



Arizona Sunshine Times

Support Honor Inspire Nurture Empower



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Aloe there!

Knock, knock, who's there?

Great things.

Great things, who?

Great things come in SHINY sessions.

That's what you can find at the Arizona State Convention!

When I first spoke about my goals at the State Convention in Prescott, I quoted International Past-President Ruth Ann Grigg. She stated that we are members of an International Honorary Organization and from the S/P/N level our dedication and commitment should radiate like the sun's rays to sustain us and provide energy to maintain our organization.

At our State Convention in April, we can commit to our organization and show our dedication to AZ Alpha Delta Kappa with your attendance. Let your sunshine rays SHINE!

**Saturday, April 20, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton Tempe
Fiesta Ballroom 9:00 am**

Registration forms have been sent to every member, Chapter Presidents, published in this Sunshine Times and posted on the [AZAAK](http://AZAAK.com) website. It takes tons of planning and the State Convention Committee would like to have your forms as soon as possible. We would love to see you there!

Find more information in this issue of the newsletter.

Watch the book by dates:
Hotel reservations by March 18
Registration by April 1

Cactus hugs, Kristi

What does a cactus say when greeting friends?

Saguaro you doing?



Kristi at Santa Fe Island, Galapagos. Where you can HUG a cactus!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Convention Registrations
- Convention Schedule
- Voting at Convention
- U of A Women's Basketball
- NW/SW Joint Regional





2022-2024 AZ Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Goals

Support Honor Inspire Nurture Empower

To **Support** the Arizona Scholarship Fund and Altruistic projects

To **Honor** Chapter Members for their leadership and outstanding women educators

To **Inspire** members to advance inclusion, embrace cultural differences, impact educational excellence and world understanding

To **Nurture** members in networking opportunities, connections and attending Conventions and Conferences

To **Empower** Chapters in positive growth through recruitment, reinstatements and retention of members

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新年快乐 Happy New Year!

Xīnnián kuàilè 2024 is the Year of the Dragon

The Lunar New Year is the largest and most important holiday in Asian cultures. Over two billion people celebrate as they welcome the beginning of Spring. The traditional Chinese Lunar Calendar originated about 4,000 years ago and was created to divide the year into seasons for agriculture.

Traditions include wearing red for good luck and fireworks are lit to fight off evil spirits.



The date changes every year as it follows the lunar calendar.

While living in Beijing, I celebrated by decorating with red lanterns, giving and receiving red envelopes and displaying posters of good luck. The whole school faculty gathered to celebrate, including all teaching aides, school cleaners, bus drivers and security guards. Fireworks sparkled in the sky for over a week! It was also time for the great human migration when people traveled to their former cities or villages to be with their families.



I have many fond memories of these celebrations!



Pictures and memories by
Kristi Koziol, AZ President



AΔK Arizona State Convention



Friday April 19—Sunday April 21, 2024
Double Tree by Hilton Phoenix-Tempe
2100 South Priest Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Hotel booking information on next page - Last day to book: **March 18**



2024 AΔK Arizona Convention Tentative Schedule

Arizona Sisters welcome Mary Ann Englehart, SW President, as our International Representative.

Friday, April 19

4:00-5:00 pm Registration
Altruistic Table
Chapter Sales/Archives/Photo Booth

Saturday, April 20

8:00-8:45 am Continental Breakfast
Registration/Chapter Sales/Altruistic Table
9:00 am Opening
Welcome, Color Guard, Pledge, Introductions, Mayor of Tempe
Guest Speaker-Annie Shanahan, AZ 2023 TEACHER Ambassador of the Year
Recognitions: *First Timers, Violet, Silver, Sapphire, Golden, Diamond Sisters*

General Business Session I

Choose to Shine!

Officers Reports, Candidates for Office Speeches, Women of Distinction
Voting
Guest Speakers: Science of Reading-Dysart School District,
Adriel Grieshaber/Amber Brink
Fraternity Education: Pi Chapter
Door Prizes

12:30 pm

Sparkle and Shine Bright! Luncheon

*Hosted by Helen Valliere, AZ President Elect
David Nassies, Alzheimer's Association Rep
Brenda Holt, AARP Sponsor*

2:00 pm

General Business Session II

Shine with Wisdom and Love!

Balloting report, Intro of new Officers
Membership Seminar-Mary Ann Englehart, SW President
Invitation to **NW/SW Joint Regional Conference**: Psi Chapter
World Understanding: Alpha Beta, Filipino Cultural Dances

3:30 pm

Memorial Service: AZ Chaplain, Barbara Sundust

6:30 pm

Let Your Light Shine! Banquet

Welcome, Past Presidents Recognition, State Award Presentations
Installation of Officers 2024-26
State President's message: Helen Valliere
Entertainment: Alex Gonzales Jr, musician (singer)
Son of Yolanda Gonzales AZ PSP and Alex Gonzales, AΔKA PP

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am Continental Breakfast
Change-over-meeting
New Executive Board/Expanded Board members 2024-2026

Join us in our STATE's Celebration!



Double Tree by Hilton Phoenix-Tempe

2100 South Priest Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

\$140 a night plus taxes (2 nights=\$319.40)

To reserve a room:

DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix-Tempe 2100 South Priest Drive Tempe, AZ 85282

Hotel Link

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PHXMPDT&groupCode=CDTADK&arrivaldate=2024-04-19&departuredate=2024-04-21&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Or use the QR link: Open camera on phone, click popup link



Call the Hotel Reservations at 1-800-HILTONS. 1-800-445-8667

Identify yourself as group ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

ROOM RATE \$140 + taxes, fees. (Approx \$160) a night.

Friday, April 19- Sunday April 21, 2024

CUT OFF Date - MARCH 18, 2024.



Alpha Delta Kappa
 Arizona State Convention
 April 19-21, 2024
 DoubleTree by Hilton
 2100 South Priest Avenue - Tempe, AZ 85282



Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Registration includes Convention Materials, Meeting Rooms and Meals

Registration due by April 1, 2024 - No Cancellations after April 5, 2024

Make Check Payable to: AZ Alpha Delta Kappa Convention

Mail to: Mary Henderson 105 East La Canada Blvd. Goodyear, AZ 85338 – 602-615-7280

Hotel Reservations
 Deadline – March 18, 2024



Book your room using the QR Code. Scan the code with your camera and the link to the hotel will appear. Click on the tab.

Meals

- Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast
- Saturday Luncheon
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast

Registration	_____	\$150
Lunch Guest/Guests (\$30 each)	_____	
Banquet Guest/Guests (\$50 each)	_____	
Optional Donation (\$5.00 min.) Convention Altruistic Project	_____	
Total Enclosed	_____	
Special meal requests:	_____	Vegetarian
	_____	Gluten-Free
	_____	Allergic to:

Chapter Presidents;		
Need ½ table for sales	_____	
Will bring Archives Book for Display	_____	
Check categories that apply to you:		
_____ Chapter President		
_____ First Timer to State Convention		
_____ Past State President		
_____ Past or Present International Executive Board Member		

During the 2022-2024 Biennium, I became a:

- _____ Violet Sister
- _____ Silver Sister
- _____ Sapphire Sister
- _____ Golden Sister
- _____ Diamond Sister



Voting at Arizona State Convention

Action: Arizona’s President-Elect, Helen Valliere, has proposed the following resolution regarding the State Altruistic Project and dues paid for a State Altruistic Project.

ARIZONA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FOR STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES APRIL 20, 2024

RE: CHANGE IN DUES ALLOTMENT

Whereas: Dues for Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa is Twenty-five dollars. Five dollars has been designated for donation to the State Altruistic Fund, designated by President Kristi Koziol as the State Scholarship Fund.

Whereas: The Scholarship Fund will no longer be designated the State Altruistic Project at the end of the 2022-2024 biennium.

Resolved: The AZ President for the 2024-2026 chooses Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation Scholarship Fund as the state’s Altruistic Project.

Resolved: The collection of our state dues shall continue at twenty-five dollars. Five dollars is presently allotted for the Scholarship fund and the State Altruistic fund of five dollars will be designated to the Arizona Friends of Foster Care Foundation Scholarship Fund (AFFCF).

STATE BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE
AUTHORIZATION (October 7, 2021)
SECTION I – PAGE 1
SUBJECT: Altruistic – State Project

POLICY: The incoming State President shall select the State Altruistic Project for her biennium.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. The newly elected State President shall announce the Altruistic Project during the State Convention.
2. Information regarding the Altruistic Project shall be printed in the first newsletter of the new biennium.
3. Information regarding the Altruistic Project shall be posted on the State Website.

2024-2026 ALPHA DELTA KAPPA BUDGET

	2024-25	2025-26	BIENNIIUM TOTAL
REVENUES (Dues)			
Dues Income based on 335 members x \$15 = \$5,025	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$10,050
Scholarship Fee based on 335 members x \$5 = \$1,675	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$3,350
Projected income for AFFCF Scholarship Fund as Altruistic Project 335 members x \$5	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$3,350
<i>Proposal at State Convention '24</i>			
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME based on 335 PAYING MEMBERS	\$8,378	\$8,378	\$16,756
ACCOUNTS (Expenses)			
Professional Services (Bonding/Audit)	\$100	\$200	\$300
Board Members Expenses-Officers' Subsidies/President Expenses/Scholarship Chair travel to Awards Ceremony*	\$778	\$878	\$1,656
Board Expenses-Meetings with Board or CPC Planning/Accommodations	\$250	\$250	\$500
Newsletters/Publications/Printing/Postage	\$200	\$200	\$400
Website Expenses, Tech Support (ZOOM)	\$250	\$250	\$500
Historian (Supplies)	\$300	\$300	\$600
International Convention (\$700 each for 3Ps, VP Membership + \$300 Historian)	\$3,100		\$3,100
Regional Conference (\$550 each for 3 Ps, VP Membership + \$300 Historian)		\$2,500	\$2,500
Leadership Awards (EIE \$225, WoFD \$25, HC \$75, PP pin \$50, etc)	\$300	\$450	\$750
Scholarships (NAU/NAU Yuma/ASU/UA/FES/MINI	\$3,000	3,000	\$6,000
New Chapter Expansion/Membership Development	\$100	\$350	\$450
Miscellaneous and Flow Through			
Fund Transfer from Reserve, Scholarship/Collegiate Fund-Altruistic Funds			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$8,378	\$8,378	\$16,756
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,378	\$8,378	\$16,756
<i>State Budget Committee: Chris Sanzo, Betty Jo Evers, Helen Valliere</i>			



SHINING CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE 2024-2026



NANCY HARRISON - PRESIDENT-ELECT

Chapter: Iota; Initiated 1995

Offices held: Arizona-PCCP, Sergeant-at-Arms, Recording Secretary, Chaplain; Chapter-President, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Treasurer

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Teaching Experience: 7 years-1st grade in Illinois; 28 years-Casa Grande: 1st grade, Gifted, ADV Math

Organization affiliations: D.A.R.

Meetings attended: 6 International Conventions; 6 regional conferences; 9 state conventions

Arizona Excellence in Education Award in 2004; Arizona Honoris Causa Award in 2018; Silver Apple Award in 2003; Casa Grande Elementary District Lifetime Achievement in 2023.

Pat Trias - Vice President for Membership

Chapter: Omicron; Initiated 1991

Offices held: International-IVP Southwest Region; Arizona-Vice President for Membership, President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary; Chapter-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer

Educational Background: University of Arizona BS and Masters in Elementary Education

Teaching Experience: Taught from 1968 to 2003. Taught professional dance.

Organization affiliations: Phi Beta Psi, Phi Lambda Phrateves, Orchesis

Meetings attended: 8 International Conventions; 9 regional conferences; 16 state conventions

Whenever Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa calls, I am ready to volunteer and help continue success. You have a sister ready to be counted on.



Elizabeth (Betty) Smith - Recording Secretary

Chapter: Pi; Initiated 1974

Offices held: Arizona-Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Historian; Chapter-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain

Educational Background: BS, MA: K-12, Education; Physical Ed/Health

Teaching Experience: 54 years Elementary, Middle School & High School

Organization affiliations: FEA, AEA, NEA

Meetings attended: 7 International Conventions; 24 regional conferences; 24 state conventions

I've enjoyed my years in AΔK. It has expanded my contacts with so many sisters and educators.



Julie Gates - Corresponding Secretary

Chapter: Psi; Initiated 2001

Offices held: Arizona-Sergeant-at-Arms; Chapter-President, Recording Secretary, Historian

Educational Background: Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language, Arizona State University; BA in Elementary Education, University of Iowa; Bilingual and Early Childhood Endorsements

Teaching Experience: 38 years Amphitheater Public Schools, 1991-present; Mesa Public Schools, 1987-1991; Nogales Public Schools, 1986-1987

Organization affiliations: U of A Cooperating Teacher; 21st Century Grant Program Coordinator; Teacher Ranger with Saguaro National Park; Partnership with Oasis Nursing Home near my school for frequent visitations with our 1st grade students; coordinator for Read to a Dog program for 1st graders in partnership with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona

Meetings attended: 4 International Conventions; 2 regional conferences; 10 state conventions

I am a second generation member of Alpha Delta Kappa. My mother was an active member in Illinois and encouraged me to join. I was initiated in 2001 and have been actively involved at the chapter level as well as also serving at the state level as Sergeant of Arms during the 2022-2024 biennium. As a working educator, the social, professional and financial support has been priceless. I am very proud of the altruistic impact AΔK has both locally and globally. I would like to continue to serve in a leadership position at the state level in this outstanding organization.



Baleka Baker - Chaplain

Chapter: Omicron; Initiated 1985

Offices held: Southwest Region-Webmaster; Arizona-President, PCCP; Sergeant-at-Arms; Chapter-President, Treasurer

Educational Background: Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, University of Arizona and Elementary School Librarian Certification, Portland State University

Teaching Experience: 25 years in the Tucson Unified School District, 24 years at Cragin Elementary School as School Media Specialist/Librarian. While at Cragin, applied for and was awarded the TUSD Educational Enrichment Foundation Reader's Library Power Project.

Organization affiliations: American Association of University Women Tucson Branch, Phi Beta Psi Sorority-Sigma Mu Chapter, The Eugene C and Wiletta F Denton Family Foundation, Tucson, AZ.

Meetings attended: 17 International Conventions; 15 regional conferences; 16 state conventions.

I enjoy reading, working with technology and creating websites and newsletters, gardening, scrapbooking, sewing and crafting and playing with my granddaughter, Hannah.

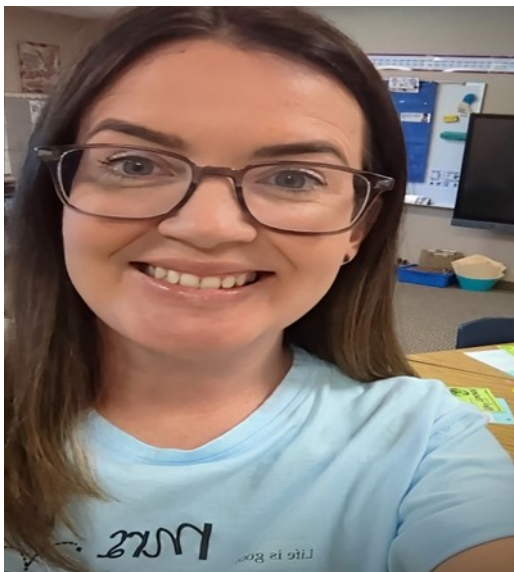


**Arizona Excellence in Education
Nominees for 2022-2024**



Amanda Chartier
is a member of Alpha Alpha chapter in Prescott. She is an art teacher at Prescott High School.

Michelle Roosma
is a member of Psi chapter in Tucson. She is a Science teacher at Wrightson Ridge K-8 School in Tucson.



Tricia Valliere
is a member of Theta chapter in Chandler. She is an Elementary Teacher in Tempe.

**Learn more about these three outstanding Arizona educators
at the State Convention.**

Three Finalists for 2024 Woman of Distinction



Kay Wright

Kay Wright is a great example of a woman who understands the importance of altruism. Kay is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist who began volunteering at Community Action Agency (TCAA) before founding her own non-profit in July of 2018. Women4Women Tempe provides sanitary products to women throughout the Phoenix Valley who are homeless or don't have the funds to purchase the necessary sanitary products. Since this all-volunteer program started, they have distributed over 100,000 bags

of sanitary products and have expanded to include the distribution of Depends to the Navajo Reservation in northern Arizona. Kay has partnered with several special needs programs such as Believe I Can Academy, Pathway to Work, Centers for Habilitation and others to assemble bags of feminine hygiene products. This was not what Kay envisioned for her retirement, but she followed her heart and filled a need in her community.

Nancy Avery

Nancy Avery broke through barriers to forge a long and successful career with the Tucson Fire Department and was the first woman to retire from TFD. Because of Nancy, many TFD policies and procedures changed so that women could follow her lead and pursue a career as a firefighter. Nancy was one of six female firefighters to graduate from the academy in 1990, and the only one who was married at the time. When she became pregnant, TFD didn't have any policies that provided maternity leave, or alternate duties for an employee to perform while pregnant or injured. In 1993, Nancy helped the department write and adopt maternity policies; and when she had her second child a

couple of years later, she pushed the Department to modernize and change policies regarding the ability of a female firefighter to return to work after a pregnancy. Nancy advocated for fair treatment of females that created new policies regarding uniforms and hair styles. Nancy lobbied the Legislature for the passage of seat belt laws and created the car seat program. The car seat program teaches people how to install car seats properly and provides them free of charge to needy families. The policies changed the dynamics of the fire department, allowing more diversity because of the progress made for women.

Marge Jantz

Marge Jantz has a passion for history and has advocated for projects that promote and preserve Casa Grande. Marge has been known to dress in period costume to give historic walking tours. She has backed projects that include façade improvements, artifact collection and preservation, neon sign restoration and city ordinance reviews. If you find yourself on Main Street in Casa Grande, you can see the "Doors to the Past" project which features nine doors painted by local artists, representing the history of Casa Grande. Marge also received a grant to create the Vintage Neon Sign Park in downtown

Casa Grande. Most of the signs are from the 1950s, and all but the Dairy Queen sign are from Casa Grande. Marge is serious about preserving the past, while involving current local talent to ensure diverse interpretations. Marge has served on the Historic Preservation Commission for twenty-two years, was the Main Street Executive Director for eight years, and is presently, the President of Grande Central Station. Marge lives in a 1929 historic cottage in the Evergreen District, so she not only talks the talk, but she walks the walk.

HONORIS CAUSA

Honoris Causa Award Winners to be recognized at State Convention

The Honoris Causa Award Committee would like to say a heartfelt thank you for submitting nominations for this recognition of an outstanding member. The process was difficult due to the many exceptional women who were nominated. The five recipients will be announced during the State Convention Banquet on Saturday evening, April 20.

Attend the State Convention with us and help us recognize these service award winners.

Scholarship News

Twyla Preising-State Scholarship Chair



SHOW ME THE MONEY!

It is time to remind our sisters that the final **Arizona Mini-Scholarship** application of the 2022-2024 biennium is now available. Members in good standing can apply for up to \$250 to attend a non-Alpha Delta Kappa workshop, conference, seminar, convention or non-credit course. The activity must take place between May 15-November 15, 2024. Applications are available on the Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa website. Applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2024**, to Twyla Preising, 3602 E Pershing Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85032.

It is also time to remind our sisters that the final **Family Education Scholarship** application for the 2022-2024 biennium is now available. A sister who is in good standing may *encourage a relative or ward to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The applicant must be registered or accepted for full-time attendance at a university/college or a post-secondary study program. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The application is available on the Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa website. The application must be postmarked by March 1, 2024, to Twyla Preising, 3602 E. Pershing Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85032.*



Membership News Flash

By Pat Trias, Vice President for Membership



The following five chapters were invited to the **Southwest Region Membership Celebration**. They have initiated new members from June 1, 2023-February 17, 2024, this Biennium.

Congratulations to the following Arizona Chapters!

1. Alpha Beta initiated 1 member.
2. Alpha Nu initiated 3 members.
3. Delta initiated 1 member.
4. Mu initiated 1 member.
5. Zeta initiated 1 member.

I AM SO PROUD OF THESE CHAPTERS!

ARIZONA SUNSHINE!

State Convention

ARIZONA Impact Award

Which chapter will win this award? It could be your chapter. Find out who will win by attending our convention. There is still time for Arizona Membership to Shine.

Your chapter could possibly be awarded our Arizona Membership Impact Award. Your chapter can shine in the spotlight this year. All you need to do is initiate some new members. The closing date to qualify for this award is **March 29**.

This special award was started by our Past Arizona President, Betty Ehert. The prestigious award was awarded to Omicron Chapter at our last state convention. It was so thrilling for their chapter.

A Certificate and Honorarium will be given to the Arizona Chapter that has the most numbers of new initiates from **June 1, 2022-March 29, 2024**. It's not too late to get out there and bring some new members. It could be your chapter.

The CONVENTION is April 19-21.

Have you made your hotel reservation yet? Please call and make it now!

Please also send in your registration form and check. I can hardly wait to see you there. It's time to see old friends and new members. Once a new member attends a convention, they become a life-long Alpha Delta Kappa sister.

Make sure all new members join you at our convention. What are you waiting for? Your Arizona Sisters will be waiting to greet you and give you a hug!



Our second annual U of A Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, January 28 had some bright spots for sure. We were fortunate to sell 50 tickets to several Alpha Delta Kappa Chapters, friends and family. This year we had several new members join us for the first time. Despite the loss of the game to Stanford, many have expressed interest in returning next year. One member said, "I will keep on coming until they win, then I will come again because they win!"

One highlight for our annual event was that we were joined by International President Ann Marie Brown, Arizona State President Kristi Koziol and members of the AZ State Board. Other sisters from around the state, members from other chapters in Southern District and members of Omicron chapter attended the game.



The Big Tron featured Alpha Delta Kappa and mentioned our International President Ann Marie Brown



Photo taken on the BIG A with Coach Adia Barnes. She was delighted to visit with our members

The after-game party was held at the home of Filomena Brooks. Food, fun and sharing truly completed the day.!



Chapter Sightings!



The December meeting of **Pi** chapter consisted of caroling, business, fellowship and donating. The evening began with chapter members caroling for residents of The Peaks, a senior living community in Flagstaff. The business meeting was held in the home of Phyllis Wolfskill. The December altruistic campaign was to collect winter gear for an elementary school. Donated mittens, hats, scarves and gloves are given to an elementary school for extensive use during Flagstaff winters.

Vice-President Carol Julien displaying winter gear to be donated to a local elementary school.



Pi Chapter members caroling are: Denise Pizzi, Betty Smith, Sandy Nunley, Diane Newberry, Yolanda Gonzalez, Brenda Emry, Carol Julien, Susan Burdick and Kim Quisido.

Pi chapter's Phyllis Wolfskill has been named the 2023 Citizen of the Year by The Arizona Daily Sun. The Flagstaff newspaper has been sponsoring the award for more than six decades. The award recognizes someone who has made Flagstaff a better place in the past year as a volunteer.

Phyllis's years of service began in the 1980s, assisting Pi chapter in raising money for altruistic projects. The chapter calls her "The Enchilada Queen" for her many years of being chairman of the successful enchilada sales fundraiser. Being active in her Pi Chapter and community earned her one of the state's 2022 Honoris Causa Awards. After retiring from a successful and award-filled career in high school education, she continued her volunteerism with the Museum of Northern Arizona, The Literacy Center and the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra.



Citizen of the Year Phyllis receiving her Sapphire certificate from Pi President Brenda



Our Chefs for the Day

Back row: Carol Cohn, Robin Gilbert, Debbie Gayheart, Diana Dixon, Maureen Means.
Seated: Filomena Brooks



Chef for the Day

Submitted by Omicron President Filomena Brooks

Omicron Chapter became Chef for the Day at Ronald McDonald House on February 10. Six chapter members, decked in our new Alpha Delta Kappa aprons were greeted by a friendly and helpful weekend manager, Justin. (Justin is also a teacher in Flowing Wells District.)

Our task was to prepare the evening meal for the residents, approximately 45 in total. Shopping was done by members Carol and Filomena the day before so that prep time would be quick and efficient.

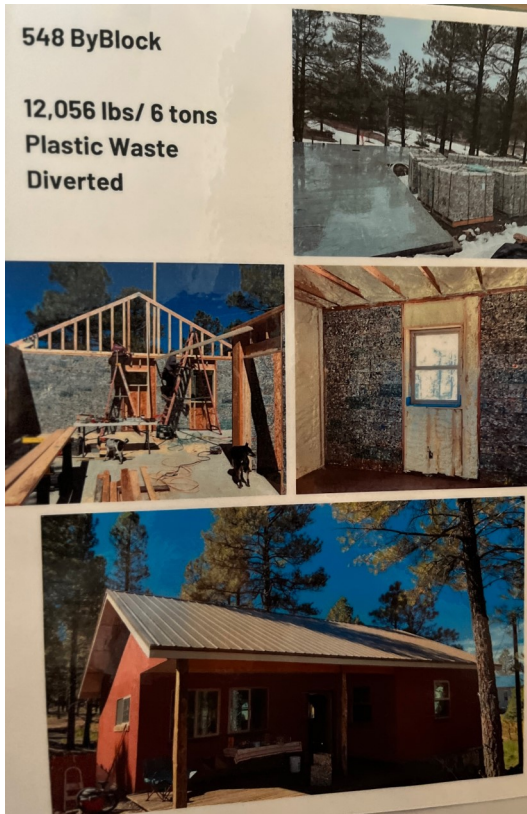
Our Chefs for the Day would like to thank Omicron Chapter members for their generous funds to purchase the food ingredients and having enough to purchase gift cards to be distributed to families as needed.

Omicron Chapter would like to express our appreciation to Letty Garcia Miranda's daughter, Diana Garcia Jimenez, who generously donated aprons and created the applications of our logo on them. Also included is our appreciation, Carol Cohn who did all the contacting and organizing our event with Ronald Mc Donald House.



Our meal consisted of beef, sausage and chicken lasagnas. We also steamed broccoli, warmed garlic bread, had fresh fruit salads as well as spring greens to top it all off. Desserts included mini cupcakes and yummy cookies.

Seeing the residents enjoying their meals was very rewarding. The families were delighted and appreciated the delicious and warm meal. This truly was a wonderful opportunity for our chapter members to have hands-on volunteer and altruistic experiences. All of us felt we would want to have this opportunity again.



We all have seen plastic grocery bags flying around the streets, discarded plastic bottles cluttering our neighborhoods, and plastic laundry detergent, dishwashing soap containers, etc., piling up in our landfills. These are not pretty sights.

A company that the Councilman works with has a pending patent that can convert all types of plastic waste (not just the "permissible" plastics collected in recycle receptacles by our Tucson houses) into high-performing building material. It enables neighborhoods, cities, corporations, etc., to use plastic waste in beneficial ways that won't affect or destroy the environment.

... plastic is robust, flexible and built to last. It shouldn't be a single-use item destined for crowded landfills, harmful marine debris, or toxic incineration.

The Councilman brought samples of blocks from recycled plastic

to show us. These 20 lb. blocks were made entirely from repurposed, recyclable plastic waste. He stated that these blocks don't crack or crumble, require no glue or adhesive, emit 83% less CO2 emissions than concrete blocks, and every part of the plastics is used. The plastic waste was collected, shredded and fused into these blocks. The blocks are used today to build walls, sheds, furniture, and even a house (built in Flagstaff). Plus, they are using it for landscaping and many other ways.

We are so thankful that Councilman Kozachik brought this creative solution to a growing problem to our attention. We are now saving all our plastics and putting them in Tucson's special plastic recycling bins to help with the effort, not only to help clean up the city but to do something good for our environment,

The **Psi** Chapter invited Tucson City Councilman of Ward 6, Steve Kozachik, to present a program that addressed the World Understanding that earth is our most valuable and precious resource. He stated, "One of our biggest challenges is the devastating management of plastic waste."

Councilman Kozachik maintained that plastic is robust, flexible and built to last. It shouldn't be a single-use item destined for crowded landfills, harmful marine debris, or toxic incineration.





From the Arizona Alpha Alpha Newsletter

Editor Sherry Baca

- ◆ Wildflower Restaurant Fundraiser on Thursday, March 7, to raise money for altruistic projects.
- ◆ February meeting was a joint breakfast meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), an International Society for Key Women Educators. They made bracelets for F.I.R.E., an organization devoted to preventing human trafficking of women.
- ◆ New Member Lori Imeson was initiated.
- ◆ Alpha Delta Kappa Dawn Knight Memorial Scholarship is to be awarded to a female college student from Yavapai county pursuing a bachelor or master's degree in the field of education.



Photos from the Secret Sister Present Exchange Party



Front: Nancy Martinez and Christine Felton
Back: Jill Judah, Debbie Griffin (guest) and Robin Knight



Suzy Turrentine received a boxed plant while Randy Fuller displays Andes mints and a soft, fuzzy red blanket. Sharon Danowski received homemade treats and "Danowski" labeled kitchen towels

Alpha Alpha Sisters Volunteer at St. Vincent's De Paul Children's Christmas Party

Sherry Baca and Jeri Hamilton helped with the children's activity center, where the children decorated a family star for the Prayer Tree and other Christmas scenes for themselves. Pictured with them are SVDP volunteers Cindy Maneely and Peggy Martinez. Also helping Jeri was her 5-year-old grandson, Rhysland, in the center of the photo.



Georgia Davidson helped hand out cookies, Christmas activity books, and other gifts for the children and families. She is pictured here with SVDP volunteers Cindy Maneely, Sante Ceolin (100-years-old!), Roy Martinez, and Frosty the Snowman!



Fidelis Zeta's February Meeting was at the Elks Lodge in Yuma. We celebrated Valentine's Day and the February birthdays of Rochelle Thompson, Ruth Brockington and Ollie Wiegel.

Hope all of our AZ AΔK sisters had a Happy Valentine's Day!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention in April.



Sisters in the picture are: Diane Jung, Ruth Brockington, Dianne Gossman, Geri Pooler, Florence Ezell, Jeanne Glover, Rochelle Thompson, and Carol Strickland.

ADVICE FROM A SEA TURTLE

taken from Alpha Alpha Newsletter

SWIM WITH THE CURRENT

(Seems like most tasks are all uphill these days...)

BE A GOOD NAVIGATOR

(Trying to meet deadlines and keep up with some technology...)

STAY CALM UNDER PRESSURE

(Facing challenges with a positive attitude as they arise...)

BE WELL TRAVELED

(Usually taking the backroads instead of highways & planes...)

THINK LONG TERM

(We have more days behind us, than in front of us...)

AGE GRACEFULLY

(So grateful for this life...)

SPEND TIME AT THE BEACH

(Will be along the beach of the Colorado River in Parker Dam, CA off and on until April 1...)



Honoring an AZ Sister



Donations are being accepted for our **AZ Scholarship Fund** through the **HONOR an AZ SISTER**.

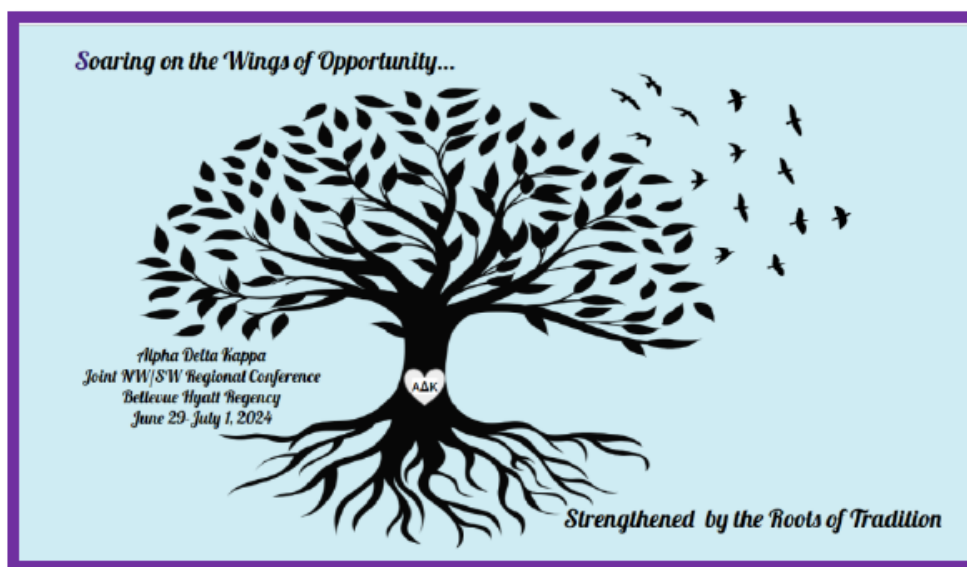
Send a note with your honoree name, chapter, address and reason for the honor. Include your name, chapter, and address for receipt.

Donations are sent to Chairman Kristi or Treasurer Chris Sanzo. A note of acknowledgement for the donation will be sent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Join Mary Ann Englehart, SW Regional President & the Southwest/Northwest Regional Sisters for
Soaring on the Wings of Opportunity, Strengthened by The Roots of Traditions
Regional Conference in Bellevue, Washington
Saturday June 29- Monday July 1, 2024
Bellevue Hyatt Regency, Bellevue Washington

NW/SW Joint Conference Website

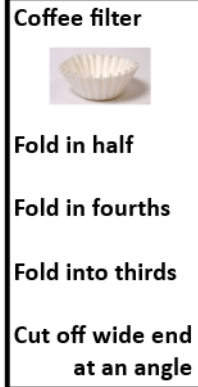
Below, you will find the link to the 2024 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference Website. This site will give you the venue and what is being planned for the conference. It has pre and post-tours and things to do around Bellevue and in the state of Washington. We hope you will check it out to read about the conference and then plan to register for the conference.

<https://sites.google.com/view/2024-joint-conference/home>

You can also go to the Alpha Deltak Kappa website (alphadeltakappa.com) MEMBERSHIP>EVENTS & NETWORKING>REGIONAL CONFERENCES> NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Read more about sessions and events at the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference in the January issue of the Southwest Regional Newsletter, The Soaring Herald.

PERSONAL BENEFITS



This activity will show each of us a representation of our “personal benefits and depicts your journey through Alpha Delta Kappa.” We will use a coffee filter and scissors. Here we go:

Fold your coffee filter in half. (*Demonstrate each step in the folding process.*)
Fold it into fourths.
Now into thirds.
Cut the wide end at an angle.

Keep it folded and listen to these statements. If the answer is YES for you, cut a section from the coffee filter. If the answer is NO, wait for the next statement.

- 1. Have you made life-long friends? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 2. Did you participate in the group insurance program? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 3. Have you attended S/P/N or International Conventions? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 4. Have you received a scholarship? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 5. Have you received an Alpha Delta Kappa recognition honor? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 6. Have you received informative publications? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 7. Have you had the opportunity for professional growth? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 8. Have you served in a leadership position? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 9. Have you networked with your peers? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 10. Have you traveled to places of interest? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 11. Have you joined AΔK CONNECT a members-only Virtual Community? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides. Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 12. Have you participated in leadership trainings for personal growth? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 13. Have you offered the gift of membership to a fellow educator? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 14. Have you participated in altruistic projects to help others? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***
- 15. Have you enjoyed your years of service in Alpha Delta Kappa? *Cut a design from one of the folded sides.***

UNFOLD your snowflake. Look at your design and the benefits of your journey through the *atmosphere of Alpha Delta Kappa.* We are all unique in our own way. Diversity is our strength!

Dates to Remember



March 1

- Deadline for Family Education Scholarship

March 15

- Chapter Altruistic Reports due

March 9

- Officers reports due to Kristi (Executive/Expanded)

March 23

- State Board Meeting Host: Betty Smith

April 15

- Deadline for Arizona Mini-Scholarship for activities between May 15-November 15, 2024

April 19-21

- Arizona State Convention, Tempe, AZ

May 25

- Deadline for Sunshine Times Issue #8

June 29-July 1

- NW/SW Joint Regional Conference
Bellevue, WA

July 10-13, 2025

- Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention
Austin, TX

Share shining activities, accomplishments, altruism in action or honors in the AZ Sunshine Times.

Send Chapter Minutes and Articles to the AZ President and Newsletter Editor.

Kristi Koziol, AZ President, kkoziol22@yahoo.com

Brenda McDowell, AZ Newsletter Editor, bmcdowe@comcast.net

Remember, pictures help tell the story, so please submit them too.

If at all possible, articles should be submitted in Word (*doc or docx*) format and pictures in *jpeg*.

The Deadline for the next issue of Arizona Sunshine Times is May 25.

Emit the rays of your accomplishments on the AZ AΔK Website.

Submit your articles and pictures for the Arizona website to:

Valdine Brower, AZ Web Master, valdinebrower@yahoo.com

Valdine will post your chapter articles and pictures. There is a tab for each chapter.

Check out the website at arizonaalphadeltakappa.org or you can access it through the International website, alphadeltakappa.org under *Membership AΔK Websites S/P/N Websites Arizona*.

