

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

Seasons Greetings!

This is my favorite time of the year! Just as the song from Sound of Music *My Favorite Things* says "When I'm feeling sad, I simply remember my favorite things". That might be snuggling with my cats Sandy and Mandy, reading a favorite book to my grandchildren, cooking a meal for someone, traveling near and far, sharing Thanksgiving dinner with my family or the amazing generosity of my Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters. This Thanksgiving will be different due to COVID because out of precaution my sons and their families are not coming. We will Zoom during the day but not while we are eating. Also during this holiday season, my prayer is that we will learn to be inclusive and be a good neighbor. As Mr. Rogers would say, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Or you may remember Barney, the purple dinosaur say "I love you, you love me, we're a great big happy family!"

I am amazed at how generous Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters are with their material resources and their time. I have been reading in the newsletters some of activities that were done during AΔK Month. Help was given to the Ronald McDonald House, the policemen and firemen, school boards, engaged teachers, custodians, children's homes, community centers, food banks, St Jude's, Alzheimer's, Susan B Komen and other charities. You are **Awesome!**

On October 31, Melba Priestley, Past International and State President, Alpha Gamma sister Jewel Hendrix, Alpha Gamma, Ann Maxwell, Tau, and Jane Callahan, Betz Xi and Omega artist, met with Darcelle from the House of Hope and refuge to present the Omega painting. We got to meet the lovely 8 girls. They were eager to have Jane come back and help them learn more about painting. We toured the house and saw the beginning of the remodeling for the kitchen where they will use our \$5000. Presently it is about the size of a walk-in closet. A wall will be removed and new appliances will be bought. Our money along with a grant they received should cover the expenses. We saw the girls' rooms and the new updated classroom for virtual learning. They are in need of a used 12 to 15 passenger van. If you know a church who is getting rid of one, please let them know. Also Darcelle showed us the storage room with stacks of treats from AΔK sisters. We are and were a blessing and partner to them.

Read the reminders for more updates.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year from the Rushings



*My wish for each
of you this
Holiday Season
is
Love, Peace, and Joy*



Mandy and Sandy



Keith's Family



Heath's Family

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Due Dates Treasurer Forms



DUE BY JANUARY 1

H-138 & International
Dues - send to
Headquarters

GA 103 State Dues &
Courtesy/Hospitality
Fee Payment Form -
send the form, 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.

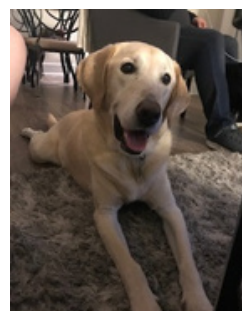


HOLIDAY GREETINGS

from Terri Thompson, State Treasurer



Patrick, Paige, Terri, Hazel and Hillory



AJ

GREETINGS

Denise Shepherd, Sargeant -At -Arms

As we look forward to this holiday season and whatever it may bring, remember those you miss and hold them close to your heart.

Remember to be grateful for what you have and delight in the simple blessings of family and friends.

Give what you can and help those in need.

Take time for yourself to reflect, restore, and look forward to the year ahead.

FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Here are some fun holiday Fraternity Ed activities for you to try ---

I. Challenge your sisters during your December meeting, online or in person, to build a special snowman (or woman!), part by part, as questions are asked about Alpha Delta Kappa. Each time a member gets a correct answer on her paper, she adds a part or item to her snowman. See who can "build" a complete snowman and/or who can make the best-looking snowman! Show all the creations proudly at the end! Order of snowman parts: bottom(base), middle(stomach), top (head). eyes, nose, mouth, arms with hands, piece of clothing, something extra (scarf, pipe, broom, etc.), any ADK item! Following are some questions: 1.) What is the name of your District? 2.) Who is your District Chairman? 3.) How long is a term of office for each elected chapter officer? [2 years] 4.) How many chapter meetings are required each year? [9] 5.) Who fulfills the office of chapter president if the elected president is unable to complete her term? [the chapter past president] 6.) Which officer shares a "Thought for the Day" at each gathering? [chaplain] 7.) What is the name of the chapter to which all deceased sisters belong? [Omega] 7.) What document is due on March 15, 2021 from each chapter and state? [Bylaws or Policy Statement] 8.) How many years shall a woman be in the education profession before being asked to join ADK? [1] 9.) How does a former member rejoin ADK? [by following reinstatement guidelines through International] 10.) Where is ADK International in 2021? [Austin, TX].

II. Have each member draw a wreath or a tree with simple decorations on it (balls, candy canes, etc.). Write the name of sisters present on separate ornaments. Cut wreath or tree into 10 pieces; mix them up.. Say "GO" and sisters put her wreath or tree back together like a puzzle, but hold out the last puzzle piece. (If you meet in person, share puzzles to reassemble.) Then, whichever sister's name is on the puzzle piece in each sister's hand gets to hear why she is a holiday treasure to your chapter. If same names are left, just do each name once and finish with leftover names. Let your sisters know how much each one is special to all of you!

III. If you want to blend Frat Ed with World Understanding, try this! Give sisters a list of countries (or make multiple choice questions with country info). Read a Christmas, Hanukkah, or holiday tradition to go with each listed country. Have the sisters match the country to the tradition - one at a time or all at once - before giving answers. You can even answer orally by ringing a sleigh bell to see who answers first!

Give a little prize for winner of any of these activities or maybe just hand out participation goodies for all! Enjoy your chapter holiday fun

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and photo Jan McNeill, Fraternity Education Chairman

May every day of your Holiday Season be filled with love, joy, family, friends, and happiness!!! Each of you makes each day special for me and I am so thankful and blessed to have so many sisters to love and support me. In my pictures below, you can see the loves of my life: my handsome husband Mickey, my extended family on my side, and my Beta Phi Chapter sisters at the Tate House last December! May all your days be merry & bright! May Alpha Delta Kappa continue to shine in your hearts - in your community - and throughout the world!

Merry Christmas!!! Happy Hanukkah!!!!

Happy Holidays!!!

Love & blessings to each of you, Jan



Beta Phi



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Mickey and Jan



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex, Chaplain

I wish for you

*May you always find the sparkle
that's hidden in the dreariest of days.*

*When you hug,
I hope you hug tight.*

*When you talk,
I hope you talk with your eyes.*

*When you listen,
I hope you listen with your heart.
When the world feels like it's falling apart,
I hope your friends, family, and faith
are the bonds that hold it together.*

*May your life be measured
not by the number of times your heart beats
but by the number of moments that capture your heart.*

*I hope you
always look up...
higher and higher...
and see life's infinite possibilities.*

---From International



**Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex**

*I wish for my
Georgia sisters
the merriest
Christmas and
the
happiest
Hanukkah.
---Sharon*

*Let's hope and pray
for a healthier,
happier 2021*



Bonnie Devereaux

*\$5000
+
gifts from
Amazon
to
House of
Hope!*

*Sisters, you are
amazing! You
exceeded the goal!*



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and photos by Bonnie Devereaux, Altruism Chairman
Gifts That Cost Nothing

As we begin planning our Christmas list and what gifts we want to give, may I suggest you put Alpha Delta Kappa on your list. Here is a list of ways to give to AΔK without it costing you anything: use Amazon Smile and select AΔK Foundation for your support <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1280111>; need another credit card, get an AΔK card <https://www.cardpartner.com/affinity/app/alpha-delta-kappa>; use good search as your search engine, www.goodsearch.org; use Good Shop, another Good Search program and Giving Assistant, <https://givingassistant.org/np#alpha-delta-kappa-foundation>. You may get more detailed information at the International AΔK website.

May each of you have a safe and happy holiday season and may we take with us lessons learned from this quarantined time. Each of us will have our own lesson. Mine is to cherish each moment we have with others and to respond to needs as they are presented (not just money) and do it now.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah
and have a blessed New Year!
Love and Blessings, Bonnie

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and photos by Debbie Clark, Immediate Past President



Happy Holidays!
God Bless Us Every
One.

May you have child-like
wonder during this
season and be filled
with JOY.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and Photos by Judy Shaklee, Secretary

Happiest of holidays from my house to yours. During this incredibly different year, I am so happy to have my Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters as a source of strength and love on which I can rely. All during the fall with the many Zoom meetings whether at chapter, district, state, regional or international level, I have enjoyed seeing and hearing from sisters. Each time the meetings ended, I had an enormous smile on my face. My holiday wish for all of us is to know that we are loved and appreciated and that we all stay safe so that we can be together in person soon. Happiness to you and yours.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Text and photos by Diane Phillips. Historian

December is not only a time of celebration, but also a time of reflection, don't you think? In December of 2019, my family was wearing our HOPE shirts to support my nephew and his wife as we prayed God would bless their family with a baby in their adoption process. The second photo is baby Anniston who joined our family in August. She is such a sweet reminder that change can be good! As I read each of the ADK Month reports, it is so evident that our sisters across the state are continuing to embrace the changes that 2020 brought and are continuing to impact their chapters and their communities even when things get challenging. Thank you for the blessing that you are sisters! I so look forward to a time in the near future when we can celebrate our sisterhood in person. In the meantime, I encourage you to share your chapter's efforts in your local newspapers, in the *Kappan*, and on the state website and Facebook page! Your chapter might just provide the spark another chapter needs!



Judy Shaklee
State Secretary





CALENDAR REMINDERS

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

Dec. 31 - Dues for 2020-2021 deadline

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

Jan. 23 - District Chairman Meeting via Zoom

Feb. 1 - Bylaws submitted to Robin Dudley

March 15 - Altruism Report Due to Bonnie Devereaux

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

**Thank you for
timely
Reporting**

*Presidents &
Advisory Council*

*Carlene Dunn
Beta Beta
will have knee replacement
surgery.*

*Linda Neff
Iota*

*Lori Carnine
Music Chairman
health issues*



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**Ruth & Chuck
Enjoying all four grandkids**



WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and photos by Ruth Rennick

Exciting news from International World Understanding Committee Chairman, Rachel Shankles: After reviewing the proposal applications for the 2021-2023 International World Understanding Project, the top five proposals were submitted to the International Executive Board. After their review; three proposals have been submitted for further consideration of all members. **C.H.E.A.R** (Children's Home with Education and Agriculture a Reality), **R.I.S.E** (Reaching and Inspiring Students in Ethiopia), and **Sewing Seeds of Hope** are the proposed projects. Details will be given in the March *KAPPAN*, eblasts, and on the International website. All members will vote online during the month of June, with the winning project announced during the International Convention in July 2021.

More exciting news for Georgia sisters!! We have the opportunity to help sponsor one of the ITE Students. Pictured at left is **Ramata Diallo**, currently in her first year in the ITE program. She is enrolled at Indiana University, Pennsylvania. She has one local co-sponsor in Pennsylvania, but the Gulf Region has been asked to co-sponsor her by sending cards, gift cards, notes of encouragement, etc. to let her know that she has Alpha Delta Kappa sisters supporting her in the USA. Since we do not have any ITE students living near us, this is a great opportunity to show some southern hospitality. Talk to members of your chapter to see what you might want to do to connect with her. I see endless opportunities to make a connection with someone from another country, (Mali) without ever leaving your home. Let's see how creative we can be in sharing part of our vision in "being dedicated to World Understanding".

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and Photos by Ruth Rennick, World Understanding Chairman

From our family, down here in the sunny south, to yours:
"Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing your family an extra measure of comfort, joy, and hope this Christmas."



Omega
None



Violets
Sigma
Gulf Region's
Distinished Program
Award

Terri Thompson
for colleecting
budgets

Lynn Manlloy
for collecting
AΔK Month Reports

CONCERNS

Sisters who have had
COVID 19
Surgery
Falls
Family deaths
Active Classroom Teachers



Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- Congratulations! Sigma Chapter, Augusta District received the 2020 Distinguished Program Award (DPA) for the Gulf Region. You will get to read all about the program in the January Newsletter.
- Exciting News: The Northeast Region has three ITE students in their region. Gulf Region was asked if they would be willing to help sponsor one student. I volunteered Georgia. We will help Ramata Daillo a first year Master's Program student from Mali. Ruth Rennick in the World Understanding section has all the details. Georgia Sisters and Chapters, let's shower Ramata this biennium with cards and gift cards.
- We are always sad to lose a chapter in Georgia AΔK , but a chapter is struggling sometimes it becomes necessary to merge with another chapter. Alpha Xi in Dalton District merged with Alpha Nu in early November. Best wishes as these two chapters work together to build a strong program.
- If you did not watch the ITE Webinar on Nov. 14th, you can still catch it on the International website. It is not posted yet but it was recorded in order to be posted. Listen to each of ITE students tell about their family and education in their country.
- December 1 is Giving Day. You might want to donate to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation, to the International altruism projects Alzheimer's and St Jude's or to Georgia's state altruism project the Ronald McDonald House.
- Evelyn Wood, Fidelis Nu, Athens District asked me to thank everyone for the many cards she received. Back when there was a Fidelis Committee on the Advisory Council, she was the Fidelis Committee Chairman.
- Place our Past State Presidents on you Holiday Greeting Card list. they have been our guiding lights in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa.
- I so look forward to seeing AΔK Sisters at my annual Hot cider and Cookies Open House, but due to COVID it will have to wait until next year.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and photos by Debbie Boswell. President Elect, and Suzi Bonifay, Vice President of Membership

Celebrating friends and family ...



Rosemary & Suzi



Remembering ...



Suzi & Debbie--BFs



Cecelia & Suzi -- sisters



Alpha Iota & Fidelis Alpha sisters
in Bainbridge at our annual
Christmas Tea.

CARDINALS APPEAR
WHEN ANGELS ARE NEAR



Here's wishing you a
wonderful holiday and
a Happy New Year filled with
all that the cardinal
symbolizes --
Hope, Joy,
Health, Rejuvenation,
Celebration and Heart.



Debbie in 2010
attempting a FRUIT CAKE,
thank goodness for CLAXTON!



Treasure your loved ones, both family and
friends during this holiday season...



Sydney, Rick, Richard, Matt,
Debbie, Jace, Karla and Alana.
Never know what we'll look like
on Christmas morning...but the
kids love it!



Janie & Debbie--sisters
and Alpha Delta Kappa sisters!



Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House FUN.
(Melissa, Judy, Judy, Debbie and George)

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving shared with family & friends whether safely in person or virtually this year. Remember to check the GA Alpha Delta Kappa website for deadlines that are approaching such as the application deadlines for ITE on January 15th and Regional Professional Development (RPD) Scholarship on January 31st. Also the GA State Scholarship fee deadline is January 1, 2021. I have already received checks, with Atlanta District's Gamma being the first chapter to turn the State Scholarship Assessment in this year. *Gooooo Gamma!* I have also received checks from the following chapters: *Heart of Georgia's Lambda, Atlanta's Alpha, Golden Isles' Tau, and Decatur's Iota.* Checks will be accumulated through the month and deposited collectively on the last business day of the month in which they are received. It helps keep me straight.

This month, I would also like to do a *Scholarship Shout Out* to Georgia Theta Chapter for their Ed and Millie McCall Teacher Appreciation Gift, given to honor an outstanding educator with a monetary gift for their personal use. The gift which is NOT to be used for educational purposes, including graduate school, but to foster a sense of appreciation and provide a means of personal refreshment and rejuvenation. The gift is made possible through contributions from Linda Matthews, a member of Theta, and her family in honoring her parents, Ed and Millie McCall. This year, Jenna Allenson received the award. Congratulations Jenna!



*Happy Hanukkah,
Merry Christmas,
and have a
Happy New Year!*

*from me to you all.
Enjoy the Winter
Solstice!
Fingers crossed for
Snow this year!*



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair

This is the time of the year when we all pause to count our many blessings and this year has been no exception. We have much to be thankful for as Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters and even in light of the many tragic events, there has still come growth, peace and love as a result. We are reminded "In everything, give thanks" 1 Thessalonians 5:18. I would be remiss as Telecommunications Chair if I did not remind everyone to communicate your feelings to those around you- and take advantage of technology to see those far away to bring them closer to your hearts. Take the time to write that note you have wanted to but have not yet - because your thoughtfulness will bring so much joy to not only the recipient, but also to you as the giver.



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Wow! \$5000 + Amazon gifts

House of Hope Refuge of Love Omega Painting Presentation



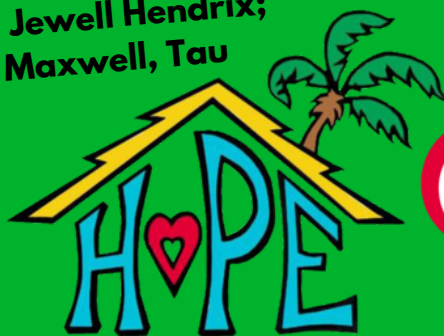
Darcelle, House of Hope, GA AΔK President
Norma; Jane Callahan; Jewell Hendrix;
Melba Priestley, Ann Maxwell, Tau



Snacks



Jane Callahan, artist
Beta Xi



House of Hope
Jeremiah 29:11

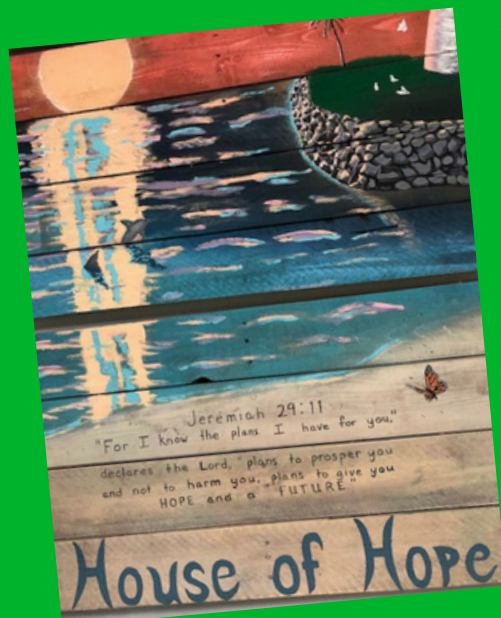
Love Renew



Melba Priestley & Jewel Hendrix
Alpha Gamma



Classroom



House of Hope
Some of GA AΔK donations