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New Beginnings

The holiday season is past, decorations are put away, and a new year has begun. I always look forward to a new year. Many make resolutions; some are kept and some aren't. As I began this office in April I was resolved to be organized. I have all my files and notes but am re-organizing my organization and hopefully making it more useful. I am truly thankful and grateful for your help that you give me, questions that you answer, and forgiveness for my mistakes as I try to navigate through this biennium.

As Alpha Delta Kappa members we can resolve to promote our organization to others. I am amazed that so many teachers know nothing about us! Invite potential members to a meeting. Have them bring a teacher friend to make it a little easier.

I am contacting chapters for possible visit dates and look forward to seeing $A\Delta K$ in action throughout the state.



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Chapter Buzz

I know chapters around the state were buzzing with meetings and activities. The minutes that I received were interesting and informative. I would love to include pictures of your activities. You can email them to me and I'll put add them in the chapter buzz. This is the perfect place to let your sisters know more about your chapter. Thanks in advance for your help!

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Eta Chapter donated 35 blankets to Farmer's Closet. With the additional monetary donations, 50 plus students were provided with blankets. Each month Eta donates necessary items for this organization.

Alpha Theta Chapter kept busy making blankets for St. Jude. They completed 5 and have plans to complete 6 more. Altruism in action!







Alpha Delta Kappa

"Strengthen your chapter with new members."

2019 Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Campaign January 1, 2019 -April 30, 2019

In order for Alpha Delta Kappa to remain a vibrant organization, the challenge is to initiate new members or reinstate former members. Your enthusiasm for Alpha Delta Kappa will attract others who will want to join you in our organization!

The criteria for membership in Alpha Delta Kappa is that the prospective member be an outstanding educator, have a degree in education or be certified, be actively engaged in education and under contract in the field of education. Retired educators who are still interested in education are also eligible. Think of the outstanding women educators. Think of the outstanding women you know that would benefit from all Alpha Delta Kappa has to offer!

New/reinstated members must be initiated/reinstated and all current forms (under Documents and Forms on the website) and fees must be received at Headquarters by April 30, 2018 to be eligible for the membership drawing.

Forms required for new/reinstated members are:

- H-103 Membership Application and Badge form sent to International Headquarters prior to initiation.
- H-133 Report of Initiation sent to International Headquarters immediately following initiation.
- H-154 Petition for Reinstatement

NOTE: Members transferring into your chapter or new chapters <u>**do not**</u> qualify for the campaign.

What Your Chapter Could Win!

The *KAPPAN* will recognize each chapter that initiates/reinstates four or more new members. In addition, all chapters that initiate/reinstate one or more members will be entered into a state/provincial/national (S/P/N) drawing for a stipend toward the **2019 International Convention registration**.

- 1-3 new members initiated/reinstated = one entry in the **\$50** drawing
- 4-6 new members initiated/reinstated = two entries in the **\$75** drawing
- 7+ new members initiated/reinstated = three entries in the **\$100** drawing

The drawings will be held at International Headquarters in June 2019. The winning chapters will be notified.

FRATERNITY EDUCATION

BYLAWS, POLICIES/PROCEDURES – YAY OR NAY?

March 15 is the date that chapters are to submit revised Bylaws, Policies/Procedures to the state Bylaws chair, Betsy Murphy. In my chapter travels, I often heard complaints and concerns to revise and submit these documents. There was fear of nitpicking and limited understanding of punctuation revisions. Our stat chairs have tried to make this process easy but precise. In the even years, the state bylaws are certified by International, and in the odd years chapter bylaws are certified by the state.

The International or state bylaws are the templates for the chapters to use to update. Policies/Procedures do not have a set template. The state documents may be used as an example but can still be tailored to individual chapter needs. According to my Bing search, "policies and procedures are a means for an organization to formally set out what they intend to do and the means by which they will carry out the stated objectives." What is the difference? "A policy is more general and states only an objective, a procedure is more detailed and entails who, what, where, when, why and how the

policy may be implemented."

In our International Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1 explains the process and legal reason for bylaws for the State, Provincial or National organizations. Section 2 addresses the chapter process for bylaws and policies/procedures. Hopefully these few notes that explain the necessity and process will ease any anxiety you may have completing the update process. Yay or Nay? Yay! A necessary evil!

(Brought to you by Lucretia Crawford, Illinois Alpha Delta Kappa Fraternity Education Chair)



Alpha Delta Kappa Month- It was asked that chapters would report after October the activities they participated in. Three chapters submitted reports. I'm still looking for more. Alpha shared an extensive list of activities. Many volunteered time or material donations to classrooms or libraries. There was fellowship with retired teachers and assistance to members with limited abilities. Goodies and treats were provided for schools or members. This is just a very short summary. Only 15 members of 36 reported their activities. If all had reported, I bet it would have taken 2 pages to report. Thank You, Joan Theobald for your timely report.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Central

March 30, 2019 St. Anthony's Church 2525 S Skyway Rd Peoria, IL 61607 Details to follow

Southern

April 13, 2019 Hunter Law Firm 104 W Main St Salem, IL 62881 Details to follow

Northern

May 4, 2019 Fireside Grill 49 Sugar Ln Sugar Grove, IL 60554 11—2 Details to follow

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SWEET CASES

\$481.40 have been sent to me for our state altruistic project. I keep the chapter totals separate. Some chapters are keeping their own totals. Please let me know if you request a case shipped to you. I would like to keep track of how many cases we donate in this biennium. If you have raised \$250.00 (they only ship in lots of 10) and would like to have a case of bags to pack, let me know and I can help facilitate this. We have a contact person who has our information. Eta Chapter has raised enough for a case! I am waiting for confirmation on how they want to proceed.

Due Dates/Deadline

Jan. 1-April 30—Membership Campaign

Jan 31—Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application due

Feb. 15—Living Memorial Scholarship Application due

Feb. 15—Fine Arts Grant Application due

March 1—Future Educators Scholarship (non-member)

March 15—Chapter Altruistic Report due to State Chair Lucretia Crawford

March 15—Bylaws and/or Policy Statements due to State Chair Betsy Murphy

March 30—Central District Meeting in Bartonville & Exec. Board Meeting follows

April 13—Southern District Meeting in Salem

April 15—Regional Professional Mini-Scholarship Application due

May 4—Northern District Meeting in Sugar Grove

July 17-20—International Convention @ Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

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