GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

ADK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing

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CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES Written by Norma Rushing

This newsletter is a bit late, but I needed a little downtime. I am now spending time with my son and attending my grandson Alex's graduation from engineering school. I read recently that May first was the middle of spring. I was getting used to the flowers in full bloom, trees full of leaves, grass getting green and 80-degree weather, then arrived in Michigan to daffodils blooming and no leaves on the trees. The temperature is in the 40's and low 50's. Maybe I will see the wonders of new birth in spring again. I am looking forward very soon to sitting by the pool with a good book. I have many books to finish that I only read about a fourth of. Oh, my dilemma now, do I start a new book or finish reading a partially read book? I will miss the day-to-day emails from my Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters, but I am thinking it will be like decompressing after retirement. Soon I will replace my days with all the other committees and obligations that I have already committed to. I have promised myself that I will take time to walk and meditate daily. I have missed that.

You all have been wonderful this biennium...and how about that convention? Our expectations were to have at least 100 sisters attend. The numbers kept rolling in with around 210 sisters in attendance. It was great to hug each other and to visit the ways and means tables. We attended to the business of the convention by electing new officers, approving the budget for the next biennium and hearing reports about the good things that were accomplished in spite of the pandemic. Georgia sisters' generosity amazes me. During the 2020-2022 biennium, you gave in volunteer hours and monetary resources over \$1 million. At the convention, about \$7,300 was given for the 2 altruistic projects, the Exceptional Way and The Dr. Frank Croker Transformation Center. This will be divided evenly among the two organizations. More adults with disabilities will have day care and more adults will be trained to secure a job. Those assisted *will not just be given a fish, but they will be equipped to fish.*

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Alpha Delta Kappa during this "once in a lifetime, we hope" biennium. We had to learn new ways for connecting and of doing business. Now we have learned that Barbara Sonnier who lives in Texas can still attend with her South Georgia Beta Lambda Sisters for meetings and serve as a committee chairman.

I began the first newsletter in June 2020 by attaching my acceptance speech. I am going to attach my final address to the sisters at the 2022 State Convention as this is my final newsletter. It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your state president. I love each of you.

As GA's 34th State Convention and 68 years of our organization comes to an end, I would like to reflect back on my acceptance speech two years ago. In my acceptance speech, I asked, "What are the assets of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa and each of our Georgia Chapters?" During this biennium, we have evaluated our goals and strengths and we have built upon them.

Little did we know at that time that we would have to adjust dramatically to our usual ways of doing Alpha Delta Kappa work. As I have often said, we were asking, 'What is Zoom?" but we learned how to do Zoom meetings. I think Margaret Wiggins in Augusta District was the first to show us how to do Ways and Means via Zoom. She baked one of her famous almond butter breads and auctioned it off at a chapter meeting and then delivered it to the porch of the winner. Chapters followed her example. Growing was a bit more difficult because teachers were not in their buildings, and we were isolated. But we will be ready for 2022-2024.

One of my goals and what I wanted as a legacy was to install one if not 2 collegiate chapters. The pandemic also helped keep this from happening. Many campuses were closed most of the time. But I am excited when I read the buzz about chapters seeking to know more about establishing collegiate chapters in their newsletters and minutes. It will happen, but not on my watch. Maybe I was the Paul, "planting the seed" and Debbie will be Apollo reaping the harvest.

Past State president Rose Mary Kolpatzki asked me recently, what memories I had been building during this biennium. I began to think about it...definitely not sitting in front of the computer hour after hour and day after day. My fondest memories are visiting all the chapters but Alpha Phi this biennium. Alpha Phi will now have to wait until the fall to be visited. I enjoyed meeting with chapters online, but I really enjoyed those in person meetings as I travelled across the state to be with sisters. I have developed beautiful friendships that I will forever cherish. Don't forget me and continue to invite me to your meetings and to special events.

I have treasured your kind comments and sweet phone calls and keepsakes. I will always keep these memories close to my heart. I am sure this convention will be another cherished memory after I have time to rest and do some reflecting.

I love each of you, each chapter, each district, and this wonderful organization of women educators, Alpha Delta Kappa.

We have been celebrating our assets and possibilities for the future.Now, let's continue seizing every possibility and opportunity to grow and maintain membership, to develop leadership, to give generously of our time and money and to tell others about our wonderful women educators' organization.

As the Georgia A ΔK state song says, "as sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa, proudly we sing your praise."

As always, "Now let the Celebration Begin"

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<u>Due by June 30, 2022</u>

Chapter and District Cash Flow Statements Chapters complete the Excel spreadsheet and Districts complete the D-1 word document or D-1 or D-1 EZ pdf doc. They may be found on the Georgia or International websites.

Send the reports to 2020-2022 State Treasurer Terri Thompson



Robin Dudley Georgia Bylaws Chairman rsdudley@bellsouth.net

MAY MONEY TALK

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with Terri Thompson, \$tate Treasurer

Serving as the state treasurer in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa is such a rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to interact with many Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa members and members from other states and regions. Not only have I learned to share talents with others but have broadened my friendship base. It is most rewarding to serve Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa whose goals and objectives are focused on leadership development, charitable endeavors, inclusion and world understanding. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your state treasurer these past four years.

As our biennium and financial year is coming to a close, please refer to **page 10 of the Financial Booklet** from Headquarters as you purge your files to pass on to the 2022-2024 officer. The Financial Booklet can be found on Georgia's website **www.gaalphadeltakappa.org** - under Officers -> Chapter Officers -> Chapter Treasurers -> Financial Booklet April 2021. It can also be found on the new, improved International website - **www.alphadeltakappa.org** - Log in, hover over Members Only (near the top of the page). Resource Library will pop up. Click it -> Chapter Officers -> go down to the bottom of the column of Documents/Forms to Chapter Financial Forms to Financial Booklet.

The last financial report that chapter and district treasurers must complete is the **Cash Flow Statement**. **Chapter treasurers:** Headquarters is still using Excel spreadsheets as the format. This form can be found on the International website right above the Financial Booklet and on the Georgia website under Chapter Treasurers -> Excel Chapter Finance Forms. You are able to type directly into the first 5 spreadsheets to produce your report. If you want to hand write your report, you will need to download and print the Cash Flow document. **District treasurers:** Your form (D-1 EZ or D-1) can be found on the International website: click Members Only -> Resource Library -> International Officers -> Regional Documents and Forms-> D-1 EZ or D-1. It also can be found on the Georgia website under Officers -> District Officers -> District Treasurers -> D-1 / D-1 EZ or D-1 Word (you can type directly on this form for your report). The 2020-2022 chapter and district treasurers will need to complete these reports which are due to me (not the new State Treasurer) by June 30, 2022.

BYLAWS UPDATES

with Robin Dudley Bylaws Committee Chairman

It has been a JOY serving as Georgia's Bylaws Chairman for the 2020-2022 biennium. It has been a pleasure working with all of our chapter leaders on their Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. I am so proud that every Georgia Chapter received Cornucopia credit because we had 100% reporting from all of our chapters with their Bylaws for this biennium. A few chapters still need to submit their chapter's Policies and Procedures to me before the end of the biennium. Thank you for ALL you do for Alpha Delta Kappa!

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Hugs and Violets,



FRATERNITY ED FUN

Text by Jan McNeill

Well, the 2020-2022 biennium is coming to a close and we have certainly learned to adapt, change plans, love our sisters even more, and be truly thankful for each other and our wonderful Alpha Delta Kappa, especially after our in-person State Convention at Callaway! I hope all your chapters have enjoyed some delightful and fun fraternity education programs each month; that's how we know what Alpha Delta Kappa means to all sisters throughout every State/Province/Nation (Remember the first fact I told you? The meaning of "S/P/N"!). We are all one in learning, altruism, diversity, and helping others. Many times all you'll need to do is to choose a game or activity that you may have enjoyed in your classrooms with your students. Modify the questions, etc., to reflect Alpha Delta Kappa tidbits, trivia, and facts. Some examples of games I have used for my chapter are the following: scavenger hunt, baseball (or any sport), Caesar Cipher (codes), spelling bee, dice roll, use of pipe cleaners, ring toss, Hollywood Squares, "Simon Says", Hang Man, ringing bells or using clickers, thumbs up/down, tic-tac-toe, "Tortuga" (turtle in Spanish; or drawing any figure as questions are answered), Password, relay with word searches, Pictionary, "Survivor" games, Family Feud, Trivial Pursuit, Haikus or other writing fun, made-up skits for seven pearls, correct badge placement or other sorority information, video on tour of Headquarters, " fill-in-the-blanks or matching exercises, "I am..." sentence facts, your chapter history review, Jeopardy, Alpha Delta Kappa acronyms, Bingo, review of sorority songs, made-up cheer, Greek letters activities, officer duties, types of membership, etc. Some of these ideas I have explained in my other articles. Best of all --- so very many Fraternity Education ideas for skits, games, and activities can be found on the Alpha Delta Kappa website! Make use of these resources and you'll have all kinds of fun items to use in your chapters. Make Frat Ed FUN as well as informative! I wish you love, blessings, a great new biennium, and loads of FUN as you plan your 2022-24 activities!



HISTORIAN

Text Diane Phillips, State Historian

As my time as State Historian comes to a close, I want to thank you for entrusting me with a position on the Executive Board! I have loved my time of continued growth in Alpha Delta Kappa and have loved making new friendships....even on ZOOM! I want to send out a special thank you to each Chapter and District Historian, many of whom are still finalizing their chapter and district archives! Your hard work will mean so much to the sisters who will enjoy your presentations for years to come. Don't forget the written history of this biennium. It is just as important as the pictures you have carefully taken over the last two years. As I prepare for my next ADK role as Chapter President, I'd ask that you please lend a helping hand to your replacement so that she is not overwhelmed with her new position. Have a wonderful summer, dear sisters! I hope to see you in Jacksonville for the Gulf Conference!

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Diane Phillips



Chaplain Sharon Rorex

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS WITH YOU THIS BIENNIUM. YOUR KIND WORDS HAVE MEANT SO MUCH TO ME.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Text and photo by Sharon Rorex, Chaplain

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26



SECRETARY UPDATE

Judy Shaklee, State Secretary

Happy May to all of you! It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the State Convention at Callaway Gardens recently. We really are all so ready to be out and about and with people we love. It was a fantastic end to the strangest Biennium we've ever seen. And speaking of fantastic, I want to thank all the Chapter Secretaries for the great job you have done these past two years. Taking minutes over Zoom presented challenges, but you did it with perfect grace and aplomb. Most of you have one more meeting in May to write minutes for, and then the last responsibility of the biennium, completing the H-114, the Annual Chapter Highlights Summary, and having it to Headquarters by mail or on-line by June 30. This is your time to brag about the great things your chapter did in terms of programs, altruism, scholarships, and community and school recognitions received by the Sisters and Chapter.

I've had so much fun being State Secretary, that I offered for this office again in the 2022-2024 Biennium. I hope to see many of you at your fall District Meetings. I hope you have a well deserved restful summer with just the right amount of excitement. Take care!



ALTRUISM Text and photos by Bonnie Devereaux, Altruism Chairman Wonderful Roller Coaster Ride!

When I became the state altruistic chairman, I did not know I was going on a roller coaster ride. This is a ride where you go nice and easy at first, and then suddenly you hit a curve and find yourself having the ride of your life! And what a ride it's been! The first big project together was the Fun Day altruistic project, **Books Across Georgia**, and off we went. You outdid yourselves with almost **\$30,000** and over **8000 books**. I've never seen anything like it, and what fun it was to work with you!

I thought that was the highest point I'd see. Nope! This was during the time when many of you had the challenge of teaching students online that year. Those of us who are retired can only imagine what you endured, but it did not stop our Georgia sisters from giving over HALF A MILLION DOLLARS the first year of the biennium. That was another top ride for me! The second year of our biennium was when everyone was recovering. Sisters, your giving was even more, again over half a million dollars. The altruistic giving for both years together was

\$1,107,865!

The state convention giving surpassed the \$5000 goal we set. The total giving was over \$7,365. Again, another high. I am so glad to be a part of an organization that gives and then gives some more. What a ride we had together. It has been an amazing opportunity to get to know so many of you and to recognize again what an amazing group of women you are! Thanks for the ride!

DISASTER RELIEF

Text and photos by Sara Ratliff, Disaster Relief Chairman

The Disaster Relief Committee has been able to award over \$4700 this biennium. We were able to send \$250 to LA sisters, \$3500 to 7 Chi sisters, \$500 to 2 Newnan schools, and \$500 to 1 Marietta sister. \$125 was earmarked for KY sisters from Alpha Upsilon and Beta Phi. The present amount in the fund is \$3253.95 +\$157 =\$3410. We added over \$700 at the convention. We have received no applications this half of the biennium. The application is available on the GA website as well as being a part of the P&P manual for GA. Thank you to all sisters who have supported this fund. Congratulations to Marilyn Ellis who took home the Infinity Diamond necklace.

I want to thank the members of the Disaster Relief Committee as well as President Norma and President-Elect Debbie for their support this biennium. The members of the committee are: Kathy Jones, Albany; Jean Prezel, Athens; Terry Starner, Atlanta; Susan McFayden, Augusta; Nancy Pedersen, Columbus; Gina Donahue, Dalton; Linda Johnson, Decatur; Marie Woodard, Golden Isles; Joyce Daidone, Heart of Georgia and Libby Wingo, Marietta. It has been my pleasure and a privilege to serve as chairman of this important committee.



Altruism Chair Bonnie Devereaux





Sarah Ratliff



Pippy Rogers Longest Day Chairman



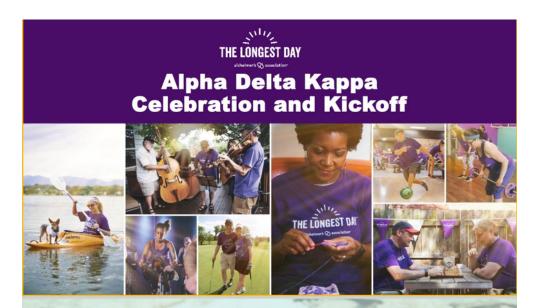
Any Questions ? call me: 678-378-2801



THE LONGEST DAY

Text and photos by Pippy Rogers

Oh, so much to share in this little space, I will do my best to make my case. First things first, the biggest part to do, sign up now with your chapter crew. Read the directions that are just below, be ready to plan and move forward to GO.



Show Us Some Love Alpha Delta Kappa!

<u>Register at alz.org/adk</u>

- 1. When you Open the alz.org/adk 2022 GLOBAL TEAM PAGE,
- 2. SCROLL to the bottom and CLICK on Our Team: GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.
- 3. On our Team Page (Check out our team page by scrolling down then back to the TOP of page) **Click on JOIN OUR TEAM**.
- 4. Follow the prompts.
- 5. When registering list your name as:

First Name: PUT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME HERE Last Name: PUT YOUR CHAPTER NAME HERE

6. LOOK FOR Updated information in the APRIL Newsletter!

PLANS

Start thinking about how your chapter will participate in the LONGEST DAY -you can include your family, friends, and community.

All over our A Δ K Regions, states, and chapters, sisters will be adopting schools for TEACHER APPRECIATION Week, May 1-8. During this time, as our members are in the school buildings, sisters will be inviting the school staff to join in with THE LONGEST DAY activity their chapter has planned. SO, let's put on our thinking caps and use this opportunity for telling our communities who we are and what we are about AND FIND educators who can be our newest Alpha Delta Kappa members! The more teachers we know the larger our membership grows!



CALENDAR REMINDERS EVENTS

June 2-4, 2022 Executive Board Retreat

July 10-13, 2022 Gulf Region Conference, Southbanks Hotel, Jacksonville, FL Reservations: 904-396-5100 (Ask for ADK Block)

DUE DATES

June 30 H-114 Chapter Meeting Highlights Completed by Secretary On International Website

June 30 Cash Flow Statement (Cl and Dl)

Fall and Spring 2022-2023 District Meetings

Fall 2022

Oct. 01 – Columbus Oct. 08 – Tri-District Oct. 22 – Augusta Oct. 29 - Athens Oct 29 - Dalton

Spring 2023

Feb. 04 - Heart of GA Feb. 11 - Columbus Feb. 18 - Golden Isles Feb. 25 - Albany March 4 - Atlanta March 11 - Decatur March 18 - Augusta March 18 - Athens March 25 - Marietta



Mary Ann Meeks & Husband Johnny Decatur District Chair

> Carlene Dunn Beta Beta

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> Beverly O'Connell Gamma Gamma

> > Carolyn Mann Fidelis Xi

Denise Shepard Sergeant of Arms

Past State Presidents Anita Cole Audrey Brown Rose Mary Kolpatzki Dot Youngblood

Concerns

Sisters & families with COVID Surgeries Family Deaths Active Classroom Teachers





MEMBERSHIP

Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay, Vice President for Membership

First, I want to applaud those chapters that initiated new or reinstated former members during the 2020-22 biennium and were recognized at State Convention. They are as follows:

1-2 Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, Alpha Rho, Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma, Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Eta, Beta Upsilon, Beta Phi, Gamma Beta, Gamma Delta, Gamma Nu, Fidelis Alpha
3-5 Delta, Kappa, Sigma, Tau, Chi, Alpha Theta, Alpha Pi, Alpha Tau, Beta Iota, Beta Lambda, Beta Mu, Beta Psi
6+ Beta Xi

As for the Membership Campaign \$100 award winners recognized at Convention, they included first-timer Carolyn Pietkewicz, Alpha Gamma; new member sponsor, Lisa Lang, Delta; Beta Mu, Decatur; Beta Lambda, Golden Isles; Beta Xi, Golden Isles and Albany District (largest % increase).

As you've heard me say before and are likely to hear me say again, membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Without growth, we cease to exist. There are still those in education who need our support, fellowship, engagement in service and the continued educational excellence we provide. I want to challenge every member in every chapter to find those women in your schools and bring them into our family. As you can see from the Campaign awards above, it literally pays to grow our membership.

As a reminder, you will receive information about the H-114 by email later this month and information about the CNA (now due in October) later in the summer. Last, if you need membership help, please let me know.

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

Text and photos by Lynn Fuller

I extend humble thanks to the sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa for the faith they put in me to serve as Alpha Delta Kappa Month Chairman. I have experienced many positive rewards, from learning SO MANY different things we can do for others to meeting SO MANY sisters I would not have gotten to know. I have learned how chapters operate and use this altruism time wisely. Your reports have been wonderful! I have tried to share with all of you many different things you can do and hope you will pass these on to the next president and chairman of this committee in your chapter. I also have faith that each chapter will fulfill this obligation bigger and better during the next biennium as the restrictions from COVID are lifted even more. We are so blessed to have each other in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Take care, my sisters. Lynn



Keep Calm and Prepare for Recruitment







We communicate and listen We are helpful We stay positive We strive for excellence — We are a TEAM —



Sharon Rorex thank you for the Lovely Omega Service at State Convention



Violets Sharon Lampros Beta Psi Rabun county Primary School Teacher of the Year

Amy London Beta Nu Life changer of the Year Award



Diamond Sister 60 years a member Barbara Roy Alpha Delta





Text and photo by Norma Rushing

- Calling all Helpers: I am the Co-Sargent-of-Arms at the Gulf Region Conference in Jacksonville this summer. Sandra Bailey will be assisting me. We need lots of Georgia Sisters to volunteer. Hopefully, you will only need to help at one session. When you register, please sign up or send me an email that you are willing to help.
- We enjoyed hearing from our Altruism project Directors at the State Convention. I have a request for help from the Frank Croker Center.

Retired Teachers are needed at the Sweetwater Mission Grant Writers

Dr. Frank Croker Transformation Center contact Debbie Ginocchio at debbie@sweetwatermission.org call 770-846-0469

- Thank you, Debbie Boswell, Pam Parmer, Janet Robison and Columbus and Marietta districts Sisters for a wonderful Convention.
 - A huge thank you to the 2020-2022 Executive Board, Committee Chairmen, District Chairmen, Committee Members, Chapter Presidents, and Georgia Sisters for your dedication and service to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. You made my tenure a great joy.

The 2020-2022 Cornucopia Award Chapters

Columbus

Albany Alpha Theta Alpha Iota Beta Rho Athens Psi Gamma Delta Atlanta Gamma Delta Phi Alpha Phi Beta Gamma

Beta Theta Beta Iota **Dalton** Alpha Delta Alpha Nu **Decatur** Iota **Golden Isles** Tau Alpha Gamma Alpha Mu Marietta Alpha Pi Beta Omicron Fidelis Lambda Augusta Sigma Heart of Georgia Lambda Beta Pi

Chapters who had ALL 26 Items for Cornucopia Award

Albany—Beta Rho Athens—Gamma Delta Augusta—Sigma Columbus—Beta Iota Dalton - Alpha Delta Heart of Georgia - Lambda Marietta-Alpha Pi Fidelis Lambda

SCHOLARSHIPS Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole

For the last time of the 2020-2022 biennium, Greeting Sisters! I am so glad we were able to gather a few weekends back at Callaway Gardens. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you at the next gathering.

I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving as your VP for Scholarship these past two years. I would also like to thank the sisters that served on the scholarship committee: GA AAK President Norma Rushing (Decatur), Elizabeth Robinson (Dalton), Vanessa Robisch (Decatur), Jane Cely (Augusta), and Renee Gaither (Atlanta). Congratulations again to all the sisters who participated in the Past Presidents Scholarship this biennium. Likewise, congratulations to the sisters of Augusta and Athens Districts, who found potential state scholarship recipients and enough heirs & spare recipients to ensure we maximized our awards to those two districts.

I am still hoping to update the scholarship scrapbook before I pass it on to Kellie Hubbard, our next VP for Scholarship. If you have information pertaining to the existence of a scrapbook before the year 1990-1991 and/or one for after 2005, please let me know asap. If they exist, I would like to reunite them with the 1991-2005 one that I have in my possession so they will all be able to be displayed in the archives at the 2024 State Convention.

In the meantime, sisters, please do take advantage of the Past Presidents scholarship for your own personal development and intellectual growth. If you are a chapter in the new biennium's rotation for the state scholarship, be scouting your potential candidates as an heir & a spare. Lastly, I hope to be remembered as a good VP for Scholarship, as I hope I was not the worse and doubt I would have been the best one.

Take care and I will be seeing lots of you in familiar GA Alpha Delta Kappa Places.



GOOGLE FORMS FOR REGISTRATION Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair

Google Forms for registration? Yes, please! If you are attending the Gulf Conference, Debbie Boswell and I will be co-presenting on this topic. Be sure you first have a Gmail address since that will then give you all of the Google Tools including Google Forms, Google Drive, etc.

There is a comprehensive tutorial on You Tube for Educators so that the Forms used includes classroom quizzes too.

Link for more information: https://edu.google.com/intl/ALL_us/teacher-center/products/forms/? modal active=none

After the Gulf conference, I will post training and practice materials links in the state newsletter.

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"There is very little that our government or any government can do to plant the seeds of international understanding in the hearts and minds of people around the world. If people by the millions can reach out their hands in friendship and communicate directly warmth, personal interest and respect, it will be a real beginning in the struggle for a peaceful world."

Dwight D. Eisenhower



WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Text and Photos by Ruth Rennick, World Understanding Chairman

What a wonderful state convention we enjoyed in Callaway Gardens! Thanks to Debbie Boswell and her planning team for doing a great job. Norma Rushing passed the president's gavel to Debbie and we look forward to continuing Georgia's legacy in the Gulf Region and beyond. I hope to see some of you at the Gulf Regional Conference in Jacksonville, FL in July.

If you don't already know, I will continue to be your Georgia World Understanding Chairman for the 2022-2024 biennium. I have enjoyed learning about the process in place for selecting our International World Understanding Project each biennium and being involved with our wonderful ITE scholars' program. For the next biennium, I will work to bring news to our Georgia sisters and keep you up-to-date on our connections to the world.

Norma challenged each chapter to make a donation to our 2021-2023 International World Understanding Project C.H.E.A.R. and I would love to hear from all of you. Send a quick text to 850-508-4452 to let me know that you or your chapter donated. The money raised thus far will be presented at the Northeast Regional Conference in July. Money will continue to be raised through 2023 for the abandoned and abused children in Babati, Tanzania. Donations may be made online via the alphadeltakappa.org website. Go to Foundation, then choose Funding, then World Understanding Project CHEAR. You may also send checks by mail to: Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation, 1615 W. 92nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64114. Make sure you write "Project CHEAR" on the memo line.

Thank you to Norma for asking me to serve as this committee chairman and to Debbie for continuing to trust that I will keep you informed. I have been able to meet and communicate with sisters near and far and look forward to helping promote world understanding this next biennium.

My husband and I are headed to Budapest, Hungary, later this month to enjoy a Danube River cruise followed by the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. I am looking forward to meeting new people, eating some new dishes, and seeing more of this beautiful world.

As Mark Twain said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts."



GULF CONFERENCE Text and photos by Debbie Clark, International Vice President

"LET'S FLAMINGLE" GULF REGIONAL CONFERENCE JULY 10-14, 2022

I really missed seeing all of my Georgia sisters at the state convention at Callaway Gardens. From the pictures I have seen on Facebook, you ladies had a really good time and the butterflies were beautiful!

This is my last official assignment as your Immediate Past State President. I have had a wonderful experience being on the Georgia Executive Board for the past 6 years. I have met some really fantastic sisters and worked very hard on keeping up with the Directory, Policies and Procedures, the chapter mentors, and the past state presidents. This last assignment is an easy one since I am promoting the Gulf Regional Conference.

People have asked about the workshops and the banquet. The workshops begin on Monday and end on Tuesday. The Memorial Service and the banquet are on Wednesday. So when making reservations, make them for **arriving on July 10** and **leaving on July 14**. Also, if anyone has any trouble with reservations, please let me know. The room rate for the conference is \$115/night without tax.

My steering committee and I have planned some interesting and entertaining events. Our Night of Entertainment will be a "Beach Blast" where we will have music, games, and the ways and means recipients. We will also be collecting donations for our conference altruistic project: The Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville. No speedos or thongs, please!!!

International President Mollie Acosta will be our keynote speaker at the banquet and our International Representative will be Betty Jo Evers. Other international guests will also be attending.

So, pack up your sun screen, beach hats, and straw purses and come to be trained and entertained by our hostesses, the Florida sisters. I hope I see you there!!

Remember, always be humble and kind!

Love and hugs, Debbie Clark

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Marlene Kesler & June Bellamy with June's quilt that I won.











Terri and Hazel

Wish I could post a picture or everyone at the Convention



Lori Carnine & Brenda Harris having fun



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