

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

As I read Beta Eta President Paula Gibson's article in her April newsletter, it said exactly what I was thinking and brought back wonderful memories. The evening sky is marvelous to observe when you are outside in the countryside. The family farm I grew up on was on a rolling hill in southern Illinois. Often during summer evenings, before we had air conditioning, the family would sit out in the front lawn in the swing and lawn chairs to talk about the day or many times just to watch the fireflies, gaze at the evening sky, smell the fresh scent of earth after a rain shower or the summer flowers, hear the crickets and frogs at the pond, and feel the cool evening breeze. Those were wonderful memories. I often see on Facebook the beautiful parks Suzi Bonifay posts and it takes me back to that country front yard.

On to Paula's article:

"Look at the stars! Look, look up at the skies!
 ...O look at the Fire-folk sitting in the air!" (Gerard Manley Hopkins) When I think of the sky, I tend to forget that there is a night sky as well. Have you ever stopped to look at the vast number of stars in a clear night sky and wondered just how many are there? The poem listed above speaks of the stars as "Fire-folk". I like that description because Hopkins brings to life the stars in the sky. When I was young, I loved going into my front yard, staring at the sky and trying to find the constellations I had learned about in school: Andromeda, Corona Borealis, Leo, Orion, and Ursa Major. Assigning names makes the stars even more like "Fire-folk" and brings the night sky to life to any youngster (and oldster)! It's a joy to learn new things, isn't it!? Alpha Delta Kappa has many "stars" in its crown as well. We may not think of ourselves as "Fire-folk", but we can shine just as brightly! The things you do for our chapter, our district, our state, our region, and our world can bring light to children around the world. Don't forget that! And remember to shine like "Fire-folk" as you go about the work of Alpha Delta Kappa."

Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters do shine bright. We give generously of our resources, of our time and talents. The recent Executive Board Meeting and Fun Day were a testimony to that. Debbie Boswell and her team, Suzi Bonifay, Erin Neal, Bonnie Devereaux, Pippy Rogers and Dawn Hudson spent hours putting the Fun Day Virtual Meeting together. It was a great program with 14 out-of-state Alpha Delta Kappa sisters joining us. They came as far away as Washington State, Colorado, and Arizona. That is one positive that the pandemic has given us--meetings by Zoom or in person and Zoom. Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters are bright stars of leadership. When they are asked, they take up the task and carry through with it. Sisterhood abounds across the state.

I am going to recap the Executive board meeting for those of you who could not attend.

- Ruth Rennick led a great interview with Ramata Diabillo and her sponsor, Denise, from Pennsylvania. Ramata is our Gulf Region ITE student. Ramata's father has 3 wives and she has 17 siblings. They are a close family. Ramata arrived in the U.S. during the pandemic and her classes have been via remote. This has caused some loneliness. Remember her with cards and emails.
- We were honored to have International President Judy Ganzert and Gulf Region IVP Terry Peyton with us and to bring greetings. Judy loved Lori's voice as she led us in the Georgia AΔK song and "Lamp of AΔK."
- Lynn Fuller gave the AΔK Month report. 100% of the chapters participated.
- Bonnie Devereaux gave the Altruism report. Bonnie will be recapping, but she reported we gave over \$524,000 and 70,000 volunteer hours this past year. Sisters, even during a pandemic your stars shone brightly.
- Robin Dudley reported that all chapters filed their Bylaws on time, YAY!
- The Board approved the awarding of five \$1500 State Scholarships to a student in each of their chapters and 4 Past State President Scholarships to GA AΔK sisters to learn something fun.
- The Board also approved sending seven \$500 checks from the Disaster Relief Fund to Chi Sisters who sustained damage in the recent tornado.
- The 2021-2022 Budget was amended to make it more transparent.

Under Conferences/Conventions - Advisory Council was changed to Committee Chairman; Under Designated Funds - Car tags was removed. That money has been put into the general account. Membership has been added and there is \$265 in that fund. In front of Disaster Relief add the word "projected" because we cannot know the exact amount at the time the budget is developed..

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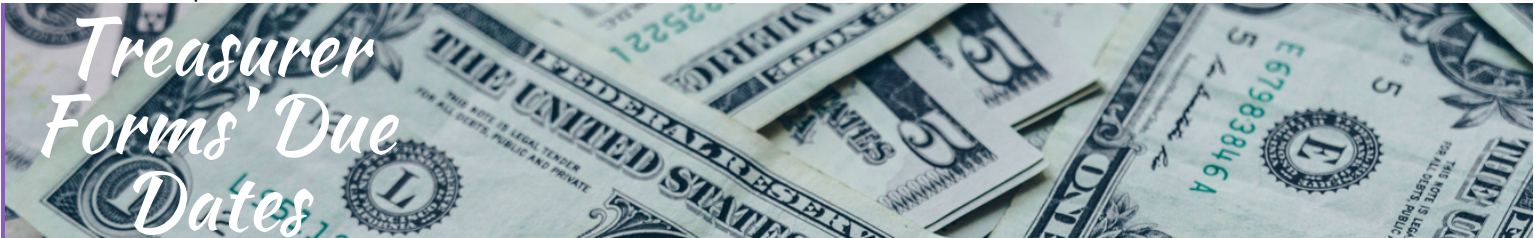
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Treasurer Forms' Due Dates



Executive Board Treasurer
Terri Thompson

Reminders of Forms Due: By June 30, 2021:

Chapter Treasurers: Cash Flow
Annual Chapter Reporting Form
and Audit (Formerly C-1)

District Treasurers: D-1 or D-1EZ
Annual Cash Flow Statement

Send these forms to State
Treasurer Terri Thompson.

By October 15, 2021

Chapter Treasurers: Complete
990 N - IRS e-Postcard online
and send a copy of the
confirmation to State Treasurer
Terri Thompson



Golden Isles
District Chairman
Holly Vaughn

IMPORTANTE

MONEY TALK

with Terri Thompson, \$tate Treasurer

The arrival of May in Alpha Delta Kappa signals the ending of Year 1 of the 2020-2022 Biennium. It is time for you treasurers to begin closing out your financial books. Alpha Delta Kappa's physical year ends May 31, 2021.

Some treasurers may still have some unfinished business to complete: 1) If you had sisters pay dues and fees after February 1, 2021, be sure you included a **late fee of \$1.00 for State Dues**. 2) If your chapter **reinstated** a former Alpha Delta Kappa sister February 1 - May 31, 2021, **her State Dues and Fees are due now**. Please send a \$4.00 check and **GA - 102R State Scholarship Fee Form for Reinstated Members** to Shannon Cole, VP for Scholarships and a \$12.00 check and **GA - 103R State Dues and Courtesy/Hospitality Fee Form for Reinstated Members** to Terri Thompson, State Treasurer. 3) Newly initiated members for 2021 do not pay State Dues and Fees until the January after they are initiated.

Headquarters has updated the Chapter Annual Reporting Form and Audit/Cash Flow Form (formerly the C-1). It can be found on the International website - www.alphadeltakappa.org - under the Documents and Forms tab for Chapters. They have prepared a **Financial Instructional Booklet with Chapter Treasurers Guidelines on page 20**. It has sample forms and spreadsheets where you are able to type directly onto the forms. This way you are able to submit them electronically to the State Treasurer or you may print them off and submit via snail mail. **Discard any old blank C-1 Forms you may have saved to use June 2021.**

Chapters, if you have received from the bank a **Tax Year Form 1099 - INT** for interest earned by your scholarship/savings account, please use it for the amount of interest your account received in 2020 on the **Cash Flow/Annual Chapter Reporting Form and Audit (Formerly the C-1)**.

GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Holly Vaughn, Golden Isles District Chairman

Holly Vaughn earned her BSEd and MEd from Valdosta State University and is nearing the end of her 25th year in education...beginning in Lowndes County (Valdosta) and moving to Savannah in 2008, when she married Col. Ken. Over the twenty-five years, she has taught 1st, 2nd, and 4th Grades as a homeroom teacher; 1st-8th Grades as a Gifted Resource teacher; and elementary EIP Reading and Math. She's acted as Lead Gifted in testing/qualifying students for the Gifted Education program and she currently serves as Academic Coach in the neighborhood K-8 school. Holly and Ken have enjoyed their time away from the school building traveling far and wide, sailing, sky-diving, open-water diving, and most-recently, riding their Indian motorcycles. Her husband has ridden to 48 states (in 3 big rides) on his Springfield. Holly isn't quite ready for those long distances. Holly joined Alpha Delta Kappa eleven

years ago. She has served as Georgia Alpha Gamma President and currently serves as Golden Isles District Chairman, and looks forward to enjoying many more years of service and sisterhood.



FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Happy May!!! Wasn't Fun Day the best ever? If you'd like to try a wonderful, fast and easy way to set up a trivia game, Dawn Hudson used this site with district chairs: www.mentimeter.com. One area to find information to use in Frat Ed programs is on the new AΔK All Community Digest. One possible idea may be to use the PDF "Understanding New International Bylaws Changes" by Carol Johnson, former International Bylaws Chair. International Convention is coming in July, and I remember an event I've enjoyed: Every IPP comes up with a creative way to raise money for the Foundation. I've seen hand-painted plates being auctioned, raffle tickets for great items being sold, skits performed, etc. The most fun is seeing each hyping her project and greeting sisters from all S/P/N's. This July, I can't wait to see what Sue Pelchat does! To learn more about what the Foundation does, there is an informative activity on the website called "AΔK Foundation: *Lift a Flap*" with detailed directions on the website. Here are the six areas listed: Hall of Benefactors, Heritage Society, Honor a Sister, Memorial & Recognition Fund, Leadership Legacy Fund, and International Presidents' Fund. Make copies of this list for your members. Then list the six areas with division dots between each (out of order) on the top side of a length-wise folded 9x11 paper. As you read each definition (found on the website), the ladies choose its area and lay each answer down in her chosen order. At the end you tell them the correct order to see what they know about the Foundation. Discuss each. Here's one definition: "Members make donations throughout the year to recognize a sister's leadership & commitment to AΔK. Letters are sent, and it is published in the KAPPAN. Minimum donation: \$25 per honoree" (Area Answer: "Honor a Sister"). Different ways to do time-honored activities sometimes grab attention more! Have fun learning about your Foundation!

DISASTER RELIEF BRACELET

Text by Sara Ratliff, Disaster Relief Chairman

Congratulations to Karen Bobbitt who won the cuff bracelet given away at Fun Day. The infinity necklace will be given away at the State Convention next spring.

The Disaster Relief Committee has been busy reviewing applications and making recommendations to the Board to send funding to sisters in Newnan. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to award \$4000.00 to assist sisters as well as Atkisson Elementary and Newnan High School. This means that our funds are much lower than when we began this biennium.



Tickets are still \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you would like to purchase tickets please send your check made out to GA Alpha Delta Kappa to me at: Sara Ratliff, 335 Meadow Drive, Chickamauga, 30707. Please include the number of return address labels for the number of tickets you wish to have. These labels will be affixed to a sheet which will be cut apart and placed into the container for our drawing. Thank you for your support of Disaster Relief. Good Luck!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex



10 Things to Remember

10. Life is precious. Live it now.
9. Age is just a number. It's never too late.
8. Fun is underrated. Enjoy yourself.
7. Little acts of kindness are never little. Ever.
6. You cannot change others. Only yourself.
5. Forgiveness sets you free. It really does.
4. Gratitude shifts everything. Be thankful.
3. Your body is sacred. Cherish it.
2. Vulnerability is not a weakness. It's a strength.
- And the most important thing to remember:
 1. Love is the answer. Always.

--From Anna Grace Taylor

--I read this recently at the State Executive Board Meeting, and I received good responses from it, so I decided to share it with everyone.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Text by Brenda Harris, Excellence in Education

Do you know a sister that is "rocking it" in the classroom? Then the Excellence in Education Award is something you should consider doing to recognize their excellence in the classroom.

What is the Excellence in Education Award?

This is a biennial award that promotes excellence in education by recognizing an Alpha Delta Kappa member for their outstanding contributions in education AND their communities.

Who can be nominated for this award?

- Any active member of a chapter who is in good standing
- She is actively engaged in the education profession
- Is under contract in teaching, administration, or some specialized field of education
- Exhibits exceptional professional dedication, knowledge, and skills
- Is recognized as an outstanding educator by her colleagues, parents, and students
- Has made exemplary contributions to education
- Has demonstrated school/community collaboration

Be on the lookout for more information to come in future state newsletters on how to nominate a deserving sister for this prestigious award!

Brenda Harris

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Georgia Excellence in Education Chairman



Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex

*You were given this
life because you were
strong enough to live
it. Unknown*



Brenda Harris
Excellence in Education
Chairman



**Committee Chair
Altruism
Bonnie Devereaux**

ALTRUISTIC SUMMARY / BOOKS ACROSS GEORGIA

with Bonnie Devereaux, Altruism Chairman

Altruistic Giving is Up!

What a COVID year we have had! Schools closed for a while, no toilet paper, no group meetings, and yet AΔK sisters managed to increase their altruistic work over the previous year except for scholarship being slightly down. During a time when it makes perfect sense that giving would be down, here is what Georgia sisters have done for the year:

- Volunteer hours in the name of AΔK: **50,235** hours
- Monetary Gifts in the name of AΔK: **\$223,853**
- Other Monetary Gifts in the name of AΔK: **\$226,127**
- Scholarships in the name of AΔK: **\$74,739**
- Total giving: **\$524,719**. That is over one-half million dollars!



Fun Day Altruistic Project: Books Across Georgia

In the February state newsletter, I first sent out information to you about our **BAG** project. Less than three months later sisters performed miraculous work for children in Georgia. Here is what you did:

\$29,979 collected to buy books, 8,615 books given to children

100% chapter participation, three gifts to chapters thanks to anonymous givers, **\$100 for Scholarship – Winner: Alpha Iota Chapter, Albany District, \$50 gift - Winner: Fidelis Lambda Chapter, Marietta District, \$50 gift – Winner: Chi Chapter, Atlanta District, 100% chapter participation, pictures of you distributing Books Across Georgia**

Added Note: Thanks to the many sisters who worked so hard to see that this project succeeded...especially Chapter Presidents and District Chairmen. Also special thanks to Debbie Boswell & Dawn Hudson for their full support and assistance.

Sisters, your love for children shines through all you do!

PAGES AND PEARLS BOOK CLUB

with Jennifer Smith, Dalton District Chairman

Do you love to read AND connect with sisters in all states, provinces, and nations? Now you can do both by joining the newly formed "Pages and Pearls" Book Club, which is a "Community" in Alpha Delta Kappa Connect. The club has two purposes: 1) to read selected books together and then discuss them. 2) to share book recommendations with our sisters. I'm honored to serve on the Book Club planning committee. Our club leader is Paula Davis, West Virginia Xi Chapter.

You may join this Community on the Alpha Delta Kappa website. Go to the Alpha Delta Kappa Connect tab. Search under "Communities" for "Book Club (Pages and Pearls Book Club)". On Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:00 Eastern Time, Mary Ey, International Vice President of the Northeast, will give us an overview of how to use CONNECT features to our fullest potential for the book club. For more information, please join us in the "Pages and Pearls Book Club". We will start reading our first book together in May. Let's Read with our Sisters! Questions, contact Jennifer Smith at 77jennifersusiesmith@gmail.com or 423 504-5727.

THE LONGEST DAY

alzheimer's association®

JOIN THE GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA TEAM

Text and photo by Pippy Rogers

RA RA REE aren't we
happy to be,
the GA Alpha Delta Kappa
Family!
We are joining all our
sisters hand in hand,
To END Alzheimer's across
the land.
We are the TEAM who's
leading in the Fight,
With our latest total a fund
raiser delight.
So don't miss the chance to
join our winning team,
Spend time together hiking,
playing, or making ice
cream.
So let's get out there with
all our finesse,
Go Georgia Sisters you are
the BEST!



*Try to be a rainbow in
someone's cloud.*

Maya Angelou

THE LONGEST DAY
alzheimer's association®



THE DAY WITH THE MOST
LIGHT
IS THE DAY WE
FIGHT.



GA AΔK Team has raised \$7,321.00 What an AMAZING start! Our 2021 Goal is \$20,000. I know we can do it, we are GEORGIA AΔK Strong! Together, we have made a difference for the over 6 million Americans living with this horrific disease.

Please JOIN us in the fight to #ENDALZ.

Directions below so you and your chapter can join our Team!

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR?](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14244&pg=national_company&company_id=140417)

[fr_id=14244&pg=national_company&company_id=140417](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14244&pg=national_company&company_id=140417)

CLICK on Link above - SCROLL to bottom of page - UNDER the Top Teams find and CLICK on GEORGIA Alpha... - CLICK on Join Our Team (or you can just donate) - AFTER the Participation Options - CLICK on Next Step - ON Contact Information for * First Name ENTER Your Chapter name - for *Last Name enter your name - Once you have completed all your information - CLICK on Review Let's see who can bring in the most donations.

There will be a Great PRIZE for the winning GA Chapter!



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Other Events

June 21 - Longest Day to End Alzheimer's

June 25 - One Day State Executive Board Retreat

July 6-9 - International Convention Ed. Symposiums

July 13-16 - International Convention (all sessions Virtual)

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

Due Dates

CNA Chapter Needs Assessment - May 1-June 30

C 1's and D 1's - June 30

H 114 - Chapter Summary Reports - June 30

FALL 2021 District Meetings

Oct. 2 Columbus District

Oct. 9 Tri-District

Oct. 23 Augusta District

Oct. 30 Athens District

Nov. 6 Dalton District

Spring 2022 District Meetings

Feb. 5 - Albany and Heart of Georgia

Feb. 12 - Columbus

Feb. 19 - Marietta

Feb. 26 - Golden Isles

Mar. 5 - Atlanta

Mar. 12 - Augusta

Mar. 19 - Dalton

Mar. 26 - Athens

April 2 - Decatur

Due Dates

June 30

C 1

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CNA

H 114

May 31

5 Chapter Newsletters

9 sets of Minutes



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*Linda Neff
Iota*

*Diane Phillips
Beta Psi
COVID*

*Lori Carnine
Alpha Rho*

*Suzi Bonifay
Alpha Iota*

MEMBERSHIP

Text and Photos by Suzi Bonifay

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to complete the Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) starting May 1 but before June 30. Unlike Mission Impossible, your Membership Team doesn't actually get a choice, but you do get lots of reminders about completing the task along with kudos for a job well done. As noted last month, a sample of typical CNA questions can be found at the following: <https://tinyurl.com/52p3hc3f> or you can look back in your chapter records to review the CNA you submitted last August. **The link to complete the CNA will go live on May 1** and may appear on the Alpha Delta Kappa website homepage or on the Membership page at the following link -- <https://tinyurl.com/jj2ht3s6>. Review the sample form, have answers prepared in advance and complete the form early rather than later. As is Georgia's tradition, I know that we will have 100% of the reports in on time.

Last but certainly not least, a huge shout out to all chapters who have initiated or reinstated new members. Double kudos to those of you who remembered to email Terri Thompson and me with the name, chapter and initiation date of the new member.

Membership is a team effort by the entire chapter and by your actions we definitely have some winning teams.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL

Text and photo by Pippy Rogers

As a member of Alpha Delta Kappa it is important to know about our Guiding Documents. Every International Convention brings forth amendments and proposals for your vote to effect change for our organization.

This biennium, the International Executive Board has worked diligently to plan for the future of Alpha Delta Kappa. Holding true to *Infinite Possibilities*, our elected officers focused on meeting the needs of ALL our membership.

"Important changes are about to take place for Alpha Delta Kappa. As we approach our 75th anniversary, the time has come for us to look at our organization and be the visionaries for the future that Agnes was in 1947. What can we do to plan for at least another 75 years of promoting educational excellence, altruism, service and leadership?

The 2019-2021 International Executive Board has taken steps to prepare for the future. But, to understand the actions this Board has taken, it is important to understand what prompted these actions. Let's look back over the last twenty years."

Please GO TO the Link below so you can inform yourself about what lies ahead for AΔK and our **Infinite Possibilities!**

Link:

https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/Library/News_Articles/Announcements/Planning_for_the_Future_of_Alpha_Delta_Kappa.aspx



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CHANGE CAN BE
SCARY, BUT YOU
KNOW WHAT'S EVEN
SCARIER?
ALLOWING FEAR TO
STOP YOU FROM
GROWING, EVOLVING,
AND PROGRESSING.

MANDY HALE



*Mary Louise Dixon
Fidelis Beta*

*Emily Randall
Gamma Beta*

*Barbara Akridge
Beta Rho*



Violets

*Debbie Boswell and
Her Fun Day Team*

*Bonnie Devereaux
for Books Across GA*

*Each Chapter for giving to
Books Across America*

*Ruth Rennick
for interview with
ITE Student Ramata Diallo*

Concerns

*Chi Chapter Members
dealing with after mat of
tornado*

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



Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- Dot Youngblood who celebrated her Diamond anniversary with Alpha Delta Kappa sends her sweet regards. Dot would like to send "a word of thanks to all my Sisters who have sent cards, called and congratulated me on becoming a Diamond Sister. It has been overwhelming and I appreciate each one. With Love, Dot Youngblood"
- I am going to attach to the emailed newsletter the Diamond Sister Ceremony that Joy McCown wrote for Dot's Celebration. International President Judy Ganzert is going to submit it to the International Ceremonies Committee.
- Chi Chapter Sisters have been in our prayers and thoughts during the past month. Many of them sustained tree damage, windows blown out, and building and roof damage when the tornado came through Coweta County recently. The GA AAK voted to send funds from Disaster Relief to 7 sisters and 2 schools. If you or your chapter are interested in helping the teachers at Atkinson Elementary and Newnan High School replenish their teaching supplies, funds can be sent to: Coweta County School System, Attn: Chris Latimer, P.O. Box 280, Newnan, GA 30263. Be sure and put **for Atkinson and Newnan High teachers** on the "for" line so it will go directly to teachers. Gift cards can be sent the same way.
- Each Georgia Sister, be sure and tell your chapter delegates your opinion about the International Bylaws Amendment Proposals being voted on at the International Convention. Many of our chapters have set aside their bylaws and are following the International bylaws along with the chapters Policies and Procedures. You can find the proposals on pages 48-63 in the Convention Guide book located on the International website. There are some significant changes being proposed. Let your voice be heard.
- Be sure and read Ruth Rennick's articles on World Understanding. She is explaining each project in great detail. Every Alpha Delta Kappa Sister may vote on the World Understanding Project Proposals from June 1-June 30.
- Convention delegates will be voting :
 - May 17-24 Voting for Officer Candidates
 - May 17-24 Voting for International Altruistic Project
 - May 17-19 Voting Open for amendments coming from delegates
 - June 15-30 Bylaws and Resolutions
 - Voting begins at 1:00 p.m. on the first day and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the last day.
- Donations may be made to the International Altruistic project, Downs Syndrome Assoc. of Central Texas, through the Alpha Delta Kappa website: www.alphadeltakappa.org>International Convention> DSACT or the DSACT website: www.dsact.org/donate. Please put "Alpha Delta Kappa" in the Comments section if you donate electronically. Prefer to send a check? Send it to DSACT (mailing address is on both websites) or to Paula O'Neill, Chairman of the Convention Charity Project, and she will forward it to DSACT. Paula O'Neill: 242 Shady Hill Dr. Richardson, TX 75080

WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and photos by Ruth Rennick

As promised, here are some highlights of the second proposal for the 2021-2023 International World Understanding Project.

R.I.S.E. stands for Reaching and Inspiring Students in Ethiopia. This project would build a new 2nd/3rd grade school building in Chloe Village, Ethiopia. The four classroom building would enable The Community Project: Ethiopia to double the number of students in the existing campus, which now includes four classrooms for grades K-1. The campus already includes a donated playground structure, learning & seed propagation gardens, a hand washing station, two clean composting latrines, and a small block making factory.

The core mission of The Community Project: Ethiopia is to bring education to underserved children and the community of Chole Village, located near Debre Birhan, Ethiopia. If funded, the R.I.S.E. project will positively impact women, children, and the community. This campus is located high on the Amhara Plateau (9,200 ft. elevation), which ranks among the poorest of regions in all Ethiopia.

The five impact areas of this project are: Academic Education, Health & Hygiene Education, Agricultural Education, Physical Education, and Women & Community Involvement.

Ethiopia has a two-shift school system which will allow a new building to serve 400 children - 200 each shift. This project would provide education to twice the number of children in this region, which will help families move out of the cycle of generational poverty. Health & Hygiene is also a focus at The Community Project. Children learn about and use the campus composting toilets and are instructed in good hand washing routines that will encourage healthy habits. One other area that will be impacted is physical education. More children will have the opportunity to use the existing playground structure, which will reap long-lasting results. Outdoor exercise helps with concentration and achievement in school; as well as promoting life skills such as sharing, taking turns, negotiation, and leadership development. The final impact area will be women and community. If more children are in school, more women will have the time to seek work or practice a trade. The community will also benefit because the school buildings are open in the evenings and on weekends for their use.

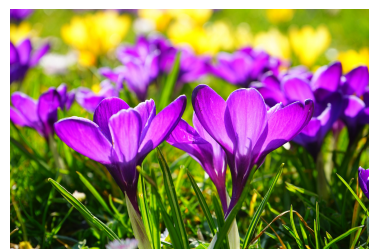
Stay tuned for next month's article highlighting "Sewing Seeds of Hope ". During the month of June, every member will have the opportunity to vote for the next World Understanding Project.

Poem by Jackie Mann

contributed by Melba Priestly

Spread your wings
with faith and love and
gently winds will
lift and carry you
in the right direction.

-Jackie Mann



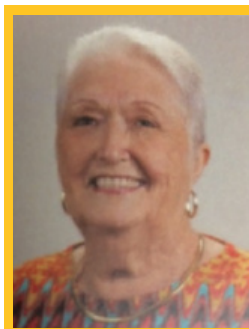
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**A Tidbit of
GA AΔK
History and
Trivia
GA's first Fun Day
was in 1981. Anita
Nichols was the
State President.**

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

Greetings Sisters! As April showers bring May flowers, it also brings the deadline for the Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship for GA residents on May 30th. I have spoken with Edith (Boo) Padgett, Golden Isles Alpha Gamma chapter, to be sure this is updated information. These are the key things to remember: 1) Chapters do not submit applicants. It is available to any resident of Georgia who is a Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student with a declared major in Education, who goes through the application process, 2) There is one recipient every two years, 3) The deadline is May 30th of the odd numbered years. Complete information and the application can be found in both Word and PDF formats at



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

Applications can also be submitted online at that same URL. Speaking of scholarships, if you did not get to attend the Executive Board meeting the Friday night before Fun Day, here are the lists of this year's scholarship award recipients. A point of excitement,

EVERY chapter in the Augusta District submitted an applicant. Whoop, Whoop! Athens please continue to look for your heir and a spare now, so your district too can award the full amount of scholarships you are eligible for next year. We also DOUBLED our Past President Scholarship Applicants. So I am issuing a challenge, we did 4 this year, let us see if we can award 8 next year. You can do it, you can do it, you can do it!

2021 GA Alpha Delta Kappa State Scholarship - Augusta District

Carlee Skarin - Omicron

Sawyer Huff Whatley - Sigma

Kelly Shay - Alpha Epsilon

Jake Roberson - Alpha Zeta

MacKensie Arrington - Gamma Gamma

2021 Past Presidents Scholarship

Debbie Boswell

Scarlet Butzen

Paula Gibson

Melanie Spivey



Here comes the fun!

GEORGIA SISTERS KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN!

THANK YOU is just NOT ENOUGH!

Sisters from across the State, GA Past State Presidents, NEW sisters and high school students produced a fun-filled morning for AΔK Sisters! The day was made possible because of the enthusiasm and willingness of EVERY GA DISTRICT and guests to participate in some way. No doubt a few worked over 6 months from our first thought of "OH MY, a VIRTUAL FUN DAY!" We knew GA Sisters could do it and YOU DID. Not only did we have fun, we gave the gift of travel, adventure and fun to our GA children through the generous donations for BAG (Books Across GA). What a terrific altruistic project with 100% participation from our chapters! Way to go sisters! As 198 sisters can testify, GA sisters are not lacking in creativity, Zoom technical abilities nor generosity for sure! We even have a surprise for those of you who weren't able to join us. Grab a snack, sit back and enjoy!

[Click here for the recording of FUN DAY](#)

MORE FUN AHEAD!

International Convention: Registration deadline is only a few hours away! There is something for everyone so don't miss out! It is important to make sure Chapter Delegates are registered as Chapter Delegates to be able to vote.

To register for the Virtual International Convention, click [HERE](#).

Georgia 2022 State Convention: A CELEBRATION is in the making for a grand time. Mark your calendar now to be at Callaway Gardens April 22-24. You don't want to miss this special event for sure!

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FUN DAY!

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