

THE BRIDGE WORKS

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PENNSYLVANIA AΔK NEWSLETTER

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ELLEN HAYDUK
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MELISSA MONTERO
FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND
SUSAN BROWN
CLAUDIA CURRY
WAYS AND MEANS

WEBPAGE
VIVIANNE CAMERON

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

"A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE" HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON REGISTRANTS	804
VIRTUAL REGISTRANTS	215
DELEGATE GRAND TOTAL	1,019
PA 13 IN PERSON + 4 VIRTUAL = 17	

ELECTION RESULTS:

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT	MARY EY
4 YEAR MEMBER INTERNATIONAL EX BD	GINGER GREENE
INTERNATIONAL VP MEMBERSHIP	KATHY BEATTY
2 YEAR MEMBER INTERNATIONAL EX BD	LESLIE KOENCK

INTERNATIONAL ALTRUISTIC PROJECT:

ST JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL & ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

WORLD UNDERSTANDING PROJECT: PUT ON PAUSE DUE TO US STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL RESTRAINTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED REVISION TO THE BYLAWS WERE ALL ADOPTED. THE TWO RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED WERE ALSO ADOPTED.

OMEGA SERVICE "THE BRIDGE BEYOND" HONORED PERISHED SISTERS INCLUDING 10 MEMBERS FROM PA AND 6 ADKA MEMBERS FROM PA.

2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALTRUISTIC PROJECT: \$12,135 WAS RAISED FOR CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)

EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FUNDRAISER COLLECTED \$35,803 FOR THE AΔK FOUNDATION

\$9,016 WAS SECURED TO ASSIST THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING FLOODS IN KERR COUNTY TEXAS (100 MILES FROM AUSTIN)



NEW INTERNATIONAL LOGO
AND THEME

"EVOLVING TOGETHER"

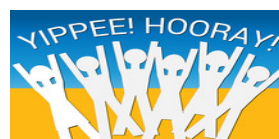
WAS PRESENTED BY
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
CONWAY BLANKENSHIP
FOR 2025-2027.

ITE STUDENT COMING TO PA



EMMA ALFARA-MARINEZ, AN AΔK INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS EDUCATION (ITE) STUDENT, WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA THIS FALL. PA GAMMA CHAPTER WILL BE HER HOST CHAPTER. EMMA IS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR LOCATED IN CENTRAL AMERICA ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL CHAPTERS IN PA TO GREET EMMA WHEN SHE IS SETTLED.



LYNNE DORMAN HAS GRACIOUSLY STEPPED IN AS PA PRESIDENT ELECT. SHE WILL ALSO CONTINUE AS PA STATE HISTORIAN.

THREE CHEERS FOR LYNNE!

Congratulations
TO
SEVEN PEARL CHAPTERS
Eta and Upsilon



FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND OCTOBER 3-5, 2025

Longwood Gardens / Best Western Plus Concordville Hotel



Flyer with details & registration now on the PA website

A room block under the name: ADK Teacher Group. Call hotel reservationist directly at 610.358.9400 x 0 or by clicking on the following URL
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39066.html?groupid=G58MF4H5

Susan Brown & Claudia Curry PA AΔK Friendship Wknd co-chairs

KEEP IN MIND ...

AUGUST 15

-DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM RECOGNITION DEADLINE

OCTOBER - ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

OCTOBER 1

-SEND CHAPTER YEARBOOKS TO STATE PRESIDENT
-CLASSROOM GRANT DEADLINE
-EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
-KAPPAN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER PUBLICATION

OCTOBER 15

-990-N IRS E-POSTCARD DEADLINE
-REGIONAL MINI FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINE
-CHAPTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CNA) REFLECTIONS



ALL PA MEMBERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO

“CLICK THE LINK”

The May 2025 *Bridge Works* urged members to complete a survey that asked about the **PA Eastern and Western District Fall Meetings** held in the first year of the biennium, as well as the **Eastern and Western Spring Conferences** also held in the first year of the biennium. (Friendship Weekend is held in the fall of the second year of the biennium. The State Convention is held in the spring of the second year of the biennium.)

A strong majority (95%) said that the purpose of the **Fall Leadership Meeting** should continue to be training new chapter leaders: President 100%; President Elect 95%; Treasurer; 91%; Secretary 73% Committee chairs 60%. There was not a strong feeling about any other leadership positions that should be included. With only 20 responses to the question should the Fall Meeting be in-person or virtual, 24% saw the meeting as an ‘in-person only’ meeting and 10% as virtual only. Most felt that the Fall Meeting should continue to be organized by district (63%). There was no overwhelming idea about where the meeting should be located.

The largest selection chosen for the **Spring District Conference** was for a short business meeting format with an altruistic program that supports, inspires, and motivates sisterhood as a district event (68%) rather than a state-wide event (33%). Over 61% of members selected a hybrid conference with 37% choosing an in-person conference. One chapter responded through email feeling that the Spring conference is nice but not necessary. The cost, finding a venue, and acquiring speakers were given as reasons. One member responded by email and expressed considerations that in-person meetings strengthen relationships; hybrid meetings make planning program challenging; questions what do active teachers prefer for program; and could new educational topics or purposes of AΔK be themes for the Conference.

There were 59 respondents to the survey (19% of PA membership). A good survey response rate generally falls between 10% and 30%. Most responding to the survey were from the Eastern District (86%).

To have all sisters from PA heard, there has been a request for more feedback from sisters in the Western District.

Your feedback is valued. The hope is to make decisions that have a positive effect on all our PA sisters.

LET'S CONNECT

Submitted by Judy Brunner, PA AΔK State Chaplain

Hello Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters!

Whether you're actively teaching or retired, welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a refreshing-of-the-soul-kind of summer, and you're ready to make a positive connection with your students and sisters!

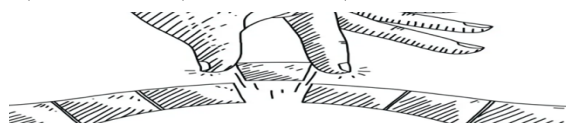
I had the opportunity to attend my first international convention in Austin in July. WOW! I was welcomed with open arms by sisters who I did not even know from all over the world. My eyes were opened to the enthusiasm of our fellow sisters for education and sisterhood! It was a wonderful experience!

A couple of take-aways from the convention. As you are aware, we are striving to build bridges among our sisters and gain more membership. Sessions about bridging generational gaps among teachers and sisters were enthusiastically presented with great ideas. Ideas I thought were great were: *Host a “Then and Now” panel where both retired and active teachers reflect on changes in education and *Encourage storytelling sessions where members share their classroom journeys and teaching experiences.

As Michael Jordan said, “*I want to be the bridge to the next generation!*” As you create your hopes and dreams for this new school year and for your new year as a PA AΔK Sister, *how will you be a bridge to help build connections among the various generations in your chapter?*

Wishing you an amazing year filled with fun connections with your sisters!

KEYSTONE BRIDGE MINI-GAME



CONGRATULATIONS TO PA GAMMA!

They have gathered 100 stones = A Keystone Bridge!!
You Rock!!