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International Council of Presidents Newsletter

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Dear sisters,

As we approach Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays, I am beyond grateful for Alpha Delta Kappa and the incredible work our sisters do within their own communities and our communities at large. We truly DO make a difference in the world, and I am grateful for each of you, leading the way to *infinite possibilities*. I am also grateful for the dedicated members of the International Executive Board (IEB), International Chapter (IC), and the International Membership Committee (IMC). Reports were written and submitted prior to our meetings which chronicled the work of more than 40 committees since our biennium began in July. IEB and IC received study packets to read in order to prepare for our meetings in Kansas City (almost 250 pages of reading for me). This preparation is necessary to make our meeting time in Kansas City efficient and productive, which it was. You may find information later in this newsletter directing you to the published actions of IEB and IC while in Kansas City.

I wish you all health, happiness and peace, now and as we enter the New Year, 2020 (oh, my!). I'd like to share with you this adaptation from a thought I gave when I served as Southwest Regional Chaplain. I am most grateful for each of you.

May We Be Grateful

We are blessed today with enough to eat.

May we be grateful.

We are blessed with clothing and shelter to keep us warm.

May we be grateful.

We are blessed to be gathered together and united with common purpose.

May we be grateful.

We are blessed as we work together to imagine what can be, to imagine the possibilities.

May we be grateful.

We are blessed to believe in our work, to act, and to do what it takes to achieve our dreams together.

May we be grateful.

We are blessed to be part of a sisterhood with infinite possibilities.

We are indeed very well blessed today.

Adapted from Native American Blessing by Abby Willowroot

With love,

Mollie

RESULTS of SURVEYS

Results of the Ad Hoc KAPPAN Committee's survey and the Ad Hoc Resolution #2 Survey on Virtual Attendance at Chapter Meetings are attached in the email with this newsletter. We appreciate those of you who completed them (a little over 50% of you); both provided positive feedback and support for the work of the committees. They will continue to explore options and will report to the International Executive Board and International Chapter at their next meetings in May, 2020. After the first of the year, you will also be receiving information and an invitation to join a closed Facebook page dedicated to your unique office (optional, of course).

Kaleidoscope? What is Kaleidoscope??

Alpha Delta Kappa has moved to all online scholarship and grant applications for the rest of the biennium. The International Executive Board has adopted the use of Kaleidoscope, a secure online platform which manages the scholarship and grant application process from beginning (initial applications) to end (adjudication and reports provided to the appropriate chairmen); this change will ultimately speed up the process and allow us to put awarded funds in the hands of recipients in a more timely fashion. As with anything new, there is certainly a learning curve. International Executive Board Liaison to all Scholarships and Grants Committees Ann Marie Brown has been working with Kaleidoscope to make the transition as smooth as possible, but it will take time for us all to become accustomed to the new procedures. In the long run our members will certainly benefit. If your S/P/N Scholarship Chairman has any questions, she may contact Ann Marie at getthefacs@cox.net.



S/P/N CONVENTION NEWS

S/P/N Presidents: Please connect with your State Bylaws Chairman regarding the letter and scenarios for potential bylaws amendments which must be presented to your delegates for a vote during the S/P/N Conventions this spring. The documents may be found on the International website/Documents and Forms/S/P/N. If you have questions, please contact International Bylaws Chairman Jean Kellogg at jeankellogg20@gmail.com.

S/P/N Presidents: You will be receiving information from Headquarters in December which will include forms which are to be completed by you (H-134 and H-155), and the H-134a which will be completed by the International Representative attending your convention (and is very useful for you to plan for her appropriately). These forms have been **revised**, and must be completed **online**. The PDF copies are for your review and preparation to complete them online.

Reminder: Please be sure you read the **Friday e-blasts** from HQ. Much important information is included. They are sent the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays of each month. If you are not receiving them, please let me know.

Professional Development Articles Needed

The *KAPPAN* editorial board is seeking professional development articles for publication in the coming months. Please forward names of potential authors or articles to Laura Bourgeois at lbourgeois@alphadeltakappa.org.

GREAT IDEAS!

 As you consider your S/P/N officer and member directories for the coming biennium, you may simplify the process by listing names only, and referring members to the Directory on the International website for contact info. The Directory contact information is always the most up-to-date. Also remind members that when any of their own contact information changes, they need to update it in the Directory themselves. *Infinite possibilities.*

 There are numerous ways to use teleconferencing or videoconferencing to connect with others who may not be nearby and able to attend a meeting. I connected with Alaska's Gamma and Zeta chapters during their Fall retreat via Skype. It was great fun! NWR International Teacher Education (ITE) scholar Trang Hoang also connected with Alaska sisters earlier this month. It is a great way to connect with S/P/N, regional or International officers or other ITE students. *Infinite possibilities.*

 Did you know the agendas and actions taken at meetings of the International Executive Board and the International Chapter are posted on the International website? See About AΔK/International Chapter and Executive Board/Agendas and Actions.

 Check out ICP documents on the website under Member Center/Training Tools/Leadership/Int'l Council of Presidents. See https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/About_ADK/International_Council_of_Presidents.aspx. *Infinite possibilities.*

