

The Violet's Voice



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#### **President's Corner**

Well, the 2020-2022 biennium is certainly off to an unusual start. As we all know, due to the coronavirus, our State Convention scheduled for May 2, 2020 had to be cancelled. It was a beautiful spring day, so typical of many of our State Convention days. I woke up that morning thinking of all of you and was disappointed that we would not be together, but these are unprecedented times. We are strong and we will weather this storm and be together again. The State Executive Board for the 2020-2022 biennium was to be installed at State Convention by Past International President, Sue Pelchat. Although the officers were installed by acclamation, an installation ceremony will occur at our Founders' Day ceremony on October 22, 2020 at The Gallery in Glastonbury. However, I would like to present to you the State Officers for the 2020-2022 biennium:

Jessica Morin Alpha President of Presidents' Council
Joyce McAloon Alpha Gamma Immediate Past President
Meredith Barker Pi Vice President of Membership
Margaret Genetti Mu Chaplain
Barbara Hargrayes Kappa Historian

Sue Truglio Eta Sergeant-at-Arms

Christa Cote Alpha Corresponding Secretary
Julie Butryman Alpha Recording Secretary

Paula Barry Gamma Treasurer
Charlotte Zenzick Kappa President-Elect
Linda Shaw Kappa President

In addition, I would like to present to you the Committee Chairs for the 2020-2022 biennium:

Maureen LaFrancis Kappa Month

Kerry King Gamma Bylaws/Policies and Procedures

Arline Rich Alpha Alpha Excellence in Education

Sheila Spellacy Pi Scholarship Gabriel Backiel Eta Scholarship Irene Veillette Psi Scholarship

Joan Cromwell Eta Fraternity Education

Roberta Avery Beta Altruistic Sue Weber Alpha Courtesy

Jean Kellogg Gamma Candidate Qualifications

Andrea Yukna Alpha Alpha Legislative Marie Koller Alpha Budget

Denise Cooley Gamma World Understanding

Charlene Lauria Kappa Website Everyone Publicity

### A few dates to remember:

May 31-October 1 Chapter E-postcards

June 20, 2020 The Longest Day Celebration—Join our team in honor of Past State President,

Judy Devokaitis at <a href="http://act.alz.org/goto/ADKTEAMJudy">http://act.alz.org/goto/ADKTEAMJudy</a>

June 30, 2020 Annual Chapter Highlights H-114—submit on line

July 15, 2020 Annual Chapter Reporting Form & Audit C-1—submit to Jean Kellogg

106 Carpenter Rd, Manchester 06042

August 1-31, 2020 Distinguished Program Award—submit on line
August 30, 2020 Chapter Needs Assessment Form—info to come

September 12, 2020 State Meeting, Berlin Congregational Church—ALL ARE WELCOME

September 15, 2020 Classroom Grant application due—info on AΔK website

October 1, 2020 Chapter Program Booklets due—to Linda Shaw

October 15, 2020 Regional Mini Scholarship application due—info on A\Delta K website

October 22, 2020 Founders' Day—The Gallery, Glastonbury

November 7, 2020 State Meeting, Berlin Congregational Church—ALL ARE WELCOME

# A few words about my biennium:

If you attended
State Meeting, you
about the heart and
Alpha Delta Kappa. As I
results and comments, I
sisters think alike, and
the heart of Connecticut
the strength of Alpha
words were repeated



## theme and logo for the

the November 2019
participated in an activity
strength of Connecticut
read over the activity
realized Connecticut
there is no separating
Alpha Delta Kappa and
Delta Kappa. The same
over and over to describe

both the heart and the strength of Connecticut Alpha Delta Kappa: words like sisterhood, altruism, members, outreach, compassion, community involvement, personal and professional growth, scholarship, inspiration, support, commitment. And thus, my theme "Our Heart is Our Strength" was born. The logo came a bit later. As I reread my Founders' Day 2019 speech in which I likened our founders, Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie

Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino to trees, I decided to incorporate a tree in the logo. And the 13 hearts, rather than leaves on the tree, represent Connecticut's 13 chapters.

# **The Opportunity Project**

It was a difficult decision.... but to ensure the health and safety of sisters in the Northeast Region, our conference that was to take place this summer in New Jersey has been postponed until the summer of 2022. However, Mary Ey has requested that we honor and support the altruistic project that was planned for the 2020 NER Conference. **The Opportunity Project** supports adolescents and young adults who have experienced traumatic brain injury due to accidents. Donations can be made to the NER Altruistic Project by forwarding a check, made payable to Alpha Delta Kappa NE Regional Conference, to Deborah Kalanta, 230 Martool Drive, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Be sure to include a notation, NER Altruistic Project, on the memo line. Checks must be mailed by August 1, 2020. Now, more than ever, with limitations placed on the types of services provided by The Opportunity Project, our support will be appreciated.

# Stay tuned.....

A multi-regional virtual conference is being planned for this summer. What can we expect? Who knows? But the IVPs and International Chapter are hoping to include live events, webinars, and power points. So.... stay tuned for more information.

**In closing.....** I couldn't help but think of you, my Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, when I read this poem.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, it doesn't matter if I'm short or tall, if I have skinny legs or my hips are wide, it only matters who I am inside. Blue eyes, brown eyes, black or green. What makes me beautiful can't be seen. When you look at me don't judge me by my parts. The most beautiful thing about me is my heart.

by Kim Uliana

