

THE NORTHEAST GAZETTE

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA NORTHEAST REGION NEWSLETTER

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The Precious Pearls of Sisterhood

Welcome to the 2019-2021 biennium for the Northeast Region of Alpha Delta Kappa. I am honored, proud and excited to be the International Vice President for this fantastic group of women educators! Thank you to all the Northeast sisters who have encouraged and supported me throughout the years in the many leadership roles that I have had at the chapter, state, regional and international levels of Alpha Delta Kappa. I appreciate your faith in me. I am committed to respecting the traditions of our past while at the same time acting as a catalyst for the future of Alpha Delta Kappa.

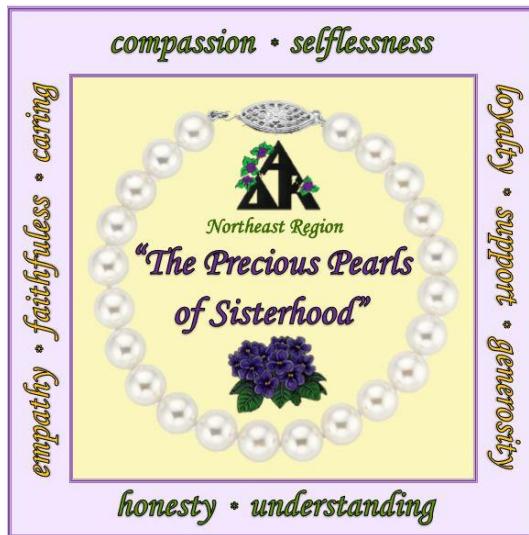
In creating the theme and logo for the 2019-2021 Northeast Region, I decided to emphasize two ideals of Alpha Delta Kappa. The first is the concept of "sisterhood." According to Dictionary.com, sisterhood is defined as "an organization of women with a common interest, as for social, charitable, business, or political purposes." The Oxford Dictionary defines sisterhood as "an association, society or community of women linked by a common interest, religion, or trade." An anonymous quote states:

"Sisterhood is many wonderful things. It's a warm smile on a cold and rainy day, a friendly hug, a cheerful hello. It's treasured. It's knowing that there will always be someone there for you. It's dreams shared, and goals achieved. It's counting on others and being counted on. It is real."

Alpha Delta Kappa is an organization of women educators **linked** together with a common interest of Excellence in Education, Altruism and World Understanding.

The second concept is the "pearl." Throughout history, the pearl has symbolized wisdom, loyalty, generosity, integrity and purity. It has often been considered one of the most precious gems in the world. Pearls are often linked together in a strand forming a necklace. In Alpha Delta Kappa, pearls are perceived as goals to achieve, linked together based on our ideals. The "Seven Pearl Award" is the greatest honor a chapter can receive.

The theme for the 2019-2021 Northeast Region is “The Precious Pearls of Sisterhood.” The logo is a string of pearls surrounding the Greek letters of AΔK and a clump of purple violets. Surrounding the pearls are attributes of sisterhood: loyalty, support, generosity, honesty, understanding, empathy, caring, and faithfulness. These descriptive words provide a border of support.



“Pearls of Support” in the Northeast Region

OFFICERS:

International Vice President
Immediate Past IVP
Chaplain
Historian
Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms

Mary A. Ey, OH Lambda
Judy Boulet, NH Lambda
Beverly Howard, OH Phi
Sue McDowell, NJ Lambda
Kathy Freer, NY Lambda
Meredith Barker, CT Pi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Altruistic Chairman

Distinguished Program Chairman
Excellence in Education Chairman
Professional Development/
Scholarship Chairman
Technology Chairman

Karen McGonagle, NH Beta
Linda Shaw, CT Kappa
Alison Levy, VT Beta
Sue Whelan, NJ Kappa

Jennifer Robitaille, ME Alpha



A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JUDY GANZERT

Dear Northeast Region Sisters,

I am overwhelmed by the love and support that has been shared with me these past weeks. The kind words, hugs, and love that I received in person, as well as the many notes, cards, texts, Facebook posts, and calls that have come to me during and since the convention in Minneapolis, have filled my heart. The words *thank you* are just not sufficient to express the gratitude and love that I have for each of you, but for now they must suffice. It is from you that I gather the strength to do what I need to do. Knowing that you are there for me whenever I need you brings me great confidence.

I look forward to serving as your International President for the next two years and can promise you that I will always do my best to do what is best for Alpha Delta Kappa. I look forward to being with many of you next summer in Short Hills, NJ (if not before!) to learn from you and maybe get a chance to visit some of the beautiful gardens in the Garden State. Until then, please take some time to consider the *infinite possibilities* for yourself, your chapter, and for Alpha Delta Kappa.

With Love in Our Sisterhood,

Judy

Judy Ganzert
International President
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International Organization for Women Educators



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Simple pearls

By Linda Rissel, NERMC



This column will be used to highlight our special PEARLS throughout our Northeast Region. Please let me know of any sisters that receive special awards or recognitions so we can showcase her.

CONGRATULATIONS to these Special "Pearls" for receiving the Membership Service Award from their state!

Leslie Hauge	CT Alpha Gamma
Nancy Burkett	DE Epsilon
Sue Morneau	ME Beta
Connie Shulman	MA Mu
Laura Finocchiaro	NH Mu
Diane Mazzei	NJ Phi
Sylvia Bailey	NY Alpha
Evie Boulas	OH Alpha Nu
Fran Mitchell	PA Gamma
Pat McHugh	RI Alpha
Deanna Dexter	VT Delta



Linda Rissel – Northeast Regional Membership Consultant

"Real friendship...is extremely rare-and precious as a pearl!"

Tahar Ben Jelloun

The Pearl has always played a part in our Alpha Delta Kappa membership and of course has been chosen by our International Vice President for the Northeast, Mary, with her theme **"The Precious Pearls of Sisterhood"**. We have often referred to this beautiful gem in many of our ceremonies and membership presentations. I would like to share **"MEMBERSHIP-PEARLS OF WISDOM."**

I would hope that you take this information back to your individual chapters and utilize it as a tool to identify performance levels of the characteristics that indicate successful Alpha Delta Kappa chapters and to develop intervention strategies to increase the performance level of your chapter!

Much care and craftsmanship go into the creation of a beautiful strand of pearls. The pearl is a universal symbol of a wish waiting to come true. A tiny grain of sand develops inside an oyster into a pearl over time and sits and waits. Each pearl must remain in the shell until opened by that very special person. YOU, each of you, are those special people, special sisters.

We must recognize the varying qualities of individual pearls within our own chapters. The same principle can be applied to our chapters. So, let me share these special qualities, these pearls, with you.

P – PARTICIPATION - Members' participation at the chapter, state, regional and International levels enhances the luster of the pearl.

E – ENRICHMENT - Opportunities provided through professional development, personal growth, and fraternal fellowship enrich the texture of the pearl.

A – ATTITUDE - Just as pearls vary in color, the attitudes of chapters vary from apathetic and struggling to enthusiastic and positive.

R – RESPONSIBILITY - Just as a pearl doesn't develop on its own, a successful chapter is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

L – LEADERSHIP - As a pearl develops over time, so does an effective leader.

S – SUPPORT - Just as the oyster provides a nurturing environment for the development of the pearl, supportive sisters provide a nurturing environment for individual growth.

Employing fine craftsmanship, the pearls of Participation, Enrichment, Attitude, Responsibility, Leadership and Support create a priceless string of pearls.

Just as the pearl is a wish waiting to come true ... I wish for you ...

TIME ... to enjoy the little treasures each day holds

QUIET ... to be able to hear the stirrings of your inner self

LAUGHTER ... to help surmount life's heartaches and disappointments

CALM ... to free you from problems and stress

DREAMS ... to keep you going

AND FRIENDS ... to bring you joy, to warm your heart and to make you feel at home in the world wherever you go.



PEARLS of CARING and GENEROSITY

Prior to and during the International Convention, Alpha Delta Kappa sisters were very generous to the convention altruistic project – *Kids Against Hunger*, which is a non-profit humanitarian organization with a mission to provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children and families around the world... and around the corner. The goal of the organization is for the meals to provide a stable nutritional base from which recipient families can move their families from starvation or food insecurity to self-sufficiency. For the first time, Alpha Delta Kappa sisters who attended the convention were able to participate in a hands-on food packaging mission. As of the end of the International Convention, over \$20,000 was raised for the project. Members may still donate to *Kids Against Hunger* on the AΔK website.

At the 2017 International Convention, members of Alpha Delta Kappa International voted to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association for its International Altruistic Projects. Each year of the biennium, \$35,000 was donated to the two organizations. At the 2019 International Convention, members once again voted to support these two worthy organizations. Additionally, AΔK members supported The Longest Day campaign which culminated on June 21, 2019. Team AΔK far exceeded its goal to raise \$50,000. As of the end of August 10th, our sisters raised \$108,806.94 to find the cure for Alzheimer's!

During the Northeast Regional Luncheon, 2017-2019 Altruistic Chairman Barbara Kramer reported that sisters in our region volunteered 118,527 hours and donated a total dollar amount of \$2,033,317! Congratulations sisters in the Northeast.

Sisters have generously supported the World Understanding Project – TEACH TOO - throughout the second year of the biennium. As of July 10, 2019, Alpha Delta Kappa members have donated \$44,040.97 to the project. Melissa Young, Director of Imagine Missions, shared information about the school in Haiti and future plans to construct transitional housing for 48 older teens to enable them to finish their education and learn an occupation.

Thank you, Northeast Sisters, for your generosity and spirit of caring for children throughout the world.



ENERGY! OPPORTUNITY! IMPACT! In Minneapolis 2019 Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention

On July 17-20th, 1251 Alpha Delta Kappa members and guests travelled to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the 2019 International Convention at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel. The week was filled with business meetings, guest speakers, magical entertainment, professional and personal workshops, a hands-on altruistic food packaging project, fraternal networking, and FOOD! It was a busy four days. The Northeast Region was well represented by 165 members and guests.

During the business meetings, delegates elected members to the 2019-2021 International Executive Board and the International Committee. The balloting results were:

- 2019-2021 International Altruistic Project: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association
- International President Elect: Mollie Acosta
- 4-Year International Executive Board Member: Charlene Lauria
- 2-Year International Executive Board Member: Susan Wade
- International Vice President for Membership: Betty Jo Evers
- International Vice President for the Gulf Region: Terry Peyton
- International Vice President for the North Central Region: Roberta Casabon
- International Vice President for the Northeast Region: Mary Ey
- International Vice President for the Northwest Region: Susan Rae Long
- International Vice President for the South Central Region: Cynthia White
- International Vice President for the Southeast Region: Conway Blakenship
- International Vice President for the Southwest Region: Kitty Nutting

In addition, members voted on the proposed Bylaws changes and Resolutions. All of the proposed Bylaws amendments passed except numbers 6 and 12. All three of the resolutions were approved for feasibility studies by the International Executive Board.

During the Educational Symposium, two International Teacher Education (ITE) students shared information about their families in their home countries as well as their college experiences in the United States and support from their Alpha Delta Kappa sponsors. Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong is from Thailand and attends Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. Njeri Gachathi is from Kenya and attends

Bank Street College in NYC. Also highlighted were the two collegiate chapters from Ball State University and Colorado State University. The **energy** and enthusiasm of the three future educators, Kendra Tessman and Emily Struewing from BSU and Haley Jacks from CSU, was infectious. They will make great teachers! Haley stated that her goal is to be the US Secretary of Education. Alpha Delta Kappa is making an **impact** on the future of education. The Symposium offered an opportunity for sisters to network with each other during a series of learning sessions throughout the day.

Some additional highlights of the convention included three dynamic speakers. Melissa Young from Imagine Missions provided background information and an update on Project TEACH and TEACH TOO. Keynote Speaker Marc Brackett, PhD, Professor at Yale University and Founding Director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, discussed the importance of social emotional learning in schools today. Liz Huntley, an attorney and child advocate in Alabama, shared how a teacher helped her overcome a life of abuse by saying, "Elizabeth, you're going to be the brightest student I ever have."

The International Convention culminated in the "Light from Many Lamps: Reflecting, Remembering, Celebrating" banquet. Outgoing International President Sue Pelchat reflected on her two years by quoting from *Through the Woods* and the poem "The Dash." She shared that teachers make magic happen and the magic in Alpha Delta Kappa comes from attitudes and expectations, and the fact that we are a family. Incoming International President Judy Ganzert challenged all chapters to increase membership so that by the 2021 International Convention their membership would be at least one more than it is currently. She introduced the theme and logo for the 2019-2021 biennium:

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA...*infinite possibilities.*



THE 2020 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

HILTON SHORE HILLS HOTEL

41 JFK PARKWAY

SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2, 2020



August 1-31, 2019

Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) – Submit online or mail the CNA to the Regional Membership Consultant (Linda Rissel) and the S/P/N Vice President for Membership/Membership Consultant

August 1-31, 2019

Distinguished Program Award (DPA) - This program is designed to recognize chapters with outstanding programs that promote involvement & attendance of members, plus attract the attention of prospective members through creativity and uniqueness. Chapters may submit one program per year. Only programs presented during the most recently completed year are eligible. Example: programs presented from August 2018 – June 2019 may be submitted for consideration in the fall of 2019. **All submissions must be submitted online.**

October

Alpha Delta Kappa Month and Founders' Day

October 15, 2019

990-N IRS E-Postcard – Submit online to the IRS (Please check with your S/P/N Treasurer for the state deadline)

October 15, 2019

Regional Mini-Scholarship Deadline - Alpha Delta Kappa annually gives each region \$3,000 to distribute to current members, whether actively engaged in teaching or not, who apply to attend non AΔK-sponsored conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops and non-credit classes. Graduate and/or doctoral studies are beyond the scope of this program. The maximum scholarship is \$500. Applicants shall send via regular mail completed applications (original and one copy) to **Sue Whelan, Northeast Region Scholarship Programs Committee Chairman at 8 Gunia Street, E. Brunswick, NJ 08816**. Additionally, please submit one copy of completed application via regular mail or fax to International Headquarters.

November 1, 2019

Excellence in Education Award – The Excellence in Education Award recognizes members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education. To be eligible, the nominee must be an active member and be actively engaged in the education profession and be under contract in teaching, administration or some specialized field of education. Nominated by a colleague or parent, nominees' adjudication is based on professional dedication, knowledge, skills, professional achievement and success, school/community collaboration, contributions to the educational process and active involvement in Alpha Delta Kappa.



PRECIOUS PEARLS of LOYALTY and FAITHFULLNESS

