



The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

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Georgia State Convention



Are You Ready for the 2026 Georgia State Convention - May 1, 2, 3, 2026?
In just five days, we will convene at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center for “A Timeless Tradition: Georgia AΔK’s Pearls and Violets Celebration” at the 36th Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention.

The state convention is Georgia’s accounting time of the business of Georgia AΔK with some fun, fellowship and shopping with sisters.

We will celebrate Georgia AΔK’s 72nd Anniversary; conduct the business of our organization; celebrate our scholarship recipients and the achievements of our chapters; honor the chapter presidents and the 2024-2026 State Officers.

Thank you for your dedication to Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. You are the organization. Your leadership, support and altruistic spirit will help sustain our organization. See you in Atlanta!

2024–2026 Executive Board

As we honor our traditions.

**Let’s remember to “Focus on the Future”
in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa!**

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2026 Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention
May 1-3, 2026 - Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center

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

Convention Check List

- ✓ Chapters, Districts, Past Presidents - bring pressbooks for display in the Archives room.
- ✓ Bring New hardback or paperback books for The Children’s Hospital of Atlanta.
Goal: 50 books per district = 500 books.
- ✓ Monetary donations will be accepted at each altruistic table:
The Children’s Hospital of Atlanta,
Alzheimer’s Association/Do What You Love to End ALZ,
Disaster Relief,
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and
Silent Auction items for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.
- ✓ Bring ca\$h for the Chapters & Districts Ways & Means tables.
- ✓ Bring District banners for display. You do not need to bring your stand.
- ✓ Sign up with State Historian Melissa Blankenship for chapter & district photograph times.
- ✓ Make bids on items at the Silent Auction table for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.
- ✓ Meet new sisters.
- ✓ Enjoy yourself and Have Fun!



Time Schedule

****Changes****

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

12:00 – 1:45 pm Registration / Ways & Means Set Up - Lobby (outside the Perimeter Prefunction)

12:30 – 2:00 pm Past State Presidents' Luncheon at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center - Abernathy

2:00 – 6:45 pm Registration - Lobby

2:00 – 6:45 pm Ways and Means Sales Perimeter Prefunction

*3:00 – 6:45 pm Archives Open - Abernathy

4:00 – 6:00 pm Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting - Perimeter Ballroom Salon C

6:00 – 6:45 pm Executive Board / Advisory Council Dinner - Perimeter Ballroom Salon C

7:00 – 8:45 pm Opening Session / Parade of District Banners - Perimeter Ballroom Salons AB

9:00 – 10:00 pm Social Time listening to the New Horizons Band - Perimeter Ballroom Salon C

9:00 – 10:00 pm Ways and Means Sales / Archives Open - Perimeter Prefunction

9:45 – 10:30 pm Choir Rehearsal / Sergeant at Arms Meeting - Perimeter Ballroom Salon AB

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8:00 – 8:45 am Registration - Lobby

8:00 – 8:45 am Ways and Means Sales - Perimeter Prefunction

8:00 – 8:45 am Archives Open - Abernathy

8:00 – 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal - Perimeter Ballroom AB

8:00 – 8:45 am First Timers Meeting - Hammond

9:00 am – 12:15 pm Business Sessions 1 & 2 - Perimeter Ballroom Salons AB

12:30 – 2:30 pm Awards Luncheon - Perimeter Ballroom Salons CD

2:45 – 3:15 pm Registration Packets may be picked up for absent members at the registration desk.

2:45 – 3:45 pm Choir Rehearsal with Memorial Service Practice - Perimeter Ballroom Salons AB

*2:30 – 3:15 pm Ways and Means Sales (must end by 3:15)

*3:00 – 3:15 pm Banner and Archives pick up - Abernathy

5:00 pm Executive Board picture - Lobby

5:15 – 5:30 pm District Pictures – Lobby

5:30 – 6:30 pm Cash Bar Reception - Lobby

6:30 pm Assemble for Presidents' Walk - Perimeter Prefunction

7:00 pm Presidents' Walk

7:00 – 10:00 pm Banquet and Installation of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa 2026-2028 Executive Board Officers

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

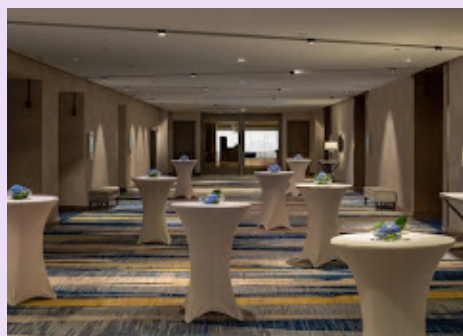
8:00 – 8:50 am Memorial Service - Perimeter Ballroom Salons AB

9:00 – 11:30 am Transitional Breakfast - Perimeter Ballroom Salons CD

11:45 am – 12:15 pm Transitional Meeting (2026-2028 Committee Chairs & District Chairs - Abernathy

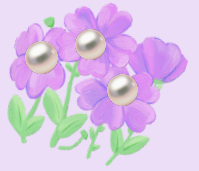
12:15 – 1:00 pm Transitional Meeting (2026-2028 Georgia Executive Board) - Abernathy

Let's Have a Great Convention!





2026 State Convention Altruistic Project



The Decatur District has chosen the **Children's Hospital of Atlanta library** as the state convention altruistic project.

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa is collect children's books for their library. When you arrive, please take the books to the Convention Altruistic table in the Perimeter Prefunction area where Ways & Means will be located.

Georgia sisters have been generous with support for various projects at previous conventions and the hope is that our sisters will continue with their support. Each member attending the convention and those who not able to attend are encouraged to contribute to the needs of the hospital library.

The Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa State Executive Board / Advisory Council and the Decatur District is asking each chapter to make a minimum of \$10 donation to the 2026 State Convention Altruistic Project - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. You and your chapter may still make this donation at the Altruistic table in the Perimeter Prefunction area where Ways & Means is located. This donation will be made to help fund the CHOA events.



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa
State Altruistic Project
2026 Georgia State Convention



Children's
Healthcare of Atlanta



Elementary

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Dog Man
Super Dweeb
Terrible Trio

Heart of Georgia
Athens
Decatur
Augusta

Infant/Toddler

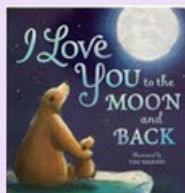
Indestructibles:

Baby Loves the Library (in any language)
Llama Llama Red Pajamas &
Baby Let's Count
I Will Always Love You
The Wonderful Things You Will Be
Hello Farm &
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
I Love You to the Moon & Back

Columbus
Dalton
Albany
Marietta
Atlanta
Golden Isles

GOAL: 50 books per district = 500 or more for CHOA

Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa



Other Convention Altruistic Opportunities



Miss Violet reminds you that the convention is a time to recognize one of Alpha Delta Kappa's purposes: **Altruism.**

Several altruistic endeavors will be featured – The Children's Hospital of Atlanta (CHOA) library, the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia, Disaster Relief, the Alzheimer's Association and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – for attendees and chapter members to support.

If you attended GA FUN Day, one exciting feature was the auction table for one of the state altruistic projects – the **Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.**

The auction table will return to Ways and Means at state convention.

Each district is asked to donate delightful gifts for the auction.

Please peruse the items and make a bid. You may take home one of these lovely gifts.



Purchase ticket chances for the Foldie bags at the **State Disaster Relief** table.

Your name may be the lucky one drawn.

There will also be an opportunity to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will be in attendance to help sisters register to participate in **Do What You Love to End Alzheimer's** (formerly The Longest Day) and give educational information from the Alzheimer's Association.



It's Not Too Late to Volunteer

LOOKING for sisters to continue or start a new TIMELESS TRADITION!

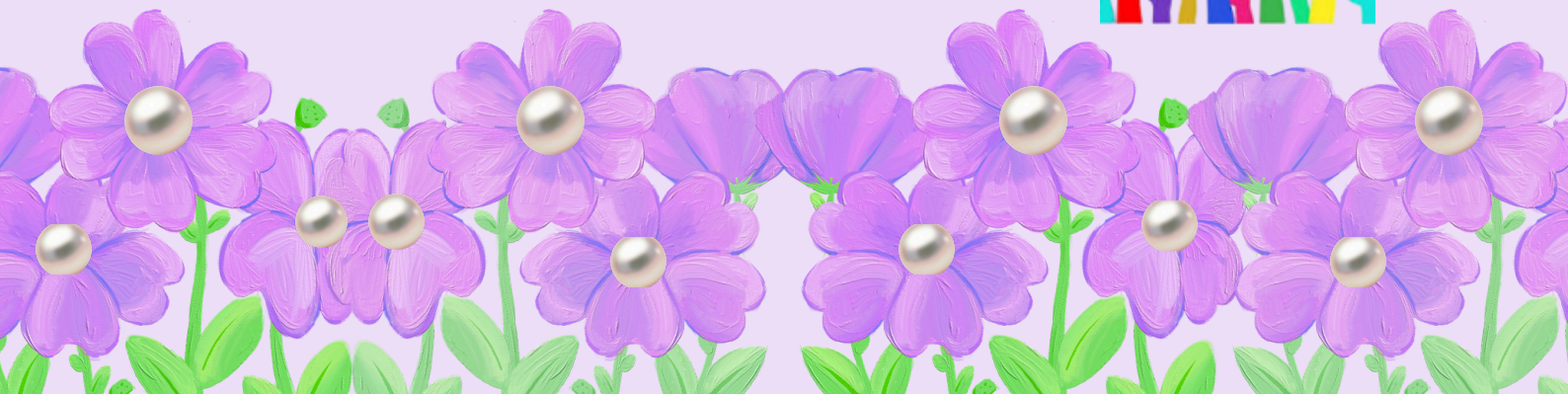
Need 12-20 sisters to serve as Assistant Sergeants-At-Arms at

GA AΔK State Convention

May 1-3, 2026

**Email me with your name and contact information,
Chapter and District.**

**Sharon Collins
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Text 404.277.8984**





The Longest Day is Now DO WHAT YOU LOVE TO END ALZTM ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION[®]

Dan Phillips will have a table in the Ways & Means area with information about Do What You Love to End Alzheimer's and ALZ. If you need help registering you or your chapter for a team, he will be able to assist you.

Directions to Register

SISTERS! IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED OUR "NEW" DWYL TEAM, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME! IT'S SIMPLE. Just CLICK below on the word [WEBSITE](#) and it will take you to DIRECTIONS for OUR Own Alpha Delta Kappa ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. [WEBSITE](#).

START with #1 to REGISTER!

BE SURE TO USE GA OR GEORGIA and Your Name or Chapter Name ON THE FIRST NAME LINE. ON THE LAST NAME LINE enter YOUR NAME or JUST LAST NAME if you used your FIRST NAME on the FIRST NAME LINE. EXAMPLES:

**FIRST NAME: GA BETA IOTA or FIRST NAME: GA PIPPY
LAST NAME: PIPPY ROGERS or LAST NAME: ROGERS**

**IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE GEORGIA or GA First so our state gets a total in donations raised. FEEL FREE TO CALL ME or EMAIL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO #END ALZ
pippyrogersadk@gmail.com or 678-378-2801**

DO WHAT YOU LOVE TO END ALZ
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

New year. New name. Same mission.
The Longest Day is now Do What You Love to End ALZ!

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
NATIONAL TEAM

COMPANY WEBSITE
www.alphadeltakappa.org

Playing Bunco, Mah Jongg, or Game Night?

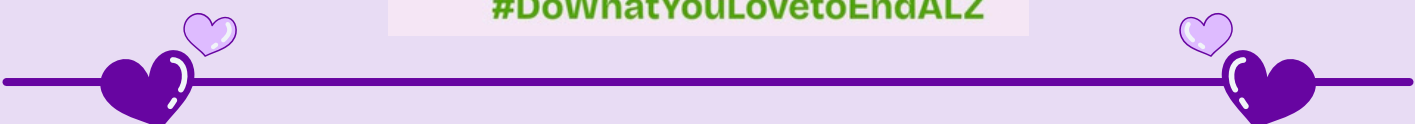
Taking a walk, hike, run, or bicycle trip?

Hosting a learning program during your chapter meeting?

Meeting at restaurant and inviting an A rep to prese

What is your Chapter or S/P/N Team doing this year?

#DoWhatYouLovetoEndALZ



Georgia Scholarship Awards



by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard

State Scholarship

- 2025 Decatur District Scholarship Receipts
 - William De Martini - Beta Chapter
 - Michaela West - Iota Chapter
 - Layna Cher - Alpha Eta Chapter
 - Thaila McLymore - Beta Mu Chapter
- 2026 Golden Isles District Scholarship Receipts will be approved at the Spring 2026 Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting May 1, 2026

2025 & 2026 State Scholarship recipients
will be honored at the
2026 State Convention Awards Luncheon
Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Past State Presidents' Scholarship

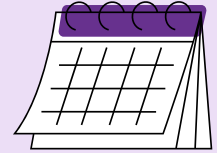
2025 Receipts

- Leslie Barrett Jones - Psi Chapter
- Freda Doster - Alpha Psi Chapter
- Scarlet Butzin - Tau Chapter
- Melanie G. Spivey - Tau Chapter

2026 Receipts will be approved at the Spring 2026 Executive Board /
Advisory Council Meeting May 1, 2026

2025 & 2026 Past State Presidents' Scholarship
receipts will be honored at the
2026 State Convention Awards Luncheon
Saturday, May 2, 2026

Important Dates



April/May	Gulf / South Central Joint Regional Conference Registration Opens
May 1	Appendix G GA 104 Chapter Officer Form Appendix H District Officer Form Due
May 1-3	2026 Georgia State Convention - Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center
May 15	Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) End of Biennium Reflection JotForm Deadline S/P/N Needs Assessment (SNA) End of Biennium Reflection JotForm Deadline
May 31	Update Officers in the Online Directory after Chapter & State Elections
June 1	Early Bird Pricing Deadline for New Orleans Regional Conferenc
June 21	Do What You Love to End Alzheimer's (formerly The Longest Day)
June 30	H- 134 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary JotForm Deadline Chapter 2026 Financial Summary JotForm Deadline (former C-1) S/P/N 2026 Financial Summary JotForm Deadline (former S-1)
July 1	Kappan Submissions Deadline (September Publication)
July 20-22	New Orleans Regional Conference - Gulf and South Central Regions
August 15	Distinguished Program Recognition Deadline



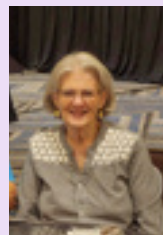
GA AΔK Shirts

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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