

# PSI STATE NEWS

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## Elected to Serve

Congratulations to Peggy McCall, International Nominations Committee Southeast Representative.



## Published Authors

In the upcoming *Delta Kappa Gamma Journal*, Dr. Mary Clement's article "Early-Career Teachers in Chinese Christian Schools" and Dr. Amanda Wall's article "From the Roots Up: Building Vocabulary Knowledge Through Latin and Greek" have been selected for inclusion in the 2016, Volume 82-5 issue.

## Star of the Southeast

Initiated in 1995, Georgia's "Star of the Southeast" has worked tirelessly at both the chapter and state level. A warm smile and kind words greet everyone and she pitches in to help whenever she sees a need. Loved and appreciated by all, she is best described by these words:

Bubbly  
Energetic  
Tremendous  
Tactful  
Young at heart, soul,  
and mind.

Georgia's "Star of the Southeast 2016" is Betty J. Richardson.



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## Sweet Thanks

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Thanks to Missy Collins (and her family) for the donation of 2,000 Goo Goo Clusters for Tennessee Night. The plant that makes the candy is right down the road from the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center.

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## Dates to Remember

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August 1 - September 1: Submission period for Arts and Humanities Jury

September 24, 2016:

Psi State Executive Board Meeting, Forest Hills United Methodist Church, Macon

## Kudos to Presenters

### These members conducted a session at International Convention:

★Dr. Mary Clements (Iota) – “Early Career Teachers in Chinese Christian Schools”

★Merry Willis (Gamma Eta) – “Come ‘SWAY’ Away With Me: A Free New Tool to Make Your Presentations Shine”

★Leslie Giraldo (Tau) – “RISE: Encouragement and challenges for Women Educators” and Hot Topic Session – “Transforming DKG through Metaphors, Macaroons and Movement”

★Dr. Stephanie Golden (Mu) and Shekema Silveri – “Notes from Along the Road: Designing a School to Inspire the next Generation of Connected Leaders and Teachers-IFE Academy Of Teaching and Technology”

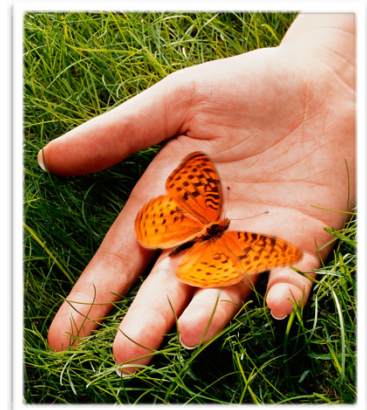
★Dr. Gwen Benson (Alpha Psi) and Dr. Susan Ogletree (Alpha Psi) – “Teacher Education in Rural Zambia – Access for Success!”

★Dr. Hanna Fowler (Alpha Theta) & others – “Pairing Down to Move Forward: Revising Strategic Planning”

In addition, Virginia McChesney served as timekeeper, and Gail Ford served on the Elections Committee.

## 2016-18 International Theme

“DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”





## President's Message

What a fabulous 2016 International Convention in Nashville! Over 70+ Georgia members fellowshipped, honored, learned, voted, toured, danced, ate, sang, and shopped! No matter how many days participants attended, I think all will verify they had a great time.

Important work was accomplished by the convention:

- DKG Executive Board (composed of Administrative Board, State Organization Presidents and Past International Presidents) adopted the 2016-18 Budget;
- Defeated, after extended debate, ISR 3.0 Membership that if adopted would have allowed active or reserve members to drop chapter membership and request state organization membership. (See Mar/Apr 2016 *Psi State News*);
- Adopted proposed amendments ISR 8.082 g (1)(e) and 8.082 g (2) to change the due date of recommendations and endorsement forms to International Nominations Committee from Oct 15 to Sept 15;
- Defeated ISR 6.1 which would have mandated the European Regional director attend all area state organization conventions in person;
- Adopted ISR 12.21 which will permit *DKG Bulletin* to include abstracts printed in languages other than English;
- Adopted a proposal for a review of the work by the 2014-16 DKG Ad Hoc Elections Committee be conducted and prepare proposed amendments to enable the 2018 International Convention to consider election of International Society leaders by one of the following voting methods: (a) all DKG attendees at the convention, OR (b) one member-one vote elections method. (Note: changes to Constitution can only occur every four years. If election methods are changed, new method would not be used until 2020. Currently, state organization presidents cast vote based on state's voting strength. This convention Georgia had 566 votes based on our active/reserve membership.)

*Gail Springstead*



## Membership Matters

What a privilege for me and two other Psi State Membership Committee members, Maggie Oyler & Sandra East, to be a part of the Georgia delegation to the DKG International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in July! Meeting with educators from around the globe, we ascertained that our sister DKG members share the same values, excitement, and concerns for the future of our organization as we do. Attending the membership breakout session as well as the session for state membership chairs, I was able to share Psi State's membership initiatives and to glean from others. The new recruitment plan seems to be working well for many chapters.

Now may be a good time for your chapter to focus on Membership **Recruitment** for the new chapter year. There are three places you can find the recruitment forms:

1. *dkgga.weebly.com* under "Psi State Tools"
2. *dkg.org* under "Resources"
3. *Guidelines for Chapter Membership Committee Chairs*, the new yellow booklet from International which every chapter received this spring

Start with the Prospect Cards, follow the plan, and put your chapter on its way to a fine group of recruits.

It's also a great time for contacting former members whose time may be right for **Reinstatement**. Former members can request to be reinstated with no chapter vote and no reinstatement fee. Think about giving them a call, text, or email! Your chapter may also want to help **Retain** members by personally reaching out to members from area chapters that have recently dissolved.

How about joining international networking communities? Log onto *dkg.org* and use the "My DKG" tab to enter the member portal. Use your ID # (found on your DKG membership card) and the society password. Create a member profile. Then click on the "My Communities" tab in the member account area and join social and professional communities that interest you for networking purposes. *Email mem@dkg.org or call 512.478.5748 for assistance.* Or contact me, *gwenwhite@hotmail.com*, if you need more info.

Other Things to Remember:

- *Order of the Rose* awards will be presented to chapters that INCREASE membership during the Psi State 2015-2017 biennium.
- Send a form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, promptly when a death occurs. Send a photo to be used in remembrance at Psi State Convention.

*Gwen White*

*White Rose in Loving Memory of Our Departed Sister  
Anne George McKinley, Delta, May 22, 2016*

## Communications

The Communications Committee would like to recognize the state chapters for their accomplishments in communication. The certification timeline is from July 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017.

To receive recognition, the chapters must meet the following guidelines: (1) Must have a website linked to the international website: **20 points**, (2) Issue eight newsletters (4 per year): **5 points each**, (3) Submit four different media releases (2 per year): **5 points each**. For documentation purposes, copies of all submitted newsletters and media releases must be forwarded to the Communications Chair, Betty Richardson, [bettyrichardson@comcast.net](mailto:bettyrichardson@comcast.net) and all documents must be received no later than March 31, 2017.

Award Certificates will be presented based on three (3) levels of accomplishment: **Exemplary** chapters must earn 75-80 points; **Merit** chapters must earn 50 to 70 points; **Honorable Distinction** chapters must earn 35-45 points. The Award Certificates will be presented at the State Convention in April 2017.

**Reminder, all documents must be received by March 31, 2017.**

## Meeting at the River: 2016 ALA/GA Arts Retreat

Alabama State President Nancy Karrick and Becky Avera, GA Personal Development Committee chair worked tirelessly to organize and host the first joint Alabama-Georgia Arts Retreat at Bagby State Park in southwest Georgia. Enjoyed by



30 sisters, participants worked to learn and create projects in quilting, quilling, zentangle, alcohol painted coasters, feather pins, napkin folding, ribbon and lace greeting cards, necktie pins, and calligraphy. Georgia's own Betty Lindsey

instructed the group in plastic needlepoint creating a breast cancer awareness pin. The activities were a great deal of fun—even for beginners. Besides our craft activities, participants got to enjoy a tour of the beautiful, historic Shorter Mansion in nearby Eufaula. It truly was a wonderful retreat filled with learning new skills, fellowship, making new friends and beautiful scenery.





## All About EEC

After reviewing the responses from the 2016 President's Report about chapter programs, most of the projects conducted in DKG chapters are literary projects and programs for local charities and community involvement. There is a desire to encompass other EEC projects as well. Some of the other areas of interest: DKG History, Member Recognition, Scholarships and Grants, International and State Projects, as well as Personal and Professional Development. Below are a few suggestions that your chapter could coordinate to assist in incorporating other projects within your chapter.

- DKG History: At every meeting, share a "Moment in DKG history."
- Member Recognition: At every chapter meeting, honor your members by giving recognition for grand as well as small accomplishments within the chapter. You could hand out certificates or simply have members stand for recognition.
- Scholarships and Grants: Gamma Chi has an annual Golf Tournament where they have sponsorship from businesses in the community, door prize donations, and golfers that are invited to play. Each golfer pays \$75 to participate, and DKG sets up refreshment stands, greets golfers, and serves breakfast at the event.
- International and State Projects: A change jar is used to collect spare change for Schools in Africa.
- Personal and Professional Development: Invite speakers to come and talk about current events in and out of the classroom as well as personal development discussing the importance of trusts, wills, stocks, bonds, etc.

Continue to Empower, Educate, and Change global awareness within your chapter!

*Dr. Stephanie Golden*



## US Forum

The United States Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. The Forum provides U.S. members of DKG with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy.

The U.S. Forum session was attended by a record number of members! Besides discussing interests, session attendees approved a Resolution for Bullying/Cyber bullying Prevention. This resolution seeks to support an effort to get anti-bullying/cyber bullying legislation passed at the federal level (most states have such legislation). A copy of the resolution can be found at: <http://www.usforumdkg.org>.

At 2015 Regional Conferences, US Forum participants were asked which issues were of most interest to their states. Results revealed the top legislative issues are bullying/cyber bullying, high stakes testing and ESSA, human trafficking, mental health and gun violence, and pay equity. Your chapter might plan a program addressing one of these issues!

## District Nominating Committees Begin

At the Georgia (Psi) State Convention in April 2017, districts will meet to elect their district director for the 2017-19 biennium. It is the responsibility of the 2015-17 District Nominating Committees (elected at district meetings at the 2015 State Convention) to nominate a candidate for 2017-19 District Director. Serving as district director is an awesome opportunity and great fun, since you are getting to work with other outstanding chapters and sisters in your district. The one requirement for this position, according to *Psi State Bylaws*, is that a district director must be a past or current chapter president. Chapter presidents or other interested members can contact their nominating committee with the names of prospective nominees.

- District 1 Maggie Oyler, Chair; Marie Boatright, Dr. Joanne Lee  
District 2 Sheri Black, Chair; Patty Chmiel, Gwen White  
District 3 Judy Farrigan, Chair; Dianne Sharpe, Angela Williams  
District 4 Jeannie Stroebel, Chair; Ann Vance, Patia Rountree  
District 5 Jo Davis, Chair; Elaine Ruckel, Jan Westberg  
District 6 Judy Scarboro, Chair; Shannon Floyd, Angela White

In addition to nominating a district director, the 2015-17 District Nominating Committees also have responsibility for nominating the 2017-19 District Nominating Committee with one member designated as chair.



Congratulations to the following Alpha Chi sisters for being named Teacher of the Year for their respective schools:

Michelle Ingram from Crisp County Middle School (top left);

Macy Young from Crisp County High School (middle left).

Toni Lanneau from Crisp County Pre-K (bottom left);

and Lynn Ramirez from Crisp County Elementary (right).

Lynn was also named Crisp County School System Teacher of the Year.

These ladies are truly exemplary of DKG Key Women Educators!





## The Leadership Challenge in Psi State

On June 3-5, 2016, Psi State Leadership Seminar I was held at the Hampton Inn in Macon. Twenty-five DKG sisters from all across Georgia participated in a weekend of intense leadership training. Outstanding facilitators, Dr. Hanna Fowler and Jonnie Ghetti, helped bring to life *The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things Happen in Organizations* by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner. The participants dove into multiple sessions focusing on “The Five Practices” of effective leadership. Each Leadership I graduate left on Sunday morning feeling confident in her ability to model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage the heart.

The Psi State Leadership Committee truly appreciates everyone’s hard work and participation during this weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun. The tentative date for Psi State Leadership II is June 2-4, 2017. Please mark your calendars!! You don’t want to miss the opportunity to deepen your repertoire in ways to **IMPACT MEMBERS AND IMPACT COMMUNITIES!!**







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