

Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa

The Front Porch Swing

March 2020



Hello Sisters,

The countdown is on for the 2020 Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention in Kenner, Louisiana. Just a few things to share with you before we meet that will pertain to all members not just those participating in the convention.

As I hope you all know, we have a state website up and running. We will not be passing any handouts that pertain to the business portion of the convention. However, they were sent to the presidents earlier and hopefully you have had some discussion in your chapters. We will show items from the website on a screen. If you are attending and not comfortable reading from the screen, bring your phone or tablet to the business meeting. You can also print them out yourself and bring them to the conference. We are trying to manage your expenses. These are the items I am referring to:

www.laalphadeltakappa.org

Click: **Library** (You will find everything here.)

Click **State Convention**

- Bylaws - Proposed by International
Proposed by the State
- Check out: The 2020 - 2022 candidates for the upcoming biennium.
- State Bylaws - with changes highlighted.
- State Policies
- State Proposed Budgets
 - **** You will notice that we have two posts.
 - * One with a \$5.00 increase in state dues
 - * One with the current dues

This is my eighth year serving on the board. I have watched all officers particularly the presidents, spend a lot of their own personal finances to support their offices. Myself included. We are all teachers and we are used to providing for our students and classrooms.

We are all still in that same habit in everything we do. This includes all aspects of our professional and personal lives.

The board talked about raising dues previously, but International dues went up and we did not want to hit our state up at the same time. So, what have we done in addition to trying to decrease spending?

- We needed to create the office of VP for Membership due to the increased emphasis for recruiting, maintaining and reinstating new members. Just this biennium alone we have seen three chapters lapsed. We will be honoring 39 sisters at the memorial service on Saturday. The less sisters we have, the less operating funds we have available to maintain our organization. We are thrilled at the initiation of new sisters and the reinstatement of former sisters. As you all know the cost of living has gone up and that puts a strain on our organization as well.
- We have combined the two secretary positions into one.
- This next biennium, the office of sergeant at arms and chaplain will be combined.
- We have changed policies regarding expenditures for travel regarding officers other than the 3 P's and VP for Membership. (Which are required to attend the Gulf and International Conferences.)
- We are trying to use more technology and have plans to use more in the future. Virtual board meeting may be a solution. I know nobody likes changes, but that is the way the future is moving. It only takes a short time to be out of a classroom and finding out things have changed when you walk back into it? Everytime you buy a smart tv or buy a new phone you are faced with changes. You know what I mean.
- Every president has made an effort to come up with some type of ways and means to supplement the operating budget- T-Shirts, Watches, Pins, Garden Flags! Every time you made a purchase you supported us.
- Another way to bring in funds without raising dues is by attending the state convention. That is the way we support each other and our altruistic causes.
- The budget committee has also made recommendations to the board regarding the awarding of the Agnes Miller Mini-Scholarships and it passed. Sisters may apply for this professional development grant to attend Gulf Regional and International Conferences.

Enough! I know we will have discussion at the convention. I thought it was important to point out some things prior to the conference. Jane Crews State, Treasurer has done an excellent job this biennium and her committee has been a wonderful support.

Deadlines Coming :

March 15, 2020 - Chapter Altruistic Report to be submitted online to International.

April 15, 2020 - Louisiana's Agnes Miller Memorial Mini Scholarship

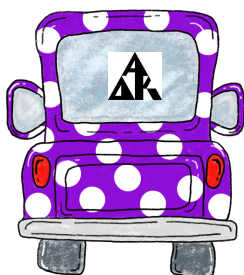
April 15, 2020 - Louisiana's Mildred McCormick Scholarship (student scholarship)

April 15, 2020 - Regional Mini scholarships applications due.

April 30, 2020 - Membership campaign ends.

May 1, 2020 - Deadline for dues.

May 1, 2020 - Report of chapter officers due online. (H- 107)



2020 Convention Bound!

Kenner, Louisiana

Packing List!

- *Pearls - of course!*
- *Crazy socks for Friday Night "Le Pavillion."*
- *Have you seen the forecast? It is going to be warm on the outside and probably cool on the inside. Be prepared for both situations.*
- *Money to spend at the chapter and state ways and means tables .*
- *Money to bid on the silent auction items that benefit "The Haven." and The Alzheimer's Association.*

A screenshot of a weather forecast for Kenner, LA. The table shows the forecast for the next five days, including temperature ranges, weather icons, and precipitation chances.

Kenner, LA Weather			
Thu 12	80°/65°		20% ▾
Fri 13	80°/65°		20% ▾
Sat 14	81°/65°		10% ▾
Sun 15	79°/66°		20% ▾
Mon 16	81°/67°		20% ▾

- *Bring your Camera/Phone with you ! We do not have an official photographer for the convention. A sharing site will be set up for everyone to download and share their pictures.*
- *If you attended a Founder's Day Celebration this past Fall and received a small bag with 4 different types of candy and my business card – remember to sign the back of the card and bring it with you for some special door prizes! We will collect them at registration.*
- *Your donations to "The Haven" in your decorated bag!*

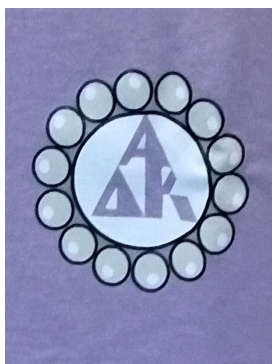


The state still has pins, garden flags, Louisiana girl bracelets and a brand new T-shirt designed by our very own one and only LA State Historian, Debbie Boudin. Debbie also designed our garden flag.

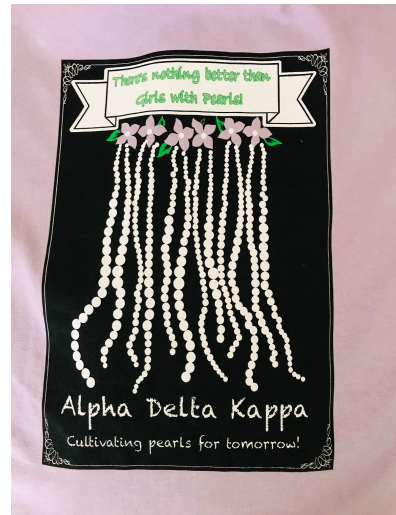


\$15.00

Front



Back



M- XL \$18.00

XLL - \$ 20.00

The back is closer to the true color of the shirt.

** Smaller and Larger sizes can be ordered.*

One Last Thing!!!!

If you are like me, I don't always like to drive in big cities with traffic and especially when I don't really know the area besides using a GPS. Plus airport traffic can be the worst. New Orleans has a new airport terminal. You can go inside the terminal past security with a pass that you must sign up for in advance. You can shop, eat and visit. The best thing is that our hotel has a shuttle back and forth from the hotel to the airport. It is the latest thing in other countries and in updated terminals. You still have to go through the security process as if you were flying. It might be something you are interested in. Below is a screenshot from my phone to find your way with further guidelines.



*See you soon!
Barbara*



MSY Guest Pass



*Local Shops like:
Fleurty Girl
Brighton*

*Restaurants:
Emeril's Table
Angelo Brocato*

Introducing MSY Guest Pass, a program that allows non-ticketed visitors to enjoy the more than 40 concessions post-security. Starting December 4, 2019, registered non-ticketed visitors will be able to venture past the security checkpoint to eat and shop.

The selection of shops range from locals like Fleurty Girl and Dirty Coast to high end digs like Brighton. Dining options are available from award-winning chefs like Emeril Lagasse, John Folse, Michael Gullotta, Susan Spicer, and more. [A full directory of offerings is available here.](#)



