

The Front Porch Swing

May 7, 2020



Dear Sisters,

Belated Happy Cinco De Mayo! I have seen a number of sisters on social media taking full advantage of many restaurants opening with areas within the guidelines of social distancing, good food, and happy hour! Salud!



State Convention Status:

Refund: The News is Good!

- Finally received word from the hotel and we will be refunded our money! When? I have no idea? They do not know either at this time. We are all playing a waiting game. I am sure that they are waiting on funds from the government like many businesses. Julia and Mary have been working on the bills that sisters have submitted to date. I know because I received a check yesterday!
- **July 24 & 25, 2020?**
Continue to save those dates! President, Karen Evans is still looking at those dates to have officer training.

2018 - 2020 Celebration?

You betcha ya! (That's Minnesota talk). A saying we learned at the 2019 International Convention. Karen and I have discussed this and we are still looking at an October date for a statewide Founder's Day ceremony to be included with the celebrations of leadership, membership, and altruism.

*****I still need the names of all the District Officers for the 2020 - 2022 biennium. Please send A.S.A.P.**



State Convention /Voting:

1. Our slate of officers was complete and uncontested:

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| • President: | Karen Evans |
| • President-Elect: | Leslie Koenck |
| • Vice President for Membership: | Brendy Guillory |
| • Treasurer: | Jane Crews |
| • Secretary: | Betty Stockholm |
| • Chaplain/Sergeant at Arms: | Angie McEachern |
| • Historian: | Leona Benoit |
| • Immediate Past State President: | Barbara Stainback |



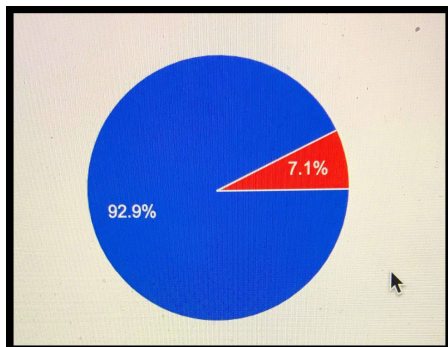
Therefore, I declared the election by acclamation on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. On Sunday, April 19, 2020, the Louisiana 2020-2022 State Executive Board was installed via ZOOM. The installation officer was Gulf IVP, Terry Peyton. Invited guest, Jennifer Simmons, newly initiated AΔK Tau Sister and daughter of President Karen Evans.



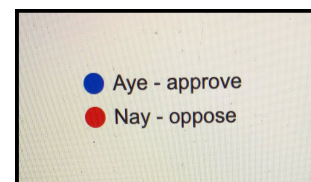
2. Proposed 2020 - 2022 Budget Voting Results: PASSED

Verified by 2018-2020 Sgt. at Arms, Brendy Guillory on Thursday, April 30, 2020.
State dues will be increased by \$5.00. Thank you to all that voted.

59 Ballots sent, 42 delegates voted



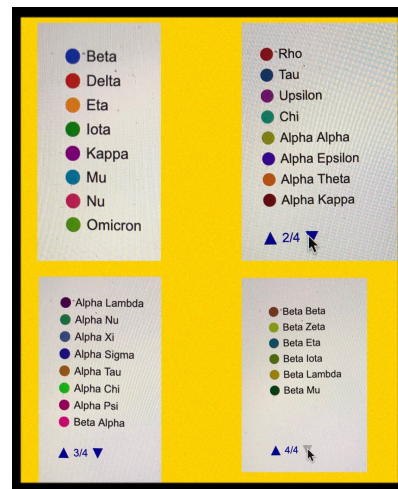
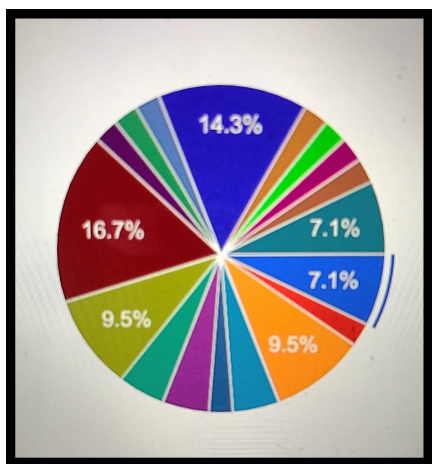
I _____ of the 2020 -2022 proposed budget.
42 responses





What chapter do you belong to?

18 Chapters represented.



Deadlines:

H-107, Report of Chapter Officers

When

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Description

Form Deadline

Online form received by Headquarters. Forward the confirmation email that you'll receive onto your S/P/N President for her records.

H-114, Chapter Highlights Summary form due

When

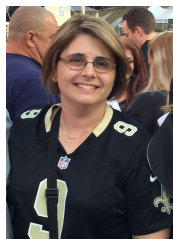
Tuesday, Jun 30, 2020

Description

H-114, Chapter Highlights Summary form due to HQ (HQ forwards onto S/P/N president).

A Message from our Vice President for Membership

Leslie Koenck - Membership Corner





H-133, Report of Initiation Form

***Only for use with previous version membership application form**

Submit Online

Leslie

A Message from our Immediate Past State President



Barbara LeBlanc

I can't count all of the wonderful events that I have experienced in the last eight years as a Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa state officer because they were so many. During the first four years, as the state secretary and then president-elect, I met many of my sisters in Louisiana and I tried to absorb as much as I could so that I could later be the state president. I enjoyed all of the officer training, visiting Louisiana chapters, the Founders' Day celebrations, new member initiations, Gulf Regional Conferences, and International Conventions. I had such good models to emulate from former state presidents, Jeanie Bastin, and Diana LeBlanc. Both of these fine sisters kept me busy and supported me in many ways for my biennium and in preparation for the convention in the wonderful city of Natchitoches. My view of Alpha Delta Kappa has expanded and been enriched immensely. My own Beta Eta chapter sisters were right there supporting me and encouraging me all along the way.

In the year before I became president, the time went by like a whirlwind. I was inviting members to be state officers and committee chairmen, choosing my slogan and motto, planning for a convention that took me 4 hours to travel to and many trips to get the convention ready. And the best part was that I had two wonderful convention chairmen (Debbie Clark and Brenda Burks) and the chapters of District II jumping in and providing great ideas and making the convention beautiful, memorable, and fun. My executive board supported me with their ideas and suggestions and their outstanding participation during the whole process.

There were a few bumps in the road, like the Flood of 2016. However, I have to thank God for all the blessings he bestowed upon my husband and me in those seven months. It was a good thing that I had Alpha Delta Kappa members to attend because it blurred all of the horrible issues we were dealing with, such as losing and selling our property and buying a new resident, etc. Kathy Thibodeaux and her sisters on the Disaster Relief Committee and Debra Boudoin, state corresponding secretary, stepped up and assisted me in helping many of our Louisiana sisters with wonderful support.

I love the way our state committee chairmen used their expertise to make sure Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa members participated in many activities. I have two photos that I am most proud of. One is the group photo that we took at the Gulf Regional Luncheon and the other is the New Orleans International Convention. These photos illustrate how our LA sisters support each other, have fun, and enjoy each other's company.

In this past biennium, I enjoyed traveling and being the Immediate Past President on Barbara Stainback's executive board. The Board, under the guidance of Barbara S., has engaged our organization in lots of technology and new processes that make communication and information gathering and reporting easier and faster. I'm disappointed that the virus pandemic has delayed this biennium's grand finale. However, without fail, Barbara has made sure that the LA ADK sorority continues to move forward. I know that when we get back together later this year, we will be able to finish what she planned with District V. At the same time, we will participate and



enjoy the beginning of a new biennium with our new state president, Karen Evans and her new executive board members. I look forward to the new events in the 2020-2022 biennium.

Finally, I would like to encourage other LA sorority sisters to take advantage of and step up and choose to be a state officer or state committee chairman in the future. I promise you that you will never regret it and that it will enhance your sorority life in leadership, fellowship, and membership. Love and gratitude to all my LA Sisters!!!!



Barbara LeBlanc

COVID-19 and How AΔK is Impacted

We've all recently experienced changes because of COVID-19 and this page will keep you updated on how Alpha Delta Kappa, and our events and activities, might be impacted.

[Regional Conference Update - April 21, 2020](#)

["Alpha Delta Kappa Together" Blog](#)

(Brought to you by International President, Judy Ganzert)

Judy Ganzert
International President
2019 - 2021



Barbara Stainback
State President
2018 - 2020



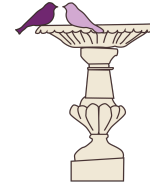
Terry Peyton
Gulf MVP
2019 - 2019





Closing thoughts:

“The View from the Front Porch Swing.”



“The people in your life are like the pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up, and sometimes they lean on you. Sometimes it’s enough to know they are standing by.”

Merle Shain

Sisters,

We are not even half through 2020 and literally the entire world has turned upside down in more ways than one. Still seems like a bad dream. Routines have changed, personal and professional. Respect for teachers and the work we do and have done is finding new respect. It also is proving how much teachers truly care about their students and the feelings are mutual. Even in retirement, the love is still there. The last few days, I have seen the creative and caring “graduation celebrations” on social media and local news broadcasts. I have loved watching every single one! One of my favorites yesterday was the celebration at Belle Chasse High School. The principal, Jemi LaHaye Carlone is a friend of mine. I have never seen seniors, teachers, parents and the community come together and have such joy. I have been a part of many graduations. Is this the new normal? Personally, I vote yes! Change is good.

Technology has and will continue to have an impact on our organization. Let us all embrace the “life long learner” philosophy that we instilled in our students. Continue to be that role model for the student’s lives that you have touched. I am sure ZOOM will have a new definition added to the dictionary this year.

The last two months have been a wave of mixed emotions. I became a sapphire sister this year. I have also never missed a state convention since becoming a member. I have reflected how ironic of all the bienniums that I missed this year’s convention! However, I am not alone.

At the top of the page, you will see a quote written by Merle Shain that I had placed on the cover of what would have been the luncheon program for the convention. I have had the very best “porch” support with the wonderful sisters that have served as pillars not just these past two years, but during my entire educational career. My Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters are the sisters that I treasure the most.





I have not spent much time on my porch swing yet, but my time is coming. The problem is my flower beds look more like - welcome to the jungle! Hard to relax with so much work to do. Very thankful that the weather will be nice in the next few days to come. You are always welcome to visit, watch the hummingbirds, sip iced tea and share my swing.



Lastly, a pearl begins as a little bit of grit! Isn't that what southern girls are made of? I know that Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Girls especially, know what to do with a little bit of grit! You transform lives within your families, schools, chapters, districts, and communities. Every time you touch someone else you polish your inner pearl. I feel like I own an opera strand of pearls that was created with each and every encounter when visiting with a sister. You have all created my beautiful strand. I appreciate every single sister. It has been a joy to visit with all of you in your district and chapter meetings. You have always made the executive board and myself feel so welcomed. I have traveled more back roads of this beautiful state and you have all made it possible. I have been blessed to have worked with a great board, state committee chairman, district chairs and chapter presidents. You are my heroes. Special thank you to my Alpha Sigma Chapter. You  all have been so supportive and encouraging.

When I first read "GRIT," I knew that this described our sisters in Alpha Delta Kappa because of the passion for our profession in your hearts. On this National Day of Prayer, I pray that you each of you and yours remain healthy, safe and strong.

Love,

Barbara

