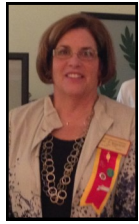


# Gamma Alpha NEWSNOTES

April-June 2016

## President's Message

Gamma Gals,



I remember when someone commented on how busy everyone seemed to be during the 2015 holiday season, but it looks like we Gamma Alpha members haven't slowed down even into springtime. Our first major event was the Joint Meeting in February with Alpha Iota and Gamma Psi chapters. Our District III director, Tina Marsh, was able to attend. She was involved in the general meeting and also with the breakout sessions with the individual chapters. Anne McCallum, Suzanne Williams and I arranged and decorated the Fellowship Hall at JMMUC to have it ready for the meeting. Laura Michelle Wood, president of Alpha Iota, presented the program on the use of technology in the classroom. This chapter also arranged the catered lunch by Blondine's. I didn't see any leftovers either! Chris Thompson, president of Gamma Psi, made sure that the many door prizes were distributed. There were various types of prizes, ranging from Spivey Hall tickets to delicious chocolate candies. Our chapter was well represented with 13 members and 1 guest in attendance.




Our March meeting was at my house. We enjoyed our usual brunch, initiated Sharon Foster and Suzanne Williams, introduced the new slate of officers and filled the New Teacher Bags. We had 16 members in attendance, veteran and rookie. The officers for the next biennium are: President: Dr. Anne McCallum; 1st Vice President: Kay Shelnutt; 2nd Vice President: Cathy Asemota; Corresponding Secretary: Roxanne Crumbley; Recording Secretary: Carole Frediani; Treasurer: Debbie Durden.



In April, our most exciting meeting of the year is scheduled. It will be the birthday party for our Gamma Alpha and the corresponding anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma. Dr. Maria Valeri-Gold will lead that celebration program. Make your plans to be in attendance, because Gamma Alpha isn't slowing down, even into springtime.

Kay Shelnutt, President Gamma Alpha



**State Name**  
PSI State


**2015-17 PSI State Theme**  
Get Connected

**Mission Statement**  
The Delta Kappa Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**Purposes**


1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

**Chapter Name**  
Gamma Alpha, serving Clayton

 **Happy Birthday**

Margaret Tarrant    May 1

Arolue Prater        June 12



Please keep Arolue and her husband, Ron, in your thoughts and prayers. They both have major health issues at this time.

# Leadership Conference

The Leadership Conference in Warner Robbins, GA is open to all members and officers. There will be workshops for officers and for general membership. There is a guest speaker for Friday night and the general meeting and workshops are scheduled for Saturday. Hotel accommodations are nearby, if you plan to stay the night. Anne and Kay are planning to attend. Join them if you can. The registration form is online at [SPRING LEADERSHIP REGISTRATION](#) and the cost is \$25.

**Wear Your Name Plate:** Be sure to wear your DKG nameplate to each meeting. We have in place the \$1 "fine" for forgetting. Don't get rid of the spare change in your purse until you come to the business meetings. We will have piggy bank to feed with spare change. These donations are to increase of funding for scholarships etc. without too many extra fundraisers.

**Infusion of the Biennium Theme:** During 2015-2017, we will implement the biennium theme "Get Connected" with the emphasis on community involvement by the chapter and the individual.

## Important Dates

- April 11, 2016 - Gamma Alpha meeting at Barbara Updike's house
- April 29-30, 2016 - Leadership Conference in Warner Robbins, GA
- May 1, 2016 - Slate of Gamma Alpha officers submitted
- June 7, 2016 - Summer Send Off Luncheon at the Green Manor in Fairburn, GA
- July 5-9, 2016 - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Nashville, TN

## Address Changes

If your mailing address or emailing address changes, contact Margaret Tarrant 404-606-1066 or 678-583-1459 or [m\\_tarrant@bellsouth.net](mailto:m_tarrant@bellsouth.net).

## Website Update

Please view our state and international websites:



**DKG International:**  
<https://www.dkg.org>

**Psi State:**  
[www.dkgga.weebly.com](http://www.dkgga.weebly.com)

**Gamma Alpha Chapter:**  
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/GA-gammaalpha/>

**Thank You!** Our donations of personal care items that were brought to the February Joint Chapter Meeting were given to the Women's Shelter for distribution. These products were greatly appreciated and very much needed. Thank you, ladies, for your contributions.

## Officers (2014 - 2016)

President	Kay Shelnett
1st Vice-President	Cathy Asemota
2nd Vice-President	Margaret Tarrant
Rec. Secretary	Carol Frediani
Corr. Secretary	Barbara Updike
Treasurer	Debbie Durden
Parliamentarian	Helen Brown

Newsletter Editors  
Joyce Swofford Martha Wicker



## DKG TECHNOLOGY

Use your member ID for the username and the default password, dkg2014society, to set your member portal @ <https://www.dkg.org> (click on MyDKG). Keep your ID card handy to access events, dates, data and the new members-only website. The DKG store is also accessible for our ordering of forms, certificates, supplies etc. GOOGLE Docs, GOOGLE Forms, GOOGLE Calendar, GOOGLE Groups, and GOOGLE handouts are free research and communication tools for DKG members

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dkgorg](http://www.facebook.com/dkgorg)

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YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin](http://www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin)

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international](http://www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international)

The Georgia Organization (Psi State) is sending an email to all state DKG members. If you haven't received one of these broadcast emails, please check your personal information online and confirm your email address. The Psi State webpage [www.dkgga.weebly.com](http://www.dkgga.weebly.com).

## Did You Know?

- Joanne Maples is the coordinator for the educational events at Spivey Hall. Congratulations, to Joanne on a "perfect" job.
- Brenda Rayburn, once again was involved in the Friends of the Library book sale. This organization was highlighted in the county newspaper, "The News Daily" where it was mentioned that Brenda is the driving force in the successful book sales.
- Carol Frediani, Kay Shelnett and Joyce Swofford are working again this year, with the AARP Volunteer Aid in preparation of income tax forms for senior citizens. They are involved each Tuesday, from February 1 through April 12 at the Hapeville Senior Center.
- Dr. Helen Brown, Dr. Anne McCallam and Dr. Jan Scott were at the February workday and continue to work with the Reynolds Nature Preserve and the ongoing nature preserve projects.
- Dr. Joyce Swofford and Martha Wicker rode their bikes from Key Largo to Key West in February. Keep us informed of your projects and activities. We are all interested.

## Meeting Info

**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 PM Dinner Meeting

**Location:** Home of Barbara Updike (202 Columbia St. McDonough)

**Program:** "Happy Birthday, Gamma Alpha" and Initiation of new officers

**Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**Time:** 11:30 PM Summer Luncheon

**Location:** Green Manor, Fairburn GA

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Durden reported the current balance as of March 1, 2016, is \$1203.71. She has information that our Chapter may be able to sponsor two students from CSU for their GACE testing.

## Getting to Know Us

This page of the next few newsletters will help us learn more about each other and each of our unique relationships with Gamma Alpha. We started with our founding members and are moving forward to our newest members. This month we are hearing from three Gamma Alpha ladies: JoAnne Maples, Barbara Updike, and Carol Frediani.

### JoAnne G Maples



Some of you might know that I was born in Jacksonville, Florida, which influenced me to be an ocean lover. But Delta Airlines, where my dad was employed, had a different idea for my family, so we moved to ATL and landed in Forest Park right after I turned 6 years old. I went to J.E. Edmonds Elementary, Forest Park Junior High, (I met Debbie Foster Durden in band), and proceeded to Forest Park Senior High (I met Sharon Brown Foster, who was a majorette in the band and knew Kay Trammell Shellnut and Suzanne Stroud Williams). I grew up in St. Timothy Lutheran Church where Arolue Flemen Prather and her sister were dear friends in choir, youth group and church. Georgia State University was my college home for many years as I earned a Bachelor and Master of Music Education there and met my wonderful husband, Tom. During that time, we had 2 bright, beautiful children, Susan and Stephen, who are now ambitious, career minded adults living in Brooklyn, NY. Susan is a lawyer and Stephen begins work with the city of New York in OMB February 29 after earning a Master of Urban Planning from Hunter College.

All of my teaching career was in Clayton County Public Schools in which I was fortunate to work with dedicated and talented principals and teachers and, for the most part, appreciative parents and students. The first 5 years were split between two schools (not an easy task!) The elementary schools in which I served were B.C. Haynie (Suzanne Williams was there), Mountain View, Church Street, Tara, (Margaret Tarrant was there), Lille E. Suder, and J. W. Arnold (Roxanne Crumbley was there).

After retiring from CCPS, I was called to direct the Jonesboro United Methodist Preschool where we achieved more students, highly qualified teachers, and accreditation by the Georgia Accrediting Commission. The children warmed my heart each day, and the church members became deeply involved in the school. This experience prepared me for the next career step.

As of January 6, I became a member of Spivey Hall Education where we are reaching out to children of ALL ages

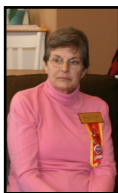
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and throughout north Georgia to provide musical education through the performance medium. I am still learning a LOT about my role and finding it fascinating and stimulating to my personal growth. I live by the mantra that learning should be a lifelong endeavor. Spivey Hall is absolutely fulfilling that goal. Of course, I invite YOU to join me for our concerts.

What am I doing outside of my work? I am enjoying playing my flute in the Southern Crescent Choir, which is playing in senior centers (my favorite venue) and churches so far. We started the group the past summer. Walking is my favorite form of exercise. My husband and I are singing in the CSU Community Chorus. (Come hear us Thursday, April 28.) We enjoy concerts at Spivey Hall and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. We LOVE to watch movies as well as travel.

Thank YOU for being among my dearest friends! I'm proud to be a Gamma Gal and DKG sister.

### Barbara Updike



Suzanne Lukat invited me to my first meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Boylston House several years ago. My first impression was one of a caring, dedicated group of teachers who were striving to set and maintain high ideals for teachers all over the world. About a year later, I became a member of this group of women educators.

My journey into teaching began as a preteen. I would gather neighbor's children to read, play games, and help them solve math problems. From early on I had a strong pull towards math and science.

After graduating from Virginia Tech, I taught physically handicapped students at a small school in Prince William County, Virginia, for two years. A move to Maryland and a very long commute to Independent Hill, just outside of Manassas, Virginia, put my teaching career on hold for many years. It was not until my family moved to Georgia that I even considered teaching again. I received my certification in Early Childhood Education and began a 25-year career teaching in Clayton County. I retired from teaching

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in the public school system to teach first grade at Jonesboro United Methodist Preschool and Primary.

This May, I will permanently retire to pursue travel dreams of many years. In June 2015, I had the opportunity to travel to Scotland with my sister. We did a walk-drive tour of Scotland that covered 500 miles of beautiful, but rugged countryside. Scots are very a welcoming, industrious people, yet resources are scarce, and you soon learn why they are so "thrifty."

September 2016 has us embarking on a cruise to Alaska. We will start our journey at Denali and end in Ketchikan. Future plans include New Zealand and Australia, and a Christmas Mart cruise in Europe.

## Carol Frediani



I am a retired educator. I am enjoying each and every day of my retirement! I spend a great deal of my time learning and practicing yoga, exercising in the pool at the Senior Center, and sculpting with clay. I enjoy reading, attending concerts and plays, and socializing with others.

During tax season, I also work with Kay Shelnuttt and Joyce Swofford helping people get their taxes done at the Hapeville Senior Center.

I was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. I was the oldest of three girls. I decided that I would become a teacher when I attended Kindergarten. I reached this goal in 1968 when I began my teaching career in the City School District of Rochester, New York, after graduating from SUNY College at Brockport. In June of 1971 I moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and began teaching in Jackson in August of that year. (I earned almost 50% less my first year teaching in Jackson than I had earned the previous year in Rochester.) I worked there for 32 years. During my career I taught elementary grades, taught in the Title I Reading Rotation Program, served as team leader, and as in-school testing administrator. I taught in Jackson until I retired in 2003.