**Excerpts from Farewell Address**

**Betty Ehret, outgoing AZ A∆K State President**

It’s been a great honor to serve the Sisters of Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa as your State President. My time as President of Arizona A∆K ended, but I know Arizona will be in good hands as this state is full of magnificent sisters.

It’s hard to believe I began my A∆K journey in 1984 in El Paso, Texas and becoming a Sapphire sister this year is amazing. My trek as President these past two years, found me in Minnesota, Alaska and soon to be Hawaii. Luckily my husband enjoys being a chauffeur, plus I’ve accompanied several sisters, putting over 20,000 miles of travel during my term. Nancy has begun to find out how exciting it is to visit other chapters and experience the camaraderie and sisterhood. These are precious memories for a lifetime.

We are so excited about our Arizona Collegiate. They are our future. These ladies are poised, passionate about education and preparing for tomorrow’s teaching!

Arizona is proud of our leaders at the Chapter, State. Regional and International levels, too. Thanks for your service!

During this biennium – great accomplishments with chapters and districts were recognized. The Founders’ Day gatherings were amazing and well appreciated by all! The outpouring of love and support for the Convention project, the AZ Spina Bifida Foundation was amazing, and we collected about $1000 in games, gifts, etc. Plus, many A∆K sisters donated close to $255 from sisters’ donations. The Altruistic Project these past two years have been quite successful and used for teachers in the classrooms!

What a Wonderful World we live in today – even if we are practicing social distancing. However, you make this a Wonderful World! Your tremendous heart shows in amazing ways and I’m proud to have served you these past years.

I have not gone this path alone. My Mu sisters have worked behind the scenes. My Convention Committee has been so supportive, helpful and never tiring, Co-Chairs – Alice Brinton, Sue McConnell along with Ellen Reeves, our Registrar!

Sisters, I challenge you and your chapters to support the leadership, the goals, the membership growth, the altruistic vision and world understanding ideals of Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa. Without a commitment we miss the opportunity to better the lives of others.

 “There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.” “Life is a journey, not a destination.” Thank you, Arizona Sisters, for the amazing memories I’ve accumulated! It is truly a Wonderful World with YOU in it!

Awards

A. **Jan Karp – Woman of Distinction**

**B. The Honoris Causa Award – Suzanne Maly**

**C – The Excellence in Education Award – Helen Valliere**

**E. President’s Farewell Address – Betty Ehret**

**3 – Past State Presidents Recognition**

I would like to ask the Sisters of Psi Chapter and the choir singers to move into position at this time. They will give a special recognition created by Archie and Gloria Burke as we have many of our very special leaders present this evening who are near and dear to our hearts. We are privileged to honor our Past State Presidents.

Thank you, Choir and Psi Sisters, for a beautiful and inspiring tribute to our Past State Presidents. Their leadership provides the foundation on which I and future leaders stand. God bless you all as you continue to support, lead and guide our state.