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**ALPHA DELTA KAPPA  
CALIFORNIA BETA PI CHAPTER**

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# HISTORY

## BETA PI THE FIRST 5 YEARS 1968-1973

San Jose Mercury News (March 29, 1968): "Alpha Delta Kappa will conduct initiation ceremonies for Beta Pi a new chapter, Saturday at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Lester Smith, 578 Westridge Drive."

- State officers were on hand for the ceremony
- A congratulations letter from Grand President who was California's very own Jean Mersereau
- Ruth Chapin, who has been a Beta Pi member since 1968, was the first Chaplain
- The new chapter had 16 Charter Members
- In October of that first year, the young chapter was represented at the State Convention, held in Fresno, by 5 of its members, including Ruth Chapin. The Fresno Bee carried several articles about the event. One speaker at the convention was the "Woman of Distinction", Dr. Leila Tossas, Associate Professor of Education at San Diego State University.

### MEETING PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:

- Christmas Workshop
- Bella Donna Beauty Shop "Caring for Our Hair"
- San Jose Police Dpt. Communication Center Director
- Mr. Clyde Arbuckle, City Historian "Interesting Places to Visit in Santa Clara Co."
- Walking Tour of Chinatown
- Walk through Hakone Gardens
- Slides of County Parks
- Tax Sheltered Annuities
- Slides of Europe trip
- Human Relations
- Silk Screening Demonstration
- Slides of Japan and Japanese food tasting
- Singalong
- Adventures in Table Setting
- Dramatization of the book A Second Christmas
- Flower arranging demonstration
- From the Dpt. of Interior on "Indian Affairs"
- Slides of trip to South Pacific
- Oriental cooking and lunch of same
- Councilwoman Janet Gray Hayes on "Women in Politics"
- First woman mayor of San Jose, Janet Gray Hayes (1972)

### MEETING LOCATIONS:

- Allied Arts Guild- Menlo Park
- Westwood School in Santa Clara

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- Joe Jung's Restaurant (Chinatown)
- Plummed Horse - Saratoga
- Chez Yvonne - Los Altos
- Hyatt House
- Colonia Steak House - Steven's Creek
- Blums
- Velvet Turtle - Menlo Park

ALTRUISTIC PROJECT:

- "Psychiatric Day-Care Treatment Program—The Oaks" - San Jose Hospital
  - Contributed costume jewelry ( used in patient auction activity where play money is used)
  - Beta Pi members recorded poems for the patients as a Christmas gift
  - \$22 donated at Christmas in 1969 —used for gifts & saved for a cassette recorder
  - donated books
  - \$25 donated—used in an incentive program on "setting realistic goals" (used for small gifts)
- 1973: The Adolescent Day Treatment Program at the Mental Health Center on Moorpark

# **HISTORY**

## **Beta Pi 1973-1974**

- **Theme for the Year:** Appreciation of Our Nation
- **Committees:**
  - Altruistic
  - Ways & Means
  - Budget
  - Telephone
  - Music
  - Ways & Means
  - Pledge
  - Publicity
  - Courtesy
- **Total Membership** was 21 members
- **International Convention** was held in Miami, Florida
- **Altruistic Project:** Adolescent Day Treatment Program of Santa Clara County

### **MEETING PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:**

- Our Responsibilities as Citizens
- Our National Holidays
- Our Schools Today and Yesterday:
  - Voucher Schools
  - Year-Round Schedules
- Our Natural Resources
- Our Nation's Origin & Development
- Walking Tour of San Jose
- Florence Hendrickson - California Past-President ADK and Beta Pi Sponsor
- Directors of the Adolescent Day Treatment Program of Central Mental Health Clinic in San Jose
- Eleanor Bendell - ADK State President Elect
- Maybe Chinn - ADK State President
- Travel Reviews by members
- Ceramics - display and ordering
- Special Interest Teaching Programs at various schools
- Travel presentation & slides on New Zealand
- Austin Warburton - an authority on the early history of Santa Clara County was the guest speaker
- Walking Tour of oldest buildings & historical spots of downtown San Jose

### **MEETING LOCATIONS:**

- Flying Lady Restaurant (Morgan Hill)
- Velvet Turtle - San Jose
- Pleasanton Hotel
- Liberty House
- Allied Arts (Menlo Park)
- Theodore Steak House
- Hofbrau Restaurant

## **HISTORY**

### **Beta Pi 1974-1976**

- **State Convention:** Hyatt on Union Square, San Francisco on May 3-4, 1974
- Eleanor Bendell - ADK California State President
- Members collected coupons for Adolescent Day Care Center
- **Annual Bay District Meeting:** October, 1974, held at Royal Coach Inn in San Mateo
- **Annual Bay District Meeting:** October, 1976, held at Holiday Inn at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco
- Items donated to the Adolescent Day Care Program : kit for art; plywood; soap; puzzles; coupons; magazines
- Joint meetings with Gamma Kappa — Beta Pi Gave them their ADK Letters
- 1975 International Convention held in Los Angeles
- Beta Pi received "Accolade" for Archives display at 1976 Convention

#### **MEETING LOCATIONS:**

- Hyatt House in San Jose
- Jean Slaught's ranch in San Jose
- North's Chuck Wagon in San Jose
- Allied Arts in Menlo Park
- Bit of Sweden in San Jose
- Michael's Restaurant

#### **PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:**

- Sharing of hobbies & opportunity to buy (recipe samples; dolls; plants)
- Florence Silverman - Supervisor of the Adolescent Day Treatment Program
- Discussion of bylaws
- Surprise baby shower for Virginia Kite
- Speaker from Santa Clara Co. Parks & Recreation on the theme of "Our Natural Resources"
- Alma Jefferson - From Speakers Bureau of San Jose Bicentennial Commission: Bicentennial Activities in our area
- Our National Holidays & Heritage: Christmas Season
  - Auctioning of gifts brought by members
  - Joint meeting with Gamma Kappa
- Slide Presentation & talk on India travels by member
- Fraternal Education
- Attended Center for Performing Arts Bicentennial Observance
- Our Environment & Plant Ecology

## HISTORY

### **Beta Pi 2006-2008**

#### **NOTES:**

- Southwest Regional Conference held in Sacramento, July 25, 2006. Theme: "Soaring to Majestic Heights"
  - Peninsula South Bay Council helps host "Hospitality" (Addie De Medeiros takes part representing Beta Pi)
- ADK Month commemorated by making donations of books to various schools & to local library
- Northern Conference, Nov. 4, 2006, hosted by Peninsular South Bay Council at the Wyndham Hotel, San Jose. Theme: "Recognizing Excellence While Designing Tomorrow"
  - Beta Pi in charge of securing the facility
  - Fremont High School Choir performed songs from the 60's
- Bunco held in April 2007 at historical landmark "We and Our Neighbors Club"- founded in 1892
- 25th International Convention held in San Diego at the Manchester Grand Hyatt
  - Connie Cathey is International President
  - Keynote Speaker: Rafe Esquith, author of Teach Like Your Hair is on Fire
    - doing work with disadvantaged students in L.A. including focus on Shakespeare to music (students performed for the convention audience)
  - Addie De Medeiros attended convention and took part in the decorating of tables for the Education Symposium
  - Addie De Medeiros receives the "7 Pearls Certificate" recognition for Beta Pi Chapter for its implementation of the principles of sound membership development
- Addie De Medeiros participates in "Coastal Cleanup Day" at Sea Cliff Beach for ADK & Beta Pi Chapter (Sept. 2007)
- Beta Pi celebrates 40 years at the annual Bunco event at We & Our Neighbors Club (March 2008)
  - Charter Member of Beta Pi, Ruth Chapin, receives recognition for her continuous dedication to the chapter efforts
- Carol Miller presents Scholarships at Independence High School Teaching Academy
- Carol Miller presents Scholarship to a Credential Program candidate at San Jose State University. Event held at the Little Schoolhouse at San Jose History Museum
- Beta Pi "Adopts" the rose beds at Fowler Creek Park in the Evergreen Community in San Jose (Sept. 2008)

#### **SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS:**

- Scholarship recipients were the guests at the Oct. 18, 2006 meeting
- Meeting at the Plane Tree Health Library
  - Pat Kissel-Ogle (member): made a presentation about the Plane Tree Health Library of Santa Clara County
- Founders Day commemoration held at House of Grace Women's Shelter (Oct. 2007)
  - Guest: Lia Hernandez, 2007 Scholarship recipient

## **HISTORY**

### **Beta Pi 2006-2008**

#### **PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS cont.:**

- Nut Packing for annual Altruistic fund effort (Nov. 2007)
- Christmas caroling to Carol Miller's house & gathering at Addie's for holiday cheer & cookie exchange
  - toy bears collected for Bay Area Bears effort
- Volunteer work meeting at RAFT. Members put together Math Manipulatives kits
- Tea time at Lisa's Tea Treasures at the Pruneyard, San Jose (April 2008)
- Joint officer installation of Beta Pi & Gamma Kappa held at historic Hayes Mansion in San Jose ( June 7, 2008). New state president-elect Susan Raffo officiates.

#### **ALTRUISTIC PROJECTS:**

- American Heart Association
- Classroom Supply Stipends for Beta Pi members in the classroom
- Books Aloud Library
- House of Grace Women's Shelter
- Toys to San Jose Police Chaplaincy
- Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- George Mark Children's Hospice
- RAFT (Resource Area for Teachers)
- Scholarship to SJSU credential program candidate
- Scholarship to Independence High School Teaching Academy graduating senior
- 4 Paws for Ability
- Kidango
- Americans for UNFPA
- EMQ Families First
- We & Our Neighbors Women's Club House
- Toy Bears for Martha's Kitchen



# BETA PI

## 1990-1992

- There were 25 members in Beta Pi
- One of our members, Belle Goldstein, was State President
- Our president was Jean Slaght
- Beta Pi received an award for "Focus on Excellence" at the May, 1990 State Convention
- Roberta Whitney and Adrienne D'Angelo joined Omega

### MEETING PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:

- Fraternal - each member was to fill out a questionnaire
- District meeting
- Next Door Solutions for Domestic Violence- speaker Linda Wilson
- Handbells at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church
- Christmas party: dinner and tour at The Atrium; ornament exchange
- Peggy Norris - "Europe by Car"
- Founders' Day & craft projects
- Joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Lambda Theta for a panel discussion on "Social Issues in Education"
- Charles Morrow from the San Jose Historical Museum spoke about programs available to teachers
- Initiation
- Salad Bar and Auction for Next Door Solutions
- Back-to-school auction
- Visit of the Next Door facilities
- Christmas: at member's home with an ornament exchange; program: Tomari Balls; bring items for Next Door: unwrapped child's gift and others from a list)
- Making crafts for Boutique fundraiser
- Forum on Family and School speaker
- Speaker on codependency
- Member's Surprise (not specified)
- Joint meeting with Lambda Theta for a forum on "Family and School, Building for the Future"

### MEETING LOCATIONS:

- Lyon's Restaurant

- Mexico Lindo Restaurant
- Los Gatos Presbyterian Church
- The Atrium
- Coco's Restaurant
- Cupertino Library
- Quail Hollow Mobile Park Com. center

**ALTRUISTIC PROJECT:**

- Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Members held a boutique to sell hand crafted items, held auctions, and donated toys, money, clothes and food.

# BETA PI

## 1998-2000

- Jean Slaght and Madalyn Brizzi were our co-presidents
- Beta Pi received awards for outstanding membership recruitment in March, membership growth 1997-1999, and increasing membership May, 2000
- Wilma Taggart joined Omega

### MEETINGS PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:

- Informational coffee: special guest: Alice Bullard Past State President
- Christmas Party: pledging new members and filling bags for Heritage Home at member's home
- Initiation: special guest Noel Leonard
- Informational coffee: Alice Bullard and Noel Leonard guests
- Luau: initiation and special awards
- Heritage Home Breakfast and Tour
- Altruistic work session
- Rummage Sale
- Environmental Volunteers
- Books Aloud presentation: Barbara Neiman
- Installation - member's home
- District meeting hosted by Beta Pi September 26, 1998 at a member's home

### MEETING LOCATIONS:

- We and Our Neighbors Clubhouse
- Heritage Home
- Holly Oaks School
- Home Church in Campbell
- The Villages Golf & Country Club

### ALTRUISTIC PROJECTS:

- The sisters of ADK-Beta Pi Illinois
- STARS Horizon Club of SCC Campfire Boys & Girls
  - Donation of soil amendments for roses at Heritage Home
- Trenton Elementary School
  - members supported/helped them during a disaster
- Heritage Home

## **HISTORY**

### **Beta Pi 2000-2002**

#### **NOTES:**

- Northern District Meeting hosted by Golden Gate Council held at Gabbiano's Restaurant in San Francisco on Nov. 4, 2000. Theme: "Our Past- a Bridge to the Future."
- Anna Konstantopolous, State President, officiated the installation of new officers of Beta Pi & Gamma Kappa at a joint ceremony at the Villages Clubhouse in San Jose.

#### **PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:**

- Visited Books Aloud at San Jose Public Library to learn about the organization and the service they provide
- Bagging of sundry items for Heritage Home
- Mary Falkar: speaker from Children's Shelter

#### **MEETING LOCATIONS:**

- Bella Saratoga
- Dove Hill Elementary School in Evergreen District

## **HISTORY**

### **Beta Pi 2002 -2004**

#### **NOTES:**

- It was decided that e-mail would be the mode to replace hard copy mailings of newsletter and minutes, this in an effort to save on cost
- Altruistic Projects: - Books Aloud
  - Books for needy children
  - scholarship to a graduating senior from the Teaching Academy Program at Independence High School in San Jose's Eastside High School District
  - Christmas gifts for needy children given through the Police Chaplaincy Program
- Nut sales as a fundraiser for altruistic projects tried
- Northern District Conference held in Roseville on Nov. 9, 2002
- Standing Committees:
  - ADK Month
  - Altruistic
  - Budget
  - Bylaws
  - Telephone
  - Fraternity Education
  - Membership
  - Program
  - Scholarship
  - Sunshine
- Northern District Conference, Nov. 22, 2003 hosted by Peralta Council at Sequoyah Country Club, Oakland
- International Convention, July 2003, in Dallas, TX
- Southwest Regional Conference, July 6-8, 2004, in Salt Lake City ( Addie De Medeiros attended)
- 25th State Convention, April 30-May 2, 2004, at the Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel, Oakland. Theme: "Teaching, Learning, & Wisdom"
- Joint installation of officers with Gamma Kappa at the Villages Golf & Country Club, June 5, 2004

#### **PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:**

- Elizabeth Cameron: Weekender Fashions
- Jane Harveson: Teacher and director of the Teaching Academy Program at Independence High School in the Eastside Union High School District in San Jose
- Sweet Adelines: Women's Barbershop group since 1945
- Dedication of the House of Grace Library, special project of Beta Pi, Oct. 9, 2004