



BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

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

We have certainly had a busy summer. Chapters have begun meeting and plans for District Meetings are well under way. I want to challenge you to attend 100% of your chapter meetings this year. Your Chapter, District and State needs you. Now is the time to think about where you would like to share your leadership skills, as well as encouraging your sisters to consider where they might like to share theirs. Remember, we ALL have leadership skills!

As one of our Past State Presidents, **GAYLE OWEN** said:  
"We need to step up and out of the boat to lead! "

**GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is a TEAM EFFORT...YOU are part of this team and that is why GEORGIA has been successful in Educational Excellence, Altruism, World Understanding and FUN for soon to be 70 years!**

Thank you to our **ACTIVE TEACHERS** as you serve the needs of our students on a daily basis. You are to be applauded for your dedication to our communities and the families and children you serve. I hope that you have rested a bit during this holiday break and wish you the best year ever. You already share your leadership and it is very much appreciated. Please know we are here to support you in any way possible. All it takes is a telephone call or text.

I hope that each of you will peruse the International Website and check out **CONNECT**. There are many ideas, suggestions and videos of the sessions held at the 2023 International Convention for programs to share with your chapter. I think you will enjoy many of the videos, activities and suggestions.

Much Love in Sisterhood,  
Debbie



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October - Alpha Delta Kappa Month**

**October 1 - KAPPAN submission deadline (December publication).**

**[Click here](#) for information.**

**October 1 - Excellence in Education Award nomination deadline.**

**October 15 - Regional Mini Fall Scholarship Application Deadline.**

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

**November 15 - Innovation Grant deadline.**



### **FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

**September 30- Dalton District**

**October 7-Columbus District**

**October 14- Athens District**

**October 21- Augusta District**

**October 28- Tri-District ( Atlanta, Decatur, Marietta )**

**Heart of Ga, Albany and Golden Isles have district meetings in the Spring.**



## **ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH**

**GA Chairman Barbie Whitley**

**Each October we have a special opportunity to celebrate, share and highlight with others our wonderful organization! As we take this month to honor the Founders of Alpha Delta Kappa, let us also share the opportunity of membership with other educators.**

**Like our Founders, we need to work to find ways to share the message of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood.**

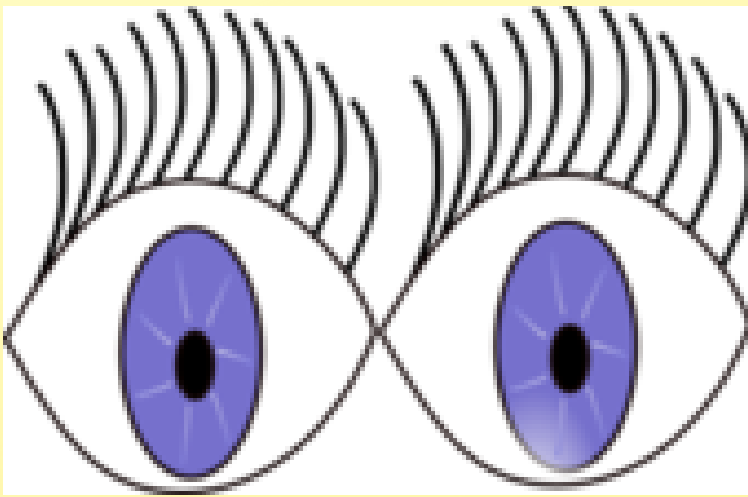
**I am looking forward to seeing the fun and creative ways you came together in October last year to share your love for your communities and the many organizations you helped through your terrific altruistic endeavors.**

**Your smiles and good will came through your pictures last year. It was so much fun making a poster display for FUN DAY with the pictures. Everyone attending was able to take a trip through Georgia as they looked at the display!**

**The updated International Alpha Delta Kappa web page includes many ideas if you are looking for suggestions.**

**The document you will need to fill out and return to me will be sent out on October 1, along with directions. Please be sure to email or mail the document to me along with pictures. Mary Lou Goehring has requested you send her pictures as well.**

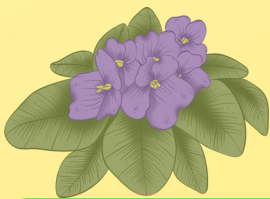
**Emails and addresses will be sent to you on October 1.**



### *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.



## Excellence In Education

### Purpose

Excellence in Education Awards are designed to recognize members who are active educators for their outstanding contributions to education.

### Available to:

Members engaged in education

Nomination is required

### Amount Awarded:

\$500 S/P/N Level Award

### Deadlines:

Nomination October 1st odd-numbered years

The online nomination form can be found on the International Website.

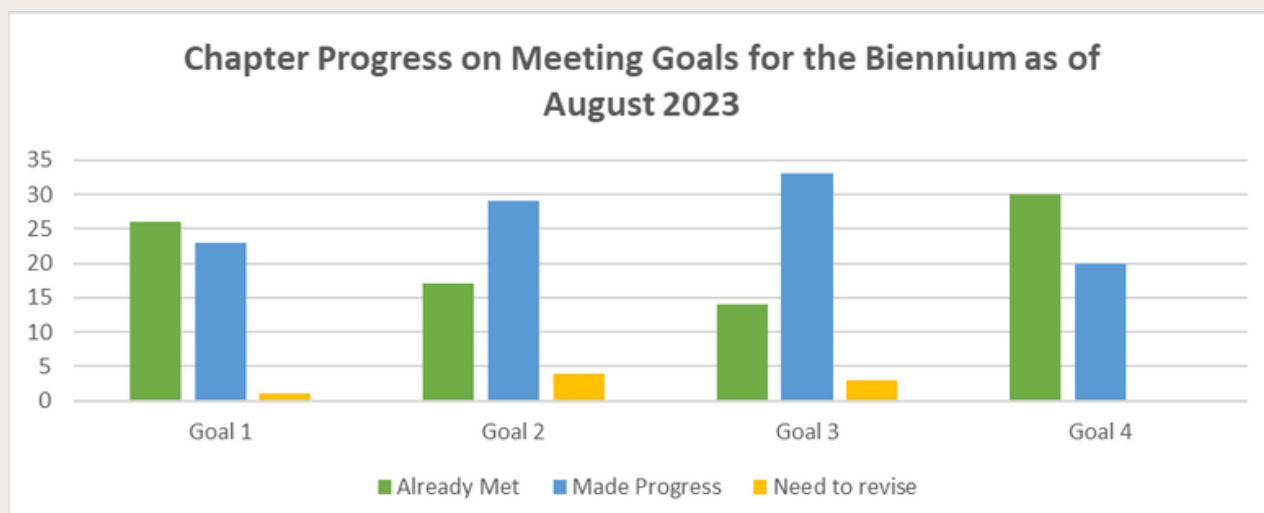


# ***Membership Update***

## ***Suxi Bonifay***



First, let me extend a huge thank you to Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents for Membership. Debbie Boswell and I have been reaching out to each chapter by phone, email and/or zoom to determine the progress made toward reaching the goals set in the fall of 2022. This contact is part of the new CNA timeline that was posted by International on August 3rd of this year. Thus far we have feedback from 50 of 65 chapters and the progress is outlined below. Kudos to all members for helping to fulfill the goals set!



As for the completion of the CNA by May of 2024 each chapter will complete a section entitled *Reflection on the goals for the biennium* and begin discussion on the goals for the next biennium which will be due by Oct. 15, 2024.

If your chapter was one of 20 in Georgia who initiated a new member between January and June, mark your calendars for a Fall Gulf Membership Celebratory Zoom on Sunday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. All of your chapter members will be invited to attend the celebration along with Gulf and International officers. More information is being sent via email so be on the lookout.

Last, here's hoping that each chapter has an awesome final year of the biennium initiating and reinstating members. Let's show educators, not just during Alpha Delta Kappa month but throughout the year, just what a wonderful organization we have. Invite prospects to join in our educational excellence, scholarship, service, world understanding and fun. And while doing so, make your members or chapters eligible for awards during the membership campaign.





# After The Bell Rings

How many times have you run into one of your many students at the grocery store, gas station, movie theater, ballgame, church, wedding, Walmart, on a trip, or in a place that you never imagined?

I cannot begin to count the many times this has happened to me over the years. With each conversation, I walk away with a great big hug, flashbacks filled with great memories, and the heart squeeze that occurs when my student shares a special moment or lesson they experienced with me that was never forgotten. Just like the times you have had a reunion with one of your past students, we realize what a difference we made in their lives.

Several years ago, I was traveling with my husband on a trip to Belize. We signed up to take an excursion on a zip line. We traveled by truck to a remote jungle-like area on a small mountain in the "middle of nowhere." We had just finished putting on all the necessary safety gear to prepare for our journey down the mountain on the zip line. As I was just about to begin my decent, I heard a loud voice in the distance, "Hey MRS. DUDLEY!" I looked up and it was one of my past students who was on the same excursion with me in Belize on her Honeymoon. It was a special moment that brought me great joy.

It is exciting to see our past students and who they have become as adults. We have been blessed with the opportunity of a lifetime to make a difference in a child's life. It's the relationships we have built with them. It's the time we invested. It's all the little ways teachers do every day to make a difference.

It's the love we shared with them....



a love of learning....

love of life...

and love of others.

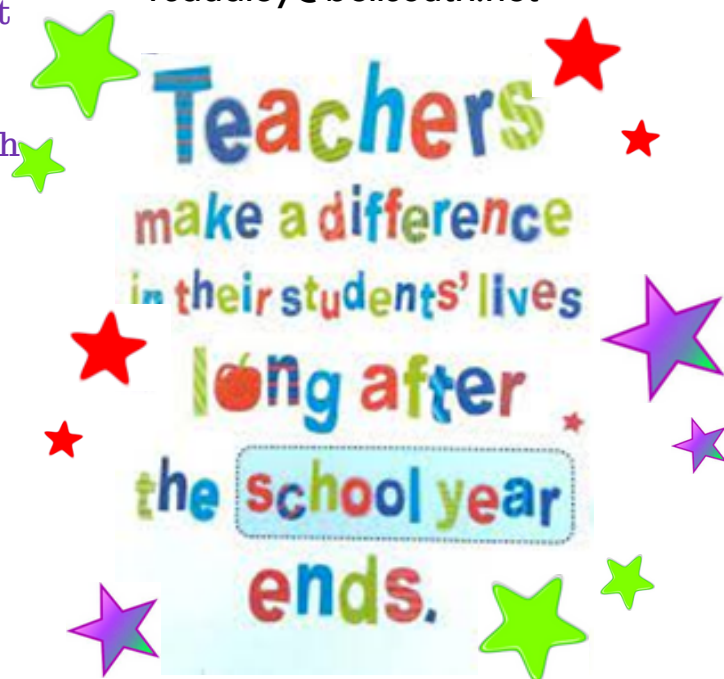
As teachers, they remind us that our contributions on their journey in life continues, even long after the school bell rings.



*Georgia Chaplain*

*Rahin Dudley*

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## *Sisters & Prayers*



*Hurricane Idalia Victims*

*Tan Farrester Family - Omega*

*Lanna Denison Family- Omega*

*Barbara Petty Family - Omega*

*Jewel Hendrix- Family Loss*

*Kathy Jones - Family Loss*

*Lynn Malloy - Family Loss*

*Pat Carr - Health*

*Freda Daster - Health*

*Debbie Clark - Health*

*Mary JO Dukes- Health*

# Notes from the Treasurer



Lisa Tilley  
State Treasurer  
tilleylisa@bellsouth.net

Many thanks to everyone who submitted chapter Cash Flow statements by the June 30 deadline!

Our next treasurer deadlines are October 15 for the 990-N and November 1 for chapter budgets. Please remember that chapter dues are to be submitted by January 1.

Please note that you can find a copy of your current chapter roster at the International website under “Directory” in the Members Only section.

Below is a chart showing the financial due dates for 2023-2024.

DUE DATE	FORM	TREASURER RESPONSIBLE	SEND TO
June 30	Cash Flow and Balance Sheet	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
	D-1: Annual Cash Flow Statement	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
October 15	990-N (IRS e-postcard)	Chapter Treasurer	IRS and a copy to Lisa Tilley
November 1	Chapter Budget	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
	District Budget	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
January 1	Chapter Roster Payment Record	Chapter Treasurer	1. Copy to Lisa Tilley 2. Copy to State President Debbie Boswell
January 1	Pay ITE Scholarship Contribution to International	Chapter Treasurer	Pay online at <a href="#">International</a> website or mail to HQ with Chapter Tracking Sheet (found online)
January 1	GA 103: State Dues and Courtesy Form	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
January 1	GA 102: State Scholarship Assessment Form	Chapter Treasurer	State VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard
January 1	District Dues – District Forms	Chapter Treasurer	Your District Treasurer



## **Disaster Relief - Spreading GA Alpha Delta Kappa**

**Just a quick update on the Georgia Disaster Relief Fund**

**We will continue taking your donations anytime. You may still get chances with your donations to win the beautiful pendant and ring set that was displayed last year, and if your name was not drawn at Fun Day, your chances are still in the jar. The winner of the pendant and ring set will be drawn at the State Convention in May. Just mail your chapter or personal donations to me-**

**Lea Mazzucco  
210 Cedar Circle  
Fayetteville, GA 30214.**

**Although it cannot be said for the rest of the planet, it appears that Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters have weathered the storms of spring and summer, but we are holding our collective breaths as the annual hurricane season arrives.**

**That being said, the people of Hawaii, especially Maui, have not been so fortunate, and many of our members have asked how they might help in the reparations following the fires on the island. Below is information from**

**International :**

**Hawaii's Keiki Need Your Kokua  
(Hawaii's children need your help)**

**All monetary donations in support of this effort received by PSHF from Aug. 7, 2023, through October 1, 2023, will be designated solely for Maui public schools affected by the wildfires. Tax deductible credit card contributions may be made online or via check payable to: Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation & mailed to P. O. Box 4148 Honolulu, Hawaii 96812.**

**Website: <https://pshf.org/donations-page/>**

**Questions? Call 808-375-5336.**

**Other donation options if you choose to help:**

**Red Cross of Hawaii: <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>**

**Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767),**

**or text the word HAWAII to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.**

**Salvation Army—Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division**

**<https://hawaii.salvationarmy.org/>**



**Your donations make  
a world of difference**

# Scholarship News

**Kellie Hubbard,**  
**State VP for Scholarships**  
**kelliehubbardak@gmail.com**

Innovation Grant  
Application Deadline  
Nov. 15  
Click [Here](#) for More  
Info!

The Atlanta District will be responsible for providing applicants for the state scholarship this year.

Applications will be coming to chapter presidents from your district chairman very soon! All applications will be due back to the sponsoring chapter by February 1, 2024 and to the State VP for Scholarship by March 1, 2024.

## Regional Mini Scholarships

Please go to the International Website to see what you may want to apply. This is like college scholarships, the money is there but so many sisters are NOT applying! Please let us know if you have any questions about these scholarships. They are **for MEMBERS ONLY!**



The poster features a circular logo on the left with a stylized 'A' and the text 'WIDE TO THE FUTURE'. Below the logo is a pink box with 'UP TO \$500'. To the right, the text '2023 FALL REGIONAL MINI SCHOLARSHIP' is displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, a yellow box says 'NOW OPEN!'. Further down, it states 'CLOSES OCTOBER 15, 2023'. At the bottom left, a paragraph describes the scholarship: 'REGIONAL MINI SCHOLARSHIPS FALL PROVIDE FUNDS TO ATTEND NON-AΔK SPONSORED CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND NON-CREDIT CLASSES.' Below this is 'MEMBERS ONLY'. A QR code is located at the bottom right.

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**2023 FALL REGIONAL MINI SCHOLARSHIP**

**NOW OPEN!**

CLOSES OCTOBER 15, 2023



**Photos from 2023 International Convention, Kansas City**  
**WHAT A FUN TIME HAD BY ALL!**







# **Historian**

## **Mary Lou Goehring**

**Hope you all had a fun summer and enjoyed Kansas City. Now that school has started, and you are meeting with your chapters - I need your help!!! Please send me a picture of your board with names. Also send me at least 3 pictures of your Chapter doing activities. As we move to October, I need all chapters to send me your October Alpha Delta Kappa Month activities and pictures that you also send to**

**BARBIE WHITLEY, our Alpha Delta Kappa Chairman.**

**I have all the pictures from Kansas City in folders and have shared with those who have asked. Please let me know and I will share my folders with you and your Chapter - Thank you! Mary Lou**



## **International Teacher Education Board UPDATE!**

### **(Judy Tate, Barb Eason, Mary Jo Heller)**

Second year ITE Scholars Vafa Alakbarova, Ambika Putri Perdani, and Dona Srimahachoata were joined by recent graduate Nesrin El-Isa in Kansas City at our 75th Anniversary International Convention. The four ITE Scholars made an indelible impression on the attendees in the learning session they presented, as well as in the plenary session. Their delightful personalities, communication skills and gratitude to Alpha Delta Kappa for our support were on full display throughout the International Convention as they “Shared their Love” with us.

Vafa (Azerbaijan) continues her master’s studies at the University of Massachusetts; Ambika (Indonesia) is in her second year at Georgetown University; and Dona (Thailand) will complete her master’s degree at the University of Washington next spring.

Throughout August, we welcomed four new ITE Scholars for the 2023-2024 academic year: Daw Sing Nue Marma (Bangladesh) - University of Cincinnati; Rose Marie Jane Rementina (Philippines) - University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Phuong Ha Pham (Vietnam) - Teachers College, Columbia University; and Sara Pradoto (Indonesia) - University of Georgia. Each has been warmly welcomed by her co-sponsors and other Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.

Four International Teacher Education (ITE) Scholars completed their master’s degrees in the past months and have returned to their home countries. Nesrin, who was with us in Kansas City, has now returned to Vienna where she will continue as a teacher/leader while continuing to explore PhD programs. Darmini (Ohio State University) is teaching again in Indonesia. Anu (MIT) was recently married in India and will shortly be moving to the Dallas area with her husband. Janett (University of Minnesota, Duluth) has been named to the founding faculty of a new high school in the capital of Estonia. We wish these outstanding recent graduates the very best as they continue their journeys.

Contact information for the seven 2023-2024 ITE Scholars was posted on the password-protected International website and on CONNECT at the end of August.

**For those who enjoy sending birthday greetings to the ITE Scholars:**

**Sarah Pradoto – September 4 ( It is not too late to send Sarah a card if you have not done so yet!)**  
**Milledge Place Condos, 2165 South Milledge Ave #7-6 – Athens, GA 30605**

**Ambika Putri Perdani – September 10**  
**315 K St NE – Washington, D.C. 20002**





## Calling all Georgia Sisters!

As President of the GULF REGION, I am excited to be headed to GEORGIA in a few days to begin planning our GULF CONFERENCE. Our Conference Chairman, Georgia State President Debbie B. and I are excited to see our plans begin to unfold. We will be sharing them with our GULF SISTERS soon so stay tuned in! You never know when you may get a call:) We are counting on YOU as we head to Georgia in July, 2024! Lottie & Debbie

# GULF REGION CONFERENCE

July 13-16, 2024

Crowne Plaza Atlanta  
Perimeter at Ravinia  
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. NE  
(770) 395-7700

Looking forward to a great conference -- Mark your calendars now!



International President  
Ann Marie Brown