

# Beehive Buzz

## Illinois Alpha Delta Kappa



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Our world has changed dramatically since the last newsletter. Everyday tasks that we took for granted now have to be planned with careful precautions. Teachers are planning instructions and activities to keep students learning and bringing a different kind of "normal" to their students' days. We see heroic efforts in healthcare, delivery services, grocery stores, and so many others who are making sure that others have what they need. In our area a soup kitchen no longer is able to serve meals but they have a pantry outside their location for people to come and get what they need. All of us are helping take care of each other.

Please stay safe, be compassionate, and be thankful for the many blessings that we have in our lives.



Chapters need to submit H-107 Report of Chapter Officers by May 1 to International.

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## Excellence in Education



Meet Madeline Wood, Upsilon Chapter, our EiE winner. She is a music educator at United District #304 and band director at Carl Sandburg College. She teaches a variety of music and instruments from preschool to college! Yes, she hears music wherever she goes! She hopes to inspire a love of music for all learners. She created an instrument lending library so every student could have the opportunity to play their instrument of choice. Congratulations for a successful career and a life filled with songs!



### A Note from Becky Ayers

Hello Sisters,

I wanted to let you know a little more about me. My teaching career formally lasted 38 years in the same district before retiring in 2017. I was in primary grades most of the time. I have been an Alpha Delta Kappa member for 24 years. Lambda Chapter has been my home and I have done many of the offices and positions. Just as years went by in teaching friendships developed and grew. This happened in ADK also. I went from friendships to Sisterhood. I became more involved and wanted to do more for the State. I was growing! Each position, event, and interaction brought love and growth!

Family wise I have been blessed as well with love and growth. My high school boyfriend and I married and had 2 beautiful daughters. They both found amazing mates as I had. I have been blessed with 4 grandchildren and a fifth in July. Each family is close by and I watch 3 of the four after school. (Prayerfully that will begin again soon.) My father (89) and sister are close by as well. (Shelter at home is hard but necessary) My brother and his wife live in Rockford, IL.

I am thankful for all my blessings especially within these troubled times. The troubles help me to grow in love and hope for my family, Sisters, and children. I am honored to be your next State President.

# Celebration/Convention

## September 18-19, 2020

We have rescheduled our convention and it will be a celebration, as well! We will "bee" celebrating the accomplishments of the past biennium, the chapter presidents from 2018-2020, the new theme that our new president (after voting), Becky Ayers will formally unveil, and the installation of the officers for the 2020-2022 biennium.

The past accomplishments and the formal installation are important and need to be recognized. We have many sisters to remember in our Omega ceremony this time.

This event comes at a different time of year. I do hope that many sisters throughout the state will make plans to come. Registration letter will follow and when it is available, it will be posted on the website.

One of the sessions will be leadership trainings for chapter presidents, treasurers, and membership. We will be at the same hotel, Holiday Inn and Suites, 101 Holiday St., East Peoria, room rate \$129.00, and register by August 22, 2020.

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### Chapter Buzz



Alpha Chapter gathered together to decorate and fill Sweet Cases that were later delivered. Thanks!

The Membership Campaign has been extended. The end date is May 29, 2020. Some chapters have been initiating new members by phone and by utilizing technology.

## Thank You!

I hoped to be able to thank you in person but following social distancing etiquette I'll try to adequately express my gratitude to all of you here. This is probably the last newsletter I will be writing. We are trying to complete the business that needs to be taken care of within the "relaxed" guidelines of Alpha Delta Kappa (given the ongoing pandemic). This is my last Beehive Buzz.

How do I begin to convey how your support, friendship, trust, and hospitality warmed my heart through the last two years? Every chapter welcomed me to a visit. I now know so many of you and when I read the chapter minutes I can put faces with the names I read. Your hospitality and generosity made me feel like a Queen Bee!

As I traveled through the state visiting everyone I was amazed at the variety in programs that were offered. Alpha Delta Kappa altruism is in full force, as well. All of you are helping in so many ways with your time, talents, and monetary donations.

These last two years have been both enriching and rewarding! Thanks for your dedication to Alpha Delta Kappa and a huge thank you to all for "bee"ing involved in AΔK, "bee"ing charitable, "bee"ing a leader, and "bee"ing resourceful. This Queen Bee enjoyed it immensely!



"Bee" the change that  
you wish to see!



## Regional Conference

North Central Regional Conference is in Frankenmuth, MI. Mark your calendars!....July 19—22. The conference site is the Bavarian Inn Lodge. You can book at <https://lodgers.bavarianinn.com> or by calling directly 1-855-652-7200. Please quote the following group number when you book your room. #12R29J.

Be sure to check out their website to see all that they offer. Looks to be a great time!

Roberta Casabon is keeping a close watch on the pandemic. We will let you know of any changes.



### Due Dates/Deadline

**April 15— Regional Mini-Scholarship application due**

**May 1—H-107 Report of Chapter Officers due**

**May 31—Membership Campaign ends**

**July 20-22—Regional Conference in Frankenmuth, MI**

**Sept. 18-19—Convention/Celebration**

**Sept 18—Board Meeting at convention**

**Sept. 19—Leadership Training for chapter presidents, treasurers, and membership**

### Hive News

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**Alpha Nu—Judith Vieth**

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An earlier email advised that missed chapter meetings do not need to be re-scheduled. Some chapters have been using email to conduct chapter business.



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