

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

HAPPY 2021

**MAY IT BRING HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY
TO EACH OF YOU!**

For many of us across the State, we are so thankful that we could push 2020 out the door. Engaged teachers have had to teach both virtually and person to person. College classes never prepared anyone for this phenomena, but it just might be a class offered at the universities in the future. As we said our goodbyes to our families after the holiday season in 2019, we didn't realize this might be the last time we could gather with them for the coming year. On March 11, I had gone to our Wednesday Night at Noon lunch and Bible study and then stopped by Suburban Awards to order delegate ribbons for the State Convention.

I told them I needed a rush order because I had to have them before the convention. Never in a lifetime would I have thought by the next morning the residents of Georgia would be isolated in their homes. No more face to face chapter meetings, ordering groceries and having them delivered at the doorstep, not inviting neighbors over for coffee, no gathering for worship services, and being fearful to gather with family during the summer and 2020 Holiday Season. A new word came into our vocabulary and use: "Zoom". Some GA sisters have had COVID, some have had family members with it and most of us have had family or friends who we lost to it. But many good things have also happened.

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa has continued to grow and enjoy meetings. I have enjoyed attending chapter meetings across the state. Usually I attend about 4 meetings a week if scheduling allows. Chapters are taking care of business, enjoying auctions, doing fun Fraternity Education activities, and fellowship with each other. Maybe this has given us a time to reflect on the important and meaningful things in life. GA AΔK will continue using this new way of meeting for our spring district meetings and Fun Day. Grab your cup of coffee, wear your pajamas if you want, and join us for the largest meetings in attendance yet.

The state newsletter is called "Celebrations", so let's celebrate with our Sigma, Augusta District Sisters who received the Gulf Region Distinguished Program Award (This is the 3rd time they have won the award)

Text by Joanna Davis
The Award winning program
Soup with the Sisters for Scholarship!

One of Sigma's most important altruistic endeavors each year is to fund a scholarship to a university student who has been admitted to her university's School of Education. To raise money for the scholarship, we decided to host a soup supper and silent auction for members and guests. We secured the Family Life Center of our local Methodist Church, decorated beautifully for the Christmas season, and had Sigma volunteers make soups, breads, and desserts. Each Sigma sister also brought items for the auction. Sisters were encouraged to bring two items, but many brought more: Christmas items, home-made goodies, plants, and many unique gifts for the holiday season. We even had a beach condo vacation for auction! Sigma also offered its unique broken-china jewelry which has been sold this biennium. Nineteen guests (some prospective members) along with eighteen sisters enjoyed the delicious soups while bidding on the auction items. The short business meeting led to special Christmas music with more dining and bidding! After a fun evening visiting with sisters and guests, Sigma raised over \$1300 at this one event! This allowed us to present a \$1000 scholarship to a worthy student later in the spring!

"Soup with the Sisters for Scholarship" was a huge success!



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DUE BY JANUARY 1

H-138 Payment Record Form & International Dues check - send to Alpha Delta Kappa Headquarters
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GA 103 State Dues & Courtesy/Hospitality Fee Form - send check and a copy of the H-138 to State Treasurer Terri
GA Cornucopia Award Requirement

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



Atlanta District Chairman
Mary Lou Goehring



JANUARY MONEY TALK

with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer



New Year Resolutions for Treasurers

- Renew Alpha Delta Kappa membership
- snail mail or Email required reports
- Send reminders to members to remit dues and fees
- On time reporting for pearls and GA Cornucopia Award
- complete and send the C-1 at end of year 1 of the biennium
- support World Understanding projects
- give a Treasurer's report or update at chapter meetings
- earn Interest on accounts for altruism
- complete Online the 990-N IRS e-Postcard
- Notify Headquarters of any changes

New is the year, new are the hopes, new are the spirits, and new are my warm wishes that you embrace it with an open heart and go forward with courage, faith, happiness, hope, and prosperity. Have a promising and fulfilling New Year 2021!



GET TO KNOW YOUR ATLANTA DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Text and photos by Mary Lou Goehring

I am honored to be the Chair of Atlanta District. I was initiated into the Gamma Epsilon Chapter and recently transferred to the Beta Gamma Chapter. My husband Steve and I have a son who lives in Illinois and 2 daughters in the Atlanta area. We moved to Hoschton to be closer to our grandchildren after retiring.

I do in-school field trips to teach children about American History and do these now virtually. I also volunteer with Veteran's groups in nursing homes and independent living. Since March, I have made and sent postcards to these men and women as COVID prevents me visiting. I promote literacy through support of the FERST Foundation and have worked with an Eagle Scout to build a Free Little Library in a screen free zone in Hoschton.

In addition, I am active in my local and State DAR as well as in my neighborhood setting up monthly programs for the Culinary Club, and supporting my neighborhood Home and Garden club. I am the photographer for our local magazine as well as being responsible for several pages in the magazine.

I am looking forward to a great 2021 and wish each of you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Happy New Year!!! Now is a wonderful time to celebrate all our wonderful Alpha Delta Kappa sisters! The lovely violet is the flower of our organization because of its beauty, its symbol of spring and the goddess Kore, AND it's our favorite color - purple! Since we look forward to a better year ahead and a fun spring to come, let's send violets out in January for a happy feeling all year! You can go DiscoveryEducation.com and find "Puzzlemaker." Directions are easy to follow to list names of chapter members and to make a WORD SEARCH.

*Give the ladies a short time limit to find as many names as possible. Members should number names in order as each is found. (If you're meeting online, send a copy of the puzzle with listed names on your meeting link or in a separate email.)

*Call time; take a count of who found the most; give a little prize. {If there's a tie, ask tiebreaker questions or flip a coin or see whose birthday is first in 2021!

*If you have time, have each member tell a positive characteristic about or a special talent/gift in ADK her #1 name has. If her #1 has been mentioned, then she should go to her #2, etc. You may choose to skip the word search and instead, draw names of each sister present and ask volunteers to comment.

Fun and uplifting comments can brighten each sister's day as well as start her new year out on a positive note!

Remember: Every sister deserves a violet!

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

Text by Lynn Malloy Fuller



I am definitely in awe at the interesting and inventive ways chapters across the state have spread the word about Alpha Delta Kappa during Alpha Delta Kappa Month, especially under the constraints of COVID!! I was especially impressed with chapters that integrated pictures "into" their forms! (I want to learn to do that!!) The multitude of thoughtful things done for others has been phenomenal. Thank you, chapters, for the awesome ways you have excelled by giving, promoting and, at times, sacrificing in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa. CONGRATULATIONS Georgia chapters for being 100%!

Happy New Year to All!

Lynn Fuller Alpha Delta Kappa Month Chairman

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text by Sharon Rorex

It's very important to look inside yourself and find that loving part of you. That's the part that you must take good care of and never be mean to. Because that's the part of you that allows you to love your neighbor. And your neighbor is anyone you happen to be with at any time in your life.

-Fred Rogers

On a personal note, thanks to all for your prayers, calls, cards, emails to me during my recent Covid illness.

ALTRUISM

Text by Bonnie Devereaux

Chapter Altruistic Report is Due March 15th

Please begin collecting information for your chapter's altruistic report now. This is a year-long report covering from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021. Do not wait until the end of February to start. Be diligent in thinking what you do individually and as a chapter in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa. There are three areas to report:

First, are volunteer hours working on altruistic projects. Did you take goodies to teachers to schools during Alpha Delta Kappa month? Your time spent counts for the altruistic report and the value of what you spent counts under gifts.

Secondly, gifts of money or the value of items donated in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa should be counted. For example, did you order items from Amazon for House of Hope? The monetary value should be counted on your report whether it was done individually or money collected and the chapter made the purchase.

Thirdly, scholarships or contributions to scholarships counts. Whether you give at a district meeting, a state meeting or your local chapter, it counts for your giving on your chapter's altruistic report.

More information will be coming soon.



**Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex**



**Committee Chair
Altruism
Bonnie Devereaux**



Sara Ratliff
Disaster Relief
Chairman

*To bring about
change,
you must not be
afraid to
take the first step.
We will fail when we
fail to try.*

Rosa Parks

DISASTER RELIEF

Text and photos by Sara Ratliff

Well, 2020 is gone! Phew! The Disaster Relief Committee made a recommendation to the Executive Board to send \$250.00 as is stated in the updated Policies and Procedures manual to our Louisiana sisters. They are still in need. The Board voted in favor of this recommendation and the check has been sent.

Although the primary focus of the GA Disaster Relief fund is to assist sisters in Georgia, we want our sisters in other states to know that we are holding them in our thoughts and prayers by offering a small gift.

If you would like to send additional monies you may do so through the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation. Indicate on your check that it is for Louisiana sisters and it will be sent directly to their treasurer.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support your sisters through the Disaster Relief Fund.

Remember that if you would like to get in on the bracelet to send address labels along with your check.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Text and photos by Pippy Rogers

This past year's heightened awareness of racial inequalities, need for social justice, and COVID-19, have changed many things in our daily lives. Some of the days' and months' events have been mind-boggling, surreal, thought provoking, overwhelming, and for those who have lost loved ones, devastating. Being resilient teachers, we tend to always look for that silver lining to bring positivity for a better tomorrow.

Requests from many sisters across our organization came to our International President, Judy Ganzert, to look at Alpha Delta Kappa's diversity and inclusiveness. Responding quickly, Judy sent out a letter to the membership and answered the call with forming the International Steering Committee. An invitation was posted on the Website and in the Kappan asking for volunteers to take part on regional committees. Since August, the International and Regional Committees have been meeting monthly.

May we all learn more about our sisters by celebrating our diversity and embracing our differences. Watch for the March *Kappan* article.



CHAPTER BYLAWS/DISTRICT GUIDELINES

It is time for our Chapter Presidents and Chapter Bylaws Chairmen to update their Chapter Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. It is also time for our District Chairmen to update their District Guidelines.

Bylaws information and directions have been emailed to all District Chairmen to pass on to each Chapter in their District. Chapter Bylaws and District Guidelines are due to me no later than March 15, 2021. The deadline is important for Chapter Cornucopia credit.

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AΔK E-Blast

Are you in the know?

Every 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays

AΔK International News is delivered to your email box.

The information is for every AΔK Sister. The E-blast conducts important surveys, gives information about upcoming events, has important information for treasurers and pertinent news for all members. This past issue included a list of sisters reaching important membership goals. It is important for the Executive Board of each chapter to receive the E-blast. International leadership has even recommend that a sister might be appointed to review the E-blast at chapter meetings.

If you are not receiving the E-Blast, contact Kristen Bridges-Banks, the editor or Laura at headquarters. Your best response may be an email. But you also may want to call to be put on the list.

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love and joy

ROBIN DUDLEY
BYLAWS CHAIRMAN



**Happy 60th
Birthday
Alpha Lambda!**



CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Jan. 1 - International Membership Campaign begins
- Jan. 5 - Call for Room Reservations for International Convention - 512-474-4777 or 888-236-2427
- Jan. 23 - District Chairman Meeting via Zoom 10:00 am
- Feb. 1 - Past State President Scholarships applications due
- Mar. 15 - Bylaws are due to Robin Dudley
- Mar. 15 - Altruism Reports due to Bonnie Devereaux
- 2021 Spring District Meetings
All are via Zoom
- 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 16 - Spring Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Zoom
- April 17, 2021 Fun Day via Zoom
- July 8-11, 2021 International Convention, Austin, Texas
- April 22-24, 2022 GA State Convention - Callaway Gardens

**ITE Student
Ramata Diallo**
Birthday Feb. 1
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PRESIDENTS' UPDATES

**Carlene Dunn,
Beta Beta
Knee Replacement
hopefully in Jan.**

**Carolyn Mann
Fidelis Xi**

**Linda Neff
Iota**

Executive Board and Advisory Council

**Ellen Harris
Co District Chair Albany**

**Sharon Rorex
Chaplain
Recovering from COVID**



**Committee Chair
World Understanding
Ruth Rennick**



WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and photos by Ruth Rennick

Happy New Year! Even though we each had some challenges in 2020, I know that we can find something to celebrate. Covid 19 affected people all over the world, so let's try and focus on the positives for 2021.

I hope that some of you reached out to Ramata Diallo, our ITE student that was highlighted in the December newsletter. If you need a refresher, Ramata is one of our ITE students enrolled in Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her address is :

Ramata Diallo
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Her birthday is February 1st, so let's all send her cards, emails, gift cards, etc. so that she feels the Alpha Delta Kappa love this year.

A few interesting facts about Ramata's home country of Mali are it is completely landlocked; it is bordered on the north by Algeria, the south by Burkina Faso, the east by Niger, and the west by Mauritania. It is the eighth largest country in Africa, with a population of 19.1 million. It's capital is Bamako. The literacy rate of adults (15 years and older) is only 35.47%. The fact that Ramata has come half way around the world to further her education speaks volumes about her. Please encourage your chapter to reach out and make her stay in the United States one of welcome and friendship. This is a perfect example of how we can each show world understanding without ever leaving our homes.

Be on the lookout for the March *Kappan* where you will find more information on the 3 proposals for our next World Understanding Project. We will be given more details about C.H.E.A.R, Sewing Seeds of Hope, and R.I.S.E. Make sure you discuss these in your chapter meetings in March, April, and May before voting takes place online in June. Everyone will have the opportunity to vote. This would make a good World Understanding program and go towards earning the Cornucopia award.



Omega

Lee Ayers
Beta Sigma



Violets

Cherie Dennis
Savannah Chatham County
(SCCPSS)
Teacher of the Year

Lanna Denison
Principal
Blackshear El. School

Jennifer Doonan
Smart/Maher VFW National
Citizenship
Education Award

Golden Sisters'
Anita Cole,
Beta Sigma

Bobbie Wright
Alpha Gamma

CONCERNS

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



Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- District Chairmen, please be present at our District Chairs meeting or assign someone to represent you. Debbie Boswell will be giving you important information for your district.
- Dot Youngblood, one of our Past State Presents and soon to be a Diamond Sister, asked me to give you her correct address.
70A Bethany Way
Statesboro, GA 30458
- Hope you are making plans for the Georgia Zoom Fun Day and for the International Convention, July 8-11 in Austin, Texas. Be sure to call to make hotel reservations on January 5. The phone number is on the dates.
- Shannon will be writing about this, but I want to support her effort. We have money available to fund Past State President's Scholarships. Any sister may apply. Take that seminar, workshop or crafting class you have always wanted to do. Let GA Alpha Delta Kappa help pay the tuition. Due February 1.
- I hope you remembered to send Ramata, ITE Student, a holiday greeting card, but if you didn't, you have the opportunity to send her a birthday card in February.
- **Announcement:**
"The Executive Board of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa is privileged to announce that Debbie Clark, Georgia Alpha Beta Chapter has qualified as a candidate for the office of International Vice President of the Gulf Region. Our best wishes are extended to her and to all candidates for International Office."
- Our GA Sisters and their families across the state are still being hit hard by COVID and the after effects. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- If you are not on the GA Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook group, please sign on. Erin Neal will admit all GA sisters. Then start your morning with a hot cup of coffee and news from your sisters across the state.





**Vice President for
Membership
Suzi Bonifay**



**When women support
each other, incredible
things happen.**



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

MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay

Happy New Year! In this season of hope, we are all wishing for the same things--a health-filled new year, happiness, peace and, of course, a vibrant Alpha Delta Kappa. Thank you to all of you who have shared the clever ways you are attracting new and retaining veteran members. Georgia certainly has an abundance of wonderful women!

While the following information was sent out with the December newsletter as a separate membership campaign attachment, I wanted to refresh your memory. Between January 1 and April 30, 2021, each chapter that initiates or reinstates four or more new members will be published on the Alpha Delta Kappa website. Chapters will be entered into drawings to earn vouchers for the 2022 Regional Conference. GA will be eligible for one winner in each of the following categories:

- 1-3 new members -- 1 entry for a \$50 voucher drawing
- 4-6 new members -- 2 entries in the \$75 voucher drawing
- 7+ new members -- 3 entries in the \$100 voucher drawing

Eligibility will be tracked using the H-103, H-154 and badge order forms. Members transferring into your chapter do not count. Please let me know if you have questions.

Last, here's hoping that you are able to maintain and strengthen the activities that we do best: fun, fellowship, leadership and altruism. It is in supporting and giving to others that we truly enrich our lives.

FUN DAY

Text by Debbie Boswell

Every end marks a new beginning ... New Year, New Plans, New Memories! 2021 is off to a new beginning with NEW PLANS in the making for a fabulous FUN DAY. More information will be coming soon with details we know that will make NEW MEMORIES for us all. We won't let SOCIAL DISTANCING interfere with our SOCIALIZING and having a fun time with sisters across Georgia! Zooming is second nature to us now! So, sisters, start looking for those Stars, Sparkles, Boots and Hats between now and April 17...you'll want to get up out of the chair and join in some fun activities!

April 17, 2021

9:00 AM

Zooming will begin at 8:30 AM for a time of socializing for us all!

You may want to add April 16, 2021 to your calendars and join our Executive Board/Advisory Council zoom--details coming in February. Surprise alert!! Make sure you pay close attention to Altruistic Chairman Bonnie Devereaux's articles. We know you'll be excited about our Fun Day Altruistic project.

**Here's to a NEW YEAR full of NEW POSSIBILITIES,
FUN, SISTERHOOD and HEALTH!**

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

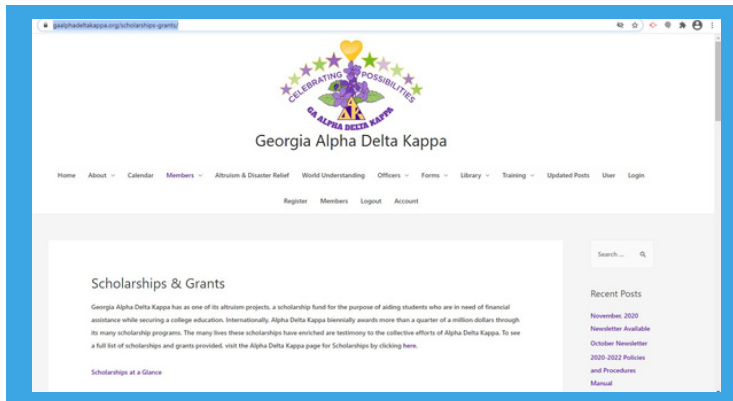


Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have an even better 2021. A couple quick reminders regarding scholarships and grants coming up this month. First, applications for the Regional Mini Scholarship for Spring are due January 15th. See the *Scholarships Grants Timeline Kaleidoscope* on the GA Alpha Delta Kappa website for more information. Next applications for the Regional Professional Development (RPD) Scholarship are due on the 31st. This one is up to \$3000 that can be applied toward continuing education and National Board Certification. See the *Scholarships at a Glance* for more details.

Please be looking over Appendixes A and B in our Policy and Procedures Manual rev. 6/20 for more details on the GA Alpha Delta Kappa State Scholarship and the Past State Presidents Scholarship. Applications are due March 1st and February 1st, 2021 respectively. Descriptions of all scholarships and grants can be found on the GA state website, visit <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/scholarships-grants/>.

Also if you send me an email and do not get a reply, send me a text too asking me to double check for said correspondence. I do not have everyone's email address saved and sometimes emails disappear into the junk mail folder. I check it regularly, but that's not a guarantee it might be seen. I do answer texts and Facebook messenger messages also. Lets be applying for those scholarships and grants. Looking for more *Scholarship Shout-outs!* - the next one could be YOU!

You can send in the information about the award for yourself or any sister in your chapter/district that you know has received a scholarship/grant. Images are greatly appreciated as well. Take care and stay warm.



GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA WEBSITE UPDATE

Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair

During the months of October and November our website reached a total of 6,403 web impressions, 204 "clicks" to other pages, and 62 new pages viewed. District and Chapter Treasurers viewed a majority of pages - so congrats to Terri for her excellent information assisting our districts and chapters! A majority of our users (137) use a desktop computer to view our webpage while 61 used mobile devices and 6 people used tablets. The top countries viewing our webpage are the US, Nigeria, Canada and India.

I'm also happy to report that many people are viewing the monthly state newsletter such as you are currently reading from our website - which saves a lot of ink and trees! We are hoping you are finding the information you need through the website with a search available at the top which will search all pages. I will continue to report summaries of our outreach and am open to content ideas which will help our members.

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Violet Note Cards



Paisley Note Cards



HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2021

Greetings from your International Board

December 25th &-Blast



Alpha Theta



Gamma Delta



Beta Upsilon



Alpha Mu



Beta



Alpha Psi



Fidelis Xi



Alpha Omicron