



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

by Terri Thompson

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Sisters,

June, the month that educators look forward to the most. Sleeping late, relaxing, summer vacation travels and time off are well-deserved. It is the time to take a break from the regular routines. Enjoy your “time off,” but do remember Alpha Delta Kappa work does not stop. Volunteer when you are able. Remember to keep a record of your donations and volunteer time numbers. It will be counted on the March 2026 altruistic report.

It is hard to believe that this first year of the 2024-2026 biennium is behind us. So much anticipation was had by all the newly elected Executive Board officers, the new district chairmen, the new state committee chairmen and all Georgia members with plans to forge ahead. “Traditions” were continued and honored along with introducing “new” ideas and projects for Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Thank you everyone for a very successful first year!

As we head into the second year in this biennium, let us remember the three “R’s - relax, rest, and review.” This summer think about what you would like to accomplish this last year of the 2024-2026 biennium. Are you ready to take on a new role in your chapter, district or even the state? Each one of you are a vital part in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa.

I am looking forward to heading to Austin, Texas for the International Convention. Our Texas sisters have planned some exciting things for us to experience. For those of you joining me there, please be on the look out for a message from State Courtesy/Hospitality Chairman Erin Neal regarding the Georgia Night Out, food and snacks and time for Georgia sisters to be together. We will miss those who are not able to attend. Please see page 3 for the voting schedule.

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

Terri ♥ ♥ ♥



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Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Our “Longest Day” Team



THANK YOU FUN DAY ATTENDEES!

Our Georgia sisters joined the team and added to our GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA TEAM total! We are now #3 at \$10,700!

Thank you SISTERS!

What are your chapter plans to FUNdraise and Outshine the Darkness of Alzheimer's while enjoying “sister time” and spreading Awareness? Take pictures and send them to me! pippyrogersadk@gmail.com.

I will get them on the ALZ website!

If you haven't signed up yet for our Team, Look below for instructions. 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
GEORGIAALPHADELTA KAPPA Team

the end to
ALZHEIMER'S
begins with us.

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FUNDRAISING BY STATES

Sort by Number of Teams

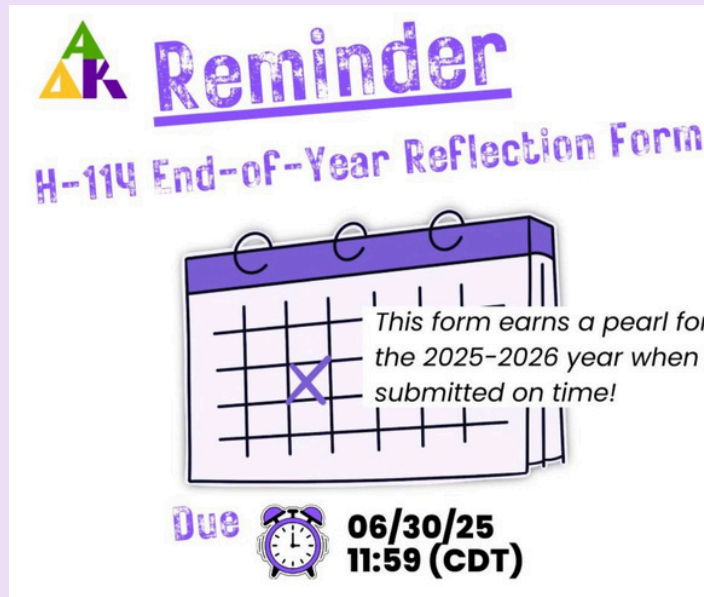
Sort by Fundraising Amount

State	Number of Teams	Amount
1. MO	2	\$44,109.00
2. VA	11	\$13,921.00
3. GA	2	\$10,730.00
4. SC	1	\$9,099.00
5. OH	1	\$8,188.00
6. NC	11	\$6,655.00
7. MD	1	\$6,388.00
8. VT	1	\$6,097.00
9. MS	2	\$4,930.00
10. CA	2	\$4,274.00

YOUR PASSION
CAN HELP
FIGHT
ALZHEIMER'S

Chapter Secretary Reminder

H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary due to Headquarters by June 30th via JotForm on the International website → Members Only -> Resource Library → Chapter Officers → Chapter Documents & Forms



CHAPTER TREASURER REMINDERS

Lisa Tilley, State Treasurer
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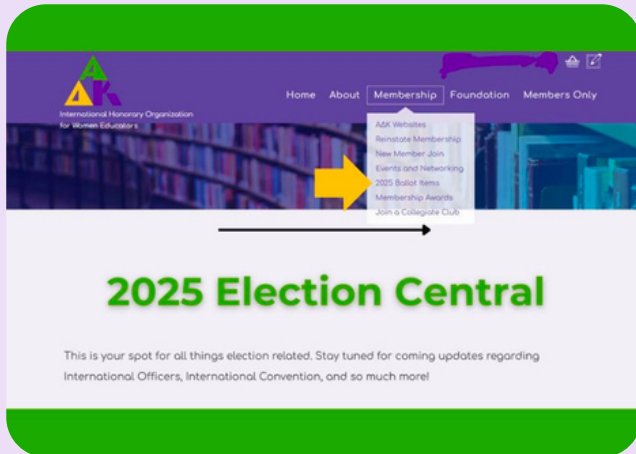
The next due date is June 30, 2025. By this date, please submit the Chapter Financial Summary electronically.

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 - www.alphadeltakappa.org. Go to Members Only → Resource Library → Chapter Officers → 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!



2025 International Convention Voting Schedule

June 7 at 2 pm CT Special Meeting Called to Order for Consideration of AΔK Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions.

LIVE ZOOM DEBATE AND LIVE VOTING for Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions - [Delegates Only](#).
Live results announced.

June 7 The First Session of the International Convention Called to Order immediately following the Special Meeting for Consideration of AΔK Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions.

June 7 **LIVE ZOOM VOTING** for Rules Governing an International Convention (not debatable) - [Delegates Only](#).

June 10 Results of Rules Governing International Convention announced and posted on the International website.

June 10 Results of Bylaws Proposed Amendments and Resolutions announced and posted on the International website.

June 14 at 2 pm CT The Second Session of the International Convention Called to Order - All Candidate **LIVE ZOOM** Candidates respond to questions(s) from MC Live on ZOOM. The responses will be recorded - no questions or responses from the audience.

June 14-19 [DELEGATE VOTING for Candidates and International Altruistic Projects](#).
(JotForm link emailed to Delegates)

★ June 14-19 [All Member Voting for World Understanding proposals](#); ★
(JotForm ballot sent via email)

June 24-26 Second Round of [Delegate Voting for Candidates](#) If Needed.





World Understanding is Back!

The International World Understanding Project is designed to promote educational excellence and altruism through the support of global initiatives that align with Alpha Delta Kappa's purposes and mission.

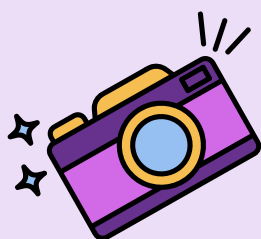
Voting will take place for the 2025-2027 World Understanding project proposals from June 14-19, 2025. Each member will receive an email with a link to a jot form ballot. You may only vote for one of three proposals, and ALL members get a vote. Please take time to read about the three proposed projects as published in the March *Kappan*, (p. 23-24), and on the International World Understanding site.

1) Project Sol y Luna Resplendor International has been keeping a community in central Mexico bright, brilliant and in balance. An immediate goal is to develop more consistency in the after-school and extended programs for families and children at Resplendor International Center.

2) S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for the Lost Boys stands for Support Unifying Community Commitment to Educate South Sudan. Project S.U.C.C.E.S.S. will bring hope to families who lost their homes and schools from floods and now live in a displacement camp. Providing education for children ensures brighter futures and freedom from poverty. Classrooms will be built that use technology to enrich learning.

3) Kadanso Schools for Salone's mission is to advance quality education in Sierra Leone through local partnerships. SIS and the community have built a primary school, a preschool/nursery school and started building a secondary school. Ensuring students have options to continue their education is crucial. Additional funding is needed to complete the school so all children have equitable access to education.

Be ready to make an informed decision



Historian Melissa Blankenship



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



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Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

by Carol Roe, Altruistic Committee Chairman

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UPDATE, UPDATE, UPDATE! And the numbers are in.....

Adventure Bags, our FUN Day C2O Project for our "Heart for Altruism" Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, received an amazing amount of donations! I am truly amazed and thankful for the Heart shown by my sisters. Violets to the sisters that helped transport!

624	3-N-1/Body Wash	5	Toothbrushes –
610	Shampoo/conditioner	5	Toothpaste –
476	Deodorant	48	Crayon/Color pencils –
707	Washcloth	43	Pens/Pencils
340	Soap	15	Toys/Surprises/School items –
2757	HYGIENE BAG items.	77	"extra items" donated
959	Middle and High School Reading Books Donated		

I am looking forward to the next year of altruism. I have already heard from several with pictures.

Don't forget to send pictures of your altruistic endeavors to me, State Historian Melissa (melissab.betapi@gmail.com) and President Terri (tlsthompson27@gmail.com).

(The new year began March 1 for collecting information.) Let me know if I can help in any way.

With a Heart for Altruism!

Carol



Look at these HEARTS for altruism projects!



Gamma Beta collected wish list items for the Ronald McDonald House. Susie Dailey dropped them off to the house.



Linda Williams Beta Mu Chapter and Deborah Kincaid Psi Chapter with Ivy from Adventure Bags helped transport FUN Day hygiene bags back to the Winder area for Adventure Bags Inc.



Alpha Delta Kappa - Gamma Nu
Preparing Gift bags to welcome our new Wayne County Educators



Fidelis Xi Chapter filled Friday's Child weekend food bags for South Franklin Elementary School

MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU sisters for a year full of retaining, initiating, recruiting and reinstating Sisters. Please be sure to verify sisters are officially registered on the International Directory. While you are there, we need all phone numbers updated so that our new GA Directory will be updated correctly. Several sisters still have their home phone numbers listed that are no longer in service!

Plans are being made for the 2025-2026 Membership Drive, if you have any ideas please share them with Carolyn at (gagirl511@hotmail.com) and Debbie at (debbieb.adk@gmail.com). New ideas for prizes and rewards are appreciated! We will need to have your ideas no later than June 30th to finalize details to kick off a great Membership Drive! One way to look around for new members is when you are serving others through your Church, Community or even on VACATION. Yes, as you travel throughout the state, wear a GA AΔK SHIRT and you'll be amazed at how many questions you get!

Reach out to us if you have any questions at all as you begin planning for the upcoming year. If we don't have the answer, we know someone who will! If you have a question, there are others waiting on someone to ask it.

It was a great FUN DAY! Membership had fun handing out a few \$5 bills and a few other prizes of multiple \$5s, ask your sisters if they won any of them!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALPHA IOTA AND GAMMA DELTA EACH
WITH 6 NEW INITIATES THIS FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.**



Excellence in Education



Now is the time to be thinking about who in your chapter or anywhere in Georgia should be nominated for the Excellence in Education Award. While the application process will not be opened until August of 2025, start now. Each biennium, the rules governing the process are reviewed and improved after feedback from the SPN and Regional chairs, along with ideas from the International committee and board (typically the individual has to be working under contract). The revised rules will be posted with as much notice as possible, but my guess is after International Convention. When considering a nominee, please reach out to the sister and make sure she is interested in applying for the Award. Once she has indicated she will apply and after the rules are posted, please compose your nomination narrative in .pdf format. Include why you think this nominee is a good candidate for the award, your name, chapter, and email address. You will then email your .pdf nomination narrative to the nominee to upload to her application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sbonifay72@att.net or at 229 4166195.

**In the interim, best wishes to Dawn Hudson, our GA
and Gulf EIE recipient, as she competes at
International for the grand prize.
Dawn is our champion and hero!**



Georgia's ITE Student Sarah Pradoto's Graduation May 8th

Sarah Tamimi

Master of Education, Elementary Education
Mary Frances Early College of Education

*Thankful for my family in Indonesia,
my professors, and friends—especially
the Alpha Delta Kappa sisters—for all
the love and support!*



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GEORGIA





Sarah with host Psi Chapter
President Karen Wamsley



Sarah at Stegman Coliseum



Sarah with host Psi Chapter
members Leslie Jones and
Karen Wamsley

Sarah's plans when she returns home to Indonesia:

**"I am so excited to return to the non-profit school where I worked before.
At the same time, I plan to serve as a teacher educator for early childhood
teachers and implement my action plan to collaborate with local organizations
to provide teacher training in rural or remote areas of Indonesia."**



Photos

Let's Celebrate!



Alpha Eta sister Courtney Kerlin for receiving her Language Arts Specialists Degree



Alpha Eta sister Heather Hodge for completing her Doctorate Degree

Welcome to Gamma Nu Chapter's newest sister Caitlyn Reddish



Beta Sigma Chapter named their chapter scholarship in memory of member Past State President Anita Cole. Two of her daughters and granddaughter and her husband accepted this honor in her memory at the chapter Omega Service in May.



Chi Chapter raised funds for the Ann Mclean Non-Traditional Scholarship with sale of chances on the beautiful Ann's Plum Pudding Quilt Raffle won by member Kathy Stallings (left). She gifted the quilt to Ann's brother Sheriff Len Wood and his family. Joan Exner facilitated the raffle.



Welcome to Beta Iota Chapter's newest sister Suzanne Cook

President Terri presented a check to the Macon Ronald McDonald House CEO.



Beta Delta Chapter Golden sister Jounida Bradley



Congratulations to Georgia's Newest Pearl, Violet, Silver, Sapphire, Golden Sisters

Alpha Beta Chapter sisters Debbie Clark - Silver and Wanda Lee - Sapphire Sister



Alpha Epsilon Chapter Violet sister Becky Gianino

Alpha Eta Chapter Pearl Sisters Courtney Kerlin, Anissa Kelly, Heather Hodge



Chaplain's Corner

by State Chaplain Janet Robison

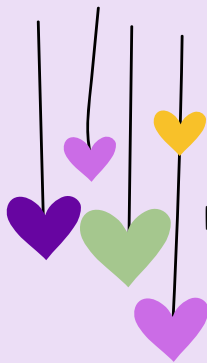
When a member of your chapter joins the Omega Chapter please send the following information to me and your district chairman:

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 Hazel Stanton - hospitalization from fall

Past Gulf IVP & GA Past State President Debbie Clark - mother's health

World Understanding Committee Chairman Ruth Rennick - daughter's health

Athens District Chairman-elect & Beta Eta sister Paula Gibson - vision

Sisters in Chapters who have lost sisters to the Omega Chapter

Alpha Alpha sisters Janice Dixon & Julia Kidd - Omega Chapter

Alpha Beta sister Julia Anderson - Omega Chapter

Alpha Gamma sister Florene Hendrix - Omega Chapter

Alpha Tau sister Betty Copeland - Omega Chapter

Beta Eta sister Jean Irvin - Omega Chapter

Beta Rho sister Allawee Gaggstatter - Omega Chapter

Beta Upsilon sister Laverne Cobb - Omega Chapter

Fidelis Lambda sister Barbara Knight - Omega Chapter

Georgia Sustaining sister Nancy Flanagan



Congratulations!

2025 Legacy Scholarship Recipient Addison Orr



Addison Orr (left) received the 2025 Legacy Scholarship;
with relative Alpha Alpha sister Stacey Orr

Regional Mini Spring Scholarship Recipient Hayley Gilreath



Congratulations to Regional Mini Spring
Scholarship recipient Hayley Gilreath from
Alpha Lambda. She will attend a special cross
stitch class this October in Virginia. The
instructor will be her favorite cross stitch
designer Brenda Gervais.

International Recognition Opportunities



**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

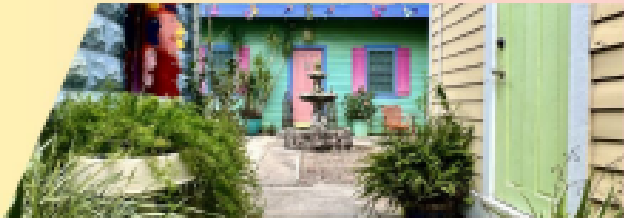
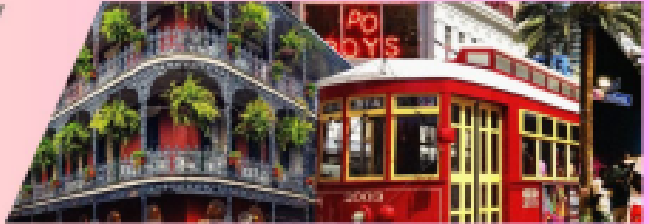
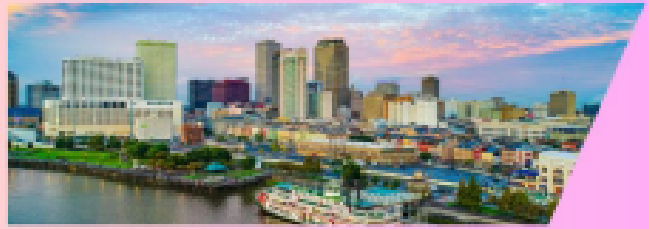
Be clear & concise for your applications to Alpha Delta Kappa Grants & Scholarships

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

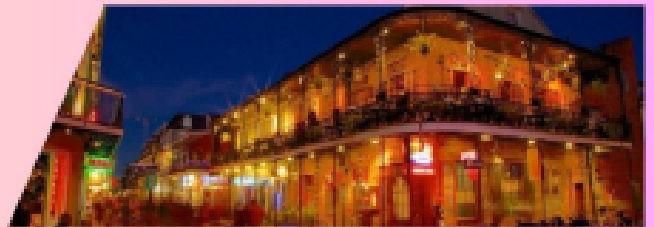
Looking Ahead

Joint Gulf and South Central 2026 Regional Conference

New Orleans



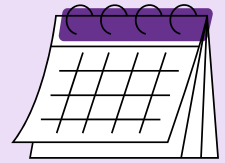
Gulf/ South Central Conference
July 20-22, 2026
JW Marriott
614 Canal Street



2027 International Convention Spokane, Washington



Important Dates



Month of June	Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
June 7	Live Zoom Debate & Voting for Bylaws Revision & Proposed Amendments and Resolutions
June 14 -16	Convention Delegates vote by JotForm for International Officers
June 14-19	ALL MEMBERS VOTE by JotForm for the 2025-2027 International World Understanding Project
June 15	Distinguished Program Application Opens
June 20	International Convention Late Registration Deadline
June 26	"The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association
June 30	Georgia Executive Board Mini Retreat
	H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary Deadline - send to HQ
	Chapter and S/P/N Annual Financial Summary Deadline - send to HQ
	Kappan submissions Deadline for September publication
July 1	2025 International Convention in Austin, Texas
July 10-13	Gulf / South Central Region Conference
July 20-22, 2026	International Convention Spokane, Washington
July 2027	



GA AΔK Shirts

We still have a couple shirts available

1 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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