



December—The most wonderful season of the year. Many memories of childhood joy - caroling, decorating, cooking, wrapping presents and family eating, laughing, and having the best time ever.

Take time to be with family and friends. Rest and revive for the new year—it will bring enough for us to do—but for now rest, watch Hallmark movies, eat cookies, drink hot cocoa, read, and relax.

I wish all of you a joyous Holiday Season—Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and of course, Happy New Year—

Love and hugs, Debbie



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MONEY TALK with Terri Thompson, \$tate Trea\$urer

Alpha Delta Kappa members are in the midst of holiday time. Halloween and Thanksgiving were delightful periods spent pumpkin carving and eating turkey sandwiches. With the arrival of December, the air is crisp, holiday music fills the air ways, shopping trips are frequent, homes are festive with red and green decorations, and organizations of every kind invite staff to dine and attend receptions. In this season of joy, your state treasurer reminds each reader of the altruistic opportunities waiting your participation. As you shop for family and friends, purchase an extra toy, an article of clothing, a can of beans, or even a Season's Greetings card for a military person. Put your change or dollars in the Salvation Army Red Kettle, and your toy in the bin for the Toys for Tots. This is the season of giving. You may never know the comfort these small acts bring, but you will know the joy you received from sharing.

A little Alpha Delta Kappa Money Talk: Save the receipts from what you spend. List them on your chapter altruistic report that is due in March 2020.

Your chapter dues are arriving. Your state treasurer is filled with pride as she receives daily mail. What dedicated, responsible members you are! Blessing to each of you as you share your membership with others. A **DECEMBER MONEY TALK SALUTE** to **GAMMA Chapter** for dues paid in October, and to **LAMBDA Chapter** for a November remittance.

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

Dues Deadline: January 1 to both International Headquarters and the State and **delinquent** after January 31 (which will require a \$5 late fee to International and \$1 late fee to the State).

- 1) **Send International Dues with Form H-138 to Headquarters.**
- 2) **Send State Dues and the State Courtesy/Hospitality Assessment Form and Fee (\$11.50 per member) with a copy of Form H-138 to State Treasurer Terri Thompson.**
- 3) **Send State Scholarship Assessment Form and Fee (\$4.00 per member) to VP for Scholarships Crissie Singleton**
- 4) **Send a copy of the H-138 to State President Debbie Clark to meet the Cornucopia Award requirement.**

Your state treasurer sends **MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES** all the treasurers and Alpha Delta Kappa members. May joy, health and peace fill this Holiday Season



Fraternal Gifts for Christmas

I hope that all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Merry Christmas. In relation to your Fraternity Education Activities for December, there are suggestions related to Christmas in the International Committee's Fraternity Education Activities on the website. Many groups are doing various activities for altruism and fraternity ed, such as Toys for Tots or serving and/or providing meals for the less fortunate to giving fruit baskets to senior citizen's groups. There are so many activities that your group can provide during the Christmas season, so put your Santa hats (thinking caps) on and make good and thoughtful plans for your chapter's Christmas Fellowship and Altruism. I know many of you use your Christmas meeting for a Christmas party and Fellowship time. The suggestions for Christmas Fraternity Education are great for this type of activity. I hope each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas

Pam Parmer

GA Fraternity Education Chairman



CHRISTMAS IN PUERTO RICO

Aguinaldos is what Puerto Ricans call their Christmas songs. Some of the songs are very religious and these are called villancicos. Some have a criollo flavor and they are called décimas navideñas. The rest are either traditional aguinaldos or popular Christmas songs.

Día de los Inocentes falls on December 28th. This feast used to be celebrated much like a carnival, where men dressed as the "evil soldiers of Herod" went house to house, "kidnapping" the first-born boy from every family. To recover their children, the families offered the soldiers gifts and candy. This tradition continues today in a small town called Hatillo. The town joins in a parade and later participates in a public party at the town square. This carnival originated in the Canary Islands brought to Puerto Rico by our



ancestors.** The celebration in the rest of the island is more like April Fool's Day in the USA, where people trick each other.

Misa de Aguinaldo is a Catholic Mass that is almost completely a song service. Aguinaldos are sung and the musical instruments used are the traditional cuatro (Puerto Rican guitar), guitars, güiros, and maracas. Misas de Aguinaldo are held for nine consecutive days ending on the day before Christmas Eve. The mass is held at dawn (usually at 6am).

Misa de Gallo is a Misa de Aguinaldo held at midnight on Christmas Eve. It is a very solemn but festive mass often including carolers, children dressed as angels and nativity characters, and lots of candles. Many families attend this festive and beautiful mass as a tradition.

Nochebuena is Christmas Eve (December 24th). In Puerto Rico, as well as other Latin American countries, the big holiday celebration is held on Nochebuena. Family and friends get together for a festivities and traditional foods of lechón asado and pasteles. The parties often last till morning. On Christmas Day people rest from Nochebuena.

Navidad is Christmas Day (December 25th). Most modern Puerto Rican families celebrate with Santa on this day. Homes are decorated much like in the mainland but include a lot of palm trees and their branches. Families set up "nacimientos" or "pesebres". The Three Wise Men or Los Reyes are prominent in

. The parranderos must surprise the unsuspecting friends and wake them with their music. The home owner has already given plenty of "hints" that he is prepared to receive a parranda. The parranderos gather outside the front door and at a signal the musicians play and the rest sing. At each house they stop for a while and party, then they go to the next house. At each stop the owners of the house join the parranda and it grows in numbers during the evening.



CMC CORNERSTONE

S/P/N Strategic Conversation
2020 S/P/N Convention

"Reaching Out...New Chapter Development" will be the membership presentation for all S/P/N conventions. Your International Membership Committee continues to listen to your concerns. Learn strategies to charter and support new chapters. "Reach Out" and encourage your chapter members to attend their S/P/N convention.

Please make sure this *CMC Cornerstone* is forwarded to your Chapter Membership Chairmen with directions to share it with their chapter members during their December meeting.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



DATES TO REMEMBER

GA STATE CONVENTION JEKYLL ISLAND APRIL 17-19, 2020

Gulf Regional Conference

June 28-July 1, 2020

San Juan, Puerto Rico

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRMEN-ELECT:

MEETING ON JANUARY 25,
2020

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express
and Suites

Information about State
Convention, Cornucopia
Updates, and other important
information!



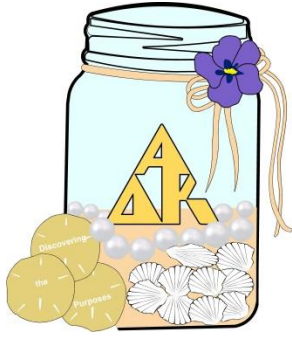
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Spring District Meetings

February 1, 2020	Heart of GA
February 8, 2020	Albany
February 22, 2020	Golden Isles/Augusta
February 29, 2020	Marietta
March 7, 2020	Atlanta
March 14, 2020	Decatur
March 21, 2020	Columbus
March 28, 2020	Dalton
April 4, 2020	Athens

Beta Beta Baskets of Sunshine For Alpha Delta Kappa Month





2019-20 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Campaign June 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020

Our Georgia Membership Campaign is developed not only to increase membership throughout Georgia, but to encourage present and new members to attend Conventions and Conferences.

Winners to be announced at State Convention!

Five Ways to win!

1. The name of each **NEW, TRANSFERRED REINSTATED Member** and **FIRST TIMER** attending the 2020 GA State Convention @ Jekyll Island will be entered into a drawing and a winner will be drawn. The **winner to receive \$100** towards State Convention or Gulf Conference expenses in 2020.
2. The name of each **SPONSOR of a New or Reinstated Member attending the 2020 GA State Convention @ Jekyll Island** will be entered into a drawing each time that they serve as a sponsor for a member. Following a drawing at the 2020 GA State Convention, the **winner to receive \$100** towards State Convention or Gulf Conference expenses in 2020.
3. The name of each **Chapter** will be entered into a drawing once for each **NEW or REINSTATED Member**. A donation of **\$100 will be made to the Scholarship Fund** of the winning chapter
4. **The Chapter with the largest percentage increase in membership** will receive **\$100 donation** for their chapter.
5. **The District with the largest percentage increase in membership** will receive **\$100 donation** for their district.



Ms. M J AΔK

Dear Ms. M J AΔK,

Can college professors be considered a potential sister?

Colligate President

Dear Colligate President,

Yes, yes, yes!! College professors are wonderful potential sisters—also once they become members, we may get our “foot in the door” for establishing an Alpha Delta Kappa Colligate Club at the college or university! Many education majors who have been introduced to Alpha Delta Kappa eventually become regular members because they are familiar with the organization! Hope that answers your question.

Fraternally, Ms. M J AΔK



Omicron member included grandchildren in thanking firemen during Alpha Delta Kappa



PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
STATE CONENTION
JEKYLL ISLAND
APRIL 17-19. 2020
and
GULF REGIONAL CONFERENCE
OFFICER TRAINING
JUNE 28 – JULY 1, 2020
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

State Convention registration packets will arrive in mid to late January. I do not know when we will receive information about Gulf Regional.



Alpha Delta Kappa Month 2019



Beta donates books to High Tower Elem School



Alpha Iota and Fidelis Alpha



Beta Lambda completes 18 Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Sigma Chapter of Thomson welcomed Tammy Kay Brunson who is the Tenth Congressional District's Ambassador for the Alzheimer's Association to its November meeting. She spoke specifically of AIM which is the legislative arm of the Alzheimer's Association. We were educated about the BOLD Act which supported full funding of research into Alzheimer's.

Sigma members signed letters to our local representative encouraging him to sponsor & support future federal legislation. Sigma also agreed to work with Mrs. Brunson in January when Thomson will host a forum for families dealing with Alzheimer's. Pat Carr (I) presented an Augusta District check of \$150 and Joanna Davis presented a Sigma donation of \$100 to the Association. Individual Sigma members contributed for a total of \$420 for this worthy AΔK project.

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Debbie Boswell and Linda Chambers sell hand-made cards to benefit the Gayle Owen Scholarship. It was exciting to meet a current kindergarten teacher who won an Alpha Delta



Augusta District Meeting

Founders' Day Skit: Discovering the Pearls of Sisterhood: Then and Now

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It is hard to believe we are just a few hours from Dec 1 as I type this. December is one of my very favorite times of the year, but oh it sure has slipped up on me this year!

Just a few reminders as we continue with our Membership Drive and kick into over drive in January!

As you know, we have TWO MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS this year; GEORGIA and INTERNATIONAL.

It is very important that you file ALL forms in a timely manner to be part of the drawings for both campaigns.

The Chapter Membership Chairman must use the UPDATED H-154 Reinstatement Form when reinstating members. The International Executive Board modified the Reinstatement Fee to match the Application Initiation fee of \$25 as published in the JUNE KAPPAN. You can find the updated form on the International Website under "documents & forms, chapter, and listed in the right-hand column. Please destroy the old form. If you have trouble finding this, please let me know and I will forward you a copy of it.

One of our State Goals is for ALL chapters to increase their membership by ONE...this would give us 73 new members. Wouldn't it be great if we could surpass this and increase our TOTAL membership from last year by 73! Thank you to the chapters who have emailed me when they initiated a new member. This is not required but appreciated. We'll begin gathering our membership numbers the first part of February, just like SANTA we'll be checking our list, but more than twice before convention!

**It would be happiness and peace
Not just this Christmas, but for the entire year.**

A season of hope, a season of love, a season of blessings.

May the divine light of Christmas shine in your life this season.

Martha Todd (Fidelis Alpha)

Becky Kenerly (Beta Sigma)

OMEGA

Sympathy

April Helms (Alpha Iota)-loss of father

Pat Smith Columbus District Chairman-loss of mother

Tiffany Maxwell (Alpha Iota)-loss of grandmother

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Chrystal Washington—illness/Eleanor Lenney-surgery/ Judy O’Steen-health/Mary Murphy-health/Karen Poole-kidney transplant/Pat Mosley—health /Nancy Fraga-health/Janice Henderson-health/Jeannine Goethe-health/Janice Powell-health/Gina Barnes-health /Marjorie Shuler-health/Jane Grobowsky-health/Pat Major-broken toe Stephanie Bennett-health/Wanda Williams Walker/Hazel Burger—chemo/ Debra Hodge—dialysis/Anne Moxley—stomach surgery/Janice Aiken-heart/ Dianne Goldsberry-health/ /Barbara May-health/Mary Walker/Ellen Harris-nerve stimulation /Donna Duke-eyes injections/Catherine Slaughter-health, Leesa Leverett-surgery/Denise Dorsey-health/Jane Weldy-surgery/Debbie Sasser-surgery/Janet Peacock-health /Annelle Carden-health /Betty Kramer-health/Sandra Myland-health/Ruth Parten-health/Joan Sewell-ill /Tonya Cone-stroke/Wanda Patterson-pacemaker/Julia Kidd-health/Bonnie Phipps-health/Lisa Fore-health/Elizabeth Ware-stroke /Karla Parker-recovering from fall /Babs McAlister-health/Wanda Franklin-Achilles tendon/Janice Powell-health/Cheryl Carter-health/Ann Vining-health/Lauren Hemerka-radiation therapy /Carlene Dunn-complications knee surgery/Fifi Chapman-surgery/Beverly Shumake-back issues/Myra Belote-hip replacement/Janet Seigler-health/Mary Buck-chemo/Linda Coley-stroke/Sarah Garrett-surgery-health /Sharon Rorex-knee surgery/Ann Waterhouse-falling/Mary Alice Wilder-surgery/Sharon Koster-appendectomy/Debbie Basset-surgery/Norma Rushing--health

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

SUSAN GORDON (BETA OMICRON), MARY SMITH (GAMMA DELTA)-SILVER SISTER

HAZEL MASTERS (BETA RHO) FAMILY OF THE YEAR BY ALBANY’S WOMEN’S CLUB

**ALISA LECKIE (ALPHA GAMMA) INTERIM ASST. DEAN FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND
OUTREACH AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

LIBBY WINGO(BETA OMICRON)-GREG JONES CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

CHARLOTTE YELTON (SIGMA) GOLDEN SISTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS And HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From Norma and the Rushing Family



Keith's picture was cut off as I download the family picture so he gets a picture by himself.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be a joyous time for the Rushing Family this year. We have been blessed beyond measure. I have not shared with many of you because I do not like drawing attention to myself or health issues. The week of Tri-District in mid October, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. (I received the news on the same day a close highschool friend died from breast cancer.) This was discovered when I had my annual mammogram a couple of months late. When I received the second reminder about having the mammogram, I decided I needed to make an appointment. "But no one in my family has breast cancer, so of course everything will be fine." I have Alpha Delta Kappa things to get done.

In about a week, I received a call that the mammogram for the the left breast was abnormal. Again, I am going to go to Hiawassee to celebrate Beta Delta's 50th Anniversary. It can wait because it will just be fibers again. When the young Radiologist came in to review the ultra sound and stated this is not fibers it looks different, I should have been concerned. I was told 80% of all breast biopsies are benign, I claimed the 80%. The biopsy with the robotic needle discovered something more. Along with my surgeon/oncologist, I decide to have a mastectomy and reconstruction surgery on November 11. The surgeon told my sons that the surgery was so routine that it was almost boring. I have been progressing on schedule but sure do miss driving. Linda Johnson from Nu Chapter has been chauffeuring me to appointments. She said I should have told the doctor that all teachers follow directions.

This morning I received the pathology report. There is no cancer in the lymph nodes. I also received the good news that the Her2Neu invasive cancer cells had not spread to the length that

should require further treatment beyond the 5 year pill. Her2Neu is a type of cancer that multiples and spreads quickly. Again God was watching over me. The surgeons and specialists will be discussing my tumor at their weekly meeting this week and I will see another oncologist on Dec. 10 to discuss their decision. As I left Dr. Graham's office with tears of joy and thanksgiving this morning, I decided I must share my story with my Georgia Sisters. Please have your mammogram and encourage your friends to have theirs. Medicare may say we do not need them annually as we get older but please be pro-active.

May each of you be bless with the good things God offers us,

Much love, Norma



You are Invited to Norma's Annual Hot Cider and Cookies Open House

If you live in the Atlanta metro area,

drop by for cookies, cheese, fruit and hot cider

On Sunday, December 8, from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

I will not have 24 kinds of homemade cookies and candy but there will be plenty to eat.

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LaVista Townhomes - 7 rows back to the right and the end unit