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Winter Greetings and Blessings

Winter seemed to arrive early this year with our first snow greeting the trick or treaters. With Thanksgiving a week later the Black Friday ads arrived earlier than ever. I took advantage of the early ads and ordered what I could. I'm usually not an online shopper as I like to look at the items before I buy. I broke my foot (let's just say washing ceilings is way over-rated) and haven't been able to walk since mid-October so I had to change and adapt.

This made me think about Alpha Delta Kappa and how our organization is doing the same thing. International has changed membership guidelines over the past few years. We have collegiate clubs and retired educators, as well as structural changes. As chapters we could also think of ways to change and adapt to attract new members and keep those we have. This could be meeting at a different time or place, adding different programs and/or speakers, or changing the length of the meeting. These are just a few as I sit (still sitting!) and think of Alpha Delta Kappa and the many friendships and opportunities this organization has given me.



Chapter Buzz



Meet the first sapphire sister in Alpha Delta Kappa. Phyllis Kalin, Upsilon, is still a very active ADK member. She currently lives at Hitchcock apartments in Galesburg and graciously allows us to meet in their common room. Hitchcock used to be one of Galesburg's elementary schools. It was made into apartments several years ago. Phyllis lives in her former classroom.

Upsilon celebrated her 90th birthday and her 70 years as a sister at their October meeting. They were able to surprise her with the meeting being about her. It was Phyllis Kalin's day!



Illinois Alpha Delta Kappa Alpha Chapter enjoyed Founders Day in Petersburg, Illinois at Three Pines. Twenty-seven sisters and one guest enjoyed brunch, a tour, and a historical presentation of the mansion. After brunch, sisters viewed a video of chapter events, and a presentation of the president's yearbook to the 2016-2018 chapter president, Joan Theobald. The group also viewed other chapter president books including the original book from 1950. A Founders Day Sundae Bar finished the morning's activities. Current co-presidents are Cheryl Diehl and Gina Snow.



Alpha Theta celebrated Founders' Day and had the Sweet Cases on hand for delivery to an organization in the Pekin area.



Alpha Nu and Beta Kappa hosted a Founders' Day celebration in Dwight. Alpha Delta Kappa sisters entertained everyone with their beautiful music and singing.



MEMBERSHIP HISTORY LESSON

In this Fraternal Education article, I'm trying to enlighten you on membership changes throughout the years. Alpha Delta Kappa was founded to benefit outstanding women educators with social and professional support. How were members sought out? From information read online and stories shared at conventions, Agnes was the lead recruiter. In her professional travels, she contacted many school district superintendents seeking recommendations for outstanding women educators in their district. Charter members from Mu chapter explained that they were recommended and met with Agnes to charter Mu chapter in 1954. Through bylaws, membership requirements were set. At the time I was initiated in 1973, requirements were an education degree, having completed 3 years of teaching and actively engaged in education. A few years ago, the years of requirement were changed to having completed 2 years and now a member may be recruited in their first year of teaching. For several conventions, the issue of allowing retired teachers to join was debated. Finally, the Executive Council set that retired educators were eligible. All of these strategies were designed to open a wider field of recruitment. Yes, our chapters have still struggled with adding members as some chapters have lapsed. I challenge you to use the wider range of eligibility and work hard to recruit members, especially during the membership campaign coming in January through April. Another interesting subject is that of Protocol. At each spring district, I led an activity of the "ABC's of Protocol." This activity was found on the International website in Fraternity Education. Practices were reviewed and some were brought to new light. "Once a member, always a member," brings to light that former members may be reported as Omega upon their passing. Even if found many years later, they may be reported to Headquarters. Question older members about former members to see if anyone has been missed. I have some in mind for Mu chapter! Happy New year and practice Alpha Delta Kappa every day.

Lucretia Crawford-state Fraternal Education Chair

Registration information about our IL State Convention will be available in January. Convention will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria, IL.. We hope to see many of you there. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you through chapter visits.

Please remember to send your membership initiations and Omegas to me.

Headquarters does not forward the information and we have no way to recognize them. Thanks!



Due Dates/Deadline

- Jan. 1—International dues H-138
- Jan. 1— Membership Campaign begins
- Jan. 18—Executive Board Meeting
- Jan. 31—Regional Professional Dev. Scholarship
- Jan. 31—Dues Postmark deadline
- Feb. 15—Living Memorial Scholarship Application
- Feb. 15—Fine Arts Grant Application
- March 1—Future Educators Scholarship (non-member)
- March 15—Chapter Altruistic Report due to State
- March 15—World Understanding Project Proposals due
- April 15— Regional Mini-Scholarship application due
- April 24-26—State Convention in East Peoria, IL
- April 30—Membership Campaign ends

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