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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you are like me you are probably wondering what the upcoming year will be like for Alpha Delta Kappa. This is the time when chapters plan their programs and activities for the year. This is the time when the State President plans the state meetings and workshops for the upcoming year. Not a day goes by that Alpha Delta Kappa and all of my Connecticut sisters are not on my mind. Will chapters meet in person and will sisters feel comfortable gathering? Will chapters hold ZOOM meetings, and do all sisters have the technology to participate in

a ZOOM meeting? So much is unknown. But.....We are teachers. We are flexible. We can think outside the box. So if your chapter has a ZOOM meeting, why not invite one or two sisters who do not have the technology to ZOOM to your home and participate in the meeting together, wearing masks of course. Perhaps September and October meetings could be held at someone's home outside so you can practice social distancing. Somehow, somewhere Connecticut Alpha Delta Kappa will make it work.

Have you ever had a song that you just can't stop singing in your head? These lyrics by Stephen Sondheim speak to me. Until we meet again.....someday and somewhere....stay safe and stay well.

There's a place for us,
Somewhere a place for us.
Peace and quiet and open air
Wait for us somewhere.
There's a time for us,
Someday a time for us,
Time together with time to spare,
Time to look, time to care,
Someday! Somewhere!
We'll find a new way of living,
We'll find a way of forgiving,
somewhere.
There's a place for us,
A time and place for us.
Hold my hand and we're half way there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there
Somehow! Someday! Somewhere!

which will include officer training and personal enhancement sessions, inspiration from International Chapter, connections with other regions, and surely a unique experience of sisterhood.

Registration information is available. Go to the International website. You will find the Virtual Conference website on the Regional Conference TAB. It includes registration information as well as links for the officer training and enhancement sessions.



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The Regional IVPs are busy working on plans for the "All for One and One for All" Virtual Conference on August 28 and 29, 2020. Unlike our typical Alpha Delta Kappa Regional Conferences, this year's conference will be ruled by digital communication. The six Regional IVPs have thought outside the box to plan a conference like none other for all the regions. They are entering unchartered waters as they plan our virtual conference

NER ALTRUISTIC PROJECT THE "OPPORTUNITY PROJECT"

The Northeast Regional Conference Altruistic Project is Millburn, New Jersey's **"Opportunity Project."** It is a unique program created by and for adults with brain injuries who are seeking the "next step" in their journey of recovery. It provides an environment of support, challenge and choices that create independence and productivity in its members. Through the work environment in the Clubhouse, individuals explore their strengths, abilities, and interests so that they can establish and attain their individual goals. The goal for the Opportunity Project is full integration back into family, work, and the community.

On Friday, August 28th during the “All for One and One for All” Virtual Conference IVP Premiere Event, a live raffle will be held to raise money for the Opportunity Project. All states in the Northeast Region have graciously donated \$50 gift cards for the raffle. To participate, please send donations (checks made payable to **Alpha Delta Kappa NE Reg. Conf.**) to NERC Treasurer Debbie Kalanta at the following address:

Debbie Kalanta

230 Martool Drive, Woodbridge NJ 07095

Since this is a virtual event, the raffle will be held with virtual raffle tickets. For every \$10 of donations, members will receive a virtual raffle ticket. Members who have already sent donations to Debbie for the Opportunity Project will also receive virtual raffle tickets (1 per every \$10).

All Regions Virtual Conference, August 29, 2020?

The International Vice Presidents of the seven regions invite you to attend the All Regions Virtual Conference, August 29, 2020.

Experience a new format for our Regional Conferences. Let us rekindle everything that we long for when we come together in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa.

You will find a variety of Enhancement Sessions and Leadership Trainings that will spark your imagination. Experience a stronger network filled with new ideas, professional and personal growth, and leadership training. Conferences are a time of love, laughter, reflection, and celebration.

Individual Regional Celebrations have not been forgotten. Join your region's Premiere Event during the evening of August 28, 2020. Along with a variety of activities, each region will come together to recognize the State/Province/Nation leaders for the 2020-2022 biennium.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT?

1. Go to the All Regions Virtual Conference website on the International website (Please go to the Meetings TAB, Regional Conference link).
2. Click on the Enhancement Sessions and Leadership Training TABs to read about the 59 sessions which will be offered for members for officer training, professional development, personal enrichment, and fraternity education. The dates and times for each of the Zoom presentations will be listed.
3. Click on the Registration TAB to register for the Saturday, August 29, 2020 All Regions Virtual Conference and the Friday, August 28, 2020 regional IVP Premiere Events. Please click on the registration link, complete the registration form and click on **SUBMIT**.
4. A confirmation that says, “Thank you for registering” will be shown on your screen. To register for any of the sessions by Zoom, please complete the form by clicking the button “Register for Zoom Sessions.” You will receive a Zoom invitation for the session by the presenter/host at a later date.

5. Immediately after you register, a confirmation email will be forwarded to you **with the link** to the All Regions Virtual Conference. On August 29, 2020 please click on the **Join Webinar** button.
6. The links for the narrated PowerPoint and video Enhancement Sessions and Leadership Training sessions will be posted on the All Regions Virtual Conference website on Saturday, August 29th after the virtual conference. Members may access the sessions at their pleasure.
7. Recordings of the All Regions Virtual Conference, IP Premiere Events, and Zoom presentations will be posted to the website after September 1, 2020.

So....what are you waiting for?

Advice from a
TREE

Stand tall and proud
Sink your roots into the earth
Be content with your natural beauty
Go out on a limb
Drink plenty of water
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS

It's that time of year.....it's time to submit a chapter program for the Distinguished Program Award. This award recognizes chapters with outstanding programs

- that promote involvement and attendance
- that attract the attention of prospective members
- that are unique and creative

Chapters may submit one program presented during the most recently completed year. Chapter entries should be submitted online between August 1-August 31.

The submission form (available August 1st) is short and easy....250 words or less.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AT CHAPTER MEETINGS GUIDELINES

Life circumstances, from time to time, prohibit in-person meetings. Under the following circumstances, sisters may meet virtually.

- Individuals who face geographical barriers, illness (personal or family member for whom they serve as caretaker), inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- In case of widespread local, state, or federal emergency, inclement weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, chapters may choose to meet virtually.

Those members attending virtually have the same rights and responsibilities as members attending face-to-face meetings. Virtual meetings should

follow protocol for face-to-face meetings (agenda, roll call, minutes taken, all active members vote).

Your Chapter President received detailed guidelines for virtual attendance at chapter meetings and I am sure she will share that information with chapter members.

Check your information on the International website. Perhaps you retired so your status has changed.

Maybe you have a new email address or a new phone number. It will only take a minute. Go to:

www.alphadeltakappa.org

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1-27, 2020 Register for the “All for One and One for All” Virtual Conference

August 6, 2020 Summer Transition/State Executive Board Meeting

Due to COVID 19 we are unable to have our scheduled State Meeting on the 12th.

August 13, 2020 Celebrate Alpha Delta Kappa’s 73rd Anniversary

August 28-29, 2020 All Regions Virtual Conference

August 1-31, 2020 Distinguished Program Award—submit on line

August 1-31, 2020 Chapter Needs Assessment

This self-assessment will help the membership team evaluate the effectiveness of the chapter.

September 1, 2020 International Convention Educational Symposium Presenter Application

Calling all sisters! Who’s ready to share her experience with other sisters? Now is the time to offer your leadership at the **2021 Educational Leadership Symposium**. Help sisters take a pathway to learning, leadership, or sisterhood. We can work together to make this a worthwhile symposium for all our sisters.

September 15, 2020 Classroom Grant application –info on AΔK website

The Alpha Delta Kappa **Classroom Grant** is designed to assist creative, innovative educators who are members of Alpha Delta Kappa with the cost of materials and services that enhance classroom lessons. The grant was developed for teachers who display characteristics of excellent educators. This grant is available through September 15, 2020.

October 1, 2020 Chapter Booklets due—to Linda Shaw

October 15, 2020 Leadership Academy Application

The inaugural **Alpha Delta Kappa Leadership Academy** is accepting applications. 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.

October 15, 2020 Regional Mini Scholarship application—see AΔK website

October 22, 2020 Founders' Day— Unfortunately our Founders' Day has been cancelled.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fun Day Registration **Gamma** Awarding Scholarship **Mu** Spring Raffle **Pi**

Sisters
are like seashells,
snowflakes, and precious
works of art. Each is a
unique beautiful
treasure
that can never be
duplicated or replaced.

International Convention in 2019. I hope you had a chance to read her conversation with Su Wade, Two-Year member of the Executive Board. Together, Charlene and Su share their thoughts about serving on the International Executive Board. "My Eyes Were Opened As I Began to Serve: A Conversation with Two International Executive Board Members can be found in the June 2020 Kappan on pages 6-8.

Spotlight on Charlene Lauria

Charlene Lauria, Kappa Chapter, was elected a Four-Year member of the International Executive Board during the Minneapolis

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER.....

Please be sure to send me your meeting minutes by the 30th or 31st of each month and you will receive one Golden Apple point.

Life is not about
being rich, popular,
highly educated, or perfect....

It is about being real,
being humble. being
strong, and being able
to share ourselves and
touch the lives of others.

It is only then that we
could have a full, happy
and contented life.

CARE AND COMFORT

Please remember to let Christa Cote
(ccote@ntplx.net or 860-205-0658) know of any
sister who is ill, has lost a loved one, had surgery, or
is in need of a cheery note.