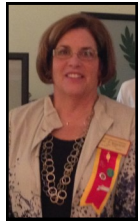


# Gamma Alpha NEWSNOTES

Jan-March 2016

## President's Message

Gamma Gals,



This year I resolve to .....

I think I would be correct in assuming that each one of us has begun a new year with those words more than once. I have since I was a youngster old enough to understand the idea of a new year's resolution. I'll also admit that as an elementary school teacher, many bulletin boards had displays of resolutions generated from a January writing assignment.


I would imagine that your resolutions have run the gamut from health and wellness, personal relationships, economic responsibility, intellectual/academic accomplishments and hopefully, some plain old fun. Mine certainly have. I'm not even going to discuss the longevity or success of these fanciful decisions.

This year, let's reflect and learn from past resolutions. Our resolution can be to learn from mistakes and remember the experiences that led to success; everything doesn't have to start from scratch to produce a desired result. When there have been positive results previously, don't change, just challenge. Keep goals in mind and continue a plan for success. Tell someone! You may find someone else striving for the same goal and can join you in your "resolve." If nothing else, perhaps a friend can keep you accountable, in a positive way, of course. Don't be shy. Say it out loud. Sometimes an idea seems more real when you hear it. Above all, give yourself permission to go forward. Step out of a routine if necessary, and have some way-out-there ideas. I know it's very easy to be on the safe side, because that's been my plan many times with past resolutions.

We have many opportunities through Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for personal and professional enrichment. We can be the positive influence as we challenge each other and ourselves through this 2016.

This year I resolve.....to give myself permission.

Kay Shelnett, President



**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

## Meeting Info

Joint meeting with Alpha Iota & Gamma Psi

**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2016

**Time:** 9:30 AM-12: 30 PM

**Location:** Jones Memorial United Methodist Church  
5300 Phillips Drive  
Lake City, GA 30260  
404-366-4039

Gamma Alpha is in charge of set-up and table arrangements

**Program:** Tina Marsh, District III Director, guest  
Laura Woods, President, Alpha Iota: presentation

**Focus Project:** Personal Items for the Battered Women's Shelter (Clayton Co.)



## Meeting Info

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** TBA

**Program:** Preparation of the Teacher Bags for CSU Education Graduates

**Focus Project:** Designated items for the bags



## Happy Birthday

Debbie Durden	Jan 11
Brenda Rayburn	Feb 16
Joanne Maples	Feb 17
Roxanne Crumbley	Feb 27
Barbara Updike	Mar 15
Helen Brown	Mar 23



# JOINT MEETING RESERVATIONS

We will be purchasing tickets for the joint meeting in March in preparation for ALPHA IOTA chapter to order the lunch to be served. The tickets are \$20, if purchased beforehand and \$25 at the door. This price covers the lunch and the other incidental costs associated with the building, the guests, etc. Money collected above these necessary amounts will be donated to the DKG Scholarship Fund. In the past, if extra money was needed to cover any costs, the separate chapters would have to donate money from their treasury and it wasn't always a budgeted item. The deadline for ordering tickets is January 16. An email will be sent for this purpose.



**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.

**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/>

## Technology at Its Finest

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

### Media Addresses

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dkgorg](http://www.facebook.com/dkgorg)      Twitter: @DKG\_SI  
 Instagram: @DKGSI      Pinterest: [www.pinterest.com/DKGS/](http://www.pinterest.com/DKGS/)  
 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)

## Important Dates

- January 2016 (date TBA) - Executive Board Meeting, Home of Kay Shelnett
- February 1, 2016- Chapter Committee Reports Due
- February 1, 2016- Cornet Foundation Grant Applications Due
- February 1, 2016- International Scholarship Applications Due
- February 1, 2016- State Scholarship Application Due
- February 6, 2016 - Joint Chapter Meeting at Jones Memorial UMC
- February 20, 2016 - Leadership Institute
- March 5, 2016 - Chapter Meeting (location TBA)
- 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).

## 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



## Thank You



A Women's Auxiliary Group, led by Cathy Asemota, prepared and presented Christmas Gift Boxes to the Nothing But The Truth organization in Clayton County. NBTT is the organization we donate food for CCPs students in need of food items over a weekend away from school.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our total assets as of December 3, 2015, were \$1307.71 We have projected 2015-16 assets of \$3012.56 (22members). The 2015-16 budgeted items were reviewed and approved by our Executive Board at the August meeting.









