

# Looking Forward

## Gulf Region Newsletter

Hi, Sisters,

Giving Thanks!!! That's what this season is all about. I am so thankful for the love and support of my Gulf sisters. This season is also about "Looking Forward". It's a time where we as AAK sisters look forward to our chapters embracing the opportunity to let others learn to lead. Nominating committees for the 2024-2026 biennium should be established, job descriptions should be discussed and YOU should step up to leadership in your chapter & state. It's not a chore...it's an honor to serve your sisters. It's so rewarding and I am so thankful that you have given me the opportunity to serve! Enjoy family, friends, and food this Thanksgiving season. Gobble, gobble!!

With Love, *Lollie*



November 2023



# You Really Need to Join Connect

So many things happening in Alpha Delta Kappa. If you are one of our sisters that think you are NOT being kept informed, then you need to seek out all the great info on Connect. Join the Gulf Community, if you haven't already done so and you will be kept "in the know". Here is a great message from Christi Smith, Executive Director, to keep us "in the know" about HQ. It's a great opportunity for you to see the power of Connect.



Christi Smith  
Executive Director

Here is a little video message to capture some things happening at Headquarters. My goal is to try to provide some weekly updates on fun and maybe entertaining events that are happening at Headquarters or Alpha Delta Kappa. Remember - these are unedited 😊 I know they will continue to get better over time! Click on the link and it will take you to the recording.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/j7QpqqL5sE1zBNjXtYeBmBqqIXaSB1QBLcPYIn7Imw124qCDuk7Xv5clkJeiLEE.hZgWUeTKba4wibuj>

**Passcode: \*tL4R2c\***

# A Message from the Gulf President-Elect

Gulf Sisters,

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.” I count each and every one of you as a blessing.

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection, of gratitude, friends, and family. Wishing blessings upon you and family time.

Reflecting on the IMC Toolbox presentation November 13, I heard from so many Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters that “we are like a family” in that we care for each other, share with each other, respect each other, learn from each other, love each other.

Have a wonderful time celebrating with the ones you love.

Looking forward to what Alpha Delta Kappa has in store for us as you decide how you want to become a part of our growth!

Feeling thankful and blessed,

*Kay Spriggs*

Gulf President-Elect



# A Message from the Gulf Vice-President for Membership

“A friend is someone who sees through you and still enjoys the view.” Unknown Source

Thank all of you for being a part of the Gulf Membership Celebration. Please share the Celebration with your chapter presidents and/or membership chairmen. It is in Connect. The Chat Box responses are also in Connect. This is a great Fraternity Education program.

November 2023

Thank you for the work on the CNA reflections. I have looked at them and we will talk about them at our November meeting.

Enjoy your Turkey Day feast. There is always too much fun. As we enjoy our Thanksgiving giving day, remember those who do not have the same right and privileges that we do.

“Don't let your dreams be dreams.” J. Johnson

Minie



# Gulf Conference Call for Presenters

Hear ye! Hear Ye! Gulf Conference is looking for a few good women to share their expertise on topics of interest to your Alpha Delta Kappa sisters. Personal and professional learning sessions as well as officer training sessions will be offered at the Gulf Regional Conference, July 13-17, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia Hotel.

Please share yourself with us by applying using the link below:

[GULF PRESENTER APPLICATION](#)

Hope to hear from you soon.



# International Fraternity Education Committee

We just finished celebrating our founders in October but have you reflected on the “why.” As I looked into the history of Education here are a few takeaways. The history of education intersects with women’s history. Equal pay for women teachers didn’t come until 1961. There was a two-tiered system of employment in education, women did the bulk of teaching under the supervision of mostly male administrators. Women were only allowed to teach prior to marriage. During the 1940’s the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) began collective bargaining. It was in 1947 that the Supreme Court ruled women were equally qualified to serve on juries. I think of Agnes, Marion, Hattie, and Marie and wonder if this may be a part of their “why.” What role does our organization have in the understanding of teaching and the fundamental ways to promote the changes for the betterment of teachers and students? The scholarships and grants provided by Alpha Delta Kappa is a fundamental way we promote changes for the betterment of teachers and students. Can anyone in your chapter name all the scholarships and grants? Use the opportunity of Fraternity Education to discover not only our history but to celebrate our present. Will this be part of your next Fraternity Education program in your chapter? Let’s all enter into this holiday season with gratitude and joy for Alpha Delta Kappa.

Carolyn Twaddle  
Gulf Representative  
International Fraternity Education  
Committee  
352-430-7117  
[ctwaddleadk@gmail.com](mailto:ctwaddleadk@gmail.com)



# Giving Thanks for Alpha Delta Kappa

**G**enerosity of our sisters cannot go unnoticed.

**I**nvest in educational excellence within our organization and beyond.

**V**alidate our fellow sisters as intelligent, encouraging resources in our lives.

**E**levate others through service and world understanding.

**T**ake time to thank others for what they bring into your life.

**H**ave the courage to say No to things that cause you stress.

**A**llow yourself time to connect with fellow sisters at meetings, through emails, or calls.

**N**ever forget the reasons you joined Alpha Delta Kappa.

**K**appan magazine is an important read! Spread the word!

**S**isterhood is a blessing and a gift to be cherished.



advice from a



**TURKEY**

*Always strut your stuff*

**GOBBLE** TILL YOU **WOBBLE**

*Be Well Dressed*  
must have

**IMPECCABLE TASTE**

don't let life  
**RUFFLE YOUR FEATHERS!**

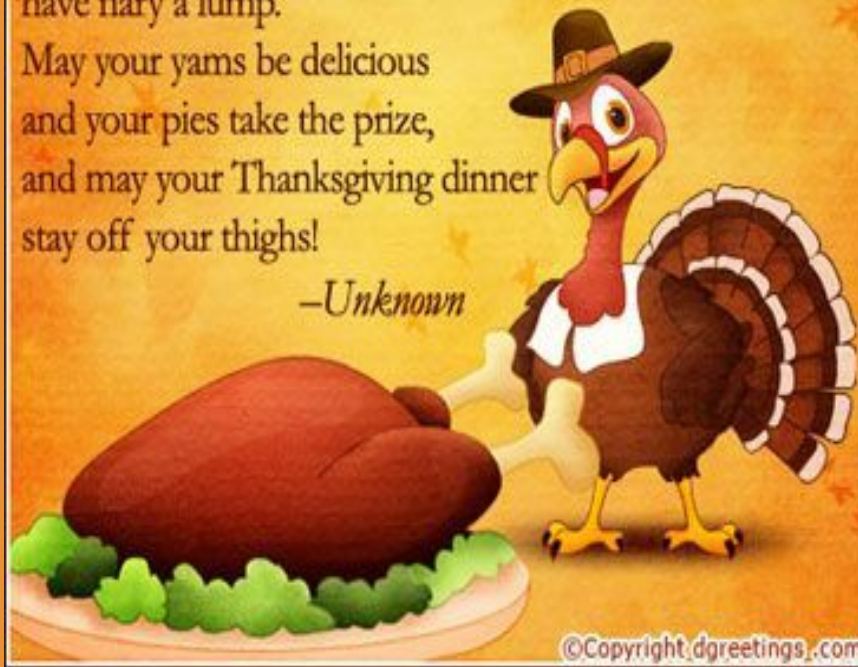


Just to make you smile!!

May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious  
and your pies take the prize,  
and may your Thanksgiving dinner  
stay off your thighs!

*-Unknown*



©Copyright dgreetings.com



# Upcoming Dates & Deadlines



## **November 30**

Gulf Conference Presenter Application (deadline)

## **December 1**

Florida's Honoris Causa Application (deadline)

## **December 1**

All Gulf chapters should select a nominating committee for 2024-2026 officers  
(Ask Lottie for creative ways to get officers)

## **January 1**

Gulf Conference Hotel Accepting Reservations

## **Gulf Conventions**

March 8-9 Louisiana (Lafayette, LA)

April 5 - 7 Alabama (Birmingham, AL)

April 19-21 Mississippi (Biloxi, MS)

April 26-28 Florida (Safety Harbor, FL)

May 3 - 5 Puerto Rico (Añasco, PR)

May 11 Jamaica

May 17-19 Georgia (Augusta, GA)

## **Gulf Conference**

July 13-17 Atlanta, Georgia

# State Shout Outs!!

## Announcing the Distinguished Program Award Winner and Honorable Mention

Each month I will highlight the program description for each of these submissions along with the chapter information for you to contact to replicate their distinguished program.

Congratulations:

**Florida Gamma Omicron - WINNER**

### Honorable Mention

**Alabama - Beta Xi, Beta Lambda, Beta Chi**

**Florida - Beta Psi**

**Georgia - Alpha Tau, Delta**

**Mississippi - Chi, Alpha Epsilon**

**Puerto Rico - Delta**

# Florida Gamma Omicron

## Celebration of Community Connections - Gulf Region DPA Winner

Florida Gamma Omicron members enjoyed a delicious potluck brunch with their altruistic partner Schoolhouse Link. Schoolhouse Link is an organization providing assistance to unaccompanied youth (homeless students). During the gathering, we heard updates on the students we have been providing financial support to, and we provided 42 gift cards and toiletries to the high school age students in Sarasota County. One of the students is now in her junior year at UMASS and has earned Honor Roll status for the last 3 years! We have provided her scholarships for the past 3 years.

The day was a success on several fronts! We gained a new member, we celebrated the educational successes of several homeless students, and we formed a stronger bond with Schoolhouse Link. Laura, the Schoolhouse Link liaison, described us a "beautiful" group of women and tearfully thanked us for all the students we've impacted over the years in education.

To find out more on how this program supports AΔK purposes, see program pictures and learn how you can replicate this program, contact Lisa Schuerholz-Winters at [lcswwinters@gmail.com](mailto:lcswwinters@gmail.com)

# Gulf Region Executive Board

**President - Lottie Roy**

**Pres-Elect - Kay Spriggs**

**RVPM - Minie Coon**

Secretary - Caroline Gilmore

Co- Chaplains Liz Lilly

Historian - Kay Taylor

Co-SAAs Leslie Koenck & Silkia Obregon Vargas

Fraternity Education Chair - Carolyn Twaddle

Excellence in Education Chair - Suzi Bonifay

Altruistic Chair - Leslie Koenck

Technology Chair - Dawn Hudson

Diversity Equity & Inclusion Chair - Pippy Rogers

World Understanding Chair - Karen Evans

Gulf Conference Chair - Debbie Boswell

