



**GLORIA JANE HARRISON-BIENSTOCK**  
(07/28/1939)  
33<sup>rd</sup> PSI STATE PRESIDENT 1999-2001

**BORN IN:** Loganville, GA

**EDUCATION:**

1957 Diploma Loganville Elementary and High School  
1963 B.S. Elementary Education Tift College, Forsyth, GA  
1970 M.F.A. Drama and Theatre University of Georgia  
1975 6<sup>th</sup> Year Education Specialist: University of Georgia  
1996 Ed.D. Social Science Education: University of Georgia  
1978-1998 Further studies and certifications: history at Emory University; social sciences, gifted education at University of Georgia; adult education at Georgia Southern; advance placement history and English at Oglethorpe University; leadership CEU credits at University of Texas; instructor Certification for CPR and first aid at Monroe Red Cross Unit

**EXPERIENCE: TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL**

Universal Film Exchange, Atlanta (1957-1959); teacher of middle school English, science, social studies, typing, music, drama and theatre at Clayton County Schools, City of Decatur Schools, and Pocket Theatre (1963-1969); theatre director and drama instructor at Mercer University, Macon, GA (1970-1972); elementary grades, gifted education, art, music, drama, and adult education teacher in Walton County Schools (1972-1998); part-time adult education instructor at Athens Technical Institute (20 yrs), history and speech for Gordon Junior College and Truitt-McConnell College, instructor for Walton County Red Cross (1974-1998); life member Georgia Retired Educators; member NEA, GEA, GAE, PAGE, NEA, GSTG, and NAP; published in *Dramatics Magazine*, *California Gold News*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly* and the Delta Kappa Gamma *Bulletin*; other publications include *A Book for Baby* and *Baby Sees ABC's*; articles in professional journals, local newspapers/magazines, and in the Kansas (Phi State) organization's *Handbook "A Strategic Plan for Renewal: Perspective of a Chapter Member"* (1996)

**HONORS:** Psi State Achievement Award (2005); recipient of Delta Kappa Gamma grants and scholarships including Margaret Stroh International Scholarship, Golden Gift Leadership Seminar, Educational Foundation Grants, Boylston Memorial Fund Grant; International Speaker in Canada (Nova Scotia 2000), (Ontario 2001); chosen for *Tomorrow's Leaders of Walton County* and Walton County Teacher of the Year; ordained deacon Loganville Christian Church; listed in various who's who publications including *American Business Women*, *World's Most Intriguing Women*, *Cambridge Who's Who of Business Leaders*

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**LOCAL CHAPTER:** Initiated into Omicron 1978; charter member of Gamma Chi; Omicron president, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, parliamentarian; served on all committees for both chapters; chairman and member of most committees; instigated and organized special chapter projects and programs

**PSI STATE ORGANIZATION:**

President (1999-2001); organized Gamma Phi in Rabun Gap and Gamma Chi in Loganville (2000); 1<sup>st</sup> vice president (1995-1999); District II director (1989-1991); updated *Profiles of Founders and Psi State Past Presidents* (3rd revision for 1936-2012); committee chairman for Membership (1993-1995), Communications (established Psi State Magazine *Peachbytes* 1995-1997); *ad hoc* committee establishing first Psi State Deltahostel Americus, GA (1997-1999); member of Nominations Committee (1991-1993); participant and presenter at leadership seminars throughout state; gave reports, presented programs, workshops, and orientations for chapter and district meetings; invited, welcomed, and introduced dignitaries; sang, presented, moderated, reported, announced, and served at state conventions (1987-2005, 2009); special lyrics for solo greeting (Augusta 1991); wrote "Heavenly Tea With Dr. B" a founders tale presented at state and international meetings (2000-2005); wrote, produced, and directed presentation by Society members wearing banquet attire holding matching dolls in a parade to represent Delta Kappa Gamma International Founders (Lake Blackshear, 2005).

**REGIONAL:** (Conference Duties and Activities)

Attendee and program participant, presenter of workshops, special announcements, and inspirations for regional conferences (1985-2007); special video presentation to invite Society members to Southeast Regional Conference in Atlanta (Charleston 1995, Columbus, OH 1996); Leadership Training for state presidents in Biloxi (1999); attended Europe Regional Conference in Strawberry Hill, EN (2007); wrote, organized, and developed slide presentation and "Psi State 'Har's Off' Salute to Georgia" for Georgia Night at Southeast Regional Conference (Atlanta 1997); wrote, directed, presented "Tribute to Dr. Theresa Fecek (Raleigh Tri City 2004); wrote, directed, and narrated presentation and display of "International Founders" with dolls and dresses featuring Psi State members in Richmond, VA (2005)

**INTERNATIONAL (Convention Duties/Activities):**

International Executive Board (1999-2001); International Editorial Board (2000-2004); Educator's Award chairman (presented Educator's Award report and introduced Educator's Award winners (2006-2008); attended participated, presented workshops, made announcements, recorded, moderated, and carried out assigned duties for all conventions (1988-2008); participant in Seminar in Purposeful Living (Asheville, NC 1994); co-producer for Georgia's invitation to Atlanta convention (Columbus, OH, 1996), helped create Georgia displays, International Founders displays, International Speaker displays, Educational Foundation displays and Educator's Award displays for conferences and conventions; presented workshops on varied topics as assigned to include *Bulletin* Editorial Board, individual perceptions of strategic planning, creative drama, oral interpretation with children, music, clowning, travel, Society trends and traditions, and an original playbook about Society founders entitled, "Heavenly Tea with Dr. B." (translated used by Costa Rica state)

**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS :**

Volunteer includes work as director of BABYREADS FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING (2000-2010); Walton County Partnership for Families, Children and Youth; presentations of local history for community groups such as nursing homes, church groups, and business organizations; story-teller at Walton County libraries; first-aid instructor and member of Community Red Cross Board of directors; O'Kelley Memorial Library board member; Loganville Christian Church music director, deacon; Loganville Baptist Church choir director for children, youth, and adult choirs; singer with statewide choral groups, Jubalheirs and Jubal Chorus; vocalist with Opera Atlanta and Atlanta Christian Chorus, City of Loganville Advisory Board for Parks and Recreation; television commentary (*School Biz* and *Serendipity Travel* for local television channel); Georgia Mothers booster member

**HOBBIES:** globe-trekking, reading, story-telling, singing, writing