

Kansas Alpha Delta Kappa November 2021 Newsletter Volume 2, Number 4



NOVEMBER...

ALREADY?

WHERE HAS
TIME GONE?

CRAZY ISN'T IT?

My thoughts of November are on blessings...What are your blessings? Family? Pets? Friendship? Sisterhood? Or maybe more materialistic items like House, Car, Camper, Trailer, Jewelry, etc...My husband Joe and I live on acreage a little way outside of Paola, Kansas. We are about 40 minutes south of Kansas City metro area. Some say we live out in the boonies...but we love it.

Each year at this time, we collect walnuts with our daughter and family to trade in for cash that they use for holiday time(s) coming up. While the walnuts are falling so are the native pecan trees in our yard. We have 5-7 walnut trees and 5-7 pecan tree. In other words...a LOT! My daughter reported that she took in over 7,500 pounds of walnuts into the walnut stand!!!



As I was picking up pecans over the last week, I was imagining the blessings that each little native pecan gives us...pecan pies for the holidays to enjoy, pecans for giving yams, cookies, candies, breads, cinnamon or caramel rolls an extra burst of flavor while the extra pecans are frozen for later usage.

Just like the picking up of the pecans, there is a process we use: pick, crack, blow, then package them up. Once after picking up pecans we packaged them up. I then take them to our own Barb Corder's husband, Roger for picking out of the shell. They are then repacked and put into smaller packages for the freezer. During the summer, we use the pecans we pick from this year, for pies for the local fair in our neighboring county for a group sponsoring the free fair which our grandchildren participate in.

Now I know you are asking...how does this pertain to Kansas and AΔK? Well, while picking pecans, I was noticing that I was excited to find more hidden... (Do you find six pecans in this picture? This is the same setting as above.)



Isn't this the way we find new members that we call sisters? Don't you get excited about what you are doing in your chapter meetings? Don't you get creative in the ways altruism is handled? Don't you share what you have learned from

programs given at your chapter meetings with others not in AΔK? Doesn't you smile and sharing of AΔK make you happy and content?

You are something special! You are important! You belong to a wonderful organization that explores *infinite possibilities* beyond the students, classroom and your world! I know because a few years back, I was one of those pecans hiding amongst the fallen leaves from the trees above. So to me...**YOU** are a blessing! So let's **Share the Love of AΔK** across the state and around the world!

2021 Kansas Leadership



Your chapter President/President-Elects met on October 28, 2021. Many things will be shared with you at your chapter meetings in November. We shared a number of pictures of what YOU are doing. I am so proud of my Kansas sisters! Keep up the great work.

As you know the active teachers are doing so much...so I took it upon myself to send each active teacher (some are retired working as a daily substitute, long term substitute or working as a para) a Halloween card with a note of encouragement. I embellished some with spider webs, stamping of spiders or ribbon. These went out on October 26, 2021. I sent out a

total of 70 cards. Yes, I could have taken time and traveled to each school of existing members but alas I did not have that amount of time. So a card for each active teacher worked for me to complete this project. So you can see it doesn't take a lot of effort, YOU can do this as well. Maybe on future visits to your chapter meetings I can do something more.

Please see the new Pearls of Requirements. You can find these on line under Membership on the International website or in an attachment from this emailed newsletter. C

Your Profile

This message came in from Nancy Medina:

Christie Smith, Executive Director, has asked that [chapter presidents](#) send a list of members who have not been on the website in the last five years. This will help Headquarters reset passwords for these members. When initiating or reinstating a member online, the submit button sends the form to Headquarters. No other action is required.

I have attached "How to Access Your Profile if you need it."



Accessing your profile on the [Alpha Delta Kappa International website](#) is easy!

- Click "Sign In" in the upper right hand corner.
- Enter your username, which is most likely your last name followed by your member ID number. (You can find your member ID number on your **KAPPAN** mailing label.)
- Enter your password. If you don't know it, click "Forgot password?" and you will be emailed a link to create a new one provided we have your current, correct email address in our database.
- Once you have logged in, you will see a large banner across the home page saying "Click here to go to your profile."



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.

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. **Remember there is a \$5 late fee happening for International dues (not State dues) starting on January 1, 2022**

By Laws Changes????



Well, if you've been wondering about Bylaws and or Policies and procedures, here's an update. There are a lot of changes to make, but not right away. All will need to review their Policies and Procedures to make sure they follow the International Bylaws. Kansas uses Policies and Procedures instead of Bylaws. **There are some additions to all our Policies and Procedures, both chapter and state to make.** I will be happy to help you through this. The good news is that this doesn't have to be done right away. The State has until Oct. 15, 2022. The Chapters have until March 15, 2023. I still have some investigating to do, but please don't redo or rewrite anything yet. There is still more time, and I will work on the state's update and then start on Chapters. The new templates are on the website under documents if you want to look and see. All this will happen officially after our State Convention in May.

Happy holidays,

Nancy Warren, Kansas Bylaws Chairman

ATTENTION: Here is an excellent tool to find more members...



Innovated Grants

The Alpha Delta Kappa Innovation Grant is designed to assist creative, innovative educators who are not members of Alpha Delta Kappa with the cost of materials and services that enhance classroom lessons. What an excellent way to introduce women educators to Alpha Delta Kappa. The scope of this grant does not include coursework or professional development opportunities. This grant was developed for teachers with ten years of experience or less who display characteristics of excellent educators. The Innovation Grant will be awarded annually to a maximum of five recipients for each of the seven Alpha Delta Kappa regions. The eligibility stated in the grant is:

Eligibility:

The Applicant

1. shall be recommended by a current Alpha Delta Kappa member.
2. shall exhibit creative and innovative teaching practices.
3. shall be actively engaged in teaching or the education field.
4. shall have no more than **ten** years of teaching experience.
5. is not related to a member of the current International Executive Board, International Chapter, International, and Regional scholarship boards, or International and Regional scholarship committees.
6. has not received an International Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship or grant within the past two years.
7. shall have a minimum score of 85% for the criteria on the adjudication form to be a recipient.

APPLICATION INCLUDES:

1. Completed online application.
2. Letter (electronic format) of nomination from a current Alpha Delta Kappa member, describing excellence in the classroom, innovation, and creativity of nominee. (Don't hesitate to visit with the principal.)

Application:

Apply only through the Alpha Delta Kappa website, Scholarships & Grants online application service link, Kaleidoscope, by **November 15, 11:59 PM (CT)** www.alphadeltakappa.org.

Your Alpha Delta Kappa Sister, Mary Ann Gerdes, Liaison to the Innovation Grant

ITE News



Plan now to join our seven 2021-2022 International Teacher Education (ITE) scholars in a virtual gathering, "Share Our World," on Saturday afternoon 2-3:30PM, January 8, 2022. Information on how to join the virtual gathering will be posted on the [International website](#) and on Alpha Delta Kappa [CONNECT](#) in the coming weeks. Your S/P/N Presidents and Regional International Vice Presidents will also be able to share the information with you.

AΔK Month/Fraternity Education



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Education: The Ever-Changing Roles of Educators

by Cindy Apple,

Kansas Fraternity Education Chairman

The last three years has seen immense changes in education. We now have hybrid, virtual and blended options. Terms like social distancing and mask breaks are commonly used daily. I wanted to share a history of how education has

evolved over the years and found a simple and fun article/blog highlighting some of the changes.

From [Learningforlife.medium.com](https://learningforlife.medium.com)

America's public schools can be traced to the year 1640. Massachusetts Puritans established schools to teach basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills, and cultivate values serving a democratic society. The implication was that some history and civics was taught.

- From 1900 to 1910, nutrition, immunizations, and health were added to the list of school responsibilities.
- From 1910 to 1930, the following were added: physical education, including organized activities. Practical arts such as woodworking, needlework. Vocational education, including home economics and agricultural education. Additionally school transportations began to be mandated.
- In the 1940s, business education, art, music, speech and drama were added. Also, half day kindergarten and school lunch programs appeared. This was a significant shift to the schools doing the job of feeding American's children 1/3 of their daily meals.
- In the 1950s, expanded science and math education, safety education, driver's education, expanded music and art education, foreign language requirements were strengthened. Sex education was introduced.
- In the 1960s, advanced placement programs started. As well as, Head Start, Title I, adult education, consumer education, career education, peace, leisure and recreation education.
- In the 1970s: Special Education mandated by the Federal Government. Title IX programs (greatly expanded athletic programs for girls). Drug and alcohol abuse education, parent education, behavior adjustment classes, character education, environmental education, women's students, African-American heritage education and school breakfast programs appeared.
- In the 1980s: Keyboarding and computer education, global education, ethnic education, multicultural/non-sexist education, English as a second language, and bilingual education, teen pregnancy awareness, Hispanic heritage education, early childhood education, Jump-Start,

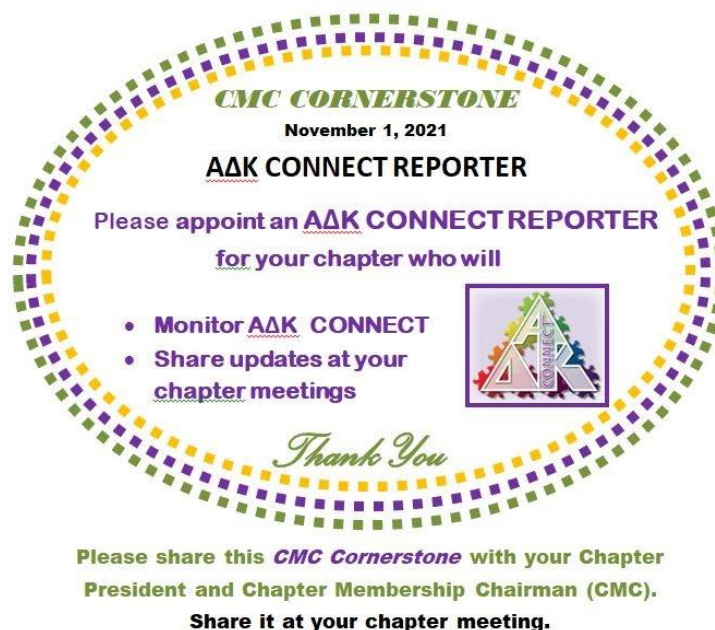
Early Start, Even Start, and Prime Start, full day kindergarten, pre-school programs for children at risk, after school programs for children of working parents, alternative education in all its forms, stranger/danger education, anti-smoking education, sexual abuse prevention education, health and psychological services were expanded and child abuse monitoring became a legal requirement for all teachers.

- In the 1990s: Conflict resolution and peer mediation, HIV/AIDS education, CPR training, death education, expanded computer and Internet education, tech prep and school to work programs, gang education (in urban centers), bus safety, bicycle safety, gun safety and water safety education.

Since 2000, we have seen major shifts in education legislature, funding and curriculum. However, one thing that has stayed the same is that our kids still need us. No matter what gets put on our shoulders, teachers are the strongest in the workforce!

Homework question(s) or Food for thought...Why do you do what you do? What gives you pleasure in your teaching position?

Membership



ATTENTION: If you are a 35+ year member, Kathy Saving and Barb Corder are collecting your stories to share. Kathy wants to compile them to be ready for the Kansas State Convention. Please let your chapter president know if you have a story to share with the membership. Your chapter president will get it to them if you are having difficulties with this project. Thank you!

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. I saw many different ways we have been sending support...



**Kansas &
International
Altruism**

Alzheimer's Association

Nancy Thompson, Kansas AΔK Longest Day Chairman, has already set up the Kansas Longest Day Team. If your 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. 126th Terrace Olathe, KS 66061 nancythompson48@gmail.com

Wichita State University Endowment

Joyce Perkins, Kansas Treasurer, reports that currently we have \$19,118.34 in our Endowment Fund being housed at International. Wow! Thank you so much for your generosity!



*Come Join Kansas Alpha Delta Kappa
Sisters*

*And Kick Off the Holidays with an
ΑΔΚ 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

At the home of Barb Corder

11909 Cherokee Lane

Leawood, Kansas 66209

Please RSVP to Barb:

rcorder@kc.rr.com or home phone: 913-491-1718 or text: 913-481-3020

Dates to Remember

November 1

[Excellence in Education Award chapter or self-nomination deadline](#)

November 15

[Innovation Grant deadline](#)

Attached are the forms on the email I sent to you with the newsletter.

November 25-26

International Headquarters closed for Thanksgiving

December 15

Application deadline for Regional President-Elect (North Central, Northeast, Northwest and South Central Regions)

December 24-31

International Headquarters closed for winter holiday break

January 1

International dues are due

January 8

"Oh, the Places You'll Go and See"—A Virtual ITE weekend. 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST; 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. CST; 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. MST; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. PST.

April 2022

State Scholarship Application Due

May 6

Ex. Board/Chairs Dinner at Topeka Country Club 6:00PM

May 7, 2022

Kansas AΔK Convention
Shawnee Heights Middle School
Topeka, KS

July 6-8, 2022

South Central Regional Conference
Hyatt Hotel
Wichita, KS



Chapter Chatter

Despite some cloudy skies, a brief rain shower, and a sister who broke her wrist while decorating, members of Kansas Upsilon Chapter and their guests joyously celebrated their 70th anniversary of AΔK on October 2, 2021. Members arrived early that morning to assist the hostesses (Diane Reeves, Peggy Stewart, and LuAnne Vides) in setting up and preparing for the morning activities. Several displays were set up around the room including one for scrapbooks, another for Ways and Means items, and one for the Omega service. A photo booth with fun props was also available.

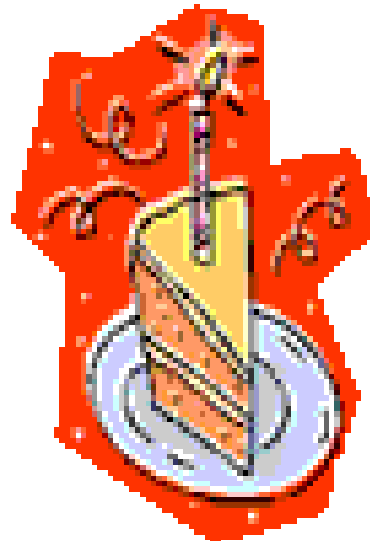
From left: Connie Allmond, Marcia Callaway, Janet Baker, Teresa Brentlinger



From left: Deena Eaton, Linda Swan, Peggy Stewart



Connie Allmond with broken wrist!



Tables were festively decorated with gold tablecloths, birthday hats, violets, balloons, goodie bags and confetti.



Clockwise from left: Teresa Brentlinger, Diane Reeves, Connie Allmond, Marcia Callaway. In background: Deena Eaton, Peggy Stewart, Linda Swan (back to camera).



From left (clockwise) Beverly Love, Cheryl Sigel, Barbara Corder

We enjoyed a tasty breakfast to begin the celebration. Cupcakes decorated like violets and “Happy Birthday, ADK” were available to go.



More yummy cupcakes

The group was welcomed by Upsilon Chapter President, Karol Kenzy (pictured with State President, Cheryl Sigel).



Several other program highlights included El Dorado mayor, Bill Young, who read a proclamation declaring Oct. 2nd as ADK Upsilon Chapter Day.



El Dorado Mayor Bill Young



Linda Johnson and Susan Holthaus narrate "The Locker Room" skit

A skit entitled "The Locker Room" was enthusiastically narrated by Susan Holthaus and Linda Johnson. It showcased Upsilon Chapter members and the offices and/or committees on which they serve.

A slideshow and chapter history were presented, followed by a brief fraternity education activity. Connie Allmond introduced our honored guests, which included many of our state officers and a former member, Joyce Schneider. Following guest introductions, we were encouraged to share a special memory about our sorority. Cheryl Sigel, State President, offered congratulations to our chapter upon achieving our 70-year milestone



State President, Cheryl Sigel



Seated left: Louise Jacques, LuAnne Vides (standing) and Sharon Pooler(seated right)

LuAnne Vides led the Omega service; as names were read, we shared memories of our sisters. The program concluded with the singing of The Lamp of ADK and the announcement of the raffle winner.

We thank our honored guests and members who attended and made the event so enjoyable with sisterly fellowship. We have many happy memories of the day!



From left: Kathy Saving, Joyce Perkins, Karol Kenzy, Marla Hayden, Cheryl Sigel, Barbara Corder, Nancy Thompson, Louise Jacquez, and Valerie Nordberg



SCR

Make plans to attend the South Central Regional Conference July 6-8, 2022. Kansas is the host state so start planning on helping our team of sisters at this event! If you do not know the leaders from Kansas are:

Sherryl Longhofer, SCR Chairman

Barb Corder, SCR Vice Chairman

Cheryl Sigel, SCR Treasurer and Registrar,

Lyla Hoyland, Music (piano)

Nancy Thompson, Learning Chairman

Nancy Medina, SCR Membership Chairman

Rho Chapter, Wichita Chapter

There are others...Just know we do need all Kansas sisters' to help with this event! More information will be coming soon!

SCR Regional President Elect

Currently we do not have anyone running for the SCR for Regional President-Elect. Emails were sent out with the application process to Kansas members this week. The SCR has until December 15, 2021 to find someone to run. This person will have this position for one year with the current SCR IVP, Rachel Shankles. They would then have the position of SCR Regional President after the International Convention in 2023 to the International Convention in 2025. After the next SCR Regional President-Elect is elected, the SCR Regional President will mentor the SCR Regional President-Elect. You can find these guideline on the international website with the 2022-2023 Regional President-Elect Application.

The SCR Altruistic is called Wichita's Littlest Heroes!



What's happening in Kansas with our sisters and families?

Epsilon Chapter:	Olive Ubel Terri McManus Phyllis Kelly	Cancer/Chemo Treatments Surgery Fall
Theta Chapter:	Elaine King	Thinking of you
Rho Chapter:	Marla Hayden Terri Evans	Automobile Accident Stepfather passed
Sigma Chapter:	Bonnie Walz Diane Lang	Aneurisms/Heart Issue Father passed
Upsilon Chapter:	Connie Allmond Susan Zieman	Broken Wrist Hospital Stay
Alpha Alpha Chapter:	Nancy Medina	Accident (stitches)
Alpha Gamma Chapter:	Melissia Go Carolyn LaFever	Vein Surgery Fall (Broken Arm/Tooth)
Missouri IPP	Kathy Kollmeyer	Accident (stitches)

Celebrations



Silver Sisters (25 years in Alpha Delta Kappa!)

Theta Chapter:	Jean Beach Sally Stewart
Upsilon Chapter:	Susan Zieman

In closing, the song, "You are my Sunshine" pops into my mind. Each day is a blessing to behold. So go out and spread the love of **AΔK** and send sunshine along the way! Until next month...Enjoy your Holiday traditions for November with love and laughter...Hugs, Cheryl Sigel

