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Greetings Sisters!!

Fall is around the corner, BUT--- I think Mississippi has its own weather pattern with summer heat just hanging on!! Keep cool and hopefully the heat will soon turn to our cool fall weather.

The end of August brought a new heartbreak for our Miss Alpha Delta Kappa family. After suffering a massive stroke, our sister Kathy Burns, was not able to survive the damage, and passed away on August 31. We have truly lost a treasure in our sisterhood, and have received several letters of support from all over the scope of our organization, as we all try to comprehend the loss of this special sister. Kathy loved AAK and has made many friends throughout our International Organization. We plan to honor Kathy by donating to one of her favorite altruistic projects - The Ronald McDonald House Charity in Jackson, MS. Donations from chapters or individuals can be sent directly to the RMH, with Kathy Burns in the notation. A Heart will be placed on the wall in her memory. Information about the Celebration of her Life is included later in this newsletter. Please keep Alpha Gamma chapter sisters and her Family in your prayers.

October—our Founder's Day month- has many chapter and area plans being made at several celebrations throughout the state. I hope you are planning to attend one of these meetings or have a special chapter meeting. Here are the dates and places for our joint area celebrations:

The <u>Coast area Founder's Day</u> celebration will be on Oct. 12, at 8:30 am at Handsboro United Methodist Church, Gulfport, MS

<u>Jackson's Alpha Chapter</u> will meet on Oct. 19, at 11:00 at McClain Restaurant, 874 Holly Bush Rd., Brandon, MS. Jackson area chapters have been invited to join us.

North Mississippi's Founder's Day celebration will be held on October 21, at 6:30 at the Mesquite Chop House, 5960 Getwell Road. Southhaven, MS

<u>Pine Belt area Founder's Day</u> celebration will be held on October 28, 5:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 1331 Hwy 42 W, Petal, MS

Visit our new state website, join our Facebook page and check out the new Gulf website and of course the International website to keep abreast of due dates and upcoming opportunities for grants.

Bee the Sunshine Sandra



Our Be Strong Mississippi Team was recognized recently as being in 10th place overall in fundraising in our state for the Longest Day. I think that is great, we will try and top that this year. Begin your plans to raise funds for this group.

International reported that Alpha Delta Kappa sisters raised an amazing \$110,363.48 for this worthy cause.



Spotlight International and Gulf Officers Themes and Logos

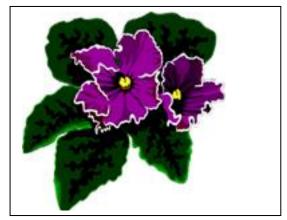
Our New International President - Judy Ganzert revealed the new International Theme and Logo "Infinite Possibilities" explaining the development of the logo. This theme should inspire each of us to strive to achieve infinite possibilities in this new 2019-2021 Biennium. International Logo and Officers:





Terry Peyton from LA was elected as our new Gulf Regional IVP. Her theme invites all Gulf sisters to LIVE ADK during this 2019-2021 Biennium. She has created a Gulf website which will serve as the Gulf newsletter. Terry invites you to explore the Gulf website at: www.gulfbreeze.life





WELL IT IS NOW OFFICIAL!!! WE CAN ALL NOW WEAR OUR PURPLE WITH PRIDE.
INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER VOTED TO ADOPT THE COLOR PURPLE TO BE ADDED TO OLIVE GREEN AND GOLDEN YELLOW AS THE THIRD OFFICIAL COLOR OF ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

<u>Save the Date!</u> Our State Convention will be March 27-29, 2020 in Flowood, MS at the Hilton Garden Inn. More information will be coming soon, but put this date on your calendars. This will be a time to meet sisters, enjoy a time of fellowship and learning. There might even be time for a little shopping! Make your plans to join us!

Information - Deadlines - Dates to Remember

- **October 15 Deadline to file IRS form 990-e-Postcard AND for applications for Regional Mini-Scholarships. Are you planning to attend a conference, seminar or workshop? Check out the website to apply today!!!
- **Chapter Presidents Your new chapter president information is now posted on the International website; it will not be mailed out as before.
- **Plans are now being made to begin a new chapter in the Pontotoc/Tupelo area. If you know of <u>potential</u> <u>members</u> in this area, please let us know so that we can invite them to join. Exciting to think of adding another new chapter in our state!!

Connections keep us informed and Inspired by others!! I urge you to have at least one member in your chapter to join our Facebook page. This is a closed group for members only. We often post information, photos and other current information as a way of communicating with sisters throughout our state. Please share you chapter photos, ideas and projects on this social medium. Your information will be secure and it helps to keep us connected.

You can also find more information on our New State WEBSITE at <u>msalphadeltakappa.org</u> Check it out! I would love to have a sister volunteer to help me keep this site updated. Let me know if you are interested.



Have a great Fall!!

Bee the Sunshine!! Sandra

Information on the Celebration of Life for our sister Kathy Burns.

The Celebration of life is scheduled for November 3, 2019 at 4-7 pm at Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport, MS. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Ronald McDonald House or to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. You are invited to bring a new children's book that will be donated in Kathy's memory.



Kathy is pictured with her granddaughter, Brianna, who was the receipient of our State Student Scholarship. Photo was taken at our Fun Day in March, 2019.