

# The Arizona World Orchestra

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**AΔK Making an Impact!**  
**Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa 2018-2020**



## From the Composer's Desk

As the end of this school year approaches, many districts are making decisions to “cut” programs in schools and often times, the **arts** are the first to fall. What can be done? Often times, parents’ voices are stronger than the educators in the community. Parents can become involved in a music/ arts booster group and volunteer to help at events. Another is to take time to thank administrators and teachers for the music/arts programs presented in the school or community. Parents can write letters to the newspaper, contact local media regarding upcoming music/arts programs and send photos to highlight these events. Finally contact board members, administrators, and local government leaders to any and all of these music/ art recitals.

At this same time, Alpha Delta Kappa, our teacher sorority’s numbers are depleting slowly and steadily. What can be done to revitalize? Each chapter is checking out the reasons why a sister didn’t renew her membership, searching for possible new members and trying to ensure members renew for another year. What about planning an AΔK Tea for late July or early August for teachers in your area? Hawaii has great success with this endeavor. Yes, each sister needs to be proactive, searching for a teacher who has similar precepts or principles in her life: excellence in education, world understanding and altruism! Arizona’s lucky to have Twyla Preising as the AZ Membership Consultant and she sends ideas and messages on a monthly basis to all of the chapter membership consultants. She has asked each and every one of us to be searching in schools, churches, social and community events for women educators who value AΔK principles! Best of luck in your search! What a Wonderful World...Alpha Delta Kappa searching for new amazing and philanthropic teachers!

Betty Ehret, AZ State President

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## Dates to Remember

### June 30

- H-114 Chapter Highlights Summary is due to International. Submit online visit “Documents and Forms” then choose “Chapter”.

### July 17—20

- International Convention Hilton, Minneapolis.

### July 18

- Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Dinner 6:30 pm at The Keys at Foshay's.

### August 3

- The Arizona World Orchestra #5 Submission Deadline for Convention articles and News.

### September 1

- The Arizona World Orchestra #5 is Distributed.

### Presidents Council Meeting

### September 14

- PCCP Meeting — Casa Grande — for Chapter Officer's

### Founders' Days

### October 5

Colorado District, Carol Strickland, Chairman

### October 12

Northern District — Judy Kimbrough, Chairman, Alpha Beta, Window Rock.

### October 19

Central District, Iota Chapter Hostess in Casa Grande.

### October 26

Southern District Alicia Martinez & Pat Trias, Co-Chairs.

## LONGEST DAY REMINDER!

Hello Sisters,

It is time to gather your donations and make your final plans for the ALZ Longest Day on June 21st.

After you have collected donations, you can submit them online at ALZ Longest Day 2019 under Molly Nottingham, team captain for Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa or send checks to Molly Nottingham at PO Box 1299, Paonia, CO. 81438. Deadline for submitting money is June 30, 2019. If you have questions please contact Molly Nottingham [AAK.mollyn@gmail.com](mailto:AAK.mollyn@gmail.com). Thank you and best wishes for successful fundraising for Alpha Delta Kappa Alzheimer's Longest Day!



## REMINDER:

### Arizona's Alpha Delta Kappa Dinner, Minneapolis, MN

Who: Arizona Sisters, Spouses and friends

When: Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Where: Keys At The Forshay - a restaurant for the AZ Dinner

Website to check out menu: [www.keysfoshay.com](http://www.keysfoshay.com)

Meet in Hilton lobby @ 6 pm

Reservations Due no later than June 18! Email

ASAP Nancy Martinez [Martinez.nanc@gmail.com](mailto:Martinez.nanc@gmail.com)



# Sisters!

## See You in Minneapolis July 17-20



## Big PAW???

### Where in the World is Marion Southall?

**WORLD UNDERSTANDING Trivia**

**Marian Hoff, AZ State  
World Understanding Chair**

This US National Park and Preserve is a vast and essentially untouched wilderness park – with no roads, no trails, and no established campsites. The park has no set routes in place and visitors may wander at will across 8.4 million acres of superlative natural beauty. This is a place for discovery and exploration.

There are no established services within the park boundaries and only limited means of communication work effectively to contact anyone for assistance. Cell phones don't work here.

Visitors to the park should be PROFICIENT in outdoor survival skills, and be prepared to care for their own life and their partner(s) if an emergency arises.

Last month's answer was the World famous Keukenhof Garden in Holland. Sad I didn't get any response but my e-mail was incorrectly listed. Hope to hear from more this month. Marian Hoff, e-mail correction is [642mmh@gmail.com](mailto:642mmh@gmail.com)



## ARIZONA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

**Invites you to BECOME A SPONSOR  
For the Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention  
May 2, 2020 - Sheraton Four Points, Phoenix**

Dear Arizona Friends of Educators:

**Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa (AΔK) invites you to become a sponsor of our state gathering of outstanding women educators.** Arizona AΔK members are awarded membership in the international organization of women educators, focusing on professional excellence, world understanding and altruism. Approximately one thousand women educators around the country are welcomed into this organization annually. Arizona is proud of its four hundred members who are always helping their community become a better place.

**Support can take many forms, and sponsors will be recognized as advocates for education.** Your monetary contribution will allow you and your organization to be seen as a promoter of excellence in education. Chapter or individual sponsors will be recognized within the convention program. Business sponsors may send small-sized logo for the convention program, or may send individual logo materials, such as pens, pencils to be placed in the convention folder for each member attending.

**Send Check, payable to Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa to Sue McConnell (address below) by Friday, November 15, 2019.** For more information, contact AΔK Convention Co-Chair, Sue McConnell at [sharonsuemc@cox.net](mailto:sharonsuemc@cox.net), or State President, Betty Ehret, at [bettyanne.ehret@gmail.com](mailto:bettyanne.ehret@gmail.com). Complete the form below. Thank you in advance for your support!

### SPONSOR/VENDOR FORM for Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa, a 501 (c)(3)

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Available Opportunities (Check off those that apply):

- ☐ Small business logo for including in convention program for member attending
- ☐ Logo materials in include in convention folder for members attending
- ☐ Logo materials, etc. for display on ½ table for members attending
- ☐ Pamphlets of organization to be included in convention folder for members attending

Amount of check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD (Payable to Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa,

**Mail to: Sue McConnell, AZ Convention Co-Chair, 12063 N. 118<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85259.**





## **“What Happened?” by Twyla Humphrey Preising**

### **Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Consultant**

As we come to the end of the first year of the 2018-2020 biennium, I am asking all chapters to please review membership statistics. Celebrate your successes! Celebrate your new and reinstated members! Were there any losses? We send our sympathies for any Omega sisters. Although their loss is very sad, please take inspiration from their achievements. Did any members resign or were dropped due to non-payment of dues? Please reach out to them and find out why this happened. Also, let them know that **the door of membership is always opened to them.**

Our International numbers are heartbreaking. These numbers were sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019. 708 new members, 228 reinstated members, 1445 Resignations/ dropped due to non-payment of dues, 353 Omegas for a **net loss of 862. 5 ENTIRE CHAPTERS were lapsed due to non-payment of dues.** The total of lapsed chapters stands at 30. Ladies, we are down to 27,761 members. Please let these numbers sink in – something must be done. Why are we seeing so many members give up their membership in Alpha Delta Kappa?

I am sending out a SOC signal. **Save Our Chapters, Save Our Chapters, Save Our Chapters!** When the Titanic was sinking there was no need to find out why passengers were jumping ship! If the RMS Carpathia had come along side and sent 5,000 new passengers to board the Titanic, they too would have had to jump ship to save themselves. So what am I getting to... we have to find out why so many sisters are choosing to “jump ship” from the SS Alpha Delta Kappa. If our chapters have had any sisters to resign or were removed from the membership rolls because they did not pay their dues, we need to know why. Have the person in the chapter that feels the closest to this sister to make a call and inquire why they left. We need the data to better understand what is happening.

In a future column I would like to interview a chapter President who has an excellent retention rate of membership and share their secret for keeping their membership roster ship-shape. I want to share their secret to success with everyone! Please contact me so that we can turn the tide for Alpha Delta Kappa.



# WELCOME

## New Our Members



### Lambda Chapter

New members pictured left to right: Chaplain Joie Vidoni, Betty Ehret, AZ State President, Jan Copenhaver, sponsor Michele Ekstrom, and initiate Ellen James.

### Alpha Nu Chapter

Jen McColl was initiated and welcomed as a member of Alpha Nu.

Alpha Nu initiated its first Honorary Members; Tipsuda Chaomungkhong (ITE student attending ASU) and Sherry Schaerges who were also initiated and welcomed.

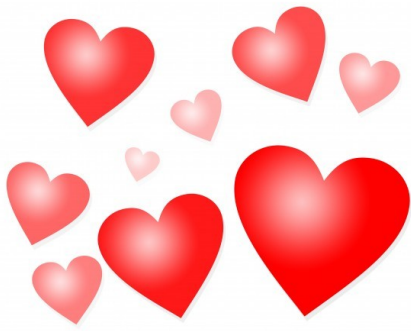
### Omicron Chapter

Omicron chapter initiated Kimber Munsey. Kimber is our youngest member and we are all eager to help her. She will be teaching Intermediate at Steele Elementary in TUSD this fall.

### Alpha Alpha Chapter

Nancy Martinez, AZ State President Elect, reinstated Dawne Spangler Alpha Alpha chapter member.





### Arizona State Cares and Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Connie Berger, Gamma chapter, past president and current treasurer, who recently had a pace maker implanted. Our best wishes for a full recovery!

Sandy Marshall, Fidelis Theta chapter injured her knee on her cruise to Eastern Europe this summer. We hope your recovery doesn't keep the "energizer bunny" down too long!

### Arizona's Heavenly Choir Sings Out Our Condolences to Arizona Sisters who have lost family members.



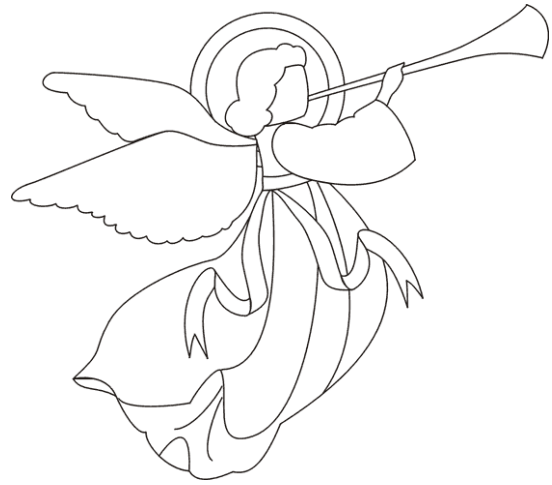
Our sympathies to Alicia Martinez, Psi chapter on the passing of her beloved sister, Essie Encinas.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Yvonne Ramirez, Beta chapter on the passing of her mother.

We are saddened to learn that Kerry Shettko has had a devastating loss. Her younger brother has just passed away from a massive heart attack.

May you all find comfort and solace in the support and caring of your Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters.

### Our Omega Sisters Who Have Joined the Heavenly Choir



Nelda Harayda McCrocklin passed away Saturday afternoon, April 20, 2019. Nelda, a member of Psi chapter, was 88 and was born January 7, 1931. Her chapter sister will miss her dearly. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Psi chapter as they remember the cherished memories of Nelda.

Pat Evans recently passed away. Pat, originally a member of Delta and then a member of Fidelis Theta, was a Golden Sister. Pat loved AΔK and enjoyed music, writing, and community service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Psi and Fidelis Theta as their chapters gather the threads of memories and moments they have shared and weave them into a beautiful tapestry. All our sisters have a home in our hearts forever.



## Arizona World Symphonies

State Chairs Sing Out



### Proposals for the New State Altruistic Projects for 2020-2022

The State Altruistic Project for each biennium shall be voted on by the members attending the State Convention. The State Altruistic Project shall be one that will represent the total state membership in all four districts.

#### Procedure:

- Every chapter and the incoming State President may submit a project in writing to the current State Altruistic Chairman for a State Altruistic Project.
- This proposal shall include the reason for this submission as a State Altruistic Project. Needs to include information about the organization such as financial reports, brochures, newspaper articles, and if subsidized by the government.
- The State Altruistic Chairman shall review projects that are submitted.
- At the January Board Meeting prior to the State Convention, the Altruistic Chairman shall present no more than three (3) projects for consideration. One of which shall be the incoming President's proposal if submitted.
- The State newsletter will have all proposals with information about the projects selected.

- Members attending the State convention will vote on the project for the next biennium.

Please submit your chapter ideas for the next State Altruistic Project by December 31, 2019 to:

Sandy Marshall  
10819 w. Santa Fe Dr  
Sun City, Az 85351  
azsandy123@cox.net



### ATTENTION Arizona AΔK Teachers & Sisters!

Take a good look around! Do you see one of your sisters that you know is an exceptional educator? Does she go the extra mile to help and educate not only her students, but her colleagues as well? Does she volunteer for extra projects? If so, have you considered nominating her for the Excellence in Education Award?

Nominations are due to the Excellence in Education Committee by November 1, 2019. Look for the nomination form on page 9. Please consider talking with your actively teaching sisters and nominate one or more of them today. Packets will be sent to nominees between November 1-15, 2019.

The Southwest Region has always done an excellent job of recognizing the sisters among us who are outstanding. Let's continue this tradition in Arizona by nominating as many worthy women as possible.

Thank you for your attention.  
Helen Valliere  
AZ State EiE Chair





## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Excellence in Education Award recognizes members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education. To be eligible, the nominee must be an active member in good standing, be actively engaged in the education profession and be under contract in teaching, administration, or some specialized field of education. Nominated by a colleague or parent, nominees' adjudication is based on professional dedication, knowledge, skills, professional achievement and success, school/community involvement, contributions to the educational process and active participation in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

S/P/N Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Write a narrative describing your association with the nominee and why she is a worthy candidate for this award. In order to be considered, all narratives must use: • 8 ½ inch by 11-inch paper • 1" margins • Times New Roman Font, size 12 • 1.5 line spacing • 1200 word maximum **(In order for this nomination to be considered, limitation cannot be exceeded.)**

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School/District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

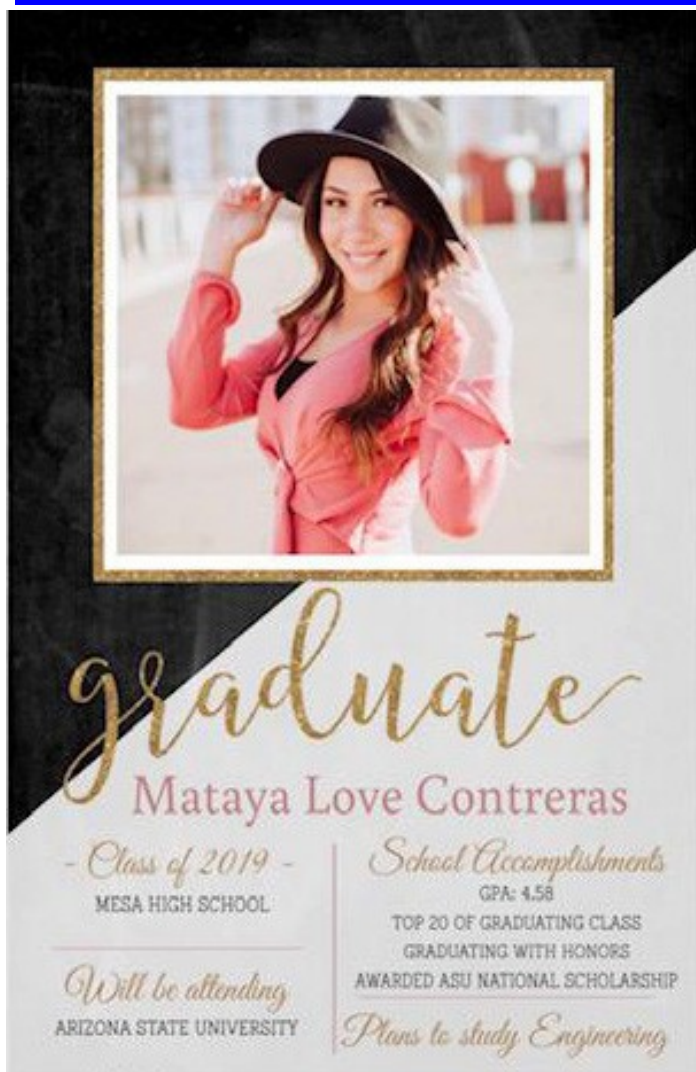
Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this award? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with the narrative to the State/Province/Nation Excellence in Education Chairman. Nomination forms can be mailed with a postmark of November 1 or by email dated by November 1 (odd year). All forms received by email or postmarked AFTER November 1 cannot be considered. The S/P/N chairman will send a notification upon receipt of the nomination form via mail or email.

If submitted by a parent, please send to Alpha Delta Kappa International Headquarters, 1615 W 92<sup>nd</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64114, postmarked by November 1 (odd year).



## Arizona State Scholarship News

### Gloria Suarez, State Scholarship Chair

### Meet our Scholarship Winners!

The Family Education Scholarship (F.E.S.) award recipient for 2019 is **Mataya Contreras**, granddaughter of Gloria Weber, AZ Theta. Mataya will be attending Arizona State University (ASU), beginning in the summer of 2019, majoring in Biochemical Engineering/Technology, with a minor in Medicine. Mataya would like to be a part of a program that would teach her how to work and help individuals who have lost a limb. She would like to fulfill her “dream of having a life-long career of helping others.”

Mataya secured a part-time cashier position at Café Zupas in her senior year at Mesa High School and maintained her 4.58 GPA in her honor and A.P. classes. She will graduate in the top 20 students of her senior class in May 2019. Her extra-curricular activities include photography, dance, track, AVID and church choir. She helps her parents babysit her younger sister and takes her Freshman sister to high school with her.

Her letters of recommendation are outstanding and she is highly regarded for both her academics and her personal ethics. Congratulations to Mataya! We are proud of you and wish you great success in your college career!

The Arizona Mini-Scholarship recipients for spring activities are Robin Leebardt and Valerie Barsevich. Each sister received \$125 toward their conference/training.

Robin Leebardt, State President of the Council of Chapter Presidents (P.C.C.P.), attended the Arizona Music Educator Conference held on February 1-2, 2019 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa, AZ. The latest research was presented, new teaching techniques were taught and technology updates were shared. She will use these techniques to motivate students and to network and collaborate with educators from around the state.

Valerie (Val) Barsevich attended the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Certification Training held on December 11-14, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. The indicator instrument is administered by trained professionals all over the world and is the most widely used personality assessment of its kind. She hopes to use this instrument as a co-facilitator with Loving Spirit, a non-profit organization, which seeks to change the way people think, prepare for and respond to grief and loss. Val would like to share this information at an AΔK conference professional development break-out session or at chapter meetings.

Congratulations to both Robin and Val!

## Composing our AZ Chapter Banner Parade! The Meaning Behind Those Priceless Banners!



### Arizona Lambda Chapter Central District

In the background of AZ Lambda's banner stands the mountains of Arizona reaching to the sky. The Saguaro stands proudly depicting the unique Sonoran desert found only in this region. Our chapter's truly important issues of Education and Altruism are written in bold, similar to our purpose. The cactus brings a smile to your face with its cute name, the Prickly Pear, even though its touch is not so cute. The colors: purple, golden yellow and olive green highlight the connection to Alpha Delta Kappa.

### Arizona Delta Chapter Central District

Delta's Banner was made by Lois Allen, (Delta Past Chapter President) about 35 years ago. She designed, sewed and painted the violets to represent a circle of "us" in Alpha Delta Kappa. Lois has been gone for a long while, but true sisterhood and camaraderie remains after 60 years as a chapter. There was a suggestion to re-make the banner, but it has such true meaning that we have not changed it at all.





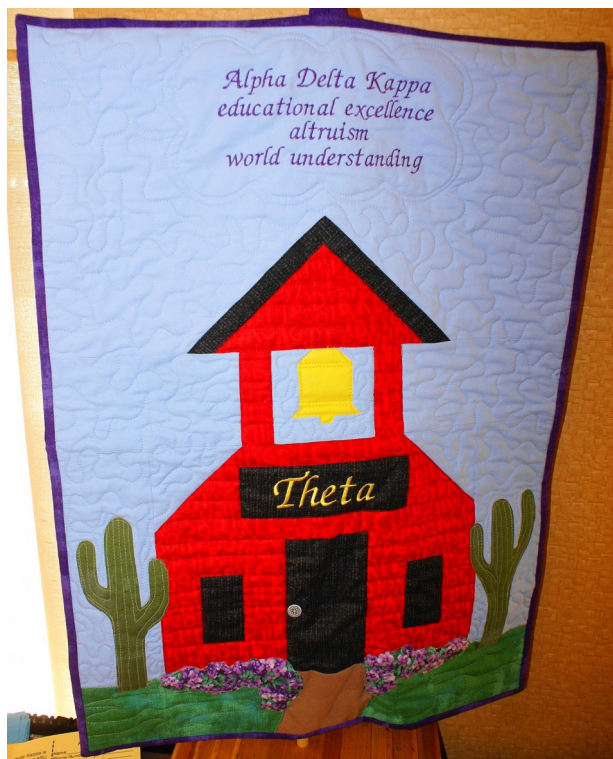
### AZ Theta Chapter Central District

The schoolhouse represents all of the marvelous dedicated teachers of AΔK.

The saguaros represent the wonderful state of Arizona.

The violets on the pathway are the beautiful flowers of AΔK.

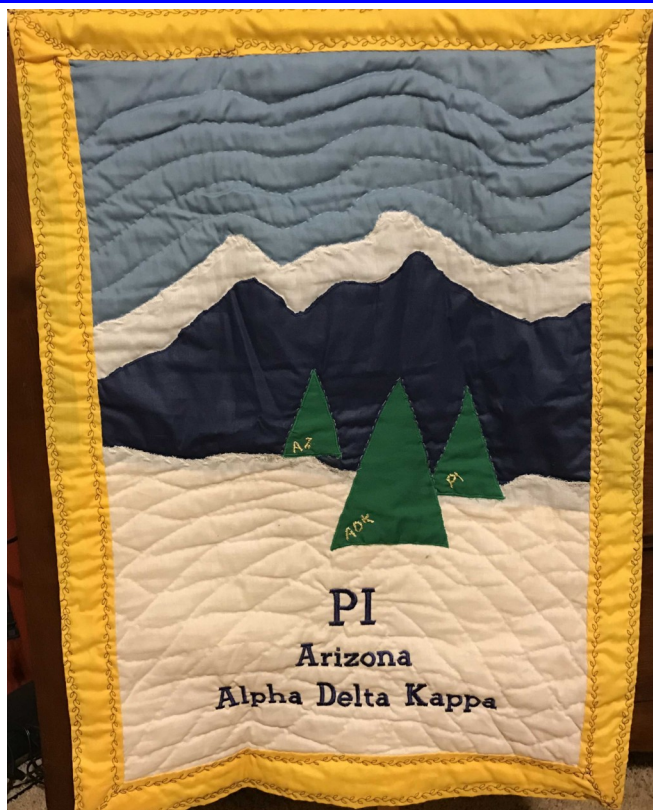
The motto of AΔK is at the top with the chapter name over the door of the schoolhouse.



### AZ Pi Chapter

#### Pi Salutes Northern Arizona

Arizona Pi is proud of its quilted banner depicting the Northern climate found in Flagstaff. The snowcapped mountains attract many visitors escaping from the desert climate. The tall, green pine trees stand erect against the mountains. The blue skies are spectacular and the blanket of snow covers the ground, anywhere from October through May. The Pi sisters invite you to come and visit the high country!



### AZ Sigma Chapter Southern District

Bernice Lentz made our original banner. Bea Swanson, a Fidelis member, made our current banner. Bea used the colors of Alpha Delta Kappa--purple, gold, and green. AΔK's flower, the violet, is featured on the banner.





## Arizona World Melodies

**AZ Chapters  
Sing Out for  
Awards,  
Recognitions  
and Scholarships!**



### Alpha Lambda Sisters recognized as Top Twenty Distinguished Teachers!

On Saturday, May 3, 2019, the Lake Havasu City's K-12 Foundation honored the Top Twenty Distinguished Teachers who inspired their students. Two Alpha Lambda Sisters Marie Hendry and Kerry Shettko were selected by past/present students in recognition of their impact on the students' education.

Kerry commented, "The best part of interacting with kids on a daily basis is no day is ever the same. Each day brought new rewards and challenges. Seeing the world through the eyes of my students was inspiring. I loved how they each approached learning with their own flair. No year or lesson was ever the same. My students kept me on my toes and filled my heart with happiness."

Marie Hendry, a 15 year veteran claimed, "The greatest rewards of teaching are having students as Little Knights, and then coming back as high school students to teach in the program. When high school students discover their passion for their career and work it brings me great joy and happiness."

Congratulations to these amazing teachers, who followed our Founding sisters' footsteps. What a Wonderful World... Alpha Delta Kappa and Excellence in Education!



**The Top Twenty Distinguished Teachers!**

Alpha Lambda Chapter members pictured — first row second from left, Marie Hendry is Early Education, CTE at the high school and in the second row, second from left is our secretary, Kerry Shettko, retired elementary teacher. This is truly amazing to have two from our chapter and we couldn't be more proud!



### Lambda gives Chapter Scholarship!

Kevin Chang is a student at Paradise Valley Community College studying to be a special education teacher. He hopes to work with autistic high school age students in the future. Kevin is extremely grateful for this AΔK AZ Lambda scholarship, especially since there are fewer opportunities for a male in the field.

Pictured: Doris Chaillie -Scholarship Ch, Kevin Chang - recipient, Mary Rasi, Lambda President



### Psi Chapter Awards and Recognitions!

Psi chapter congratulates Michelle Roosma who received the Ben's Bells Kindness award at her school.

We are so proud of our Psi members who have been nominated by their schools as Teachers of the Year! Way to go Manuela Gilbride who was nominated for Teacher of the Year at Sahuarita Intermediate School and Jenny Warren who was named Teacher of the Year for Soleng Tom and nominated at the district level.

Holly Lukanob was selected NAU College of

Education's "Outstanding Doctoral Student of the Year from the Curriculum and Instruction Program" and nominated for best Doctoral Dissertation.

Congratulations to all!



### Arizona World Melodies Arizona Chapters Sing Out Chapter News

### Mu Welcomes Teacher of the Year Kareem Neal

If you ask a Mu sister about our April speaker, Teacher of the Year, Kareem Neal, the response will bring a smile to your face. Betty Ehret had the distinct pleasure of introducing Kareem at AZ Mu's April Chapter meeting. His story is a very inspiring and passion filled educational journey and he is still traveling "full speed ahead" as he continues to be an advocate for children and young adults with special needs.

Kareem Neal has taught for 20 years, including 11 years at Maryvale High School, teaching Community Based Training for students who have moderate to severe disabilities to access academic content standards through modified curriculum. Community Based Training is designed to help students perform as independently and productively as possible in their home, school, and community environment.

Kareem's charisma came through during the question and answer time. Thanks, Kareem, for a very inspirational story!





**Arizona World  
Melodies**

**Arizona Chapters  
Sing Out  
Chapter News**



Alpha Alpha enjoyed making Container Gardens at the Walter Garden Center. We were joined by the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma - Key Women Educators, for this event.



Delta Kappa Gamma members assembling their container gardens



Alpha Alpha AΔK members Jeri Hamilton and Ann Hein working on their container gardens.



On the left - Lisa Watters - she and her husband own Watters Garden Center and she was our instructor for the day. Please note that she is one of Sherry Baca's former students in 9th grade. Jeri Hamilton also went to school with Lisa and her husband.



Alpha Alpha AΔK member Lori Stuckman on the right with her daughter, Shelley, on the left and her mom Sheila McKnight in the center. They are posing with their completed container gardens.







## AZ Chapters Celebrate their 50th Anniversaries!

### Alpha Alpha Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Due to the unpredictability of the winter months, Alpha Alpha Chapter chose to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its charter on Saturday, May 4, 2019, with a breakfast followed by creating individual planters for their homes. Betty Ehret, Arizona AΔK State President, attended the breakfast meeting and presented Jeri Hamilton, Chapter President, with a golden bowl to celebrate their commitment to the principles of Alpha Delta Kappa. After a delicious breakfast, the chapter met at Watters Garden Center to create masterpieces of gardening, under the instruction of Lisa Watters, owner of the Garden. Notice the beautiful flowers and plants the sisters used in their creations.

Congratulations to Alpha Alpha and continue to grow and spread the principles of our Founding Sisters – Excellence in Education, World Understanding and Altruism!



Mandy Atherton, a PHS Math teacher who was runner-up for Yavapai County 1st year Teacher of the Year and Suzy Turrentine.



Betty Ehret giving Jeri the 50th anniversary gift.



Val Young, our treasurer and Debbie Hammer.



Nancy Martinez - our immediate past president and state president elect) and Jeri Hamilton, our chapter president



## AZ Alpha Beta turns 50

What was happening in your life on April 26, 1969? On that very day, AZ Alpha Beta Chapter was chartered! On Saturday, April 27, 2019, the members of Alpha Beta gathered at the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, New Mexico to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their chapter's charter. Kristi Koziol, AZ State Recording Secretary, went on behalf of the Executive Board to honor this amazing feat! Congratulations, Alpha Beta, and 50 more years, please!



Dottie Nelson Lizer, Second Lady Navajo Nation and Judy Kimbrough



Judy Kimbrough, Renee Atcitty, Marie Upshaw And Lilly Davis



Golden Anniversary Memories





## AZ Chapters Sing Out Special Occasions!

## Iota Golden Sister Celebration It is an honor to recognize our Golden Sisters Clotilde Hernandez and Carolyn Gilbert!

Cloe has Alzheimer's and two of her sons brought her to the celebration. The one spoke on her behalf. He really got emotional about how much AΔK meant to his mom and to the family. He is also a teacher. He taught with his mom a couple of years and told a story about when his mom was having a parent/teacher conference late one night - first floor, doors open when a snake slithered into her room, across her foot and into her closet and she just carried on with no reaction. What a story!

Carolyn Gilbert is an original charter member of the chapter that was in Wilcox. After she moved to Casa Grande she transferred into Iota.

Congratulations to both our exceptional Sisters!

Iota's president, Karen Borel-Kelley created a personalized ceremony for the ladies. Carolyn is far left and Cloe is sitting at the far right.



Cloe Hernandez and her son lighting the candle for the ceremony



Chaplain, Maria Garcia with her Thought for the Day during the ceremony

Carolyn Gilbert

