

The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

by Terri Thompson

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I believe Spring has sprung! And this is no April fools joke! The days are warmer and the sun sets later and later in the day. The trees and flowers are exploding with vibrant colored blooms. Pollen from this new growth has taken over. A sea of yellow "dust" coats all and anything outdoors.

The term spring by definition is a period of growth, recovery, regeneration and new beginnings. In Alpha Delta Kappa, the spring signifies the last few months of our year and reporting period. It is a time for chapters to finish the year strong completing reports to Headquarters and Georgia $\Delta\Delta K$. Please remember the requirements for the Georgia Cornucopia Award this first year of our biennium. They can be found on the GA $\Delta\Delta K$ website - www.gaalphadeltakappa.org in the Library \rightarrow Documents \rightarrow 2024-2026 Policies & Procedures Manual Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Once these reports are completed, our first year of this biennium will be finished.

I hope each member is planning to attend Georgia FUN Day May 3rd in Macon.

The planning committee has a jam-packed day filled with altruism, ways & means sales,

singing, dancing and a whole lot of FUN!

Looking forward to seeing you in Macon at FUN Day!



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

It will be time to begin again - "spring" into action for year two.





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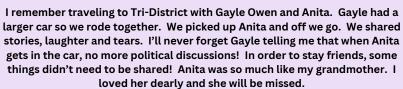
Tributes to Anita Cole from Georgia Past State Presidents

Anita Cole and I traveled together throughout our state many times, beginning when she was our State President. She had a true love for Alpha Delta Kappa, and she wanted things done the "right" way, which was usually "her" way. I'll miss sitting and standing beside her in our Presidential lineup. And will never forget that wide grin on her face the last time I saw her, when she was already in hospice care. She will be missed. Linda Chambers

The place at the Alpha Delta Kappa table cannot be filled as Anita has joined the Heavenly feast. She was a promoter and loved Alpha Delta Kappa. When I think of Anita Cole, I remember a lovely lady who fostered many projects that have made a better world. Her two years as Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa President were filled with altruism. She loved helping the needy and had her $A\Delta K$ sisters follow her lead. Georgia $A\Delta K$ did not have a state altruistic project. The Ronald McDonald Houses were being established in many cities. Anita proposed that GA $A\Delta K$ register to become a patron. As a result of the many contributions made to the RMH, Georgia $A\Delta K$ shares a room in the Macon Ronald McDonald House named for the organization.

Anita loved her $\Delta\Delta K$ sisters. She enjoyed when new members joined her chapter. She and I were good friends. She stayed with me when attending South Georgia Chapter and District meetings. She was a great advisor when I was State President. Rest well Anita, GA $\Delta\Delta K$ misses you!

Hazel Stanton



Debbie Clark

Anita was one of a kind, she made me smile and shake my head at the same time! But oh she had ideas to share and did not mind doing so regardless of where she was or who was with her! Once she called me and said "I am not being kept informed. I have not gotten any information, what is happening with GA $\Delta\Delta K$ "? She had stopped using her email! We talked about an hour and she was all caught up, happy and said "Guess I let you have it didn't I, sorry! I am happy to check my email once a month now. But you could call me and let me know what is happening, that would be easier for me!"

I loved listening to her and seeing her laugh as she shared fun times from the past with Linda Chambers last month. You could feel the love she had for both Alpha Delta Kappa and Linda. Anita's lively spirit will be missed by many.

Debbie Boswell



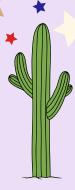
Anita at Beta Sigma Chapter's 50th Celebration October 8, 2024

Anita served as Georgia State President from 1998-2000. It was my honor to serve as her Historian. I was completely new to state leadership but she always made me feel so special. As the state historian, I traveled with Anita all over the state attending district meetings, training sessions, and other events so I could capture Anita and the sisters in action. At this time, the press book was in reality the press BOOKS since there was so much information to include, it took two books. Anita always called them "The Twins." She was so gracious to me and made me see the many positives that serving in leadership brought to me. I enjoyed my time with her and appreciate all she did to make Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa "a light to all the lands." Her logo involved clocks and hour glasses of all kinds. Imagine how much fun I had creating her press books. She will be missed and her legacy will live on. June Bellamy

Anita Cole will be greatly missed at Decatur District and State Meetings. She was not afraid to state her opinions. The last time I saw her was at Beta Sigma Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration. As frail as she was, when her daughter came to take her home she hopped up into her daughter's big Ford pickup without help. Anita was so proud of her chapter and the altruistic projects they supported. During phone calls with her, she would tell me about the chapter meeting at the funeral home social room and the wonderful caterer. She also liked to talk about her time in Texas. I will miss those phone calls. I recall one evaluation I received when I planned Fun Day in 2018. It said I enjoyed the day, thanked me for planning the event and then stated her opinion. The evaluation form was not signed but I just knew it was Anita's form. Anita was a blessing to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. She and Carolyn Burnett are probably talking about all the trips and good times they had in Alpha Delta Kappa. Anita, you were loved!

Norma Rushing

Anita was the Georgia Past State President 1998-2000



Georgia FUN Day 2025 "Deep in the Heart of Texas"



Registration is Now Open

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa FUN Day is less than one month away. The deadline to register is fast approaching – April 11th without a late fee and a \$5 late fee for April 12th-18th. No reservations after April 18th.

The different activities planned will surely get you in the festive mood for this summer's international convention. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the following altruistic projects – Adventure Bags hygiene items, Ronald McDonald House silent auction items, the Alzheimer's Longest Day, GA Disaster Relief, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Ways and Means will have many different items the chapters have for sale.

All of this will put you in a festive spirit.

Entertainment during the day will feature musical sing-alongs, a "Cowgirl" Parade, Alpha Delta Kappa and Austin, Texas trivia, snapshots taken in the GA AΔK photo booth, funny skits, and last but not least,

Sisterhood with our GA sisters and guests.

Be sure to get your registrations in for Friday night's buffet dinner and Executive Board/Advisory Council meeting and Saturday's FUN Day.

And do not forget to wear your western wear or denim.

It is going to be a time you do not want to miss!

LAW& ORDER

We are mobilizing a posse of Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms to help maintain law, order and FUN in Macon!



If you are interested in volunteering to "Keep Macon FUN" as we prepare to travel to Austin ("Keep Austin Weird") Texas for the International Convention in July, we have an opportunity for YOU!

We can use your help with the parade, silent auction, C2O hands on project, lunch and crowd control.





Sign up and saddle up for the Round up with our GA AΔK SAA!

> Sharon Collins State Sergent-at-Arms sharcoll44@gmail.com or text (404) 277-8984





Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

by Carol Roe, Altruistic Committee Chairman

carolsroe54@gmail.com

FUN Day Connect to Others Project

I know our FUN Day C2O Project, Hygiene Bags to be placed in backpacks for Adventure Bags, will be a GREAT success. Details will be coming soon.

The Spirit of Alpha Delta Kappa Altruism will be seen as you enter the Fun Day activities.





Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Altruistic Project 2025 Fun Day May 3, 2025

















C2O PROJECT: HYGIENE BAGS

Shampoo — (22 - 22.5 oz.) Dalton & Heart of Georgia

Conditioner — (22 - 22.5 oz.) Athens & Albany

Soap — 4.12 oz. Decatur & Marietta

Washcloths (2) — 13x13 Augusta & Golden Isles

Deodorant — (1.4 - 1.8 oz.)

Atlanta & Columbus



Chapters, please donate 34 items from the above list.

OUR GOAL: 400 Hygiene Bags and 400 Books



40 Books per
District for middle
to high school
students





Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa

Wow! Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters have surely been busy showing their love for Altruism. How do I know? I am reviewing information received, with amazement, at the amount of time, work, and donations given this past altruistic year by all of you! 100% of our Amazing Alpha Delta Kappa chapters met the March 15th deadline in submitting the JotForm for recording altruistic projects from March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025. I thank you all so much and extend

a BIG VIOLET to each of you Chapter Chairmen and Chapter Sisters!

I know our next recording, March 1 - February 28, 2026, will be just as successful.

Please remember to continue to send pictures of your altruistic endeavors to me, State Altruistic Chairman (carolroe54@gmail.com), State President Terri (tlsthompson27@gmail.com) and State Historian Melissa (melissab.betapi@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support for Altruism. I love being your state chairman.

I am available as you need me!

With a HEART for Altruism! Carol







ALTRUISM IN ACTION





Fidelis Nu Chapter pulling scraps cut from a quilt into a "doggie bed" for a local humane association



A finished quilt honoring veterans -Quilt of Valor made by Fidelis Nu sisters!

Gamma Nu Chapter donated the book -A Little Potato and Hard to Peel written by the son of a member to local school media centers



Sigma Chapter contributed to "Something for Alex" to fill Easter baskets distributed through Manna





Beta Chi sister, Carol Roe volunteering to sit with an Alzheimer's patient while her relative does errands.

Pippy at work for #ALZ



Look at these **HEARTS** for altruism projects!

This past weekend we held our spring district meeting at the Druid Hills Golf Club. We had several altruistic projects. One was to bring in snack bags for CURE Childhood Cancer. Our district assembled 395 bags (approximately \$1,422 worth) for parents and children. I am so proud of all our chapters for th... See more







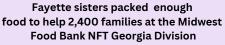




Delta Chapter serving together at Truth's Place packing food items.



Gamma Gamma Chapter members















Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Our Longest Day Team



HAVE YOU JOINED OUR TEAM?

The Alzheimer's Association is one of our two 2023-2025 Alpha Delta Kappa International Altruistic Project. Our Georgia sisters have led the way with creative ways to FUNdraise to Outshine the Darkness of Alzheimer's while enjoying "sister time" and spreading Awareness! In 2024 our Georgia sisters helped raise \$39,545!!! GO TEAM!!! If you haven't signed up yet for our Team, Look below for instructions. "The Longest Day" will also have a table waiting for you at our GA FUN DAY on May 3rd! Together we will advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association! #ENDALZ

CLICK ON THE #ENDALZ BOX TO SIGNUP!
Scroll down to Find OUR
GEORGIAALPHADELTAKAPPA Team





DISASTER RELIEF





Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!!! You Georgia sisters have been so generous to Disaster Relief at your February and March spring district meetings! We appreciate your making contributions and buying chances on the Coach purse, donated by Alpha Epsilon's Sherry McKie. There will also be a Disaster Relief table at the April meeting, so all you sisters who have your spring district meetings coming up have an opportunity to contribute, too! As you know, through Disaster Relief funds, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa has donated \$500 grants to 12 sisters since September and sent donations to other states in need. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you at Fun Day when the winner of the Coach purse will be announced.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Disaster Relief co-chairs. We also appreciate your monetary donations for those in need!

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Jewel Hendrix
Disaster Relief Co-Chair
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MEMBERSHIP

NOW ON TO FUN DAY... we will have several MEMBERSHIP AWARDS presented throughout the day on Saturday. BUT... you need to be PRESENT TO WIN!

Please be sure to read your *KAPPAN*, check out CONNECT and share your ideas about PROGRAMING with others!

There are some great programs we are reading about in your newsletters.

Hope to see you at FUN DAY... Carolyn and Debbie

IDENTIFYING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Friends and colleagues of current members

Award or grant winners, scholarship recipients, National Board Certified teachers, etc.

Non-public, two-year and four-year colleges, technical schools, private schools, charter schools and preschools

- · Consider schools without Alpha Delta Kappa members
- Invite more than one prospective member from the same school, if possible
- · Reconsider prospective members who were unable to join before; situations change
- Invite former members
- Consider active educators in a specialized field of education, which may include:
- Audiologist
- Career/Technical Education Teacher
- Community College/College/University Faculty
- Educational Consultant (Independent)
- Instructional Coach
- Instructional Technology Teacher/Coach
- Literacy/Math/Curriculum Coach
- Media Specialist/Librarian
- · Occupational Therapist
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Private Contract Educational Provider
- School Counselor
- School Nurse (Registered Nurse)
- School Psychologist
- · School Social Worker
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- S/P/N Department of Education
- Consultant/Employee
- · Vocational/Occupational Teacher

Why Join?

Sisters experience - altruism, scholarship opportunities, informative and enriching programs and friendships!



Delta Chapter members packing meals at Truth's Place.





WHAT IS

Our members are hope builders and difference makers! They ignite and engage their communities to make a difference. Membership is honorary and based on peer recognition. Being a member of Alpha Delta Kappa provides leadership and networking opportunities. Join the force of over 24,000 educators combining their energy and talents to enrich their lives and the



Educational Excellence

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Altruiem

Basically, we are educators supporting educators!

heck us out at alphadeltakappa.org







Beta Nu
Chapter enjoyed a
personal enrichment
painting program
during their chapter
meeting.

Beta Theta learning about one of Georgia's altruistic projects -Adventure Bags



Photos



newest sisters - Catherine **Gossett and Sylena Wiggins**





Let's Celebrate!





Welcome Atlanta District New Initiates Melani Truett, Alpha Chapte; Karen Jensen, Delta Chapter; Ashley Allen, Rachael Bama, Courtney Bridges, Takiah Oguniusi and Jeffreia Raines , Alpha Tau Chapter; Cathy Geis, and Janet Johnson, Alpha Phi Chapter; Stacey Lutes, Beta Gamma Chapter; and Mari Early and Lara Rodriguez, Gamma Epsilon Chapter



Congratulations to Beta Chi sisters - Kay Donaldson (Senior Citizen of the Year) and Kathy Christian (Woman of the Year)







Alpha Sigma provided a "Taco Tuesday" for the staff of Beulah Elementary School through the Educators Are Heroes grant.









Dalton District sisters from Kappa, Alpha Upsilon and Beta Phi **Chapters toured The Emery Center which is the** altruistic project for the spring Dalton District meeting..







Beta Delta Chapter held a crafting program at their meeting for members to let their creativity flow.











Welcome Alpha Epsilon Chapter's newest sister Shannon Shelton (far left)



Bylaws 2025



Congratulations
on a job well done
in submitting your Chapter Bylaws
or Chapter Official Policy Statement to the
Alpha Delta Kappa International website!
It has been a pleasure working with you
as your Georgia Bylaws Chair

Melissa Hoffman, Georgia Bylaws Chair, 2024–2026 <u>melissa.hoffman910@gmail.com</u> (706) 799–8277



TREASURER REMINDERS



Lisa Tilley, State Treasurer tilleylisa@bellsouth.net

The next <u>due date is June 30, 2025.</u> By this date, please submit the Chapter Financial Summary electronically.

The Chapter Financial Summary replaces all previous financial reports (C1, Cash Flow, Balance Sheet) and is to be submitted electronically to International. The form is no longer sent to State treasurers.

The Chapter Financial Summary submission link and directions can be found at the Alpha Delta Kappa International website - www.alphadeltakappa.org. Go to Members Only → Resource Library → Chapter Documents → Financial Forms.

After you submit your Chapter Financial Summary electronically to International, please email me at the address above to verify that you have done so.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Fraternity Education

What Kind of Alpha Delta Kappa Sister Member Are You?

Do you ever catch yourself wondering what kind of sister you are? Or ever wonder what kind of sister you are around? At times, we wonder if sisters are interested in more, or what role each sister has played in their organization. This FUN activity lets the sister design their own Glyph or a character picture. You can pass out the packet of glyphs and have the sisters design their own face based on their answers. This is a fun and different activity that helps us get to know our sisters a little better and helps us to know if any sisters may be considering holding an office or a higher office than they currently hold in Alpha Delta Kappa. This is an easy, non-threatening way to determine interest in any of those positions that a sister may not vocally express. You may find that you have a sister that is willing to take on an officer position that you were unaware of before. Have fun with your face glyphs!

To access this activity page go directly to our state website Fraternity Education page (under Members) where we have posted a copy here: https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/fraternity-education/



Happy Easter Birthday to our princess, Annie Brindle. (Apr.20th)

Spring is in the air sisters! Have a happy April!

Blooming with excitement,
Annie and Karen
State Fraternity Ed Co-Chairs







Historian Melissa Blankenship

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



By Text 478-397-5396





By Email melissab.betapi@gmail.com

March Spring District Meetings

Atlanta District









Columbus District







Augusta District







Marietta District











70° Anniversary
Georgia Beta Chapter
Alpha Delta Kappa
Chartered
May 14, 1955







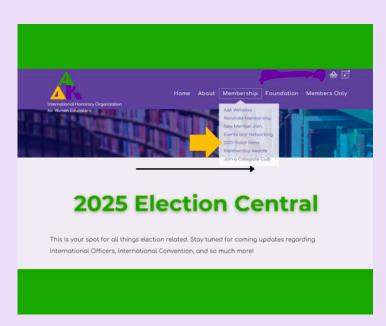


Online Registration is now open for the 38th International Convention





JW Marriott - Convention Hotel Room Reservations - \$199 through Headquarters

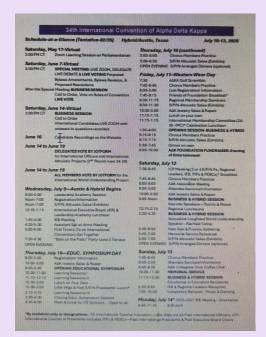


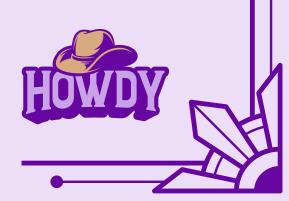
Voting Instructions for Delegates

International Convention Pricing



Convention Schedule





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

Past State President & Beta Sigma sister Anita Cole - Omega

Augusta District Sustaining sister Ruth Muns - Omega

Alpha Pi sister Katherine Brown - Omega

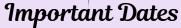
Past State President Hazel Stanton's husband and State President Terri Thompson's dad - hospitalization

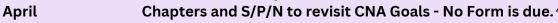
Beta Rho sister Pat Simpson - property damaged from Hurricane Helene

Sisters in Chapters who have lost sisters to the Omega Chapter









April 1 Kappan submissions deadline for June publication

April 12 Dalton District Spring Meeting - Dalton

April 15 Regional Mini Spring Scholarship Application Deadline

May 1 Early Bird Registration for International Convention Deadline
May 2 Spring Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting - Macon

May 3 Georgia FUN Day

May 30 Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Memorial Scholarship Deadline
June 14 -16 Convention Delegates vote by JotForm for International Officers

June 14-19 ALL MEMBERS VOTE by JotForm for International World Understanding Project

June 15 Distinguished Program Application Opens
June 20 "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association

June 30 H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary Deadline - send to HQ

Chapter and S/P/N Annual Financial Summary deadline - send to HQ

July 10-13 2025 International Convention in Austin, Texas



GA AΔK Shirts

We still have a few shirts available
2 Medium
3 Large
1 Extra Large
\$30.00

Make check out to GA Alpha Delta Kappa.

Mail to President Terri Thompson

All money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.



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