

# GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

*AΔK Monthly newsletter of State President Norma Rushing*

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## CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

*Written by Norma Rushing*

Welcome to the 2020-2022 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa biennium. I am excited about the possibilities we have for our state organization and for each chapter.

When you walk into a planning meeting, what is the first question you are usually asked? How about, "What needs do you/we have?" Then, "How can we meet those needs?" The assumption is always that you must not be doing something correctly.



## KICKING OFF THE BIENNIUM

*Text and photos by Norma Rushing*

I attended a meeting last spring where I got a different perspective.

The group works with the poorest counties in the southern states.

Surely those counties have an arm's length list of needs. But this group's first question when they meet with the initial planning group is not.

"What are your needs?" but "What are your assets?" Evaluate what you have already done and what is working for you and then build upon and use those assets.

As I started thinking about the new biennium, the question, "What are the *assets* of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa?" kept ringing in my head. After a conversation with Melba Priestley as we waited for our plane to fly home from the International Convention in Minneapolis, I knew what our theme would be for 2020-2022: "Celebrating Possibilities." Of course, it sure did help that International President Judy Ganzert chose as her theme "Infinite Possibilities." This year we will be celebrating our many accomplishments of the past and seizing opportunities/possibilities to build a strong organization for the future.

Georgia AΔK is 66 years strong having been founded by strong and courageous women educators in

March, 1954. Martha Buckley was inspired by Agnes Shipman Robertson to organize Georgia's Alpha Chapter in Atlanta. By the time of the 1958 National Convention, there were 24 chapters in Georgia.

We will build and celebrate our assets of the past but plan for a great future.

*Let's start seizing every possibility/opportunity to grow and maintain membership, to develop leadership, to give generously of our time and money and to tell others about our wonderful women educators' organization.*

As the Georgia AΔK state song says, "as sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa, proudly we sing your praise."

Next month, the Logo will be explained.



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## Due Dates Treasurer Forms



**Terri Thompson**  
State Treasurer

**DUE BY JUNE 30:**  
CHAPTER C-1  
DISTRICT D-1  
(SEND REPORT  
TO STATE  
TREASURER)

**COMPLETE  
ONLINE:**  
THE 990-N IRS  
POSTCARD  
BETWEEN JUNE  
1 & OCTOBER 15



**Executive Board President**  
**Norma Rushing**

## MONEY TALK

*with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer*

June 1 begins the Alpha Delta Kappa 2020-2022 biennium. As state treasurer, it is my pleasure to serve and be the role model for the chapter and district treasurers. For some this will be a new experience; others will continue in the position.

Congratulations to each treasurer upon her election. Your financial expertise is a necessary ingredient for chapter or district success.

Your state treasurer wishes you success as you receive and dispense the funds.

**Money really does matter!**

It keeps the organization functioning.

During vacation time, the financial transactions lessen. This will give incoming treasurers an opportunity to get acquainted with their duties, establish an account if the banking institution changes, set up ledgers and assist the retiring treasurer with the audit.

### Reports Due:

#### **By June 30, 2020**

Chapter C-1 Annual Chapter Reporting Form and Audit;  
District D-1 Annual Cash Flow Statement

#### **By October 15, 2020**

Chapter 990-N IRS Postcard.  
Send reports to State Treasurer.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT

*Text and photos by Norma Rushing*

I am honored to be the President of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa for the 2020-2022 biennium. As I read the names of past state presidents, I am humbled.

I was initiated into Beta AΔK in February of 1987, having been invited to join by Gerry Slaughter who was on a state committee at the time. I fell by the wayside in the early 90's when I let personal circumstances get in the way of membership. This year, I became a Silver Sister.

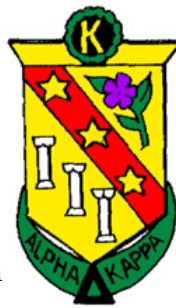
I was raised on a farm in Southern IL. My first 2 years of school were in a one room school.

I earned my bachelor's and masters degrees from Southern IL Univ. in elementary education and my Specialist in Administration at GA State. I retired with 34 years with 17 in the classroom and 17 in administration.

I am most proud of my 2 sons and 7 grandchildren. The oldest is in her 2nd year of a doctorate program and one son (Dr. Keith Rushing) is a band director in MI. I am active in my church as a Sunday school teacher and deacon and also serve on the GA Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Council.

# FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill



I just love quotes and I also love Fraternity Education so I can test my knowledge and constantly learn more about our wonderful organization, Alpha Delta Kappa!!! My name is Jan McNeill and I am your GA Fraternity Education Chairman for 2020-2022. I live in Chatsworth, GA, and am a 35-year+ member of Beta Phi Chapter, after being initiated into Kappa Chapter when I taught in Dalton. I am available to answer any questions for you, give you some ideas, or possibly visit if your chapter is not miles away from NW GA - or I can even Facetime or participate on Zoom with your chapter! (memcneill@charter.net; 706-695-4313 (home); 706/264-1331(cell/text))

Over the next 3-4 months as your chapter's officers plan meetings for everyone to enjoy this first year of the new biennium, please offer suggestions and be sure a short Fraternity Education activity is listed each month that your chapter meets and is reflected in your chapter minutes for Cornucopia requirements. Volunteer to be your Fraternity Education Chairman! There are loads of activities, games, trivia, skits, ceremonies, tidbits of information, etc., on the International website ([www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org)) under "chapters" on the front page or under "documents & forms-chapters" which is found on the "links" list.

My chapter's Frat. Ed. Chairman used these website resources almost every meeting during the last biennium and I found her chosen activities to be really fun and enjoyable – plus your members, even the "Oldie Goldies" will learn about or renew memories of some fact or date!

Maybe your president can list on GA-101 (meetings 2020-21), due October 1, some generic Frat Ed ideas, such as: getting to know your chapter sisters; acronyms and words/phrases often used by State and International; due dates of forms and why these forms are necessary; District/State/International officers and logos; Greek letters; available items from State and International (pamphlets, scholarships, awards); using the website (State and International); seasonal/altruistic activities; membership; protocol. Then, each month your chapter Frat. Ed. Chair can look up on the website a specific activity under that chapter's monthly idea or one shared through my articles and run off copies or send it to your chapter members – or plan a fun game – or set up a get-to-know-your-sisters-better activity since we all are so busy and spread out distance-wise and time-wise! Make it fun, short, and sweet!

Here's a question I have often been asked: What does "S/P/N" mean? Do you know? It is shorthand for "State/Province/Nation" all of which make up our wonderful organization called Alpha Delta Kappa. We know we have 50 states and several territories including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Now find the Nations and Provinces on the website or ask someone in your chapter who may know or is willing to look up the information for the group!

Enjoy the hunt each month and enjoy your new 2020-2022 Biennium in Alpha Delta Kappa while learning new facts through Fraternity Education!!!

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*"Look to the experience of  
those who have gone  
before you. They are  
there to offer comfort as  
well as guidance!"*

~Paul Brown



# THE LONGEST DAY®

alzheimer's  association®

Text and photos by Pippy Rogers

**Join the GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA Team**  
( Click above to Join )

As AΔK Global Partners, your sisters all across Georgia are participating in The Longest Day® to honor those facing Alzheimer's. We are doing our part to #ENDALZ! —WE need you on our team!

June 20th, THE DAY WITH THE MOST LIGHT IS THE DAY WE FIGHT is The Longest Day (Summer Solstice) theme.

But we can FIGHT any day with our sisters, chapters, families, friends and teams, to raise funds for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Need some ideas for your activities?

Check out what people are doing at:

<https://tldcommunity.alz.org/communityhome>

June 20th will be your last opportunity to sign up for a TEAM but August 31st is the last day for Donations for our GA TEAM! Together, we can #ENDALZ !



*Unity is  
strength.  
When there  
is teamwork  
and  
collaboration,  
wonderful  
things can be  
achieved!*

Mattie Stepanek



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Text by Sharon Rorex*

When the United States went into lock down, stay at home, wash your hands and stand 6 feet away from others quarantine, it was a great change for all of us. Well, what else could happen?

Easter Sunday night tornadoes struck the Chattanooga area, including my street. I have never witnessed hearing a tornado until that night, but it is a sound that one cannot forget.

We were blessed that no one was hurt on my street, although there was much damage.

Along with family and church friends, I was inundated with concerns and well wishes from my Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. I am grateful for all the kind words sent my way from all.

We need to remember that we are a sisterhood, and we can depend on each other, no matter the circumstances.

Yes, we are living in a time of change, but nothing will ever change our *Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood*.

## DISASTER RELIEF

*Text by Sara Ratliff*

Welcome, Sisters to the new biennium.

As you may know, after the storms of Easter Sunday, we were able to help GA sisters as well as a North Georgia school which were all greatly impacted. I want to say thank you to Marie Woodward and her committee for an outstanding job.

A committee has yet to be chosen for Disaster Relief at this time but it is hoped that we will have someone from each district to have a representative.

I know you will respond "YES" if you are asked to be a part of this committee.

You would be asked to assist with the display for your district as well as to give your opinion and to vote on applications we receive.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve as well as your generosity. Alpha Delta Kappa sisters know how to show their love!

Sara Ratliff  
GA Disaster Relief Chair

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*Omega Sisters*

*Lynn Waller  
Alpha Pi*

*Reva Callahan  
Alpha Upsilon*

*Sister  
Concerns*

*Gulf VIP  
Terry Peyton's  
Mother passed away.*

*Golden Isles Past  
Chairman  
Brenda Tillman's  
Mother passed away*

*Past State President  
Anita Cole*

*State Treasurer  
Terri Thompson*

*State Secretary  
Judy Shaklee*





## MEMBERSHIP

*Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay*



**Membership Chair**  
**Suzi Bonifay**

In Celebrating Possibilities, what are the possibilities that you can recruit, retain or reinstate members in your Chapter this biennium? I hope that, along with the many changes in our lives, your chapter becomes a magnet for educators who are seeking fellowship, support, fun, scholarship opportunities and involvement in activities that make our communities and world a better place in which to live.

It's my hope to build on the many accomplishments of Debbie Boswell & Pippy Rogers and help meet your membership needs. They leave big shoes to fill.

A goal of mine is to always let you know what's coming. So, while

you are doing your summer planning, go ahead and prepare answers for the Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) due Aug 31. That includes the total # of chapter members, % of attendance at each meeting, date you initiated your newest member, # who left the chapter during the last biennium, whether you have a full slate of officers, a list of recruitment efforts, if you had a variety of programs, if you had Fraternity Ed. 6 of 9 times, chapter strengths & challenges, if you set goals in 2018-20, and what type of assistance you need, if any.

I look forward to working with and training District and Chapter membership VPs/designees in the not-too-distant future. In the interim, please text, email or call with any questions or needs.

## Scholarship Winners



**This could be you**  
**XYZ Scholarship**  
**Recipient**  
**2020**

## SCHOLARSHIP

*Text and photos by Shannon Cole*

With a new biennium, comes new opportunities for personal development and professional learning through Alpha Delta Kappa scholarships. Over the next few months, you will be receiving more information about the various scholarships offered at the three levels of Alpha Delta Kappa: International, Regional, and State.

To further promote these opportunities, we would like to have all Georgia sisters who have received a scholarship at any of the three levels to send the following information to Shannon Cole, VP for Scholarship 2020-2022.

Your name, the name of the scholarship received, the year awarded the scholarship, a few sentences regarding the reason applied and what it meant to receive the scholarship, and lastly a photo of you. The goal is to feature a sister for each scholarship that has a deadline approaching.

You can email the information to Shannon at [leigh2870@hotmail.com](mailto:leigh2870@hotmail.com), send her a dropbox link to a file, share it with her via Google, or drop it in the traditional USPS. Her address is 502 W. Fort St, Chatsworth, GA 30705.

Looking forward to hearing from you all!



**Darcelle Burandt**  
**Executive Director**  
**House of Hope**



**President-elect**  
**Debbie Boswell**



## **ALTRUISM**

*Text and photos by Bonnie Devereaux*

The **House of Hope** in Brunswick GA will be our state altruistic project for our Celebration Conference in September. This organization serves girls throughout the state who have been human trafficked or are in danger of it. The Memorial Painting will be hung in their facilities. As part of your chapter's altruistic work, your chapter is asked

to contribute \$10.00 or more to this worthy cause. Thank you to those who have already made their contribution. There will be opportunities to make contributions to this important work during Conference. Plan to stop by the Altruistic Table. We will have informational material to share with you. More information coming in a later edition.

## **GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*Text and photos by President-elect Debbie Boswell*

I lived in St Stephen, outside of Charleston, SC for 33 yrs then moved to GA. What a great day when I boarded the AΔK Train! I boarded at the home of Gayle Owen, a GA Past State President and heard a program presented by Linda Chambers, another Past State President. I was hooked from the first day and initiated the following February, 1996. The ride continues to be exciting and full of supporters as my family and I go through life. We have a daughter, son, two great spouses, three grandchildren and another will board the train in October! Sydney will tell you that I am always doing something with "that Church stuff or Sorority stuff" if you need to get me! This is true, but I did tell her that she and POP get a lot of my time also! I do love my USC Gamecocks! After a few degrees, I still love getting a graduate degree from THE CITADEL before they liked women! I retired after 39 years in education. I can say I loved my first day and my last being in and out of the classroom and holding several Administrative positions in SC, MD and GA.

I love to share life with my family and friends and am looking forward to seeing where the AΔK Train will take us all, thanks for jumping on!





## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- June 3 2020-2022 Ex Bd Mtg Zoom 4:00 p.m.
- June 20 Longest Day
- June 30 Due Cl, Dl, and H 114
- July 9-10 Executive Board Retreat
- Aug. 22 Heart of Georgia Officers' Training  
10:00 am Dublin Library
- Aug. 31 CNA Chapter Needs Assessment due
- Sept. 18 Anderson Center Macon  
4:30 2018-2020 Ex. Bd Mtg  
6:30 2020-2022 Ex. Bd Mtg
- Sept. 19 One Day Celebration Conference  
Set up & registration begins at 7:00 am  
Ways and Means begins at 8:00
- Sept. 26 Augusta District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 3 Dalton District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 10 Columbus District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 17 Athens District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 24 Tri-District Fall Meeting

### DUE DATES

**H-114**

TO  
INTERNATIONAL  
&

**NORMA RUSHING**

(BY 2028-20  
SECRETARY OR  
PRESIDENT)  
June 30

**C-1**

TO  
**TERRI THOMPSON**  
(2018-20 Chapter  
TREASURER)  
June 30

**D-1**

TO  
**TERRI THOMPSON**  
(2018-20 DISTRICT  
TREASURERS)  
June 30

**990-N**

**POSTCARD**

(IRS)  
CONFIRMATION TO  
TERRI  
(2018-20 CHAPTER  
TREASURER)  
Oct. 31



## WORLD UNDERSTANDING

*Text and photos by Ruth Rennick*

As you can see in the above picture, the spread of COVID-19 has affected the children of Haiti that are a part of our Teach Too World Understanding Project. According to Melissa Young, "our project is on hold again. With the country being shut down, we are not able to get the supplies or labor to do the construction."

Let's keep all of them in our prayers as this project will hopefully be back underway soon.

The new timeline for the next World Understanding Project can be found on the International Website. Guidelines for submitting a proposal may be found at [www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org). Click on "Foundation", then "World Understanding", then "Guidelines" and go to page 4 for the complete directions.

Submissions will be accepted until October 1, 2020. Here's hoping for a better world for the children of Haiti and all of those around the world.



**Committee Chair  
World Understanding  
Ruth Rennick**







## VIOLETS

Dara Bennett

Beta Xi

named

Pierce County Schools  
Superintendent

REMINDERS



*Text and photo by Norma Rushing*

- Due on June 30 to International, to 2020-2022 district chairman and state president is the H-114. The form is located on the International website or you can click [here](#). It is completed by the 2018-2020 secretary and is a quick summary of the highlights for the past biennium. The H-114 is one of International's 7 pearls.
- No leadership training will be held in Macon in June. Watch for more information.
- Celebration Day for 2020 is planned for September 19 at the Anderson Goodwill Center in Macon. Registration packets will be sent by mid-June. I am working with the Hampton Inn on Eisenhower Parkway off of I-475 for a block of rooms. Our Golden Isles sisters will be the hostesses.
- The GA-101 is due on October 1. The GA-101 lists the chapter's programs and fraternity education for 2020-2021. You might find that the best time to complete it is when your chapter's executive board or program committee is gathered this summer.
- The Gulf Regional Conference in San Juan has been cancelled. There will be a first ever virtual conference later this summer. Every member of Gulf Region AΔK will be able to attend. Watch for information about registration and the date(s).





## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

*Text and photo by Debbie Boswell*

I have now experienced “time flies when you are having a fun time!” The opportunities these past two years as your GA VP for Membership have been so much fun and has been so rewarding for me. Now I am off to new possibilities as I join with you to move into the 2020-22 Biennium as GA President-Elect. A goal of mine is for us to work together as a team to go forward with the great work of our Alpha Delta Kappa organization. Please understand that I will be calling, emailing or texting to solicit your help and input as we move forward with Fun Day, '22 GA Convention and other opportunities as they arise.

My email is always open, my phone is always with me and I am a night owl! Please, never hesitate to contact me. If I don't have the answer for you I will certainly find someone who does!

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of being your GA State President-Elect. I am looking forward to sharing many fun celebrations and activities ahead with each of you....

Love,  
Debbie

## A NOTE FROM YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

*Text by Dawn Hudson*

I am excited to join our organization during a time when Telecommunications is so important - from Zoom for our meetings to sharing templates through Canva (how this newsletter was jointly created virtually). You will see some changes in design to our state website soon too with a new look and feel and many more pages added to match the roles many of you may have in your chapters. Although we have been "forced" to use technology more today than in the past, I feel we will benefit by the increased communication across AΔK in our state! The web address of our state website will remain the same throughout the changes - <http://www.gaalphadeltakappa.org/>. Please visit often so you will be updated with the latest news about our organization. I am looking forward to serving our members throughout the next biennium!



**Debbie Active in  
Athens**



**Telecommunications  
Chair  
Dawn Hudson**





# ADK Photo Page



**Past State President  
Scholarship Recipient  
Karen Whitmire, Beta  
Enhancing Opportunities**

