GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

ADK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing



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Written by Norma Rushing

November with all its glorious colors, piles of leaves, cool days, ripe delicious apples and Thanksgiving has arrived. This may be one of my favorite months of the year. Thanksgiving still has not been merchandised like the other holidays. It is a time to visit and eat leisurely with family. Many of you on Facebook list a blessing or something you are thankful for each day of the month of November. We are thankful for our families, our children, our grandchildren and even great-grandchildren as well as our pets who are members of the family. The freedoms that we have in America are high on the list -- free speech, the right to worship as we please, the right to belong to organizations, the right to cast our ballot, freedom of press, the right to own property, and the list goes on and on. I always enjoyed November when I was teaching because parents would come eat a Thanksgiving meal with their children and while I was a primary teacher we would make pilgrim hats, fancy turkeys with colorful finger tail feathers and have a Thanksgiving story

play where we would invite parents and other classes on our grade level. What fun it was to create costumes and memorize the lines of the play. I think the play may have been in one of the old Scott Foresman second grade readers. For me, those were the good old days.

I am especially thankful for Alpha Delta Kappa International, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa, the Executive Board and Advisory council, Past State Presidents, the leadership at the chapter and district levels and for each and every one of my Georgia Sisters. You make serving the organization a delight. I am always amazed at your generosity, service and love for each other. Thank you Mary Anne Meeks, Decatur District Chairman, for inviting International Mollie Acosta to the Tri-District meeting in October. I enjoyed hearing her tell how she helped harvest the almonds in central California and the lovely picture of her cuddling a baby lamb. It helped make her a real person (just like each of us) and to understand even better her logo, "Share the Love." Let's *share the love* by inviting active and retired educators to become a part of our organization. Each chapter can do this with a little extra effort. Two of our Fidelis Chapters, Fidelis Alpha and Fidelis Lambda, added new members last year and this was not done by taking members from other chapters but adding brand new members to the organization. I am looking forward to strongly growing GA Alpha Delta Kappa where all women outstanding educators of Georgia are welcomed.

Why did you join Alpha Delta Kappa? I have noticed that a number of chapters have used this as their Fraternity Education program. Did you join for fellowship and sisterhood, or altruism or excellence in education? All these are important to our organization but there are certain responsibilities that also go along with membership.

- Attendance is important. When I joined back in the 80's we were allowed 3 absences a year, but had to provide a note why we were absent. Now that many chapters give the option of attending in person or via zoom, sisters should be in attendance as much as possible. If you do not attend, you miss out on the reasons you first joined $A\Delta K$. Make attendance a priority.
- Financial Responsibilities: Like all organizations, AAK at the local, district, state and International must have money to operate. Dues are kept as low as possible but are still needed. Now International gives you the option to pay International dues on line. I have heard recently that some of you do not have checkbooks any longer. This makes it easy to pay International dues, but the other dues (state, district, and chapter) are to be paid to your treasurer. International dues can also be paid to your chapter treasurer. Please pay your dues before your treasurer has to call and beg!
- Altruism throughout the year there are many ways to participate in altruism. The International opportunities are giving to the Foundation, giving to St. Jude's and the Alzheimer's Association, and to Project CHEAR which is helping children in Tanzania this biennium. At the state level The Ronald McDonald House is our state altruism project. At each chapter and district meeting there is usually an opportunity to give to some charitable organization. Giving to altruism projects is not a requirement but you have the opportunity to "Share the Love".
- Service and Leadership these are not a requirement, but the more you are involved in an organization, the more you will come to love it and your sisters. Think about stepping up to a leadership role. Start small and grow into more responsibilities. Thank you for all you do for Alpha Delta Kappa.

"Though I attend Sorority meetings and make the finest plans and have not love, there will be no growth or renewal.

And though I pay my dues, participate in a Scholarship Program, and complete Altruistic Projects, but have no awareness of ADK's mission focus, it is not enough. And if I spend many hours in "being involved" and become tense and nervous with the strain, but have no love or understanding of community and global concerns, it is still not enough.

An Alpha Delta Kappa Sister is patient and kind, is not shocked when someone brings her their confidences, does not gossip, is not easily discouraged, does not behave in ways that are unworthy, but tries at all times to be a living example of the good way of life which He gives. Love never fails.

Meetings will be attended and then forgotten. Silent auctions will come and go. Rummage Sales will be organized, and then completed. We know only a little. And we can pass on only a little. But when we have love, then our efforts can become creative, our influence will make a difference for someone...somewhere.

And now abide these three: commitment, participation and love.

But the greatest of these is LOVE."

~ Copied Marlene Kesler, Co-Chairman

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Treasurer Forms Due Dates



EXECUTIVE BOARD STATE TREASURER Terri Thompson

Due: <u>By November 1st</u>
<u>Send to State Treasurer</u>
Chapter and District
2021-2022 Budgets with
a line item for
Delegate Funding. This is a
Cornucopia Requirement.

Due: <u>By January 1, 2022</u>
1) Send to State Treasurer
GA 103 State Dues &
Courtesy/Hospitality Fee
Form, dues check and a
copy of the New GA
Chapter Roster

- 2) <u>Send President Norma</u> a copy of the New GA Chapter Roste Form.
- 3) Both are requirements for the Cornucopia Award.

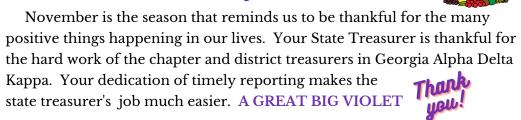




Alpha Delta Kappa Month Lynn Malloy Fuller



with Terri Thompson, \$tate Treasurer



Budgets are arriving daily. At press time only 90% of Districts and 97% of Chapters have submitted their 2021-2022 Budgets for the year. To meet the Cornucopia requirement for Timely Reporting, it must arrive to the State Treasurer by/on November 1, 2021. You may email a copy of the budget or send a hard copy by USPS with a postmark of November 1, 2021. It will still be on time. By the end of November 1, 2021, let's have 100% filed.

It's Dues Time Treasurers! Headquarters will send updates of chapter members who have not paid their dues December 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022. For the Georgia State Dues, you should have received a New GA Chapter Roster Form to send with the dues and fees check (\$12.00 per member) and the GA 103 State Dues Payment & Courtesy/Hospitality Fee Form. Because Headquarters is not issuing a H-138 Dues Payment Form this New GA Chapter Roster Form will meet the Cornucopia Requirements as voted on and approved by the GA Executive Board at their Fall Executive Board Meeting. If your chapter treasurer has not received this GA Chapter Roster Form, please have her email the state treasurer -

tlsthompson27@gmail.com.

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Also send the GA 102 Payment Record Form for State Scholarship to State VP for Scholarships Shannon Cole (\$4.00 per member) by January 1, 2022.

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

As November approaches, I am so very thankful to be associated with loving, kind and generous women who work together, even against many odds, to accomplish their goals. As Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, we inspire others to become sisters. Chapters make a difference through service to others, not only in their home community, but surrounding ones as well, especially during Alpha Delta Kappa Month. CONGRATULATIONS Decatur Iota for being the first chapter to turn in their report!! I'm excitedly waiting for other chapter forms to find their way to my computer: nanilynn62@gmail.com

or, by mail: 1226 Chaplin Drive, Columbus, GA 31904
If you have any questions, text or call: 706-464-0224
Let me know if you need a list of suggestions that have been sent out.

Lynn



Jan McNeill
Fraternity Education
Chairman
Walking for Alzheimer's



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."

— Helen Keller

FRATERNITY EDUCATION

Text by Jan McNeill

Happy Thanksgiving!!! I hope everyone is looking forward to the holidays ahead and to enjoying family and friends over the next few weeks! One thing we are very lucky to be able to celebrate in Alpha Delta Kappa is the many sisters we meet and become friends with from all over our 55 S/P/N's when we attend Regional Conferences and International Conventions! (Remember: S/P/N means State/ Province/ Nation). What a blessing many of these sisters have been in my teaching and sorority life through the years!

We have seven (7) regions in Alpha Delta Kappa and this month is a good time to review these regions. Each Region has its own International Vice President (IVP) whose title is changing to Regional President after the summer of 2023.

Our Region is GULF, our IVP is Georgia's own Debbie Clark, and the seven members are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Jamaica, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Puerto Rico. NORTH CENTRAL includes Canada (Manitoba, Ontario), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. NORTHEAST has Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NORTHWEST lists Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. SOUTH CENTRAL includes Arkansas, Kansas, Mexico, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. SOUTHEAST has Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. SOUTHWEST lists Arizona, Australia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. If you can find a map of the US, you can draw lines around the Regions and hand those out to your members OR just give them a list of each to review. Then, turn the maps over to see how many individual S/P/N's your members can place in its correct Region (OR - try to match a few you list even before seeing the Regions!)

Here are a dozen S/P/N's (with correct Region in parentheses). Ask your members to name its correct Region: 1.) CT (NE); 2.) FL (GULF); 3.) NC (SE); 4.) IL (NC); 5.) OK (SC); 6.) NY (NE); 7.) MS (Gulf); 8.) MI (NC); 9.) Australia (SW); 10.) OR (NW); 11.) UT (SW); 12.) TN (SE). Have a prize for those with most - maybe a bookmark of a country or a sheet of country stickers for classroom use.

When Linda Chambers did this Fraternity Ed activity for her Beta Gamma Chapter, each person who got all correct got a little prize that she mailed since the meeting was on ZOOM. I was just a visiting guest, but I played the game and later was thrilled to get a little prize in the mail the next week! Made me smile!

More tidbits to tell - or ask - your members ...

*Our 2022 Gulf Regional Conference is in Jacksonville, FL, July 10-13.

I hope that you and your chapter members are making plans to attend. When you meet a new sister there, you can check off each state or nation where she lives!

*Where is our next International Convention? Kansas City, MO - the founding city of Alpha Delta Kappa. Maybe you can check off each S/P/N of new sisters you meet and test yourself on its correct Region!

*In which Region is Missouri? South Central

*Which Region would you like to visit? Which S/P/N?

Another blessing about discussing Regions is that the information can also lead to activities on World Understanding. Show or share flags, pictures, artifacts, books of Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Has a chapter sister visited any of these countries? Where did Alpha Delta Kappa help to build a school recently? (Puerto Rico) What are the divisions of Canada called? (Provinces)

I hope you have a wonderful November, full of thanksgiving and blessing galore! Remember to count your Alpha Delta Kappa sisters from all over our seven Regions in your list of blessings! May you be a blessing to others also! Hello Sisters.

DISASTER RELIEF

Text by Sara Ratliff, Disaster Relief Chair



Sara Ratliff 335 Meadow Dr.





SHARE THE AAK LOVE...

REACH OUT AND TOUCH YOUR SISTERS... ASK THEM TO OFFER THEIR TALENTS, SKILLS, AND LEADERSHIP TO OUR ORGANIZATION. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE... IS WAITING FOR YOU!

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!

Let's ALL step up to support new Leadership. We can ALL encourage and support our SISTERS. Tell your GA Sisters what you know they have to offer to continue AAK for the next 74 years!





Pippy Rogers Candidate Oualifications Chairman

It has been great to 'see' so many of you so far this biennium! I hope you would like to make a contribution to the disaster relief fund and get chances for the sterling silver infinity necklace. Tickets will be six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Please send return address labels for the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Make checks payable to GA Alpha Delta Kappa. I will also accept cash. Send your money to me at the address to the left in the sidebar and I will take care of recording the information that needs to be sent to Terri for Uncle Sam! The drawing will be in April at the state convention. We will 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 many areas of the world as we hear of earthquakes and volcanoes erupting. Prayers for safety for all. Thank you to the Executive Board for approving the recommendation to send \$250 to the Foundation for use in their Disaster Relief efforts and for sending \$250 to the sisters of Louisiana.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

with Pippy Rogers, State Candidate Qualifications Chairman

EVERY SISTER KNOWS WHAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE... YOU FEEL IT IN THE ROOM WHEN YOUR SISTERS ARE IN ACTION... HEARING THEM SPEAK GIVES YOU POSITIVE THOUGHTS FOR ... LEADERS OF OUR CHAPTERS, DISTRICTS, AND STATE



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex



Thanksgiving is this month, and I am sharing a Thanksgiving prayer written by the original Dear Abby, Abigail Van Buren.

Oh Heavenly Father,

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank Thee for health and remember the sick. We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service, That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen

PAGES AND PEARLS BOOK CLUB

with Jennifer Smith, Dalton District Chairman

Pages and Pearls Book Club, Jennifer Smith, Committee Member

Our Alpha Delta Connect book club, Pages and Pearls, is happy to announce our next book title to read together: A WEEK IN WINTER by: Maeve Binchy

We nominated suggestions for "a great read while in a cozy cabin curled up by a fire while drinking hot cocoa." I'm excited that my suggestion won the vote:

This book by the late Irish writer is set in the small town of Stoneybridge on the west coast of Ireland. The story centers around a group of people who visit an old mansion guesthouse set high on the cliffs overlooking the windswept Atlantic Ocean.

Join our club and participate in our Zoom Book Chat on Dec. 9, 2021 at 8:00 pm.

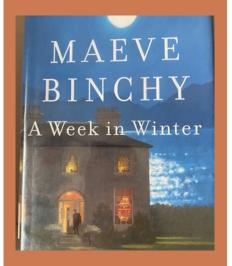
For our Oct. Read-A-Thon, we each read and shared a book starting with a letter of the first name AGNES, our founding Alpha Delta Kappa sister Agnes Shipman. This was fun and engaging!

The November Read-A-Thon for individual reading will be to read a book that is part of a Series. "Enjoy Reading!"



Executive Board Chaplain Sharon Rorex







Jennifer Smith
Committee Member
"Pages and Pearls
Book Club"
in
Alpha Delta Kappa
Connect



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Other events and due dates:

District Chairmen and Chairmen-Elect Meeting - Jan 22 April 22-24, 2022 GA State Convention - Callaway Gardens July 10-13, 2022 Gulf Region Conference, Southbanks Hotel. Jacksonville, FL

Due Dates

December 1 - Alpha Delta Kappa Month Form December 31 - Dues to State and International



FALL 2021 District Meetings

Nov. 6 Dalton District - Virtual



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. 19 Decatur

Mar. 26 Athens



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Ruth Rennick Alpha Iota

Altruism Chairman Bonnie Devereaux



VP of Scholarships



ALTRUISM CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD FOCUS

Text and photos by Bonnie Devereaux

Happy Thanksgiving Sisters! This past August I celebrated my silver anniversary as a member of the GA Beta Eta Chapter of $A\Delta K$. My life has been richly blessed through our organization. I have friends far and wide & have been to places I may have never visited.

I live in northeast GA, basically since 1991 when my husband's work brought us here. We love the area and remain. I am retired but taught middle grades, mostly mathematics, and mostly seventh grade, to children achieving academically at all levels, at one time or another. I am Georgia born and bred and have lived in Georgia all my life except for four years in Ohio while my husband worked on an advanced degree. I am the proud mother of two daughters, each of whom has made outstanding achievements on her own.

I have had a variety of hobbies through the years. Although traveling with my sister has been one of my favorite things to do, because of Covid we have stopped that for now. The two things which have lasted are gardening and reading. My most favorite thing to do is be with my two girls and their families. They each have two children - 16 and 18, and six and eight. What fun we have together! Thanksgiving Blessings to each of you and your work with Alpha Delta Kappa!

Scholarships & Grants Text and photos by Shannon Cole, VP Scholarship

Greetings sisters! As we transition from Halloween's candy coma to being stuffed like a Thanksgiving Turkey, let us contemplate our many blessings. Just as Johnson Oatman Jr's hymn, Count Your Blessings directs, let us count our blessings and name them one by one.

One -Altruism. We give so much altruistically that we want to encourage every District to find applicants for the State Scholarship when it is their turn to be the recipient district. Athens District, that will be you this spring. Please encourage each of your chapters to find an heir and a spare applicant. As the State Scholarship award has increased to \$1500, we want to make sure we are giving the full amount out to your district.

Two - Sisterhood. We are blessings to each other through our sisterhood. As a result we fill each other's cups when we get to serve together. A way to ensure our sisters have the energy to be a blessing is encourage our sisters to participate in the scholarships and grants that are available through the state like our Past President Scholarship, regional scholarships & grants like the Regional Professional Development, and International like the Innovation Grant.

Third - Consciousness. We are a blessing to others when we take care of ourselves. Participation in the Alpha Delta Kappa organization, multilevel altruistic endeavors, and applying ourselves for the scholarships and grants like the Past Presidents and Ethel Kerlin Ward Scholarships benefit our spirit. If our cup is empty it is hard to share with others. In these times of Covid-19, I hope we all have found time to get in touch once again with our interests and passions. May these grants and scholarships help each of us to continue pursuing what helps us be the best version of ourselves.

Deadlines this month are Regional Professional Development Grant Nov. 1, Fine Arts Grant Nov. 15, and the ARGO on Nov. 15. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



Omega

Carol Ann Epperson

Beta Fta

Dora Jane Galloway Fidelis Alpha

> Barbara "Babs" McAlister





Violets

Monica Landis' Gamma Beta

Committee Chairs Brenda Harris Lynn Malloy Fuller Terri Thompson



Text and photos by Norma Rushing

- 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
- Send your newsletters and minutes to Norma Rushing, Debbie Boswell, your District Chairman, and Chapter Mentor. Seven sets of minutes and 5 newsletters are due this year by April 1.
- Mark your calendar to join International President Mollie Acosta to the "Share the Love" Zoom meeting on Dec. 2. During the Zoom meeting in October, we heard about what activities other states and countries were doing. I will attach the zoom link to the newsletter.
- Since the H 138 has been replaced with online dues, the attainment of 7 pearls has been changed.

The new guidelines are:

- Initiation and /or reinstatement of member(s)
 ONLINE Registration Chapter President and Membership Chairman due to International Headquarters June 1 – May 31 (throughout the year)
- 2. Annual Chapter Highlights Summary (H-114)*
 Chapter Secretary send to International Headquarters due by June 30
- 3. Chapter member(s) who attend Regional Conference or International Convention tracked by HQ and Regional Conference Registrars must be registered by July 4
- 4. Chapter Needs Assessment*
 Completed by Chapter Membership Chairman and Chapter President S/P/N
 Membership Consultant & Regional Membership Consultant
 Due between May 1 June 30
- IRS Form 990-EZ* or 990-N Postcard*
 Completed by Chapter Treasurer IRS through AΔK Website Due by Oct. 15
- 6. 100% of Chapter Members Retained** Chapter president and chapter members International Headquarters June 1 May 31
- 7. Altruistic Report*
 Chapter Altruistic Chairman S/P/N Altruistic Chairman due by March 15
- Make plans now to attend State Convention and Gulf Region Conference.
- Send pictures of your activities in JPG or post on Facebook so I can share them in the newsletter.

Happy Thanksgiving



Vice President for Membership Suzi Bonifay

MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay

It's Campaign kickoff time!!! Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and our Georgia Membership Campaign is developed not only to increase membership throughout Georgia, but to encourage present and new members to attend Conventions and Conferences.

Winners to be announced at State Convention!

Six Ways to win!

For MEMBERS

1. The name of each NEW, TRANSFERRED or REINSTATED Member and FIRST TIMER attending the 2022 GA State Convention will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive \$100 towards State Convention expenses in 2022.

2.The name of each SPONSOR of a New or Reinstated Member attending the 2022 GA State Convention will be entered into a drawing each time that they serve as a sponsor for a member. Following a drawing at the 2022 GA State Convention, the winner will receive \$100 towards State Convention expenses in 2022.

for CHAPTERS/ DISTRICTS!

3.The name of each Chapter will be entered into a drawing once for each NEW or REINSTATED Member. A donation of \$100 will be made to the Scholarship Fund of the winning chapter.

4.The name of each Chapter will be entered into a drawing once for each NEW or REINSTATED Member. The winning chapter will receive \$100 towards State Convention or Gulf Conference expenses in 2022.

5. The Chapter with the largest percentage increase in membership will receive \$100 donation for their chapter.

6.The District with the largest percentage increase in membership will receive \$100 donation for their district.

Please share the Georgia Membership Campaign at your upcoming meetings and encourage chapter members to attend State Convention and Gulf Conference. Members who are involved in chapter, district, state, regional and international events are much more likely to remain active, engaged and fulfilled members of Alpha Delta Kappa.

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CHAPTER POLICIES & PROCEDURES EXECUTIVE BOARD FOCUS

Text by Robin Dudley, Bylaws Chair



- R Registered Nurse 43 years & teacher 30 years
- O Overcome with blessings of being a Wife, Mother, and Grandmother "Birdie"
- B Been an ADK sister 33 years
- I Invested in leadership with Church,
 Hospitals, Brenau University, Board of Health, Alpha Delta Kappa
- N Nourished by chocolate, travel, flowers, cutting grass, adventures with 2 "Grands" Emerson Rae and Mary Bennett



TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITEE

Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Committee Chair

Fall is a season where there are many changes occurring around us. Let's make fall a time for change for you and your classroom so your students will be benefitted. If you are retired, consider making some life changes which will become habit-forming after only an average of 66 days. Growing in technology expertise will help you as a teacher - whether or not you are retired. Did you know Georgia has standards for any teacher wishing to increase technology? They are called <u>Instructional Technology Standards</u>.

If you are not comfortable with technology, often your students may be. Are you brave enough to "let go" and allow them to take charge while safely guiding them and admit you have some learning of your own to do? The students will respect you for trying something new. To support your learning, there is a relatively inexpensive, amazing conference through GAETC (Georgia Educational Technology Consortium) which will be held in metro Atlanta on Nov. 3-5 for \$230 full conference. It is held yearly at about the same time within driving distance of the Atlanta Airport in case you want to plan for 2022. My favorite speaker from having attended many times in the past? Leslie Fisher whose website is here. Be sure to check out her resources and follow her on Twitter or Facebook.

