

Welcome to the Voices of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters

BY DEBBIE BOSWELL

On Monday I received an email from a sister in Columbus District I thought I would share with you. Valentines has many meanings in our hearts at various seasons of our lives. Thank you Lynn for sharing these words:

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering grace in its various forms.

I am thankful that Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters love deeply, offer hospitality, use and share their gifts and faithfully show grace in many forms. May each of you look back over the year and realize the many times you have been shown and offered love, hospitality, and grace. May we all continue to share our talents with our sisters and communities.

What a busy season we are all moving into. As if the fall wasn't busy enough! Our calendars are filling up fast. If you are not getting the State Newsletter or emails from Alpha Delta Kappa Connect, please let me know. Several people have recently found items in SPAM, PROMOTIONS, JUNK and even TRASH by mistake! If you have a school email it may not allow you to receive emails sent to multiple recipients. It is important to keep you updated and we do that through newsletters, email and text messages. Word of mouth is a great source of communication as well! Please share with your chapters and sisters what you have heard or read is taking place around the state.

With Convention AND Gulf Regional Conference coming up soon, watch for more and more information to be sent out. You will receive a packet and registration soon from Terri Thompson, Lottie Roy and myself. Hotel reservations for both events are open and filling up. If you have difficulty with either reservation please contact us and we will see what we can do.





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LEADERSHIP... what is your **NEXT STEP?**

Happy Valentine's Day! February, the month we spread and share love. An admirable way to show your love for Alpha Delta Kappa is by sharing your leadership skills. We know we have sisters out there who are having an internal debate about offering to serve as a state officer for the 2024-2026 biennium.

Remember you have sisters to support you and lend a hand when needed. We are looking for sisters who are excited about this organization and want to help lead it in the next biennium, 2024-2026. Please consider offering for one of the offices – there is an opportunity for each of you to learn and grow in this organization. It cannot be emphasized enough how much you will learn and develop as you form bonds with the other officers and sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa.

Believe in yourself and the support of your sisterhood, JUST DO IT!!

Contact me for more information, Sheila Miller (smillerjo@yahoo.com)



Chapter Altruistic Chairmen

It was great to see so many of you at our Zoom meetings on Feb. 5th. Thanks goes to Debbie Boswell and Terri Thompson for being with us.

Altruistic reporting is coming up soon. This year you may begin reporting on February 15th. As usual, your reports are due by March 15. Please be timely in your reporting as my report is due by March 15th as well! Sisters, think of any money, gifts or service hours you gave in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa. For example, if you personally gave money to the St.Jude Virtual Walk (and it didn't go through your chapter) you may count this in your individual giving. Chairmen should be receiving an email copy of the completed chapter altruistic form. They may be edited if necessary. I will receive a copy of your form as will Headquarters and our Gulf Region Altruistic Chairman, Leslie Koenck.

You did wonderful things last year. I can't wait to see what amazing things you did this year!

NEEDED: Sisters' "Crowd Control"
Talents to serve as SERGEANT-ATARMS for our GA State Convention!
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, get
their lunch, find the nearest
restroom, or even their ride home.
Georgia Sisters need YOU! Sign Up
with... Pippy
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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 15 - Fine Arts Grants Application Due

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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

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

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.

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, April 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!



Membership Update Suzi Bonifay

During the month of February, nothing says *Bridge to the Future* quite like initiating new members in Alpha Delta Kappa. Reach out to educators in your schools and colleges and draw those women into the fold with a Valentine's gift. As one song says—Love can build a bridge, between your heart and mine, Love can build a bridge, don't you think it's time! It is time to share the love of Alpha Delta Kappa and if Love Can Build a Bridge isn't your choice in songs, perhaps you can use one of the following as a magnet: All You Need is Love, Put a Little Love in Your Heart, Love Will Keep Us Together and Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now!

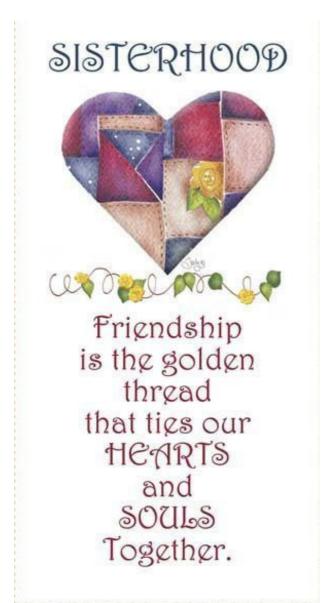
Showcase our fun, fellowship, love, scholarships and altruism. Broadcast our heartfelt endeavors from raising monies for ALZ, St. Jude's and Ronald McDonald houses to hosting International Teacher Education students from foreign countries and contributing to projects abroad—not to mention all the things done for local communities. Show those prospective members and potential reinstatements Alpha Delta Kappa love while simultaneously working toward Pearls and Cornucopia. Make certain you get those initiates in by April 1 for Cornucopia. If you need a refresher on how to register a new or reinstated member online, go to the International website and click on membership or reach out to me for a quick review. Please check your chapter rosters in the Intl Directory for accuracy and keep them updated with address changes and especially as sisters join the Omega chapter. Also check out the newly revised MDM on the AΔK website. Our bridge to the future lies in the strength of our membership.

Invitation: Gulf Spring Membership Celebration

Feb 13, 2024 6pm - 7pm (CST)

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87501986093?pwd=aCu2u6jEVtsbXaq4zkY09GT3r0Q9jy.1

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 87501986093 Passcode: 733027



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Celebrating our Sisters!

Projected 2024 Anniversaries

No doubt you will want to celebrate the number of years your chapter members have been in Alpha Delta Kappa!

Violet, Silver, Sapphire, Golden, Diamond & Platinum Sisters are now available in the International Resource Library.

Once you are logged into the International Website, follow this path:

Members Only, Resource Library, All Members Tab, Membership Column.

Crowne Plaza Atlante

Reservations may be made online through this secure link

By providing our groups' 3-Digit code, you may call 866-846-7573 (toll free) between the hours of 7:00am-11:00pm EST. You can also log on to

www.cpravinia.com to make reservations.

The link will support arrival July 11 and departure July 20. If you want to arrive before the 11th, make the reservation beginning on the 11th, then email me and I, can get it extended...

LOOKING FORWARD to seeing you there!

Alpha Delta Kappa Region Conference

Conference Schedule at a Glance

(Tentative)

Saturday July 13 - Set Up Day

Setup Archives & Displays (Toys for Tots, ALZ, Foundation, CONNECT,

Registration)

4:00 - 5:00 GULF Officers meet with AnneMarie Brown, Int'l President

5:30 - 7:00 Buffet Dinner (add on meal) Everyone invited

Sunday, July 14:

8:30 - 10:30 Membership Seminar by invitation (4 Ps)

8:30 - 10:15 Chapter/ S/N Officer Training

10:30 - 11:15 Continuation of Learning Sessions

11:30 - 12:30 Little Wigs & Past Presidents Luncheon (add on meal)

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:45 - 3:00 Opening Session

3:15 - 4:00 State/National Meetings

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Conference Schedule at a Glance

Continued (Tentative)

Monday July 15

9:00 - 11:45 Continuation of Learning Sessions

12:00 - 2:30 GULF Luncheon - Mirror! Mirror! Looking Forward by Looking Inside

2:45 - 3:30 Possible Continuation of Learning Sessions

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Tuesday, July 16

7:15 - 7:55 Memorial Service Warm Up

8:00 - 8:45 Memorial Service

9:00 - 12:00 General Session including: Strategic Conversation, Foundation Update, Altruistic Update, Call to Austin

12:00 - 1:00 Music Rehearsal

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

5:00 - 6:00 Picture Sessions

6:00 - 7:00 Reception for 2023-2024 Gulf Officers & International Representation

State Convention Update Terri Thompson, State President-Elect

Madam Butterfly is in the conservatory at the Augusta Marriott waiting for all GA sisters to convene for the 2024 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention. The Augusta District sisters are busy working on the distinct functions that have been planned. Highlights for the weekend convention include **Friday night** an Open Executive Board / Advisory Council meeting; an Opening Session to hear messages from GA's own ITE student Sarah Prodoto, Gulf Region President Lottie Roy, and the convention altruistic project representative about the Children's Hospital of Georgia. You will have some time to mingle with your sisters at a social time while listening to Joyce King's UGA band.

Saturday will be a day packed with activities. Starting the day off is our First Timers to Convention activity. The business of our state will take center stage with the Business Meeting. Here you will elect new Executive Board officers and pass resolutions. At our Awards Luncheon you will learn who earned the prestigious Cornucopia Award, meet the state scholarship winners from the Marietta and Atlanta districts and greet old friends and make new ones.

Saturday night promises to be a grand affair with a meet and greet reception for the 2022-2024 Executive Board, Past State Presidents, our International Representative, ITE Scholar and other out of State Officers. Then moving to the grand banquet hall for dinner and our program. The night concludes with the installation of the newly elected Executive Board officers.

We will start **Sunday** morning off with a sweet, special Memorial Service to acknowledge sisters who have joined the Omega Chapter during the past two years. Concluding the weekend will be the Transitional Breakfast where you will meet the new state committee chairmen, new executive board officers and hear about the new 2024-2026 state theme and logo.

Even though the weekend is jam-packed, you will learn, enjoy, and have fun.

See you in Augusta, GA at the Marriott by the Convention Center along the Savannah River **May 17-19, 2024.**

Coming Next Week - Convention Registration information.

Chapter Presidents be watchful.



Members of Georgia Psi hosted a birthday party for ITE Scholar Sarah Pradoto.

Co-sponsors are Karen Wamsley and Kay Isley,

Happy Valentine's Day Sarah!

Georgia's ITE Scholar, Sarah Pradoto is a long way from home. Let's show her some Alpha Delta Kappa love this month by mailing her at:

Sarah's new address:

105 College Station Road Building C 106 Athens,GA 30605

I'm challenging every chapter in our state to do either or both. I know some of you are sending Valentines to children in other states, but Sarah is right here in our state. She may not even know about this holiday/tradition of ours, but everyone appreciates being remembered.

Sarah will be in attendance at our state convention in Augusta this May, and will be speaking. Even though Sarah is being supported by our Athens sisters; all of us can help with other expenses that occur when taking her to various meetings outside of Athens (registrations, meals out, etc.). I heard that one chapter provided an Uber gift card. If your chapter would like to be a part of supporting Sarah, please reach out to Debbie Boswell for ideas.

Happy February! Ruth Rennick, World Understanding Chairman