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Sisters,

As we move forward into the new biennium, I am proud and excited to announce that GA Alpha Delta Kappa has its 1st Collegiate Club at Augusta University. Your State President Pat Smith, State President Elect Freda Doster, Augusta District and college representatives went to the Chartering, Initiation, and Installation Ceremony. We had other state members join by zoom to enjoy and help support this new club. What a joy it was for both of us to meet 13 of the 17 new members. Freda and I helped to initiate and install 13 of their new members and officers.



Newly installed officers of Augusta University
Alpha Delta Kappa Collegiate Club

We will continue and look forward to more Collegiate Clubs to come. As we slowly move into fall, let us continue to mentor and support our sisters. I enjoy reading the minutes and newsletters being emailed to me. What a great start to the 1st year of the biennium. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,
Pat Smith
GA State President



Georgia delegation at
the Gulf/South Central
Regional Conference in
New Orleans



Membership Matters



Here's hoping that your chapter has gotten off to a wonderful start for the biennium. In what is nothing short of spectacular news, **Georgia already has NINE new initiates. Yes, NINE!** Please welcome Ginny Edwards from Alpha Alpha (Marietta District); Laura Trippe from Tau (Golden Isles District); and from Alpha Rho (Albany District)--Heather Hanchey, Charlotte Harper, Melanie Langston, Stephanie Butler, Sabrina Lindsey, Sheena Barber and Joanne Warren. WOOHOO! What a light they are shining for all of us to follow.

In other news, two CNAs have already been submitted, and the congratulations for #1 go to Delta (Atlanta District) for earning that gold star! It's certain that the majority of you are working on your goals for the biennium as we speak and that those CNA's will be coming in well before that October 15th deadline. If you need any assistance or encounter any issues, please let me know and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Last but not least, our Executive Board and membership gurus have spent a good bit of time analyzing data, noting what is going well, identifying areas for improvement and determining the overall pulse of chapters. It is no secret that membership in AΔK has changed. So what does AΔK need to become so that educators of every generation want to belong? I'd love for you to share with me the #1 reason you stay in AΔK, the #1 thing that frustrates you about membership, and what could AΔK offer that would make you tell another educator, "You need to join us"!

Suzi Bonifay, GA VPM
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Treasurer Tokens

If members plan to pay International dues online, the tab is ready. Simply logon to the website and you will see a purple tab to the right of your name.

Reminders:

- **International dues** have **increased by \$5 to \$45 per member**; there is no increase in State dues.
- Your 990-N Form (IRS required form) is due **October 15**. 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 Compass



Chaplain's Checklist:

Send all reports to
St. Chaplain Carol Roe, carolsroe54@gmail.com
St. Pres Pat Smith, adkpjs97@gmail.com
Your District Chairman

Information to report:

Omega Chapter: Sister Name, Photo,
Chapter, District Name, Date, Obituary link.

Care and Compassion:

Card will be sent to sister with extended illness, loss of immediate family member. Immediate family includes spouse, children, siblings, and parents.
Report: Person submitting information, District Name, Chapter Name, Name of Sister with the Loss, Name of immediate family and relationship.

Smiling is contagious. Smiling may not change the whole world, but a smile can change the one receiving the smile. Be contagious!

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

Omega Chapter

Eubie Lee Crosby Tau

**Kay Hutcheson Smith
Beta Chi**



The Historian's Desk

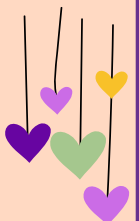
State Historian – Donna Cook

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
- ☐ 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.



FUN DAY THEME

"Adventures in the Park" - Lunch will be Picnic in the Park (with tables) with a picnic basket and wildflower theme

The agenda will include sing-a-longs, two large group activities, the C2O project, a membership moment, an Adventure Time and door prizes. We will also have a designated Ways and Means Time with a silent auction and picture station.

Districts, Executive Board, Advisory Council will have an assigned station for the Adventure Time. Each participant gets a "ticket" and when they visit a station they get a sticker - a full ticket is then entered into a drawing for a prize.

Find your picnic/adventure theme outfits and lets get ready for some adventures!



Friday, April 23, 2027

"Dutch Treat" Dinner & Open Board Meeting
Dinner @ 6:00pm | Meeting @ 7:00pm

Saturday, April 24, 2027

Registration Opens @ 9:00am

ALTRUISTIC and HANDS ON PROJECT

**Ronald McDonald House
Charities**

Supporting families across Georgia in:
Atlanta • Macon • Savannah • Augusta - Journals

Adventure Bags

Silent Auction Proceeds

Near Nature, Near Perfect. Discover Spokane.



**Elevating Minds, Advancing Our Mission
VP for Scholarship – Sheila Miller**



As members of Alpha Delta Kappa, we have many excellent opportunities to receive "FREE" money in the form of Awards, Grants, and Scholarships. Below are the deadline dates for the upcoming grants and scholarships.

- **October 1 – Classroom Grant---**To assist excellent educators in enhancing classroom lessons. Members employed in the education field. \$400 per grant; forty-nine grants available annually. Divided equally amongst regions as possible.
- **October 15 – Regional-Mini Scholarship (For activities between January 1-May 31).** For non-ADK sponsored conferences, classes, or workshops. Members (including retired members). Up to \$500 per scholarship, maximum \$10,500 annually. Scholarships are divided equally amongst regions as possible.

To access application information, follow these steps:

1. Go to the International Website – www.alphadeltakappa.org
2. On the homepage, scroll down to the purple square that reads "AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS" Click on it.
3. On this page, scroll down until you see each award, grant, or scholarship listed in a purple square. Click on the one you are interested in applying.
4. A page will open with links to the guidelines and adjudication criteria, application, recipients, and history. Click the link you want to explore.
5. You will be required to login or create an account. This login is different from your international login. Once you login you can access the application.

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

September 19
Month of Oct.
October 1

October 10
October 15

October 17
October 24
November 1
November 7
November 14
November 15

April 23

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
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
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
Fun Day 2027, Macon

