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Spring is going to stay?

Sisters, it is spring according to the calendar. We have had rain, wind, and even snow this past week. IL Alpha Delta Kappa is ready and growing on. We have had 2 of the 3 District Meetings. The Southern District Meeting is next Saturday: May 1st. I have enjoyed all of them. We have been blessed to have Roberta Casabon initiate our officers officially at the Northern Meeting and we were blessed with seeing IN PERSON many of the Sisters at the Central District. I will highlight more of the 2 District Meetings later. Each of the meetings were well done. Thanks go to Barb Bowers and Dawn Pelton along with their teams. Next Saturday, Mary Ey, who helped with forming Connect, will present through Zoom. If any other Sister wants to join us please let me know. I am confident that Betsy Murphy (who stepped up to help) and team will also show how we are growing.

*Please continue to send me minutes. It would help if the Chapter Name is at the top or within the first line. 💜

Daisy Dates

April 30 – Membership Campaign closes

May 1 – **Deadline for International Registration**, Southern District Meeting through Zoom, Chapter Needs Assessment May 1st – June 30th

May 17 – June 30 voting on various items

June 20 – Longest Day

Stems of Growth: New Sisters

Trish Rodgers (Beta Kappa) and Misty Poland-Judd (Alpha Kappa)

Petals of Growth – Golden: Yvonne Herbstreith (Alpha Mu) and Jo Baylis (Xi)

Growing More Petals

Fraternity Education and Altruism:

Central District had a beautiful Fraternity Education activity. A number of Sisters received a flower with a word or a few words attached. Then questions were read. If you had an answer you put it in a bucket. When it was all done there was a beautiful bucket bouquet of beautiful attributes of friendships of Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters.

Geri O'Neill gave the Altruistic Report:

Volunteer Hours: 23,493

Monetary Gifts given in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa \$210,426,

Other Monetary gifts \$48, 514

Foundation gifts \$453.

Scholarships \$16, 860

ITE \$440.

Total Donations: \$322, 505.

The Altruistic Award for Central went to Alpha Theta and the Ronald McDonald House in Peoria.

Many Chapters have or will receive certificates for Reinstatement, Recruitment, and Retention ---Great Job Growing!

Scholarships: Southern – Madison Hungate, Central- Allana Blankenship, Northern – Madelun Doran

ITE Student

JOSEFINA SENESE A NEW ADVENTURE AND HOME FOR OUR NORTH CENTRAL REGION AΔK SCHOLAR Our North Central Region AΔK-ITE Scholar, Josefina Senese, who came to the United States of America on August 11, 2021, from Jauregui, Argentina, to attain her Master of Global Affairs Degree with a major in Sustainable Development at the University of Notre Dame, in South Bend, Indiana, will be graduating on Sunday, May 23, 2021. While Josefina's AΔK -ITE educational journey at the University of Notre Dame is nearing the end of her educational road trip in South Bend, she will soon embark on a new adventure as she continues on her personal educational journey to attain her doctorate degree. Josefina has been so busy searching for her next adventure, finding the university with the best fit for her doctoral journey! First came the research on finding the universities that offered the best doctorate programs for her; next came the application process for the nine universities she was interested in attending; and then came the wait to hear back from the universities, which seemed to take forever. After spending many hours working on applications while on vacation in Florida last December and January, it soon became "crunch" time for Josefina. During the month of February, as the acceptance emails started arriving, she knew that a decision needed to be made soon. It was now time for Josefina to decide between Josefina and Gardel and the Michigan City, IN pier. Which university's doctorate program would be the best fit for her? She narrowed her choice down to either Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts, or the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. On February 26, 2021, Josefina called me to tell me that she was strongly leaning towards Boston University. Since she had already been to the city of Boston and visited Boston University a little over two years ago, she knew that she really liked the city and could definitely live there. The more Josefina thought about

Boston University's doctorate program, the more excited she became! She decided that she would go to Boston to visit the city one more time between Wednesday, March 17, 2021, and Sunday, March 21, 2021. On Wednesday, March 14, 2021, two days before she would be leaving for Boston, Josefina texted me that she had decided to continue her educational road trip at Boston University in Boston. She had accepted Boston University's offer to begin her new adventure working on her doctorate degree there in early September. Josefina would now be making the trip to Boston to look for a studio apartment. After looking at several apartments on Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, Josefina finally found the studio apartment she fell in love with and wanted for her future home, as well as for her new rescued foster dog, Gardel, who she officially adopted and had an adoption party for on February 14, 2021. August 1, 2021, is her move-in date at 151 Park Drive, Apartment 36, Boston, Massachusetts, 02215. After graduation Josefina will have a new summer address: Josefina Senese, c/o Arlene Hart, 10135 Shadow Wood Drive, Granger, Indiana, 46530. Since Josefina and her two roommates, Shadwa Ibrahim and Laura Guerra, need to be out of their rental home by May 31, I have invited Josefina to come live with me until she needs to leave for Boston. I was hoping that we'd be able to spend some time together "doing fun things" and visiting some of the interesting attractions around the South Bend area, as long as COVID allows us to make those trips. However, Josefina just isn't in her "normal, content, happy environment" unless she is working on "growing her mind 24/7" so she can eventually solve the world's educational problems as soon as she's free to go out to explore the wonderful world we all live in! Josefina's admirable quest for gaining as much knowledge as is possible while she's here in the United States, is so strong, that I wasn't surprised at all when she told me that she had her whole summer's academic schedule all figured out. Josefina will be

doing a virtual summer internship for the Inter-American Josefinia adds Massachusetts to her mug collection Foundation (IAF), an independent agency of the United States government that funds development projects undertaken by grassroots groups and non-governmental organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean, from June 1 through August 31, 2021. This internship will be with the Office of Learning and Impact, where Josefinia will support research and data analysis in support of the agency's Learning Agenda. Josefinia will also be attending an online course on American Sign Language (ASL) offered through Gallaudet University, a federally chartered private university for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing, located in Washington, D.C. At this time, Josefinia is waiting to hear about a statistics online course that she applied for at the University of Michigan, sometime in mid-May. Isn't Josefinia an amazing young woman! Her genuine quest for knowledge will better prepare Josefinia for her lifelong dream of being able to create a program for illiterate children living in remote communities through the dissemination of new technology and online education. I admire her quest for knowledge and her desire to work with illiterate children living in remote communities, and I hope you do too! The Alpha Delta Kappa sisters of the North Central Region should be very proud of our Alpha Delta Kappa sister, Josefinia Senese, who was initiated as an Honorary Chapter member of Indiana Alpha Psi on December 7, 2020. Submitted by Arlene Hart, Indiana Alpha Psi Chapter Co-Sponsor of the North Central Region's AΔK -ITE Scholar, Josefinia Senese, Jaurequi, Argentina

Please be sure to register for International by May 1st: Earlier is Better! There are 17 registered as of now. Ten Chapters are represented.

Roberta Casabon and Judy Ganzert sent these concerns and information as well. There have been a few comments made concerning the amount of time scheduled for our International Convention. Members have questioned why the convention is spread out over so many days. Below is a response our International President Judy shared. I thought you may want to have this information close at hand should any of your members question you. I do hope our region will be well represented. It is an opportunity to have a voice in the future of AΔK, enjoy wonderful learning sessions on a variety of topics and all for a low price, too.

Roberta

The convention has been spread out over two weeks to accommodate multiple time zones + our active educators. The learning sessions will be recorded so that those who register will be able to access them at their convenience. The speakers and entertainment will be FABULOUS! The business sessions are actually much shorter than they would be in Austin as they do not start [until 1:00](#). PM EDT. Online debate and voting has also been spread out to allow more time for delegates to participate at their convenience. The cost is considerably less than attending an in-person convention. I hope that some of our members will reconsider.

To answer your questions the VOTING CENTER OPEN

Each block will open [at 1:00 PM EDT](#) and close [at 12:59 PM EDT](#) on the dates specified

[May 17-19](#).....VOTING OPEN for amendments coming from delegate

[May 17-24](#).....Voting for Candidates (delegates only)

[May 17-24](#).....International Altruistic Project (delegates only)

[June 1-30](#)International World Understanding Project Proposals (all members)

[June 15-30](#).....Bylaws and Resolutions (delegates only)

For more details about the convention an International Convention Guidebook has been developed and is on our website, including the video speeches of each candidate. Please let me know if you have additional questions or I can assist you or our members in any way. I do hope more members will reconsider, so their chapter voice will be heard.

Judy Ganzert

I am also sending by email the International President Elects Newsletter, North Central Newsletter and the Membership Newsletter. I tried to get just the bits and pieces but that hasn't worked for 3 hours. Sorry, I am trying. Thank you for being gracious as I am learning.

If I forgot anything else please let me know.

Becky Ayers, IL State President