



# The Sunset Review

## by Pat Smith

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Welcome to a new biennium sisters.

Your state executive board has been busy this summer planning and setting goals for the future. During our retreat we analyzed data (especially your feedback from the May CNA), sought to streamline requirements, looked for innovative solutions and other ways to make Alpha Delta Kappa work better for each of you.

I know you are busy planning with your Executive Board and/or chapter to develop your programs, altruistic projects and goals. Your goals may align with International and/or the state or they may address needs specific to your chapter. Once completed you will

- be ready to complete the GA 101 Chapter Calendar of Meetings due October 1 (see separate attachment), and
- be ready to submit the Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) due in October.

Georgia has sixty chapters and is 1300 members strong thanks to the work that each of you do every year. With your efforts, we can grow our membership and have fun and fellowship in the process.

Here's wishing you a wonderful biennium!

Fraternally,  
Pat Smith  
GA State President



# Membership Matters

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at officer training and the Regional Conference in New Orleans. Now it's time to turn that conference excitement into chapter success! Here's your Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) & Membership To-Do List:

- Meet with your Executive Board or chapter to develop goals for the coming year. They may align with Georgia and International goals—or be uniquely yours.
- Create a membership plan. Consider applying for Educators are Heroes grant from Intl. Applications can be submitted using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/261904353266155> and are due by August 20, 2026 at 11:59 CT.
- Share and finalize your goals and plans with chapter members by your September meeting (or before October 15).
- Update member directory information on the International website at your first meeting. Please encourage everyone to use a personal email address, not a school email.
- Review the CNA sample on the International website and begin drafting your responses. Need help? Just ask—I love talking membership!
- Have your Chapter President or Chapter Membership Chair complete and submit the CNA online by October 15. Don't worry—I'll happily send reminders--it'll be my love language.

Here's the exciting part: Georgia added 131 members last biennium—woo hoo! Let's aim even higher and lead all SPNs in membership growth this biennium. The secret? Create a chapter that educators can't stop talking about. Offer engaging programs, meaningful service, hands-on activities, leadership opportunities, genuine fellowship, and a warm welcome. If you're doing all that, prospective members won't need convincing—they'll be asking, "How can I join?"

Suzi Bonifay, GA VPM

## Treasurer Tokens

Many thanks to all sisters who are serving as chapter and district treasurers for Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. I look forward to working with you during the 2026-2028 biennium.

As you plan for the new year, please remember that [International dues](#) have [increased by \\$5 to \\$45 per member](#); there is no increase in State dues. More information will be coming soon regarding due dates and procedures.

- Your 990-N Form (IRS required form) is due [October 15](#). Many of you filed this form when you submitted your Chapter Financial Summary in June. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your 990-N form to me.
- Your chapter budgets are due by [November 1](#).
- Remember that the International website has many helpful financial forms for you to use during your time as treasurer.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Take Good Care,  
Beverly Turner

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## *Chaplain's Corner*

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

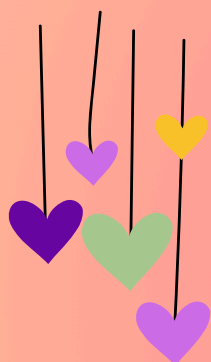
**Omega Sister's Name, Photo  
Chapter and District Name  
Date when she joined the Omega  
Chapter  
A link for her obituary**



### **Omega Chapter**

**Linda Sumpter Theta  
Janice Wayne Beta Psi**

**Wishing you Love, Light, and Blessings,  
Always,  
Carol Roe  
GA State Chaplain**



**“The Historian’s Desk”  
State Historian – Donna Cook**



**I am honored to serve you and help preserve our  
Alpha Delta Kappa Legacy.**

**Please keep these guidelines in mind when submitting items for your  
district or chapter pages**

- ☐ When sending photos, include your district and chapter names.
- ☐ Include a brief photo description, such as “altruistic activity.”
- ☐ Please send photos to my email address: [9365donna@gmail.com](mailto:9365donna@gmail.com)
- ☐ You may text photos: [706-506-1213](tel:706-506-1213).
- ☐ You may want to mail items: [Donna Cook](#)  
[119 School St.](#)  
[Chatsworth, GA 30705](#)
- ☐ Please include a photo of your district or chapter executive board, with names listed from left to right.
- ☐ **DEADLINE:** I plan to print the 2026–2027 digital book by June 30, 2027, so please submit all materials by May 31, 2027. The 2027–2028 digital book will be completed afterward.

**Together, we can make our archives a success.**

## Secretary's Notes

by Sharon Collins

Congratulations on being elected secretary for your chapter.

- Keep minutes of nine chapter and three executive board meetings. The minutes should be read at meetings and/or emailed to membership prior to the meeting. You can vote to approve/amend minutes via face-to-face or email vote.
- Send all minutes within a month of the meeting to State President Pat Smith (adkpbs97@gmail.com), State President-elect Freda Doster (fdoster@comcast.net ), your District Chair, and others as directed by your chapter president/district chair. Timely reports are key for the Cornucopia Award.
- Maintain a list of those who attend district and other Alpha Delta Kappa events.

## Alpha Delta Kappa Month

by Marian Sorensen

Coming in October.

It is not too early to begin planning activities and celebrations to honor our Alpha Delta Kappa Founders during the month of October. It can also be an opportunity to share our extraordinary organization with others through service. Be on the lookout for ideas on community projects, publicity, special functions, activities and ways to recognize excellent educators.

## Important Dates

August 13

Happy 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alpha Delta Kappa

September 19  
Month of Oct.  
October 1

Fall Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting - Thomaston  
Alpha Delta Kappa Month and Founder's Celebration  
GA 101 Chapter Calendar of Meetings Form for 2025-2026 Due to  
State President and State President-elect  
Classroom Grant Deadline

October 10  
October 15

*Kappan* submissions Deadline for December publication

Augusta District Fall Meeting

990-N IRS E-Postcard Deadline - Online submission

Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA)

Regional Mini Fall Scholarship Application Deadline

October 17  
October 24  
November 1  
November 7  
November 15

Columbus District Fall Meeting

Tri-District Fall Meeting (Atlanta, Decatur, & Marietta Districts)

Chapter and District Budgets Due to State Treasurer

Athens District Fall Meeting

Dalton District Fall Meeting

ADK month report due

Innovation Grant Deadline

April 23

Fun Day 2027, Macon

