



BECKY MANRY AVERA
(11/12/1947)

35th PSI STATE PRESIDENT 2003-2005

BORN IN: Edison, GA

EDUCATION:

Graduated from Calhoun County High School, Edison, GA (1965); attended GA Southern College, Statesboro, (1965-1967); graduated *cum laude* with B.S. in Education from GA Southwestern College in Americus (1969); Valdosta State College Masters in Education (1973), Education Specialist (1978); other certificates in gifted, learning disabilities, interrelated special education, and instructional supervision from Albany State College and Valdosta State College; hold Georgia licenses in Life, Accident, and Health insurance (1991); Property and Casualty insurance (1991); earned status as Life Underwriters Training Council Fellow (1994)

EXPERIENCE:

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL

Taught 21 years in Calhoun County School System (elementary science, grades 5-6, gifted and special education, grades 1-9); GAE local president and building representative, District IX director; member Professional Practices Commission; employed 15 years by Calhoun County Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company (eight years agency manager, seven years insurance agent); retired (August, 2006); co-owner of B&B Country Markets (begun May, 2009)

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

LOCAL CHAPTER:

Charter member Beta Phi (1976); attended CTAUN (2010); wrote Elise Boylston Grant from Psi State (2009); Program Chairman (2006-2010); president (2 biennia); past president (2 biennia); vice-president (3 biennia); recording secretary; member and chairman most other committees

PSI STATE ORGANIZATION:

Ad hoc committee chairman for "Psi State 75th Anniversary Celebration" (2009-2013); Founders Cemetery Project (2009-2013); Psi State Achievement Award (2008); Leadership Development chairman (2007-2009); Past Presidents' Council president and project director for Founders' Cemetery project (2005-2009); past president (2005-2007); president (2003-2005); 1st vice president (2001-2003); 2nd vice president (1997-1999); recording secretary (1999-2001, 1989-1991); committee chairman for Personal Growth and Services, Finance, and District V Nominations; served on various committees including Orientation and Reorientation, Psi State Golden Anniversary (1986); attended Leadership I and Leadership II; presented several times at seminars and workshops for district and state meetings; provided chapter presidents' training at district workshops (2 biennia); project editor for "Celebrating 70 Years with Psi State 1936-2006" and "Special Honorees Psi State 2003-2005"; Steering Committee for Psi State's 50th Birthday Celebration (1986)

REGIONAL (CONFERENCES, DUTIES, ACTIVITIES):

Presented "Green Moments" twice at Southeast Regional Conference (2009); presented workshop and display for Info Fair at regional conference (2009); attended regional conferences and assisted in workshops as requested; member of Southeast Regional Steering Committee and Special Events chairman (1997)

INTERNATIONAL (CONVENTIONS, DUTIES, ACTIVITIES):

Member of International Insurance Committee (2008-2010); attended international conventions and assisted in workshops as requested; member of International Elections Committee (2006); member of International Executive Board (2003-2005); one of two U.S. presenters at the Great Britain State Convention in 1989

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

Sunday School teacher and Stewardship Committee member at Edison Baptist Church; conducted weekly Bible Study (12 years); "Friends of the Library" member; Edison Garden Club member; active in community affairs involving education and business

HONORS:

Psi State Achievement Award (2008); Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar (1987); winner of Calhoun County Farm Bureau's Roundtable, Allstar, Sportsman, and President's Club; Life Underwriter's designation; *Elementary Teachers of America*

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Married to Derrell Avera; daughter Alice, son Alec, his wife Cherie, Evan (7), Ana (5), Ace (15 months) live in Orlando; loves to travel to Orlando, attend Delta Kappa Gamma Society events, read, create scrapbooks, do yardwork, and make jam and jellies