

The Arizona World Orchestra

Convention Special Edition

AΔK Making an Impact!

Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa 2018-2020



2019 AΔK Convention Special Edition

Welcome to the "land of 10,000 lakes." Nestled between the banks of the Mississippi River and the Mall of America is the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, sight of the 31st International Convention of Alpha Delta Kappa. International President Sue Pelchat welcomed over 1250 sisters and AΔK Association members to celebrate "A Light to All the Lands!"

Nine hundred and thirty-nine (939) delegates and seventy-nine (79) alternates voted on 26 bylaw proposals, three (3) resolutions, the 2019-2021 Altruistic Projects, and elected international officers.

Our days were filled with awards and honor presentations, Excellence in Education recognition, altruistic projects, speakers, luncheons, reports, altruistic sales, a day-long educational symposium, a memorial service for our sisters who joined our Omega chapter, installation of international officers and an "Into the Woods" banquet. **Did we have fun? Y'betcha!** Betty Jo Evers, IVPM



Orchestra Playlist

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Thank You Sisters!



Arizona is proud to acknowledge our sisters who worked tirelessly at the International level:

Ann Marie Brown – International Executive Board Member
Betty Jo Evers – International Vice President for Membership
Shirley Bruns – Chair of International Teacher Education Board
Sandy Marshall – Member of International Bylaws
Nancy Harrison – Southwest Historian.

We also want to highlight special recognition for those who helped make the Convention an amazing success:

Alice Brinton – Balloting Committee
Sue McConnell – Credentials Committee

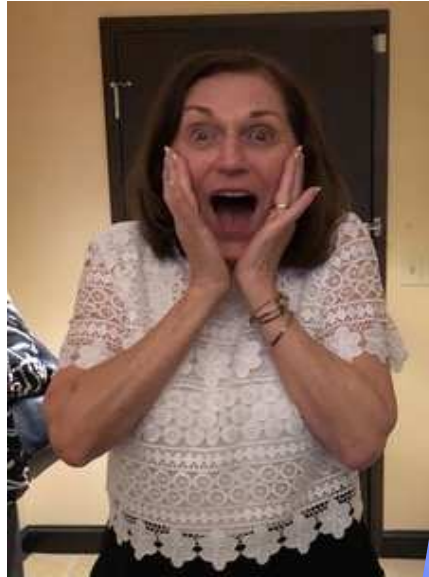
Workshop Presenters:
Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong and **Shirley Bruns** – ITE
Barbara Sundust – Poetry Power
Betty Jo Evers – Words, Words, Wonderful Words
Nancy Harrison – Math Game 24

Beautiful AZ voices filled the Choir -- **Filomena Brooks**, **Nedy Veloso** and **Alice Brinton**
Yvonne Caldwell served as a Sergeant-at-Arms.

A special thank you to **Nancy Martinez** for a delightful Arizona Dinner at the Keys
Debbie Stout, **Jan Karp**, **Helen Valliere**, **Betty Ehret** and **Nancy Martinez** for setting up the
Ann Marie Brown Celebration.

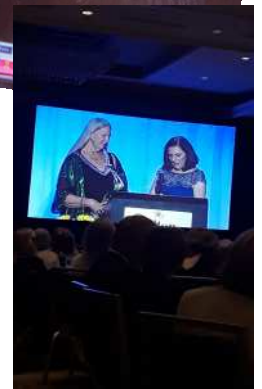
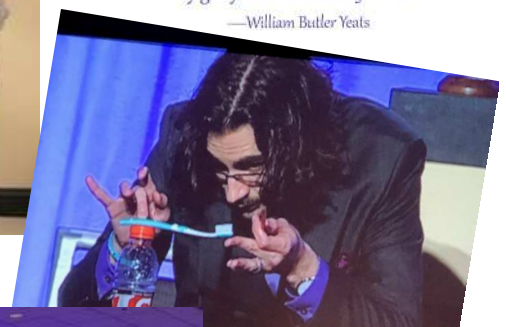
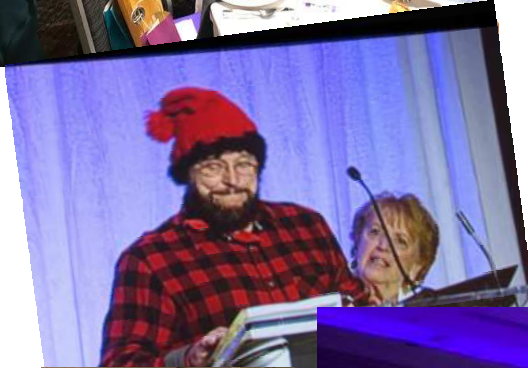
We hope we didn't leave anyone out – as everywhere you looked – Arizona was helping out!
What a Wonderful World – Arizona Making an Impact!

2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



"Think where man's glory
most begins and ends, and say
my glory was I had such friends."

—William Butler Yeats



2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TIDBITS

Being A First Timer!

2019 International Alpha Delta Kappa Convention began as I thought it might. I got off the plane in Minneapolis and met a sister at the airport from Florida. We shared a Lyft to the hotel sharing a great conversation as well. Arriving at the hotel late, I found that there were no rooms for that night and another sister from New York was in the same situation. I texted my chapter sister, Mary Henderson. She made room for both of us. All of this is what I would expect from the sisterhood of AΔK.

The First Timers meeting I attended was filled with opportunities to mingle and get to know others from around the world. I met someone who was from my hometown in Indiana though she was in a chapter from Nebraska. One of the women I met had been a marine and was now an educator.

The facilitators greeted us and let us know that the way to make the most out of the conference is to be open to meeting new people and they sent us off with an excited feeling for more to come.

Robin Shipley-Griffin, Alpha Nu



Longest Day Contributions Thank You Arizona!

Congratulations team Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa, you donated \$2,287.87 to Alzheimer's Association Longest Day this year!

Our top earners were Iota, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Beta with additional donations from individuals or chapters from Mu, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Kappa with Fidelis Zeta, Beta, Alpha Nu, Alpha Epsilon, Lambda, Psi, Gamma and Theta.

Molly Nottingham, Team Captain for Longest Day
State Corresponding Secretary

Ways and Means Sales

The state sales in Minneapolis at convention went well considering there were not many tables of sales and not much time allowed for sales. Convention time is precious and business comes first.

The sales profit totaled \$605.00 from sales of some purple dish cloths, bracelets, and badge backings. These items will also be for sale at the Sept. CCP sales in Casa Grande. You can always order badge backings by mail if you contact Suzanne Maly at smaly049@hotmail.com. Remember that our state ways and means sales goes into our education fund which will be distributed again in Feb. 2020.

Submitted by: Suzanne Maly, AZ Zeta



Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention
Wednesday, July 19, 2019
Opening Session

The International Chapter was introduced and the 31st International Convention was called to order by President Sue Pelchat.

During the morning session, letters of welcome from the Governor of Minnesota and the Mayor of Minneapolis were read. Superintendent of Instruction, Ed Graff, brought personal greetings.

The flags of the Nations and Provinces were posted. The choir led the members in singing the Anthem of each Nation and Province.

The Three P's of each State and the Provinces were introduced as a slide of their banner was displayed.



Twyla Preising, IP-State President, Betty Ehret, State President, Nancy Martinez, State President-Elect

Greetings were shared by the Local Host Committee, the Minnesota State State President and the ADKA President. The Convention Altruistic Project, "Kids Against Hunger," was explained, and it was reported that \$16,000 had been donated.

Past International Presidents were recognized and the First Timers, Silver, Sapphire, Golden and Diamond Sisters were honored with a musical tribute by the Convention Choir. All Sincers, Jetaneers and Do Dos were recognized. Also recognized in attendance were Mother and Daughters, Siblings, and Teachers and their students.

The Excellence in Education Finalists were introduced, and Camille Hedrick from North Carolina Beta Omicron was announced as the recipient. She receives \$2,500 and her school receives \$2,500.

The morning session was run in a business-like manner, but Sue's quick wit and humor kept us relaxed and waiting in anticipation of her next remarks.



Arizona's theme and banner were displayed
on the big screen as part of the
S/P/N Leadership Recognition presentation during the
Opening Session.

International Convention Altruistic Project



Shawn Hansen from Brainard Lakes Area spoke about the "Kids Against Hunger Project." This project is a food aid and humanitarian organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children and families either around the corner or abroad.



During the Convention Alpha Delta Kappa sisters collected more than \$20,000.00 in donations to the International Convention Altruistic Project — "Kids Against Hunger."



During the Educational Symposium Alpha Delta Kappa sisters had the opportunity to bag food for hungry children in the U.S. and starving children around the world. Several hundred bags were filled!



Suzanne and Dotti, Alpha Nu worked hard packing food!

Submitted by: Karla Ferwault, Alpha Nu

The First Business Session continued Wednesday afternoon after our SW Regional Luncheons beginning with selections by our Alpha Delta Kappa International Choir.



Our own Ann Marie Brown gave the International Executive Board Report/Strategic Plan Report.

Southwest Regional Luncheon



Left:
Arizona Awards

2019 Regional
Membership
Award Campaign
Betty Ehret

2019 Regional Net
Growth Certificate
of Merit
Twyla Preising

Right:
SW Regional
Awards



Ann Marie Brown



CeCe Hall



Betty Jo Evers



Nancy Martinez



Iota Chapter at the SW Regional Luncheon

Alpha Delta Kappa Southwest Region 2017-2019

Altruistic Report:

Volunteer Hours: 197,902 hours

Monetary Contributions: \$739,160

Non –Monetary Gifts: \$471,471

Scholarships: \$201,330

Total: \$1,411,961

2018 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference

Altruistic Project:

Ronald Mc Donald House, Anchorage \$7,434

Excellence in Education Award 2028

Arizona State EiE Award Recipient — Suzanne Maly, AZ Zeta

2019 Innovation Grant:

Jesse Cornett, recommended by

Margaret Cornett, AZ Pi

Jaisha Haynes, recommended by

Serenea Robare, AZ Alpha Beta

Melissa Novak, recommended by Margaret

Klingensmith, AZ Alpha Beta

Regional Professional Development Scholarships:

2017 Fall Mini-Scholarships:

Amanda Cartier, AZ Alpha Alpha

Ann Hein, AZ Alpha Alpha

Katherine Pastor, AZ Pi

2018 Spring Scholarships:

Julia Cencioso, AZ Pi

2018 Fall Scholarships:

Margaret Cornett, AZ Pi

Katherine Pastor, AZ Pi

2018 Professional Development Scholarship:

Debbie Hammer, AZ Alpha Alpha

ITE Students

Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong — ASU

BusraDeniz —ASU

Membership Awards

Membership Service Awards:

Judy Kimbrough, AZ Alpha Beta

Membership Campaign Awards:

AZ: 1-3 members — Beta, Gamma, Delta, Theta, Iota, Omicron, Pi, Sigma, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Lambda,

Alpha Nu, Fidelis Delta, Fidelis Zeta

4-6 members: — Alpha Beta

Highest Level of participation in 2019 Membership Campaign — Arizona

Voucher winners (toward 2020 Regional Conference Registration) are:

AZ Alpha Beta — \$75 and AZ Omicron —\$50

Highest Net Growth in SW 2018-2019 — Arizona

2017-2018 Seven Pearl Chapters:

Arizona: Iota, Omicron, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Nu

2018-2019 Seven Pearl Chapters:

Arizona: Theta, Iota, Pi, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Nu

Melissa Young, Co-Director of Imagine Missions, Jacqueline Loughheed World Understanding Lecturer

In what started as a few weeks of ministry, turned into a life time of love and helping the children of Haiti.

Ms Young and Imagine Missions staff worked with 100 children in establishing a school for orphaned and destitute children of Haiti ten years ago. These

children needed an education, as Haiti's private schools offered education for the rich and elite. Education in Haiti is important for the people to move beyond your place in society.

Melissa realized that helping to build a proper educational foundation in Haiti was to be her life mission.

Currently, Imagine Missions School has 400 students attending school for free! The school is considered a secondary school, Kindergarten through 8th grade. Plans for a high school are in progress and with donations from AΔK TEACH and Teach TOO altruistic projects, Imagine Missions is remodeling their existing building. They are using local Haitian residents for the construction, paying them a day's wage and giving them ownership of the school.

Imagine Missions is working on giving every child in poverty an education and with AΔK's generous spirit, we presented Melissa with a check for \$45,000 to continue the vision she and Imagine Missions has in Haiti.



Submitted by: Nancy Martinez

International Council of Presidents' Meeting

Arizona's 3 Ps, Betty Ehret, Twyla Preising and Nancy Martinez, attended the ICP or International Council of Presidents' Meeting on Wednesday, July 17. Of course, MEMBERSHIP was the Hot Topic. Sue Pelchat - International President, Judy Ganzert - International President-Elect, and Paula Davis - International Vice President of Membership were all in attendance. The 3 Ps from every state split up and discussed several topics with a chosen facilitator for each group. The information was collected with promises of disseminating the results. The Arizona sisters and chapters are charged with starting a new chapter and bringing in positive net growth to all chapters.



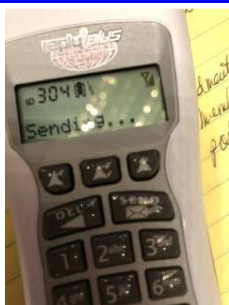
A Magical Evening in Minneapolis!



On Wednesday evening, in Minneapolis, Alpha Delta Kappa sisters and guests enjoyed a bit of magic in our lives. The International Board mystified the audience with a version of the Amazing Kreskin - just like Johnny Carson used to perform. However, Gloria Beatson played the quick-witted Mystic Psychic with Ruth Ann Griggs explaining the question the mystic had just answered. The crowd roared with laughter, and our magician, Brian Miller, explained that the Mystic and her Sidekicks was a hard act to follow. Brian Miller then dazzled the audience with the illusions he performed. Besides being a magician, Miller is a communication specialist. His TEDx talk regarding "Magically Connecting with Anyone" has been viewed and shared three million times around the world. Brian even autographed his book he brought along, ***Three New People***.

All attending thoroughly enjoyed this Magical Evening in Minneapolis!





Balloting Results Thursday at the Second and Third Business Meetings

2019-21 International Altruistic Project:
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and
Alzheimer's Association

International President Elect:
Mollie Acosta

4-year International Executive Board Member:
Charlene Lauria

2-year Executive Board Member:
Susan Wade

Southwest Regional Vice President:
Kitty Nutting

International Vice President for Membership:
Betty Jo Evers

Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions:

Bylaws Amendments 1-5 were approved before breaking for lunch. After lunch the rest of the Bylaw amendments passed except for amendments #6 and #12.

Bylaw #6 dealt with Limited members to remove Limited members as a member classification for a chapter. This failed, Limited is the last resort for a member — the next step is to Omega. Unfortunately, we have over 1000 members on our International membership roles and we have no addresses for these members. Arizona has several Limited members on the state list with no forwarding address. Where are they? No one knows.

Bylaw #11 dealt with the postmark for dues and assessments. The Bylaw was changed to: "received by." However, the newly passed bylaw #11 had to be amended since Bylaw #12 Failed. Bylaw #12 will remain the same and Bylaw #11 was amended to return the wording to

"postmarked" versus "received by January 1 and May 1.

Resolutions:

The three resolutions passed and will go to the Executive Board for a feasibility study.

- Recognition for members who have attained 10 years of membership; membership recognition will be 10, 25, 35, 50, 60, and 70.
- Technology Committee to be established so that chapters may attend meetings virtually, i.e., teleconference/video conferencing/ web conferencing
- Current language regarding eligibility be revised since some educators did not enter education in the traditional way, i.e., Fine Arts, Vocational Trades, Medical, etc.

Submitted by Sandy Marshall,
International Bylaws Committee

Southwest Regional Celebration Congratulations!

Arizona salutes our newly elected /appointed officers and chairs.

The Southwest Region celebrated and recognized Mollie Acosta as our newly elected International President-Elect .

The Southwest Region welcomed Kitty Nutting incoming International Vice President for the Southwest Region.

Twyla Preising was named Southwest Distinguished Program Award Chair.
Molly Nottingham was appointed Southwest Region Professional Development Scholarship Chair by Judy Ganzert.

Best Wishes to All!





Arizona State Dinner

On Thursday, July 18, thirty-eight Arizona AΔK sisters, husbands and guest made the short five minute walk to The Keys at the Forshay for an evening of fun and sisterhood.



A fantastic time was had by all who attended. There was a door prize for the sister who had the longest delay in getting to Minneapolis — Robin Shipley-Griffin won with a four and half hour delay! We had seven first-timers, which created a problem since we only had three door prizes left. So, President-Elect Nancy Martinez, came up with a solution that cut the number down to three winners!

The food at the Keys was delicious and portions were huge! Our waitress Puckett was amazing and we came to find out that she is originally from Tucson! We also sang Happy Birthday to Suzanne Maly's husband, I think he was a little embarrassed.

In the end it was a time for reuniting with other AZ AΔK sisters, meeting new sisters, great food and conversation and just enjoying our time together.

FYI: I am already planning our Arizona breakfast in Hawaii in July of 2020.

Submitted by: Nancy Martinez



Arizona State Celebrates Ann Marie Brown

Ann Marie Brown, International Executive Board Member

Ann Marie is serving the second biennium of an IEB Four-Year Member position, having been elected to the Executive Board by the 2015-2017 IEB. Previous Alpha Delta Kappa International offices include: Executive Board Chairman, 2017-19; International Vice President of the Southwest Region, 2015-17; and IEB Two Year Member, 2013-2015.

“The difference she makes, makes all the difference!”

Ann Marie has made many contributions to Alpha Delta Kappa over the years, and her Arizona sisters arranged an evening in Minneapolis to salute her.

The celebration was quite a party! Many of our Arizona sisters attended, as did a few other special guests. Refreshments were provided and we surprised Ann Marie with some special gifts. She received a “sister” charm, a candy gram that added sweetness to her story, a compact to make sure her crown doesn’t slip too much, and a memory book of photos capturing a small part of her odyssey.

Her accomplishments could never be covered in just one edition, so we look forward to see where her journey takes her next!





Friday's Educational Symposium "Shoot for the Stars Create Your Own Constellation"

Marc Brackett Keynote Speaker

Marc Brackett, Ph.D., is founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and professor in the Child Study Center at Yale University.

Dr. Brackett feels the WHOLE child should be taken into account when dealing with school problems. He feels "the role of emotions and emotional intelligence in learning, decision making, creativity, relationship quality and mental health" is key when dealing with children and adolescents today.

He quoted Theodore Roosevelt saying, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."



Brackett is the lead developer of a program called RULER, which is a systemic, evidence-based approach to social and emotional learning. The RULER program is used in the US and around the world in Australia, China, England, Italy, Mexico and Spain. In this program, students' feelings matter, which reminds me of the basics. Love a child and watch him/her grow.

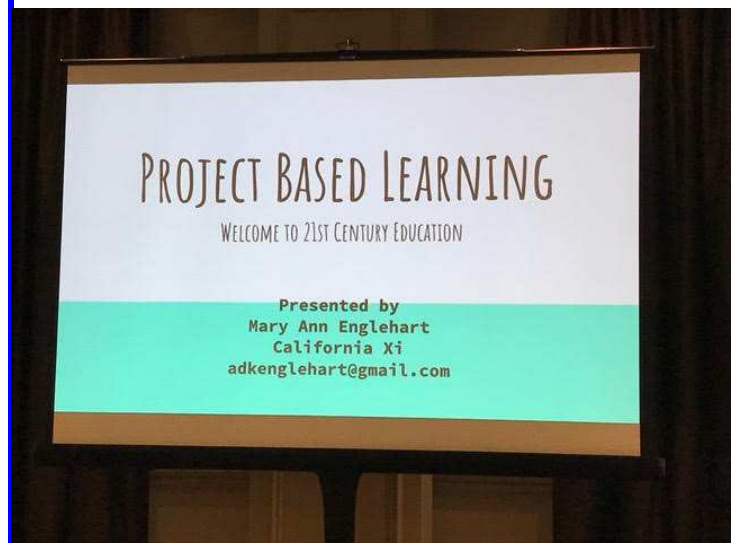
Article Contributors: Betty Ehret and Kay Slocum

Learning Sessions



Mary Ann Englehart, presenter, talked about Project Based Learning as an approach to learning in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges.

Julia Gates



More Learning Sessions

Meet Our ITE Stars!

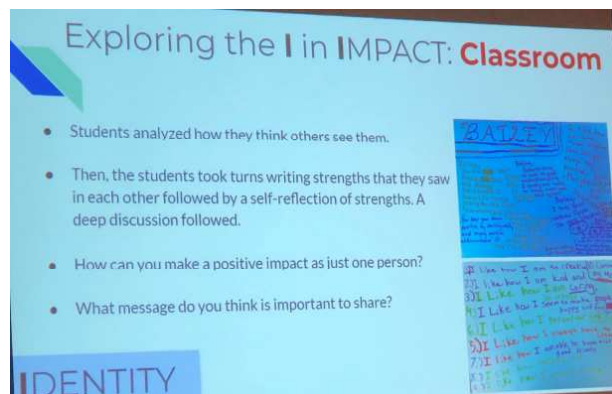
Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong from ASU spoke about her experience and what she plans to do after she returns to her country.

Nancy Martinez



Positive Impact

Janice Wenger and Lynn Blosser, collaborated to create a unique program to encourage students to discover who they are and empower them to make a Positive Impact in their communities. These teachers integrated multimedia production, visual arts and counseling into a dynamic curriculum for students.



Once Upon a Time...

Judy Barnhill, Tennessee Past President shared leadership tips and Google resources.

Nancy Woodling



Cinderella's Advice for "Living Sisterly" Ever After:

1. Always Be Kind No Matter What
2. Be Brave and Take Chances
3. Don't Let Setbacks Stop You
4. Never Stop Dreaming
5. Believe in Yourself



If you follow this advice, you'll find the perfect fit in your leadership shoes!

Preparing for your S/P/N Presidency

This was an opportunity for all the regional mentors and S/P/N presidents-elect to meet, ask questions and share thoughts about preparing to assume the presidency in 2020. We were given different situations and brainstormed ideas on how to handle the situation.

Nancy Martinez



How to Run a Successful Fundraiser

Nancy Tucker, presenter, talked about fundraising ideas. She covered different aspects of setting up a successful fundraising event including details such as legalities, insurance, venues and refreshments.

Nancy Martinez



ITE SCHOLARS SHINE AT SYMPOSIUM IN MINNEAPOLIS!

We were delighted to have two ITE students attend our International Convention in Minneapolis. Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong from Thailand and Njeri Gachathi from Kenya charmed the audience at the Educational Symposium and the ITE Workshop held afterward.

Njeri shared that her father always proudly wore a red tie that she had given him when she was eight. Her photos of the master's graduation from Bank Street College in New York showed her family and her dad, yes, he had on that red tie.

Tipsuda is still working toward her master's degree at Arizona State University and has one more semester to get her research completed and presented. She took this short time away from Tempe to come to be with us at our ITE symposium presentation and our ITE workshop. Both students are very appreciative of the scholarship and



support offered by our sorority.

A big thank you to our co-sponsors that attended the ITE Workshop: Kristi Koziol, Karla Fernwault and Sue McConnell.

After the presentations, the ITE Board and students enjoyed a boat trip on the Mighty Mississippi! Pictured are ITE Board members and students: Shirley Bruns, Sandy House, Njeri Gachathi, Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong and Sherryl Longhofer.



Light From Many Lamps

(2017-2019 Omega Service)

After 3 days full of many enriching and inspirational moments, we gathered Saturday morning to remember, reflect, and celebrate our Omega sisters. With songs like "Everywhere That You Are" and "Think on Me" sung by our International Chorus, we realized people we love are never gone if we hold them always in our heart. Our IVPs shared

quotes of celebration of life and the beauty of a life well lived whose light shines beyond the lamp itself.

Our Arizonan's remembered: David Evers (Alpha Delta Kappa Association), Sonja Segond (Gamma and Past State President), Joyce Battaglia (Delta), Reta Bland (Fidelis Theta), Betty Chestnut (Fidelis Theta), Adalena Comeaux (Psi), Helen H. Drummond (Fidelis Zeta), Roberta Edwards (Phi), Joan Fox (Fidelis Eta), Ruth A. Haenny (Fidelis Delta), Gladys C. Hays (Omicron), Rosemary Hunt (Fidelis Theta), Mary A. Jensen (sustaining), Maureen F. Keegan (Fidelis Zeta), Eileen McChesney (sustaining), Nelda L. McCrocklin (Psi), Sally Peoples (Iota), Mary P. Stewart (Fidelis Zeta), LaJuana Sullivan (Iota), Beatrice Swanson (Sigma), Linda Thompson (Alpha Nu), Terri Williamson (Theta).

As we remember David and our sisters, we realize their example and inspiration raise us up to more than we can be by ourselves.

Barbara Sundust (Iota Chapter)

Liz Huntley — Friday's Keynote Speaker

Liz Huntley a full-time Birmingham attorney, a child advocate, a motivational speaker and published author with two daughters, a son, and a husband is often called superwoman. Most notably, she has a phenomenal life story.

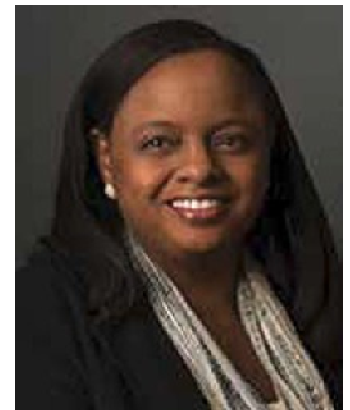
Growing up in a terrifying childhood with odds against her with abuse, neglect, and drug addiction, Liz should never have become who she is today. Luckily a preschool began in the local church and her grandmother prepped her before entering the door. She feels she owes her life to teachers because she felt loved when the preschool teachers wrapped their arms around her and welcomed her.

Liz explained, "I learned if I did smart stuff, the teachers would love on me." Liz announced she was the valedictorian of her preschool class.

In first grade, her life-changing moment came on her first day of first grade when her teacher spoke the emboldening words, "Elizabeth, you're going to be the brightest student I ever have." She explained that all teachers are "gamechangers."

Birmingham attorney Liz Huntley wrote a memoir, ***More Than a Bird***, that tells the story of overcoming a childhood of poverty and abuse. While living with her grandmother, she also lived with two unstable uncles. One sexually abused her and threatened to kill her if she told anyone.

Liz was ashamed of her life and intimidated by abusive relatives, but loving teachers helped her become who she is today. School helped her thrive and now she wants to help other children overcome the odds. Several AΔK sisters waited in line to purchase the memoir, autographed by Liz. Wow! What a wonderful life change!



Into the Woods Banquet



President-Elect
Mollie Acosta

International President
Judy Ganzert

Immediate Past President
Sue Pelchat

The Minneapolis banquet gave everyone who attended a chance to really show how well they cleaned up wearing beautiful outfits, tuxedos and suits. The meal was outstanding with beef that did not need to be cut with a knife. The chocolate dessert was so decadent but the wait staff said it was made without any calories. Sue Pelchat's address was in keeping with the eloquence and humor with which she conducted convention business. Our own Ann Marie made us so proud, conducting a dignified, elegant installation. The SW Region was especially honored having Molly Acosta of California, Immediate Past SWIVP,

installed as International President-Elect and Betty Jo Evers installed as IVP for Membership. Finally, incoming International President Judy Ganzert revealed her logo and theme, "Infinite Possibilities." The evening ended with singing of "The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa."

CeCe Hall, Past International President



2019-2021



Our New 2019-2021
Executive Chapter