

Welcome to the *Voices* of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters

By Terri Thompson

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FUN DAY NEWS

After our beautiful fall weather and a nippy winter, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa members will be looking forward to a springtime for celebrating. **SAVE the DATE** and mark your calendars for **April 29, 2023**. Georgia members and guests are invited to **GEORGIA FUN DAY 2023 at the ANDERSON CONFERENCE CENTER in MACON, GEORGIA.**

Georgia members and guests will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of this organization as they prepare to join Headquarters staff, Alpha Delta Kappa International officers, and members from all fifty states, Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico and Puerto Rico in Kansas City, Missouri July 13–16, 2023, for International Convention. Fun Day is a day of entertainment. No Formal Business Sessions. JUST FUN! FUN!

There will be fraternal education, games, fellowship, lunch and various times for Ways & Means. Bring your crafts, gift baskets, Share the Pot, gift cards trees, jewelry, art, and "you-know-what" to tempt the buyers. You may RESERVE a skirted whole table or one-half table for your sales. What a Time for Impulse Buying! Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa scholarships and altruism are the recipients of these financial contributions. And, do not forget to visit the displays supporting Georgia's altruistic projects. It will be such FUN seeing you at Georgia Fun Day 2023.

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Membership Update by Suzi Bonifay



I am thankful for many things in life, but one thing I am especially thankful for is our Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood. You are just the best! You took the honors in the Gulf Region as the only SPN to be 100% in getting the CNA in on time. You were gracious about writing SMART goals, gracious when getting reminder emails or phone calls and even gracious when you had submitted the CNA but it had not yet been forwarded to me by the chain of command. Other good news that I imagine will be welcome is that you will not write new goals for the 2023 CNA but will note your progress in accomplishing the goals set this year. I am so thankful for your willingness to embrace change (even if you don't always agree or understand the rationale), for your kindness, for your service and for doing those things that are for the good of the organization. You truly exemplify the ideals of Alpha Delta Kappa.

After I finish an analysis of the CNA data, be on the lookout for an email with summary information, but especially with attachments of ideas that can help you in achieving your goals. Use or discard as you see fit. As always, I will work to be succinct and will copy both the president and membership chairman.

Last, I want to thank you for all you are doing to recruit and retain members. Please review the November Cornerstone (see last page) as eligibility for membership has been expanded. As stated before, membership is the lifeblood of our organization and our hope is that you can make your chapter so filled with awesome programs, activities, leadership opportunities, service projects and warm welcomes that educators will be lining up to join. We have such a good thing going that I hope you are spreading the news. If I can help you, reach out.



AΔK Month



by Barbie Whitley

Thank you to all of you for what I know has been a wonderful celebration of Alpha Delta Kappa Month across the state of Georgia. I have seen some of your posts online and can't wait to receive all of your reports with accompanying photos by the November 15 deadline. Please send those to me at whitley219@att.net and copy those to State Historian Mary Lou Goehring at atlantaadk@gmail.com. Please include the ways in which you celebrated our Founders and all of the ways in which you shared the mission, vision and purposes of Alpha Delta Kappa with your community. Highlights thus far include: treats to schools, items to Ronald McDonald houses, thank you notes, laundry for the homeless, book/magazine drives, Alzheimer walks, cancer awareness messages, donations to various charities, and more.



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Sisters & Prayers



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HELEN LINKERD OMEGA
BARBIE WHITLEY'S GRANDMOTHER
HOSPICE

Disaster Relief by Lea Mazzucco

GA AΔK Disaster Relief is funded solely by donations. I enjoyed attending several of the district meetings in October. Sisters attending were able to get a close up look at the beautiful lap quilt and ring/pendant set I was displaying at the Disaster Relief table. Many of those sisters made donations to the Disaster Relief Fund of GA AΔK. With their donation, they received chances for a drawing at Fun Day 2023 (quilt) and State Convention 2024 (set). Everyone loves winning one of these drawings. However, you cannot win if you don't play…or donate! GA AΔK Disaster Relief is funded solely by donations. The drawings are just a way to "sweeten the pot" and encourage you to donate.

While the fund is primarily for GA sisters, we are in the process of sending a donation to Puerto Rico AΔK and Florida AΔK to show our love following the devastating hurricanes they experienced. They will know the best way to help our sisters in both of those areas. What if you have not seen me at a district meeting? Can you still make a donation? Yes, you can, and if you want your donation to go directly to Puerto Rico and Florida, just put that in the memo section of your check. I will add those donations to the ones being sent from the general fund. I will need those designated donations by Thanksgiving.

Make all donations to GA Alpha Delta Kappa and send to Lea Mazzucco, 210 Cedar Circle, Fayetteville, GA 30214.





Message from the President

What a wonderful month it's been celebrating our Founders, participating in Alpha Delta Kappa month activities, attending District meetings and helping to share in the joys of our organization. I am so thankful to be surrounded by loving, kind and generous women who not only make their schools, communities and world a better place but are living examples of servant leadership. There is no doubt that by honoring those who have gone before us and by showcasing the purposes of Alpha Delta Kappa that we can attract new members and make a difference for years to come.

Many of you have stepped up to donate to Ronald McDonald House, our state altruistic project, during one of our District Meetings or by purchasing an Alpha Delta Kappa shirt. Thank you. Also, a huge thank you for donating to state Disaster Relief funds and for donating to the recovery efforts of sisters in Florida and Puerto Rico--a number of whom lost everything. Your generosity is amazing.

Here's a shout out to those who have showcased our many grants and especially the Innovation Grant for non-members. One chapter president sent out the Innovation Grant information as a part of $A\Delta K$ month to every public, private & charter school principal in her district and volunteered to review and write letters of recommendation for applicants. What a great way to share our mission and recruit at the same time.

Last, here's hoping that you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends, immersed in fun and fellowship and filled with gratitude. As has been said before, it's not what we have in our life, but who we have in our life that matters. I, for one, am grateful to have each of you.

Love, Debbie



Congratulations to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa members selected as Teachers of the Year



Amy Shealy Holt, Alpha Rho, Berrien Elementary



Kellie Hubbard, Beta Iota, Franklin Forrest Elementary



Misty Jo Ward (right), Beta Iota, LaGrange High School

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15 -- AAK Month Report due to Barbie Whitley, CC to Mary Lou Goehring

November 15 -- Deadline for innovation grant submission

JANUARY 1 -- FORMS AND DUES TO BE RECEIVED

JANUARY 28 -- GOLDEN ISLES SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

FEBRUARY 1 -- PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

February 4 -- Heart of Georgia Spring District Meeting

FEBRUARY 11 -- COLUMBUS SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

FEBRUARY 25 -- ALBANY SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

March 4 -- Atlanta Spring District Meeting

March 11 -- Decatur Spring District Meeting

MARCH 18 -- ATHENS AND AUGUSTA SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Media Specialist/Librarian

Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Occupational Therapist

MARCH 25 -- MARIETTA SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

APRIL 29 -- GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA FUN DAY





School Social Worker

Speech and Language Pathologist

Vocational/Occupational Teacher