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**GPA President 1969-1970**

Thank you for the invitation to share some GPA history with current GPA members, with government officials, and with community groups throughout the state. My years of active involvement with the Association were some of my most satisfying and I continue to enjoy keeping up with GPA contributions to our state and nation.

As you can see in the back of your Directory of Georgia Psychologists in 2005, I was president of the Association from 1969-1970. When I think of "firsts" with which I was privileged to be associated, I think of facilitating the creation of the position of Executive Director with an office in Atlanta - a position that Pat Gardner later came to fill so admirably for years; of creating the Middle Georgia Psychological Association; of creating a place for every member of the Georgia Psychological Association by planning and presenting a complete re-organization of the Association structure; and of being the only psychologist in the state to be appointed by Governor Carter to the Georgia Advisory Board for Mental Health.