



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

BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

I think I blinked one too many times and before I knew it 2024 got off to a running start! I am filled with so many wonderful memories of 2023, yet at the same time remember so many fun loving people who are now with us in spirit, but who also gave us memories to hold on to as we move forward. As I look at our calendar, 2024 seems to be full of exciting things ahead in the life of GA Alpha Delta Kappa! I hope that you will make time to be a part of as many of these special times as you possibly can. **THANK YOU** for sharing your time, talents, fellowship, altruism and leadership in the past and in the future with all of us. Each of us and our communities are better for it. **YOU** are what makes GEORGIA Alpha Delta Kappa successful and a fun organization to be a part of. My Cornucopia report is due to Judy Slaton on April 1, and it is looking great!

As our Districts begin making plans for their District Meetings, I hope you will try to attend at least ONE if not two Districts that you have not attended in the past. Check out our calendar on page 4! Terri and I, along with a few other State Officers attend as many as possible. If you find you have the time to join us please give us a call. We are happy to have you ride along. This goes for other Chapter Meetings in your area or in other districts. A few chapters meet together at least once a year. Have you thought of meeting with another chapter in your district this winter or spring to have a joint meeting? I set up zoom meetings for those who are not able to get out to a meeting. I would love to share your ideas in our February Newsletter.

I will be forwarding our ITE Scholar, Sarah Pradato's NEW UGA address in a separate email this week. Let's not forget to reach out to Sarah as she begins her second semester!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our meetings this winter and spring. Your leadership and support is much appreciated. May we continue to take part in supporting our communities, schools and each other in 2024.

Love,
Debbie



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State Convention Information



The Flight of the Butterfly

Terri Thompson, GA State President Elect 2022-2024

Happy wishes for a smooth transition into the year 2024. Can you believe we are now only six months away from a new biennium? Your President-Elect joins many who make resolutions. She resolves to serve GA Alpha Delta Kappa members with love, dedication, and leadership. With support from the membership, GA ADK will continue to honor the ADK organization with new members and altruistic endeavors. Opportunities await. Use your innovative ideas to keep GA ADK shining.

June 2024 signals new leadership. This is the time for the state, district, and chapters to welcome new officers. Districts and chapters accomplish installations in local settings this spring. The state signals this change at the State Convention. This is GA's business meeting in which the sitting officers give an accounting of their effectiveness. **The 2024 GA ADK State Convention will be May 17-19, 2024, at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center with the five chapters of the Augusta District hosting. (MAY??)**

Convention registration materials will be available in February. Hotel reservations are open now. Room types and rates are listed below. **You may call 1-888-236-2427 or use the link below to reserve your room. Be sure you give our group name – GA Alpha Delta Kappa – to receive the group rate.**

Link: [Book your group rate for GA Alpha Delta Kappa Educators Convention May 2024](#)

The group rate will run from Thursday, May 16, to Monday, May 20,
for any guests who need to arrive early or stay late.

Last Day to Book: Thursday, May 25, 2024

Room Types: Standard Guest Room DB/DB
One Bedroom Suite Q/Q
Standard Guest Room King

Price is the same for each room type:
\$149.00 + Tax (14% + \$1 local fee + \$5 GA State Transportation)

Looking forward to seeing you in Augusta May 17-19, 2024!

To view the gorgeous Marriott Augusta Convention Center:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02julldquikg>

Candidate Qualifications

Leadership at the next level

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Needs You

As we celebrate the season and the many gifts we have been given, we have the opportunity to celebrate and share our professional gifts, as well. As educators, we have developed leadership skills that could enhance our organization. We are nearing the beginning of the new biennium and have opportunities to share our leadership skills to continue to build Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa to new heights. Please take this opportunity to offer for an officer position on the State Board. Is this the time for you to share your skills and experiences to advance our special organization? Yes it is!!! The deadline to apply is February 14, 2024.

You may receive a candidate application from Sheila Miller -
smillerjo@yahoo.com or at the following link:
<https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/documents/>
(On the page, link to the 2024-2026 Candidate Information Form)

Alpha Delta Kappa Region Conference



Reservations for
Gulf Conference July 13-17, 2024

Crowne Plaza Atlanta
Perimeter at Ravinia

Reservations may be made online through this secure link
below or using a 3 Digit code **CA7**.

By providing our groups' 3-digit code, you may call 866-846-7573 (toll free) between the hours of 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM EST. You can also log onto www.cparavinia.com to make reservations. The link will support arrival as early as July 11th and departure as late as July 20th. If you would like to arrive before July 11th or stay after July 20th, go ahead and make reservations yourself and then email Lottie Roy (lottieroy1027@gmail.com) who can get extensions earlier or later than those dates for you.



LOOKING FORWARD to seeing you there!



LOOKING FOR EXTRA SETS OF EYES

NEEDED: Sisters' "Crowd Control" Talents to serve as SERGEANT-AT-ARMS for our GA Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention in May.

Just think of all the FUN you will have seeing so many of your sisters and helping them find their tables, scope out the Ways and Means, find the nearest restroom, or just sit and catch up with each other!

Georgia Sisters need YOU!

Sign Up with... Pippy

EMAIL: pippyrogersadk@gmail.com

DATES to add to your NEW 2024 Calendar!

State Convention dates for Gulf

Region:

Louisiana- March 8-9, 2024

Alabama - April 5-7, 2024

Mississippi - April 19-22, 2024

Florida - April 26-28, 2024

Georgia - May 17-19, 2024

Gulf Region Conference

July 13-16, 2024,

Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at
Ravinia

International Convention

July 8-11, 2025

Austin, Texas

January 9, 11, 13, 22..LISTENING TOUR zooms on voting SEE PAGE 9 for details~

January 20--DISTRICT CHAIRMAN and District Chairman ELection ZOOM meeting at 10 am

January 25--State Steering Committee zoom 7 pm

January 27--ITE Webinar 3 pm CST/ Zoom link on page 7

January 31 - Regional Professional Development Scholarship Due

January 31--International Dues and ITE Contribution Due

February 1--Intern Dues and ITE Contribution Due with \$5 LATE FEE

February 1 --GA President's Scholarship Deadline Application due.

February 15 - Fine Arts Grants Application Due

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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 13--Dalton District Meeting

April 20--Marietta District Meeting

Cheers

TO THE NEW YEAR

Visiting with other
Districts and Chapters
is always such fun! Why not try
to visit at least one in 2024?

Happy New Year! In this season of hope, we are all wishing for the same things--a health-filled new year, happiness, peace and, of course, a vibrant Alpha Delta Kappa. Many of you are sharing the clever ways you are attracting new and retaining veteran members. Georgia certainly has an abundance of innovative and wonderful women!

As we start on the final months of this biennium, reflect on the goals of your chapter. 85% of chapters set a goal on the CNA of increasing membership by at least one or more members. As of January 6, Georgia has 1463 active members having added 59 this biennium and 12 of those since last June. I'm counting on at least 60 new members between now and May. If each of you initiates just one, we can do it.

Also don't forget about the current GA Membership Campaign. 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.

Keep in mind that new initiates need to join by May 1, in order for us to be able to complete documentation for winners in the membership campaign.

I hope you will be able to take some of your new members to District meetings, State Convention in Augusta in May or Gulf Region Conference in Atlanta in July. Traveling with Alpha Delta Kappa sisters is an awesome way to generate excitement, learn and form lasting friendships.

Last, here's hoping that you are able to maintain and strengthen the activities that we do best: fun, fellowship, educational enrichment, world understanding, leadership and altruism. There are few organizations, if any, that do SERVICE any better than Alpha Delta Kappa. It is in supporting and giving to others that we are blessed and truly enrich our lives.



An Opportunity to meet Georgia's ITE Scholar Sarah Pradoto and the other six ITE scholars. It's a webinar you won't want to miss!

The annual ITE Webinar is the largest live presentation of the Alpha Delta Kappa year with hundreds of our sisters joining virtually. Our 1st year scholars will introduce their families, their beloved countries, and cultures. Our 2nd year scholars will share their educational journeys from classrooms in their home countries to graduate school in this country. Join in yourself or with your entire chapter! Use the Zoom credentials above to login.

January is an especially exciting time for the International Teacher Education (ITE) Community! The annual ITE Webinar is the highlight of the ITE year! The virtual presentation, which is the largest live presentation in Alpha Delta Kappa with hundreds of members joining us virtually, highlights the seven ITE Scholars. Our first-year scholars Daw Sing, Phuong, Rose, and Sarah will introduce us to their families and their beloved countries and cultures. Our second-year scholars Vafa, Ambika, and Dona will share their educational journeys with us from classrooms in their home countries to graduate school in this country.

The January 27, 2024, ITE Webinar is open to all Alpha Delta Kappa members. So, settle in individually or with your entire chapter for a wonderful trip across the many bridges your ITE Scholars have crossed so far. Use the ZOOM credentials above to join us as we all cross those bridges together.

I HOPE THIS NEW YEAR
BRINGS YOU...

Courage to try again

Passion for doing what you love

Ambition to aim higher

Resilience in overcoming obstacles

Humility to learn from others

Kindness for yourself and others

OurMindfulLife.com



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Sisters & Prayers

DINA CUTFORTH'S HUSBAND-LIVER

TRANSPLANT ON JAN 8

BARBARA MURRAH-HEALTH

LEA MAZZULCO-HUSBAND'S HEALTH(JOSH)

PAT CARR - HEALTH

MARY ANN MEEKS-DEATH OF HER HUSBAND

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

Submit a *KAPPAN* Article!



Looking to submit an article to the *KAPPAN*? It's easy!
Here's what you should know!

Article Length

Professional Topics: 500 - 800 words;
Chapter Programs: 100 words;
Amazing Member Stories: 300 - 500 words;
Classroom Quips: 100 words



Article Format

All articles should be in WORD, 11 point font, Times New Roman. One space after end-of-sentence punctuation. Include author's name, S/P/N (state/province/nation), chapter, current office or most recent office and dates held, first and last name, email address, title of article submitted and names of people, left to right, in photo(s) submitted.

Pictures

All pictures must be high resolution in their original format. Attach picture and article to the same submission. Do not embed picture into WORD documents or include in the article.

You can submit to the *KAPPAN* by going to the publications page on the website or by clicking on the link below.

KAPPAN submissions are due January 1 (March issue), April 1 (June issue), July 1 (September issue), October 1 (December issue)

Regional Presidents-Elect

The following candidates have been certified for the Regional President-Elect (RPE) election.

Gulf

Barbara Stainback

South Central

Elizabeth Ruckman

Southeast

Julie Brown

Note: The deadline for the second round for RPE candidates for North Central, Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest is January 1st.

Regional Leadership Election Chapter Survey Results

Thank you chapters for completing the requested survey with your feedback on the Rules for the Election of Regional Officer.

Your feedback is appreciated and will be an important part for the International Executive Board to finalize the Rules for the Election of officers.

Here are the survey results. Look for additional information in the future.

RULES FOR ELECTION OF REGIONAL OFFICERS

- Two votes per chapter in region. Rationale: Every chapter has a voice.
- All members of the region registered for the regional conference. Rationale: All members registered for the regional conference has a voice.
- All active members in the region. Rationale: Every member has a voice.



Message from Gulf President Lottie Roy and the AD HOC Committee on VOTING

January 2, 2024

Dear Regional Presidents

Greetings from the Ad Hoc Committee on Voting Procedures.

As a result of varying thoughts about voting at the International Convention, the International Executive Board (IEB) appointed six members to study this topic and make recommendations to IEB. Members are Ann Quinlan, committee chair, IEB; Lauren Balint, VA Gamma Chi; Roberta Casabon, IEB; Kathy Learn, IA Upsilon; Barbara Nore, Regional President-elect Northwest; and Barbara Stanfield, NM Gamma.

The issue the committee was asked to study centers around voting at the International Convention or prior to the International Convention. Before 2021, all elections (candidates, bylaws, resolutions) were held at the convention with time for discussion of proposed bylaws and resolutions. This provided an opportunity for questions to be asked/answered and comments about them to be shared with the convention attendees.

The 2021 International Convention was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Elections were held electronically as there was no in-person convention. Comment blocks were provided for an electronic discussion of the proposed bylaw changes and voting took place electronically.

The IEB continued this pre-convention voting format in 2023 and introduced a bylaw proposal to make this the method to handle future convention voting. Comment blocks were again provided for an electronic discussion of the proposed bylaw changes. The proposed bylaw was voted on and was passed by the delegates.

Member input is vital on this issue to help determine how voting for candidates for International office and voting on proposed bylaws and resolutions should proceed in the future. A series of one-hour Listening Tours will be held via Zoom in the winter and spring. Members may attend more than one session. Please note that the discussion questions will be the same at each session.

Please extend an invitation to members in your region to join one of the January Listening Tour sessions. The sessions are scheduled on **Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm Eastern; Thursday, January 11 at 9 pm Eastern; Saturday, January 13 at 3 pm Eastern and Monday, January 22 at 8 pm Eastern.**

Watch the International News and CONNECT for details on how to join in on the discussion. Additional Listening Tours will be held later in the Spring, see the next KAPPAN for details.

With appreciation for your help in our efforts to reach all members,
Ad Hoc Committee on Voting