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## Remember:

JANUARY 15, 1982:

Deadline for submitting  
resume for office of President-  
Elect of the Georgia Chapter of  
the ACDA

FEBRUARY 11-13, 1982:

Southern Division ACDA  
Convention: Birmingham, Alabama

MARCH 15, 1982:

Tapes due to the State Pres.  
for the National Convention.

APRIL 15, 1982:

Tapes to go to the Division  
Presidents.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS . . .

Many, many thanks to all of you who participated in the Second Annual State Mini-Convention. Special thanks to Donna Carter and the Evans High School Treble Choir; Eva Jameson and the Mastersingers; John Jennings and the Shorter College Chorale; Robert Simpson and the Shallowford Presbyterian Church Choir; Elizabeth Kimble and the Cobb Youth Chorale; Glynn Halsey and the Morris Brown College Choir; to the hosts-Christina Kliossis, Alan McClune, Michael O'Neal, Susan Merritt, Steve Ortlip; to the panel members-Glynn Halsey, Michael Anderson, Kathy Vandenberg, Carol Plunkett, Linda Green; to the mini-sing conductors-Beth Brown, Ted Mathews, Diane Woodard and Susan Merritt, Organizing Chairperson; to J.C. Bohem, Bob Otto, Ira Pirrman and Don Robinson. We all need to say a "Very Special Thank You" to John Haberlen who organized and planned this event. "Thank You John!"

A reminder: The 1982 Southern Division ACDA Convention is in Birmingham, Alabama on February 11-13, 1982. Plan to attend now. We will have a state social hour- details in the next newsletter.

If you are interested in the office of President-Elect (it is a seven year term beginning in July 1982) please write to Jim Bohart and include a resume. The deadline for submitting this is January 15, 1982.

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The panel discussion at the ACDA Mini-Convention touched two areas of great concern. They are the survival of the music program and the survival of the teacher in the program.

The November 1981 MEJ pointed out some specific ways to insure continuation of music programs. The major one mentioned was group support. Strong lobbying groups have prevented the budget cutting madness from eliminating music programs in many places. Georgia ACDA is the potential catalyst for a lobbying effort anywhere in Georgia. However, we can expect community support only if our professional organization shows unity and concern.

Individual survival in the profession is a completely different matter. We all love teaching or we wouldn't be putting up with so many pressures. Few of us however, seem to be enjoying what we are doing.

Avoiding "anxiety attacks", "teacher frustration", or "burn out" is possible. Too much of the time we worry, we internalize conflict that surrounds us, and we definitely don't take enough time for ourselves. J. Krishnamurti in The First and Last Freedom states philosophically:

"To transform the world, we must begin with ourselves; and what is important in beginning with ourselves is the intention. The intention must be to understand ourselves and not to leave it to others to transform themselves..... This is our responsibility, yours and mine; because, however small may be the world we live in, if we can bring about a radically different point of view in our daily existence, then perhaps we shall affect the world at large."

Let's get positive, friends of ACDA. We can do a lot for ourselves and choral music if we are working instead of complaining; doing instead of worrying, and feeling good about what we have to give.

Suzanne Shull

SECOND ANNUAL GEORGIA

ACDA MINI-CONVENTION November 7, 1981

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church

SCHEDULE

9:00	Registration and Coffee	John Boehn, State Vice President
9:15	Business Meeting	Jim Bohart, State President
9:30	Concert: High School Treble Choir Donna Carter, Conductor	Christina Kliossis, Host Dunwoody High School
10:00	Mini-Reading Session Beth Brown, Wills HS Ted Mathews, Agrus Scott Diane Woodard, Jonesboro HS	Susan Merritt, Organizing Chairperson Bob Otto, J. W. Pepper Inc, has furnished us with the music. Ira Pittman Accompanist
10:15	Concert: Mastersingers, Stephens Co. HS Eva Jamason, Conductor	Alan McClung, Host Woodward Academy
10:45	Coffee Break	
11:00	Lecture-Demonstrations: Shorter College Chorale "Word Painting and Interpretation of Texts"	Michael O'Neal, Host Mercer at Atlanta John Jennings, Conductor and Lecturer
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Remarks: "ACDA and Choral Music in Georgia" Don C. Robinson, Executive Director, GSEA Past State ACDA President	John Haberland, Host Georgia State University
1:15	Lecture-Demonstrations: Shallowford Presbyterian Choir "Music in the Worship Services"	Susan Merritt, Host Robert Simpson, Conductor and Lecturer
2:00	Concert: Cobb Youth Chorale Elizabeth Kimble, Conductor	Steve Ortlip, Host Young Singers of Calla
2:30	Coffee Break	
2:45	Panel Sessions: "Choral Music in the Schools- Ideas for Survival" Jim Bohart, Moderator, Oglethorpe University	
	Glenn Halsey, Decatur City Schools Michael Anderson, DeKalb County Kathy VandeBerg, Fulton County Carol Plunkett, Clayton County Linda Green, Cobb County	
3:45	Concert: Morris Brown College Choir Glenn Halsey, Conductor	Bruce Barton, Host West Georgia College