Dearest sisters of the NW and SW Regions,

It is hard to believe that our NWR and SWR State Conventions are nearly history (Montana is still to celebrate the weekend of June 7th) and the 2018 Joint Regional Conference is less than 6 weeks away! We cannot adequately express our gratitude to the Northwest and Southwest sisters for your warmth and generosity, both toward us, and toward International Representatives Gloria Beatson in New Mexico, Jan Cook in Wyoming and Marie Hurst in Idaho. It is an experience like no other, and we are honored and humbled to serve in this position. Please see our new Northwest and Southwest State Presidents’ themes and logos later in the newsletter. They are beautiful; our states are in amazing hands!

Congratulations to all of the new State and Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen! Your willingness to be Leaders and Learners will make a difference in your chapter, district and chapter successes. If you are serving at the district or state levels, take the time collect contact information and make a distribution list of for communication during your term. Sisters love to be included and kept in the loop of deadlines and upcoming events.

We have just returned from our travels together to Kansas City and our May International Chapter meetings; we followed them with 4 days in Seattle working on Conference. There are exciting plans, so please read the Conference News below carefully.

It is NOT TOO LATE to register for our Joint NW/SW Regional Conference, and we’d love to have you join us as we Touch the Future as Leaders and Learners who WILL Make a Difference for students and adults in our communities and beyond. We are expecting 300 + sisters (289 registered so far) – and we have sisters from Australia, South Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut and Tennessee, to name some home states – joining our Northwest and Southwest sisters to celebrate educational excellence, partake in altruistic activities, increase our world understanding and learn more about our organization and ourselves.

We are living and breathing the mantra of TOUCH THE FUTURE! At this time of year with school ending, we hear stories of how educators inspire students to take the vulnerable step forward into their next level of education and dream of how they will touch the future themselves. We are the educators of this generation who daily invest in students, parents and colleagues with the belief that tomorrow is easier with efforts made today. Each of us has had educators in our own youth who saw the promise in us and planted seeds of optimism and hope to keep us pursuing our visions. Carry that light invested in you and spread it to the next generation.

We hope to see you soon....in Montana for the State Convention next week, in Anchorage, and at Founders’ Day Celebrations next Fall.

With love,

Glad and Mollie
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Dear Sisters of the Northwest and Southwest Regions,

As summer approaches, I am excitedly anticipating being with you at your regional conference this summer. I’ll be spending as much time as possible in your company, getting to know you, hearing your concerns and recommendations for the future of Alpha Delta Kappa, and sharing in the special events International Vice Presidents Glad Loreen and Mollie Acosta and your conference planners have arranged for you. Mostly, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces as you experience the regional conference and relish our sisterhood while you are in Anchorage.

There are opportunities galore for fun, laughter and learning from seminars to the Friendship Fair to the Northern Lights Banquet. Supporting the altruistic project, voting for the next World Understanding project, celebrating first timers, and attending enlightening leadership and enrichment sessions will bring new energy to each person’s work as an Alpha Delta Kappa leader of today and tomorrow. What a fitting match to our International theme, Energy, Opportunity, Impact.

During your extra time in Anchorage, be sure to visit local museums, meet the people, and take in the flora and fauna. I understand the glacier tours are not to be missed. There are also Iditarod dog training kennels to visit, fly-fishing to be enjoyed, and golfing 'Under the Midnight Sun.' Take some time to learn about the rich and varied cultures in and around the area. You’ll never forget your visit to this city of incredible beauty.

So, send in your registration today. I look forward to seeing you this summer, July 9th -11th, in Anchorage. Come early; stay late. You’ll be glad you did.

With sisterly love,

Sue Pelchat, International President
2018 NW SW Joint Regional Conference News and Highlights

- **Regular registration deadline is this Friday, June 1st**
- **Special Meetings for Leadership**
  - Sunday, July 8th 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Sales/Archives tables set up (will be secured)
  - Sunday, July 8th 5:00 PM Regional Officers/Committee Chairs
  - Sunday, July 8th 6:00 PM Presenters Meeting
  - Sunday, July 8th 6:00 PM Asst. Sgts-at-Arms Meeting
  - Monday, July 9th 7:00 AM Breakfast for MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR Attendees ALL 3 P’s, VP of Membership/State Membership Consultants ONLY
  - Monday, July 9th 7:30 AM MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SEMINARS ALL 3 P’s, VP of Membership/State Membership Consultants ONLY
  - Monday, July 9th 12:00 Noon NW 3 P’s Meet with Sue Pelchat - Box Lunches Included
  - Monday, July 9th 5:15 – 6:30 CONNECTIONS with Sisters Welcome Reception for All No-host bar/Hors d’ Oeuvres/Deanna Davis Comedy Stand Up for Leadership
  - Tuesday, July 10th 7:30 AM S/W 3 P’s Meet with Sue Pelchat – Grab N’ Go Breakfast Included
  - Wednesday, July 9th 1:30 PM Friendship Faire set up
  - Wednesday, July 9th 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Friendship Faire
  - Wednesday, July 9th 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Time reserved for State Photos

- **COURSE CREDIT** – Available through College of Charleston (Attached in this email.)
- **ROOMMATES NEEDED** – Email Glad or Mollie if you need a room or a roommate. PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL ROOMS. Let us know if a room becomes available. We have a wait list! We can transfer an available room to a sister awaiting a room at the Sheraton. Thank you!
- **RONALD McDonald House of Anchorage** – Newborn baby hats are requested, knitted or crocheted, for the expectant mothers served by our local altruistic project, the Ronald McDonald House at the Alaska Native Medical Center: Link to Knitted Baby Hats: [https://www.themakeyourownzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Knitting-Pattern-baby-hats-1.pdf](https://www.themakeyourownzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Knitting-Pattern-baby-hats-1.pdf)
- **PLEASE BRING** – Business Cards/Contact Information in an easy to share form.
  - S/P/N Banner, UNLESS a digital projection is your preference
  - Archives (optional)
  - S/P/N Leadership Parade (3 P’s with banners)
- **SALES TABLES** – A form is required for each S/P/N to reserve a sales table at $15.00; please see the Special Edition Joint Newsletter dated February, 2018. (Attached in this email.)
- **FRIENDSHIP FAIRE** Remember to send the Friendship Faire form to Chair Susan Raffo; please see the Special Edition Joint Newsletter dated February, 2018. (Attached in this email.)
- **GIFTS** – We have been asked to remind State leaders that gifts for International Representatives and guests are not necessary; please be considerate of suitcase space if any are in the works.
STATE GATHERINGS – Email Glad or Mollie if you would like suggestions.

STATE GROUP PICTURES – Our Regional Historians, with assistance from former International Historian Mary Ellen Pinion, will be available to take photos beginning at 5:00 PM on July 9th, prior to the banquet. It is not necessary to take advantage of this; it is an opportunity should you wish to take advantage of it. More information will be forthcoming.

TOURS/SITES TO SEE – See the ‘Visit Anchorage, Alaska’ link on the Joint Conference website for sites to see and a beautiful video about Anchorage.

CANCELLATION – As stated on the registration form, the Cancellation Policy:
Written requests must be received by June 18, 2018, to qualify for a refund. After this date, extenuating circumstances in case of emergency will be considered for partial refunds; no refund will be issued at that point until Conference bills have been settled post-conference.

As you begin a new biennium as state leaders, this is from Debbie Plummer, NW Region Chaplain

We can set our goals as the new year starts but the best goal is one of growing hearts

Let us start today as we venture so to touch someone’s heart. Then, we’ve helped it grow

Harvests best can grow with the sun above But for hearts to grow, they need warmth from love.

Growing hearts this year what a thing to do! When we grow a heart We will grow ours, too!