



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

by Terri Thompson

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The month of October signals the time for apple picking, fall festivals, going to pumpkin patches, hay rides and community fairs. The days are warm and the nights take on a chill. Tree leaves are turning bright colors of red, yellow and orange. Fall is in the air. It is a wonderful time of year!

October is a special time for celebration. It signals Alpha Delta Kappa Month. This is our time to celebrate our exceptional organization! Members remember the Founders as they share the organization with others. This can be in social gatherings as well as in chapter and district meetings. Serving others is an excellent way to celebrate Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Find a need and lend a hand. Attending your chapter meeting is a big recognition for AΔK.

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



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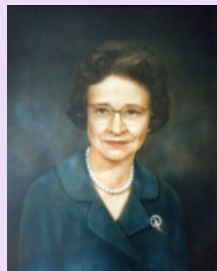
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October is Alpha Delta Kappa Founder's Month

Happy Alpha Delta Kappa Month sisters! It is time we honor and celebrate our founders: Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Hattie Poppino, and Marian Southall. In 1947, these four dedicated women educators founded our beloved sisterhood. These women of vision and purpose established our organization in order to strengthen the commitment to education, promote leadership and further altruistic endeavors. We must celebrate our four founders for they gave us the gift of this exceptional organization.



Agness Shipman Robertson



Marie Neal



Hattie Poppino



Marion Southall

Since its inception, over 125,000 women educators around the world have discovered the many opportunities provided by membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. AΔK supports altruistic projects and numerous scholarships, provides 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.

Sisters of Georgia AΔK let us remember these founders and our heritage because they lit the way for the creation of Alpha Delta Kappa.
May we light the way for its future.

By now all chapters have received the Alpha Delta Kappa Month report form. If not, please let AΔK Month Chairman Shannon Cole know.

Your chapter report is due by November 15, 2024 to:

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ALTRUISM IN ACTION

by Carol Roe, Altruism Committee Chairman

“Dalton District Violets Team” walked at Burr Performing Arts Park & downtown Dalton for the Alzheimer’s Association 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer’s



Alpha Psi Chapter Sisters supporting Sisters by making cards to be use by Shepherd’s Staff Food Pantry - “Be the Light!”



Alpha Iota packed 85 goodie bags for new county educators



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Cares Altruistically

Altruistic Committee Chairman Carol Roe

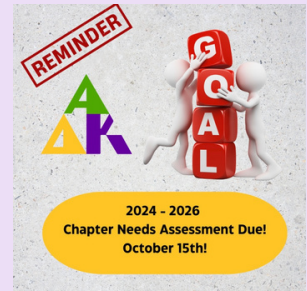
Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa! Many of our projects display the love and compassion for others. Our focus is helping others without expecting anything in return. We are keeping State President Terri’s theme active. We are honoring traditions while focusing on the future of GA AΔK!



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 had a virtual event September 21st at the State Executive Board Advisory Council meeting. Money collected that day total \$545. We want to exceed our last year’s total of \$800. **Our goal for 2024 is \$1,000.** We are over half way there! **Donations will be accepted until November 14th.** “GA AΔK Violets” is our team name. There are several ways to make a donation: 1) send a check made payable to GA Alpha Delta Kappa In the memo line write St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital walk/run 2024 - Send check to: Carol Roe, State Altruistic Chairman 1712 3rd St., PO Box 56, Montrose, GA 31065 or 2) donate online at www.stjude.org/adk -> scroll down and click Register -> in middle of page click purple link Check all our National Teams -> find AΔK logo -> click see all teams -> locate and click GA AΔK Violets -> to make a general donation click and donate!



Membership Tidbits



Thank you to all Membership Chairmen and/or other chapter leaders who have been completing the Chapter Needs Assessment. While 27 more are needed before the October 15th deadline, I know you will make GA 100%! Although you have likely set chapter goals annually for years, your state leaders are most appreciative of your willingness to craft SMART goals and include those on your CNA. As the eternal optimist, we hope that providing targets to achieve will help you gauge, in part, your accomplishments each year and give you an opportunity to work together for a common cause.

It is wonderful to review your chapter strengths and see the great things you have planned to promote educational excellence, leadership, scholarship, service and world understanding. Your activities focused on membership are especially uplifting. I am in awe of all you do and thankful to be a partner. We started the biennium with 1440 members and are currently at 1445. Yea! We are headed in the RIGHT direction.



**A shout out to our first new members of the biennium!
WELCOME to the best organization for women educators!
We hope to see you at FUN DAY IN MAY!**

JANET LEWIS
MARIE MICHELLE ROSEMON
JUDY Mc CALL SMITH
MARI EARLY
LARA RODRIQUEZ

BETA DELTA, ATHENS DISTRICT
BETA SIGMA, DECATUR DISTRICT
FIDELIS LAMBDA, MARIETTA DISTRICT
GAMMA EPSILON, ATLANTA DISTRICT
GAMMA EPSILON, ATLANTA DISTRICT

As a chapter, focus on Each One, Reach One. Invite a friend, reach out to your TOTY's, find those go-getters (both young and older), dangle scholarships as a carrot, use AΔK month activities to spread the message, put photos and news on social media, ask nonmembers to host programs, provide teachers with goodies, read to a class, donate books/supplies and have fun.

Lets ALL help be a part of Georgia's growth.
As always, contact me with questions or concerns. I am here to serve you.

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
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New Step Added to the Reinstatement Process. See Below.

REINSTATED MEMBER REGISTRATION PROCESS

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Contact International Headquarters for assistance if you do not know your username and password.
- Know the name of your previous chapter and the name of the chapter you are joining, e.g. "Alabama Alpha," "Arizona Alpha Alpha."
- Reach out to the Chapter President and share your interest to reinstate and obtain the Chapter President's ID Number.
- Be sure you have easily available your PayPal or credit card payment information.

TO REINSTATE A MEMBER

Type in the Alpha Delta Kappa.org URL.

Click on the MEMBERSHIP tab.

Click on "Reinstate Membership" and follow these directions.

- Log in using your Alpha Delta Kappa username and password.
- Complete professional and educational information.
- Choose payment method.
- Pay Internation dues using PayPal or a credit card.



Educators are Heroes Membership Grant Recipients

Chapters used the grant money to host a luncheon for new teachers in their communities.

Alpha Phi Chapter



Beta Psi Chapter





World Understanding

by State World Understanding Chairman Ruth Rennick



The International World Understanding Committee has been working diligently on new guidelines and they are now listed on the international website. Applications are being accepted through October 1, 2024. Any member may submit an application to be considered for the 2025-2027 World Understanding Project. To access the application, go to www.alphadeltakappa.org, then login with your username and password, then go to Foundation>World Understanding>World Understanding Project Application. You must follow the guidelines exactly or the application will not be considered. There is a sample showing the steps to follow and all documents needed.

By **November 15, 2024**, the International World Understanding Committee will adjudicate and identify the top five proposals, then send them to our International President.

By **December 15, 2024**, the IEB (International Executive Board) will select the top three and notify the World Understanding Committee chairman.

By **February 15, 2025**, the top three proposals will be announced on the International website, CONNECT, and International News. A summary of the top three proposals will be sent to Regional and S/P/N Presidents for publication.

The **March 2025 Kappan** will have an article with summaries and pictures of the three proposals.

Spring 2025 (date to be determined) - ALL members will have an opportunity to vote on their choice for the next World Understanding Project

July 2025 - International Convention, Austin TX - the 2025-2027 World Understanding Project will be announced, with fundraising to begin immediately.

The purpose of the International World Understanding Project is to promote educational excellence and altruism through support of global initiatives that align with Alpha Delta Kappa's purposes and mission. This program allows all member to contribute to world understanding, goodwill, and peace by supporting projects dedicated to providing educational opportunities that are designed to improve the lives of children and families in communities around the world.



Our last World Understanding Project for 2021-2023 was Project C.H.E.A.R., Sisters combined fundraising efforts made it possible to donate over \$73,000. to this chosen project. Project C.H.E.A.R.'s mission is to empower disadvantages children and youth in Bambati, Tanzania through education.



Disaster Relief

While we are honoring Alpha Delta Kappa this month, remember the devastation in East Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and other Southern states from Hurricane Helene. Donations to the Georgia Disaster Relief Fund are certainly welcomed. At this time the Disaster Relief Committee has not received any request for help from Georgia members or other states. It is still early for assessments. Some are just getting power restored for them to return home. If a sister has been affected by a natural disaster, please contact one of the Georgia State Disaster Relief Committee Co-Chairmen Jewel Hendrix or Angela Hobby. 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

Georgia 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 .

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Georgia Scholarship News

by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard



State Scholarship Timeline

- By October 31 -Decatur District Chapters should receive application & directions
- Feb. 1, 2025 - Applications & documents due to chapters
- March 1, 2025 - Completed application & documents due to VP for Scholarship
- April 2025 - Scholarship committee will approve applications & recommend winners to State Executive Board for approval.
- May/June 2025 - Awards will be mailed

Past State Presidents' Scholarship Timeline

- Scholarship applications available now on the state website
- Feb. 1, 2025 - Deadline for applications to be submitted to the VP for Scholarship

Ethel Kerlin Ward Scholarship

- Awarded every biennium to the GA Excellence in Education recipient
- Only funded by donations

A great way to celebrate Alpha Delta Kappa Month is a donation to the EKW Scholarship in memory of an Omega sister, in honor of an active sister, or just altruism



News for Treasurers



Reminders:

- **October 15** deadline for the 990-N e-Postcard submitted online to the IRS and a copy sent to me through email
- **November 1** deadline for a copy of your chapter or district budget sent to me.

Many thanks to those who have already sent me these!

If any of you need help with these financial activities, especially those who were affected by Helene, please let me know.

Lisa Tilley

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DUE DATE	FORM	TREASURER RESPONSIBLE	SEND TO
October 15	990-N (IRS e-postcard)	Chapter Treasurer	IRS and a copy to Lisa Tilley
November 1	Chapter Budget	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
	District Budget	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley

Fraternity Education



Hello Sisters,

Happy Alpha Delta Kappa Month! We are sharing a cute fraternity education activity that you can use at your meeting. It is the "Coffee Personality Test". You know teachers love coffee, and this activity combines two things Alpha Delta Kappa sisters LOVE - AΔK and coffee. This fun activity can be found on the international website - www.alphadeltakappa.org. Log in and go to Members Only -> Resource Library -> All Members -> Membership -> Fraternity Education Resources -> Games Non-Tech Device Folder -> Coffee Personality Test pdf. Be creative - before your meeting, ask your members to bring their favorite coffee mug; do not tell them why. Or you could draw a coffee cup mug on paper for your members to decorate.



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 Sisters supporting GA sisters!

Dalton District sisters from several chapters participated in the ALZ Walk to End Alzheimer's



Gamma Beta Chapter sisters sharing ideas



Lambda Chapter sisters working together to create teacher gifts.

Let's Celebrate!



Welcome new Fidelis Lambda Chapter member Judy Smith to GA Alpha Delta Kappa!



Welcome new Gamma Epsilon Chapter members Mari Early and Lara Rodriguez to GA Alpha Delta Kappa!

International Honorary Organization
for Women Educators



Pages and Pearls Book Club Chairman Jennifer Smith, GA Gamma Beta Chapter sister hosted author to speak to club.

Scholarships and Grants Deadlines



2024 Fall Regional Mini Scholarship

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

Now Open





\$300 Innovation Grant

Open to All Educators

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

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




Application Deadlines



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025

Participants Apply Here

Participants and Mentors

The Alpha Delta Kappa Leadership Academy offers a robust platform for mentorship, fostering personal growth, and professional development. Mentoring cultivates a supportive environment where veteran members and leaders impart wisdom to share experience, empowering mentees to navigate challenges effectively.

Mentors Apply Here

Applications Open
June 1, 2024 to October 15




Questions?
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APPLY NOW!



Call for Presenters

Austin, Texas

2025 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Building a Bridge for **Support**

- Classroom Best Practices, Altruism, Officer Training

Building a Bridge for **Empowerment**

- Leadership, DEI, Innovation

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>



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

GA Sisters affected by Hurricane Helene

Fidelis Lambda sister Sharon Newman - Omega

Annie Brindle Beta Phi - house fire

Past State President Hazel Stanton -
recovering from extended illness

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

Dalton District Co-Chairman Gloria Nealey -
husband's cancer treatments

Altruistic Chairman Carol Roe's - recovery from
total knee replacement

Rhon Sheffield - husband's health

Historian *Melissa Blankenship*

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

SHARE YOUR PICTURES



BY TEXT

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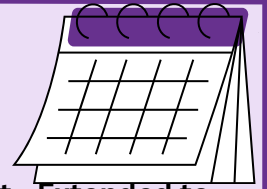
OR

BY EMAIL

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Important Dates



Month of October	Alpha Delta Kappa Month
October 1	GA 101 Calendar of Meetings Due to State President - Extended to October 10 due to chapters affected by Hurricane Helene
October 4	World Teacher Day
October 5	Columbus District Meeting
October 10	Decatur and Marietta Districts Chapter Officer Training Zoom Augusta and Dalton Districts Chapter Officer Training Zoom
October 15	S/P/N/ Bylaws or Official Statement Due to HQ Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) Online JotForm Deadline Chapter 990-N E-Postcard Deadline Regional Mini Scholarship Deadline Make-Up Chapter Officer Training Zoom
October 19	Augusta District Meeting
October 26	Athens District Meeting
November 2	Tri District Meeting (Atlanta, Decatur & Marietta Districts)
November 9	Dalton District Meeting
November 15	GA Alpha Delta Kappa Month Report Deadline State Needs Assessment (SNA) Online JotForm Deadline 2025 International Educational Symposium Presenter Deadline

September State Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting Photos



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