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Glad tidings of comfort and joy, Wishing you a season full of Yuletide cheer, May the beauty of the holidays warm your spirit, There's no place like home for the holidays, but since you can't be with us.

May this Festival of Lights bring blessings upon you and all your loved ones,

Family traditions are meant to be shared, Sending our best holiday wishes your way, Wishing you a holiday season full of warmth, love, and family No matter how you say it... Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Joe and Cheryl Sigel

## Leadership News

We have a new chapter chartered on November 27, 2021, Jamaica Eta. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this happen. This brings the total number of chapters in Jamaica to six and the first new chapter since 1978. International President, Mollie Acosta's challenge for "each one, reach one" is moving us forward as our members work to make that happen.

Entering this season of celebration and caring, I wish you Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah,

Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year.





With love for our organization,

International President Elect, Ann Marie Brown,
Thank you for all you do for Alpha Delta Kappa!

FYI: SCR Membership Chairman, Nancy Medina was a part of this celebration for Jamaica!

Chapter Altruistic Chairmen and Chapter Presidents: The altruistic forms have changed some. However, after looking at the forms they appear to be more organized than before. <u>ALL Altruistic forms must be sent on line!</u> If you cannot send them on line, please discuss with your president to help you get this accomplished before March 15 cutoff time.

Chapter Historians and Chapter Presidents: All Chapters have to have some form of written documentation for their year(s) in any given biennium. Some do a wonderful job with their archives with scrapbooking, monthly newsletter,

presentations at chapter meetings, etc. But even with the scrapbooking written documentation needs to be present. One way of doing this if your chapter does NOT have a historian...use your minutes from the meeting showing motions and voting(s) within your chapter. This sure saves a headache when looking up information for reports...

Chapter Secretaries: Please put your state president on your distribution list for your chapter minutes. Currently, we are receiving minutes from: Epsilon, Theta, Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Gamma...They do not have to be complete...we use the information within the newsletter, president/president-elects meetings, etc. Please send to Cheryl at <a href="https://cherylSigelADK@yahoo.com">CherylSigelADK@yahoo.com</a>! Thank you for all you do!

# Membership From SCR Membership Chairman, Nancy Medina

Be thankful for today, because in

one moment, your

entire life could change.



International Teacher Education (ITE) Program ITE Program Announcement:



## "Oh, the Places You'll Go and See"

## A Virtual Gathering with our ITE Scholars

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00-5:30 (EST), 3:00-4:30 (CST), 2:00-3:30 (MST) 1:00-2:30 (PST) 12:00-1:30 (AKST) & 11:00-1:30 (HST)

No need to buy airline tickets, pack your suitcases, or battle traffic and the elements on a chilly January day. From the cozy warmth of your own home, you will Zoom right into a virtual world tour with our seven International Teacher Education Scholars as your tour guides.

Journey around the globe with Darmini (Indonesia, Ohio State University), Hoa (Vietnam, Harvard), Anu (India, MIT), Anukriti (Armenia, Boston College), Janett (Estonia, University of Minnesota-Duluth), Ramata (Mali, Indiana University of Pennsylvania), and Karina (Mexico, Arizona State University) as they take you on an exploration of their countries, cultures, education systems, and family life.

- Contact Information for the ITE Scholars is in the Directory of the International Website
  - 1. Open the Alpha Delta Kappa International Website
  - 2. Sign in
  - 3. Click on Directory in the Quick Links box
  - 4. ITE is the last item in the purple banner in the Directory just below the masthead.
  - 5. Click on ITE Scholars to find their contact and birthday information.
- Past ITE Scholars have shared with us how very much they appreciate your email and snail-mail messages. They have also shared a few helpful ways for members to lend support.

- 1. Please *print your messages* to them since many do not read cursive.
- 2. When you send personal notes, please include your email address for their responses to your messages.
- Gifts are never expected, but if you do choose to send a gift card or gift, please keep in mind that the Scholars do not have cars and especially appreciate deliveries to their residences.
- 4. Most of the ITE Scholars come from tea-drinking rather than coffee cultures.

The ITE Scholars want you to know that they treasure their connections with you and appreciate your many, many kindnesses to them.

### **Fraternity Education**

For those who have been following about our ITE Student from last year...Trang Hoang, Vietnam student...this message is from Glad Loreen, NW ITE Co- Sponsor 2019 – 2021, NW Region Mentor 2020-2022, Past International Vice-President, NW Region 2017 – 2019:

June - Aug: Trang completed her Masters in Ed Policy and Research at U of WA in June and awaited word Fulbright could get her home. Word then was "No" (Vietnam commercial flights suspended and no travel between provinces) and she was allowed to seek work in Ed research til Visa expired end of August since all her fundings had ended. Her Dept of Ed at UW Had some grant work needing work, so that along with many devoted  $\Delta\Delta K$  sisters got her rent covered through August. She was able to fit in some brief travel with Fulbrighters, NW/SW Leaders and her sponsors.

Sept -Nov: Sept 1 Fulbright provided a grace month on her Visa since no travel was still allowed. No work allowed. Many of us helped and the Foundation started a Disaster Relief link through eBlast and website for a monthly deposit. Again, many NW/SW sisters kicked in emotional support as well as financial.

Early Oct - Fulbright provided paperwork that her Visa was extended through Aug '22 and permission to work in the area of her Masters degree. Trang jumped into job search and was offered a job in San Francisco pending Fulbright approval. Approval was granted a few weeks ago and required a move so that she would live where employed. Trang jumped into seeking housing in San Fran with commute to work. She has signed a lease this past week in a house - monthly cost and deposit being significantly higher than Seattle... and rent here in Seattle was quite high for ITE funding. Commute is 45-50 minutes each way.

So, her plan is to fly to SF 11/30; will be greeted at airport by Mollie Acosta and AΔK sister Mary Ann Englehart, taken to Costco for bedding/groceries and moved into new house. That evening Trang will have dinner with a representative from each of San Francisco's 5 chapters to begin a new support circle. Amazing! Many thanks to this group of SW Sisters Helping Sisters!

I appreciate any ways you can support Trang with encouragement and hope for these coming months. This process of not being able to return home has been harrowing with months so much unknown and expenses looming while not working/needing to relocate (rent in advance/deposit/airfare). Given none of us has done this before; we have invented and invented new ways of coping.

Gratitude to Headquarters, IEB, IC and ITE Board for communications and problem-solving how to support Trang, an exceptional woman so ready to make a difference in her homeland. Thanks in advance to SW Region for welcoming Trang to their circle. We have all grown and have months to go.

#### World Understanding Project—C.H.E.A.R.

Consider giving an end-of-year donation to our current World Understanding (WU) project **C.H.E.A.R.** which stands for (making) a **C**hildren's **H**ome (with) **E**ducation (and) **A**griculture a **R**eality in Babati, Tanzania. The funds will be used for building a children's home, with dormitories, classrooms, and a media center. It will have an agricultural area for life skills training and self-sustainability for the children's home. More information is available on the

website under the **Foundation** tab>World Understanding.



Our Kansas Chairman for World Understanding, Judy Welter, made a quilt out of fabric prints from Africa. You will be seeing this at functions where you can buy chances on winning this beautiful throw. All monies will go to Project C.H.E.A.R. <u>The drawing will take place in May 2024 at the 2024 Kansas Convention.</u> Here is a sneak peak of the quilt and a write up from Judy...The Tanzanian project was the inspiration for the 60 x 52 inch African print quilt. The quilt interior is made from African print squares. African wax print fabric is created using a wax printing method where a design is printed onto both sides of cloth using melted, molten wax. The cloth is put

into a dye bath where the exposed parts of the cloth are dyed and the resin-covered parts are resisted. The wax can be cracked to create a marveling effect before the cloth is washed to remove the wax.

## Paying Dues

Don't forget that international dues can be paid on line using your credit card and/or PayPal. These are due by December 31, 2021.

If you have not yet paid your International dues, clicking on your profile will give you the option to pay online. You do not need your invoice to pay your dues, as your profile will show the amount you owe. When paying your dues...these are only International dues. State and Local dues go to you Chapter Treasurer!!! Just so you know the state President, VP for Membership, State Treasurer, Chapter President and Chapter Treasurer will receive notification

on Jan. 1, Feb. 1, and March 1 on who has not paid their dues. <u>Remember there is a \$5 late fee</u> happening for International dues (not State dues) starting on January 1, 2022

#### Note from Joyce Perkins, Kansas AAK Treasurer, for Chapter Treasurers:

State Dues \$11 per member Send to: Joyce Perkins

1377 Stonecreek Drive Lawrence, Ks 66049

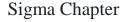
Due: December 31, 2021

#### International dues

- On December 1, you should receive an e-mail from international informing you which chapter members have/have not paid international dues
- Dues should be paid by January 1, 2022.
- Send a check to international for any international dues paid to you.
- Include a cover letter telling the state, chapter name and member ID # of each person for whom you are paying.

### **Kansas Teachers Helping Our Active Teachers**

We would love to hear how you are helping our active teachers. Active teachers, let me know if you received something really cool from another teacher or member from your chapter...PLEASE send me an email, text message and picture if possible. I would love to share these with the membership on future newsletters. There are many different ways we can share support. Here are a couple of things that have happened so far...







#### Kansas Alpha Alpha Chapter

Pictured (L to R): President, Susie Zils, Member, Kay Betchel & Member, Amy Wells, current active counselor at Spring Hill Middle School

## **Kansas & International Altruism Project(s):**

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

Nancy Thompson, Kansas  $A\Delta K$  Longest Day Chairman, has already set up the Kansas Longest Day Team. If you chapter does altruism during the month of November (Alzheimer's Awareness Month) or any other time of the year you can send your contributions through the website or if paying by a check send your check to her. She will put it into the fund for Longest Day campaign for June 2022.

Nancy Thompson 528 E. 126<sup>th</sup> Terrace Olathe, KS 66061 <u>nancythompson48@gmail.com</u>

## Kansas Altruism: Wichita State University Endowment

Joyce Perkins, Kansas Treasurer, reports that currently we have \$19,237.34 in our Endowment Fund being housed at International. Wow! Thank you so much for your generosity! Small, Mighty and Proud Kansas is doing its fair share of supporting our wonderful state endeavor.

Don't forget our WSU Endowment Open House: PLEASE COME: Carpool with your chapter sisters...PLEASE let Barb know if you are attending so she can have accommodations ready for you while at her home...(details following)



Come Join Kansas Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters and bring others to Kick Off the Holidays with an

MAK Holiday Open House

Donations to the Kansas altruistic project, Wichita State University Endowment will be accepted.

### Please bring a small snack to share.

Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon Barb & Roger Corder's Home 11909 Cherokee Lane Leawood, Kansas 66209

Please RSVP to Barb: <a href="mailto:rcorder@kc.rr.com">rcorder@kc.rr.com</a> or home phone: 913-491-1718 or

text: 913-481-3020



## **Chapter Chatter**

On October 16, 2021, Kansas Rho Chapter celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a fun time celebrating with all who attended the event! As you can see, lots of smiles

and some laughter along the way with stories shared by Joyce Schneider.

We missed a couple of members due to circumstances beyond their control. Valerie Nordberg, Kansas Chaplain and Kansas Rho President-Elect served as the emcee for the day.

Visitors who attended the meeting were Wilma Hunt, former member of Rho chapter, Vera Spencer's daughter, Leslie Peters, Kansas Alpha Rho President, Andrea Henne, Kansas Executive Board Members: Historian, Lonnie Vopat, Treasurer, Joyce Perkins, Kansas President, Cheryl Sigel, Immediate Past State President, Barb Corder, VP for Membership, Kathy Saving, and Kansas Longest Day Chair, Nancy Thompson

Kansas Rho Chapter, YOU are our December Kansas AΔK heroes!



Kansas Rho Members: Wilma Hunt, former member of Rho chapter, Leslie Peters, Vera Spencer's daughter, Shirley Thomas, Karla Kreutzer, Connie Ronck, Terry Evans, Ara Ann Duty, Joyce Schneider & ValerieNordberg





Valerie serving the punch!



Serving cake were Terry and Ara Ann, while the older archieves from years past were a huge draw for members.







Memorial Service: The Empty Plate at the table.



Take Home Bags were given to the attendees.

The Speakers for the day were: Kansas Sergent at Arms & Rho Immediate Past Chapter President, Connie Ronck, Kansas Chaplain & Rho Chapter President Elect, Valerie Nordberg as well as Kansas President, Cheryl Sigel, sharing a message to the Rho members on their celebration.







Current executive board and committee chair members who attended: Lonnie Vopat, Connie Ronck, Joyce Perkins, Cheryl Sigel, Barb Corder, Kathy Savings, Nancy Thompson, and Valerie Nordberg







Thank you Kansas Rho Chapter!

#### More Kansas Celebrations for Kansas AΔK





Silver Sister (25 years)

Sigma Chapter

Barbara Engle

Golden Sister (50 years)

Alpha Alpha Chapter

Nancy Medina

Celebrate in your own way and style! You are awesome! Yes, we celebrate YOU! Congratulations!

## And more congratulations...



**Beta Epsilon Member Maria Kessell and Husband (Brad)!** 

Beckham Adrian Tiberius Kessell was born November 29, 2021

7 pounds 15 ounces 20.5 inches long

## Congratulations to Beta Epsilon Member, Joyce and Perry Perkins!

#### **Grandson Owen Jesse Perkins**

**Born October 21, 2021** 

Loving celebrations...Don't you???



#### **Kansas Sister(s) Updates:**

**November:** 

Iota: Abby Hedrick Sympathy (Sister Kris passed from Covid)

Rho: Connie Ronck Pancreas Biopsy is benign! She will need

to have MRIs done regularly for a while but

great news for her! Before the biopsy
Connie tested positive for Covid. She is
now out of quaratine and back in the

classroom.

Alpha Gamma: Cheryl Herbert Husband, Charles (Heart Attack)

Cheryl has reported that Charles is home now.

**Krista Beckley** Fall (broken ankle)

Martha Macher Surgery

Susan Peterson Physical Therapy on elbow

Alpha Rho: Linda Parker Caring for her sister with health issues

Beta Epsilon: Kathy Saving Sympathy (Ex. Husband passed)

**Robyn Scarlett** Sympathy (Father passed)

## Marily Wharton Back surgery on Dec. 7 Marily McGown Viral Infection (hopitalized)

#### **Upcoming Reminders:**

December 15—Applications for Regional Presidents-Elect (RPE) close for North Central, Northeast, Northwest and South Central. Candidates for the three regions of Gulf, Southeast and Southwest submitted applications by the original deadline.

December 24, 2021 – January 2, 2022—Headquarters office is closed

**January 1**—International Dues are due (you may pay online)

January 1 – International Membership Campaign Starts

January 1—KAPPAN submissions deadline (March publication – Share Connections)

**January 15**—Application deadline for S/P/N Excellence in Education (only members nominated by Nov. 15, 2021)

January 15—H-142 S/P/N President's report to IVP for the region deadline

January 31—S/P/N Membership Consultant Report to Regional Membership Consultant deadline

January 31—Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application deadline

January 31—Dues Postmark deadline or incur \$5 per member penalty/late fee

March 15 - Chapter Altruistic Report is due to S/P/N

March 15 - KS Officer Application is due to Candidate Qualifications Chairman, Patty Bevis

April 2022 – KS AΔK State Scholarship Application is due to State Chairman, Dixie Westervelt

May 6 – KS Officer/Chairman Dinner at Topeka Country Club in Topeka, Kansas

May 7 - KS AAK State Convention - Shawnee Heights Middle School Topeka, KS

July 5-8 – SCR in Wichita, KS at Hyatt Regency Hotel

In closing, I hope to see some of you via zoom, or at in person functions this month. The other night, I was watching the musical Annie on television. I was pleased with the production but when the last song performed came on, it made me smile. It made me think of my  $A\Delta K$  sisters near and far. I hope this tune puts a smile on your face and in your heart...Until January 2022...Fraternally, Cheryl Sigel, Kansas  $A\Delta K$  President

#### **Tomorrow**

The sun'll come out tomorrow
Bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow
There'll be sun
Just thinkin' about tomorrow
Clears away the cobwebs and the sorrow
'Til there's none

When I'm stuck with a day that's gray and lonely I just stick out my chin and grin, and say, oh

The sun'll come out tomorrow So you gotta hang on 'til tomorrow Come what may

Tomorrow, tomorrow
I love ya tomorrow
You're always a day away

When I'm stuck a with day that's gray and lonely I just stick out my chin and grin, and say, oh

The sun'll come out tomorrow So you gotta hang on 'til tomorrow Come what may

Tomorrow, tomorrow
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You're always a day away
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You're always a day away

Source: Musixmatch

Songwriters: Martin Charnin / Charles Strouse

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