

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

Welcome to summer. Spring passed us by isolated in our homes. I was proud to see the initiative Georgia AΔK took to meet in April and May. Zoom may not be too bad. In last week's International E-Blast, there was an article on sisters attending meetings virtually. If a sister is ill, working late, caring for a grandchild, parent or spouse, they can still connect to the meeting by way of telephone or Zoom. Sisters in the western states, where the population is sparse, have been asking for this the past two bienniums.



KICKING OFF THE BIENNIUM

Text and photos by Norma Rushing

The logo for this biennium does not include pearls or cutesy eye catching things but it reflects Georgia AΔK's past and our future. We will be celebrating the past and creating possibilities.

The golden heart is taken from International Judy Ganzert's logo. The heart of AΔK is our four founders: Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino. In 1947 they saw the need to recognize and support women educators. These sisters were golden to have the foresight to begin this organization.

Ten stars surround the golden heart. Without all 10 districts in Georgia working together, it would not be a strong organization. This year on the State Executive Board, the members-elect represent the center and far corners of the state. Diane Phillips, Historian, reigns from the far northeast Rabun County. Sharon Rorex, Chaplain, represents the far northwest of the state. She resides on the Chattanooga, TN and Georgia line. Suzi Bonifay, VP Membership, hails from the far southwest in Bainbridge which is 10 miles from the Georgia/Florida line and Debbie Clark lives in the southeast in the Golden Isles.

Georgia you are represented, and it takes all of us to be a strong state organization.

The colors of the stars represent the Greek mythology goddesses of Alpha, Delta, and Kappa.

Alpha (Athena) represents the Goddess of Wisdom. Teachers instill the desire to learn. She is represented by the olive tree and the color olive green.

Delta (Demeter) is the Goddess of Sowing and Reaping. "Delta builds clear minds." Teachers sow the desire to learn so the benefits of knowledge can be reaped. Demeter's symbol is a sheaf of corn, the color golden yellow.

Kappa (Greek Kore) is the Goddess of Earth and Spring. The growth that takes place in spring awakens students' minds. "Kappa is youth's springtime." Her symbol is the cornucopia and the official color of the springtime is purple.

The violet is our official flower and it is the symbol of spring. We will build on 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."
"Start Celebrating"

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Due Dates Treasurer Forms



- Complete Online
Between June 1st
and October 15th
990-N IRS e-Postcard
Send Copy of
Confirmation to
State Treasurer Terri

- DUE NOV. 1, 2020
Chapter & District
Budgets
"Delegate Funding" is
a Cornucopia
Requirement
Send a Copy to
State Treasurer Terri



**Executive Board
VP for Membership
Suzi Bonifay**

MONEY TALK

with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer

BIG VIOLET THANK YOU

to chapter and district treasurers
for submitting the C-1 and D-1
reports on time by June 30, 2020.

During summer vacation time,
your financial duties lessen giving
you time to reflect on the
chapter's or district's finances the
previous year. As you aid in the
development and presentation of
a new 2020-2021 budget with
your chapter or district budget
committee, look at areas where
there may be a need to increase
or decrease line items.

**Remember that one line item
must state "Delegate Funding"
and be submitted by November**

**1, 2020 to receive credit for timely
reporting - Cornucopia Award.**

Your knowledge will be most helpful to
your budget committee and executive
board. This task is needed as a new
year (June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021) has
begun for your chapter or district.

Reports Due:

By October 15, 2020

Chapter 990-N IRS e-Postcard
Confirmation

By November 1, 2020

Chapter and District Budgets
Must contain a line item for Delegate
Funding - Cornucopia Requirement.
Send reports to State Treasurer.

GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD VP MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay

Hi, there! I'm Suzi Bonifay, a 23
year member of the Alpha Iota
Chapter in Bainbridge, GA.
Originally from Pensacola, I
attended Florida State for BS, MS
and Ed.D degrees. The first ten
years of my career were spent as a
RVI Specialist, teaching
handicapped high schoolers in
Vocational education in
Thomasville. The next thirty years
were spent in leadership as a
middle school AP, principal and as
an Asst. Supt. in charge of
secondary education, professional
learning, school improvement,
assessment, and grant-writing.

In addition to AΔK, I belong to the
Bainbridge Service Club and over
the years have been involved with
the Arts Council, United Way and
Chamber of Commerce. I also
served as President of the GA
Assn. of Curriculum and
Instructional Supervisors and GA
Assn. of Ed. Leaders. Currently, I
am our AΔK's Walk to End
Alzheimer's Captain. In my spare
time I enjoy pickleball, pen & ink,
photography, crafts, reading,
cooking, birding, RVing, and being
entertained by my two mini
dachshunds--Sadie & Sophie.

FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Let's review the overall organization of Alpha Delta Kappa this month. Be sure to keep this information available to share with your chapter members at an upcoming monthly meeting; many newer (and some longstanding!) members need to understand the basic set-up of our great organization. Each year is June 1 through May 31, rotating on a two-year, or biennium, basis in each of the following areas.

*INTERNATIONAL S/P/N's: total of 56. States: 50 + Puerto Rico; Provinces: Manitoba and Ontario (Canada); Nations: Australia, Jamaica, Mexico. International Convention is held in odd years. The 2019-2021 theme is "Infinite Possibilities". All S/P/N's are ultimately under the governance of the "Bylaws and Constitution of Alpha Delta Kappa, Inc."

*REGION: The 56 S/P/N's are divided into seven (7) Regions. Georgia is in the Gulf Region which includes AL, FL, GA, JA, LA, MS, and PR. Region Conferences are in even years. The Gulf IVP is Terry Peyton; her 2018-2020 theme is "Live Alpha Delta Kappa." A virtual conference is scheduled in August.

*STATE: Georgia has ten (10) districts, including Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Dalton, Decatur, Golden Isles, Heart of GA, and Marietta. Georgia State Conventions are held in even years. Our new State President is Norma Rushing; her 2020-2022 theme is "Celebrating Possibilities".

*DISTRICT: Georgia's ten districts have designated chapters. Each District has its own officers, including a District Chairman, and follows its own District Guidelines. Most Districts meet each fall and spring. The upcoming GA Directory lists chapters in each one.

*CHAPTER: Georgia has 73 chapters, including sustaining members, and 7,800+ members as of June 2020. Each chapter elects its own officers and appoints committee chairs as needed. Chapters are required to meet a minimum of nine (9) times a year with yearly submission of nine chapter minutes and five newsletters.. It is suggested that Chapter Executive Boards meet with minutes at least twice each year. Chapters are the backbone of Alpha Delta Kappa. It's our sisters who promote education, altruism, and world understanding in each local community! Thanks to each of Georgia's wonderful chapters!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

with Dawn Hudson, State AΔK Communications Chair

There will be several changes coming from your state Telecommunications Committee this biennium. One example is the state newsletter you are currently reading being created using a free online tool called Canva. Other changes include a new look and feel of the state website. Although we now have a secure website, the address remains the same: <http://www.gaalphadeltakappa.org>.

Behind the scenes, the website is being built with Word Press instead of Weebly which will allow us to have some new features! We will be working to make all Georgia AΔK forms online and have an updated Google calendar which you can save to your own calendar to remind you of state and district meetings, forms due and other reminders.

We will also be creating a series of training and Professional Learning which will be posted to the website after development.

One of the goals of the new website is to allow you to communicate with other AΔK job-alike leaders to share ideas - especially in light of the fact we are not often meeting face-to-face.

We heard from many of you that the process for logging into the state website in the past for the membership only areas was confusing. To make this better, we are making more of the website accessible **without** a password. The only sections that will remain password protected will be those that have sisters' email addresses or phone numbers we do not want to post publicly. As you may recall, you can always log in to International to get that same information.

Most of all, we want to hear from our fellow sisters about ideas you may have to increase/improve communication in our organization. Feel free to reach out to us at any time - we are here to serve you!

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*"Leaders do more than
climb the ladder of
success. They hold it
steady for others to climb"*

~Kylene Beers



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex

Loneliness is one of the greatest threats to our sense of well-being, affecting our health through our behaviors on social media, food consumption, and the like. One study suggests that nearly two-thirds of all people—regardless of age or gender—feel lonely at least some of the time. One British supermarket has created “talking tables” in their store cafés as a way to foster connection between people. Those looking for human interaction simply seat themselves at a table designated for that purpose, joining others or indicating a desire to be joined. Conversation ensues, providing a sense of connection and

community.

We need human connection; God designed us that way! Painful seasons of loneliness point to that need. It's important for us to engage in the human companionship our well-being requires and to offer it to those around us who also need it.

by: Kirsten Holmberg

As Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, we need to stay in communication with others, especially our sisters who live alone.

Look for my posts on Facebook under the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa group.

HISTORIAN

Text and photo by Diane Phillips

Congratulations on your new officer position! The summer is the perfect time to learn about your responsibilities as a historian and to make a plan on how you hope to organize your chapter's archives! It is so critical to the future of your chapter for there to be a record of who was in your chapter during the upcoming biennium and what activities your chapter was involved in. Do you want to make a physical scrapbook or would you enjoy making something in a digital format instead? Either way I am here to help!

You can reach out to me at dphillips@rabuncountyschools.org or text me at 678-617-5156 and we can brainstorm together! Don't forget there are several resources available on the international website under Membership - Training Tools - or at <https://tinyurl.com/ybqr7o3u>. I personally have a file box with file folders ready to collect event printed materials and copies of my favorite photos! It is going to be a great biennium. Are you ready to capture it all?



**Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex**

*It is not how we live, but
whose life we change in
the wake of ours.*

-UNKNOWN



**Historian
Diane
Phillips**



MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay



To pick up where we left off in last month's newsletter, outgoing chapter membership chairs and/or outgoing presidents should be answering the questions for the CNA due Aug 31 (questions found in last month's issue). The link to file the CNA online will be live on the Intl. site on Aug 1st. The prompt filing of information not only counts for a pearl but is critical to the support provided by your state officers.

Now, how do you recruit those 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? All membership questions and answers can now be found in one place.

Look no further than the Membership Development Manual, also known as the MDM. The MDM link is live but you can also access the manual at Intl. under Library, Documents/Forms, Guiding/General. This is a great document to download, not print at 154 pages. It tells you how to recruit, retain, reinstate, initiate and is a fountain of information for Presidents and Membership Chairs--actually for all.

A huge **thank you** to all of you helping to update sisters from school email addresses to personal addresses at Intl. This will make communication so much easier. I look forward to working with and training District and Chapter membership VPs/designees in the not-too-distant future. More information is forthcoming. If you need me in the interim, email or call.

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

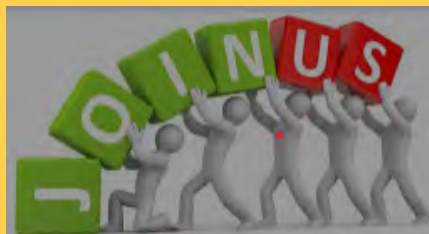
Text by Judy Shaklee

I am Judy Shaklee, Georgia State Secretary. I am thrilled to take on this responsibility. I have been a proud member of Delta Chapter since 2004. My most recent office was Atlanta District Chair. Meeting minutes are of utmost importance. The record of the where, when, who, and (now with virtual meetings) how the meetings happen provides the facts. Timely reporting keeps all sisters in the know. The minutes help us retain our tax-exempt status by showing what has been done with

monies raised. They also provide a way to share the activities and programs of our meetings.

Minutes are sent to the State President, President-Elect, District Chair, and Chapter Mentor. For the first year of the biennium there need to be nine sets of minutes sent by June 1, and in the second year of the biennium, seven sets by April 1.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2020-2022!



**Executive Board
Secretary
Judy Shaklee**



DIRECTORY

Text by Debbie Clark



**Executive Board
Immediate
Past President
Debbie Clark**

It is an exciting time to be working on our Georgia Directory as we begin a new biennium. As your Past State President, I am working with the Communications Team in an effort to have the directory on the NEW Georgia Website. I will be updating regularly to include new members, Omega sisters, reinstated sisters and transfers. As our membership continues to grow it is important that we keep accurate records.

Updated records play a big role for our current members as well. Please remember to email me with any changes in addresses or phone numbers for sisters to debbie57adk@gmail.com.

Stay tuned as we move forward with our new Georgia Directory!

GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD VP SCHOLARSHIP SHANNON COLE

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

Greetings Sisters-

Taking a few minutes to introduce myself before Dozer, my cat, notices that I am off task from paying her my full attention. Too late, she has hopped up on the desk to supervise this endeavor. While born in Chattanooga, TN, I was raised in Gloucester, Virginia across the York River from the Historic Triangle (Yorktown, Jamestown, and Williamsburg). We spent part of the summer and holidays in Georgia with family. While a sophomore at the University of Tennessee; Knoxville, my parents moved back to Georgia to be closer to my grandparents. My aunt, Carolyn Luffman, was already an Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) sister and recruited my mother, Judy Redmond, into Murray's local chapter, GA Beta Phi. I actually attended my first Gulf Conference in New Orleans years before I ever became a sister, much less a School Library Media Specialist. I was recruited by my dear friend and GA Alpha Upsilon sister, Bobby Solomon. She did not know I already had family ties to ADK. A few years later, my younger sister, Margaret Redmond, became a School Guidance Counselor. She too followed suit and joined ADK. So I am a double-double Alpha Delta Kappa sister.

I come from a long line of teachers and librarians. It is a running joke I am working my way through the SEC as I also have a Masters from UGA and ABD at Univ. of AL. I love reading, traveling, art, helping others, and am handy with technology. I hope all of this translates into giving you a good deal of information about the many scholarships available in a colorful manner this biennium. This brings me to our scholarship tidbit of the day. On my *Scholarships at a Glance* sheet, there are 6 scholarships specifically for members, 6 specifically for non-members, and 1 that both can apply for. The International page also lists grants which are available. The Classroom Grant has a submission deadline of September 15th. Visit the link below for more information. Let me know if you apply and good luck.

https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/Member_Center/Classroom_Grant.aspx



**Executive Board VP
Scholarship
Shannon Cole**



CALENDAR REMINDERS

- July 1 Registration begins for Regional Virtual Meeting - Gulf Region Website
- July 9-10 State Executive Board Planning Meeting
- Aug. 1 Registration Begins for One Day Celebration
- Aug. 22 Heart of Georgia Officers' Training
10:00 am Dublin Library
- Aug. 1-31 CNA Chapter Needs Assessment due
- Aug. 29 Virtual One Day Regional Conference
- 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

CNA
August 1
to
August 31
to
Suzi Bonifay
Chapter
Membership Team
Responsible

C1
TO
TERRI THOMPSON
(2018-20 TREASURER)

D 1
TO
TERRI THOMPSON
(2018-20 DISTRICT
TREASURERS)

990-N
POSTCARD
TO
INTERNATIONAL
CONFIRMATION TO
TERRI
(2018-20 CHAPTER
TREASURER)

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 and our organization 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 will be 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





**Committee Chair
World Understanding
Ruth Rennick**

**Gulf Region
Altruism
Project**



WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and photos by Ruth Rennick

Independence Day (July 4) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the U.S., on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4. The Continental Congress voted to approve the resolution of independence on July 2nd, then debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4th. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams, wrote this to his wife on July 3rd: "The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams' words have rung true now for 244 years, as we celebrate our country's independence. This year's celebrations may be very different from others because of Covid-19, but we each will find ways to be thankful that we still live in one of the greatest nations on earth.



To donate to our 2020 Gulf Region Altruistic Project:

Make check payable to:

AΔK Gulf Region Conference Project

Mail to GR Conference Registrar/Treasurer:

Carol Robertson
8250 Evergreen Dr.
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Note: There was a fee for online donations that was not cost-effective for this option. With a check, the full amount will be forwarded to PR sisters. Thank you for understanding.



VIOLETS

**All Chapters
submitted the
GA 104 and H 107
100% submitted H 114s**

**Mana Smith, Alpha Lambda
named principal of
Calhoun Primary School**

REMINDERS



CONCERNS

**Health
Judy Shaklee
Anita Cole**

**Melissa Blankenship
Death of Father**



Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- The One Day Celebration Registration packet was sent to chapter presidents on the 15th of June. Please do not send your registration form and money until after the you receive the newsletter on August 1. Hopefully by then we will know if the Corona virus has abated enough to have a large meeting.
- Chapter Presidents and District Chairmen, we will have a form of leadership training this summer, but I am not sure what it will be. Please watch your emails for updates after the Executive Board Retreat on July 9 and 10.
- The GA 101 is due on October 1. The 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.
- Mark August 29th on your calendar. There will be an International Virtual Regional Conference for all regions. After July 1, go to the International website and select Gulf Region Website and register for the conference. Each sister in Georgia can attend the conference this year. I am sure there will be a great speaker and leadership training. Also register at www.gulfbreeze.life.
- Building Leaders of Tomorrow - AΔK International is accepting applications for members with less than 5 years membership and mentors for a Leadership Academy with activities from April 2021- July 2022.
- Apply for Classroom Grants through Sept. 15 on International Website.



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Decatur: Kelly Alford
Golden Isles: Evan James
Heart of GA: Gail Geck
Marietta: Sheila Miller

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New Website Look and Feel!
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Athens district officers 2020-22



Suzi Bonifay, VP Membership

