



BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

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

What a busy and exciting past few weeks for all of our Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters!

We had 78 Sisters attend and participate in the 75th Anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa in Kansas City, as well as many sisters participated virtually. Please check out the sessions that are posted on line. There are lots of ideas for programs there!

We celebrated our own Debbie Clark as the LAST GULF IVP as she turned the reins over to our first ever PRESIDENT of the Gulf Region, Lottie Roy. It was a fun time had by close to 100 sisters drop in to the Georgia Hospitality Suite.

Our Georgia Night Out was a huge success. THANK YOU to Janet Robison and all those who helped make both of these events a huge success, not to mention the wonderful HOSPITALITY SUITE that was enjoy by all.

More pictures will be shared in the September newsletter. Please email me any that you would like to have shared!



**GA Executive Board
at the 75th International Convention!**



**GA Past State Presidents
Norma Rushing, Debbie Clark,
June Bellamy and Hazel Stanton...ready to
celebrate the
75th Anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa**



Debbie Clark & Lottie Roy

It is so fun seeing the excitement on Face Book many of you are sharing about your first day back to school. Your enthusiasm is contagious and I have to say your classrooms look so inviting! YOU have our future in your hands and are appreciated for all that you do for our children throughout Georgia.

It has been interesting to see the ways many of our chapters have welcomed teachers back to school with goody bags, treats and supplies to get the year started off right.

**The Gifts of Gratitude keep on giving!
May each of you have the very best year ever.**

ITE Scholar



Sarah Pradoto

And she's here! After having the opportunity to support many ITE Scholars in other states, Georgia is excited and proud to host Sarah Pradoto from Indonesia who will be attending UGA to work on her master's degree. She is just delightful. Sarah arrived Saturday and was greeted at the Atlanta Airport by her very own GA Alpha Delta Kappa welcoming committee bearing goody bags, flowers, balloons, a GA shirt and I think a Go Dawgs cheer led by SP Boswell (a diehard Gamecock fan). Since she was up early and slightly hungry, Sarah got to visit the iconic Dwarf House and then spend time with the Boswells before heading to Athens on Sunday.

Once settled, information will be sent to chapters about Sarah, how to contact her and ideas on how we may support her and make her feel at home. We do know she has a birthday coming up September 4th! Georgia sisters are always gracious and kind and we know that Sarah will feel an outpouring of love from sisters far and wide.



Welcome to
GEORGIA!



Lea Mazzucco, Patsy Slagle, Lisa Christopher
Janet Robison, Debbie Boswell and Sarah!
Lea no doubt shared her LOVE of the DAWGS!

Membership Update Suzi Bonifay



It's Membership 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. Increasing membership is also likely to help you meet one of your goals for the year. Winners to be announced at State Convention in May 2024!

There are six ways to win! For MEMBERS: 1.The name of each NEW, TRANSFERRED or REINSTATED Member and FIRST TIMER attending the 2024 GA State Convention will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive \$100 towards State Convention expenses in 2024. 2.The name of each SPONSOR of a New or Reinstated Member attending the 2024 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 2024 GA State Convention, the winner will receive \$100 towards State Convention expenses in 2024. 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 2024. 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. And who knows, there may even be a few surprises in store.



Georgia Star Recognized at Intl. Convention



A Membership Service Award is presented at the Regional Luncheon to each SPN that has a nominee. The Georgia recipient for 2023 is Nancy Locke of Georgia Tau. Nancy serves at the chapter VP for membership; is actively involved in activities; and continues to support Alpha Tau, her district, the state and International. Kudos to Nancy for her outstanding service.



THE STAR POLISHER

i have a great job in the universe of occupations.
what do i do?



i'm a "star polisher."



it's a very important job.

if you want to know how important,
just go out at night and look at the stars
twinkling and sparking.

you see, i'm a teacher, an educator, am mentor.
the stars are the children in my class.

my job is to take them in
whatever shape they come,
and shine and buff them
and then send them out



to take their places as bright twinkling beacons
in the sky.

they come into my room in all shapes and sizes.
sometimes they're bent, tarnished, dirty, crinkly, or broken.
some stars are cuddly and soft.
some are prickly and thorny.
as i buff and polish,

i train and teach my little stars;

i tell them that the world cannot do without them.

each night as i look at the sky,

i'm reminded of my very important job
and awesome responsibility.



then i get my soft buffing cloth
and my bottle of polish

in preparation for tomorrow
...for my class of little stars.

-leah becks



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Sisters & Prayers

DOROTHY MAY - OMEGA

LANNA DENISON - OMEGA

PAT BUSH - OMEGA

MARY WALKER - OMEGA

CATHY LIMMER - SURGERY

PAT CARR

FREDA DOSTER

SISTERS WITH COVID



PROJECT CHEAR

We have wonderful news about Project C.H.E.A.R.! Your generosity has allowed a beautiful children's home and school to be built because we have exceeded our goal and raised over \$60,000! Thank you all so very much. From Joshua's video, you can see there's more to be accomplished. As of July 31, if you want to continue contributing to Project C.H.E.A.R., you can only do so by contributing directly to Harambee Foundation. The Alpha Delta Foundation will put any donations designated to CHEAR into the general fund. Harambee Foundation supports Joshua's work in Babati, Tanzania, and we have four PA Alpha Delta Kappa sisters serving on the Board of Directors. Please make your checks to Harambee Foundation and make sure you write CHEAR in the memo. Mail your check to Harambee Foundation, PO Box 216, West Point, PA, 19486. Know your money will continue to be wisely spent helping the nearly 90 children we support by providing an education.

Let's continue this journey of love together.

Cam Johnston



GA Alpha Delta Kappa is # 1

SISTERS as of August 3rd, International

The Longest Day has raised \$266,665.80 AND

GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA \$33,633 !!!

WOW...WE ARE AMAZING *** Our challenge is to keep our #1 Spot. SC ADK is quickly adding to their total every time I've checked. We DO have until August 31st to turn in all Donations. 😊

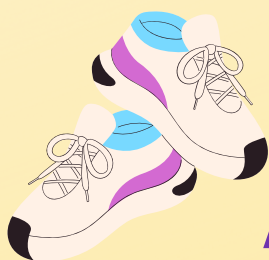
*** NOW FOR OUR TOP TEAM TOTALS***

ALPHA SIGMA \$ 1,365 ALPHA TAU \$1,145

BETA GAMMA \$3,255 DELTA \$1,135

GAMMA DELTA \$2063 GAMMA EPSILON \$2,588

Who Will Take The Prize ???



ALTRUISTIC OPPORTUNITY

The Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation has partnered with St. Jude Children's Hospital to support and participate in the ADK St. Jude Walk/Run in September. Registration is free. You and your chapter can participate in this hybrid event either in person or virtually. Watch for more details to be sent soon to help you find how you can best participate.

Susie Dailey, Altruistic Chairman

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International President Ann Marie Brown's logo



Bridge to the Future

Our INTERNATIONAL THEME or the 2023-2025 biennium.

We started with a blank slate. Tomorrow, we have a new day!

As Annie from the Broadway play sings, "The sun'll come out tomorrow."

The birds soar into the future, depicting the visionary leaders who founded our organization.

Agnes is in the leading position!

Alpha stands for Athena with its color green. Delta stands for Demeter, the color yellow. Kappa stands for Kore, with our third official color, purple. This design is our modern colorized Delta.

Next, we have upward vertical representations of the seven unique regions. These symbols represent our organization's vision, mission, purposes, and history.

The modern swipe upward is fluid, as it conveys motion but is supported by the seven regions.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

August - 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. Information

August 15 - Distinguished Program Award deadline.

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

October - Alpha Delta Kappa Month

October 1 - KAPPAN submission deadline (December publication).

October 15 - Regional Mini Fall Scholarship Application Deadline

October 15 - 990_N IRS E-Postcard deadline

GULF REGION UPDATE

LOTTIE ROY

2023- 2024 GULF PRESIDENT

Time to Get Up & Step Up By Lottie Roy, Gulf President

Have you ever thought about your leadership role outside your chapter, district or even your state? The Gulf Region will be seeking a sister willing to "Get Up&Look Forward" to the 2024-2026 biennium by offering for Region President-Elect. Applications will be available on the AΔK International website beginning September 1, 2023, and will need to be received at HQ by November 1, 2023. Voting will take place online during May 2024. If you are interested or would like to suggest a sister who you feel can fulfill this office, please email me so I can email you the duties and responsibilities. I can be reached at lottieroy1027@gmail.com Kay Spriggs, GRPE, will look forward to you serving with her. I am looking forward to serving you as your first Gulf Region President.

Look Forward to serving the GULF as the next Region President-Elect.



DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM AWARD

Get Up & Look Forward because...**the deadline for the Distinguished Program Award (DPA) has been moved to August 31.** To allow for chapters to have more time to consider which program they would like to submit, the deadline is being pushed back to the end of the month. I am encouraging all GULF chapters to submit a program from this past year.

To find the DPA application: On the website go to Foundation tab -> Awards, Grants, and Scholarships -> Distinguished Program Award. On that page you will find the awards guidelines and criteria as well as the application link. The submission is through Kaleidoscope, the same program that is used for sisters applying for a scholarship.

I have been to some outstanding programs in the GULF and your chapter needs to complete an application and shine. I am Looking Forward to awarding some super chapters for their super projects!

Excellence in Education

Freda Doster

Committee Chairman

The Time is Now!

The purpose of the Alpha Delta Kappa Excellence in Education Award is to recognize members for outstanding contributions in education, to promote the goals and purposes of Alpha Delta Kappa, to increase the visibility of the organization and to offer additional benefit for being a member.

Nominate or self-nominate an active member who is actively engaged in the education profession, administration or some specialized field of education; exhibits exceptional professional dedication, knowledge and skills; is recognized as an outstanding educator by colleagues, parents and students; has made exemplary contributions to education; shows evidence of professional achievement and success; and demonstrates school/community collaboration.

The process is simple. The online Nomination Form is active August 1st, odd year, with a deadline of October 1st. A narrative describing why the nominee is a worthy candidate must be uploaded with the online Nomination Form. Nominees will receive the Application link via email by October 10th odd year.

Information pertaining to the EiE award can be located on the International website under Foundation, Awards, Grants and Scholarships click on Excellence in Education.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

