

Commonwealth District Founder's Day 2021 October 24, 2021

*Due to the Coronavirus,
this meeting was done on zoom*

Welcome: Commonwealth District President Jodi Bailey welcomed us all to Founders' Day 2021, and thanked all of us for the support we are giving to our Sisters, and especially the support that has meant so much to her personally.

Thought for the Day: Chaplain Carol Valentine's thoughts once again highlighted the power of Sisterhood.

Greetings from some of our guests:

Mandy Tribe, Virginia Vice President and Membership Consultant, brought us greetings from the State.

We next recognized our **Commonwealth District Officers**, who have been incredibly supportive and helpful this biennium:

- **Chaplain & District President-Elect - Carol Valentine**
- **Immediate Past District President - Nancy Coggeshall**
- **Registrar - Ann Chatos**
- **Secretary - Hortense Mitchell Liberti**
- **Historian - Debbie Balsam**

Next we recognized our **Commonwealth District Chapter Presidents**, who have been Rock Stars with leading their chapters, sharing information, and leading through this eventful biennium:

- **Zeta - Chelsea Fisher**
- **Mu - Heather Theakston**
- **Beta Delta - Carol Valentine**
- **Beta Lambda - Jane Grimes**
- **Beta Chi - Adah Parashar**
- **Gamma Alpha - Vickie Kiersen**
- **Gamma Gamma - Beverly Young**
- **Gamma Iota - Susan Balderson**

Next we recognized our **District Representatives to State Committees:**

- **Emergency Relief - Jennifer Thomas**
- **Excellence in Education - Denise Clary**
- **Altruistic - Open***
- **Public Relations - Jane Grimes**
- **Candidate Qualifications - Jane Grimes**
- **World Understanding - Open***

**Jodi said she would greatly appreciate some Sisters stepping forward to fill these empty seats.*

Representing our **International Chapter**, we had a very special attendee, **Judy Ganzert**, who is our current **Immediate Past International President and Past Virginia President**, and brought us greetings.

We also recognized our other **Virginia State Officers and Virginia Committee Chairmen**:

- **Virginia Recording Secretary - Pam Hebert**
- **Virginia Corresponding Secretary - Adelaide Weeks**
- **Budget - Nancy Coggeshall**
- **Candidate Qualifications and Honor and Remembrance - Karen Miller**
- **Directory - Rhonda Searles**
- **Grants - Hortense Mitchell Liberti**
- **Public Relations - Rebecca Beale**
- **2022 Convention Vice-Chairman - Jennifer Thomas**

We were also very fortunate to have a **Past International Board Member and Past Virginia President, Florence Bishop**. We also recognized our other very special sisters who were with us today!

- ***First Timers***
- ***Silver Sisters*** - 25 years of membership
- ***Sapphire*** – 35 years of membership

Jodi thanked all for coming today and joining us.

District Altruistic Project: Next up, Jodi introduced our speaker, **Taylor Fanelli** from ***The Doorways***. ***The Doorways*** is our District altruistic project for the biennium, and Jodi thanked the chapters for their support. Jodi urged individuals and chapters to choose to send donations in lieu of the cost of in-person Founders' Day to support this project.

<https://thedorways.ejoinme.org/donatenow>

The Ritual: **Mu Chapter** led our ritual as we celebrated our Founders with an online game called "blooket".

The Awards: Typically we present certificates during this time on Founders' Day. Certificates should have been sent to chapters already; Jodi asked us to let her know if we have not received them.

♥**The Membership Initiative Award—**

The Love Train is given to chapters who submitted an entry in the form of a picture and one or two sentences that highlighted a successful strategy they implemented for any phase of membership for 2020 to 2021.

♥ **The President's Award**—Virginia's Heart Award recognizes chapters that are striving to show their LOVE for Alpha Delta Kappa through their active participation, varied projects, and diverse programs.

♥ **The New Member/Reinstatement Award** is given to chapters who initiated or reinstated at least one sister during the first year of this biennium.

♥ **Pearl Awards** are given to chapters who completed criteria as identified on the Alpha Delta Kappa Pearls of Achievement Award Checklist between June 1, 2020, and May 31, 2021. Chapters are recognized as either 6 or 7 "pearl" status for meeting the criteria.

Jodi shared a slide with a picture from each chapter and named the awards they have received:

Chapter	Presidents Award	Participated in Membership Initiative Love Train	New Member / Reinstatement Pearl	Six Pearls	Seven Pearls
Zeta	x		x		x
Mu	x			x	
Beta Delta	x		x		x
Beta Lambda	x	x	x		x
Beta Chi	x	x	x		x
Gamma Alpha	x		x		x
Gamma Gamma	x		x		x
Gamma Iota	x		x		x

Jodi congratulated all the chapters and urged them to continue the good work!

The 2021 Commonwealth District Founders' Day was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hortense Mitchell Liberti

Commonwealth District Secretary