha Delta Kappa World Understanding project proposals for 2021-2023 will be accepted from chapters prior to Oct 1, 2020.

The Guidelines and Timelines are on the Alpha Delta Kappa website under Foundation-World Understanding. The proposals should be electronically sent to World Understanding Chairman Rachel Shankles: shankles08@gmail.com and be 25 pages or less including all attachments. They must be signed by Chapter and State Presidents. Members will vote electronically to determine the winning project in June of 2021. The winning World Understanding project for 2021-2023 will be announced at International Convention in Austin, Texas in July, 2021.

The members of the World Understanding Committee look forward to receiving your proposals. Good luck!

Grete Lima
SW Region World Understanding Chair

THINKING OF STARTING A COLLEGIATE CLUB?

Under the leadership of International Executive Board Member Marie Hurst, and input from existing collegiate club sponsors, advisors and students, documents supporting the development of collegiate clubs have been updated and uploaded on the international website.

The updated documents as of 6/20/20 are:

- Constitution, Policies and Procedures Manual, Initiation Templates
- Process for Chartering
- Chartering Application
- Student Membership Application
- Initiates/Prospective Members Information Form

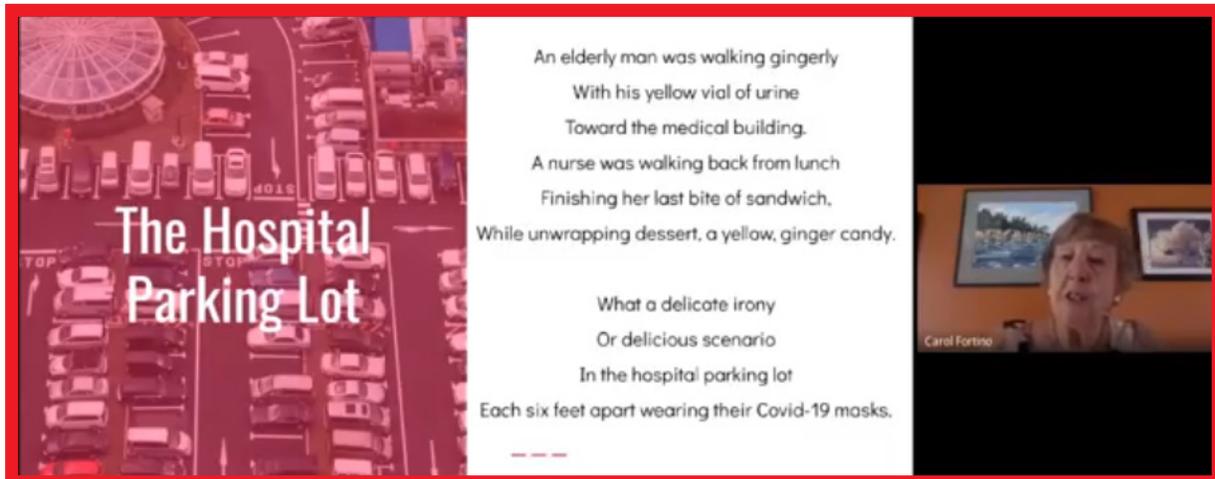


The other two documents on the website are pdfs: H-108 for chartering a new collegiate club and the form for ordering the CC badge.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC?

On June 23rd, Colorado Alpha Iota sister, retired professor and author, Carol Fortino held a virtual poetry reading and writing session entitled "Poetry in the Time of Pandemic". It was recorded and listened to by people who could not tune in to Google chat. Friends in Brisbane Australia, Paris France and Stratford-on Avon in England listened to the session and gave their feedback. Here are two excerpts, poems of Carol's and the link.

Click Here for the Link: [*Poetry in the Time of Pandemic*](#)



An elderly man was walking gingerly
With his yellow vial of urine
Toward the medical building.
A nurse was walking back from lunch
Finishing her last bite of sandwich,
While unwrapping dessert, a yellow, ginger candy.

What a delicate irony
Or delicious scenario
In the hospital parking lot
Each six feet apart wearing their Covid-19 masks.



Let's Try a Simple Verse.
First with an ABC, DEC
rhyme.
The last word in each
stanza rhymes.

Wearing mask and gloves
When I safely leave my home
Virus not received

I can help myself
Keeping the family well
Hope others have believed

Choose not to wear a mask
That will not ensure our safety
Caring for each other makes us free.

Contact info for the WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER

We look forward to hearing about any of your chapter or state membership activities you would like for us to feature. If you have articles, or ideas for the SW website and/or newsletter, send them to:

[*sw.alphadeltakappa@gmail.com*](mailto:sw.alphadeltakappa@gmail.com)

Visit the website through the link on the International Website: www.alphadeltakappa.org or, directly to:
www.swalphadeltakappa.org