

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

The hot weather has caught up with us. For me, it is a good time to stay in the house with the air conditioning running. It brings back memories of the hot days growing up in southern Illinois. We didn't have air conditioning yet, so a lot of time was spent outside on the porch or in the swing on the front lawn. We lived on a farm and the house sat on a rolling hill. The gentle breezes were a blessing when we could catch them. As in Mayberry, you waved at everyone driving past the house even if you didn't know them. With the COVID pandemic and the unrest around us, sometimes I think I would like to be transported back to those times when I did not know what to be anxious over.

My heart goes out to teachers in Georgia and across the US as they are either returning to school in person, doing school virtually or both. It hit home recently when my son who is a band director called and said mom, "I need to talk. I am scared to go back to school." I had just been thinking about the health of the children. Watching a video of Gerry Brooks this morning, he was saying it is like a dart game. Administrators and teachers have the darts aimed at them. They cannot win...there is no place to move. Keep our teachers, administrators, Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters and students in your thoughts and prayers as they face this time of uncertainty.

In July, your state Executive Board met for their planning retreat by way of Zoom. We missed the time to bond together but we did some good planning. Linda Chambers was our facilitator and kept us focused. The four main goals for the biennium are Membership, Leadership, Communication and Altruism. We will be celebrating each and making plans to enhance each of the goals. Under Membership, our hope is to establish one or two collegiate chapters. At this time the membership team and some sisters who are teaching at the college level are participating in training to learn how to organize collegiate chapters. It is a four-week training lead by the collegiate chapter at Ball State in Indiana. In the area of Altruism, the Executive Board decided we did not want Gayle Owen's legacy C2O, "Connecting to Others," to die. Already many of the newer members have not heard of C2O. We added it as a

required portion of the Cornucopia Award. C2O, "Connecting to Others," is not just giving a check but working with others face to face. That might be serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald or community center, showering your local fire department with goodies, making cards or playing bingo with senior adults, working in a food or clothes closet, etc. I received a GA 101 from a south Georgia chapter this week and practically every altruism project was connecting with the community. This is a form of communication with others and it can add to our membership when we are visible to others and spread the word about Alpha Delta Kappa. This credit will be given when it is highlighted on the GA 101. One of the optional items added to the Cornucopia will be World Understanding. Whether you devote a whole meeting to World Understanding or Fraternity Education, it is important for GA AΔK to learn about the world around us, to be interested in people that may be different from us and to be humble, show mercy and justice. In the coming months, I will explain each of our goals and how they relate to our chapters. We will take time to celebrate each goal and develop possibilities of attaining the state goals.

If your chapter does not have a Policies and Procedures pamphlet or manual, start considering developing one.

As I have stated in each newsletter,

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.

"Start Celebrating"

Visit Our Georgia Website

If you are on Facebook, join the
GA Alpha Delta Kappa Page
Erin Neal, Facebook Chairman

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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" line
item is a Cornucopia
Requirement
Send a Copy to
State Treasurer Terri



**Executive Board
Secretary
Judy Shaklee**

MONEY TALK

with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer

Do you remember the lyrics "In the Good Old Summertime"? It is a reminder of fun things we do in summer: picnics in the park, visits with family and neighbors, vacations and baseball games. These things have been curtailed this summer. Almost every park and venue are closed. We have learned to take these lemons and make lemonade. Among the bright spots, your state officers have found ways to keep Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa functioning. In-house meetings were cancelled, but with technology, we have had Zoom contact. A very successful Zoom Officer Retreat resulted in helping establish beneficial services.

All C-1/D-1 Reports have been received. Many 990-N IRS e-Postcard Confirmations have been filed. Continue to file them online and send the confirmation of filing to the state treasurer. You are able to access and download the GA documents to report monies for the biennium from the GA website: www.gaalphadeltakappa.org and International documents from the International website: www.alphadeltakappa.org.

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.

GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY

Text and photos by Judy Shaklee

Hello, Georgia Sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa. I am Judy Shaklee, the State Secretary for 2020-2022. I have been a member of Delta Chapter since 2004. I was invited to visit and then join by Sue Clark, now an Omega Sister. I had a career of 37 years always teaching Spanish but also Language Arts, a little French, and I facilitated a distance learning Japanese class. I had wonderful students and fabulous colleagues. I retired in 2012.

My husband passed away, and my daughter is grown, so I have spent the last eight years enjoying retirement with traveling, church activities, and Alpha Delta Kappa.

I look forward to all the opportunities 2020-2022 will provide, always hoping for our ability to be with one another soon. Stay safe.

FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Creativity is intelligence having fun.” ---Albert Einstein

Here are three ideas to get your creative juices flowing to plan a short and entertaining activity for your sisters to get to know each other better as the new biennium begins! Check out the [Frat Ed page](#) on the GA Website for more details and other ideas!

1. Have all sisters secretly write down three sentences about themselves - two should be Truths and one should be a Lie – but make sure all three sound truthful! You can have ladies sign the papers, collect them, and one person read them all one at a time – ladies first guess who wrote the three sentences read aloud and then guess which one is the Lie... -OR – You can just have each member read them.
2. Go around the room and have each sister tell when she joined Alpha Delta Kappa and who sponsored her. This brings back many memories to several and makes for a fun time of lively discussion.
3. Hand out a small bag of M&M's to each sister. Each member tears off the corner of her bag and when it's her turn, she gets ONE M&M out. Have a poster/chart that lists the M&M colors and what each color stands for. Sample Suggestions: DARK BROWN – best dessert you've ever eaten and/or made; RED – favorite college mascot; YELLOW – your best teaching day ever! Change any item you wish. You may prefer to center all items around Alpha Delta Kappa, but it's fun to find out things we never knew about our chapter sisters! It's up to you! And, of course, the bag of M&M's is the prize for each member!

GULF REGIONAL ALTRUISTIC PROJECT

with Bonnie Devereaux, State Altruism Chairman



In recent years, the island of Puerto Rico has had ongoing difficulties. They suffered through a severe hurricane last biennium, resulting in changing the venue for the Gulf Regional Conference. This biennium, they have suffered with the COVID 19 pandemic like the rest of us, but additionally their island has suffered through a number of earthquakes in the southwestern region of their island. These earthquakes resulted in considerable damage to many homes, including the homes of some of our sisters living there. The Gulf Region's Altruistic Project is to provide support to these sisters to RE-BUILD or repair their homes. Contributions to the Gulf Altruistic project may be made by sending your check directly to Carol Robertson, 8250 Evergreen Drive, Denham Springs LA 70726. Carol serves as the Gulf Treasurer. Through June, \$650 has been raised, which is a good beginning. Obviously, much more is needed. Thank you for any support you can offer. You may not make contributions directly online.

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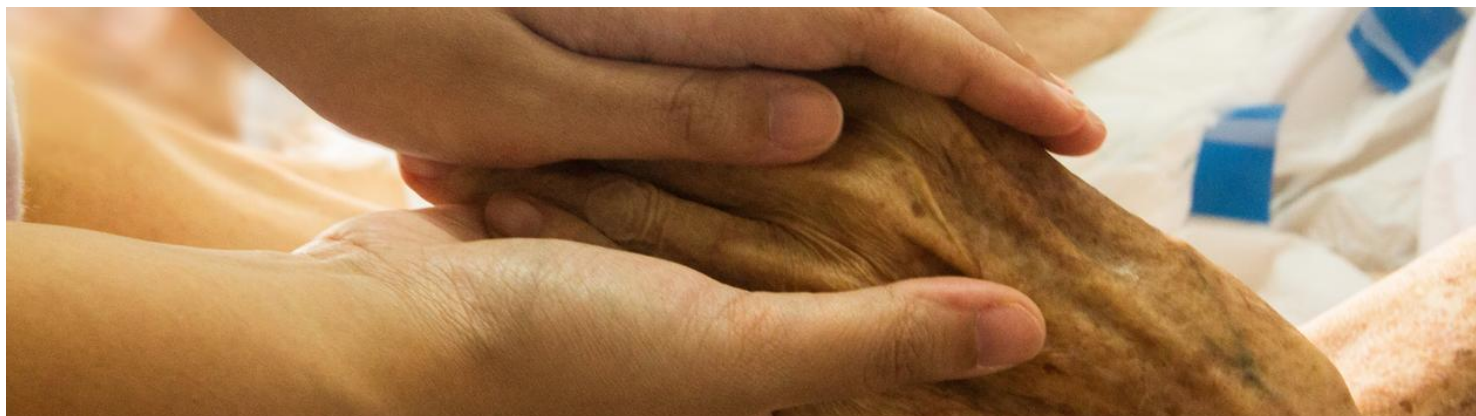
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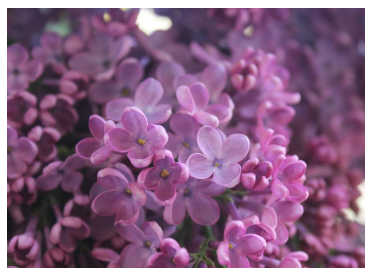
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex

The Definition of Maturity—from a
Dear Abby column:
Archdiocesan Council of
Catholic Women Newsletter

A Short Course in Courtesy

The six most important words are “I admit I made a mistake.” The five most important words: “You did a good job.” The four most important words: “What is your opinion?” The three most important words: “If you please.” The two most important words: “Thank you.” The one most important word: “We.” The least most important word: “I.”



**Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex**

*It's not about me; it's
about "we."
Unknown*

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The 2018-2020 Georgia
Excellence in Education Award
Winner is.....

CAROLYN HANNAFORD!

Our Georgia Alpha Gamma sister, Carolyn Hannaford, began her journey to lead and open a school, Chatham Academy, that would meet the needs of children with learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and similar learning difficulties in Savannah, GA when she was 26 years old. For 42 years, Chatham Academy and Carolyn have helped children/students to flourish with resources necessary for innovative educational experiences.

Carolyn Hannaford was nominated for the 2018-2020 Georgia Excellence in Education Award by her Alpha Delta Kappa Sister Mary Ellen Mulligan.

Sisters, please reach out to Carolyn with a BIG ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Gulf Region will announce the Regional Excellence in Education Award winner in August 2020.



**Excellence in Education
2018-2020
Chairman
Robin Dudley**



MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay



To piggyback on July's newsletter, the link to the CNA form is now live on the International website. You will find the CNA under the Membership tab. Tag up with current or past officers to assist you in completing the form online by August 31st and copying it to me and Terri Thompson. Our email addresses can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. The CNA counts for a pearl.

I hope that you have also watched the Membership Chair training video found on the GA Alpha Delta Kappa website. It won't win any Academy Awards for acting or sound but I hope you learned about the importance of the CNA, the MDM and a few ideas for recruitment, retention and reinstatement. I hope the music

got your creative juices flowing so that you can assist your President and President-elect in planning programming that will be engaging and entertaining. Please share your ideas with me so that I can share the fun with others. Pay it forward.

Thank you to membership chairs and Presidents for continuing to change those with school email addresses to personal ones. This will make communication so much easier.

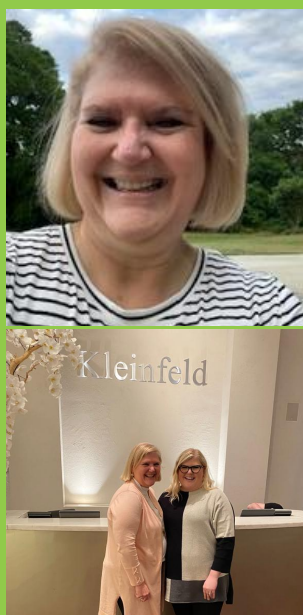
A big shout out to sisters who are helping us explore the possibility of starting Collegiate Clubs in Georgia. What an awesome idea to get students interested while in college.

If you need to contact me at any time just email, call or text.

GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD STATE TREASURER TERRI THOMPSON

Hi Sisters. My name is Teresa Thompson, but my friends call me Terri. This is my second biennium as State Treasurer. I have been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa for 32 years so I will soon become a Sapphire Sister. My mother, Hazel Stanton, was Georgia State President from 2006-2008. We both are in Lambda Chapter, which is in the Heart of Georgia District. I retired from teaching gifted math and science middle schoolers in 2013 when my late husband Neal became ill. After his death, I went back into the work force at Trinity

United Methodist Church as their Office Receptionist/Secretary working Tuesdays-Thursdays each week. I like having long weekends to travel, spending time with my parents, going to Alpha Delta Kappa functions, and in the fall attending University of Georgia football games with my daughter. Go Dawgs!! My daughter, Paige is getting married April 3, 2021, so we are planning a wedding! There are so many more things to do now than when I married in 1989. But it is fun. I'm looking forward to working with all of my sisters.



Executive Board
State Treasurer
Terri Thompson

THE LONGEST DAY

alzheimer's association

Text and Photos by Pippy Rogers

GEORGIA SISTERS, YOU ARE AMAZING! Our GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA Team has raised \$11,638 of our \$15,000 Goal. All over our state with our chapters and with family and friends, Georgia Sisters have been raising funds for the care, support and critical research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. GOOD NEWS: We still have time to reach our Goal of \$15,000. August the 31st is the DEADLINE for Donations.

Together, WE CAN!!!

Please send pictures to me of your LONGEST DAY fund raising activities so I can share them.

THANK YOU for being a part of Alpha Delta Kappa's Lead in the FIGHT against Alzheimer's Disease!

VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 29, 2020

Text by Norma Rushing

Link to registration page for the Virtual Regional Conference:
https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/Meetings/Regional_Conferences/ADK/Meetings/Regional_Conferences.aspx?hkey=8ce4068e-1277-4f0a-89ce-19c2a17c9612

Prepare now to set aside Saturday, August 29, to participate in the All Regions Conference. There will be a keynote speaker and officer training sessions. Registration forms should be available soon. There will probably be a small registration fee. Information will be coming soon. You may register at www.gulfbreeze.life.

On Friday evening, August 28, there will be a social hour. One of the fun parts of attending conferences and conventions is to see sisters from across Gulf Region and the nations. This will be a time to socialize with sisters. Registration information will tell us how to do this. I hope **each chapter** in Georgia will be represented at this International Regional Conference.



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

Mattie Stepanek





CALENDAR REMINDERS

Coming soon Registration for Regional Virtual Meeting - Gulf Region Website

Aug. 1 Registration Begins for "One Day Celebration"

Aug. 22 Heart of Georgia Officers' Training
10:00 am Virtual

Aug. 1-31 CNA Chapter Needs Assessment due

Aug. 28 Regional Conference Social Gathering

Aug. 29 Virtual One Day International Regional Conference

Sept. 18 Virtual Executive Board Meeting
5:30 2018-2020 Ex. Bd Mtg
6:30 2020-2022 Ex. Bd Mtg

Sept. 19 "One Day Celebration"
(Virtual by way of Zoom)

Sept. 26 Augusta District Fall Virtual Meeting

Oct. 3 Dalton District Fall Virtual Meeting

Oct. 10 Columbus District Fall Virtual Meeting

Oct. 17 Athens District Fall Virtual Meeting

Oct. 19 Tri-District Fall Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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

Leadership
Training
Presidents
August 11
to
Norma Rushing

990-N
POSTCARD
due
October 15
INTERNATIONAL
CONFIRMATION TO
TERRI
(2018-20 CHAPTER
TREASURER)

GA 101
due
October 1
to
Norma Rushing
Debbie Boswell
District Chairman
Chapter Mentor

Budget
November 1
to
Terri Thompson



**Committee Chair
World Understanding
Ruth Rennick**

**DO SOMETHING
TODAY THAT
YOUR FUTURE
SELF WILL
THANK YOU FOR.**

***Our actions and decisions
today will shape
the way we will be living in
the
future.***



WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and photos by Ruth Rennick

Happy August!

I thought I would highlight our Gulf Region Altruistic Project this month for our World Understanding focus. Puerto Rico has suffered in so many ways, from earthquakes to hurricanes to cancelling our 2020 Gulf Region Conference. Some of our sisters there sustained damage to their homes and need our help. Can you imagine the cost of repairing or rebuilding in a country trying to recover from earthquakes and hurricanes?

When recently checking our Gulf Region website (found on the International Alpha Delta Kappa website); I was disappointed to see only \$650 dollars donated thus far. Our past Gulf Region altruistic projects have raised more than \$30,000 for other worthwhile causes. I cannot think of any cause more worthwhile for our organization than helping our sisters in need. I'm sure it didn't help to have the 2020 conference cancelled due to COVID-19 because that is where the most contributions are usually given for the designated conference altruistic project.

Here's where we can ALL still help by mailing a check. You can donate until September 5, 2020 but my challenge to you, as Georgia sisters is this:

Write a check for \$10 dollars or more to ADK Gulf Region Conf. Project and mail it to Carol Robertson, 8250 Evergreen Drive, Denham Springs LA 70726.

Since we couldn't be with our Puerto Rico sisters in person this year, let's shower them with our love from afar. Help keep Georgia at the top as the Most Caring State in our Gulf Region!



Collegiate Club Sessions

Suzi Bonifay
Debbie Boswell
Wendy Grey
Alisa Leckie
Beth Pendergraf
Norma Rushing

Linda Chambers,
Ex. Bd. Facilitator

Omega

Diane Mack
Alpha Sigma

REMINDERS



CONCERNS

Health
Judy Shaklee
Anita Cole
Hazel Stanton



Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- Once, twice, three times you are out! Oh no, the third time we are safe. The Golden Isles Sisters, Debbie Clark and I have planned for two State Convention affairs, but due to COVID have had to cancel both. Debbie and I are working on plans again for a "One Day Virtual Celebration." It will be a shortened version, but we will honor our 2018-2020 District Chairman and Chapter Presidents, have an Omega Service, recognize scholarship winners, announce membership and Cornucopia recipients and install the 2020-2022 state officers. Set aside Saturday, September 19 to attend this virtual meeting. Be sure to register so you will be added to the Zoom invitation.
- Chapter Presidents and District Chairmen, **Training** for all chapter and district officers is on the website. Also you received it in an email. Presidents, the deadline for watching your training is **August 11**. Please have all your officers watch their portion also.
- 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 chapters' executive board or program committee is gathered this summer. Be sure to highlight your C2O project and World Understanding Program or Fraternity Education.
- Building Leaders of Tomorrow - AΔK International is accepting applications for members with less than 5 years membership and mentors for a Leadership Academy with 40 hours of activities from April 2021- July 2022.
- Have you had an exceptionally interesting and informative program during the past year? Apply for the **Distinguished Program Award**. It is a one page application describing your program. Go to the International Website or to the link on the July 24 e-Blast. **Deadline: August 31. GA let's win!**
- I am sure as a teacher you could use a little extra money. Apply for **Classroom Grants** through **Sept. 15** on the International Website.

Connect To Others (C2O)

**Established 2012 by
Past President
Gayle Owen**

**Distinquished
Program Award**
[https://tinyurl.com/
adkdpa](https://tinyurl.com/adkdpa)



**Executive Board VP
Scholarship
Shannon Cole**

PRESIDENT ELECT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Georgia Chapters have a rich history of amazing programs. I am already seeing the many innovative ways our Chapters and Districts are planning for this Biennium.

I want to update you on GA's CONNECT TO OTHERS (C2O) and International's DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM AWARD (DPA). Neither of these are new to us.

The only difference in the C2O program is that it has been added to the GA Cornucopia Award as a required item this biennium. The C2O is any activity your chapter does face-to-face in your community. Hopefully, you will be able to participate in a C2O Project some time in the Spring for this first year of the biennium. Please forward a picture of your project to Norma Rushing and GA Historian Diane Phillips. You will find their emails on page 2 of this newsletter.

The DPA is designated to recognize chapters with outstanding programs that promote involvement and attendance of members, plus attract the attention of prospective members through creativity and uniqueness. Please visit the DPA page on our International website to view previous submissions for ideas and information. See the link to the left of this article. You may have had the perfect program in 2019-2020 to submit for this year!

Submit your DPA program Aug. 1-31.

CLASSROOM GRANT INFORMATION

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

Greetings, Sisters!

Continuing with our discussion about the Classroom Grant, the first scholarship/grant with a fast-approaching deadline, I have a bit of history on the Classroom Grant. Robert Folsom, our Scholarships and Grants Coordinator at headquarters, is a fountain of knowledge. This week Robert sent me the history of the Scholarships and Grants we currently offer. You will be able to find the complete document available on the GA AΔK website in PDF format starting this month. The history states that AΔK established the scholarships and grants listed as part of the fourth purpose of AΔK, which is to "to promote educational and charitable projects and activities, to sponsor scholarships, to further and maintain worthy standards in the field of education and to cooperate with worthy community programs relating to education and charities."

The Classroom Grant is number XII on page 8 in the newly posted PDF, SCHOLARSHIPS_AND_GRANTS_History_07252020. The submission deadline is September 15. Remember, for more information on requirements consult the documents (At A Glance and Kaleidoscope) listed on the Scholarships & Grants tab of our GA AΔK website. You can also go to:

https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/Member_Center/Classroom_Grant.aspx?WebsiteKey=3f9d14ec-3f3c-4052-b8af-6140921a988a. Our wish is to recognize previous recipients of this grant. See the June GA AΔK newsletter, page 7 for details. I'm looking forward to hearing from you...and good luck.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THAT SISTER? GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA WEBSITE UPDATE

Text and photos by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair

What is the name of that sister? How many times have you gone to various meetings and just could not remember the name of that sister you have seen so many times? Our new website can help! We now have a member section where users can upload their own photos and cover photos (see screenshot on the next page of this newsletter) so you can connect sisters' names and faces, chapters and districts! Door prizes will be coming in future newsletter issues for sisters who register AND upload a photo!

Hopefully by now, many of our sisters have had time to go online and look at our newly designed website. If not, please take the time to do so by going to <http://www.gaalphadeltakappa.org>.

At this time, you may sign into the website as a member on your own by clicking "Register." Once the International database is updated, we will import all the sisters in Georgia into the Georgia Database so you will not have to go through an approval process. Currently, there is only one locked page on our entire website and it contains the email addresses and phone numbers of our Executive Board.

Due to COVID, our organization has been forced to go digital for many things, so we hope to provide training via videos that will be housed on the website when needed. We now have a video posted on editing newsletters through the Canva program used to create the article you are currently reading. We also will be training Chapter Officers digitally through videos and handouts this year vs. face to face.

There are now also pages specifically for job-alike communication for officers - both Chapter and District. We will have timely posts on the front page of the website with information from international and state. We will also archive our posts as part of a blog you will see on the right side of the page so you can always go back to see historic information.

We are open to future suggestions to make the website a place you will reference often to provide the support you need to be a better sister in the organization - whether or not you are in a leadership position.

Soon we will be asking for photos of former state presidents and possibly audio/video files of them. We hope to build our online history from the current archives - many of which are now in paper scrapbooks to ensure our sisters appreciate our history and are able to preserve it for future generations!

To start the August contest, the first sister to go to our new website and find on one of the 67 pages this exact "hidden" photo of violets shown below and email Dawn Hudson (email to the right) with the name of the page it was found on will receive a small door prize. Good luck!



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Wow!

AΔE Photo Page

NEW! MEMBER SECTION ON WEBSITE!
FILTER BY YOUR CHAPTER OR
DISTRICT!

Members

Sort by: District ▼

Search

Search

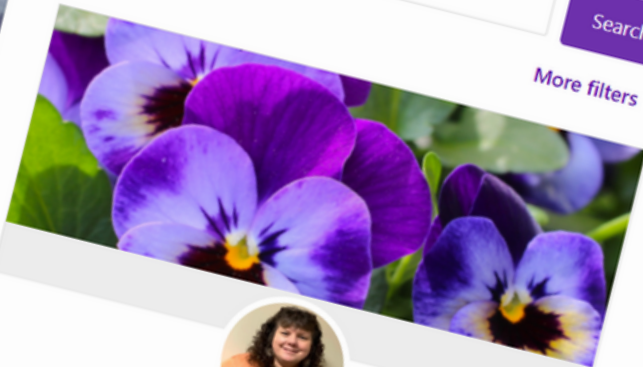
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Executive Board at Work