

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

Written by Norma Rushing

August has been, as the people of southern Illinois would say, a scorcher. I hope you have found your cool space. Some of you who are retired have been resting by the pool side. Teachers are back into pandemic mode. After reading the newspaper, I am confused: Do we wear masks, or do we not wear masks; Do we go to virtual learning or just try to follow the best practices as given by the CDC? Teachers, administrators, students and parents must be confused. People on all sides are angry and do not want to compromise. I urge our engaged teachers to always err on the side of caution. As I am writing this I am running a fever and perspiring (sweating) profusely after my third COVID vaccine on Saturday. But this is much better than the virus. Also, during the past couple of weeks our neighbors to the north have experienced floods. In North Carolina, NC Alpha Rho chapter is located in Waynesville.

Our Past State President, Yvette Keel, is a member of Alpha Rho. She has reported that her sisters only had minor damage, but 2 schools in Waynesville had extensive damage. If you are interested in donating to the schools, contact Yvette or NC Alpha Rho President Valerie Guyer. Contact information is on the International Website Directory. Judy Barnhill from Tennessee said Tennessee did not have any chapters in the affected areas.

When someone asks you, "What is Alpha Delta Kappa?" or you want to explain what it is to someone, what is your one-minute response? Does it start like my one-minute (even though I never have said anything in a minute). "Alpha Delta Kappa is an organization for outstanding woman educators. We emphasize altruism, excellence in education, world understanding and diversity. Last biennium we gave more than \$16 million to altruism." This month I want to recognize one of Alpha Gamma's outstanding educators.

Holly Vaughn says "Our dear, super-duper, lovely, fantabulous friend... Cherie Bonder Dennis!!! We are so proud of you, but not surprised at all!!

Cherie Bonder Dennis
Georgia Teacher of the Year for 2022
Alpha Gamma



Cherie Bonder Dennis, an English as a Second Language (ESOL) teacher at Hesse K-8 School in Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, is the 2022 Georgia Teacher of the Year. As Georgia Teacher of the Year, she will serve as an advocate for public education in Georgia. Teaching is a second career for Dennis. She initially worked in advertising, but her heart was in the classroom and she's now been teaching in Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools for ten years.

"Cherie Bonder Dennis answered the call to become an educator, and we in Georgia are fortunate she did," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said. "As a teacher, she facilitates creative, hands-on, child-focused education that encourages her students to love learning. I know she will be an outstanding representative of Georgia's public schools."

After graduating from Georgetown University in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Japanese and a minor in teaching, then from Stanford University in 1995 with a master's in East Asian Studies, Dennis intended to become a Japanese language teacher. Unfortunately, jobs proved scarce, so she landed in advertising, first at Saatchi & Saatchi working on Toyota's national campaign, then at DDB strategizing for Clorox. However, Dennis knew where her heart had always been.

In 2004, Dennis moved to Savannah to raise her son near family. Once he entered kindergarten, she began pursuing a master's in early childhood education at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She is now in her tenth year with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, where she serves as an ESOL teacher. Prior to that she taught third grade for seven years.

As an educator, Dennis strives to connect students with their community and ensure instruction is relevant to students' lives. "I always strive to make content personally relevant so students never ask, 'What's the point?'" she wrote in her application for Georgia Teacher of the Year. "In math, we design dream homes, calculating area for carpet and perimeter for fencing. In writing, we pen letters to the principal supporting or disagreeing with school uniforms so students understand the exponential power of well-articulated opinions. ...When students connect content to their world, education transcends the classroom."

As Georgia Teacher of the Year, Dennis will represent Georgia teachers by speaking to the public about the teaching profession and serving as an ex-officio member of the State Board of Education. She will also participate in the competitive selection process for the 2022 National Teacher of the Year. (Cited from GA Department of Ed.)

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Treasurer Forms Due Dates



**EXECUTIVE BOARD
STATE TREASURER
Terri Thompson**

Financial Forms Due

***1)Chapter Treasurers:
Complete 990-N IRS
e-Postcard online between
June 1-Oct, 15, 2021
Send a copy of the
confirmation to
State Treasurer
Terri Thompson by October
15, 2021***

***2)Chapter and District
2021-2022 Budgets
Due by November 1, 2021
Cornucopia Requirement a
line item for
Delegate Funding***



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MONEY TALK

with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer

Just like the beginning of a new school year brings changes, the 2021-2023 International Biennium has brought a change for chapter treasurers collecting dues. Chapter Treasurers should have received an email from Headquarters' Executive Director Christi Smith August 19, 2021 explaining the new procedure in the Officer Packet. The H-138 has been eliminated and members will now individually pay their International Dues straight to Headquarters.

A review of the changes are as follows:

- 1) By September 15, 2021 - Individual Members will receive an invoice for their International Dues and may remit dues payment one of three ways: online by PayPal, online by a credit card, or send a check to Headquarters.
- 2) Elimination of the H-138 International Dues Payment Form since individual members pay Headquarters directly for their International Dues.
- 3) Chapter Treasurers will receive a separate invoice for the Chapter ITE \$20.00 fee and fees for any Honorary Members.
- 4) If a Limited Member wants to continue to receive the *Kappan*, they will need to pay the \$9.00 publication fee to Headquarters.

With these changes, chapter treasurers now will **only collect State Dues, State Courtesy/Hospitality Fee, State Scholarship Fee, District Dues and Chapter Dues from the chapter members.**

Because there will not be a H-138 Dues Payment form, a Chapter Roster will need to be included with the State Dues payment check. A Georgia Chapter Roster Form will be sent to chapter treasurers by the end of September. This Chapter Roster Form will meet the Cornucopia Requirement.

Chapter Treasurers, if you have included International Dues in your 2021-2022 Chapter Budget, you will need to make adjustments since you will not collect International Dues. Chapter Budgets are due by November 1, 2021.

DISASTER RELIEF

Text by Sara Ratliff, Disaster Relief Chair

I know that you, like I, were looking forward to meeting in person again. That does not look like it will happen for the time being with the resurgence of the virus. With that in mind, the Disaster Relief Committee, President Norma and I have decided to continue the sales of tickets for the necklace the same as the first half of the biennium. Tickets will be six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Please send address labels for the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Make checks payable to GA Alpha Delta Kappa. The drawing will be in April at the state convention. We will probably do the purchase of tickets this way for the entire second half. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets and those who will.

Please remember all who have been in harm's way in Haiti, North Carolina and along the Gulf Coast and keep them in your prayers. Pray for sisters in the areas of the US battling wildfires and severe heat, as well as those in Northwest GA where heavy rains have led to falling trees. Thank you again for your faithfulness to Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.

FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Happy September!!! As you begin your new year in Alpha Delta Kappa, you may want to look at the list of State Committee Chairs in the newsletter below and familiarize yourself with each scholarship and chapter award possibility. Maybe you can ask for member(s) to volunteer to research each one to present to the chapter. Every chapter in GA certainly has ladies and chapter programs that are worthy of awards! This month, check out the Excellence in Education Award; Brenda Harris is our State Chair. An activity you can do to remind the chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa themes is to make a matching game to show online or to hand out to member(s). Use a white board or do orally if you need to do so. Themes are as follows: International - Share the Love; Georgia - Celebrating Possibilities; Gulf- Alpha Delta Kappa Life; Your District-?; Your Chapter - ?. Mix them up and see who can match correctly.

Another activity is to have each member draw her own crest to show her idea about a personal sorority crest or logo. Have them use our colors and purposes or ideals, along with her personal teaching ideas, goals, and thoughts. Have fun learning about Alpha Delta Kappa! Enjoy your new school year too!

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, AN INTERNATIONAL ALTRUISTIC PROJECT

with Bonnie Devereaux, State Altruism Chairman

The AΔK Foundation started a five-year St. Jude Altruistic project in 1981 to send at least \$60,000 to St. Jude. This amount was raised and an additional \$61,000 was given in honor of our founder, Agnes Shipman Robertson. Since that time, an annual contribution has been made from the Foundation funds to St. Jude for a total of \$1,203,600.00. Adding the membership's contribution of \$23,000.00, Alpha Delta Kappa has contributed a grand total of \$1,433,600.00 to help children through research and treatment.

Quick Facts About St. Jude

- The budgeted daily operating cost of St. Jude is \$2.1 million, which is primarily covered by public donations.
- More than 9 million donors support St. Jude every year.
- Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food because all families should worry about is helping their children survive.
- On average, 7800 active patients visit the hospital each year, most of whom are treated on an outpatient basis.
- St. Jude has 78 inpatient beds & treats more than 260 patients daily.
- Research findings at St. Jude are shared freely with doctors and scientists around the world.
- Eighty-five cents of every dollar contributed to St. Jude is used for treatment and research.
- St. Jude was the first institution to develop a cure for sickle cell disease with a bone marrow transplant and has one of the largest pediatric sickle cell programs in the country.
- St. Jude has increased the survival rates for acute lymphoblastic leukemia from four percent before opening in 1962 to 94 percent today.
- St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and worldwide.

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Bonnie Devereaux
GA Altruism
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex



Don't Forget to Laugh

--based on a chapter by that name from the book, *Courage for the Unknown Season* by Jan Silvious.

Jan states, "Laughter is a wonderful gift, something to be cherished and enjoyed no matter what season you are in. We often forget the importance of laughter, especially when we are going through a season of change and uncertainty."

Those of us who have grown up reading the Reader's Digest have seen the monthly section called "Laughter is the Best Medicine." How is that so?

Laughter strengthens your immune system, boosts mood, diminishes pain, and protects you for the damaging effects of stress. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh.

David DiSalvo, Senior Contributor of Healthcare in *Forbes Magazine*, describes 6 science-based reasons why laughter is the best medicine.

1. Laughter is a potent endorphin releaser. Endorphins are our feel-good chemicals.
2. Laughter contagiously forms social bonds. Social laughter is contagious.
3. Laughter fosters brain connectivity. Joyous laughter, mirthful laughter, and tickling laughter all activate connections between different brain regions, although in different ways.
4. Laughter is central to relationships. Both men and women value a sense of humor in the other.
5. Laughter has an effect similar to antidepressants.
6. Laughter protects your heart. It has an anti-inflammatory effect that protects blood vessels and heart muscles.

It is hard to find laughter when you are grieving or in chronic pain. The more we can laugh at ourselves and with others, the more we can find reasons to live in the joy that we can find in this world.

***We are back in the classroom and they are telling us AGAIN to wear masks—we might as well laugh!

Sharon

Last Laugh

Wife: You need to do more chores around the house.

Husband: Can you change the subject?

Wife: Ok, more chores around the house need to be done by you.



**Executive Board
Chaplain
Sharon Rorex**



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Other events and due dates:

Sept. 18 - Fall Executive Board Meeting - virtual

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

July 10-13, 2022 Gulf Region Conference,
Southbanks Hotel. Jacksonville, FL

Due Dates

GA 101 - October 1 to Norma, Debbie Boswell, District Chairman
and Chapter Mentor

990-N IRS e-Postcard filed online by October 15
Confirmation sent to Terri Thompson, State Treasurer

Nov. 1 - Chapter and District Budgets sent to Terri Thompson,
State Treasurer

Nov. 1 - Excellence In Education Nominations

FALL 2021 District Meetings

Oct. 2 Columbus District

Oct. 23 Augusta District - Virtual

Oct. 30 Athens District

Nov. 6 Dalton District - Virtual

Nov. 13 Tri-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



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Brenda Harris
Excellence in Education
Chairman



Alpha Delta Kappa Month
Lynn Malloy Fuller

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Text by Brenda Harris, Excellence in Education Chair

THE NOMINATION DEADLINE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING! (NOVEMBER 1)

If you are struggling to come up with the name of a sister that is doing phenomenal things with her class or school, then reach out to other sisters in your chapter to collectively nominate that deserving sister.

The nomination process is via the Alpha Delta Kappa International website. Here is a reminder of how to access the nomination form and examples of a completed nomination.

- 1) Select Membership from the menu at the top of the home page
- 2) Select Scholarships and Grants
- 3) Now all that's left is to select Excellence in Education and you can nominate away!

IT'S THAT EASY!



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

Text by Lynn Malloy Fuller

As I go through the reports once again to make lists of all the outstanding "things" done, EVEN during COVID, I'm blown away!! There is no way to include even a third of the list here. Many chapters spent in excess of \$2000 on activities through their budget and from individual sources. Many, many hours were spent executing these varied activities as well. Please look for an accumulation report to be sent to each chapter from the respective District Chairman. I am not including chapter, districts or names in these lists because some were repetitious, or very similar. I'm also including a list for suggested treats and another for donations, if, by chance, your chapter needs suggestions.

Thank you again, Georgia chapters, for an outstanding
Alpha Delta Kappa Month 2020!

I'm so looking forward to your accomplishments in 2021!!

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GET TO KNOW BETTY BURNSED

By Betty Burnsed, Newsletter committee (proofreader, editor)

I am one of those "crazy" people that get bored easily so constantly change life directions. They have included nursing, statistical typing, desktop publishing, sales, marketing, exhibit professional, musician, Minister of Music, music arranger (vocal and instrumental), music publishing, music sequencing (playing all instruments on a soundtrack through use of a keyboard), recording artist, music director for the *Grand Ole Opry* (directing the band and backup singers and performing backup vocals and on the Hammond B-3 organ or piano) radio and television series (*Grand Ole Gospel*), and teaching Pre-K through college vocal classes and piano. More recently I taught K-7 performing arts in the DeKalb County School District where one of my principals was none other than our own Norma Rushing. I assisted her with writing/editing/typing her monthly newsletters which led to being on the Alpha Delta Kappa newsletter committee.

In Performing arts I taught general music, keyboard classes, a tour group for grades K-3, a choral tour group (*The Sing-sationals*) and a small but mighty group of 8 talented students in grades 5-7 who harmonized beautifully and toured with their "God and Country" program in many venues. Broadway musicals were a constant endeavor and were a lot of work but a lot of fun!

Hubby and I were married 33 years and traveled all over the world before his recent demise. I have been blessed with a wonderful daughter, 2 granddaughters and currently am a foster mom at age 68. I volunteer at Grace Village Medical Clinic as the Coordinator of Clinic Operations for the uninsured low-income in my spare time. Yep...I'm crazy but very blessed!!!

PAGES AND PEARLS BOOK CLUB

with Jennifer Smith, Dalton District Chairman

The Pages and Pearls Book Club met on August 19, 2021 to discuss *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, by Kelli Estes. We adored the book, and Norma needed extra tissues for this one. Voting is currently underway for our next book choice, which will be in the genre of memoir/biography. It's certainly a close election on the four nominees! Our club book chat on the winning book will be held by Zoom on October 12, 2021.

We plan to read in the future from categories of romance, contemporary women's fiction, mystery, historical fiction, humor, cozy Winter read, and maybe even science fiction and fantasy. We've learned so much through our three historical fiction selections, gaining knowledge on packhorse librarians in Kentucky during The Great Depression and Chinese-Americans during the late 1800s in Washington State.

A Read-A-Thon is also underway. During August, we chose our own book to read that's set in or has a connection to our home state. I selected *Sweet Tea* by Piper Huguley, set in Georgia. It's a wonderful multicultural contemporary romance with a theme of family legacy and connections. In September, we'll choose our own book with a connection to education or teaching.

To kick off 2022, Pages and Pearls will have a book exchange in January, with club members each mailing one surprise book to another selected member. We will then have a bookmark exchange later in 2022. How fun it will be to get a book and bookmark from a sister in another corner of the world! We will continue to have "extra strand of pearls" activities, in addition to our group book reads/chats.

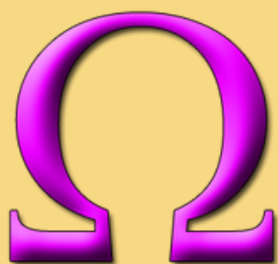
For more information on joining Pages and Pearls, contact me at 423 504-5727 or 77jennifersusiesmith@gmail.com. You may also search for Book Club in the Alpha Delta Kappa Connect community on the Alpha Delta Kappa website.



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Alpha Delta Kappa
Connect



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Kathy Elliott
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Violets
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Debbie Clark
GA Region IVP

Jennifer Smith
Pages and Pearls
Committee

Concerns
Classroom Teachers
Families with COVID
Sisters with deaths of
spouses and family



Text and photos by Norma Rushing

- A quote from Alpha Gamma Sisters about Cherie Bonder Dennis:
 - "Alpha Gamma Chapter is thrilled to recognize our sister Cherie Dennis as Georgia Teacher of the Year. As a recent initiate, it is clear that Cherie's dedication to teaching and learning are also aligned with the ideals of Alpha Delta Kappa. We proudly support her as she travels across the state representing all Georgia educators, and eagerly anticipate sharing her journey."
- The "Delta Variant" of COVID is running rampant across our state. I know many chapters were hoping they could meet face to face this fall. Please be mindful of the COVID numbers in your community and your chapter members to determine the safest venture for your chapter. Even if you meet in person, please offer a virtual option. Last year we had members attend virtually who had not been able to attend in the past.
- Be sure and read Terri's article and contact your chapter president and treasurer for information about paying International dues this fall. Dues for International will be paid online.
- Chapter Presidents received an email from International, which replaced the former packet that was snail-mailed. They received a link for each officers' responsibilities. Officers, please contact your president to get your International resources. Presidents, if you did not receive the email contact International.
- Each member may go on the International website Directory to update their profile information. Also, chapter presidents, treasurers and membership chairmen may update their chapter's addresses, emails, etc. Be sure and keep this updated so each member can receive the latest changes.
- Start considering what office and leadership role you would be willing to do at the chapter, district and state level for the next biennium. To be an effective community (chapter) each person is valuable and shares the tasks
- After the last newsletter, I had questions about how a chapter becomes a 7 pearl chapter. First, I want to let you know if you go to the International website, you can place 7 pearls in the search line and you can locate the areas in which your chapter earned a pearl.
 - One New Member/Reinstatement in current pearl year, June 1 thru May 31
 - Pearl for H-114, Annual Chapter Highlights Summary form received by June 30 deadline
 - 990 by October 15
 - Received H-138, Member Payment Record postmarked by Jan 31 Deadline
 - Pearl for chapter represented at Regional Conference/ International Convention
 - Pearl for CNA (Chapter Needs Assessment) received by June 30 deadline
 - Pearl for submitting Chapter Altruistic Report by March 15 Deadline

WORLD UNDERSTANDING

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**"If we are to live together
in peace, we must come to
know each other."
Lyndon Johnson**

I am very happy to report that the world is opening for travel, as I am currently writing this from Germany, onboard a Rhine River cruise.

This month, I wanted to give you all an update on our ITE student, Ramata Diallo. I hope our Georgia sisters have had an opportunity to connect in some way with Ramata, as she is far from home in Mali and missing her family very much. I know our Alpha Delta Kappa family is helping to make her time in the United States the best it can possibly be.

Ramata had a very different experience her first year as an ITE student, as all of her classes were virtual. She has told me that this upcoming semester will be face-to-face classes and she is looking forward to that. She will be taking ENGL 781-001, Narrative Inquiry (Research Methodology) and ENGL 730-001, Research on Teaching Writing. She also continues to work on her thesis, "Dialogical Pedagogy and Critical Reflection: their Role and Possibilities in Postcolonial Malian Teacher Education".

She has been able to enjoy some travel this summer and has visited Washington DC, New York, Lakeland FL, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. She has even visited with two Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, in Virginia and Florida. If she could visit one place while she is here; she would love to see in the inside of the White House. She would love to see as many historical sites as possible.

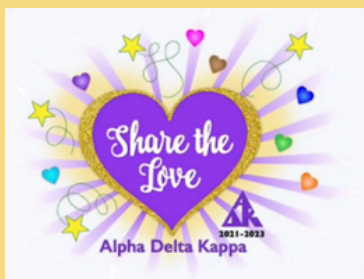
During the worst of her time spent alone, she has read several self-help books. I haven't met her yet, in person, but she seems to be a very smart young lady.

Her favorite foods in the USA are ice cream, french fries, and sandwiches. The thing she misses the most is her family.

If you are looking for an idea of something that could help her in her studies or to just show her we are glad she is one of our ITE students, Amazon gift cards are always useful. Her mailing address and email are listed underneath her picture on the left. I know she would love to hear from more of her Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. Congratulations are in order that she was accepted for her second year as an ITE scholar.



**Vice President for
Membership
Suzi Bonifay**



**Face to Face or Virtual
meetings
are like a little AC in August,
just turn up
the fan and keep on rocking it!**

MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay

The vast majority of you are resuming your meetings this month and now is the time to implement strategies for recruitment, reinstatement and revitalization. I will be updating and sending via email ideas for doing just that! Your two best draws, however, come from the camaraderie, fellowship, caring and love generated by chapter members and by the many wonderful and varied altruistic projects you complete each year. Showcase your service and find like-minded prospects. Your songs for the year are *We Are Family*, *Lean on Me*, *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*, *You Raise Me Up* and *What a Difference You've Made in My Life!*

As noted by Norma, Chapter officers should have received an email regarding membership dues payments, an officer quick link guide and a membership tip sheet and timeline. These are great tools. Of note, members may now pay their International dues online with PayPal or a credit card. While online payments are the preferred payment method, payment by check will continue to be an option. Each member will now receive their bill directly from Headquarters. And times they are a changing!

Shout out to Fidelis Xi for their efforts on chapter revitalization, to Fidelis Alpha on their 7 Pearls and to all other Fidelis Chapters for attaining 6 Pearls. Our veterans certainly know how to get it done. Kudos to all chapters for your work and creativity during this ongoing pandemic! You are nothing short of amazing. As always, contact me if you have membership questions.

Scholarships & Grants

Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Colet

Greetings sisters,

As we transition into September and being one month closer to cooler Fall weather, I want to remind everyone to keep checking the Alpha Delta Kappa and GA Alpha Delta Kappa websites for Scholarship and Grant opportunities that you may qualify for as a member applicant.

On September 15, the Classroom Grant applications are due. This Grant is designed to assist member educators to enhance their classroom lessons. Members who are engaged in innovative teaching practices can potentially be awarded this grant. The grant has a \$2,000 limit per region at \$400 per grant awarded. Up to five awards are given out for each of the seven regions. There are thirty-five awards available for funding this year.

I have also heard back from several sisters that have served as previous VPs for Scholarships. Thank you ladies! If you have served after 2005, you still have time to reach out. Another question still lingering, is there a Scholarship scrapbook out there for the years prior to 1991? Feel free to email me at leigh2870@hotmail.com, if you know about the fate of such an artifact.

Have a great month, sisters. Whether you all are Face to Face or Virtual, I am sure you all will do everything you can to participate in Altruism and shine as sisters of GA Alpha Delta Kappa. Take care.

PROGRAMS

Text by President-Elect Debbie Boswell

In today's world of technology, the easiest and fastest way to find an answer to something is hitting the search bar on our computers! It is just about as easy when we want to find ideas for chapter programs. 2021 has brought about many changes in Alpha Delta Kappa and one that I am finding very beneficial is that of CONNECTING with others across our Sisterhood. If you have not already done so, please check out the website below and see what you think.

<https://connect.alphadeltakappa.org/home>

Sisters have shared ideas for programs and have offered to present programs. All you have to do is click and ask! If meeting in person, we can still use Zoom to bring sisters from all across our nation into our meetings to present programs.

Many presenters are thrilled to be able to ZOOM IN to present to us. It is no surprise that many of our ADK sisters have a lot to share and are willing to do so. Share your ideas and invite a chapter to meet with you one month, or zoom together when you have a speaker. You may already have a SISTER CHAPTER, or may want to develop a relationship through programs. I would love to help match you up if you are interested in doing this. Don't forget, team work makes life easier!

I am listing a few ideas I have seen in the recent GA 101 forms. Please reach out to me if you would like to know more about these programs. I am looking forward to seeing what great ideas you have as well this year as I try to join you on zoom or in person. Each of you are a wealth of information and are appreciated for your willingness to serve and share your knowledge.

ALZHEIMER'S LONGEST DAY

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The Longest Day has raised \$216,000!! It's goal was \$50,000



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

with Wendy Grey, Newsletter Committee

Online Security - Have you found yourself having to change your Facebook password because someone told you they received another friend request from you? There are some simple steps you can take to stay safe online.

- Check your privacy settings. Don't overshare.
- No matter how fun the quizzes and games are that your friends share, do NOT play! For details on how these can impact your privacy, check out this [article](#).
- Don't "over friend." It's okay to ignore a request from someone you really don't know.
- For more information, visit the [Federal Trade Commission's website](#).

Stay safe, sisters!



PROGRAM IDEAS from 2021-22 GA 101s

1. **Personal Safety & Drug Awareness**
2. **Card Making**
3. **The Status of Education**
4. **Sister Recognition**
5. **St. Jude Presentation**
6. **Library Programs and Resources**
7. **STEM-Coding Lesson**
8. **Women's Health**
9. **Gardening**
10. **High Museum**
11. **Culinary Experience**
12. **Book Talk**
13. **State Judges**
14. **Mental Health**



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PHOTOS



Alpha Delta Kappa Turns 74

Happy Birthday to Us!
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Alpha Delta Kappa



Debbie Clark's enhanced logo
Gulf Region Logo



Alpha Beta presenting
Dot Youngblood Scholarship



Tau's Executive Board

I GOT ONE!!



Gamma Epsilon retired sisters
welcoming engaged teachers
back to school!



Marilyn Ellis



President Karen Dean



Cinder Leigh



Melinda White

Love our engaged teachers

