



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

by Terri Thompson

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March is Women’s History Month which gives the country the opportunity to acknowledge the important contributions women have made towards society, culture and history in the United States. Its principles focus on celebrating women’s achievements especially on National Women’s Day March 8th!

This year’s theme is “Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations.” This theme is meant to highlight and support women who have dedicated their lives to education. Oh how this theme ties right in with Alpha Delta Kappa. Our organization has so many outstanding women that are and have made a mark in education.

Alpha Delta Kappa sisters are making history every single day. Just as our four founders had a vision to recognize and support the professional efforts of outstanding women educators, members today are honoring, inspiring and recognizing each other daily.

It is a great time to celebrate our members in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. March 13th is our special day. Happy 71st Anniversary GA AΔK!

Let’s encourage every member to strive for excellence as we honor our organization!



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

Terri ♥ ♥ ♥

Happy MARCH
Women’s
Day



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Tributes to Rose Mary Kolpatzki from Georgia Past State Presidents



**Georgia Past State President
1983-1984**

I count it a privilege to have known Rose Mary Kolpatzki. She was not only a sister and friend, but she served as my music coordinator for over 20 years in the DeKalb County School System. She also sponsored me into membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. What a gift she gave me in so many ways-her support, encouragement, wisdom, and expertise. She was kind to all, no matter the circumstances. She was a lady with a gentle spirit and a smile to match. I will miss her but know that she has already joined the Heavenly Chorus and is singing God's praises.

June Bellamy

Rose Mary left a legacy of love, encouragement, support and friendship to all who knew her. I never heard her say one unkind word about anyone. Her notes, emails and phone calls will be in my heart for a lifetime. Alpha Delta Kappa meant the world to Rose Mary. She introduced me and others to several altruistic endeavors close to her heart. She showed us how to make a difference in the lives of others by recognizing their strengths and encouraging them to look to the future. I will miss all she stood for...most importantly her LOVE FOR LIFE...Debbie Boswell

Rose Mary was an encourager. When she became State President she wanted me to chair a new position on the State Advisory Council, that of Music Chairman. Rose Mary knew many, many music teachers. Why me? She was pushing me to contribute to Alpha Delta Kappa. Once, she and I made cassette tapes (does that date us!) of The Lamp of AΔK and The Georgia AΔK Song for each chapter in our state. Why me? She was the encourager. She was pushing me. Rose Mary formed a small musical group to sing at her State Convention. Why did she ask me to sing? She was always the encourager. And just when I thought something I did had gone wrong, her note of appreciation and encouragement would arrive in my mailbox. Rose Mary was my teacher, my encourager, my sister and my friend. She is missed.

Linda Chambers

What a southern lady! Rose Mary was a tremendous role model in professionalism and leadership. She is certainly known by GA leaders as a wonderful support system, always giving praise either verbally or in handwritten messages. Rose Mary made you feel truly appreciated for time you gave to Alpha Delta Kappa. Her smiling face at the past state president table will be missed.

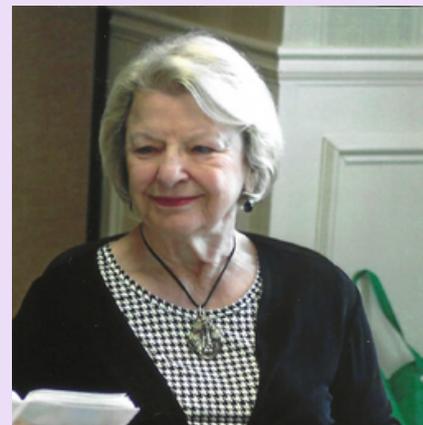
Yvette Keel

I first met Rose Mary during the 1973-74 school year. I was a new teacher to Georgia and DeKalb County and had to take some Staff Development classes. I took a fine arts class taught by Rose Mary. I was in awe of her and wanted to grow up to be a southern lady like her. While I was a state officer, she was so sweet to send me little notes of encouragement and phone calls to express thanks. These were especially appreciated. She was passionate about music and education. She was so excited about helping young deserving adults further their college education. Whatever Rose Mary did, she did it with passion. We will miss her kind and loving expressions of encouragement.

Norma Rushing

Rose Mary, a beautiful talented Alpha Delta Kappa sister who brought joy to every heart through her music. She loved playing the piano in concerts at church and with her school students. Rest in Peace with your heavenly choir!

Hazel Stanton





Bylaws 2025

As we navigate this change of submitting Bylaws or the Official Policy Statement online to the Alpha Delta Kappa website, just remember. . .

“You’re braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

Greetings Sisters!

The end is in sight- **March 15th**, for the Jotform submissions of Bylaws or the Chapter Bylaws Official Policy Statement directly to the Alpha Delta Kappa website. Upon submission you will immediately receive an acknowledgement of receipt with a date stamp in the top right hand corner of your Jotform. Please send a copy of the date stamped certified Jotform to me for our Georgia Bylaws files.

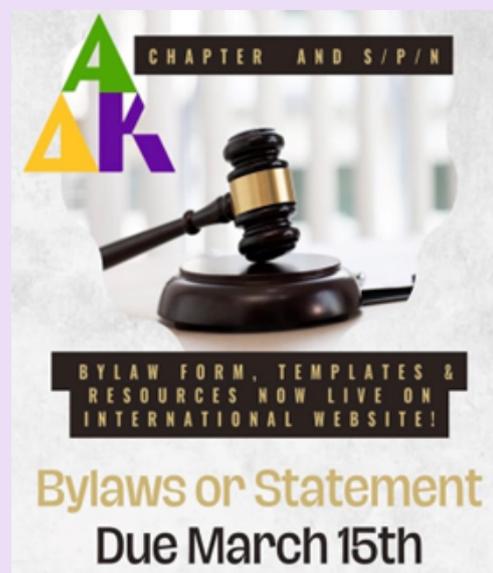
To navigate the website: Members Only- Chapter Officers- Chapter Bylaws (far right)- Choose either Chapter Bylaws #4 Submission Jot Form or Chapter Bylaws #6 Official Policy Statement. Only submit one or the other, **not** both.

If your Chapter is using Chapter Bylaws, vote on the bylaws during the designated chapter meeting. After the chapter votes, you should use the Chapter Bylaws #4 Submission Jotform. Date it using the meeting date amended by the chapter and submit it directly on the International website.

If your chapter previously voted to follow the Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa and your Chapter’s Policies and Procedures Manual, review your Policy and Procedures Manual and update it to share with members. The Chapter President and Treasurer must be seated together to complete the Chapter Bylaws #6 Official Policy Statement Jotform. Please insert the original date your chapter voted to use the Official Policy Statement and submit it directly on the International website. Finally, forward a copy of the date stamped certified Official Policy Statement from International to me for our Georgia Bylaws files.

District Chairs, please review and update District Guidelines which are due on March 15th as well. Thank you all for your service in Alpha Delta Kappa! “All for one and one for all- a better world to find.”

Melissa Hoffman, Georgia Bylaws Chair, 2024-2026
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Limerick (Shared by Suzi Bonifay)

There once were AΔK sisters from the Peach state,
They loved Fun Days, Conventions and special dates,
They promoted service and education,
Were known for having fun and by reputation,
And in recruiting were envied as top rate!

Congratulations to those of you who have initiated and/or reinstated members this biennium (since June 1, 2024) and to those of you keeping current members excited and engaged. You are making Georgia PROUD. Thanks also for all the questions about new members, transfers and reinstatements. Keep reaching out.

June 1, 2024 - March 3, 2025...we have 12 reinstated, 34 new and 4 transferred members. This does NOT include 12 members initiated this past Saturday at the Atlanta District Meeting.

Do send me an email (debbieb.adk@gmail.com) if you have a reinstatement during this biennium and I will track them in another manner. Just let me know the chapter, the reinstated member's name and the date reinstated. I want to help celebrate your chapter and members. Also send individual member accomplishments and celebrations to Debbie Boswell for recognition in our MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS of the newsletter!

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!

Examples of winners may include, but are not limited to:

- Chapter with the largest number of members attending
- Chapter with largest percent of membership attending
- First timer
- Member with the longest tenure in Alpha Delta Kappa

If you have any other ideas for a new category, please email your idea to debbieb.adk@gmail.com! More information about Membership Awards will be in the APRIL NEWSLETTER!

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.

Love to all,
Carolyn and Debbie

TREASURER REMINDERS

Lisa Tilley, State Treasurer
tilleylisa@bellsouth.net

The next due date is June 30, 2025.

By this date, please submit the Chapter Financial Summary electronically.



The Chapter Financial Summary replaces all previous financial reports (CI, 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. 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!

Alzheimer's Association & Our Longest Day Kickoff!



Everyone is invited to attend the Alzheimer's Association Celebration and Kick Off for the Alpha Delta Kappa - Alzheimer's Association "The Longest Day".

When: Thursday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. CT

Meeting ID: 997 1045 8837

Passcode: 152225

CLICK ON THE ABOVE TEXT and LINK WILL APPEAR ABOVE

JOIN IN TO CELEBRATE OUR Alzheimer's Association is a 2023-2025 Alpha Delta Kappa International Altruistic Project and our sisters who have created their own fundraisers to outshine the darkness of Alzheimer's. Prepare for 2025 Exciting "The Longest Day" Events as we FIGHT Alzheimer's through fundraising activities of our choice on a day that works for you. Together we will advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

#ENDALZ



THANK YOU!
♥

DISASTER RELIEF



Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!!! You Georgia sisters have been so generous to Disaster Relief at your February 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 all the March and April meetings, 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 11 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!

Angela Hobby
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Jewel Hendrix
Disaster Relief Co-Chair
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Photos



Let's Celebrate!

Welcome Gamma Delta Chapter's new members - holding flowers (far left) Marjorie Yergin, Renet Bender, and Lori Howard (far right).



Welcome Beta Chi Chapter's new members - Kimberly Faircloth, Abby Green, and Kristy Shepard



Congratulations to Georgia's Newest Sapphire Sister Lynn Carnes, Alpha Eta Chapter



Welcome Alpha Pi Chapter's new member Lori Webber



Dot Morris from Beta Rho plays the piano weekly for the patrons of the Alzheimer's Outreach Center in Albany



Gamma Delta supplied items for Adventure Bags



A fun time at Gamma Gamma Chapter's meeting learning line dancing!



Beta Chi Chapter held a fundraiser Game Night for Scholarships

Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

by Carol Roe, Altruistic Committee Chairman

carolsroe54@gmail.com

At a recent District meeting I heard our State President Terri say (and I quote Terri), "This is the season of PURPLE, Alpha Delta Kappa Purple." Sisters, let your Altruism light shine!

I cannot wait to read all your Altruistic endeavors this year as you complete and submit your Altruistic Report for 2024-2025.

The Altruistic Report JotForm on the international website is open!

The reporting deadline for the Chapter Pearl of Achievement is March 15, 2025.

The form will CLOSE March 31, 2025.

Get those reports in EARLY.

Please send a copy of the confirmation from Headquarters to me and President Terri.

(Just in case the computers are being "tricky.")

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Have you heard about FUN Day? Of course you have! President-Elect Pat has been busy settling all the details, but our Altruistic projects for the years will be highlighted on May 3 at the Anderson Center in Macon! Each District is already preparing for their specific responsibilities for this Day. I can feel the Altruistic spirit igniting as I type these words. Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters, let your "light" shine as you work with each of our State projects: St. Jude's Research Hospital (completed successfully), Alzheimer's Association The Longest Day, Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia, and our newly adopted State project—Adventure Bags. Be sure to visit our displays for each of these projects. Big thank you to Pippy Rogers for volunteering, once again, to handle the Alzheimer's display. President-Elect Pat will be spearheading the Silent Auction for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia. Adventure Bags will be developing a display for their table, and I will be developing a display for St. Jude's Research Hospital & the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.

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.

With a HEART for Altruism, Carol



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



Adventure Bags™

C2O PROJECT: HYGIENE BAGS

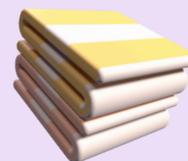
Shampoo — (22 - 22.5 oz.)	Dalton & Heart of Georgia
Conditioner — (22 - 22.5 oz.)	Athens & Albany
Soap — 4.12 oz.	Decatur & Marietta
Washcloths (2) — 13x13	Augusta & Golden Isles
Deodorant — (1.4 - 1.8 oz.)	Atlanta & Columbus

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	♥
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Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa



ALTRUISM IN ACTION



Fidelis Alpha Chapter assembling valentine goodie bags for residents at personal care homes.



Look at these HEARTS for altruism projects!



Beta Upsilon Chapter making Valentine cards for residents at assisted living facility



Alpha Sigma Chapter sponsored a "Paint with a Friend" scholarship fundraiser



Alpha Lambda Chapter sponsored a Valentine's party for the Winners Club in Calhoun



Beta Chapter members cooked dinner for the Ronald McDonald House



Alpha Psi Chapter held their chapter meeting at the Adventure Bags facility learning about the operations and then helped pack the bags!



Beta Phi supplied ingredients for "sweet treats" for local elementary school food pantries



Coming Soon - Registration Forms

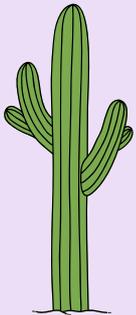


Georgia Fun Day
May 3, 2025

Austin, Texas

“Deep in The Heart of Texas”

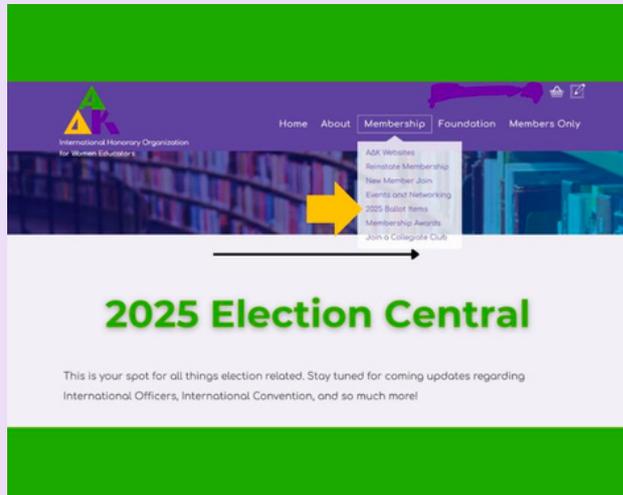
The 1941 song features lyrics by June Hershey and music by Don Swander.



77th International Convention in Austin, Texas
July 10-13, 2025
Registration is now open!



A Bridge to the Future
Alpha Delta Kappa
International Convention
JW Marriott Austin Texas
July 10-13, 2025



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2025 Election Central

This is your spot for all things election related. Stay tuned for coming updates regarding International Officers, International Convention, and so much more!

**Voting will take place on line
for Registered Delegates.**

February Spring District Meetings

Heart of Georgia District



Albany District



Golden Isles District



Athens District





Fraternity Education



Who's feeling lucky and thinks they know the answers to these trivia questions???

If you are ready to shamROCK your sisters world, try this fabulous fraternity education activity that we call "Alpha Delta Kappa LUCKY Trivia." You pass out a half sheet of paper to the sisters and have them number 1-10, then ask them each trivia question. This is a fun and different trivia about Alpha Delta Kappa with questions that we don't usually ask. The sister with the most correct answers wins the pot of GOLD or the candy of your choice.

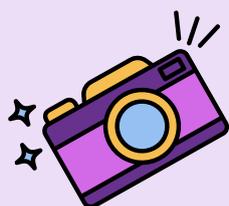
To access this activity page go directly to our state website Fraternity Education page (under Members) where we have posted a copy here:

<https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/fraternity-education/>

You sisters are the cutest Clovers in the patch! Have a lucky March!



Irish kisses and shamrock wishes,
Annie and Karen
State Fraternity Ed Co-Chairs



Historian Melissa Blankenship



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



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Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters - Be on the lookout!



You have a big part to play in choosing the next International World Understanding Project.

Look for your March issue of the *Kappan* magazine, where you should find an article describing the top three proposals that YOU will get to vote on this spring. The winner will be announced at the International Convention in Austin, Texas this July, where fundraising will begin immediately.

These three proposals have gone through the adjudication process and have been chosen for your consideration. PLEASE take the time to read and study each one carefully before choosing your favorite.

You can see the details for each project at www.alphadeltakappa.org. Login with your username and password, then hover over "Foundation" and choose "World Understanding". You will see a brief synopsis of each project, then "Click here to visit their website" to learn more about each one.

Let's be ready to make an informed decision when the voting window opens. Here are the three proposed projects:

- *Project Sol y Luna*
- *S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for the Lost Boys*
- *Kadanso Schools*

Don't forget to remember our ITE student, Sarah Pradoto. St. Patrick's Day is coming up this month and Easter is April 20th. These are special days to let her know your chapter is thinking of her. Address is 105 College Station Rd., Bldg. C, Apt. 106 Athens, GA 30605.

"It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who are in it."
Nelson Mandela



Stop Scammers in Their Tracks!

Telecommunications Chair
Dawn Hudson



Scammers often use deceptive emails to trick individuals into revealing personal and financial information, a tactic known as phishing. To protect yourself, be cautious of unsolicited messages that create a sense of urgency or request sensitive data or sending money or gift cards.

Examine the sender's email address carefully; scammers may use addresses that mimic legitimate organizations but contain slight misspellings or unusual domains. Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from unknown sources, as they may lead to malicious websites or install malware on your device. Legitimate companies will not ask for personal information via email. If in doubt, contact the organization directly using official contact information, not the details provided in the email. Regularly updating your passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication can also enhance your security.

For more tips on recognizing and avoiding phishing scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's guidance on phishing here: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>.

Dawn will have free bookmarks, flyers and other information available at Fun Day in April. In the meantime, consider having a chapter meeting around this topic and using the Google Phishing Quiz Simulator which will let you practice a skill learning how to spot real and fake emails: <https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com/>.

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 & Gamma Chapter sister Rose Mary Kolpatzki - Omega

Past State President Anita Cole - health

Past Gulf IVP and Past Georgia State President Debbie Clark - recovery from ablation & watchman device procedure

Past State President Sandra Bailey - recovery form ablation on back

Past State President Hazel Stanton - recovery from long illness & husband's surgery and illness

Dalton District Co-Chairman Gloria Nealey - husband's recovery from hip replacement and health

Alpha Rho sister Lyn Martin - Omega

Alpha Mu sister Patricia Melton - Omega



Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Memorial Scholarship



Purpose: to encourage commitment to educational excellence and give financial assistance to college juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in Education

Award: \$3000 SCHOLARSHIP

Online Application: <https://tinyurl.com/melbapriestley>

For More Information: Contact Susan Collins
suscol55@comcast.net 912-713-4883

Application Due by May 30, 2025

International Scholarship & Recognition Opportunities

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL
Regional Mini Scholarship
OPEN NOW UNTIL APRIL 15

Regional Mini Scholarships Fall/Spring provide funds to attend non-ADK sponsored conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops, and non-credit classes.

Deadline April 15th

Distinguished Program Recognition
Application Opens June 15th!

The Distinguished Program Recognition (DPR) acknowledges chapters with outstanding programs that reflect the purposes of Alpha Delta Kappa.

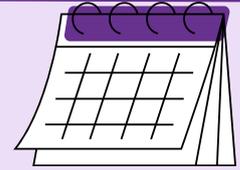
LEARN MORE >

Deadline June 15th

6 Ways to
Be clear & concise for your applications to Alpha Delta Kappa Grants & Scholarships

- Use complete sentences.
- Check for spelling and grammar.
- Explain your answers in clear detail.
- Define acronyms with the first use.
- Make sure your purpose and benefits to yourself & students are clearly explained.
- Budget should be itemized.

Important Dates



Early March	International Convention Registration Opens
March 6	ALZ's The Longest Day Kickoff Zoom
March 8	Columbus District Meeting - Columbus
March 13	Georgia AΔK's 71st Anniversary
March 15	Augusta District Spring Meeting - Augusta Altruistic Report Submission Deadline via JotForm Chapter Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures Official Statement Submission Deadline via JotForm
March 22	Marietta District Spring Meeting - Powder Springs
March 29	Decatur District Spring Meeting - Tucker
April	Chapters and S/P/N to revisit CNA Goals - No Form is due.
April 1	<i>Kappan</i> 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 Meeting - Macon
May 3	Georgia FUN Day
June 20	"The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association
June 30	H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary Deadline Chapter and S/P/N Annual Financial Summary send to HQ Deadline



GA AΔK Shirts
 We still have a few shirts available
 2 Medium
 4 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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