

# GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

*AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing*



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## CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

*Written by Norma Rushing*

Happy Thanksgiving and welcome to my favorite time of the year! On some of these fall mornings and cool evenings this quote from Winnie the Pooh from *Pooh's Grand Adventures* comes to mind: "It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and best of all, leaping into leaves!" Do you remember those days growing up when you would rake the leaves then jump in them and have to start over again? What joy! During these days of isolation, maybe again we need to rake a pile of leaves and let abandonment go out the window and enjoy jumping into them or wading into a puddle of water after a rain shower.

I think too often we dwell on the negative, what we can't do, instead of what is possible. Whether we have been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa

for 2 months or 60 years, there is still a place for each of us to serve. Recently, while I was attending a Fidelis meeting via zoom, one of their newly initiated members was participating in the Founder's Day Program. Did you miss what I said, "newly initiated member?" Sometimes I hear chapters say we have no one still actively teaching and so do not have a resource for new members. I am sure you all know those that you worked with whose lives with work and school kept them too busy to be members then. Now is the time to invite them to join Alpha Delta Kappa. If you are still actively teaching, observe those outstanding teachers that surround you and don't assume they would not be interested in Alpha Delta Kappa. On Friday dress down day, if you are allowed, wear your Alpha Delta Kappa tee-shirt to raise interest. With us working together, GA AΔK will grow.

Even though Alpha Delta Kappa Month is over, continue to support the active teachers in our organization. Please encourage them, support them, let them vent, and then remind them that this too shall pass, and we will see "normal" again. Also consider giving them a donation to buy hand sanitizers, sterile cleaners, and tissues for their classrooms. These are difficult times for them. Keep them in your prayers. Worrying about catching COVID takes a toll. They are our **HEROES** and are front line workers.

Leadership is the second goal of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. We have spent a month celebrating the leadership of our Founders--Agnes Shipman Roberson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino in 1947 who had a dream to develop an organization that recognized and supported the professional efforts of outstanding women educators. Alpha Delta Kappa since 1947 has given women educators "opportunities for recognition of commitment to educational excellence, for personal and professional growth, and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of

schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world" (*International website*).

We celebrate our 2 sisters who have served as Grand President and President of AΔK International. Melba Priestley served from 1995-1997 and June Bellamy served from 2013-2015. Linda Chambers has served on the International Executive Board and is now Mentor for Presidents-Elect in the Gulf Region. Pippy Rogers is serving as the International Altruism Chairman and the newly formed Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Thank you for your service and we "Celebrate" your leadership.

We also celebrate Martha Buckley who was inspired by Agnes Shipman in 1954 to organize Alpha chapter in Atlanta. Ruby Drew, President 1958 to 1960 began the first Scholarship Program. We are thankful and appreciate the legacies and the models of leadership of all of Georgia's Past Presidents.

#### Goal 1: Grow Leaders

- Grow new leaders by giving new sisters responsibilities,
- Sharing responsibilities and job descriptions located in the state and chapter Policies and Procedures manuals.
- Discuss what AΔK offers beyond the chapter level.

#### Goal 2: Support Leaders

- Designate mentor/buddy for each officer as a helper and supporter.
- Model good leadership.

#### Goal 3: Train Leaders

- Promote availability of and attendance in the International Leadership Academy. If you have been in AΔK for 5 years or less you may still register until Nov. 15.
- Promote the availability of leadership training videos on the Georgia Website.
- Watch Officer Leadership sessions on the Regional Virtual Conference on the International Website.

#### Goal 4: Retain Leaders

- Recognize effort - give violets, handwritten notes, emails, highlight members in newsletters and minutes.
- Keep past leaders involved.
- Designate funding for members to attend state, regional and international conferences and conventions.

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# Due Dates Treasurer Forms



- **DUE BY TODAY**  
Chapter & District  
Budgets  
"Delegate Funding"  
line item is a  
Cornucopia  
Requirement  
Send a Copy to  
State Treasurer Terri

- **DUE BY JANUARY 1**  
H-138 & International  
Dues - send to  
Headquarters

GA 103 State Dues &  
Courtesy/Hospitality  
Fee - send check  
and a copy of the  
H-138 to  
State Treasurer Terri

Send a copy of the  
H-138 to President  
Norma- GA  
Cornucopia Award  
requirement.



**Athens District Chairman  
Marlene Kesler**

## NOVEMBER MONEY TALK

*with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer*



In this season of **Thanksgiving**, your State Treasurer is so thankful for the dedication and hard work of the chapter and district treasurers in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Our organization is so strengthened by your dedication. A **GREAT BIG VIOLET** *Thank you!* for On Time Reporting! 100% of the 990-N IRS e-Postcards were submitted one week early before the deadline.

Way to Go Chapter Treasurers!

Budgets are arriving daily. At press time only 93% of chapters and districts have filed their 2020-2021 budgets.

**Budgets with a November 1 postmark are still On Time.** By the end of today, let's have 100% filed.



**It's Dues Time Treasurers!** Begin collecting - International Dues (\$40), State Dues & Fees (\$11, Scholarship \$4 and Courtesy/Hospitality \$1 = \$16), District (\$Varies), and Chapter (\$Varies). **The Deadline for submitting them is January 1, 2021. They are delinquent after January 31, 2021. Late fees are assessed February 1, 2021 (International \$5.00 and State \$1.00).**

The GA 102 - Payment Record for State Scholarship Assessment Fee is to be sent to State VP for Scholarships Shannon Cole - \$4 per member by January 1, 2021.

A reminder that **On Time Reporting** earns a Pearl at International and checks off one part for the Georgia Cornucopia Award given at State Convention.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

## GET TO KNOW YOUR ATHENS DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

*Text and photos by Marlene Kesler*

I am Marlene Kesler. I was born and grew up in Toccoa, Georgia and lived here all my life. My family home at the base of Currahee Mountain was home to Camp Toccoa where WWII paratroopers trained and was brought to worldwide attention in the miniseries "Band of Brothers". I taught 4th grade at Big A Elementary for 40 years and retired in 2008. I see many of my students from time to time and enjoy seeing their accomplishments in life.

My husband, Glenn, is retired from the USPS. I enjoy doll collecting, crocheting, sewing, traveling, playing piano and organ, and hosting parties. I have written and published two books and am working on a third. I have served in many Chapter offices and the State Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary and VP for Scholarships during my 29 years of membership in Gamma Delta Chapter. I look forward to serving as Athens District Chairman this year.

## FRATERNITY ED FUN

*Text by Jan McNeill*

Happy Thanksgiving!!! What a blessing we all have just by knowing and working with our wonderful Alpha Delta Kappa sisters! I'm going to share an activity I am "borrowing" from Jackie Hughes of Beta Upsilon. The members of her chapter had a fun time deciphering the scrambled names of her chapter's committees. You can scramble the committees I'll list here and then show them on Zoom (if you're still meeting online) for your sisters to unscramble - while you describe the committee and members in YOUR chapter! If you're meeting in person, scramble your committee names and hand out a copy to see who can unscramble them first for a little prize! Here are several committees that many chapters appoint or select each biennium: Alpha Delta Kappa Month, Altruism, Bylaws, Budget/Audit, Fraternity Ed, Membership, Nominating, Programs, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Sunshine, Technology, and Ways and Means. Your chapter may use some of these and/or may have others you set up each biennium. That's the fun part of having individual chapters around the state - we each have our own way of doing many things, but we all have the same goals concerning scholarship, membership, altruism, World Understanding, education, etc.! That's why we fill out forms at specified times throughout the year and why committees can be so helpful! Every sister has a part!

## DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

*with Denise Shepherd, State Sergeant-at-Arms*

The chapter or district sergeant-at arms has many responsibilities.

She will serve as protocol chairman.

She is the doorkeeper at meetings.

She may be asked to assist the president or district chairman and committees in coordinating activities at meetings and events.

The sergeant-at-arms preserves order as directed.

If requested, she is in charge of counting ballots for the election of officers, as well as assisting in the installation of new officers.

The sergeant-at-arms must know the rules of protocol and be able to provide fraternity education regarding protocol to members.

She may be asked to make signage for meetings and other events.

The sergeant-at-arms greets guests and escorts them to seats if requested.

She may be asked to perform other duties as described in the chapter or district bylaws or policies and procedures.

Please consider volunteering as an assistant sergeant-at-arms at Fun Day, the Georgia State Convention, as well as international conventions, and regional conferences. There are many duties to perform at these events.

Thank you if you are serving as your chapter or district's sergeant-at-arms. Treasure this opportunity to serve. Cherish our sisterhood and the friendships you make along the way!

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**State Sergeant-at-Arms  
Denise Shepherd**





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Text and photo by Sharon Rorex*

This is a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:  
Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.  
To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully.  
To wait for the  
unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely.  
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.  
To face tomorrow confidently, courageously.

I read his most famous prayer, Lord, Make Me an Instrument...at our state executive meeting.

## CONTINUING ALTRUISTIC WORK AMID PANDEMIC

*Text by Bonnie Devereaux*

Chapters are having all kinds of challenges during COVID 19. We can use Zoom to overcome many of them, but altruism may be even more difficult. The needs of the people and organizations are still there and they need our support. Here are a few suggestions that may help you to continue to support your altruistic projects more easily. A special thanks to Debby Stubbing, Gulf Membership Chairperson, who shared some of her ideas with me as well.

1. Contact the organization you have been supporting and see if together you can create a plan.
2. Some organizations are set up to receive contributions online.
3. Monies may be sent to your chapter treasurer who can then mail your contributions.
4. Organizations can create a wish list on Amazon, much like a bride would do.
5. A sister or sisters can be designated to make purchases and deliver them.
6. Flyers for items for sale by your chapters with contact information can be posted in appropriate places.
7. Some schools have a link for personnel to use to sell unwanted items or describe services they deliver. Your chapter could post there.
8. Be creative! You can still serve others during these times.

Remember to also include volunteer hours and value of donated materials. To keep an accurate record, I recommend sisters report this information monthly to your altruistic chairman or other designated person in your chapter. You can create a form or give a reminder in your newsletter. Your altruistic report will be due March 15, so please begin organizing this information if you have not already. Let's not let others down; we can be creative and continue our service!!



**Executive Board  
Chaplain  
Sharon Rorex**

*Take  
a few minutes  
to sit quietly  
and be thankful  
for all that you  
have. Unknown*



**Committee Chair  
Altruism  
Bonnie Devereaux**

## DISASTER RELIEF

*Text and photos by Sara Ratliff*

The Disaster Relief Committee has been represented at several district meetings and presented information this part of the biennium.

The fund has just over \$6000 right now. I have received several requests for tickets for our sterling silver cuff bracelet. All who have requested tickets so far have included return address stickers for the number of tickets they want. This is very much appreciated. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Of course, if you would like to make a donation and do not want tickets, you certainly may do that. If you would like to do either, I am including my address below. Please make your check payable to GA ADK. I am in the process of updating the application for the website. Right now applicants are directed to mail the application to Marie Woodard. This will be changed to my address.

My address is Sara Ratliff, ADK  
335 Meadow Drive, Chickamauga, GA 30707.

Thank you for the support of your sisters through disaster relief.



**Sara Ratliff**  
**Disaster Relief**  
**Chairman**



**Jan McNeill**  
**Fraternity Education**  
**Chairman**



**Albany District**  
**Co-Chairman**  
**Mickie Bateman**



## GET TO KNOW YOUR ALBANY DISTRICT CO-CHAIRMAN

*Text and photos by Mickie Bateman*

My name is Mickie Bateman, and I am serving this biennium as the Albany District Co-Chairman. As an Alpha Delta Kappa member, I am a Silver Sister (initiated 1990) and I have held numerous leadership positions in my Beta Rho Chapter and Albany District. You grow personally when you serve in leadership roles.

I attended Georgia Southwestern College where I received my Bachelor of Science, Master's, and Specialist degrees in Education. Dougherty and Lee Counties are where I taught mostly K, 1st, and 2nd grades for 33 years. I enjoyed teaching and missed it after retiring.

In March 2021 my husband, Joey (retired teacher/coach), and I will celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We have two grown children. Kim is a math teacher at Lee County High School, and Jim lives and works in Cumming, Georgia. We also have four precious grandchildren. Two sixteen year old grandsons (4 months apart), and two granddaughters (2 months apart) ages twelve and almost age twelve. I am truly blessed.

I enjoy reading, teaching Sunday school, volunteering with Whiz Kids, taking ukulele lessons, and attending Bible study (Some of these are on hold for now.) We also enjoy camping with our children and grandchildren.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God". One thing this pandemic has given us is time to slow down, be still, and reflect on what is really important. I am counting all of my blessings.

## BYLAWS

*Text and Photos by Robin Dudley*

I am Robin Dudley, Georgia's Alpha Delta Kappa Bylaws Chairman. As we begin our new biennium, it is time for our Chapter Presidents and Chapter Bylaws Chairman to update their Chapter Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. It is also time for our District Chairman to update their District Guidelines.

**Chapter Bylaws and District Guidelines are due to me by March 15, 2021.**

**The deadline is important for Cornucopia credit.**

On April 18, 2020, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa "resolved that Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa come under the umbrella of Alpha Delta Kappa International Bylaws and refer to the Georgia Policies and Procedures Manual as the governing document relative to the State of Georgia". This change encourages our Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Chapters to also come under the umbrella of Alpha Delta Kappa International Bylaws and refer to your individual Chapter Policies and Procedures.

**On October 11th, I sent an email to all District Chairman to forward on to their Chapter Presidents with information and directions on how to submit**

**Chapter Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.**

**Attachments included in the email:**

1. Alpha Delta Kappa International Bylaws
2. Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Resolution/Motion April 18, 2020
3. Letter for Chapter President and Bylaws Chairman
4. Form 1 Template - Chapter Bylaws
5. Form 2 Template - Chapter Policy Statement for Using Chapter Policies and Procedures, as an Alternate to Bylaws
6. Georgia Policies and Procedures

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Text by Melissa Blankenship*

The primary duty of the Budget and Finance Committee is to prepare the annual budgets for the biennium and present these proposed budgets at the state convention for adoption by the delegates. Also, the Budget and Finance Committee would meet to discuss and give guidance on financial concerns related to the state budget throughout the biennium.

As chair of the committee, it is my responsibility to report on the committee's actions to the executive board and provide a committee chairman report for the executive board meetings. Other duties of this office include serving on the advisory council, attending executive board/advisory council meetings, serving as a delegate at the state convention, and attending regional and international conferences and conventions.

The Budget and Finance Committee works in conjunction with the state officers to ensure the fiscal integrity of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa.



**Robin Dudley**  
Georgia Bylaws Chairman

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**DEADLINE**  
**March 15, 2021**

**Submit by:**  
**EMAIL AND MAIL**



**Budget & Finance**  
**Committee Chair**  
**Melissa**  
**Blankenship**





## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Nov. 1 - Chapter and District Budgets to Terri Thompson

Nov. 14 - Virtual International ITE Meeting. Sign up on International Website or Oct. 16 eBlast

Nov. 15 - Last day to register for Leadership Academy

Dec. 1 - Alpha Delta Kappa Month Report due to Lynn Malloy Fuller

Jan. 5 - Call for Room Reservations for International Convention - 512-474-4777 or 888-236-2427

Jan. 23 - District Chairman meeting hopefully in Macon

### 2021 Spring District Meetings

Feb. 6 - Heart of GA

Feb. 20 - Albany

Feb. 27 - Golden Isles

March 6 - Atlanta & Dalton

March 13 - Columbus & Decatur

March 20 - Augusta & Marietta

March 27 - Athens

April 17, 2021 Fun Day at Anderson Center Macon

July 8-11, 2021 International Convention, Austin, Texas

April 22-24, 2022 GA State Convention - Callaway Gardens

**AΔK Month  
Report  
Due Dec. 1**

**ITE  
Webinar  
Sat. Nov. 14 at  
3:00 EST**

### **PRESIDENTS' UPDATES**

**Carlene Dunn,  
Beta Beta is bedridden  
and wheelchair bound  
waiting for a knee  
replacement in  
December.**

**Carolyn Mann  
Fidelis Xi**

### **Executive Board and Advisory Council**

**Lori Carnine  
Medical tests**

**Jan McNeill  
Surgery**

**Ellen Harris  
Co District Chair Albany**





**Committee Chair  
World Understanding  
Ruth Rennick**



## WORLD UNDERSTANDING

*Text and photos by Ruth Rennick*

Happy Fall Y'all! I am so happy to update you on the altruistic contributions given so far for our Gulf Region's "Sisters Helping Sisters" project. If you recall, you were challenged back in August when the total amount of contributions for our Puerto Rico sisters was at \$650.00. I felt this was not up to our usual giving standards and challenged you to make a donation. After our All Regions Conference in late August, then our own Virtual One Day Celebration in September, I am happy to report that the total amount of contributions now stands at \$9,560.00! This was taken from the Gulf Breeze website and may actually be higher now. Thank you for helping our fellow sisters and reminding me why I joined Alpha Delta Kappa all those years ago. The impact we can have on the world, when we work together, is nothing short of amazing.

The 2020 ITE Webinar is coming up on November 14 at 3 pm EST and you can attend virtually. Please see Norma's reminders on page 10, bullet point four. Registration is easy and quick. If you've always wanted to hear from these ITE scholars, but couldn't make it to Kansas City; here's your chance.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

*Text by Mollie Acosta*

**BREAKING News October 1, 2020**

#### DUES RESTRUCTURING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The International Membership Committee is pleased to announce that International dues for new members will be prorated. New Member Application fees are no longer required. This will take effect January 1, 2021.

- New Members initiated January 1 – May 31 (\$40 Dues)
- New Members initiated June 1 – December 31 (\$20 Dues)
- Reinstatement Fee of \$25 remains the same and dues will be prorated as above.

#### **Rationale and further explanation as approved by the International Executive Board:**

- Research indicates that most professional organizations charge dues only, with no application fee.
- Some prospective members decide to defer or not join because they have to wait.
- Ask yourself, "Would you wait 4 months while supporting altruistic projects, ways and means projects, Founders' Day activities, etc. even though you are not officially a member?"
- If we need for our membership numbers to increase, why take this risk of having prospective members wait until January?
- All new members will submit International dues when submitting Form H-103. The new initiate would also be responsible for purchasing or obtaining her badge.
- All members, including the new members described above, will be responsible for International dues collected by the chapter treasurer and reported on form H-138 due no Later than Jan. 1.



**Omega**

*Rebecca Reese*

*Sigma*



**Violets**

**Gamma Gamma**

**Athens District**

**Honorable Mention**

**Program**

**Feb. 2019 Meeting**

**Gloria Bona**

**Stephens County**

**Mountain Educator of**

**the Year**

## **CONCERNS**

*Sisters who have had*

*COVID 19*

*Surgery*

*Falls*

*Family deaths*

*Active Classroom Teachers*



*Text and photo by Norma Rushing*

- If you have a picture of Ethel Kerlin Ward, please send it to Shannon Cole and me. She was a member of Alpha Chapter and State President from 1960-62. She left \$10,000 to go into a scholarship fund. This scholarship is named the Ethel Kerlin Scholarship and is used to honor the Excellence in Education recipient.
- Did you miss the All Regions Virtual Day? You can still view it on the International Website.
- You can still enjoy the "One Day Celebration". Go to the Georgia Website, then click on Member > Meetings > One Day Celebration. You must register as a member to view the meeting.
- Do you ever wonder about how education is different in other countries? On November 14 at 3:00, you can learn a little about education in Afghanistan, Vietnam, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Mali from the Alpha Delta Kappa ITE Students. Each year each chapter contributes \$20 to the ITE Education Fund (International Teachers Education). The International Teacher Education program provides seven scholars from around the world the opportunity to pursue a master's degree at a university in the United States. Registration is free to attend the ITE Conference. Go to the Oct. 16 eBlast or the International website to register.
- A special big thank you to all Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Members who step up to be International, Regional, State and Chapter officers, committee members and AΔKmembers. You are important and you are appreciated!! Alpha Delta Kappa uses the team approach. Each sister in the organization has much to offer others and is important as a team member. There are no weak links.
- You can still make monetary donations or Amazon snacks donations to the House of Hope.

**Thank you for your leadership and service!**







**Vice President for  
Membership  
Suzi Bonifay**



Because of  
YOU  
Georgia WILL  
maintain a  
strong and  
vibrant  
membership!

## MEMBERSHIP

*Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay*

Membership is the life blood of our organization. Thank you for making it a priority in your chapter even during this period of volatility.

Here are some questions that have recently been asked. **Q:** Should you initiate or reinstate members at this point in the year? **A:** My recommendation is to wait until 2021 in order to avoid a double financial hit. But please go ahead and have sisters come to your meetings and enjoy all of the fun, fellowship, programs and altruistic projects that your chapter has to offer. They can't vote, but that's a minor issue. Do take advantage of the enthusiasm that prospective members bring and welcome them to the fold now--just delay the paperwork. Dues restructuring goes into effect in 2021.

**Q:** How do you handle a member that needs to take a leave? **A:** First, determine the reason and see which of the following three options apply. **Active on Leave:** A special status requested by a member and granted by a majority vote of the chapter for a period of one year. **Sustaining member:** A sustaining member is an active member who is not affiliated with a chartered chapter but pays her state, provincial or national and international dues, fees and assessments to the state where she resides. **Limited Status:** A limited option may be considered if the individual is incapacitated and unable to fulfill her obligations and responsibilities. Read about all three options in the International P & P, pgs A19: 3-6 at the following link: <http://bitly.ws/aotJ>. Contact me with additional questions or for more information.

## FUN DAY

*Text by Debbie Boswell*

Georgia Fun Day began in 1980 as a business-free day of fun and fellowship held in the spring before International Convention. The purpose was to encourage enthusiasm and attendance at the International Convention. This was and is a time for ways and means sales, a service project, and a luncheon. What a great tradition!

Although it may seem we have plenty of time to prepare for FUN DAY, April 17th will be here before we know it! The Anderson Conference Center in Macon is booked and we are moving forward with our plans. For now, please reserve April 17th and join your sisters throughout Georgia for a FUN DAY filled with laughter, song, fellowship and surprises...not to mention the great Ways and Means tables we always have! Hotel information, registration and more details will be sent out in January. Don't forget to check out the shops I listed in the October Newsletter for those Texas hats and boots! A few people are already finding shirts with sparkly stars as we begin to prepare to head to AUSTIN, TEXAS in July for International Convention!

As always, please feel free to email, text or call if you have any suggestions or ideas as we gather information to make this one of THE BEST FUN DAYS since the LAST FUN DAY!

Happy Thanksgiving to all. May you enjoy family and friends as you stay safe during this holiday season. Love, Debbie Boswell (debbieb.adk@gmail.com)



## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

*Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole*

Hello sisters,

We are wrapping up Halloween and looking ahead to the deadlines coming up for scholarships and grants starting with Regional Professional Development on Nov. 1st. Also rapidly approaching are the submission deadlines for the Regional Mini Scholarship on the 5th, followed by Argo, Fine Arts, and the Innovation Grant--all three due on the 15th of the month. There is one scholarship grant deadline in December. The Future Educators is due on the first.

In the middle of the month, be watching for new promotional "Save the Date" cards for GA Alpha Delta Kappa's scholarships that will be posted to the scholarship page. These colorful cards will be available in PDF form for easy printing and distribution at any local chapter's meeting. My first attempt at one, made for the Classroom Grant will be on the state website shortly. I have found a template I like better in Publisher and should have that finished next week. Hope they are helpful.

I also have a *Shout Out*. I received word that Jennifer Lewis of Gamma Kappa in Marietta District, recently received a mini-grant from International. When you have a moment, send her congratulations.

Sisters please continue to look for a photo of Ethel Kerlin Ward and review the Scholarships at a glance and Timeline Kaleidoscope at <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/scholarships-grants/> for more information on deadlines.

Hope you had a great AΔK Month and Happy Thanksgiving.



Jennifer W. Lewis,  
Gamma NU, Marietta

## A Message from International

Text by Ann Marie Brown, International Executive Board  
Four Year Member

As we close out this final week of Alpha Delta Kappa Month, may we reflect on the infinite possibilities we have shared to celebrate our treasured organization. As usual, our members have risen to the challenges that these times bring to us, in our lives.

My five-year old grandson was just able to attend his kindergarten hybrid model with in-school attendance this past week. When he came home from his first day, he exclaimed, "Mom, I got to see Mrs. Gibson's whole body, not just her face!"

My gratitude goes out to all the in-service educators that are adapting and providing for him and all the students across our great lands.

Have a great week, sisters!

## GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA WEBSITE UPDATE

*Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair*

We have now surpassed our goal of having 100 sisters join the website - we now have 103. If you have not yet had time to go online and look at our newly designed website, please take the time to do so by going to <http://www.gaalphadeltakappa.org>.

You will find historic information about our organization in the Archives as well as a photo gallery of events. You can download any of these photos you would like. We will soon be building an online history of our state presidents with photos and other memories. If you would like to contribute, please send Dawn Hudson an email.

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