

Welcome to the Voices of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters

State Convention May 17-19, 2024





Madam Butterfly checking in with the sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa to see if you have made plans to attend the 35th GA State Convention May 17-19, 2024 in Augusta, GA. She has made appearances at the district meetings to invite all sisters to Augusta. The weekend promises attendees will have fun, enjoy the fellowship, and learn something new.

Registrations are arriving daily. If you need the convention information packet or registration form, please let President Debbie or me know.

Madam Butterfly reminds you that the convention is a time to recognize one of Alpha Delta Kappa's purposes: altruism. Several altruistic endeavors will be featured - The Children's Hospital of Georgia, the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia, Disaster Relief, the Alzheimer's Association, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - for attendees and chapter members to support.

The Augusta District has chosen the Children's Hospital of Georgia as the state convention altruistic project. The hospital has requested that GA Alpha Delta Kappa collect teddy bears to replenish their supply. The teddy bears are given to the patients to be a "buddy" for comfort. A goal has been set for each district to contribute at least 100 teddy bears (all sizes - small, medium or large). Also, monetary donations will be accepted at the altruistic table in ways and means. The money generated will be used to hopefully purchase one or more "wagons" that is used in transporting the patients to and from their treatments in the hospital.

If you attended GA FUN Day, one exciting feature was the auction table for the state altruistic project - the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia. The auction table will return to ways and means at the state convention. The GA Executive Board, Advisory Council and each district are donating delightful gifts for auction. Please peruse the items and make a bid. You just might take home one of these lovely gifts.

Be sure to check out the opportunities at the Disaster Relief table. You may be the lucky one. A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will be in attendance to help sisters register to participate in the Longest Day. There will also be an opportunity to donate to St. Jude Children 's Research Hospital.



We'll see see you in Augusta!





LOOKING FOR EXTRA SETS OF EYES

NEEDED: Sisters' "Crowd Control" Talents to serve as SERGEANT-AT-ARMS for our GA Alpha Delta Kappa Georgia Sisters need YOU! Sign Up with... Pippy

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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.

About The Longest Day: https://youtu.be/ff3uXoOuJLw

> JOIN OUR TEAM NOW Click on LINK:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/LongestDay2024/TheLongestDay?team_id=842478&pg=team&fr_id=17194

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9 -- Decatur Spring District Meeting

March 15--Altruistic Report due to International

March 16--Athens District Meeting

March 23--Augusta District Meeting

March 13--Dalton District Meeting

March 20--Marietta District Meeting

May 17-19 -- Georgia State Convention, Augusta, GA

July 13-17 -- Gulf Region Conference, Dunwoody, GA

Please give Debbie Boswell a call if you would like to attend any of the following State Convention, our sisters would love to have us attend!

March 8-10 Louisiana State Convention

April 5-7 Alabama State convention

April 19-21 Mississippi State Convention

April 26-28 Florida State Convention

May 4 Puerto Rico Convention



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 7:00am- 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..

Alpha Delta Kappa Region Conference

LOOKING FORWARD to seeing you there!



Lottie Roy Gulf President lottieroy1027@gmail.com



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Membership & CNA Update Suzi Bonifay



Congratulations to all chapters that have been initiating new members. This is certainly our busiest time of the year. We all appreciate your efforts to welcome transfers, find new members and reinstate those whose life circumstances have changed and who are ready to rejoin the fun and fellowship. If your chapter is large, consider assigning those new members a mentor or buddy who can help them learn, navigate and gradually increase involvement.

If you haven't initiated members recently or are struggling to get chapter officers, review chapter revitalization in the *Membership Development Manual*. Technically you only need to have a president, secretary and treasurer and other members can even help rotate the responsibilities of the president and secretary. Simplify where possible, eliminate those things that have ceased to work and reach out to the Ex Bd for ideas. Don't wait until you are on life support or hospice care before asking for a treatment plan. While there are still a few paperwork requirements involved in our organization, what is most important about us is our heart for one another, for education, for service, for scholarship and for making our communities and world a better place in which to live. Let that be the glue that keeps you together.

As for the much-loved and revered Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA), it changed this biennium from inputting numbers to having you craft purposeful and useful chapter goals. A jot form will be posted at the end of March (Chapter CNA Reflections) so that you can reflect on what you have accomplished and what you may need to change or focus on going forward. The deadline for completing the form is May 15, 2024, and I will certainly help by sending out a reminder (or two) and am willing to help you complete the task where necessary. Just call out my name and I'll come running.



Sarah Pradoto



Georgia's ITE Student at UGA in Athens! 105 College Station Road Building C 106, Athens, GA 30605

Please continue to reach out to Sarah during the months ahead. A card is great and anything else you or your chapter would like to do for Sarah is appreciated. We are looking forward to hearing from Sarah at our Convention. Exams are a difficult time for all students. I remember the little treats I would receive from home so let's see what we might do for Sarah during this time!

Have you ever wondered how ITE students are selected? Click <u>here</u> for great information that could be your next Fraternity Ed program.



YELLOW GOODNESS

I must admit that I am anxiously waiting for the early signs of spring by the end of February. I love the yellow colors that appear each spring in my yard. After a cold and rainy winter, I am color-starved. My soul longs for sunshine, warmer temperatures, and green growth popping up through the brown ground. I grab my clippers and begin cutting branches of Forsythia and Daffodils to bring inside my house, as soon as they appear. They make me happy.

The warm spring sun glowing through the yellow daffodils and forsythia blooms grabs my attention and brings me joy. Yellow, in small doses, is said to inspire hope and good cheer. And that is exactly what I feel, when I see the first bright yellow blooms against the landscape. That is simply "yellow goodness" to me.

I hope you will find some "yellow goodness" and it will bring you hope, good cheer, and joy.



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Sisters & Prayers

Lea Mazzucco - Family
Pat Carr - Health
Carlene Dunn-Health
Sharon Rorex - Health
Elizabeth Robinson - Family Death







Kellie Hubbard, VP for Scholarship

Thank you to the members who applied for the Past State Presidents'
Scholarship. Your applications will be presented to the scholarship committee and executive board. Winners will be named at state convention.

Thanks to the Marietta District
Chapters (2023) and Atlanta District
Chapters (2024) who submitted
scholarship applications for the Georgia
Alpha Delta Kappa State Scholarship.
We look forward to meeting our
winners at state convention in
Augusta!



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Project C.H.E.A.R.

A Program Focused on World Understanding



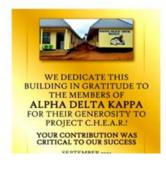
PROJECT

· Alpha Delta Kappa members selected Project C.H.E.A.R. as the World Understanding project for 2021-2023 biennium. Over 1,000 chapters committed to raising \$50,000 to support the project.

MISSION

Project C.H.E.A.R.s mission is to empower disadvantaged children and youth in Babati, Tanzania, through education. It is the only service of its kind in a region of 1.4 million.





PRESENTATION

View the entire presentation at the following link:

https://youtu.be/LheN4D1GGBM?



Golden Isles District





ALBANY DISTRICT



Barbara Ham with her scholarship recipient



Lori Carnine, District Chair





Mary Sue, Regina, Judy and Beverly remembering Pat Bush, Dorothy Sue Mayo, Martha Hill and Jan Forrester.



Ruth Rennick, Chaplain, sharing inspiration



Mary Sue helping to entertain the speakers from the Girls and Boys Club





Jennifer Abercrombie and Angie Wilkinson being installed as Co-Chairs and Kathy Varner as Chair-elect for the next biennium.



Installation of Albany District officers by State President Debbie Boswell