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Join Us May 1-3, 2020 for the
Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa
State Convention
Four Points Sheraton North
2532 W. Peoria Avenue
Phoenix

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Convention Registration Form



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION MAY 1, 2, 3, 2020 FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON 2532 W. PEORIA DRIVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85029

PLEASE PRINT) Name		Chapter	
Address	City	_ State	Zip
E-Mail	Phone	Cell	
Registration includes: Convention M	aterials, Meeting Rooms, Lunch, Banque	t and Mer	norial Service.
Meal Choices:	If your registration is postmarked by Feb. into a special drawing!	. 14, 2020 y	ou will be entered
Box Lunch	Registration due by April 10, 2020. 11-17, add \$10. No refunds after A		
Both lunch choices include fruit, chips, cookie, bottled water or can of soda and	Registration Fee		\$ <u>90.00</u>
appropriate condiments.	Lunch Guests/s:@ \$25 each =		\$
A. Hoagies Hero: Fresh hoagie style	Banquet Guest/s @ \$40.00 each=		\$
sandwich with smoked turkey breast, honey ham, salami, provolone cheese, lettuce and tomato.	Optional Donation: Convention Altruistic (\$5.00 minimum) Spina Bifida Assoc. of A		\$
	Total Enc	losed	\$
B. Grilled Vegetable: grilled vegetables with herb cream cheese on a submarine roll.	Lunch Choice: (Indicate by number: 1, 2, Banquet Choice: (Indicate by number: 1, 2, 2)		A B C D
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Both banquet choices include: Fresh Garden Salad, Vegetable and starch,	Yes, I will serve as a Sgtat-Arms.		
warm rolls/ butter, dessert, and water, iced tea or coffee.	Make check payable to AZ Alpha Delta Ka Mail check and registration form to: Ell	en Reeves.	
C. Roasted Loin of Pork; slow roasted		002 N. 62 ⁿ ottsdale, AZ	
pork with red currant glaze	Chapter Presidents Only: (circle one)		
D. Asiago Chicken: Roasted chicken breast stuffed with Asiago cheese and dried tomatoes topped with basil cream sauce.	Need ½ table for sales: Will bring Archives Book for display:		No No
*For medical dietary restrictions, please contact Sue McConnell before 4/10/2020. (480) 391-0091; sharonsuemc@cox.net	Check the categories that apply to youChapter PresidentFirst Timer toPast State PresidentInternationaLittle Wiglet (Past State Executive Bo	State Con al Officer; I	EB Past or Present
During the 2018-2020 biennium I be	ecame a:		

Silver Sister___ Sapphire Sister___ Golden Sister___ Diamond Sister___ Platinum Sister___

Hotel Information



ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION

MAY 1, 2, 3, 2020

Four Points by Sheraton North

2532 West Peoria Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85029

Phone: 1-888-236-2427

Ask for Alpha Delta Kappa 2020 Group Rate

HOTEL INFORMATION

Cost: Amenities:

Reservations Close: April 1, 2020

Check out: noon

Room: \$99 + taxes, hotel charges Free Fitness Center

1 to 4 per room, includes breakfast Heated indoor/outdoor pools, hot tub

1 king or 2 queen beds Free high-speed internet access

Reservations Open: Nov. 1, 2019 Coffeemaker, blow dryer, & in room

safe

Check in: 3 p.m. Express checkout

Complimentary USA Today

Free Parking

Get the full Convention experience by staying at the hotel on Friday and Saturday nights, May 1 and May 2, 2020. Book early to secure your room. Reservations close on Friday, April 1, 2020. For each night you stay at the hotel, your name will be entered into a special drawing!

USEFUL INFORMATION

Daytime Wear: Dressy casual (Skirt, dress, slacks, and tops, of course. Jeans or shorts are a little too casual)!

Banquet Wear: Sunday best or dressier if you want. Officers, outgoing and incoming, may want to be more formal. You don't have to buy formal attire to attend! We want you to come.

Game Night: Whatever you want to wear - just remember you represent Alpha Delta Kappa.

The hotel has an indoor pool as well as an outdoor pool - you might want to bring a bathing suit.

Convention Mini Schedule

CONVENTION OVERVIEW

Friday

May 1, 2020

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration, Sales, Archives Outside Ballrooms A, B, C

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Expanded Board Dinner - Fuddruckers (dinner at own expense, dessert provided)

Expanded Board Meeting (at hotel, room TBD)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Game & Popcorn Night Salon A

Saturday

May 2, 2020

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration/Sales/Archives

> 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.Council of Chapter Presidents' Meeting
Plaza Room 1

9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Opening Session Business Session I Lunch Business Session II

4:00 p.m.Memorial Service
Plaza Rooms I, II, III

5:30 p.m. No host bar Lobby/Pre-convene area

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Evening Banquet Ballroom

Sunday

May 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Change-over Board Meeting Plaza 1, 2, 3



Special Drawing for those who stay at the hotel!

Any one who stays at the hotel will be
entered in a drawing —
Stay one night = one entry
Stay two nights = two entries, etc.

Remember to book early to secure your room!!!

AZ AΔK State Convention Project: Spina Bifida of AZ

Convention Altruistic Project

Please collect items for children suffering from Spina Bifida. Possible ideas: Lego sets, drawing kits, mani-pedi sets, face paints, dolls, trucks, costumes, jewelry sets, craft kits (bracelets, pot holders, paint by number), Board games, card games, Sports team memorabilia & apparel, Infant bright toys, Super Hero 'stuff, sticker collections, book series sets...and GIFT CARDS (AMC/Harkins, Dairy Queen, Cold Stone, Jamba Juice, Starbucks/Dutch Bros with values clearly marked). All have severe LATEX allergies... so NO balloons or toys with rubber bands.



Hospice of the Valley Card Making Workshop AZ State Convention Altruistic Craft



HELP - Arizona A∆K Sisters – we NEED Craft/Cardmaking Supplies

As the Convention gets closer and we prepare to decorate Patriotic Greeting Cards for the Hospice of the Valley, we need craft(y) resources. Please look for small pieces of ribbon, buttons, small crafty flowers, decorative paper for card making, stickers, fancy scissors, embellished stickers, etc. If you want them returned, please place your name on the Ziplock baggy to discern your materials. If you want to donate to the Hospice of the Valley – Noeleen Rivers,

the Executive Director would be appreciative. As an update, I've prepared enough, bare minimum, for 160 people. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



Convention Choir Needs You!

by Robin Leebardt

 Δ o, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, Δ o! Happy New Year, my dear AZ Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters! I would like to encourage you to not only turn in your Convention registration form early, but to also check the box that says, "I'd like to join the choir!" We hope you join the "A Δ K Sister Singers" to commemorate and celebrate AZ Alpha Delta Kappa's commitment to bringing fabulous women educators together, helping others through altruism, and bringing world understanding to our doorsteps.

If you have any questions, please email me at <u>leebardt@cox.net</u> or <u>robin.leebardt@tusd1.org</u> or call/text me at 520-258-8488.



State Sergeant at Arms Needs Volunteer for Assistant Sergeant at Arms at Convention

Betty Smith, our State Sergeant at Arms needs the help of Arizona Sisters during the Convention. We will have a brief meeting on Saturday, May 2, from 7:30am – 8:00am in the front of the Ballroom with President Betty E. and Sgt. at Arms Betty S. You will be assisting the Executive Board during the meeting at several different times, at the Memorial Service for our Omega sisters and at the Banquet doors. Please join us and help your Arizona sisters!

Altruistic Projects for 2020-2022

This year five (5) potential Altruistic Projects for Arizona were submitted. After discussion the list of five was broken down to three projects to be voted upon at the State Convention May 2, 2020. They are as follows: 1. Keep the current Teacher Education Fund, 2. Arizona Friends of Foster Care (AFFCF) and 3. Arizona Should not have a designated State Altruistic Project. Information regarding the three projects will be in your convention materials.

Sandy Marshall Altruistic Chairman

Below is a synopsis of proposals:

2020-2022 ARIZONA Alpha Delta Kappa Altruistic Proposal by Arizona Gamma Chapter

Arizona Gamma Chapter propose the **ARIZONA AAK EDUCATION FUND**, because it was a great success This fund directly supports our teachers' efforts to help their students. With our aging and declining population, we believe such direct support would be of interest to all teachers and would be valuable to recruiting new members. Some chapters provide the money as a scholarship to new initiates to the chapter. Chapters have generated new membership during the program but we have also lost some of members to relocation or to the Omega Chapter. Some examples of how teachers used this education fund money include: Classroom supplies, field trips, lamination, special programs, and special supplies for after school educational clubs.

2020-2022 ARIZONA Alpha Delta Kappa Altruistic Proposal by Arizona Theta

Arizona Theta Chapter propose the Arizona Friends of Foster Care Foundation, because it supports children in foster care throughout Arizona beyond the essentials offered by foster families, kinship caregivers and group homes. The Arizona Friends of Foster Care (AFFCF) would provide children with the same opportunities as other children to enjoy some of the extras in life. The State of Arizona provides children in foster care the necessities of life – food, clothing and basic medical care. Anything beyond the essentials falls to foster families, kinship caregivers and group home providers. Any foster care provider or CASA may request funds to support an activity the child would like. In some cases, children who have aged out of the foster care system may advocate for themselves, if they remain under the care and supervision of the State of Arizona. Some examples include: Dance, Performing Arts, Music Lessons, Sports, Camps, Tutoring, Life Enrichment Coaching, Leadership Camps, and Scholarship Opportunities.

2020-2022 ARIZONA Alpha Delta Kappa Altruistic Proposal by Arizona Zeta Chapter

AZ Zeta Chapter, proposes that $A\Delta K$ AZ should **not** have a designated state altruistic project. Although the education fund has been a great success, generating \$2800 year one, over \$4100 year two, \$2900 year three and \$2300+ in year four, it is time to let chapters support their own altruism and concentrate on scholarship and membership expansion on the state level. All chapters can support a proposal such as this. The state would still have Ways and Means sales and a chairman but would not have to sell large scale and compete with chapter sales. They could sell mostly at International and Regional levels. The money from the existing \$5 dues education fee could support Membership and Scholarship endeavors. Currently, we distribute \$1000 more in scholarships each year than we support with dues so we supplement it with money from our scholarship savings account which is shrinking each year. The \$5 Dues Fee would be sent to the $A\Delta K$ State Treasurer who would hold in a **Special Savings**. Distribution of these would require a board vote, during the fiscal year or at the end of each fiscal to distribute funds to scholarship support or membership expansion, not general fund.

2020-2022 ALPHA DELTA KAPPA PROPOSED BUDGET (Based on 400 paid members)

Proposed 2020-2022 Budget

REVENUES (Dues)	2020-2021	2021-2022	BIENNIUM TOTAL	COMMENTS
Dues Income based of 400 members x $$15 = 6000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	
Scholarship Fee based on 400 Members x \$5 = \$2000 plus \$1000 from Savings	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	
Special Savings/Altruistic Fund 400 members x \$5 = \$2000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME based on 400 PAYING MEMBERS	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$ 22,000	
ACCOUNTS (Expenses)	2020-2021	2021-2022	BIENNIUM	COMMENTS
			TOTAL	
Special Savings/Altruistic Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	
Professional Services (Bonding/Audit)	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 300	
Board Members Expenses-Officers' Subsidies/President Expenses	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 3.600	
Board Expense-Meetings with Board or CPC Planning/Accommodations	\$ 120	\$ 100	\$ 220	
Newsletters/Publications/Printing/Postage	\$ 205	\$ 250	\$ 455	
Website Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 200	
Historian (Supplies)	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 400	
International Convention (\$850 each for 3Ps + \$200 Historian)	\$ 2,750		\$ 2,750	
Regional Conference (\$700 each for 3Ps + \$200 Historian)		\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	
Leadership/Awards (EiE \$225, WofD \$25, HC \$75, PP pin \$50, etc.)	\$ 275	\$ 450	\$ 725	
Scholarships (NAU/NAU Yuma/ASU/UA/FES/MINI)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	
New Chapter Expansion	\$ 300	\$ 450	\$ 750	
Miscellaneous & Flow Thru				
Fund Transfer from Reserve, Scholarship/Collegiate Fund – Altruistic Funds				
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ 11.000	\$ 11,000	\$ 22,000	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 22,000	

Approved by Executive Board on January 18, 2020 and by vote of membership on

2020 at Arizona State Convention on

2020.

Voting at Arizona State Convention, May 1-3, 2020



Action: Arizona executive board has voted to recommend adherence to the International Bylaws and the usage of the Arizona Policies and Procedures Manual, as an alternative for Arizona bylaws.

Rationale:

- 1. The International Bylaws would be the primary governing document for Arizona.
- Arizona at present has a Policies and Procedures Manual that is in use and updated, as necessary, by the state executive board action. It would continue to be a guiding document for the state.
- 3. The twenty-one Articles of the Arizona Bylaws already refer to the International Bylaws for more information and clarification of governance of the organization.
- 4. International Bylaws are amended each biennium at the International Convention. After adoption of this proposal, Arizona Bylaws would no longer be a guiding document and therefore, would not require action at future state conventions.

Motion: I move, upon recommendation of the Arizona Executive Board, that International Bylaws and the Arizona Policies and Procedure Manual serve as guiding documents as an alternative to using Arizona Bylaws.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)

Following are four (4) motions necessary to amend the bylaws if the previous action is not approved. They will be voted on separately, as well as a 5th one, in the event its content is needed at this convention.



---Change the name in Article I—XXI and in the footer of each bylaws page to delete **The**-and **Sorority** when referring to Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated.

To read: "The name of this organization shall be <u>Arizona</u> The Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa."

Rationale: This required change will bring the document in compliance with the amendment adopted at the 2019 International Convention.

#1 Motion: I move to adopt bylaws proposal #1 to read: The name of this organization shall be Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa. All occurrences of the name of the organization shall delete "The" before Alpha Delta Kappa and "Sorority" after Alpha Delta Kappa.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)



---Addition in Article VII---Officers, Section 1 a. (New 1)

- a. The elected candidate qualifications committee shall present to the convention a slate of candidates whose eligibility requirements have been met.
 - (1) In the event an eligible candidate cannot attend the convention at which she is nominated to be elected and installed, the delegates will vote to accept the candidate for election by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If elected, the absent officer will have her name read in the Officer Installation Ceremony.

Rational: Sometimes a candidate is unable to attend the convention for legitimate reasons (for example, a family event conflict, illness, pre-planned travel, etc.) and yet she is still eligible for nomination as an officer. This would allow the candidate to be on the election ballot while in absence at the convention. This proposed amendment provides a solution rather than the alternative of suspending the bylaws.

#2 Motion: I move the addition in Article VII—Officers, Section 1 Election, a. to read: (1) In the event an eligible candidate cannot attend the convention at which she is nominated to be elected and installed, the delegates will vote to accept the candidate for election by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If elected, the absent officer will have her name read in the Officer Installation Ceremony.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)



---Addition in Article VII—Officers, Section 1, New **b. (1) & (2)**

- b. In the event the candidate qualifications committee presents an incomplete slate of candidates, a candidate, without eligibility, willing to be nominated for a vacant office may be accepted by the following process:
 - (1) The delegates will vote, by ballot, to accept the nomination of the candidate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If adopted, the name of the candidate shall be added to the slate of candidates.
 - (2) Previous notice shall be provided.

Rational: Some S/P/Ns have difficulty finding candidates eligible to fill a slate of officers. This amendment will provide the opportunity for a willing candidate, without all the eligibility requirements, to provide leadership service. Although only nomination of eligible candidates is strongly encouraged, this proposed amendment offers a solution, without suspension of bylaws, when eligible candidates are not willing to be nominated for a vacant office. Other officers or experienced members may mentor this novice officer in her duties.

#3 Motion: I move the addition in Article VII, Section 1, new b. and (1) & (2) to read: b. In the event the candidate qualifications committee presents an incomplete slate of candidates, a candidate, without eligibility, willing to be nominated for a vacant office may be accepted by the following process: (1) The delegates will vote, by ballot, to accept the nomination of the candidate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If adopted, the name of the candidate will be added to the slate of candidates. (2) Previous notice shall be provided.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)



---Addition in Article VII, Section 1. Election, new <u>e</u>.

<u>e.</u> <u>If the slate of candidates has only one person nominated for each office, the Arizona president declares the election effective by unanimous consent or acclamation.</u>

Rational: While **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised** suggests elections by ballot generally appropriate, S/P/Ns sometimes have only one candidate per office. This will save time and paper resources at convention. This proposed amendment prevents the alternative of suspending the bylaws.

#4 Motion: I move the addition in Article VII, Section 1, new letter e., to read: If the slate of candidates has only one person nominated for each office, the Arizona president declares the election effective by unanimous consent or acclimation.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)





---An additional motion on voting procedure follows.

Rational: It may come to be that later in the convention agenda, preceding motions 2,3, or 4 will need to be referenced.

#5 Motion: I move the adopted amendments to these bylaws shall become the law of Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa with immediate effect, rather than at the end of convention.

(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)

AZ AAK State Officer Candidates

By Nancy Harrison, Candidate Qualifications Chairman

Candidates for Office, received by January 31.

President- elect - Kristi Koziol, AZ Alpha Nu Recording secretary - Helen Valliere, AZ Theta Corresponding secretary - no candidate Treasurer - Chris Sanzo, AZ Psi Chaplain - Betty Smith, AZ Pi Sgt. at Arms - Barbara Sundust, AZ Iota Historian - no candidate PCCP - no candidate

Protocol for Nominations from Convention Floor

- The person being nominated must agree to serve a two-year term.
- Nominations may be made only for the vacant offices.
- A nomination form must be completed and signed for the person being nominated from the floor, and sent to Nancy Harrison, Candidate Qualifications Chairman. It must be postmarked by April 15, 2020.
- If the nominee's qualifications are verified, she will be sent, prior to the convention, the question that will be posed to her during the presentation of candidates. She will be expected to prepare a one-minute response, which she will present verbally at that time.
- After all candidates' names are presented to President Betty, she will ask if there are nominations
 from the floor. A delegate/member must then nominate a person for one of the vacant offices.
 Those who wish to make nominations will be asked to come forward to the microphone and
 present their nominations. Once nominations have closed, Chairman Nancy will make formal
 presentations for each office, at which time the candidate will come forward and answer her
 question.

Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa State Officer Candidates



Candidate for President-Elect - Kristi Koziol

AZ Alpha Nu member Kristi Koziol is a thirty-year member of Alpha Delta Kappa. Kristi taught for twenty-eight years in Cartwright School District and ESL for nine years at the Beijing International School in China. She has served the state as Altruistic Chair, State Convention Committeeman, PCCP, and the AZ State Recording Secretary for the past two biennia. Kristi has attended many district meetings, five Regional Conferences, five State and eight International conventions. Additionally, she has demonstrated her leadership skills in the many chapter offices she has held.

Candidate for Recording Secretary – Helen Valliere



Helen, only an eight-year member of Alpha Delta Kappa, has demonstrated her commitment and dedication by serving as Recording Secretary, President-elect and President of her AZ Theta Chapter, and serving on the Expanded Board as Excellence in Education Chairman. She taught fifth grade for eleven years, one year 5th/6th grade ELL and five years as Math Interventionist K-6. Helen is also a Court-Appointed Special Advocate in Maricopa County. She holds a Post-Bac in Elementary Ed, and MS in Educational Leadership and an Elementary Math endorsement.



Candidate for Treasurer – Chris Sanzo

Chris is an eight-year member of AZ Psi Chapter in Tucson. She has served as Chapter Treasurer, and is currently serving the state in that capacity. Chris holds a BA in History and an MA in Teaching and Teacher Education, and has taught for sixteen years. Prior to becoming a teacher, Chris worked in banking for fifteen years.



Candidate for Chaplain – Betty Smith

Betty is a 45-year member of Alpha Delta Kappa and has attended every state convention but two. In addition she has attended three Regional Conferences, three International Conventions and all District Founders' Days since 2016. A member of AZ Pi in Flagstaff, Betty has held every chapter office since her initiation in 1974. She has honorably served as State Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. Betty has a BS and MA in Physical Education/ Health and Safety K-12. Betty is still actively teaching and is completing her 50th year in teaching!



Candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms - Barbara Sundust

Barbara is a nine-year member of Alpha Delta Kappa AZ lota Chapter. An enthusiastic member, she has attended three state conventions, three Regional Conferences and four International Conventions. She was AZ AΔK World Understanding Chairman, and is currently serving as AZ State Chaplain. Barbara is a native of Wisconsin, where she earned her B.S. in Social Studies. In her forty-four years of teaching, she taught sixth grade and middle school Language Arts and Social Studies.

Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Nomination from, the floor for Candidate for State Office

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE Candidate for the office of _____ Address **Picture** City and Zip Code _____ Cell & Home phone _____ Email address ______ Chapter _____ District ____ ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INFORMATION: Years of membership _____ International conventions attended _____ Regional conferences attended _____ State conventions attended District meetings attended _____ State offices held _____ Chapter offices held _____ Educational background Teaching experience _____ Organization affiliations _____ Additional information: You may attach a narrative if you prefer. I, the undersigned, verify that this candidate is in good standing and is able to carry out all requirements of this office. Submitted by _____ (President's Signature) (Chapter)

Submit your application with photo by email, fax or USPS mail **postmarked by April 15, 2020** to: Nancy Harrison, 1874~N~Vista Ln, Casa Grande, AZ 85122 520-836-1072 njharrison1966@msn.com



Woman of Distinction Candidates

The nominations received were adjudicated by a committee representing the state's different districts. Below you will find a brief description about each candidate. We narrowed them down for you to our top three nominees. The committee wishes everyone 'good wishes' and our convention delegates will choose one to receive the honor.

Janet Karp, Chairman of WOD Committee

Nalia Erwin nominated by Delta Chapter

Naila Erwin is retired from a computer business that educated corporate employees on the use of their computers. She has volunteered as treasurer of a volunteer group of women to promote and advance service through fund-raising projects. Naila lives in the community of Starlight Pines and creates community involvement through a sense of cooperation. "The Starlighters" support charitable organizations. They help organizations in Flagstaff, Payson and Winslow area.

Naila is a leader times over, she organizes community breakfasts, T-shirt sales, boutiques, crochet groups (to donate caps and blankets to newborns at the Payson hospital.) One hundred percent of the profits go to Northern area organizations. Alice's Place in Winslow for abused women receives monetary support plus distribution of socks, underwear and requested needs. The facility needed an electrical bill paid during the winter months and it was donated. Naila enjoys purchasing and giving out Christmas gifts for the children and families staying at Alice's Place, representing "The Starlighters."

Educational events, guest speakers and tours in the Blue Ridge Fire District are arranged by Naila. It is amazing how the group earns more than \$9,000+ with fund-raisers and projects like community breakfasts, recycling aluminum cans, twice yearly highway cleanup, auctions, yard sales and boutiques. She is a retired business woman and volunteer for all activities of the Happy Jack community. Naila recommended a donation \$1000 to ASU Foundation for scholarships. She is integral in working with the Blue Ridge Fire District for updates on fire safety. Naila also arranged the classes held at the community center for County Food Handlers certification

Judy Stall nominated by Mu Chapter

Judy Stall has been a personal friend and colleague for over 35 years. As a former public-school teacher and reading specialist, she worked directly with students and their families in Indiana and then in Scottsdale. After years in the public-school classroom, she became a Youth and Education Minister for 17 years where her focus was on youth from pre-school through high school.

(Woman of Distinction continued)

Judy is currently the Outreach Minister at First Christian Church in Scottsdale and Founder of the Healthy Packs Program which was "birthed" in 2011 and still continues today. Healthy Pack is a weekend food program for hungry students. Judy helps select most needy students with help of teachers, staff and Community Specialist. She recruits volunteers to pack food and will provide presentations and meet with and send out material for individuals and groups for donations. These Healthy Packs are delivered to schools. She is also the Co-Chair of Walk for the Hungry and East Valley money raised goes to third world countries and ¼ back to the Healthy Packs Program for hungry students.

In recent years, Judy has been dealing with some physical health issues and yet she continues to ALWAYS look "outward" instead of "inward" – anticipating ways she can help others. Judy's professional career inside and outside the classroom has centered around Education, Altruism and even World Understanding.

Christine Puzauskas, nominated by Theta Chapter

Christine has been an advocate for children for more than 40 years as a teacher in and out of the classroom. For the past 20 years she has spear headed a program serving families in Guadalupe. The program first began in 1999 during her work with high school teens at her local church. In 2002 she formed the non-profit Flight 33 and has continued her tireless work.

Christine is the director of Flight 33. Having its origin in high school youth ministry the name came from the program Freedom Lives in God's Holy Truth. The 33 signifies the 33 years Christ walked the earth. She formed the non-profit after leaving youth ministry. She felt called to help the community of Guadalupe after beginning with a service project for her teens in the youth ministry program.

As director of the program she has never drawn a salary, choosing instead to remain a volunteer like much of her staff. She has coordinated many activities to benefit the children of Guadalupe and their families including back to school drives, tutoring sessions, and Christmas toy and clothing drive.

When she began the program in 2002 she was serving the 17 grandchildren being raised by grandparents following the tragic death of the parents of seven of the children, and the absence of the parents of the remaining 10. She promptly arranged tutoring for the 12 school aged children. Mentors were assigned to many of the children and Christine arranged a back to school trip to Target where each of the children was paired with a volunteer. Any time there was a need Christine was there to provide for. She soon began serving other children and the program took off. She sought volunteers and monetary donations to continue her work.

Seventeen years later, the program has grown exponentially. Prior to the tribe taking over the tutoring activities Christine and her volunteers were serving 250-300 students each year in Guadalupe. This included after school snacks for every child in attendance. The Yaqui tribe has now taken over the after-school tutoring and runs a Montessori preschool as well. Christine's organization helps with the financing to pay for school staff. Flight 33 continues to provide back to school supplies, blankets, shoes and monies for some extracurricular activities.

As a footnote, all of the children from the original family that received assistance graduated from high school. Many of them returned to assist Christine with her work in Flight 33. The graduation rate among those students served has risen sharply since the program began. Some of the students have gone on to college. Without the assistance provided by Flight 33 and Christine's tireless efforts this would not have been a reality for many of these kids.



Betty Ehret, AZ State President and Dee Swettman winner of the Hotel Raffle.



On January 18, 2020, the AZ State Executive Board drew the winner for the Four Points Sheraton North Phoenix Raffle.

Dee Swettman, of Goodyear, won the Hotel Raffle!

She intends to use the prize for an anniversary weekend with her husband, Bob.

What about the Quilt?
Who is the lucky person?

Carol Strickland of AZ Fidelis Zeta is the lucky person to win the beautiful Quilt Raffle!



E Kipa Mai! (Welcome!)



A hui hou (Until we meet again)

You are cordially invited to the 2020 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference July 13 – 16, 2020 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki!

Come meet new sisters, learn new things and explore the island. It's a once in a life time chance to see Hawaii. Registration will be opening in March. See you there.



Meet and Greet at the NW/SW Regional Conference!

Arizona sisters, we will be having a Meet and Greet during the Regional Conference while in Hawaii. It will be a chance for you to meet your Arizona sisters, who you normally would not meet during the year.

Look for more information in the newsletter coming out in June, 2020.



Arizona AARP Sponsors Boxed Luncheon at Arizona 2020 Alpha Delta Kappa Convention





Associate State Director - Community Outreach/Advocacy, AARP AZ

Brenda Holt is responsible for coordinating activities to support the various program initiatives and events for AARP on a local, state and national level.

Over the last 25+-years she has worked for such organizations as PetSmart Corporate Charities, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, Dept. of Justice's Weed & Seed Program, American Express, Mass Mutual Insurance, and Loctite Corporation.

Brenda sits on the board of directors for the Foundation for Senior Living (FSL), the Arizona Foundation for women (AFW), the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA), and the Attorney General's African American Advisory Council. She is an Avondale resident and formerly from the state of Michigan. Brenda is married and has two adult daughters, an avid reader and lover of animals.

On behalf of Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters, we want to thank Brenda Holt and AARP for its generous donation which purchased our Boxed Luncheon today. Please stop by the AARP table and talk with its volunteers and pick up some useful information.

A big <u>THANKS</u> to AARP and Brenda Holt!