

Pre Convention Opening 04/26/2024

Good Afternoon Executive Board Members and Guest,

As I was thinking about what I was going to say to you today as we are starting our 2024 State Convention, it occurred to me of how much the our biennium reminded me of the four seasons in a year and the cycles of life.

When you divide our Alpha Delta Kappa biennium into quarters, we can align the biennium with the four seasons. Our installation and the beginning of the biennium, equated to springtime, which traditionally is a time of rebirth and growth. For us, as a board, it was a time of innovative thinking, learning and opportunity. We focused on what we hoped to accomplish in the upcoming two years and worked to set new goals for California.

During the second 6 months or so, of the biennium, our summer season, it was a time of hope and growth for the board. We worked hard toward accomplishing the goals that were set out and presented to the membership. New ideas and innovations were tried and perfected. There was an energy felt by all members and a feeling of fulfillment that we were making good decisions and progress.

As the second year of the biennium commenced, we began the fall season of our time as officers on the board. During this period we handled problems that occurred and sought out solutions. We evaluated and tended to our goals and continued to work toward their accomplishment. We started to see the fulfillment of changes we made and new ideas we worked on. We were looking forward to the harvest of our accomplishments.

In the last few months of the biennium we entered our winter season. This was a challenging season as we rushed to finish any tasks that were incomplete. Our stamina was challenged as we prepared for the ending of our terms on the California Executive Board, and this California State Convention. There was a hint of sadness in our meetings as our time together was ending with each other.

Going through the seasons of the biennium we have learned lessons about ourselves, other board members and our organization. We need to remember the words of Wilma Rudolph, she said, "No matter what accomplishments you make somebody helps you". As we start this weekend together, it is important for us realize proudly our many accomplishments that we have made, working together and helping each other, as we "Stepped Into the Future" with President Rosena.

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As we finish up the business of the 2020-2024 biennium and prepare for the California State Convention this weekend, let us remember recognize our accomplishments as individuals as well as board members during our term of office. Working together we have strengthened our organization within California. As Wilma Rudolph said, “No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helps you”. You all have had a positive role in accomplishing the tasks your position required. You have indeed taken a “Step Into the Future” with President Rosena. I am sure all of us present will continue to serve Alpha Delta Kappa as leaders in future bienniums in California, Regionally and Internationally.