



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa by Terri Thompson

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"Hi Ho! Hi Ho! Back to School and Alpha Delta Kappa chapter meetings we go!" Yes, it's that time for all Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa members to hide the bikinis, sift the sand out of the tennis shoes, reset the alarm clocks to 6:30 AM, and get the coffee perking. (Those of you who are retired, forget my instructions about school, but do return to chapter meetings). We did not learn this at the Gulf Region Conference in Dunwoody, but we were encouraged to return to our state and chapters with enthusiasm and a desire to make the 2024-2026 biennium a positive experience.

The new year will bring changes in administration in our chapters. Some of us will have difficulty adjusting, but with a positive outlook and determination to lead our organization to be the best it can be, we will succeed. With your support for our state activities and leadership, I have expectations for a wonderful 2024-2026 biennium.

And as we honor our traditions, let's remember to "Focus on the Future" in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa!



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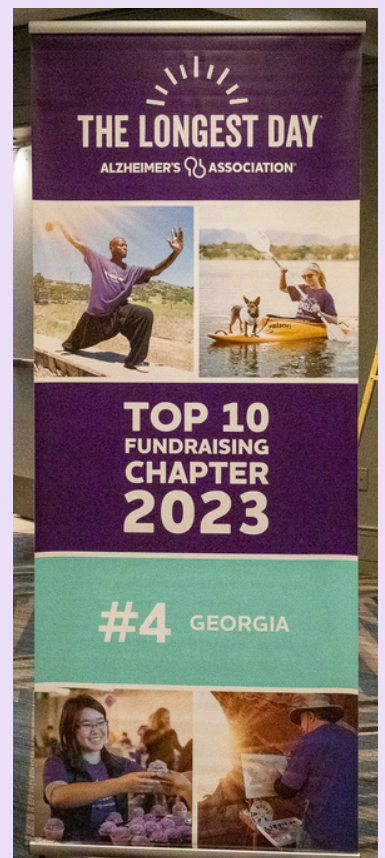
Georgia AΔK ALZ's the Longest Day

Dearest Amazing Sisters,

You never stop inspiring me! Your awareness spreading and continued dedication to #ENDALZ is Phenomenal!

I know we aren't finished yet and I look forward to our final count! The Top 3 Chapters will win the Chapter Scholarships. Will that be your chapter?

Below is a message from Dan Phillips, the GA Alzheimer's Association Longest Day Manager.



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

First let me say what a great time I had attending both your convention and conference this year. It was great to see former classmates, volunteers from Walk To End Alzheimer's and new friends that I met while there. I appreciate you listening to my story and sharing yours with me. It was very inspiring being around so many generous and positive women. I enjoyed hearing all the great things about Alpha Delta Kappa, what you are doing in the communities you live in and seeing firsthand the generosity through The Longest Day.

As of this moment, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa has raised \$34,438. AMAZING! over \$2,000 more than this time last year.

We have 1 month to go! August 31st is our final day. PLEASE help us finish strong. Let me know how I can help. Below is the link to make a donation to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa The Longest Day Team. Please know, YOU are making a difference!

Thank you again,

Dan Phillips | Manager-The Longest Day | Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter

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[DONATE TO GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA - The Longest Day](https://www.alz.org/the-longest-day-georgia) OR Go To [alz.org/adk](https://www.alz.org/adk) and scroll down to Team Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa



Congratulations Dawn Hudson 2024 Gulf Region Excellence in Education Recipient



Congratulations to our own Dawn Hudson! Georgia's first ever Gulf Region Excellence in Education recipient. Dawn received a lovely engraved crystal award and \$1,000 from the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation. She now moves to the final EIE round to be reviewed by the International EIE Committee with the recipient announced in Austin, Texas at the 2025 International Convention next July.

Good Luck Dawn!

Meet the 2024-2026 District Chairmen



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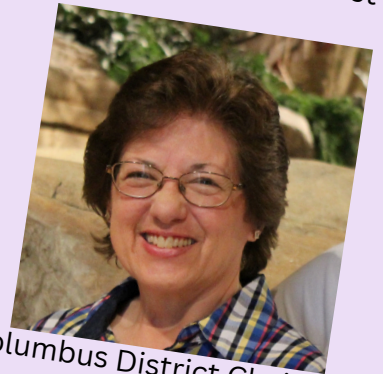
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News for Treasurers

Many thanks to all sisters who have stepped up to be chapter and district treasurers for the state of Georgia. I look forward to working with you during the 2024-2026 biennium.

As you plan for the new year, please remember that State dues have increased by \$4 to \$15 per member.

More information will be coming in September regarding due dates and procedures. Remember that the International website has many helpful financial forms for you to use during your time as treasurer.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmest wishes,

Lisa Tilley
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Membership Tidbits for the 2024-2026 Biennium

First, congratulations on assuming your leadership role. Having a leader who is excited about the task is the first and most important part of having a successful chapter. The 3 Rs of membership--Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement--will be your mantra for the next two years. To thrive, AΔK needs to add more members than we lose. Find ways to meet the needs of all members so that we can keep chapters strong.

Question--does your chapter have a membership development plan? If not, perhaps that can be one of your goals for the biennium. And, as you prepare your SMART goals for the biennium, ensure that one goal addresses membership growth. If possible, see if you can add members who are still in the workforce and who are committed to the mission of Alpha Delta Kappa.

If you have a question about new members, the International Bylaws Article III specifies who is eligible to join and what the voting procedures are. New members and reinstated members must register and pay international dues online at the Alpha Delta Kappa website using a credit card or PayPal. Use the drop downs provided and the new member's device to avoid issues. Watch the video on registering if you need a refresher. Do know that a member may transfer into a chapter without a vote by the receiving chapter at any time. Last, it's always a great idea to assign a mentor or buddy to a new, reinstated or transferring member.

If you have questions—with membership, leadership, programs, ideas or other, reach out immediately to someone who can help. That might be a mentor, another chapter president, a past chapter president, your district chairman, the state VPM or some other state leader. There are a variety of people within the state who can provide assistance. Feel free to contact me with membership questions at any time. ~ Carolyn Pietkewicz

CHAPTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

**It is hard to believe we are ALL beginning to think about GOALS!
Teachers, administrators, parents, students...and YES...GA ADK CHAPTERS!**

To help us get off to a wonderful start, I am giving you a TIME LINE for filling out your **CNA (CHAPTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT)** form for the first year of our biennium!

The CNA is just another name for GOALS!

When we have a great plan for our first year, the second will fall into place!

The goals written in the Chapter Needs Assessment at the beginning of the chapter biennium are the goals the chapter will strive to achieve for both years of the biennium.

These goals align with Alpha Delta Kappa's Strategic Plan.

FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM

Step 1: By October 15 of the even year – At the beginning of the chapter biennium, chapter officers will develop goals for the chapter. Each chapter membership chair will submit the chapter goals electronically on the CNA JotForm found in the Resource Library under Chapter Documents & Forms. Chapters are encouraged to keep notes on the progress of each goal to help with the Mid-Biennium and End-of-Biennium Reflections.

Step 2: Spring/Summer of odd year – NO FORM IS DUE. At the end of the first year of the biennium, chapter officers will revisit the goals submitted on the CNA Form. Chapters should reflect on and discuss the goals they set. This may be a time where goals need adjusting depending on the circumstances within the chapter.

Step 3: By October 15 of the odd year – S/P/N membership team, led by the S/P/N Vice President for Membership or Membership Consultant, will conduct the Mid-Biennium Reflection with chapter leaders about their CNA goals. This will NOT be a JotForm, it will be a conversation with leaders. The chapter president, president-elect/vice president, immediate past president, and membership chair or the entire executive board are encouraged to be included in the conversation. Other chapter sisters who might have a role with chapter goals might also be invited to the conversation.

The questions below are intended to be conversation starters to help reflect and discuss the chapter's progress towards their identified goals. The purpose of the discussion is for the S/P/N Membership Teams to support chapters.

Questions to help reflect and discuss chapter goals:

1. Share the status of each goal and what progress has been made towards reaching the goal.
 - Goal 1: Refine Governance & Communication
 - Goal 2: Enhance Educational Professional and Leadership Development
 - Goal 3: Promote Benefits of AΔK and Increase Membership
 - Goal 4: Promote Altruism, Scholarship, and World Understanding Initiatives
2. Does your chapter need to revise any goals? If yes, explain further.
3. If your chapter did not have a goal for each strategic area, are you planning to work on other goals this second year?
4. What support does your chapter need or what resources would you like from your S/P/N Membership Team during the second year of the biennium?

Don't forget we are here to help if you have questions or need any assistance .

Reach out and we will get back to you as soon as possible!

**Always remember YOUR Chapter CNA is based on your
personal chapter needs and goals!**

Carolyn Pietkewicz (912)655-5400.

ALTRUISM IN ACTION

by Carol Roe, Altruism Committee Chairman

Alpha Psi sisters Penny Clavijo and Deloris Mullins volunteering to help set up a local classroom for the upcoming school year.



Alpha Gamma sisters treated the kids and counselors at Fresh Air Home Camp on Tybee Island to an ice cream party! The campers look forward to this fun time each year!



This cute Little Library is sponsored by the Alpha Delta Chapter of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. It is at the playground at Gilbert Stephenson Park in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. It is a good place to donate children's books. Alpha Delta member Jennifer Smith added some Christmas in July books - it's never too early for Christmas stories!



Chapter Presidents

Please send State Altruistic Chairman Carol Roe
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the following information
by August 10th:

Name(s) and Email Address(es)
of your

Chapter Altruistic Chairman/Chairmen

Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

Interest in Scholarships

by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard

Georgia AΔK Website

To find out about scholarships and awards available on the GA AΔK state level, start out by going to the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa website, <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/>. Go to the Scholarships & Grants tab at the top of the page. There you will find everything you need to know about Georgia Scholarships.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Rotation

2024-2025 Decatur District
2025-2026 Golden Isles District

State Scholarship Deadlines

Applications are currently available.
Applications are due to the chapter by February 1.
Chapter-Endorsed applications are due to VP for Scholarship by March 1.

Past State Presidents' Deadlines

Applications are currently available and are due to the VP for Scholarship by February 1.

UPCOMING FALL DEADLINES - INTERNATIONAL

Oct. 1st - Classroom Grant Applications Due (members)
Oct. 15th - Fall Mini-Regional Scholarship Applications Due (members)
Nov. 15th - Innovation Grants Due (non-members)

Photos

Gulf Region Conference



The Georgia Delegation





Chaplain's Corner

by State Chaplain Janet Robison

When a member of your chapter joins the Omega Chapter please send the following information to me and your district chairman:

Omega Sister's Name
Chapter and District Name
Date of when she joined the Omega Chapter
A link for her obituary

Thank you!



Heart Strings of Love



Past State President Debbie Clark -
recovery from Hospitalization

Sylvia Rowland - Omega

Mary Greco - cataract surgery

Carlene Dunn - recovery from surgery

Marian Sorensen - husband's illness

Janet Kindred - husband's surgery

Beverly Shumake - surgery

Lea Mazzucco - husband's illness

Mary Beth Feldhaus- illness

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sarah Pradoto
GA ITE Student
SEPTEMBER 4!



Historian Melissa Blankenship

Please submit photos of your chapter meetings,
events, and altruism projects!

SHARE YOUR PICTURES



BY TEXT

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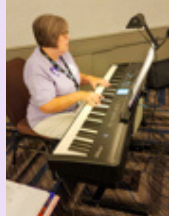
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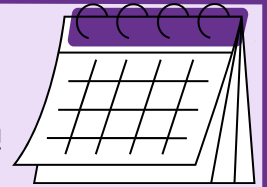
More Photos



If you would like any of the pictures that the photographers took at the Gulf Regional Conference, please go to the web address listed below.

<http://www.debbystubing.com/gulf24/>

Important Dates:



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| August 13 | Happy 76th Anniversary Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa! |
| August 15 | Distinguished Program Recognition Deadline |
| August 30 | Chapter & S/P/N Annual Financial Summary Forms - send to HQ (former C-1, S-1, S-2) Deadline |
| September 21 | Fall Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting in Macon, GA |
| Month of October | Alpha Delta Kappa Month |
| October 1 | GA 101 Calendar of Meetings Due to State President Classroom Grant Application Deadline |
| October 5 | Columbus District Meeting |
| October 15 | S/P/N/ Bylaws or Official Statement Due to HQ Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA & SNA) Online JotForm Deadline Chapter 990-N E-Postcard Deadline Regional Mini Scholarship Deadline |
| October 19 | Augusta District Meeting |
| October 26 | Athens District Meeting |
| November 2 | Tri District Meeting (Atlanta, Decatur & Marietta Districts) |
| November 9 | Dalton District Meeting |

Congratulations to GA's 7 & 6 Pearl Chapters!

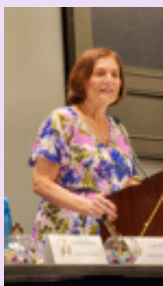
Georgia Seven Pearl Chapters

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| Delta | Alpha Tau |
| Alpha Alpha | Beta Iota |
| Alpha Gamma | Beta Sigma |
| Alpha Pi | Beta Psi |
| Alpha Rho | Fidelis Xi |

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GEORGIA SIX PEARL CHAPTERS

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| GA Alpha | GA Alpha Iota | GA Beta Upsilon |
| GA Beta | GA Alpha Upsilon | GA Gamma Nu |
| GA Iota | GA Alpha Phi | GA Fidelis Alpha |
| GA Lambda | GA Beta Beta | GA Fidelis Lambda |
| GA Omicron | GA Beta Gamma | |
| GA Psi | GA Beta Delta | |
| GA Alpha Beta | GA Beta Mu | |
| GA Alpha Zeta | GA Beta Rho | |



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