



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

by Terri Thompson

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November is the season that reminds us to be thankful for the many positive happenings in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Your dedication to our vision, mission and purposes help keep Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa moving forward. If there is at any time you have questions or concerns, please let your executive board know. We are here to help!

Remember why you are a part of Alpha Delta Kappa - Be grateful, be thankful and be blessed!

My reasons this thanksgiving season are:

Treasure the time spent with your sisters.

Hard work that the chapter officers and members do for Alpha Delta Kappa.

All the different altruistic projects Georgia sisters participate in with their chapters, districts and the state.

Now is the perfect time to renew your membership in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Keep accurate records so our history is not lost.

Scholarship opportunities at the chapter, district, state and International levels.

Giving of your time, talents and gifts to Alpha Delta Kappa.

Invite women educators to join this exceptional organization.

Visit when possible limited sisters to let them know they are still a vital part of this organization.

Include all sisters in activities and projects.

Network with other sisters in different regions.

Get out of your comfort zone. Go For It!

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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

Terri   



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Membership News

2025-2026 Chapter Needs Assessment Update

Many thanks to those who updated your Chapter Needs Assessment!
Please know that this report is NOT connected to Pearls distributed by International.
We only need a few more reports sent to Debbie Boswell to be at 100%!

Georgia has a lot to be proud of and we are excited to finalize the State Report.
Goals are being met, membership increasing and prospective members on the horizon!
One common thread among chapters is participation beyond the chapter level.

District Meetings are a fun way to get to know more Georgia Sisters.
Check Terri's list of meetings and reach out to the District Chairman if interested in attending. If not this fall, the SPRING is a great time to travel around GEORGIA!

Remember your Membership Team is only a text, email or call away...

Debbie and Carolyn

Fraternity Education

We are so thankful to be sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa. Thankful to be a part of a sisterhood where no one is left behind. We lift, support, and stand by one another — through every high and every low. We thought it would be a fun activity to quiz everyone on commonly used terms in Alpha Delta Kappa. This will help us in the future present ourselves the very best we can! NO matter what, NO Alpha Delta Kappa Member will be LEFT BEHIND!

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

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



Thankful & Blessed,
Annie and Karen
State Fraternity Ed Co-Chairs



Altruism in Action



Beta Chi Chapter supplied bags of baby lotion, shampoo and powder for the Macon Ronald McDonald House



Look at these HEARTS for altruism projects!



Beta Upsilon presented treats to the Fannin & Gilmer county school bus drivers.



Lambda Chapter delivered 50 pounds of sugar for the Macon Ronald McDonald House pantry.



Sigma Chapter provided canned corn and a \$300 donation to Manna.



Sigma Chapter sisters volunteered at WBJF (Augusta news station) Halloween with a Heart.



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Cares Altruistically

I know you all celebrated BIG for Alpha Delta Kappa Month! I have seen several pictures of GREAT Altruistic projects incorporated while celebrating. If you have not sent pictures, please remember to send them. WOW! You, Sisters, once again amaze me with your altruistic spirits. You definitely have a "Heart of Altruism!"

Violets to our Sisters! Our total so far for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Walk/Run is **\$1,675.00** We had 8 sisters join the Violets Team with over 25 sisters/chapters donating to our **GA ADK Violets Team**! Thank you, all!!! But the donation link is still active until November 30th if you would still like to make a conation to a team member or make a general donation to our **GA ADK Violets Team**.



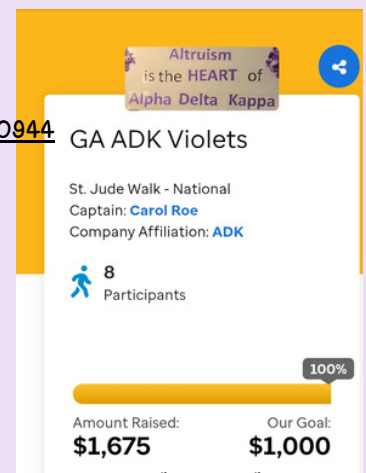
Here's the link to our **Alpha Delta Kappa Violets page**.

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?team_id=321359&pg=team&fr_id=160944

Sisters, we continue to keep State President Terri's theme active. We are **Honoring Traditions While Focusing on the Future of GA ADK**! Our altruistic projects keep our Alpha Delta Kappa full of **Heart**!

There will be more details soon about our 2026 State Convention project. Continue to help your Altruistic Chairman keep good records for the upcoming "end of the year" Altruistic report. You All did a great job last year! I can not wait to see your numbers this year. As always, if you have questions/concerns, please let me know. With a HEART for Altruism, Carol Roe, State Altruism Chairman

Don't forget to send pictures of your altruistic endeavors to me (carolsroe54@gmail.com), State Historian Melissa (melissab.betapi@gmail.com) and President Terri (tlsthompson27@gmail.com).





Treasurer News

Lisa Tilley
State Treasurer
tilleylisa@bellsouth.net



As you know, all members may now go online and pay the **\$40 International dues** at alphadeltakappa.org.

As chapter treasurers, please also remember to pay the chapter \$20 ITE fee.

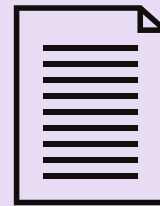
Let me know if you have any questions!

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
June 30	Chapter Financial Summary	Chapter Treasurer	International Email verification to Lisa Tilley
	D-1: Annual Cash Flow Statement	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley



Chapter Treasurers - Remember to send a copy of your chapter roster to State Treasurer Lisa Tilley and a copy to State President Terri Thompson by January 1 either via email or USPS.

Chapter Roster



DISASTER RELIEF



Alpha Delta Kappa has always been a very generous organization by helping our own sisters as well as others when they are in need. Last week Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica causing catastrophic damage. Jamaica President Carlene Williams-Heath sent a message to the Gulf Presidents saying she was alive and blessed. She did lose the roof of her home which flooded. She only asked for prayers. The Gulf Region is gathering information from Headquarters regarding relief efforts in the works. More information will be coming. You can send donations marked for Jamaica to our state treasurer or at the Disaster Relief table at your district meeting this fall and spring. Thank you to those who have already made donations. Once again, we will be accepting donations for chances on the Foldie Travel and Crossbody Bags that will be given away at the state convention next May. Thank you to Sherry McKie from Alpha Epsilon Chapter for donation the Foldie Travel and Crossbody Bags. In addition, there will be some travel size toiletries in the bag when the winner claims her prize next May.

In Sisterhood,

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Disaster Relief Co-Chairman
jewel3adk@gmail.com

Angela Hobby
Disaster Relief Co-Chairman
aghobby1@comcast.net



Alpha Delta Kappa Month Celebrations

As a reminder - the Alpha Delta Kappa month information can be found page 25 of the GA Policies and Procedure Manual (Rev. 6/14/24) and the form to submit is on page 57 or linked on our website under Members>AΔK Month. Note: Your AΔK Month Report is due November 15th each year of the biennium and is considered late if not received by December 1st. You can email it to me at leigh2870@hotmail.com or put in the USPS to: Shannon Cole, 502 W Fort St, Chatsworth, GA 30705. Send any photos you all snap to me and the State Historian Melissa Blankenship. I cannot wait to see what you all have been up to.

Shannon Cole
AΔK Month Chairman



Sigma Chapter (left) and Beta Phi Chapter (right) had local elected officials sign AΔK proclamations for their chapters.



Sigma Chapter donated a book to Thomson-McDuffy County library.



Beta Phi Chapter sisters dressed as our Founders for their meeting.



Augusta District sisters presented To Tell the Truth: Agness Shipman Robertson from Alpha Delta Kappa, please stand up



Lambda Chapter members toured a local preschool delivering hand soap and kleenex for the classrooms. They also donated pumpkins for their fall festival.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter shared goodies with middle school.



Alpha Pi Chapter toured and left treats at a local primary school where two members teach.



Town County Commissioner signed a proclamation for Beta Delta Chapter's Alpha Delta Kappa Month celebration.

Sigma Chapter provided sweet and salty treats for the faculty & staff of local elementary school.



Gulf/South Central Regional Conference



Are you ready to ignite the passion and purpose within our Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood?

We invite you to submit a proposal for our upcoming New Orleans Conference Learning sessions!

We are seeking dynamic, interactive, and insightful sessions aligned with our four core themes, designed to both elevate our skills as educators, strengthen the bonds of our organization, and enrich our lives through hobbies and personal wellness.

We're looking for content that offers actionable strategies, fosters meaningful connections, and empowers every member, from new teachers to seasoned leaders and retired sisters.

There are 4 categories of presentations. 1. Excellence in Education 2. Sisterhood and Membership 3. Chapter and S/P/N Leadership Engagement 4. Programs for all Members.

Click the link below to learn more and submit your presenter application.

<https://form.jotform.com/252966262261157>

Applications are due December 1st.



Let's Celebrate

Congratulations Sisters!

Welcome to Beta Beta Chapter's newest sister Linda Fitzpatrick to GA Alpha Delta Kappa!

No picture available.



Psi Chapter awarded \$500 scholarship to member Leslie Jones's daughter Gillian



Beta Sigma Chapter for their Honorable Mention in the Distinguished Program Recognition

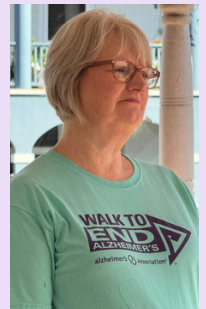


Pippy represents Beta Iota Chapter at the LaGrange Walk to End Alzheimer's

Welcome to Sigma Chapter's newest sister Keturah Hoskins to GA Alpha Delta Kappa!

Alpha Iota Chapter sisters participated at the Bainbridge Walk to End Alzheimer's co-chaired by member Kathy Varner.

Gamma Nu Chapter held a pledge tea for AΔK Month



Congratulations to GA's newest Sapphire sister Alpha Theta's Jan Pridgen



Congratulations to GA's newest Pearl sisters from Delta Chapter - "Celebrating Together!"



Chi Chapter members, Camille Morgan (far left) and Kay Wood (far right) presented two chapter excellence in education awards to Coweta County School System teachers.



Alpha Sigma Chapter celebrated sisterhood by decorating fall cookies at their October meeting.

Georgia Scholarship Opportunities

by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard

State Scholarship

- Golden Isles District Chapters should have the application & directions
- Feb. 1, 2026 - Applications & documents due to chapters from applicants
- March 1, 2026 - Completed application & documents due to VP for Scholarship
- April 2026 - Scholarship committee will approve applications & recommend winners to State Executive Board for approval.
- May/June 2026 - Awards will be mailed

Past State Presidents' Scholarship

- Scholarship applications available now on the state website open to any member
- Feb. 1, 2026 - Deadline for applications to be submitted to the VP for Scholarship



International Opportunities & Deadlines

For Non-Members of AΔK

APPLY NOW

AΔK

INNOVATION Grant

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

More Information Here

Deadline November 15th



October District Meetings

Columbus District



Tri-District Atlanta, Decatur & Marietta



Augusta District





Please join the Georgia Executive Board and Advisory Council
for the 2026 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention
in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center
May 1-3, 2026 for

“A Timeless Tradition: GA AΔK’s Pearls and Violets Celebration!”



Candidate Qualifications

Leadership at the Next Level

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Needs You!

As we are now into the second year of this biennium, we begin to prepare for the future. At every level in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa, the executive officers will be changing and filled with new leadership in 2026. As educators, we have developed leadership skills that could enhance our organization. We have opportunities to share our leadership skills to continue to build Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa to new heights. Please take this opportunity to offer for an officer position on the State Board. Is this the time for you to share you skills and experiences to advance our special organization? Yes it is!!!

The deadline to apply is February 14, 2026.

You may receive a candidate application from
Donna Smith, dsmithlong@gmail.com
or at the following link <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org>



International Teacher Education Scholars and Sponsors

The ITE Scholars are outstanding students working toward a master's degree. They are the shining stars of the program. They feel very lucky to have wonderful, supportive Alpha Delta Kappa members who volunteer to be their sponsors. The ITE Sponsors are the heart of the program.



Shehneela Naz, second-year scholar at U. of IL with her sponsor, Valerie Johnson, at Valerie's home



Emma Alfaro, a U. of PA student from El Salvador celebrated her birthday with her sponsors Laura Schmerfeld and Alessandra Villella.



Meri Kadagidze with her sponsors Kathy Fleming and Sue Downing. Meri is a second-year scholar at U. of WA



Thembisile Buthelezi, a student at U of DE from South Africa is with sponsors Linda Bledsoe and Lorraine Lacsny and Delaware State President, Julie Beebe



Nondumiso Thango from South Africa met with her sponsors, Laura Weaver and Amy Healy before they helped her move into her apartment at Syracuse University.



Hengly Te enjoys shopping with her sponsor, Linda Brown. Hengly, a student at U of NE is from Cambodia.



Washington Alpha Delta Kappa sisters met Sangsupa Penrach when she arrived from Thailand. Sangsupa is student at U of WA.

The ITE Sponsors connect scholars to generous Alpha Delta Kappa members who often provide household items for the scholars. The ITE Board and the scholars send a big **Thank You** to the Sponsors and Alpha Delta Kappa members who help support the scholars.



ITE Scholars Evolving Together



2026 ITE Webinar

Join us to share insights from our Scholar Panel

January 24, 2026
3:00 pm (CST)
via ZOOM



Emma Alfaro-Martinez
El Salvador



Thembisile Buthelezi
South Africa



Meri Kadagidze
Georgia



Shehneela Naz
Bangladesh



Sangsupa Penrach
Thailand



Hengly Te
Cambodia



Nondumiso Thango
South Africa

Highlights of the Athens District

"From the Past to the Present Brightens the Way"

Psi Chapter
"Looking Forward"
Beta Beta Chapter
"Let Gratitude Flow Like a River"
Beta Delta Chapter
"Old Ways Plus the New Ways"



Fidelis Nu Chapter
"Hanging On"

Fidelis Xi Chapter
"Building a Bright
Future on Past Traditions"

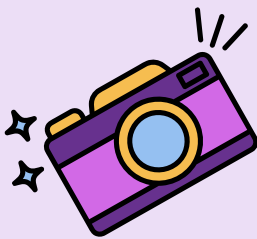
Beta Eta Chapter
"Treasuring the Past as We
Grow into the Future"

Beta Psi Chapter
"Beta Psi Sisters Are
Stronger Together"

Gamma Delta Chapter
"Celebrating Traditions: Turning
the Page to the Future"

Do You Know?

- 1) Athens District Chairman-Elect Paula Gibson is designing a new district banner to be revealed at their Spring District meeting.
- 2) Psi Chapter members Karen Wamsley, Kay Isley and Melinda Beckett are continuing to help GA's Honorary Member Sarah Pradoto while she is continuing her studies at the University of Georgia.
- 3) Eight chapters - Psi, Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Eta, Beta Psi, Gamma Delta, Fidelis Nu and Fidelis Xi make up the Athens District.
- 4) Past GA State President June Bellamy is also a Past International President.
- 5) The Athens District has three members on the State Advisory Council - Past International and State President June Bellamy and State Candidates Qualifications Committee Chairman Donna Smith from Gamma Delta Chapter and Athens District Chairmen Judy Slaton from Beta Delta Chapter.



Historian Melissa Blankenship



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



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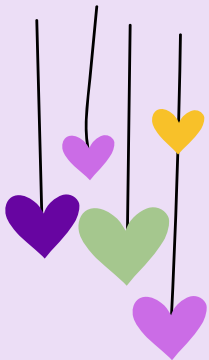
Chaplain's Corner

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 and Care

Past State President Debbie Clark's mother's death

State World Understanding Committee Chairman and Alpha Iota sister
Ruth Rennick - recovering from broken arm

Gamma Epsilon sister Lea Mazzucco - rehab recovery from stroke #fightleafight

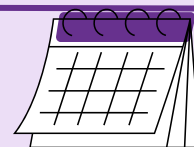
Dalton District Co-Chairman & Beta Upsilon Chapter sister Gloria Nealey's
husband Jimmy - chemo treatments for cancer

Past Dalton District Chairman & Gamma Beta sister Jennifer Smith -
recovery from cataract surgery on both eyes

Sisters in Chapters who have lost sisters to the Omega Chapter
Alpha Chapter sister Peg Ziegler - Omega Chapter
Beta Eta Chapter sister Mona Brooks - Omega Chapter

"Love is a gift of one's inner most soul to
another so both can be whole ." Buddha





Important Dates

November 1	Chapter and District Budgets Due to State Treasurer Lisa Tilley Excellence in Education Award Nominations Deadline
November 8	Athens District Fall Meeting - Gainesville
November 15	Dalton District Fall Meeting - Rock Springs GA Alpha Delta Kappa Month Report Deadline to State Chairman Innovation Grant Application Deadline to Headquarters S/P/N Needs Assessment Year 1 Reflection (No Form) Conversation
January 1	with Regional Membership Team
January 24	International, State, District & Chapter Dues, ITE and Fees Deadline Kappan Submissions Deadline (March publication)
January 31	GA District Chairman / Chairman-Elect Meeting - Zoom ITE Virtual Gathering Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application Deadline International Dues Submitted Online or Postmark after January 31 will incur a \$5 per member late fee



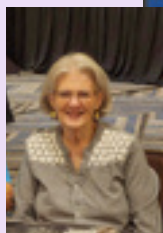
GA AΔK Shirts

If you would like to order a purple shirt, please email Immediate Past State President Debbie Boswell debbieb.adk@gmail.com

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



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