



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

BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

I do not know about you but I am having a hard time believing the first year of the 2022-2024 biennium is only 3 weeks away! Looking back, it crossed my mind tonight that Alpha Delta Kappa is much like that of a family. We are stronger as a TEAM working together. We love and cherish each other, supporting each other along the way. We laugh and celebrate together. At the same time we hold each other up during difficult times. No doubt we have come through some sad times this year and have grown stronger together in love and friendship.

You have listened, shared ideas and gone the extra mile cutting, pasting and rearranging to make things look the best they can! And there always seems to be room for one more at our tables!

We have accomplished much and there is more to accomplish ahead as we wrap up the year and begin planning for 2023-2024. Dates for some Zoom work sessions will be shared in a few weeks with Chapter Presidents. Each of you have much to celebrate as a Chapter, District and State.

THANK YOU for all you do in the name of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA..YOU are what moves us forward!

Enjoy your summer, be safe and continue to share your GIFTS OF GRATITUDE and LOVE TO OTHERS...

I hope to see many of you in Kansas City and at your chapter meetings this next year.



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# **FUN DAY has redefined TEAM WORK!**

I want to highlight and hopefully not miss anyone to let you know just how many sisters made FUN DAY the great day it was!

## **BY DEBBIE BOSWELL**

**Fun Day began when decisions were made as to WHERE oh WHERE do we hold Fun Day. It soon became obvious the right decision was made. Next came signing a contract, making decisions about food and then the hotel. Then the real FUN planning began and the team grew larger. District Chairmen took on responsibilities, then chapters and then individual sisters played a big part in the success of the 2023 FUN DAY and OPEN BOARD MEETING.**

**This year we had the pleasure of having Terri Thompson's daughter Paige join us. She was the gift of service that kept on giving. She jumped right in to help wherever she was needed both Friday and Saturday! In addition to 214 SISTERS AND GUESTS who made the day a day of FUN, LAUGHTER and FELLOWSHIP terrific. Lets not forget our amazing 38 FIRST TIMERS!**

**Linda Chambers and Hazel Stanton set the stage Friday evening by resurrecting the now defunct password and handshake for entrants as Sandy Bailey introduced the Executive Board. Kudos to Suzi Bonifay and Cousin Barb for making the fascinators as a tribute to our Founders.**

**Although there is not enough room herein to thank every person who made Fun Day a success, we need to give shout outs to all of the District Chairmen who coordinated the individual Chapter responsibilities; to Pat Smith and team for prepping the registration and goodies; to Decatur, Atlanta & Marietta Districts for table decorations; to Donna Smith for coordinating Ways and Means; to Dawn Hudson for her technology wizardry; to Cathy Limmer, Lori Carnine and Jeanne Butler for the fabulous music and wonderful adapted renditions; and to tap dancer Nita Bullock (oh, to dance like that again).**

**More praises go to Mary Lou Goehring snapping all those pictures (she recruited her own team to help her and they were awesome); Susie Dailey, Kellie Hubbard, Barbie Whitley, Ruth Rennick and those who did display boards; to Lea Mazzucco with Disaster Relief and adding, distributing and selling GA SHIRTS; to Janet Robison for the wonderful gifts for 17 guests and International Representative (she did a lot of baking); Susie Dailey and her TEAM for the C20 Altruistic Project (they may never want to box up journals again); to Pippy Rogers and her terrific Asst. Sgt at Arms team (keeping us straight and moving along); and to Suzi and Pippy, the now infamous K and C, our terrific MCs.**

**Last but not least, thank you to the Founder's Parade Participants (what FUN seeing them dress up, parade and dance); to the Chapter Ways and Means sales teams (there was something for everyone); to Robin Dudley for saying YES to Terri and me when we asked her to head up Georgia's FIRST SILENT AUCTION (what a success, 12 items brought in close to \$800 and may be the start of a new tradition); to the 12 Executive Board/Past State Presidents and an Advisory Council member for donating to the Silent Auction); to Lisa Tilley for handling our finances and distributing Altruistic checks; to all our out-of-state guests for their support and contributions to our projects; and to EACH AND EVERY GEORGIA SISTER WHO ATTENDED AND PITCHED IN--you made Fun Day 2023 one of the best ever!**



**PROPOSED Bylaw Amendments Discussion  
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY for ALL of US!**

**Hope you will join one of the Zooms listed below.  
You do NOT have to be registered for the Convention to join in.**

Join Mary Ey, International Executive Board member and Mary Lou Beck, International Bylaws Chair to learn about the proposed Bylaw Amendments.

Zoom sessions will be facilitated on the following dates:

**May 11 8-9 EST**

**May 16 8-9 EST**

Information to join Zoom will also be on the website:  
Membership > 2023 Ballot Items

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Christi Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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[pwd=MmNISGdsRzRmVW1RdVNWWkJRL3RYdz09](#)**

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Passcode: 626960

Find your local number: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85329673110?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85329673110?pwd=MmNISGdsRzRmVW1RdVNWWkJRL3RYdz09)  
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**THANK YOU for adding this to  
your already busy schedule!**





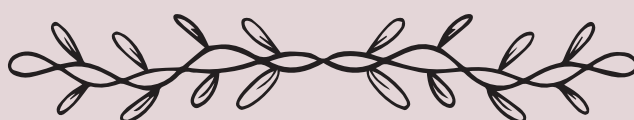
**CONGRATULATIONS to GEORGIA'S  
GIFT OF GRATITUDE Grant Recipients!**



Beta Alpha	Alpha Lambda
Beta Lambda	Delta
Beta Rho	Alpha Epsilon
Beta Delta	Gamma Beta
Alpha Gamma	Alpha Rho
Alpha Delta	Sigma
Omicron	Tau
Alpha Nu	Gamma Epsilon
Beta Gamma	Beta Psi
Alpha Sigma	Alpha Iota
Beta Upsilon	Beta Epsilon
Beta Phi	

**Sharing the GIFT of  
GRATITUDE GRANTS takes  
TEAM WORK. THANK YOU  
for sharing your time with  
and enthusiasm about  
ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.**

**YOU are the hands and  
feet of ALL  
GA Alpha Delta Kappa  
sisters during  
Teacher Appreciation  
week.  
THANK YOU!**



**Technology at its best!  
Thanks to our Technology Chairman  
DAWN HUDSON!**

**If you attended the 2023  
FUN DAY, please take a  
moment and fill out the  
evaluation below!**

**To see photos from Fun Day 2023,  
link to our  
GA State webpage [here](#) after May 9th!  
Sorry for the delay!**

**Fun Day Evaluation  
<https://forms.gle/gC3jgU2946tQfSC6A>**





Did you know that we have a Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook page? Out of over 1500 members, only 339 have joined the group. Perhaps you can share the page at your next chapter meeting and show sisters how easy it is to join. Membership will be checked before sisters are added. It's a great way to see what's going on across the state.

## Membership Update      Suzi Bonifay

Alpha Delta Kappa is still here after 75 years because our founders created a wonderful culture of Scholarship, Leadership, service and World Understanding. They created something that women educators needed then and still need today—they created a family—a diverse family but one that has shared values -and the strength of that family comes from its members.

At the beginning of the biennium we had 1555 members. With our state goal of increasing our membership by one percent that means we need to reach 1571. Unfortunately, we have already lost 22 members to the Omega chapter. As a point of reference, the number joining Omega was 48 in the last biennium—and we are close to the halfway mark. I hope we don't lose anyone else, but in an organization in which we support and revere our elder members, it happens. Each and every one of those in the Omega chapter was special to us.

While you may not realize it, each of you from Georgia is one of 6185 members or former members in the state. In looking back to those early years of the beginning of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa we actually have eight active Diamond sisters who joined in the late 1950s to early 1960s. They include: Dorothy Mayo, Beta Rho; Jane Lackman, Omicron; Beulah Bowen, Sustaining; Patricia Britton, Fidelis Nu; Carolyn Kelly, Fidelis Alpha; Barbara Roy, Alpha Delta; Julia Anderson, Alpha Beta and Anna Hunter, Chi. Wouldn't it be nice to reach out to our jewels? I guarantee that each of our elder and former members helped pave the way for the organization we have today.

Unfortunately, we have also lost approximately 60 members this biennium to resignations due to moves, life circumstances, the stresses of work and other. Don't forget about them—stay in touch—keep tabs. I am pleased though, to note that we currently have 1510 members and of those 39 are new initiates and 9 are reinstated members. So that's an addition of 48.

I believe we can top 125 additional members by May of 2024. 55 of our 65 chapters chose increasing membership as one of their goals on the CNA. I know a number of you received the Gifts of Gratitude membership grant. If you didn't receive one, those same materials can be downloaded from the Intl. website or requested to be sent through the mail for free. I calculate that we need to add 75 members from now thru May of 2024 and hang onto every member we currently have. That would be just slightly over 1 member per chapter. And, in case you do lose one, you have to add two for a gain. I know you will all be looking forward to the membership challenge that starts in June—it promises lots of prizes! If you work as hard in the remaining months of the biennium, I know you can meet your own membership goals, help the state meet theirs, but more importantly you can make GA Alpha Delta Kappa stronger. Just think what we could do if every chapter brought in two to three new members. So, Share the Love of Alpha Delta Kappa and employ the Each One, Reach One strategy.

## WHY WE FIGHT

### Women and Alzheimer's Disease

- Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's crisis.
- Almost two-thirds of American seniors living with Alzheimer's disease are women.
- Among those aged 65 and older, 12% of women have Alzheimer's, compared with 9% of men.
- At age 65, women without Alzheimer's have more than a 1 in 5 chance of developing Alzheimer's during the remainder of their lives, compared with a 1 in 9 chance for men.

About The Longest Day:

<https://youtu.be/ff3uXoOuJLw>

### JOIN OUR TEAM NOW

PAGE LINK: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=16164&pg=team&team\\_id=782385](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=16164&pg=team&team_id=782385)

Why not think of inviting other chapters or friends to join you in your Longest Day activities!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*June 15 - Late registration for International Convention deadline*

*June 20 - "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association*

*June 30 - H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary to HQ deadline*

*June 30 - C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Form deadline*

*July 1 - KAPPAN submission deadline (September publication)*

**July 13-16 -- International Convention, Kansas City, MO (Kansas City Marriott Downtown)**

### Fall 2023 District Meetings

Sept. 30 -- Dalton District

Oct. 7 -- Columbus District

Oct. 14 -- Athens District

Oct. 21 -- Augusta District

Oct. 28 -- Tri-District (Atlanta, Decatur, Marietta)

### Spring 2024 District Meetings

Feb. 3 -- Heart of GA

Feb. 10 -- Albany

Feb. 17 -- Columbus

Feb. 24 -- Golden Isles

March 2 -- Atlanta

March 9 -- Decatur

March 16 -- Athens

March 23 -- Augusta

April 13 -- Dalton

April 20 -- Marietta



**May 17-18, 2024 GA State Convention in Augusta (Marriott at the Convention Center)**



**FUN Day 2023**  
**by Terri Thompson**

**In every organization there is a list of top ten. After Saturday's FUN Day, we all know who is #1 in that tier. Georgia sisters are the GREATEST. In the program wrap-up, I said "I am on a High." Well, I am still on that emotional high. You certainly "Raised Me Up!" Thank you, thank you, Georgia sisters! Over two hundred members in person shared the event with me. Sixteen hundred plus supported the day with your gifts of snacks and water, your service, your remembrances, thoughts, wishes and altruism.**

**We all had FUN!**

**I can not close without expressing my gratitude for support of the C2O Journal project for the six Ronald McDonald Houses in Georgia. Each house will receive more than one hundred journals for families to record their experiences while residing there. Our packed journal goal was six hundred, but we exceeded it by doubling that number.**

**Thank you, Susie Dailey, and the Altruistic Committee, for the count. More than twelve hundred journals were donated. A check will also be given to each house from funds generated by the silent auction, members, and in place of the table favors.**

**Thank you, Erin Neal, for all the paper boxes for packing and taking the incomplete journals for your fifth graders to add the stickers.**

**Emcees "K and C" reminded us "Give yourself a pat on the back."**

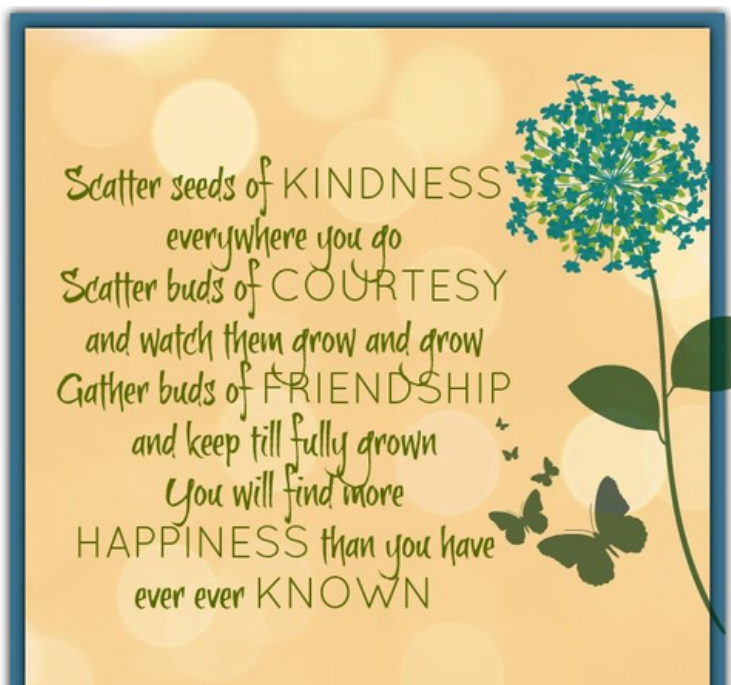
**We had FUN! FUN! FUN!**

**For those of you who attended Fun Day, click [here](#) for a quick survey to give us feedback on the event which will guide decisions for future events.**

**Thank you!**







**Bloom Where YOU Have  
Planted!**



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*Sisters & Prayers*

Trisha Tillman - Omega

Melinda Thompson - Omega

Charlene Dunn - Knee Surgery

Denise Shepherd - Surgery

Elizabeth Fogerty - Hospitalization

Kim Crawford - Family Loss



Praying for Joy, Peace, Healing, and  
Happiness for our Georgia Alpha  
Delta Kappa Sisters.

## **TEACHERS...END THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH...**

Having Fun, Celebration and Reflection, Practicing Self Care, Don't Count Each Day....Make Each Day Count, Teach Until The Last Bell Rings, Give Lots of Hugs, and Keep Coffee and Chocolate Nearby!



Our 2022-2023 International President and GULF IVP themes and logos have been shared and enjoyed by our sisters. We have certainly SHARED the LOVE and will continue to do so. Debbie Clark's Alpha Delta Kappa Life and the ocean brought us all together at GULF REGION for a wonderful time and a great cruise with music and dancing!



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# International Bylaws and Resolution Update 2023

## by: Melissa Hoffman

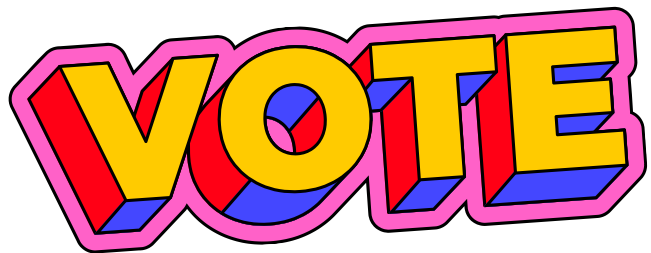
I hope that you will take the time to view the upcoming changes on the International website under the Membership Tab. In the drop-down box, click on 2023 Ballot Items. There you will see Candidate Bios, 2023, Voting Schedule, 2023, Convention Rules, and 2023 Proposed Bylaw Amendments. There is a box for motions and information about two upcoming ZOOM meetings concerning these changes. Official online voting will be June 9-16.

### Things to know about the upcoming changes:

**Conforming changes** will mirror the content of the Constitution for Alpha Delta Kappa.

**Editorial changes** will make technical changes.

**Proposed changes** are written to change the aspect of the Bylaws. The proposed changes that will directly affect a chapter are **#4** (the word unanimous will be replaced by majority in a chapter vote), and **#10** (the dues deadline will be changed from May 1 to March 1 when a member will be dropped from the International Directory).



...make a difference.  
It is important as we move forward  
into the 2023-2025 biennium!

# ***SCHOLARSHIP NEWS***

**Congratulations to the  
Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State  
Scholarship Winners  
Submitted by the Marietta District  
\$1500 each**

**Elizabeth Eason**

Senior at Bowdon High School  
will attend Berry College

**Bryson Grabowski**

Student at Union College in Kentucky

**Carly Henry**

Senior at Jacksonville High School  
will attend Jacksonville State University

**Darby Burns**

Senior at Central High School  
will attend University of Georgia



**Congratulations to the  
Past State Presidents'  
Scholarship Winners  
\$500 each**

**Sandra Bailey**, Gamma Gamma Chapter

**Alicia Benton**, Tau Chapter

**Scarlet Butzin**, Tau Chapter

**Dina Cutforth**, Tau Chapter

**Diane Phillips**, Beta Psi Chapter

**Melanie Spivey**, Tau Chapter



*All winners will receive communication  
soon from State VP of Scholarships,  
Kellie Hubbard*

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# Thank you!



FRATERNITY EDUCATION  
by: Diane Phillips

Happy SPRING sweet sisters!

I am excited to announce the totals  
for Georgia's Altruistic Endeavors

Volunteer Hours 333,557  
Monetary Donations \$804,093  
Non-Monetary Donations \$218,852  
Chapter Altruistic Donations \$68,689  
Gifts to the Foundation \$3,706  
ITE Donations \$1,853  
Scholarships \$140,327

**GRAND TOTAL \$1,237,520**

Thank you to all the Sisters who filled out  
and submitted the Jot forms. Thanks to the  
District Chairmen who made those all  
important calls.

Susie Dailey  
Georgia Altruistic Chairman

I hope all is well in each of your chapters  
as you look to finish this first year of our  
biennium! Do you have something fun  
planned for your May meeting to get  
everyone excited about attending  
International Convention? 75 years as an  
organization is such an amazing  
accomplishment! While looking at all of  
the Fraternity Education resources on the  
international website (Members Only,  
then Resource Library, and then type in  
Fraternity Education into the search bar), I  
came across a cute skit that might be the  
perfect finish to your chapter's year! Why  
not let our "Founders" share a brief  
celebration of our accomplishments over  
these last 75 years? I believe they would be  
so very proud of all of our hard work! I  
think I will video our chapter's  
performance and use it as a recruitment  
tool!

[Founders Look Back at 75 Years.pdf](#)

*Historian*

*We all had fun at Fun Day and have seen lots of great pictures online.  
Now I need a favor. Please send me your favorite pictures from Fall  
district meetings, meetings throughout the year and Spring District  
meetings. Be sure to send as a jpeg and let me know who is in the  
pictures. Thanks to all the Chapters that have sent me photos of their boards  
with the names of their officers. Please send to  
[Marylouadk@gmail.com](mailto:Marylouadk@gmail.com)*





Sweet sisters had fun CATCHING UP!  
 Bev Turner in the middle joined in Dalton, moved to Athens,  
 retired to Beta Gamma in Atlanta!  
 THIS IS SISTERHOOD at its best!



Terri, Hazel and Paige



Daughter and MOM!  
 President Elect Terri and Past State  
 President Hazel



Alabama State President Kay Taylor  
 Georgia State President Debbie Boswell



Decorations by Denise Shepherd  
 Lambda President, Betty Wilcher  
 Heart of GA District Chairman  
 Barbara Long  
 Disaster Relief Chairman  
 Lea Mazzucco

