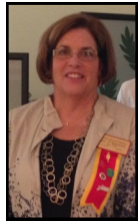


Gamma Alpha NEWSNOTES

July-September 2016

President's Message

Gamma Gals,



The summer kick-off luncheon provided 11 of us the opportunity to visit the Historic Green Manor in Union City. For the majority of us, this was the first visit to this home that has been in the area since the early 1800's and has been a restaurant since 1990. Not a single one of the Gamma Alpha members walked away hungry from the southern buffet. We talked about our summer plans consisting of traveling, gardening, reading and relaxing. It was good to have Jane back with us and for our newest members, Sharon and Suzanne, to join us. Thank you, Pat for suggesting this venue.

Dr. Anne McCallum and I attended the Psi State Leadership Training in Warner Robbins, GA on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Anne attended the session for Chapter Presidents and I attended the Education Excellence Committee Workshop. There was a general assembly, lunch and then a panel discussion featuring DKG members of different ages. The Q & A portion presented the same question to each generation and their answers provided insights to the changing concerns in education and in DKG membership.

Yes, I could think of several other places I wanted to be on that lovely spring day, but I honestly was glad I was there to receive information I would have missed otherwise. In the session I attended, three presenters brought information concerning the state's legislative procedures regarding charter schools, student testing and evaluation, state takeover of failing public schools, and the proposed fiscal changes that may affect insurance and retirees. None of us are naive enough to think that education policies affect only the classroom and curriculum. It was evident that many safeguards are needed to ensure students and teachers don't become political pawns. As educators and proponents of education in the state of Georgia, we must remain aware of all the influences in the decision-making processes. It is our responsibility to be informed. My plan is to be able to share some of this pertinent information with you at our meetings.

Anne will be scheduling planning sessions for committees and the executive committee very soon. Be ready with your usual willingness when it's time to be busy again.

Enjoy the uniqueness of your Georgia summer.

Kay Shelnutt
President, Gamma Alpha



Words of Wisdom

- Research indicates that those more socially connected to family, to friends, and to community are happier; they're physically healthier, and they live longer than people who are less well connected. Indeed, quality relationships can help us better cope with the aches and pains of aging, and we can experience slower memory decline than those who are isolated and alone.
- Try keeping a gratitude journal, chronicling things that your family member or friend did or said that you appreciated. You'll have a more positive perception of life.



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

Arolue Prater	June 12
Maria Valeri-Gold	July 10
Joyce Swofford	July 20
Diangela Taylor	July 29
Carolyn Scott	Aug 4
Kay Shelnutt	Aug 11
Suzanne Williams	Aug 18
Martha Wicker	Aug 31



Thank You

Dr. Maria Valeri-Gold updated our Chapter Yearbook and emailed that to each member. She also compiled the member directory. This personal information will not be sent electronically. Maria, Anne or Kay can get a "hard" copy to you upon request.

I have already spent my gift card to Barnes and Nobel given to me from the chapter as I pass the gavel to Anne!!!

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 will increase 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

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



When we get outside and do something physical, we feel refreshed, more energetic, more clearheaded, and better prepared to deal with the challenges of the day.

Officers (2014 - 2016)

President	Anne McCallum
1st Vice-President	Cathy Asemota
2nd Vice-President	Kay Shelnett
Rec. Secretary	Carol Frediani
Corr. Secretary	Roxanne Crumbley
Treasurer	Debbie Durden
Parliamentarian	Helen Brown

Newsletter Editors
Joyce Swofford Martha Wicker



Important Dates

- July 5-9, 2016 - International Convention, Nashville, TN
- September, 2016 - Meetings resume after summer break, TBA
- September 24, 2016 - State Executive Board, Macon, GA
- October 1, 2016 - Deadline for Paying Membership Dues to Debbie Durden
- February 1, 2017 - Applications for grants and scholarships due
- April 28-30, 2017 - State Convention, Athens, GA
- July, 19-22, 2017 - SE Regional Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC

Address Changes

If your mailing address or emailing address changes, contact Margaret Tarrant.

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

Twitter: @DKG_SI

Instagram: @DKGSI

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/DKGSi

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin

LinkedIn: 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.

Did You Know?

- Cathy Asemota is teaching summer school.
- Helen Brown's family reunion will be a gathering at the church established by her family, generations ago.
- Joanne Maples is conducting children's workshops at Spivey Hall.
- Joyce Swofford's bike trip this summer was along the Rhine River.
- Barbara Updike and Jane Bain are both planning summer trips to Alaska.

Keep us informed of your projects and activities. We are all interested.

Applause For ...

- Peggy Capell for she is healing and all is well from her recent surgery and illness.
- Debbie Durden that she is on the road to recovery from a concern with her vision.
- Arolue Flemmen-Prater for her successful recovery from her cancer treatments.
- Maria Valeri-Gold, who continues to find strength and comfort.
- Diangela Taylor that she is continuing to recuperate from her surgery and the complications that it entailed.
- All of the Gamma Gals who make each day a successful one.

