The Sunflower Patch

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June 2021 Edition

Thoughts from the Patch:

Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

June 20 "The Longest Day" -Alzheimer's Association

May 1- June 30 Do CNA (Chapter Needs Assessment online) - DUE JUNE 30

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July 5-16
International
Virtual
Convention

October 2
The 1st Louisiana
State Fun DayL

WoW it is already June...time is just flying by. I am so excited for summer fun activities. I hope everyone finds time to spend with family, friends, and ADK Sisters. Dixie Adkins, President of Beta Chapter, shared a sweet story in her newsletter. It was very touching to me since, as a student, I played the violin and have experienced the same problem with strings.

From Dixie: "I heard a wonderful story on the radio. It was about the great concert violinist, Perlman, who was performing at the Lincoln Center in New York City. He had just begun Brahms' Violin Concerto in D Major, an almost impossibly difficult piece, when a string dramatically broke. It "sounded like a bullet" as it ricocheted about. The horrified orchestra paused, but Perlman waved to them to continue. He continued, playing brilliantly and flawlessly without the missing string. At the conclusion of his six-minute piece, the stunned audience went wild applauding. Perlman addressed them and said, "All my life it has been my mission to make music from that which remains." Now that is PERSEVERANCE.

Sisterly LOVE,



Karen Evans

La. State President

Our Hashtag:

#sharingourloveofadk



I would love to share meeting photos with our Louisiana sisters. Please share your photos with me for the newsletter.



Contact Leslie to set up your Zoom.

lkoenckadk@gmail.com

If you have members that want to ZOOM instead of attend in person... Leslie would be happy to help you set this up.

Sister Chat....

The Executive Board is here for you. We are sisters helping sisters. We will have one or more off the board members online to answer your questions.

We will be having a Zoom Chat for anyone that wants to hop on and just say Hi, ask a question, get some help, or just see our sweet faces.

Just Remember ... there are NO dumb questions... We are here to help. We would love for you to join us.

NEXT SISTER CHATS:

Our next sister chat will be in September.

Meeting ID: 857 4258 5441

Passcode: agnes

NEW MEETING ID

Join Zoom SISTER CHAT Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742585441?pwd=VFISakhQR3VIL2x OZjFNWHU0QWZFUT09





By: Suzanne Robichaux, State Altruistic Chairman

The Longest Day is the day with the most light—the summer solstice. On June 20th, people from across the world will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through a fundraising activity of their choice.

Check out on google "The Longest Day activities" which will provide a list of activities such as exercises, sports and games, etc.. Click on one and it will give you the "how to plan" a fundraiser.

Enjoy the day with family, friends or Alpha Delta Kappa sisters to raise money for one of our International altruistic project.

CHECK OUT their site and get involved:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14244&pg=entry

Your chapter may donate directly to the

Alzheimer's Association or you may donate

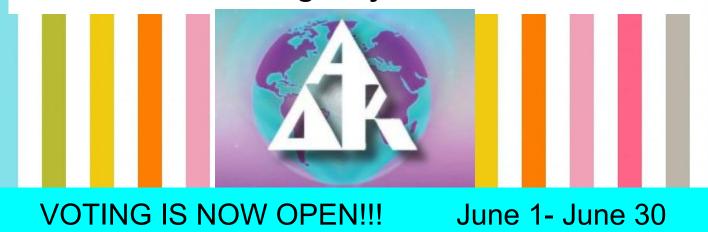
To the State Altruistic Chairman's team.

SEARCH FOR

SUZANNE ROBICHAUX

Please record your donation on your Altruistic form for the new fiscal year that started JUNE 1st.

International Convention July 5-16 World Understanding Project:



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! EVERYONE MAY VOTE - You DON'T have to be registered for convention.

THE ALPHA DELTA KAPPA VOTING CENTER

is NOW OPEN for the purpose of VOTING on INTERNATIONAL WORLD UNDERSTANDING PROJECTS

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

To review a copy of the projects being considered - SEE PAGE 5 & 6 of NEWSLETTER

Voting is open through June 30, 2021, 12:59 p.m. EDT (midday).

To participate in this ballot, please follow these instructions:

- Go to the Voting Center by clicking <u>here</u>.
- 2. Use your A∆K Member ID (*This may be found on your profile page in the Directory or on your* **KAPPAN** *mailing label.*)
- Follow the specific instructions and click "submit."

For technical assistance with the voting process, please contact Laura Lechner at (913) 424-9540 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday. For questions regarding your membership or voting guidelines, please email agriffin@alphadeltakappa.org.

Thank you,

Alpha Delta Kappa International Headquarters

World Understanding Project Proposals

CHEAR

Making a Children's Home with Education and Agriculture a Reality in Tanzania

The Harambee Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

WEB PAGE:

www.harambeefoundation.org



Project CHEAR's mission is to empower disadvantaged children and youth in Babati, Tanzania through education. We are the only service of its kind in a region of 1.4 million. CHEAR will allow us to complete a 44 bed children's home and build a school with a library technology center. We serve underachieving and illiterate children living in our rented Centre and the community. Certified teachers instruct our students. Establishing agricultural areas containing gardens, fruit trees, and livestock will promote life-skills and long-term self-sustainability. Making this pioneer project a reality frees our children from a life of poverty.

RISE

Reaching and Inspiring Students in Ethiopia

The Community Project: Ethiopia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

WEB PAGE:

http://communityproject.org



Project R.I.S.E. (Reaching and Inspiring Students in Ethiopia) seeks funds to build a new 2nd/3rd grade school building in Chole Village, Ethiopia. If funded, this four-classroom building could enable The Community Project: Ethiopia to double the number of young pupils its campus serves. The campus already includes Wegagen School (four classrooms, for grades K-1); a large donated playground structure (in daily use by children of all ages); learning and seed propagation gardens (young bamboo plants and young apple trees); a hand-washing station; two clean composting latrines; and a small block-making factory.

World Understanding Project Proposals

Sewing Seeds of Hope

Bethania Kids is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

WEB PAGE:

www.bethaniakids.org



Sewing Seeds of Hope will provide destitute teens and women in the poor hillside village of Mahanaim, South India, with the critical skills, emotional, economic, and social support and self-confidence needed to assist their families and transform their lives for generations to come, breaking the desperate cycle of poverty. The A Δ K World Understanding Project will make possible a modern permanent facility, the Mahanaim Vocational Training and Community Center, where 40 villagers, including girls, women, and differently-abled persons will learn sewing, knitting, embroidery, tailoring, mat-weaving, and basket-making skills, and develop a sustainable market for their products – resulting in new productive lives.

These projects are all wonderful help to their area of the world. If you need more information you may find it on the international website or the Webpage for the project.



Each chapter is allowed 2 convention delegates that are registered for the convention.

Convention delegates will be voting:

June 15-30 Bylaws and Resolutions Voting begins at 1:00 p.m. on the first day and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the last day.

Louisiana sisters if you are not attending International Convention, please make your voices heard. Look at the changes that are being proposed and let your delegates and the Louisiana Executive Board know your thoughts.

International Convention Altruistic Project Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas

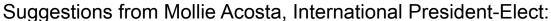


Donations may be made to the International Altruistic project, Downs Syndrome Assoc. of Central Texas, through the Alpha Delta Kappa website: www.alphadeltakappa.org>International Convention> DSACT or the DSACT website: www.dsact.org/donate. Please put "Alpha Delta Kappa" in the Comments section if you donate electronically. Prefer to send a check? Send it to DSACT (mailing address is on both websites) or to Paula O'Neill, Chairman of the Convention Charity Project, and she will forward it to DSACT. Paula O'Neill: 242 Shady Hill Dr. Richardson, TX 75080



32nd International

Convention July 5 - 16



One component of Convention is the International Council of Presidents meeting which will be held **Monday**, **July 12th**, **at 7:00 P.M EDT**. This will be a live event where you all will have an opportunity to share your best practices including excellence in education, altruism and world understanding. More information coming.

I also want to invite you to invite sisters to come together for watch parties for the special events. Wednesday's Regional Celebration and Thursday's Evening of Entertainment are both good opportunities to have fun and celebrate our sisterhood.

All events during the Convention will be accessible through the one link you will receive for the Virtual International Convention – there is a 'landing page' (think of it as the lobby) and from there you will see your individualized schedule and you will be able to connect to each event.

There is a silver lining to the pandemic. We have more sisters attending the Virtual International Convention than would have ever been possible if we had to travel to Austin. We have 62 sisters from outside the U.S. registered for the convention. We have more first-timers than ever before. This level of involvement in the business of Alpha Delta Kappa will certainly lead us into more infinite possibilities; it bodes well for our future. I can't wait to be with you all!

Attention Delegates

If you are a registered delegate and you do not receive the link to your ballot according to the posted voting schedule, please reach out for assistance as soon as you realize you have not received your ballot. For technical assistance with the voting process, please contact Laura Lechner at (913) 424.9540 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m CDT Monday through Friday. After hours, you may contact headquarters@alphadeltakappa.org or Judy Ganzert at judygadk@comcast.net.

Where are my pearls?





Now I know they say DIAMONDS are a girl's best friend...but in Alpha Delta Kappa ... WE LOVE AND CHERISH our PEARLS.

The AAK PEARLS of Achievement Award Checklist (June 1 – May 31)

To the second	Criteria	Officers Responsible for Report	Submit To Whom	Date Due For a Pearl	Date(a) Submitted by Chapter
1	Initiation and for reinstatement of member(s) ONLINE Registration	Chapter President and Membership Chairman	International Headquarters	June 1 - May 31 (throughout the year)	by Cuapter
2	Annual Chapter Highlights Summary (H-114)*	Chapter Secretary	International Headquarters	June 30	
3	Chapter member(s) attended Regional Conference or International Convention	Tracked by HQ and Regional Conference Registrars	Not applicable	July	
4	Chapter Needs Assessment*	Chapter Membership Chairman and Chapter President	S/P/N Membership Consultant & Regional Membership Consultant	May 1- June 30	
5	IRS Form 990-EZ* or 990-N Postcard*	Chapter Treasurer	IRS through AΔK Website	Oet. 15	
6	Member Payment Record with dues paid (H-138)	Chapter Treasurer	International Headquarters	Jan 31 postmark **	
7	Altruistic Report*	Chapter Altruistic Chairman	S/P/N Altruistic Chairman	March 15	

How many pearls will your chapter earn? Keep working hard to become a 7 PEARL CHAPTER!

Join the Executive Board for 2022-2024

Looking for Sisters to Serve



Hello Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters,

Calling for 2022-2024 Leaders of Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa.

You became a member of Alpha Delta Kappa because you were recognized as an outstanding woman educator with superb leadership qualities. Our state organization needs sisters to apply for this excellent opportunity to lead LA Alpha Delta Kappa into the future.

Dolly Parton said, "If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader." Her statement reflects each sister's leadership qualities!

As outlined in the Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Policies and Procedures, the 2022-2024 state officer candidate qualification form will be sent out by April 2021. The Candidate Qualification form is attached to this email. Also attached is a list of state officers and committee chairmen.

Please take some time to reflect on your love and commitment to Alpha Delta Kappa. Serving as a state officer is an honor and privilege to support your $A\Delta K$ sisters.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Glasscock, Candidate Qualifications Chairman.

Leslie Koenck
Louisiana President-Elect
Alpha Delta Kappa
International Organization for Women Educator

Ikoenckadk@gmail.com

Things to do....

June 20 "The Longest Day" - Alzheimer's Association PLAN an EVENT for YOUR CHAPTER

June 30 C-1 Treasurer's Report due to State Treasurer

June 30 H-114 Chapter Highlights due to International

June 30 CNA Deadline to International ** (See Note Below)

July 5-16 ATTEND International Virtual Convention

October 2

The 1st Louisiana State Fun Day!

More information coming soon!

We would LOVE participation from **EVERY CHAPTER**.

**NEW CNA DEADLINE! The Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) form is due June 30th each year. The ONLINE from form will be available May 1 - June 30 for your convenience. Submit the CNA form by June 30, earn your chapter a Pearl, and enjoy your summer!



Officer Notes:

Leslie Koenck - State President-Elect Make plans to attend our 1st Louisiana State Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 2. More information to come soon!

Jane Crews - State Treasurer

The end of May is time for chapters to close their books and perform an audit of the year's spending. **C -1 forms should be sent to the state treasurer by <u>June 30.</u>** International has updated the forms so that they can be filed in Excel. Go to the website, click Documents/Forms, click Chapter, click ADK Financial Booklet. Look at the bottom of the excel sheet for the tab that says Cash Flow. That is the page that needs to be sent to me. You can e-mail it as an attachment to <u>janecrews@prodigy.net</u>

Many chapters go ahead and file their 990-N e-postcard when they do the C-1. Just let me know that you have filed with the IRS on a particular date. I send in a form to International indicating when each chapter has submitted the C-1 and the 990-N.

D-1 forms have not been updated yet. District treasurers should submit D-1 forms by June 30 so I can include that information in the S-1 form for the state. These forms can be e-mailed to me in an attachment or mailed to

Jane Crews

100 Teal Lane, #5

Lafayette, LA 70507

Thanks for your untiring service.







Way to go
ALPHA

Epsilon!!!!

The Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) is to be submitted online on the International website from May 1st-June 30th. Violets to <u>Alpha Epsilon</u> for being the first Louisiana chapter to submit the CNA!!

If you have any questions please call (985-637-2313) or email brendyguillory@yahoo.com

Officer Notes:

Leona Benoit - State Historian

SNAP IT! Yes, snap it each and every time your chapter has a meeting or special project. Send all you chapter pictures to me—Leona Benoit- Louisiana State Historian. Please e-mail photos to me at leonab@cox.net. Include your chapter's name and the word photo in the subject line so that I can create your chapter's photo file for the 2020-2022 archives. Write a caption for each picture which needs to include the name of the activity and a listing of member's names. Say CHEESE!!!



To those chapters who have sent in pictures.

We appreciate it!!!

Chapter Spotlight: KAPPA CHAPTER

The ladies of Kappa Chapter invited me to their end of year dinner at Fat Calf Brasserie.

They called their evening fun - BOOK It! Each member was asked to bring a favorite book to share with the group.

There were several books that caught my eye to read in the future. They gave books away and shared their great reads with friends to read at home. There were a few sisters that couldn't make it...and one



potential member in attendance. YAY! Thanks ladies for a great evening!





CHECK this OUT...

The Louisiana Executive Board has T-shirts, Garden Flags, and Louisiana

State Pins for Sale. If you are interested in any of these items please contact: Debbie Boudoin, Ways and Means Chairman/Louisiana Alpha Alpha Chapter 302 Croft Row

Lafayette, LA 70503-6086 (337) 984-6749 <u>mindpainter1@aol.com</u>

Debbie will be happy to help you and your chapter purchase what you need.

The next Louisiana State Convention in March 2022 will be held in Shreveport!

The State Altruistic Project for State
Convention in 2022 will be The Shriner
Hospital for Crippled Children. The first ever
Shrine Hospital was in Shreveport, Louisiana.



ADK Family Legacies

This sister duo have been a part of Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa for many years.

Terry Peyton and Carol Robertson have served in many capacities of leadership in Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa. They have served as Chapter President, State Officer, State President, and Gulf IVP. Carol has served also served as an International Executive Board - Elected Board Member.

Terry Peyton and Carol Robertson - another great Alpha Delta Kappa Family Legacy!



Thank you Terry and Carol! We appreciate you!

If you have a LEGACY to share....please contact me at karenpevans1@gmail.com

Disaster Relief

Dear Sisters,

Hurricane season began on June 1, but we're already experiencing flooding in the southern part of the state.

Don't be scared. Be prepared!

Follow these tips for safety:

Be sure to have a copy of the updated Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Disaster Response Application Form on hand.

Review your insurance policies.

Be sure you have water, food, medication, emergency supplies and cash to last at least 3 days. (Check your supplies.)

Put an evacuation plan in place and share it with family and friends.

Do you have pets? Be sure to have their papers and up to date vaccines to show to pet friendly shelters. Get the numbers of pet friendly hotels, too.

Remember that one of the most important things to safety is communication-- reaching out to one another. If you know a Sister who needs help during and after a disaster but may not have access to the internet, a computer or printer, or who may be facing other complications, please fill out a form for her and send it to: Holly H. Wood Disaster Relief Chairman 318 393 5906

10908 Dauphine St Shreveport, LA 71106-8531

hollyhwood@comcast.net

If you have had flooding in recent weeks, please contact Holly Wood.

Together we can make a difference.

Scholarships

Congratulations to **Jennifer Goode** from Louisiana TAU Chapter. She was selected to receive a \$250 Agnes Miller Mini Scholarship.

She will use the money to buy books for her classroom to use with her HS English II and English III classes.

**We haven't given the Mildred McCormick Scholarship This scholarship is for Education Majors that are a Junior or a Senior. If you know of anyone please contact Karen Evans, State President at 318-294-9944 or karenpevans1@gmail.com.



THANK YOUs



Our donation from 2020 State Convention

May 21, 2021

Dear LA Alpha Delta Kappa,

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and women and children served by The Haven, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for the generous donation that you made to The Haven. It is only with continued community support that The Haven can continue to provide services to battered women, their children, and survivors of sexual assault. Your assistance allows The Haven to continue to further its mission and realize its founding credo together we can heal the violence.

With Warm Regards,

Julie M. Pellegrin

Executive Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION The Haven, Inc Tax ID# 72-1233532

The Haven, Inc., a nonprofit, (501(3) © corporation, acknowledges receipt of \$ 500.00 by check, number 1009 received April 8,2021. No goods or services were provided to <u>LA Alpha Delta Kappa</u> in return for the donation.



