



BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

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

What an exciting time of year as we look forward to celebrating with family and friends. Looking over chapter newsletters and minutes, then being able to attend District Meetings has really put a smile on my face these past two months. Each of you has brought so much joy and happiness to those less fortunate than many of us. Thank you to everyone for all that you do for your communities in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa.

We have much to be proud of during our Alpha Delta Kappa Month this year. Seeing AGNES at many meetings has been a treat itself!

November is a month of gratitude and thankfulness for all that we have had, have and hope to have in the future. May each of us “**enjoy the little things, for one day we may look back and realize they were the big things**”. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

## CURRENT address for our ITE STUDENT is:

**Sarah Pradoto**  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15--Innovation Grant Deadline  
November 23-24--Headquarters CLOSED  
November 30--JOT FORM due to International / YOUR OPINION COUNTS  
January 1--International Dues and ITE Contributions Due  
January 1--KAPPAN submissions deadline ( March publication)  
January 21--DISTRICT CHAIRMAN ZOOM meeting at 10 am  
January 31 - Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application due.  
February 15 - Fine Arts Grants Application deadline

## UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

February 1 -- President's Scholarship Deadline  
February 3 -- Heart of Georgia Spring District Meeting  
February 17 -- Columbus Spring District Meeting  
February 10-- Albany Spring District Meeting  
February 24 -- Golden Isles Spring District Meeting  
March 2 -- Atlanta Spring District Meeting  
March 9 -- Decatur Spring District Meeting  
March 16 -- Athens District Meeting  
March 23-- Augusta Spring District Meeting  
April 18--Dalton District Meeting  
April 20--Marietta District Meeting

**May 17-19 GA State Convention in Augusta /Augusta Marriott  
Convention Center**

**July 13-16 Gulf Regional Conference in Atlanta at Crown Plaza Ravinia**



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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 family. Here's thanking all of you for your giving spirit but an extra thanks to those who have been initiating and reinstating members. Our future continues to be in good hands. And here's a reminder that all of those recent new initiates result in chances to win prizes in our Membership Campaign. Keep up the good work and may you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter and delectable edibles.



## *Congratulations*

**Abbie Anderson**  
Teacher of the Year at  
Hogansville Elementary  
School  
Member of Beta Iota,  
Columbus District



**Celebrating  
JANE ABLE's  
90th birthday...  
Jane is a founding  
member of Alpha Phi in  
Atlanta District.**

**Her DIL, Abbie on the right and  
chapter members keep Jane  
informed about  
Alpha Delta Kappa and  
Alpha Phi happenings!**



# Notes from the Treasurer



Lisa Tilley, State Treasurer  
tilleylisa@bellsouth.net



Dues season approaches!

Thank you to all who made the October 15 deadline for the 990-N e-postcard and the November 1 deadline for chapter and district budgets. If you missed either of these deadlines, please send me the required information asap.

Our next big deadline is January 1. Please see the chart below for all the specifics. You received the forms you'll need for these in an email I sent previously. Let me know if I need to resend the information.

As always, please send any questions my way.

*“Your work is going to fill  
a large part of your life,  
and the only way to be  
truly satisfied is to do  
what you believe is great  
work. And the only way  
to do great work is to love  
what you do.”  
— Steve Jobs*

| 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<br>2. Copy to State President Debbie Boswell                          |
| January 1  | Pay ITE Scholarship Contribution to International | Chapter Treasurer     | Pay online at International 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  |

## New Drop Date from International

According to new guidelines, March 1 replaces May 1 as the drop date for members who have not paid their dues. **Members must pay dues by March 1**, or they will be automatically dropped by International.

# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Atlanta District has the opportunity to give out 10 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Scholarships this year. Each chapter should submit one applicant to Kellie Hubbard, VP of Scholarship, by March 1st. Applications are available on the state website.

Click [HERE](#)

## ATTENTION CHAPTER TREASURERS:

Scholarship assessments of \$4 per member are due by January 1st. Click [HERE](#) to access the form.

Send form and payment to:  
Kellie Hubbard  
VP for Scholarship  
2171 Salem Chipley Rd  
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

## Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

### November 15 – Innovation Grant

**Who Can Apply:** Open to NON-MEMBERS with NO more than 10 years of teaching experience.  
**Purpose:** To assist creative, innovative educators with the cost of supplies or services to enhance lessons.

### January 31 – Regional Professional Development (RPD) Scholarship

**Who Can Apply:** Members engaged in education  
**Purpose:** For advanced study, postgraduate degrees, or National Board certification

### February 15 – Fine Arts Grant

**Who Can Apply:** Members engaged in education  
**Purpose:** Encourage student enrichment in the fine arts.

### February 15 – Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (ARGO)

**Who Can Apply:** Members engaged in education  
**Purpose:** Opportunity for professional growth through studying other cultures to promote World Understanding and develop educational resources

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## Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook Page Update

Due to recent posts made on the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook page, a few changes have been made. Ladies who would like to join the group now have to answer three security questions that ask their state, chapter name, and the name of the chapter's president. This adds a level of security since the information will be checked against the international website. Posts on the page are being screened before becoming public. All legitimate posts by sisters will be added to the page in a timely manner. Posts that sell items or are not related to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa will be blocked. If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact Erin Neal (erin.neal9@gmail.com).





GEORGIA CHAPLAIN

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*Sisters & Prayers*

DEBBIE BOSWELL- FAMILY LOSS

MARY ANN MEEKS- FAMILY HEALTH

LEA MAZZUCCO - FAMILY HEALTH

BETH PENDERGRAFT - FAMILY HEALTH

MELISSA HOFFMAN - FAMILY HEALTH

ROBIN DUDLEY - FAMILY HEALTH

BETH PENDERGRAFT - FAMILY HEALTH

BARBIE WHITLEY - SURGERY/FAMILY LOSS

PAT CARR - HEALTH

MARY YEOMANS FAMILY - OMEGA

DEBBIE UPCHURCH FAMILY- OMEGA

CARLENE DUNN - SURGERY



It is with a heavy heart that I am sharing this news. "Florida sisters have asked that we share Audrey Pilafian's (FL CHI) diagnosis of liver/colon and possibly pancreatic cancer. The cancer was recently discovered and as sisters know, these types of cancers can be very serious. We know her dedication to Alpha Delta Kappa and she would want her sisters to know. Please pray for Audrey, her family and the many Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters who have had the pleasure of working with and being directed by Audrey at many Conventions and Conferences".

What a talented musician many of you have worked with.

Her address is: [Audrey Pilafian](#) 9940 SW 60th Street, Miami, FL 33173



**This year Headquarters staffer Pam Collins led a month-long focus on breast cancer awareness as a part of AΔK Month activities and invited members across the globe to share their stories on CONNECT. You can find Suzi Bonifay's story online along with many others.**



### A Message from Lottie Gulf Regional President

Just a reminder to check CONNECT for the Gulf Newsletter "Looking Forward" and to keep up on the happenings in the Gulf. Connect is also where you will find the Call for Presenters Google form for our Gulf Conference in July 2024. You can also find some info on the Scholarship House girls' efforts to help others abroad and how you can help get them there. To get to the Gulf Community on Connect go to the International website and sign in.... then goto Members Only --> AΔK CONNECT (may need to sign in again) --> Communities --> My Communities --> slide down to Gulf Region (alphabetically)

Read up on what you have been missing and LOOK FORWARD to lots more Gulf news to follow.

Lottie Roy  
Alpha Delta Kappa  
Gulf Regional President



## Candidate Qualifications

The new biennium is just around the corner, and this provides many opportunities for leadership in our organization. Perhaps you have been thinking of offering for an office or know someone who would be perfect for a particular office. This is wonderful news, for we all have something to offer our organization!

Take the time and initiative to encourage a sister who might just need a little nudge to become an officer (or give yourself a little nudge)! Step outside your comfort zone and seize the opportunity to grow within Alpha Delta Kappa. Office applications are due to the State Candidates Qualifications Committee no later than January 8, 2024. If you would like an application, please email Sheila Miller at [smillerjo@yahoo.com](mailto:smillerjo@yahoo.com).

**Let's do this!!**

**Shelia Miller**



# Athens District Fall Meeting

## Clarkesville United Methodist Church Clarkesville, Georgia

Athens District Sisters met on October 14, a beautiful fall day in Northeast Georgia! Beta Eta, our host chapter, put on a lovely fall display of decorations. We were “wowed” by entertainment and delicious food. We were honored to have several special guests with us including Terri Thompson, State President-Elect; Norma Rushing, Immediate Past State President; and Linda Chambers, State Parliamentarian and Past State President. Sarah Pradoto, our ITE student at the University of Georgia, attended with Psi sisters, and we were delighted to meet her and hear from her during our meeting. Psi Chapter is sponsoring Sarah during her two-year stay in Athens. Elvie Lampe, a student at Piedmont College in Athens, so graciously received the June Bellamy Scholarship. Athens District presents this \$500 scholarship each biennium. A report on the Athens District Classroom Grant was presented for Andrea Henderson, a teacher at Rabun County Primary School, detailing the many improvements she has added to her classroom instruction with a mere \$100. It was amazing to hear of such a positive result!

What a wonderful meeting!

Donna Smith, Athens District Chairman



**Host Chapter Beta Eta**

**Sarah Pradoto  
ITE  
University of Georgia**



**Elvie Lampe and June Bellamy**



**Sarah Pradoto,  
Elvie Lampe, Kay  
Isley, Karen  
Wamsley, Leslie  
Jones**



## What a wonderful FALL Augusta District Meeting! Thanks to Alpha Epsilon for hosting.

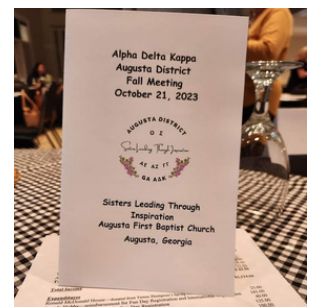


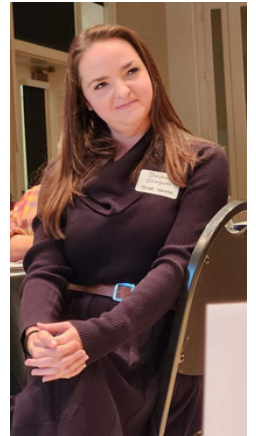
Table decorations were just right, food was delicious, fellowship was the best..... and I've never seen so many teddy bears at one time! Our speaker, Stephanie Grayson, Child Life Specialist at Children's Hospital of GA, gave a most informative talk about her work at CHOG. We were delighted to meet our Anita Nichols Music Scholarship winner, Xea Maddox, and hear her provide our entertainment on flute.

We were thrilled (and surprised!) to have Agnes Shipman Roberts, one of our Delta Kappa founders, preside at our Founders Day program! What a delight to see Past GA STATE PRESIDENT Hazel Stanton, Sandy Bailey and Norma Rushing, as well as President Debbie Boswell and President Elect Terri Thompson. Debbie and Terri did a great job working as a TEAM to bring us greetings from the State and fill us in on things to come! It is going to be a fun, busy 2024 as we prepare to CO HOST the Georgia State Convention in May, then head to Atlanta for the Gulf Region Conference! What FUN we will have!

District Chaplain Susan Thigpen and Alpha Epsilon sister Kristen Neville led a meaningful memorial service for Alpha Epsilon sister BJ Petty. We were glad that BJ's husband, Nick Petty, could join us for lunch and the memorial service.



Teddy Bears  
put a smile on  
Stephanie  
Grayson's  
face!



New member joining in on the FUN?!



Well deserved  
MUSICAL Scholarship!



Beautiful Ways and Means for everyone!



Agnes loving  
TEAM WORK!



# Greetings from Dalton District

## Alzheimer's Walk, Fall District Meeting, and Alpha Delta Kappa Month

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! We hope this fall finds you well and with a full heart of gratitude and thankfulness for the many opportunities sisterhood in Alpha Delta Kappa provides. Coming back from a wonderful trip to Kansas City for the 75th International Convention, Dalton District sisters hit the ground running in August serving the many varied communities in which our chapter members reside. On September 23, 2023, our Dalton District Violets team walked in the Dalton Walk to End Alzheimer's. Beta Upsilon's Becky Oliver was our 2023 team captain and we raised \$1855.

On September 29, 2023, we gathered once again for our Fall meeting. The Alpha Delta sisters hosted us, and we had a wonderful meeting. The Altruistic project for this meeting was Christ's Chapel Share and Care Mission. Bob Henson spoke to us about all the services they provide. This project was dear to the heart of Alpha Delta's Caroline & CT Turner, as their late husband and father was an active member of that organization. Dalton District sisters brought can goods and gave financial donations to Mr. Henson. Alpha Delta's sisters presented the program written by Past State President June Bellamy based on the game show To Tell the Truth. We were excited to have Past Presidents Norma Rushing and Hazel Stanton, and President Elect Terri Thompson join us. Terri brought us greetings from the state. Please continue to send prayers for President Debbie Boswell and her sister Janie Langley following the death of her husband Tommy Langley. The meeting closed with the Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa and group pictures of our milestone sisters including our own Barbara Roy, who is a Diamond Sister this year.

Celebrating Alpha Delta Kappa month in October, the chapters of Dalton District served our communities through a variety of projects. Keep up the good work ladies!





# Atlanta District

Atlanta District joined with Decatur and Marietta Districts to have our annual Tri-District meeting on October 28th. Gamma Epsilon provided a funny and informative Founder's Day skit. Atlanta chapters provided a wonderful snack table for all sisters to enjoy while fellowshiping and shopping. We heard information about retirement from the GREA about the great benefits for teachers here in Georgia.

Atlanta sisters have started out this biennium strong with many accomplishments during the first year. Beta Gamma and Gamma Epsilon were the two chapters that raised the most money for Alzheimer's Longest Day. Sisters hosted high teas for the county Teachers of the Year to both honor them and recruit new members. During Alpha Delta Kappa month, we collected items for organizations like Nothing But the Truth Ministries (gives food to children for the weekend) and Birthday in a Bag. Co-op Birthday Supplies (gives supplies needed for a birthday cake to those in need). We celebrated sisters like a chapter founding member who is still active and one who was inducted into the local Teacher Hall of Fame. We also gave scholarships to teachers still in the classroom, nontraditional students who are getting a degree in education, and high school students. Active teachers were also honored with treat bags and surprises throughout the month. We look forward to finishing out the biennium with more noteworthy activities together.





**Tri-District  
Atlanta/Decatur/Marietta  
HOSTED by Marietta District**



**Guest Speaker**

Johnny Smith, representing GREA(Georgia Retired Educators Association), spoke about our teacher retirement program in Georgia. He gave an informational speech with facts and figures. It was very interesting. A donation was made to an organization called "Totes to Tots" in his honor.

**Ways and Means**

Several chapters had display and chances to win. There was a variety of selections from jewelry to holiday decor to knives. Some very nice prizes were won.

**Lunch**

Box lunches were enjoyed near the end of the morning session including sandwiches, chips, and cookies. Fellowship with sisters near and far was a highlight of our meal.

**District meetings**

We met at the district level before dismissing to discuss and conduct business including approval of minutes and the budgets for the second year of the biennium.

A fun and productive day of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa business

by Debra Muse, Marietta District Chairman