

PSI STATE NEWS

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Getting Involved!

by Gail Springstead

Psi State President

September Executive Board started with a bang! An explosion of activities erupted as committees began planning a myriad of opportunities to “Impact Members...Impact Communities.”

Psi State/Georgia’s Day at the Capitol, Leadership Institute, Deltahostel, and Leadership Seminar I offer personal and professional development as well as making DKG better known in the state. A new Alabama/Georgia (ALAGA) Fine Arts Retreat is being planned for June. Make plans to participate and showcase your artistic talent!



It is also time to apply for the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar, scholarships for advanced degrees and endorsements, grant money for a classroom, or community project through the Boylston Foundation and Cornetet grants.

This is just a taste of what is on the schedule with new opportunities in the development stage. In which of these activities are you going to participate --maybe for the first time? May you feel the excitement, energy and enthusiasm that I do! Georgia is just getting started.



CHAPTER TREASURER WORKSHOP
Jonnie Ghetti leads treasurers from around the state through the most current and relevant information to keep chapters on track.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Kathy Brown and team meet to discuss existing and future projects which expand the work of DKG.



TECHNOLOGY Merry Willis and fellow committee members plan ways for members to learn about programs that can add to members' existing toolboxes of technology.

Learn to lead with Becky Sadowski



by **Martha Noyes**
Leadership Committee

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream," said Rebecca (Becky) Sadowski, quoting C.S. Lewis. The Southeast Regional Director and the chair of the 2016 Convention Steering Committee, Becky will be our guest speaker at the Leadership Institute in Macon on Saturday, February 20.

Since becoming a DKG member in 1989, Becky has served on the local, state, regional, and international levels as a participant, presenter, chairperson, and director.

Serving as a Special Education advocate has been Becky's passion. Living in Tennessee, she has served as a classroom teacher, a Lead Teacher for the Memphis City Schools, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Memphis, and a Special Education Specialist and an Educational Consultant for Shelby County Schools, as well as the head of the School

of Education at the University of Memphis.

Becky is a Xi State Achievement Award Recipient; she has also received the Jo Patterson Award in Gifted Education in Tennessee. She has served as XI State President, and internationally, she has been recognized as a "Woman of Vision." She was a Golden Gift Leadership Management and Renaissance Program participant. Professionally, Becky has served as the President of the Tennessee Association for the Gifted and was the Keynote Presenter at Tennessee Legal Education Conference on Special Education.

Married to her college sweetheart for 46 years, Becky has two grown children and four granddaughters. She also assists in caring for her mother who just celebrated her 89th birthday.

Although she is very busy, she is looking forward to the Leadership Institute. Becky said, "My goal for one day together is that each person will leave with a clearer understanding of her own leadership philosophy. Having this knowledge will guide us as we consider possible leadership roles and also as we lead others whether we are at the podium or sitting among the group of participants!"

Leadership Institute Registration February 20, 2016

Location:

Forest Hill United Methodist Church
1217 Forest Hill Road
Macon, GA 31210

Time:

9:00 AM Registration
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM Program

Registration: \$20.00
(includes catered lunch)

Registration Information:

Name _____

Chapter _____

Position _____

Email address for confirmation:

Daytime phone for confirmation:

Mail to:

Jonnie Ghetti
Psi State Org. Treasurer
7306 Hedgewood Way
Hoschton, GA 30548

Deadline:
February 12, 2016

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

by Hannah Fowler

Executive Secretary

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This is an awesome quote and how true it is! Think back over your life and how you created your future through planning and persistence. The same is true for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Eighty-five years ago, the founder of DKG looked into the future and created an organization for professional woman educators. She had no idea at the time that DKG would continue as a strong organization and encompass 17 countries.

It has been the responsibility of every generation to “pay it forward” and continue to create a viable future for the organization. Georgia State Organization president, Gail Springstead, has challenged officers and committees to create a plan that will lead DKG through 2026. How exciting to

DKG MEMBERS KNOW...



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envision the future and then lay out the plans to create it!

What do you see in the future of DKG in your chapter and in our state? The Georgia biennium theme “Impacting Members... Impacting Communities” gives each member a focus to begin planning the future “we” DKG will create. Past International President, Dr. Beverly Helms, stated, “Our

future will only be as bright as our chapters are strong, so together let’s do everything possible to strengthen every chapter and make DKG shine.”

Let’s begin *today* to create the future of DKG beginning in your chapter--the heart of our organization.

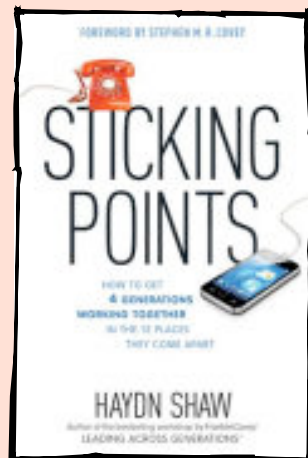
NEWS FOR YOU: CHECK IT OUT

One of the new World Fellowship Recipients is attending UGA! Maria is from Costa Rica, and her field of study is geography. Her address is confidential and should not be posted on any websites. However, chapter presidents can email their district director for Maria’s contact information.

Let’s welcome Maria to our friendly peach state!

by Jeanne Stroebel, World Fellowship Chair

Looking for a good read that will help you as a leader in your chapter? May we suggest Haydn Shaw’s **Sticking Points**? You’ll hear much more about this book at the Spring Leadership Training Conference!



And speaking of the Spring Leadership Training Conference...Plans are being made, excitement is being generated, speakers are being gathered, your needs are being addressed, food is being ordered, training sessions are being developed, interest sessions are evolving. It is going to be a whirlwind Friday night and Saturday, and we can’t wait to be a part of another Georgia first designed to bring the wonderful sisters of DKG together to prepare them to be officers, committee chairs, and members!

Save the dates now: April 29 and 30, 2016, in Warner Robins. One gigantic training meeting! It’s going to be great!!!

by Virginia McChesney, First Vice-President

ABOUT THE EVENT



Date: March 11-13, 2016

Location: Thomasville, GA

Cost: \$220 (or \$87
without lodging)

Rewards: Priceless!

2016 Delta Hostel is Coming!



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday P.M. Arrive (if possible) by **3:30 P.M.** at **Hampton Inn Thomasville**, check in and unpack. Leave motel at **4:15 P.M.** for **“Jonah’s Fish and Grits,”** (does not make reservations.) **Latecomers**, please arrive at **Jonah’s by 4:30** (109 E. Jackson St.). Enjoy a special and delicious treat here...

Friday night. After returning to the Hampton, relax and enjoy a **“Meet and Greet” fellowship** followed by **Psi State greetings**, and a **weekend packet/overview**. **Alpha Omicron is bringing “Welcome” goodie bags**, while **Sigma is providing lemonade and cookies**, both special treats. **The Thomas County Historical Society curator** will then present an **interesting oral/audio-visual program on the area history**.

Saturday A.M. After a **hot/cold breakfast**, guests will **depart at 9:30 A.M.** to visit the **famous Pebble Hill Plantation**, where we will enjoy a **guided tour of the Main House**. This memorable experience will be of interest to all who love art, history, antiques, or the great outdoor beauty. A large complex of **buildings plus a gift shop** are ours to enjoy. **Alpha Delta is catering a picnic lunch**, and **Xi is providing dessert**. Enjoy some

free time before we leave for Colquitt at **2:30 P.M.**

Saturday P.M. The DKG group will travel 1 1/4 hours to Colquitt, then enjoy an **Alpha Omicron tour** of the **lovely murals in the “Mural City.”** Next a treat begins at **Cotton Hall Theater** for the **5:30 P.M.** original production of **“Swamp Gravy: Order in the Court”** featuring true tales of Southwest Georgia. For 25 years Swamp Gravy, the official folk-life play of Georgia, has produced stories and delighted audiences of all ages/backgrounds. After an exciting blend of comedy, drama, and music, we will then enjoy a delectable prime rib, shrimp, and all-the-trimmings dinner buffet at **“Moby Dick’s” near Colquitt**. **Alpha Omicron is decorating the tables** for us to make our meal particularly festive.

Sunday A.M. After a **hot/cold breakfast**, **check out** of the **Hampton Inn**, then at **9:30 A.M.** join our DKG Sisters as we gather around the massive **335 year old “The Big Oak”** for **Sunday morning devotions/music**. This Service will also serve as the culmination of a **weekend filled with history, artistic/musical expression, Sisterly fellowship, and lifelong memories**.

Anticipated Highlights

(so that you will join us)

From Thomasville’s “Rose City,” home of plantations and “The Big Oak” to Colquitt’s “Mural City,” home of “Swamp Gravy” and mayhaw jelly, Southwest Georgia beckons you to experience a weekend of history, artistic and musical expression, love and Sisterly fellowship. Ya’ll come; you’ll be glad you did.

Print this form and mail it in to secure your spot for this exciting opportunity!

2016 GA (Psi State) DeltaHostel

Please complete Registration Form for each attendee and guest.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

“I grant permission to the GA (Psi State) Organization of the D.K.G Society International to use my photograph in the Psi State News and/or on the Society website.” Yes No Initials _____

Weekend price includes motel (2 queens beds–2 guests/room), Jonah’s meal, Thomas Co. Historical Society speaker, Pebble Hill Plantation admission, Swamp Gravy admission, Moby Dick’s meal, all taxes & gratuities is \$220.00 or \$87.00 (no lodging)

amount paid : _____ ck# _____

roommate preference: _____

Make check to Psi State (DeltaHostel on memo line) and postmark by Feb. 11, 2016 (non-refundable after this).



Mail this part to:
Mrs. Becky Avera
729 Dukes Creek Road
Edison, GA 39846



Alabama/Georgia Arts Retreat and Workshop: Meet at the River

by **Becky Avera**

Personal Development Chair

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Calling Georgia Sisters to meet Alabama at the river, yes, the Chattahoochee, for an exciting weekend of fun, food, friendships, and artistic presentations and participation.

This event will be June 10-12, 2016 at Bagby State Park near Ft. Gaines, Georgia. Alabama has already lined up several presenters for unique demonstrations such as acrylic coasters, basic quilting, paper quilling, feather pins, pins made from men's neckties, string picture greeting cards, and cross stitch.

We will have 14 sessions available for our members, and yes, you Georgia Sisters can still sign up to present, by letting Becky Avera, Psi State Personal Development Chair know by e-mail what you'd like to demonstrate (beckyavera@yahoo.com). Don't worry--you'll have plenty of time to create some of the items listed above and also present your artistic creation/craft.



GALLERY WINNER

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Arts & Humanities Jury is pleased to announce the publication of *What I Did On My Vacation*, an art quilt, by Bobbie R. Daughtry in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org. Daughtry, a resident of Swainsboro, GA, is a member of Beta Beta Chapter.

Please confirm by email that you can help and what you'd like to present, and no, you don't have to be a "professional" to show off your craftiness.

By the way, the individual registration fee will cover the items that you choose to make. We'll have other highlights of the weekend including a tour of Shorter Mansion

in Eufaula, Alabama, and a driving tour of Eufaula's antebellum homes. The weekend price will be available soon, but now we need to show Alabama that Georgia also has talented Sisters, by signing up to present your artwork or craft. Let's make this first-time event a great one to remember...

US FORUM: NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR



Make plans to attend the National Legislative Seminar at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, Crystal City, in Arlington, Virginia from March 13-16, 2016. Based on the results of the NLS Planning Survey given at each regional conference, the NLS will place an emphasis on the following five topics:

- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- High-Stakes Testing
- Human Trafficking
- Mental Health/Gun Violence
- Pay Equity/Fair Pay for Women

Registration information:

<http://www.usforumdkg.org>

WHITE ROSES



Dona Christopher
Alpha Zeta
May 2015

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Agnes Hodges Moseley
Alpha Omicron
June 22, 2015

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Elaine Vann
Epsilon
July 3, 2015

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Marie DiPaola
Beta Kappa
July 11, 2015

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Grace Puckett
Beta Rho
July 2015

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Ellen Davis
Tau
August 21, 2015

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Shirley Mell
Nu
September 8, 2015

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Tammy Fountain
Alpha Omega
September 30, 2015

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Angela Rodriguez
Gamma Delta
October 2015

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Recruiting and retaining members in your chapter: What you can do

by **Gwen White**

Membership Chair

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Psi State Membership Committee trusts that the recruitment process is going well for you. It's so rewarding to both the chapter and the new members when worthy ladies join the fold. Remember that you can locate all info at dkg.org under Committees, Membership, Membership Recruitment Plan 2015. Additionally, find all four of the new recruitment forms on the state website, dkgga.weebly.com, under Psi State Tools, Committee Info & Forms, Recruitment. Hopefully, these tools are helpful for you to download and complete to meet your chapter's needs. By making use of the Pride in the Big Picture slide presentation at an orientation session; the beautiful new pamphlet, A Journey for Life, available free from International; and your chapter's mentors, you will have your new members off to a very informed start.

As you work toward recruitment, it is important to note that the criterion for the biennial Order of the Rose award has changed. Your new membership committee thought it important that the award be given only to those chapters that INCREASE membership during the biennium, not just maintain. We realize that this will be tougher for some chapters than others due to chapter size, number of deaths and withdrawals of members, economic conditions, and the list goes on and on. However, with the society's emphasis on increasing membership, this seems a worthy endeavor to pursue.

After recruiting new members, of course you want to RETAIN them and all the others, too! Here are a few ideas we brainstormed that may help with retention:

- assign new members promptly to working committees & keep mentors for at least a year
- survey members to discover their interests & talents
- make use of members' ideas & talents for meaningful programs & projects
- involve multiple members in meetings by assigning jobs such as greeting, hostessing, delivering the inspiration or icebreaker
- hold raffles for World Fellowship or another cause
- send agenda & minutes to members who miss meetings

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Thanks, chapter membership chairs, for sending necrology forms (Report of the Death of a Member form 6) in a timely manner. Please also send a PHOTO along with the form to be used in remembrance at State Convention 2017. Digital photos can be emailed to Gwen; so far only one photo has been received.

Send us your membership ideas, concerns, and questions so that we can share. Committee members from each district are:

I - Maggie Oyler maggieoyler@gmail.com

II - Gwen White, chair, gwenlwhite@hotmail.com

III - Marian Fletcher marian1251@earthlink.net

IV - Gail Wilcher grwilcher@yahoo.com

V - Sandra East chickeneast@yahoo.com

VI - Evon Floyd jandefloyd@outlook.com

Communications are key in DKG

by **Betty Richardson**

Communications Chair



The need for information becomes more important today than ever before within all organizations.

Good communication is essential in achieving building stronger relationships within our chapters and Delta Kappa Gamma as a whole. The goal of the Communication Committee this biennium is to foster the development and dissemination of organizational news and opportunities to our membership and leadership through the use of chapter newsletters, media releases, chapter and state websites, and the Psi State News.

The 2015-2017 biennium communications committee is Betty Richardson (chair), Sandra Yerby, Leslie Giraldo,

Syd Morrison, Cheryl Goff, Laura Croom, Elaine Ruckel, and Suzette Williamson. Each member of the committee looks forward to working with the Georgia State Organization leadership and members to ensure effective practices in communication are practiced organization wide. Leslie will publish the **Psi State News**, Sandra will post information on the state website, and all committee members will be participating in the Spring Leadership Conference in April to share ideas with chapters.



Communication begins at all points along the 360-degree information pathway flowing from the chapters to members and to state leadership as well as from state leadership to chapters to the general membership. The committee functions as the fiber cable through which this information flows. It depends upon the chapters to submit their chapter newsletters and media releases to bettyjrichardson@comcast.net in order that chapter “best practices” can be identified and shared at the Spring Leadership Conference. An accounting by chapter of submittals will be maintained.

All chapters are encouraged to submit an electronic copy of their newsletter quarterly and at least five different media releases over the biennium. These submittals should go to bettyjrichardson@comcast.net.



Great News from Alpha Chi!

The Alpha Chi Chapter is proud to announce that Julie Childers is now serving as the Superintendent of the Wilcox County Schools.

Julie has been a member of Alpha Chi since 2013 and has served on the Education Excellence and Sunshine Committees.

Save the date

by **Ginger Holland**

Legislative Contact

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Please join your DKG sisters from all over the state from 9:00-3:00 on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, for the Georgia Organization's Legislative Day at the Georgia Capital!

Please R.S.V.P by January 4 here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da9af2ca6f49-2016>

Events of the Day Include:

- Capitol Tours
- Meet and Greet with Georgia Legislators
- 2016 Educational Legislation Overview and Advocacy
- Quality time with your DKG sisters

Event details, directions, accommodation suggestions, and

transportation options are available on the Sign-Up Genius Page. Hope you to see you all there!

Contact: Ginger Holland @ gmholland27@gmail.com or 404-840-2510 with questions.

2015 DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Georgia State Capitol Building

100 Washington St.

Atlanta, GA 30334



Just as we joined together at the Executive Board in September, let's congregate in January for our official Legislative Day.

DEADLINES AND DONATIONS

Consider applying for funding from the Elise Boylston Memorial Foundation. Detailed information and application are available on the Psi State website. Printed copies are available from Dr. Hanna Fowler, Psi Exec Sec or Dr. Corinne Daniel, Boylston Trustee Chair.

The interactive application form on the Psi State website can be completed and sent in electronically. All applications for 2016-2017 funding are due January 3, 2016.

The Boylston Trustees look forward to receiving applications.

Scholarship Fund in memory of **Steve Gold**
by Gail Springstead

Leadership Fund in memory of **Agnes Moseley**
by Alpha Omicron Chapter

Elise Boylston Foundation in Honor of
Peggy McCall by Psi State

Donations should be sent to Jonnie Ghetti, Georgia State Treasurer. Please indicate if you would not like your donation published in the Psi State News.

Goals of the Educational Excellence Committee



by **Kathy Brown**

EEC Chair

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Take a moment and think of one thing that you would LOVE to be doing right now...Is that one thing something that you are passionate about? Is it something that you are good at, or something that you would be willing to share with others?

Through the Educational Excellence Committee, we have asked our chapter to **Pick Your Passion!**, and use that passion to develop programs, project and activities that empower, promote, and change. We do this by supporting our International/State projects like Schools for Africa, Supporting Early-Career Educators, and increasing Global Awareness, just to name a few.

But what does that look like for us at the chapter level? One way is through exciting, high-energy programs and activities!

If you are looking for somewhere to begin, there is a wonderful resource found at www.dkg.org on the EEC page entitled, "Collection of Program

Project and Activity Ideas for EEC." It is a 30-page document that includes ideas compiled from state biennial reports by the International EEC in March 2015. It has great program ideas like "A Night At The Movies" and "The Essence of Growth to Be the Best Me."

Another way to get your membership involved is to just ask them what **they** are passionate about. Remember that first question you were asked? Here is how you put it to work!

Pass out an index card at the beginning of the meeting and ask your member to write down their passion. Now, allow them to share their answers with others, either in small groups or as a whole. Take it one step further by asking if they would be willing to share their passion as a program at one of your DKG meetings.

Not only are you including your membership in the decision process of selecting programs for the chapter, but you are also tapping into the individual potential of your membership. Who knows? The program may turn into something bigger, like a workshop at the International or State Conventions. You may also be able to **Pick Your (New) Passion!** for yourself.

The possibilities are endless and exciting for you AND your chapter!

1. Advance excellence in education

2. Empower women

3. Increase global awareness

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for all of you able to share what is going on throughout our state.

Please jot down the following dates for submission:

February 12

May 7

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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