



BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

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

"July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden." - Jean Hersey

What a special time of year this is. I do love walking into the garden for those fresh vegetables, but for me...I LOVE peaches AFTER 4th of July!

As I sit here typing, I am beginning to hear so many wonderful sounds as INDEPENDENCE DAY celebrations are continuing with FIREWORKS!

THANK YOU for sharing your pictures on Facebook today. I love seeing all the parties, decorations and especially everyone having fun and in their red, white and blue!

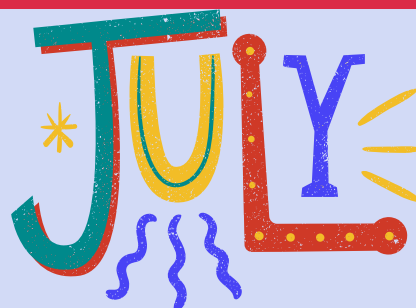
Whatever your traditions, I hope you had a wonderful day with family and friends!

THANK YOU to our Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters who have served and have sacrificed for our freedom.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 69th Anniversary Alpha Chapter and GEORIGA!



What an incredible journey! Sixty-nine years of service in Alpha Delta Kappa! Originating in Atlanta, our members are currently spread to Decatur, Snellville, Loganville, Lawrenceville, Peachtree Corners, and the North Georgia Mountains. Despite the distances, we always manage to find our way together at least once a month for our meetings and then for additional lunches and outings. The key ingredients to every gathering are Fun, Friendship, and Service! Currently we have 20 members with one new initiate and plans to bring in three more sisters over the next two months. We are a mixture of retired and active teachers who love working together for the students, the schools, and the community. Our oldest member, Peg Ziegler has been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa for over 60 years joining our Alpha Chapter when she first moved to Georgia. Carolyn Dixon and Camilla Stephens have been active at the chapter and district level for many years. They, along with Diane Terry and Jackie Walker Reid, love to travel to Tri-Districts, Fun Days, and State Conventions. Teressa Owens and Ruth Was continue to find ways to be involved serving as VP for Membership and Chaplain as well as Secretary for our chapter. These ladies are the foundation of our Alpha group and have been for years, most of them for thirty-five or more! There isn't a role they have not played in our chapter. Kathy Lobe, our Omega sister, brought me into this amazing group of ladies, and I truly feel like they are my sisters, my family.

What makes us special? Annette Frantz and I marvel at that all the time. Serving as Co-presidents this year and in years past, we know how giving our Alpha sisters are. If there is a need, we share it, and together we find a way to meet that need - helping others and giving generously of our time and money. A few projects that have touched us over the years included making baby hats for preemies, creating sunshine care boxes, providing treats for teachers across seven schools, adopting active teachers and letting them know we support their efforts, building classroom libraries, helping three Boy Scouts by funding and working on their Eagle Projects, and supporting the Alzheimer's Association and the March of Dimes. Time flies when you are having fun, and that is true for Alpha Chapter, our Atlanta District and State AΔK. With Alpha, we have met many amazing leaders and we are so lucky when they get to visit our chapter. As educators, we bring the joy of learning into everything we do, and that is what makes Alpha Chapter and Alpha Delta Kappa such a wonderful group! Sixty-nine years old, and the adventure continues. How blessed are we!

YOUR ALPHA SISTERS



FRATERNITY EDUCATION

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Lets GET EXCITED about EiE!

**Freda Doster, our Georgia Excellence in Education Chairman
will share more information in the weeks to come .**

Start thinking now about who you would like to nominate for the Excellence in Education Award this fall. EiE Awards are designed to recognize members who are active educators for their outstanding contributions to education. The award increases visibility and promotes Alpha Delta Kappa (AΔK) on the state/province/national, regional, and International levels.

Why should chapter members nominate sisters? Imagine how honored a member would feel to be recognized by her sisters as an exemplary educator. Members that are active educators may also self-nominate. Picture how proud the chapter members would be if the nominee is the recipient at the State/Province/Nation (S/P/N) level, receiving a monetary award of \$500 from the AΔK Foundation, and goes on to be recognized at the regional level. The regional recipient receives a monetary award of \$1000 from the AΔK Foundation. That regional recipient would then be eligible to receive the highest recognition at the International level, which includes a monetary award of \$5,000. This is a once-in-a-biennium opportunity for recognition!

How to Nominate/Apply

The Online Nomination and Application platform can be accessed via Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari browser; do not use Internet Explorer. The application can be found on the Alpha Delta Kappa website under the Foundation tab > Awards Grants & Scholarships link and is the second one listed. The application will open August 1st and is to be submitted by October 1st, at 11:59 PM Central time. As the time to apply nears, look for more steps to be posted in the newsletter.



SPARKLING SISTERS!

YOU Shined Your Light! Georgia is leading the Alpha Delta Kappa Global Team! As of June 30th, The Longest Day Global Team has raised \$217,043.39. OUR Georgia Alpha Delta Team has donated \$30,390. of the Global Team total amount!

GO GA SISTERS!

Everyone has until July 31 to count donations for a prize and until August 31, for donations to be turned in for this 2023 fund raising efforts. I will list chapter team totals in the August Voices Newsletter.

Looking forward to SEEING many of my sisters in Kansas City and will miss all of you who weren't able to make the Convention!

Thank you for making a difference in the FIGHT to END Alzheimer's !

In sisterly love, PIPPY



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 13-16 -- ALPHA DELTA KAAPA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. Kansas City, MO

Make sure to visit the International Website for updates after the CONVENTION!

Keep an eye out in August for

Chapter and State Officer Packets emailed from HQ and updated on the website.

August 1 - The nomination form for Excellence in Education will open on August 1, with a deadline of October 1. More information will be coming in the August newsletter.

September 15 - Classroom Grant Deadline. [Click here](#) for more information.

October - Alpha Delta Kappa Month

October 1 - KAPPAN submission deadline (December publication). [Click here](#) for information.

October 15 - [Regional Mini Fall Scholarship Application](#) Deadline.

October 15 - 990_N IRS E-Postcard deadline*****

Membership Update Suzi Bonifay

Here's hoping each of you is enjoying some rest, relaxation and rejuvenation with family and friends during these hot summer months. July has started out as a barn burner.

Taking time for yourself is as important as fun, fellowship and laughter. As Pippy reminds us often, laughter releases endorphins and is a great elixir for our ailments and troubles.

As noted in the May newsletter, we started this biennium with 1555 members.

According to the June download we have slipped to 1486. While math wasn't my best subject in school, I do believe that we are headed in the wrong direction. Therefore, I'm challenging each of you to find one woman educator who exemplifies scholarship, leadership and service and invite her to join you early in the fall. As you read Alpha chapter's message on page two, they brought in one new member with plans for three more. Kudos to Alpha Chapter and kudos to all of the chapters who brought in one of 41 new members since June of 2022.

Others of you have done wonderful things this summer toward increasing membership, as well. One standout is Beta Rho in Albany District. They concentrated their efforts on the same school where the Alpha Delta Kappa Fine Arts grant is being implemented.

According to CP Judy Sikes, Beta Rho's past strategy of doing just a tiny gesture for multiple schools did not seem to make a difference in membership. Her lesson learned from her presidency is that sometimes a big splash in one pond is more effective than a tiny droplet in multiple ponds. They have had four prospects from that one elementary school and using the *Each One, Reach One* strategy have 5 other prospects that attended a summer social just last week representing teachers, admins and four different counties. They also used part of their *Gift of Gratitude* grant materials at the social. Applause to Beta Rho.

In addition, a number of your chapters have participated in fun activities over the summer--Alpha Gamma served up ice cream sundaes to campers, many of you participated in The Longest Day activities as a chapter, and others sent cards to nursing home residents. While it is in supporting and giving to others that we truly enrich our lives it's also a recommendation in this month's cornerstone to stay in touch with one another. Stay tuned for our state membership campaign details in the August newsletter.



Starfish Story

An old man was walking on the beach one morning after a storm. In the distance, he could see someone moving like a dancer. As he came closer, he saw that it was a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the ocean.

"Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die," she said.

"But young lady, do you not realize that there are many miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You cannot possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely, then bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the sea.

"It made a difference for that one," she smiled.

"Adapted from the original by Leren Eiseley"



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Sisters & Prayers

DEBRA MUSE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER

MARY HAMMOND FAMILY DEATH

LINDA REDDICK OMEGA CHAPTER/ALPHA BETA

MARY WALKER OMEGA CHAPTER/ALPHA TAU

MARTHA KING FAMILY DEATH

PAT CARR SURGERY JULY 5TH

DEBBIE CLARK FAMILY ILLNESS

LISA TILLEY KNEE REPLACEMENT

ANN WISE KNEE REVISION

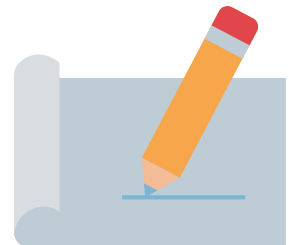
CARLENE DUNN PENDING HIP SURGERY

FREDA DOSTER COMPLETING RADIATION

The greatest *gifts* we
can give to each other,
is to *pray* for one
another.

SECRETARY UPDATES

By JUDY SHAKLEE



HELLO, DEAR SISTERS! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE FINISHED THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM? I KNOW ALL OF YOU ARE GLAD TO HAVE COMPLETED ALL OF THE MINUTES OF YOUR YEAR AND SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSONS. IT IS SO WONDERFUL THAT SO MANY CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN UPLOADING THE MINUTES OF THEIR MEETINGS TO THE GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA WEBSITE. YOU PROVIDE A GREAT DEAL OF HELP TO OTHER CHAPTERS BY MODELING HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU AS WELL FOR HAVING COMPLETED AND SENT YOUR H-114 TO INTERNATIONAL BY JUNE 30. HOPEFULLY IT WAS AN EASY TASK BECAUSE YOU HAD GONE TO THE INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE LAST FALL BEFORE YOUR MEETINGS BEGAN, PRINTED THE H-114, AND FILLED IT IN AFTER EACH OF YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS THIS FIRST YEAR. IT MAKES IT A BREEZE WHEN THE OFFICIAL FORM HAS TO BE SENT IN. BECAUSE WE ARE ALL EDUCATORS, I KNOW THAT YOU EDUCATED YOURSELF ON HOW RECORDING OF THE MINUTES MIGHT BE EASIER FOR YOU THIS NEXT YEAR. YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND I THANK YOU.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

From Kellie Hubbard
Vice President for Scholarships



The **Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Memorial Scholarship** committee met and the recipient was chosen. We had some outstanding applicants, but **Mackenzie White**, a senior at GSU, stood out among all the rest. She has a GPA of 3.99, was on the President's list for 6 consecutive semesters, had raving reviews from both her college supervisor and her supervising student teacher, belongs to numerous campus organizations and holds leadership roles in several, and holds down a job in the college bookstore! She exemplifies the ideals of Alpha Delta Kappa and we are delighted to award her the \$2500.00 scholarship. I know Melba would be proud!!

Fraternally,
Boo Padgett



CONGRATULATIONS TO GRETTA MILAM OF LA GRANGE COLLEGE FOR WINNING BEST COLLEGE PROFESSOR. THIS AWARD WAS VOTED ON BY THE CITIZENS. SHE IS A MEMBER OF BETA IOTA.

ATLANTA DISTRICT

You will have the opportunity to award 10 state scholarships this year. It is never too early to begin looking for applicants!




HINTS FOR AN AMAZING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By: Dawn Hudson

GA Chairman of Technology and International Ed Symposium Committee

For those of you planning to attend the 75th anniversary convention in Kansas City, MO - here are some things that may make your trip easier and more relaxing.

- What clothing to wear? Hints from International - "Know Before You Go" - No Jeans or Shorts 
 - Don't forget - kickoff on July 14th of the main convention is WEAR YOUR HEARTS apparel!
- Wear comfortable walking shoes - the hotel is split into an East Tower and a West Tower which are connected with an elevated walkway (the West Tower connects on the second level to the East Tower's Main Level lobby).
- Where are the meeting rooms? There will be plenty Sergeant At Arms to help direct, but familiarizing yourself with the maps of the hotel helps. See the next page of this newsletter for a full map of both towers and meeting rooms.
- Looking for things to do in Kansas City? [Link here for the Kansas City Visitor's Bureau](#)
- Wanting some great restaurants? use [Trip Advisor](#) to read tourist and local reviews about which restaurants may be the best fit for you including specific food types such as barbecue, steakhouses, etc. and even those known for fine dining if you wish.
 - [Vegan/Vegetarian Dining in Kansas City](#)
- [33 Free things to do in Kansas City](#)
- [20 Cool, hidden, unusual things to do in Kansas City](#)
- Need help getting around to places because you don't have a rental car or your own car? Compare prices by using the hotel address (200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105) and the name of the place you are going.
 - [Uber Cost estimator](#)
 - [Lyft Cost estimator](#)
 - Other modes of transportation highlighted by the [Kansas City International Airport](#)
- [Broad Convention Schedule](#)

**Be on the lookout in the August newsletter
for wonderful pictures from our
75th International Convention!**