

Creative Ideas

- 1. Informative pamphlets either created by the S/P/N or chapter or ordered from Headquarters to let others know what Alpha Delta Kappa is and our mission/purpose.**
- 2. Prepare information packets for new school districts where there are already chapters to introduce our organization. Put the packets/pamphlets around a big basket of candy.**
- 3. Before the last meeting of the year, give each member one or more H-151s (Prospective Member Form) and ask them to consider over the summer names to be discussed at the first and/or second meeting of the next year of the biennium.**
- 4. Create an incentive in the S/P/N or chapter to get more/new members to attend district, state, regional and international meetings.**
- 5. Involve every member in deciding on the programs for the next year. There may even be sisters who are outstanding in an area who could present a program.**
- 6. RECOGNIZE, RECOGNIZE, and RECOGNIZE MEMBERS in the chapter each month at a meeting or in the newspaper for their accomplishments or even random deeds of our members who are exceptional educators in the school/community. PUBLICIZE your chapter!!!**
- 7. Invite your county/district Teacher of the Year for your area to present a program for the chapter; have a reception for all of Teachers of the Year in your county/district.**
- 8. Adopt a non-member educator and support them during the year as a volunteer in their classroom and any other ways the chapter decides on.**
- 9. Focus less on financial support for altruism and create other ways to support groups and causes, i.e. Volunteer your time, make cards for nursing homes, hospitals, making blankets, walking for Alzheimer's or St. Jude Children's Hospital...**
- 10. Use student groups such as the National Honor Society to provide child care at the meetings.**
- 11. Make your agenda so that it is not dominated by business but includes time for fellowship, hands on activities and some FUN.**
- 12. Invite HS guidance counselors to a meeting where the chapter scholarship chairman is going to share information about Alpha Delta Kappa scholarships/chapter scholarships available and their timelines. Be strategic and make some allies in the local HS guidance offices.**
- 13. Create activities which allow chapter members to get to know each other better.**
- 14. Have prospective leaders in the chapter to "shadow" or "co" a current leader to facilitate getting a slate of knowledgeable officers for the next biennium that will have more confidence in what their responsibilities are as they assume this new position.**
- 15. Have more than one member serve as the Historian to share the responsibility of putting together the chapter archives; whether on paper or digital.**
- 16. Give members the opportunity to help plan a meeting and get them more involved.**
- 17. Vary the meeting places if that is the desire of the chapter members. Many teachers do not like meeting in a school since they have been in one all day, every day.**

18. **Wear the ALPHA DELTA KAPPA Volunteer Badge when you volunteer in the schools or community.**
19. **Create FACEBOOK page for the chapter to improve member communication.**
20. **BE STRATEGIC in bringing in names for membership! The Chapter Membership Chairman may choose to develop a chart depicting in which schools the current membership comes from and ALSO schools where there are 1, 2 or no members.**
21. **Have a “TEA” where members may invite other educators to be a part of a *hands* on activity or where there is going to be a great speaker they may want to hear.**
22. **Have parties for the needy and elderly in your community.**
23. **Have a “Book Talk” about a book the chapter wants to read together.**
24. **CELEBRATE CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THOSE OF YOUR MEMBERS!**