

## Be a Voice - Join Birney Butler PTA

Add your voice to over 320,000 Georgia PTA members.  
**Be informed, educate others, speak out.**

- Receive electronic newsletters and stay informed of issues affecting today's children and youth as well as timely announcements and events.
- Utilize Georgia PTA's *Capitol Watch* for legislative and advocacy updates, [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org).
- Subscribe to PTA Takes Action: Federal Policy Update and PTA Action Alerts, [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).
- Access Members Only sections of National and Georgia PTA websites that provide valuable resources for card-carrying PTA members.
- Use your PTA membership card and take advantage of benefits from businesses and organizations. Check [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org) and [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) for lists of current member benefits.

### JOIN NOW!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to Georgia PTA.**

<b>Annual Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>*Scholarship Donation</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>**Reflections Donation</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>***Endowment Fund Donation</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

*\*Scholarship Donation - Donations are the sole funding for the Georgia PTA Scholarship Fund. Graduating seniors may apply.*

*\*\*Reflections Donation - Reflections is a National PTA sponsored competitive arts program available to students who attend a PTA/PTSA school. Donations provide students with awards for winning entries: Literature, Music Composition, Dance, Photography, Visual Arts and Film/Video Production.*

*\*\*\*Endowment Fund Donation .*

All donations are tax deductible.

#### PTA Vision

Making every child's potential a reality.

#### PTA Mission

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

#### PTA Values

- **Collaboration:** We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.
- **Commitment:** We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.
- **Accountability:** We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.
- **Respect:** We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.
- **Inclusivity:** We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.
- **Integrity:** We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

#### PTA Purposes

- To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

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# GEORGIA PTA BIRNEY BUTLER UNIT



Alice McLellan Birney



Selena Sloan Butler

*It started with a few brave women who shared a vision of a world that was better for children. This history belongs to 100 years of PTA leaders and volunteers throughout Georgia across two closely-linked congresses, who donated their time, energy, resources and passion to make things better for children.*

## JOIN TODAY

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Be a voice for children. Join the Birney Butler PTA today!

## Birney Butler PTA

Birney Butler PTA is a unique PTA chartered by Georgia PTA. Named after two founders of PTA, Alice McLellan Birney and Selena Sloan Butler, Birney Butler PTA expands the access of PTA membership to those who may have little or no contact with a local PTA. **Everyone who cares about children and youth is invited to join!**

When you become a member of Birney Butler PTA, you join over 320,000 statewide members who care about the education, health and well being of children and youth. Members meet once each year at the Georgia Convention/Leadership Training. Each member receives a membership card, used to access member benefits and prove membership for voting privileges.

To join the Birney Butler PTA, complete the membership form located in this brochure and return it along with your membership dues to:

Attention: Birney Butler PTA  
Georgia PTA  
114 Baker Street, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308-3366



## PTA, The Best Resource for Parents

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

PTA does not act alone. Working in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, the national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

Georgia PTA serves as a link between the national organization and membership within the state. A person who joins a local Parent Teacher Association automatically becomes a member of National PTA and Georgia PTA.

Georgia PTA represents over 320,000 members at the state legislature, state board of education and other education and child-focused organizations; provides support and training for local PTAs through workshops and publications; coordinates special projects to promote the welfare of Georgia's children and youth, and much more.

Georgia PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

## Alice McLellan Birney

*Co-founder and First President  
National Congress of Mothers  
1897-1902*

Alice McLellan Birney, a Marietta native and one of National PTA's founders, first spoke about her dream of a mothers' congress committed to addressing the needs of children. Two years later, the first meeting of National PTA would draw over 2000 mothers, fathers, educators, government officials, clergy and other community members interested in improving the lives of children. The movement quickly spread to other cities and states, including Georgia. Today Alice McLellan Birney's dream is still alive, a dream called National PTA.

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## Selena Sloan Butler

*Founder and First President  
National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers  
1926-1931*

In 1899, Selena Sloan Butler, became a mother. That year, she also became a visionary. At that time, the Atlanta community where she lived lacked a kindergarten for black children, so as a concerned parent, she created one...in her living room. When her son enrolled at a local public school, Selena formed the nation's first black Parent Teacher Association. Its success led her to create the Georgia Colored PTA in 1920 and the National Colored Congress of Parents and Teachers in 1926. Selena Sloan Butler centered her life's work on improving the educational environments and upholding the rights of all children, regardless of their race or situation.