



## 2016-2018 CHAPTER HISTORY

### 2016-2018 Officers:

- President: Marta Patiño Douce
- 1st Vice-President: Diane Lutz
- 2nd Vice-President: Freda Giles
- Corresponding Secretary: Mary Jim Combs Tate
- Recording Secretary: Ann Cook
- Treasurer: Carolyn Ashley
- Parliamentarian: Wanda Grogan

### 2016 -2017 Activities

- August 2016: Executive Board meeting for planning and organization of upcoming year program schedule.
- September 2016: Members shared their favorite summer readings. Mary Burton was initiated
- October 2016: Our chapter meeting was held at Gaines Elementary School. Dr. Alberto Patiño Douce (UGA) presented a program on the anthropogenic component global warming, capturing the attention of teachers and DKG members alike. The chapter made the first contact with the teachers we would support through the year.
- November 2016: Members gathered at the Athens Clarke County Library to enjoy historian and writer Charlotte Thomas Marshall slide show on the "Historic Houses of Athens".
- December 2016: Christmas Brunch at Carolyn Howell's was well attended and delightful, with good food, music and heartfelt fellowship. Members assembled boxes with Christmas presents to be donated to Gaines School Elementary children and teachers. Five boxes with school supplies and clothing were delivered to Gaines Elementary special education teachers on December 14.
- January 2017: Executive Board members met to finalize the program schedule for the rest of the year, enjoying a potluck chile supper.
- February 2017: Members were treated to a very instructive and fun guided tour of the historic Morton Theater in Athens. After the visit, members enjoyed each other's company for dinner at a local restaurant.

- March 2017: Orientation for new members and a refresher for experienced ones. President Marta Patiño presented the slide show “Pride on the Big Picture” and discussed the DKG Society’s mission and our chapter achievements this year. Vice-President Diane Lutz participated in Read Across America with Gaines Elementary special education students.
- April 2017: Founders celebration, Linda Byrd (2015-2017 District II Director) led chapter members in the performance of a skit portraying the character of DKG Society’s Founders. Still active, Beta Sigma Charter members Virginia Macagnoni and Wanda Grogan were recognized. Member France Boney received a certificate of appreciation for her recruiting efforts. Gloria Pylant and Ellen Stoll were initiated. Prospective member and early career teacher Laura Viera was in attendance.

## **2017-2018 Activities**

- August 2017: Executive Board meeting for planning and organization of 2017-2018 year program schedule.
- October 2017: Recruitment picnic inviting prospective members. President Marta Patino offered information about DKG International Society. New member Laura Viera was initiated
- November 2017: Fun outing to The University of Georgia Fine Arts Theatre to attend the performance of “Cabaret”. Business meeting at a local restaurant over dinner.
- December 2017: Christmas Brunch at Mary Jim Combs home. Members shared fellowship and a good time sharing a three minute insight on each member’s recommended book. More than \$250 in gift certificates to restaurants favored by the Special Education class of Ms. Ericka Douglas Green were collected and delivered to the class together with Christmas presents of books, candy and color marker sets.
- January 2018: Executive Board members met to finalize the program schedule for the rest of the year, enjoying a potluck chile supper.
- February 2018: Meeting introduced the collaboration of Beta Sigma Chapter with Watershed UGA and the Geology Department to assist science enrichment at local schools. In addition, the program on *Malta Crossroads of Culture* was offered by member and University of North Georgia Professor Pamela Sesgin. This program, offered in cooperation with the University of North Georgia, was open to the public and attracted a good number of UNG students as well.
- March 2018: Dr. Penny Mills offered a very interesting program about *Women in the Supreme Court*. Members enjoyed dining out with the speaker after her talk.
- April 2018: Year in the Balance Celebration – A fellowship lunch at the Athens Country Club. Member Laura Viera was initiated. Inspirational words offered by Georgia State

President Virginia McChesney. Program on the times of change offered by Georgia State Recording Secretary Leslie Giraldo. New member Initiated: Nannette Mosley

## Important Committee Plans

2016-2017:

- **Finance/Leadership Development Committee** suggested to increase the sources of funding for Chapter projects in addition to creating partnerships with local businesses. Proposals considered: No Show Tea Party and a Zumbathon to support Hilsman Middle School
- **Educational Excellence/Professional Development:** Collaboration with Books for Keeps

2017-2018:

- **Nominations Committee** presented the 2018-2020 list of members to fill the Beta Sigma Officer positions during the upcoming biennium.
- **President with all membership** prepared the Beta Sigma Chapter Action Plan for the 2017-2019 biennium.

## Chapter projects

- Support the Gaines Elementary School Special Education teachers and students by providing school supplies and clothing, completing all the requests from a wish list prepared by the teachers. Items were donated on time for Christmas.
- Member Diane Lutz participated in Read Across America with Erika Douglas Greene's Special Education class at Gaines Elementary in March
- President M. Patino and Vice President D Lutz cheered Gaines Elementary Olympians during the Athens-Clarke County 2017 Special Olympics.
- President M. Patino worked with Sam Seward and his partner Zoey Martin in mineral and rock identification, helping them prepare for the State Science Olympiad.
- Beach Towels were donated to every student in to use during their swimming lessons (August 2017)
- Gift Certificates to develop purchasing food skills. \$250 in \$5 gift certificates to restaurants donated by members to the Special Education class at Gaines Elementary School. (December 2017)
- Christmas gifts for Special Education Students at Gaines Elementary: Chapter donated color markers and a book for each student (December 2017)

## **Chapter member participation at state level**

- Dr. Marta Patino gave the UGA Welcome at the 2017 GA State Convention in Athens.
- Members attending the Convention include: Dr. Wanda Grogan, Carolyn Howell, Diane Lutz, Dr. Virginia Macagnoni, and Dr. Marta Patino
- Ms. Linda Griffith participated at the 2018 Delta Hostel
- Dr. Marta Patino serves as 2017-2019 Psi State Scrapbook Committee Chairman
- Dr. Marta Patino participated in the Leadership Seminar Presented by DKG Executive Director Nita Scott in Macon (2017)
- Ms. Laura Viera and Dr. Marta Patino participated at the Spring Leadership Training Workshops in Macon (2017)
- Dr. Marta Patino presented the Scrapbook workshop at the Spring Leadership Training Workshops in Macon (2017)

## **Awards and Special Recognition of Members**

The Beta Sigma Chapter recognized the following members as Woman of Impact at the 2017 Psi State Convention:

- Janet Gibbs (Posthumously), Beta Sigma Charter Member
- Wanda Grogan, Beta Sigma Charter Member
- Virginia Macagnoni, Beta Sigma Charter Member
- Dr. Marta Patino, 2016-2018 Chapter President.

Beta Sigma Chapter offered Certificates of Recognition to outstanding members for their contributions to the chapter:

- Ms. Anne Cook was recognized as “The Spice and Wit of Beta Sigma” for her endless humor and wise cracks,
- Ms. Mary Jim Combs was recognized as “sage and Communicator Extraordinaire” for being the source of the most accurate information, always,
- Ms. Carolyn Howell was recognized as “Woman with the Golden Heart” for her generosity
- Ms Diane Lutz was recognized as “Vice President Supreme and Formidable Reader” for her tireless support of the chapter president and her volunteering work at Gaines Elementary School.

Dr. Marta Patino was one of the recipients of Board of Regents eHero Award for her work in online teaching.

## **New members**

- 2016-2017: Mary Burton, Gloria Pylant Ellen Stoll,
- 2017-2018: Laura Viera, Nannette Mosley

## **Necrology**

Charter Member, first Chapter President and longtime Chapter Treasurer Janett Gibbs passed away on March 21, 2017.