

Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King – Fall Assembly 2023 – BOARD NOMINEES

PRESIDENT – Current President Tory Arnold

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mary Kendall Dawson (simply Mary to her friends, family and Sisters) has been a Daughter of the King since 1991 and has held several leadership positions in both the Diocese of Texas and the Diocese of Georgia. As a charter member of the St. James, Taylor, TX chapter, she served as Secretary and President, helping the chapter to almost double in size within 3 years. Later she held leadership positions in chapters at Resurrection (Austin, TX – Chapter trainer and prayer chain coordinator) and St. Paul’s (Savannah, GA – Chapter President). While at St. Paul’s she was elected to two terms as Diocesan Vice President and another two terms as Diocesan President. In 2017, she and her husband returned to Texas, where she serves as Chapter President of the Mother Theresa DOK Chapter at St. James, La Grange.

She has worked with five International Chairs on the National Council to develop ways to consistently track and support our international community of Daughters. She has also served one appointed term as Province IV International Chair. As Second Vice President of the Province IV Board (2012-2015), she served as Kanuga Retreat co-chair and as Workshops Coordinator.

Professionally, Mary worked as a Product Support and Marketing Specialist for the Aerospace, Defense and Process Control industries for over 3 decades. During that time, she earned a PhD in Technical Communications, specializing in international markets and information products development. In September 2014, she retired from the corporate world and has used that expertise to open a coaching and consulting firm focused on helping emerging and established entrepreneurs launch, grow and expand their businesses.

Personally, she is a loving wife, mother and grandmother to her immediate family, as well as a very devoted member of her much larger extended family, especially her DOK Sisters. She is also a singer with her church choir, the Savannah Philharmonic Chorus, and occasionally with the Province IV Jubilate Deo Singers and the Province VII Glory Bound Singers. For fun, she travels, decorates, sews, knits, gardens, buys and sells antiques and collectibles and throws parties. And to celebrate her new-found slenderness and health, she took up running, completing her first half-marathon in November 2012, followed by a number of races (both long and short) since then.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – Current Secretary Nancy Polmanter

RECORDING SECRETARY – Current Secretary Teresa Antley

TREASURER – Current Treasury Kathy Akin