



# The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa by Terri Thompson

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With the arrival of September, I send greetings of Welcome Back to School and fall activities. Most of you have already been in the classroom for a month now and are ready for a little break this holiday weekend. Enjoy your time off to assess your next steps. I send you wishes for a very successful year with your students. And to you retirees: happy thoughts each and every day! Enjoy every moment!

This month also signifies the beginning of fall. The changing of the seasons brings beautiful sights with leaves turning bold colors and having cool, crisp mornings. This is the time our GA chapters begin implementing the plans that have been made in Alpha Delta Kappa. Let us focus on the necessities of our organization. Why are we members? What does Alpha Delta Kappa mean to me? How can I serve to strengthen my chapter and promote growth? Your answers will insure the success of your year!

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



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sends love and hugs to Beta Phi sister and State Fraternity Education Co-Chairman Annie Brindle in the loss of her home by fire. The Disaster Relief Committee has sent a love offering. Gifts from members and chapters will be appreciated.

Please send checks made payable to:

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

Memo line note - Disaster Relief Annie Brindle  
and mailed to:

Disaster Relief Co-Chairman Jewel Hendrix  
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If you have any questions, please email Disaster Relief Co-Chairman Jewel (jewel3ADK@gmail.com) or Disaster Relief Co-Chair Angela Hobby (aghobby1@comcast.net).

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# ALTRUISM IN ACTION

by Carol Roe, Altruism Committee Chairman

Gamma Nu Chapter sisters created “goodie bags” filled with bookmarks, sticky notes, aspirin, highlighters, pens and a welcome note from the chapter for new Wayne County teachers



Gamma Epsilon Chapter's Longest Day Fun



## Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Cares Altruistically

Have you read the meaning of **altruism** lately? A selfless act of helping others without expecting anything in return. I expect to see our Sisters in GA Alpha Delta Kappa as a part of the definition.

As President Terri's theme reveals: we honor our traditions while we focus on the future of GA Alpha Delta Kappa! One of GA AΔK's many traditions is support to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The month of September has been designated Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and the AΔK Foundation has partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to participate in the 2024 St. Jude Walk / Run event. Chapters or individuals may participate either virtually or at an in-person event.

GA Alpha Delta Kappa will have a virtual event September 21st at the State Executive Board meeting. If you or your chapter would like to make a donation, please send a check made payable to GA Alpha Delta Kappa. In the memo line write St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital walk/run.

Send check to: Carol Roe, State Altruistic Chairman  
1712 3rd St., PO Box 56, Montrose, GA 31065

Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!



# Membership Tidbits for the 2024-2026 Biennium

## CHAPTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

**CHAPTER NEEDS ASSESMENT (CNA)** is just another name for **CHAPTER GOALS!**  
The JotForm is now online and due **October 15.**

Chapter goals are submitted electronically on the CNA JotForm. Log on the Alpha Delta Kappa website, click Members Only and RESOURCE LIBRARY. Then go to Chapter Documents and Forms, Officer's Calendar Deadlines (the first item), CLICK FORM at the end of Oct 15 CNA deadline and the JOT form will come up.

I might suggest you print the training sample and make notes before completing online. This may save you time when typing into the JotForm. Once you finish online, you will want to make a copy for your records when you get the email saying it has been received.

### WE ALL LIKE PEARLS!

**How many PEARL SISTERS do you have in your chapter?**  
**Check out the new certificate online for our**  
**PEARL Sisters!**



A new printable certificate for all sisters with membership between ONE and TEN years is now available on line. What a fun little way to say THANK YOU for your service and dedication!

**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.**



# Meet the 2024-2026 Committee Chairmen



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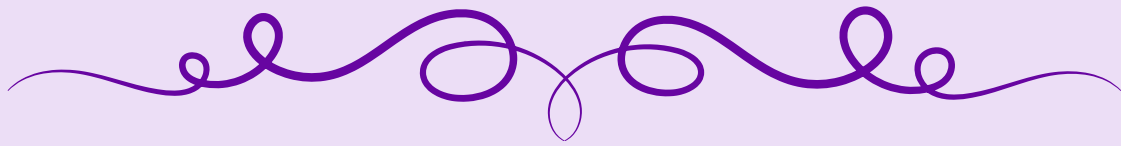
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## Disaster Relief

What is Disaster Relief? It is exactly what the name implies: a monetary amount for some emergency relief when a sister has been affected by a natural disaster. The process is requesting an application from one of the Disaster Relief co-chairs, filling it out, and sending it in to the committee to review. The form may be filled out by a member in need of assistance, by a chapter, or by another member on behalf of a member. The money received by the sister can be used for personal and/or professional needs.

Alpha Delta Kappa has always been a very generous organization. Let's not just help others but help our own sisters when they are in need. You can send a donation anytime or by a raffle ticket(s) for a chance at a Coach bag donated by Augusta District Alpha Epsilon member Sherry McKie when you are attending your district meeting, The drawing for a winner will be at FUN Day 2025 .

We look forward to serving you this biennium.

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# News for Treasurers

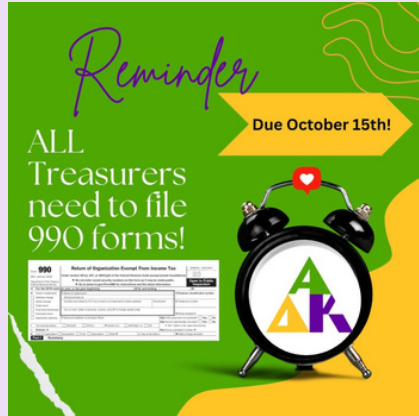
Be on the look out for your treasurer officer packet from Headquarters. It will be emailed to you with important information in early September. All required documents and forms are in the resource library on the international website - [www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org). As a new feature, Headquarters has enhanced the officer calendar by highlighting forms that are in the resource library.

Headquarters is also encouraging members to pay International dues online. Invoices will be sent to each member in September. You can have each member in your chapter go to the website to pay, or you can include the fee in your chapter dues, and then you will go and pay International dues for the whole chapter. You will also pay the chapter \$20 ITE fee at the International site.

The first two dates coming up for you are the **October 15** deadline for the 990-N to be submitted to the IRS and a copy sent to me through email and the **November 1** deadline for a copy of your chapter budget to be sent to me. Many of you have done these things early. Thank you!

DUE DATE	FORM	TREASURER RESPONSIBLE	SEND TO
August 30	Cash Flow D-1: Annual Cash Flow Statement	Chapter Treasurer District Treasurer	International Lisa Tilley
October 15	990-N (IRS e-postcard)	Chapter Treasurer	IRS and a copy to Lisa Tilley
November 1	Chapter Budget District Budget	Chapter Treasurer District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley Lisa Tilley
January 1	Chapter Roster Payment Record	Chapter Treasurer	1. Copy to Lisa Tilley 2. Copy to State President Terri Thompson
January 1	Pay ITE Scholarship Contribution to International	Chapter Treasurer	Pay online at International website
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

Please remember to always reach out with any questions or concerns. I wish you all the best during your time as treasurer!



Lisa Tilley

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# Fraternity Education

Hello Sisters,

We are your New Fraternity Education Co-Chairs for the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa 2024-2026 biennium, and we want to introduce ourselves. We are Annie Brindle and Karen Gibson. We hail from the mountainous area of Northwest Georgia in Chatsworth. We were the co-presidents for Beta Phi Chapter for the last 4 years.

If you have any fraternity education that you would like for us to share with your group, please feel free to contact us.

Also, we would like to share a little fact about Alpha Delta Kappa: Alpha Delta Kappa was founded in 1947 and received a charter in the state of Missouri to organize chapters throughout the United States. In 1956 Alpha Delta Kappa became international.

We cannot wait to see how each chapter across the great state of Georgia shines their Alpha Delta Kappa lamps!

Love,

Annie and Karen

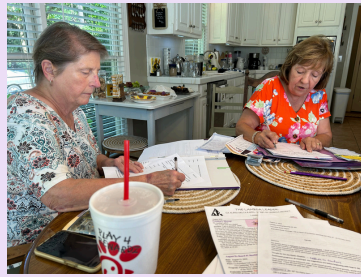
State Fraternity Ed Co-Chairs

# Photos

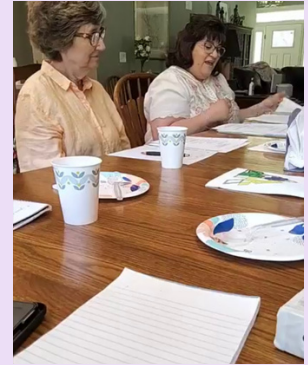
GA Chapters busy planning for the year.



Gamma Beta Chapter



Lambda Chapter



Chi Chapter



Psi Chapter



Sigma Chapter

## Let's Celebrate!



Psi Chapter celebrates GA's ITE student Sarah's birthday!



Welcome new Beta Sigma Chapter member Marie Michelle Rosemond to GA Alpha Delta Kappa!



Past State President Linda Chambers reconnected with Pearl sister Susan Winstead. Small world, Linda was Susan's first principal.



# Punch It Agnes, Punch It!

Alpha Delta Kappa was founded in 1947 by four visionary women, Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino, who saw a need to recognize and support the professional efforts of outstanding women educators. Since 1947, over 125,000 women educators around the world have discovered the many opportunities provided by membership in Alpha Delta Kappa - opportunities for recognition of commitment to educational excellence, for personal and professional growth, and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Each year members of GA Alpha Delta Kappa join sisters throughout our organization to celebrate our founders. There are a variety of ways in which we show our appreciation including founding reenactment skits and paying it forward by giving to various groups in our local community. As always, a chapter has the choice to do what they feel called to do during AΔK Month.

This year I would like to float an idea out there as a possible suggestion that could pay homage to our roots, support our current sisters, and extend an invitation to our future ones. I was not a member when Agnes Shipman Robertson was our Executive Director, but I have heard about the punch bowl and refreshment setup that traveled everywhere with her in the safety of her car trunk. Agnes thought if there was an opportunity to fellowship with existing sisters and enlist new recruits, a trip to her car trunk was in order to retrieve the beloved punch bowl. So, let's break out those punch bowls to celebrate our founders, toast one another and salute our good deeds in October.

I will be sending a link to all the district chairmen and chapter presidents this week that gives a link to a list of additional ideas and a copy of the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Month report. If you have not gotten an email from me by Thursday morning, send me an email with the subject line - Agnes, I want to punch it. I'll make sure to send you the information again. Please note, **the GA Alpha Delta Kappa Month form is due by November 15, 2024.** I would like to celebrate each of you for being active in your chapter and for everything you do in the name of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa!

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Chatsworth, GA 30705



# Scholarships and Grants Deadlines

by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard



**Now Open!**

**Due 10/1**

**Classroom Grant 2024**

**\$400**

QR code



**2024 Fall Regional Mini Scholarship**

The Regional Mini Scholarship is designed to empower our members by providing funding opportunities for attendance at non-ADK sponsored conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops, and non-degree classes. Application closes October 15th at 11:59 pm (CDT).

**Now Open**

QR code



**\$300 Innovation Grant**

Open to All Educators

The Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) Innovation Grant is designed to assist creative, innovative educators who are not members of ADK with the cost of materials and services for their classroom lessons.

<https://www.adkdelatappasoc.org/>

QR code

## Application Deadlines



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025**

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Participants Apply Here

Mentors Apply Here

Applications Open June 1, 2024 to October 15

APPLY NOW!

Questions? Lynn Blosser, Chair, LA Board [lynnblosseradk@gmail.com](mailto:lynnblosseradk@gmail.com)



**Call for Presenters**

Austin, Texas

**2025 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

Building a Bridge for **Empowerment**

- Leadership, DEI, Innovation

Building a Bridge for **Support**

- Classroom Best Practices, Altruism, Officer Training

Building a Bridge for **Connections**

- Sisterhood, Membership, World Understanding

Deadline to apply - November 15th, 2024  
To apply to present, scan QR code above or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2025adkpresenter>



**Official Call for 2025 International Candidates**

- International President-Elect
- Four-Year Member of the International Executive Board
- International Vice President for Membership
- Two-Year Member of the International Executive Board



## *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, Photo  
Chapter and District Name  
Date of when she joined the Omega Chapter  
A link for her obituary

Thank you!



## Heart Strings of Love

Annie Brindle Beta Phi - house fire

Past State President Debbie Clark -  
home from hospital

Past State President Yvette Keel's -  
mother's health

Dalton District Co-Chairman Gloria Nealey  
- husband's health

Altruistic Chairman Carol Roe's -  
granddaughter's health & hospitalization

Rhon Sheffield - husband's health

Phi sister Frances Portwood - Omega



Sept 4th - GA's ITE Student Sarah Pradoto

Sept 21st - Past State President Hazel Stanton



## *Historian*

*Melissa Blankenship*

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

## SHARE YOUR PICTURES



**BY TEXT**

478-397-5396

OR

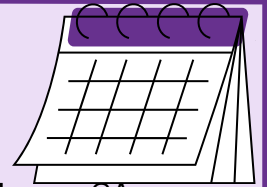
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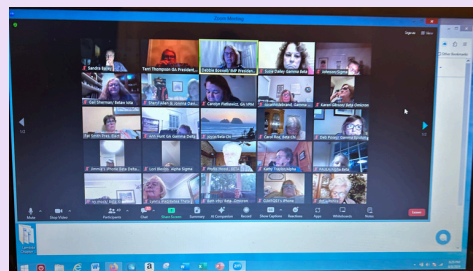


# Important Dates



<b>September 21</b>	Fall Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting in Macon, GA
<b>Month of October</b>	<b>Alpha Delta Kappa Month</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>GA 101 Calendar of Meetings Due to State President</b>
	Classroom Grant Application Deadline
<b>October 5</b>	Columbus District Meeting
<b>October 15</b>	S/P/N/ Bylaws or Official Statement Due to HQ
	<b>Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) Online JotForm Deadline</b>
	<b>Chapter 990-N E-Postcard Deadline</b>
	Regional Mini Scholarship Deadline
<b>October 19</b>	Augusta District Meeting
<b>October 26</b>	Athens District Meeting
<b>November 2</b>	Tri District Meeting (Atlanta, Decatur & Marietta Districts)
<b>November 9</b>	Dalton District Meeting
<b>November 15</b>	<b>GA Alpha Delta Kappa Month Report Deadline</b>
	<b>State Needs Assessment (SNA) Online JotForm Deadline</b>

91 % of Chapter Presidents participated in one of three Chapter President’s Training Zoom sessions this past August. Thank you Chapter Presidents!



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