



Alpha Delta Kappa Kansas Newsletter Volume 2, Number 1 July, 2021



This is so me this morning...Laughing out Loud!

Wow! What an International Convention! During the week of July 5-9 we (delegates and others) attended the Educational Symposium sessions put on by our own Alpha Delta Kappa sisters from across the world. During the week of July 12-16 we attended afternoon sessions of the International Convention.

When my husband, Joe asked me what I was doing on line during all this time I tried to explain that I was attending the International Convention. With a houseful of company as well as celebrations like 4th of July and my father's 88th birthday party it was a time for me to miss some of the convention. However, the nice thing is that I can now watch it when I am able to watch it. What a transition we have accomplished during this past year...All the sessions have been recorded and posted on the International Convention website for the time being, then they will be posted on the International website forever. So even if you did not attend you can see things that were discussed and accomplished. Isn't technology wonderful????

I asked the delegates to submit responses to what they have learned by attending the convention or what they would like to share with their sisters when we return to having our monthly meetings. Here are the responses I have received so far. I hope you will be impressed with what was achieved at this convention:

- International Convention is something everyone should attend at least once! You not only get to meet sisters from other regions and make lifelong friends, you get to hear more about what we do as a whole Community for the different organizations that we support. Also your sisters share their time and knowledge in the educational symposium that can help you in your classroom or your daily lives. **Rachel P.**
- I enjoyed what I saw and heard. Everyone really did a fantastic job of putting everything together. I look forward to attending in person one day. Thank you all. **Dixie W.**
- The virtual Alpha Delta Kappa was a great experience. I have enjoyed all the conventions I have attended. The virtual format was more streamlined but it lacked the personal interaction of being there in person. **Nancy T.**
- I was extremely pleased with the Educational Symposium. It was spread out over a week. I was able to attend many worthwhile and enriching sessions. I was afraid that devoting an entire week would put a strain on my regular activities. It did not. For those sessions I missed, I could go back in my free time and watch them. All the sessions will be available for viewing later in the year. As we learned this last year, in person learning provides more interaction and provides hands on experiences but I felt the presenters did an excellent job using a online format to present their information. **Nancy T.**

- At an in-person convention the day of voting can be excruciating. Getting all the devices to work, allowing time for all members to debate and express their opinions and waiting for results. Since we voted ahead of time, the convention business sessions were more streamlined. Delegates had a long period of time to debate on line and vote before the convention began.

Nancy T.

- The speakers were excellent. But then, I am always inspired and motivated by the convention speakers. I hope we can take advantage of the recordings and share them with our sisters that did not attend the convention. **Nancy T.**
- I feel the virtual convention was necessary and successful. I hope we do not have to do another convention this way. I miss the excitement and energy of all the Sisters in one big room. I can see some form of virtual being combined with in person used to include more members in the convention experience. Perhaps streaming the proceedings for sisters who cannot attend.

Nancy T.

- I encourage all my Kansas sisters to attend the convention in Kansas City in 2023. You would not have to travel far. An Alpha Delta Convention is the best way to feel the love of Alpha Delta Kappa and learn more about our great organization. **Nancy T.**
- I really like the online voting. It would get that part of the business out of the way, so the delegates can socialize and get to know sisters from other places when we meet in person. Also I hope that they can do a hybrid convention in the future. I think those who have the time and money to travel to a convention would enjoy an in-person convention, but it would allow those who can't travel, for whatever reason, to be a part of the convention as well.

Dorothy H-R.

- I am thankful for the opportunity to have been able to attend the ADK International Convention, Attending a convention of that size on line was to me interesting and educational. Personally, I would still prefer attending a convention of that magnitude in person; the energy and personal contacts made when at any convention were what I missed. Would like to recommend the Educational Symposium if and when it becomes available for ADK members to watch. The presentations by the ITE (International Teacher Education Program) Scholars and the keynote presentation by Dr. Beatrice Berry were excellent and inspiring. **Louise J.**
- Enjoyed the sessions I watched. I think my favorites were the South Central celebration. So good to see familiar faces and hear what was going on with sisters that I have known for years. I thought the memorial service was an

outstanding one. Lots of work that made it special. Then the last night with people who made the last two years work for ADK was wonderful. I know that the people in Kansas appreciate the work that you and your board has done in almost impossible conditions. Thanks to you all. I enjoyed several speakers and I would join in on zoom again but I really hope that I can be part of. I am glad that I attended the International virtual convention. It made me more aware of the size of our organization and the global impact we have. **Niza W.**

- I was especially impressed by Dr. Bertice Barry's keynote address about inclusion. I will share the highlights of this presentation and encourage the ladies to watch it on the ADK website. I will attend future conventions if there is a virtual option. Travel poses too many obstacles for me. **Marcia C.**
- As I was a First Timer, I have nothing to compare to this international convention. The fact that we had to hold a virtual convention proves that ADK sisters work well together to present all the information that needed to be shared. I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the meetings. Miss Violet was wonderful. Paula Davis sharing her thoughts for the day was well prepared. All presenters delivered with grace, especially Judy Ganzert and Mollie Acosta. The music and videos added to the meaning of our efforts as ADK members. "Share the Love," chosen by our new international president, Mollie Acosta, and her message were a terrific way to end the convention. I took many photos with my cellphone and intend to share the highlights of this convention with my Kansas Alpha Rho chapter this September. **Ande H.**
- I loved the convention!!! All the amazing keynote speakers and the leadership and knowledge imparted at every level through every session demonstrated by each sister was overwhelming. Judy Ganzert is such an amazing woman! Someone to emulate. I cannot wait to see how Mollie Acosta will lead. I think she will be amazing too. I truly love Alpha Delta Kappa and all it contributes to the world and those in it. It is comforting to know the difference we are making in a child's life, an educator's classroom, a community project, and the comradery among all those sisters who make it happen each day without failing. **Therese P.**
- As a long time convention attendee, I wasn't sure that a virtual convention could provide a "real" convention feeling. To my surprise it did! The biggest difference from other conventions was my level of involvement. I presented

three times in the two-week period while usually I've always been content to sit in the background. I signed up for every session I could knowing that I would be able to rewatch a session if I missed one. I became so involved I only missed two. From the beginning, each session gave interesting information, provided food for thought, or was just plain fun. What more can you ask for? Join me for Regional Conference in Wichita if you can, and definitely plan for our 75th Anniversary celebration in KCMO and I'll make sure you get the total convention experience and our sisters from around the world will be ready to greet you. **Nancy M.**

- I learned more about AΔK organization and traditions while viewing the convention. It was beneficial for me because I learned more new things about AΔK. I believe that it would be beneficial for International to take some of the “virtual” delivery of messaging and continue with it for future conventions. **Marla H.**
- This was my first International Convention and I enjoyed getting to tune in. I loved my symposium classes on diverse books and Path to Reading. I think it would be fun for everyone to choose a classroom book to share at a meeting that could be used as a read a loud to highlight diversity and incorporate it into your reading lesson or small group workshop. I was inspired, brought to tears, and enjoyed a good laugh as I listened to Dr. Berry. She was an amazing keynote speaker and I hope to hear her again. The convention committee did an amazing job putting together all the pieces to bring a spirit of sisterhood to people all across the world. **Cheryl H.**

Thank you for your responses.

Did you notice the top of the newsletter? We have a new SCR Logo as well as an International Logo. Here is the description of the SCR Logo:

- **Moderized globe with all our sisters.**
- **It is held up by a pair of hands.**
- **The hands represent the altruism that is the cornerstone of our group**
- **The image is surrounded by 6 stars represents each stat/nation in our SCR.**
- **You are the 'Dream Chasers and Star Makers' of SCR.**

- **Goals will be coming out in the first newsletter of the 2021-2022 year as well as the SCR Newsletter coming out in mid August!**

Now, just so you know all of the proposed amendments as well as by law changes were all approved by the voting delegates. We will be discussing all of this and how the changes will affect us at the Ex. Board meeting later this month. So stay tuned to changes that will probably be taking place. (Yes, your Kansas Ex. Board is working through the summer!) Nancy Warren is working on a plan...Keep in mind that all the new proposed amendments and by law changes will have an impact on the chapters. **So stay tuned and BE PATIENT as international gets these on line ready for use. Let them get things set up.** Nancy will help us with this...

I am so proud of our delegation that you sent to the International Convention. Please let your leader know you appreciated them attending, voting and being a participant in every little way during those breakout sessions. Here are your Kansas delegates:

Cheryl Sigel, Kansas President, Marla Hayden, Kansas President-Elect, Barb Corder, Kansas Immediate Past President, Kathy Saving, Kansas VP for Membership, Nancy Thompson, SCR IVP contender, Beta Delegates: Patty Bevis, Dixie Westervelt, Epsilon Delegates: Sherryl Longhofer, Nelda Reynolds, Theta Delegates: Melissa Phelps, Rachel Phelps, Iota Delegates: Del Jo Broadrick, Joann Hook, Rho Delegates: Valerie Nordberg, Connie Ronck, Sigma Delegates: Therese Payne, Lila Reekie, Upsilon Delegates: Karol Kenzie, Louise Jacquez, Alpha Alpha Delegates: Nancy Medina, Susie Zils, Alpha Gamma Delegates: Marcia Cook, Charis Sawyer, Alpha Rho Delegates: Andrea Henne, Linda Parker, and Beta Epsilon Delegates: Maria Kessell, Dorothy Hoyt-Reed

We had others attending: Alpha Alpha Members: Kay Bechtel, Cheryl Hagedorn, Joanne King, Beta Epsilon Member: Sue Nerverve, Becca Hill...I know there are others but watching the screen was sometimes not the best way to see who was in attendance! Let me know if you attended and would like to share your experiences from the International Convention.

Our Altruism was fabulous! I cannot say enough about the responses...with 97% reporting at the International Convention...we documented 1,742,945 hours of volunteer time while recording \$16,155,842 in monies contributions!



Presidents:

- Due to the downsizing at Headquarters, please send questions you have to me. There are only four people working at HQ so filtering questions will help them. So PLEASE help them out. We have over 25,000 members currently. Most of you are pretty courteous about this. Just remember that I am here to help or I can find your answer in a very timely manner. I check my email and text messages frequently.
- Send me names of individuals that need support during this time...injuries, surgeries, hospitalizations, sympathies, etc.
- If your chapter did something for the Longest Day or had “Watch Parties” for the International Convention and took pictures please send them to me. Thank you! These will be used at the State Convention, Kansas archive and SCR events...
- Please enter one of your stellar programs in the Distinguished Program Award. Information may be found online and SCR IVP will be putting out more information in her newsletter coming out later.
- If you have a member wishing to participate in the Excellence in Education please announce that this will be due in November. So now is the time to be looking for that special someone wanting to excel their prospects in Education through our own Alpha Delta Kappa.



Celebrations:

- All Chapters will be getting a pearl for turning in their CNAs! Fabulous job!
- C-1 forms and N990e post cards have all been summited. So each chapter has obtained another pearl.
- WSU Update: As of July 26, 2021, we have \$17,783.34 in our account for the WSU Endowment! So exciting!
- The Longest Day Campaign has ended. Nancy Thompson, Kansas Longest Day Campaign Chair reported that we collected \$2,029.00. Excellent job Kansas sisters, you participated in a variety of ways. Here are a few ways you participated:
 - Beta Epsilon: Helped a chapter member dealing with her husband needs with Alzheimer's.
 - Sigma: Raffled a hand quilted bag.
 - Epsilon: Participated in a walk for Alzheimer's Association.
 - Several chapters have collected money for Alzheimer's Association during their monthly meeting.

World Understanding:

- Project C.H.E.A.R was narrowly voted in as our World Understanding Project.
- **C.H.E.A.R.** – (Children's Home with Education and Agriculture a Reality) Making a Children's Home with Education and Agriculture a Reality in Tanzania
- **Project C.H.E.A.R.**'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.

Altruism:

- We will continue to support St. Jude Children's Hospital
- We will continue to support Alzheimer's Association.
- It was announced that Alpha Delta Kappa gave \$70,000 over this past biennium to both St. Jude and Alzheimer's Association.

As I close this newsletter, I was so moved by the Olympics opening ceremony...so I am ending this newsletter with the title of the song by John Lennon...

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**all the people living for today,
living life in peace,
sharing all the world,
and the world will live as
one...**

Until next month...Stay cool and safe! Keep on keeping on...

Fraternally,

Cheryl Sigel, Kansas Alpha Delta Kappa President