

### 2015 - 2017 Zeta State Officers

President .....	Tracey Crawford
First Vice President .....	Linda Hollingsworth
Second Vice President .....	Joanna Alston
Recording Secretary .....	Stephanie Jones
Treasurer .....	Lynn Holliday
Executive Secretary .....	Linda Lightsey
Parliamentarian .....	Jean Ricks
Immediate Past President .....	Nancy Jay
Northern District Director .....	Janice Garrett
Northern District Assistant Director .....	Janet Conley
Central District Director .....	Janet Berg
Central District Assistant Director .....	Betsy Sullivan
Southern District Director .....	Sarajane Smith
Southern District Assistant Director .....	Sybil Wilner
Zeta State WebMaster .....	Toni Cook tlcook1212@aol.com
<i>Zeta Data</i> Editor .....	Dorie Kisner dorie66@hotmail.com

Please send all address corrections to  
your chapter treasurer

Dorie Kisner  
ZETA DATA Editor  
930 Marquette Street  
Tupelo, MS 38801



NON-PROFIT  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Hattiesburg, MS  
Permit No. 20



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## ZETA DATA

### MISSISSIPPI

## Zeta State Members

### Southeast Regional Conference

### Savannah, Georgia



Photograph is courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas



## We Can Do MAGIC in DKG! Moving and Growing in Chapters

By Tracey Crawford

I'm ready for a little MAGIC in DKG! Aren't you? Zeta State has been moving forward with membership and communication for several years now. After adding the SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) project to our agenda last year, we are seeing many potential new sisters for Zeta State. Membership is so vital to sustaining DKG not only in MS, but in the world. We must continue to build up and support our own chapters **and** our chapter members. How can we move and grow if we continue to lose members? It is up to us. We are a huge group of talented and educated women; be proud and promote what DKG means to you, and what we can do for others.

In May, the executive team met at headquarters to refine the goals for the biennium and to discuss ways to implement them. Committee chairmen met in mid-August to review committee responsibilities and what their roles will be in carrying out the goals. The committees are meeting and implementing changes as they plan for the first year of this biennium. The district directors and assistant directors have met and set the place and date for each of the district meetings. They have great workshops planned so mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Our executive board meeting was very productive! Many of our members attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Savannah, GA. Loads of wonderful information was gathered by all who attended. Much of this will be shared with your chapter when you request your state visitor to attend your meeting.

The goals that I have set forth for this biennium are not so different from our past Zeta State presidents. We are moving forward in the direction we want to be; so why change what is positive? Membership diversity, Leadership Management Seminar, support of International Service Projects and the Zeta State Scholarship fund, state officer/chair visit, and a net increase of members are the five goals for us to accomplish.

I feel very privileged to be working with the ladies whom I will be involved with during this biennium. I am very humbled to be the one to help *move* and *grow* Zeta State. I will seek to represent you well at the regional, state, and international level. I especially want to give attention to our chapters. Lots of wonderful plans are in the works, and all I can say is, get ready for a *magical year!*



**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
Nancy Jay, *Immediate Past President*  
Tracey Crawford, *Zeta State President*

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2016 Zeta State District Meetings “We Can Do MAGIC in DKG! Moving and Growing in Chapters”

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration/Refreshments: 8:00 am - 9:00 am**

**Meetings/Luncheon: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Indicate which meeting you will be attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Northern District** (March 5, 2016), Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

\_\_\_\_\_ **Central District** (March 12, 2016), Madison Central High School, Madison

\_\_\_\_\_ **Southern District** (April 9, 2016), Gateway United Methodist Church, Gulfport

**Check if applicable:**

Chapter President

State Officer

Past State President

Attending First Time

State Committee Chairman

Dietary Restriction

Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and Luncheon Fees: \$30 before deadline/\$40 after deadline**

**Northern District Deadline:** postmarked February 19, 2016

**Central District Deadline:** postmarked February 26, 2016

**Southern District Deadline:** postmarked March 25, 2016

**Make checks payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma Society – Zeta State District Meeting**

**Mail Registration Forms to:**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

Cynthia Colburn  
123 High Point Drive  
Tupelo, MS 38801

**CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Sylvia Gambill  
8431 Northeast Pines Drive  
Meridian, MS 39305

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Nadine Nicolls  
18410 Bert Road  
Saucier, MS 39574

**Please indicate permission to use your photo in State Publications:**  Yes  No

### Zeta State District Meetings: Are You Ready for Some MAGIC?

By Joanna Alston

The 2016 District Meetings will be here soon! Are you ready? Your District Directors are already working to make these meetings something you are sure to enjoy. Below is a list of ways you can be involved.

**M** is for Music, and you can help! Music is a big part of DKG, and volunteers to assist with singing and/or playing are needed.

**A** is for Action. "SEE"ing is an active endeavor! Support Early-career Educators: Sponsor a teacher with 0-5 years of teaching experience, and bring her to your District Meeting.

**G** is for Growth. Going above the chapter level will facilitate your growth, both as a DKG member and as a professional.

**I** is for Influence. Be the member in your chapter whose enthusiasm is contagious! Invite others to come with you.

**C** is for C – U – There!

### It's All In The Numbers! 27 • 1318.7 • 25

By Joanna Alston

What do these numbers have to do with Zeta State? Any idea? (pause) Well, I'm glad you asked!

\* During the 2014 District Meetings, 27 early-career educators were recognized. That means 27 teachers with 0-5 years in the career were honored by you and brought to a state-level DKG event before even being recommended for membership. What an awesome opportunity to recruit potential members!

\* Approximately 1318.7 hours of mentoring were reported on SEE Chapter Report forms (Form 16) from across the state. That equates to 164.8 working days (8-hour days) of mentoring! You ladies were busy!

\* There were 25 chapters represented in Zeta State reports from last biennium – an awesome start!

If you played any role in Zeta State's participation in the International SEE Project during the 2013-2015 biennium, the numbers represent YOU and your efforts toward Supporting Early-career Educators. Can we do better? I believe we can!

Start now mentoring early-career educators in your area. Begin planting the seed by mentioning your District Meeting. Choose at least one ECE to invite, and sponsor her by paying her registration fee and bringing her to the meeting. Be sure to report it on Form 16!

*You just never know how those seeds will grow.* It's like **MAGIC!**



### Scholarships are a Great "Perk" of DKG Membership

By Aleta Sullivan

Zeta State and the DKG International Society offer members scholarships to further their education.

Zeta State offers two scholarships:

Clytee Evans - \$1000 (member three years)

Amanda Lowther - \$2000 (member 5 years)

For Forms Visit:

<http://www.zetastatedkg.org/scholarships.html>

DKG International offers thirty (30) \$6,000 (U.S.) international scholarships to members for study at the master's degree level and \$10,000 (U.S.) for work at the doctorate level.

View the Society Website: <http://www.dkg.org>

The application packets are **available July 1 and are due February 1**, for both Zeta State and DKG International Scholarships.



2015 LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR LEADERS

Front row left to right: Reba Greer, Pam Hernandez, Janice Puckett, Lauren Olson, Rebecca Conner, Cindy Newman, Beverly Hesterman, Shirley Hamilton, Sandra Roy  
Back row left to right: Sandra Wise, Melissa Luna, Debbie Nobles, Lauren Carpenter, Edye Coleman, Connie Lambuth, Cheryl Saffle, Angie Woodcock, Stacy Baudoin

### Oh, What We've Learned!

By Participants of the 2015 Leadership Management Seminar

As educators, we continually attend professional development conferences. When is the last time you attended a conference whose entire mission was for you to focus on you? Eighteen current and retired DKG educators convened at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS, June 14-17 to get to know each other, learn from experts, and reflect on the many dimensions of leadership. Emphasis throughout the conference was on our personal and professional growth.

The DKG Leadership Management Seminar began with each participant using personal treasures brought from home to explain things that are important to her. Pictures of family, shells from beach trips, and a wee bear from a honeymoon twenty years ago were among the items shared.

Dr. Jimmy Richardson continued the emphasis on the personal growth as we took the Myers-Briggs questionnaire designed to understand how one perceives and interacts with the world.

Another highlight was Hinds Community College's Gay Saxon's humorous and motivating session on goal setting. Karen Fayard's qualities of a leader helped us to

remember to forget about ourselves and focus on our group's needs and goals. With Nancy Jay, we took a look at what our appearance and what our aura may say about the image that we unwittingly offer to others. We gained "hands on" experience in "style" by playing with paper dolls. Etiquette in the workplace with Jean Ricks rounded out the image session.

Betty Barrett's legal session addressed issues unique to women, including leases, wills, and health care decisions. Miller Faulk from the Attorney General's Office prepared us to understand details of fraud and identity theft.

Unique to LMS was the special emphasis on women's health issues with Mickie Griffith-Autry. Sara Smith's "shape up or ship out" and learning to line dance with Sharon Langley and Janice Puckett got us on our feet! Wearing DKG hats and pedometers, we "walked the talk."

The 2015 DKG Leadership Management Seminar leaders offered new insights and resources. Participants developed lasting friendships and plans for balancing the professional and personal dimensions of life!



**PICK YOUR PASSION!**

**Educational Excellence Committee**

By Linda Hollingsworth

The Educational Excellence Committee, established in 2010 by the International Convention, promotes Educational Excellence at the state and chapter levels. Under EEC, several committees collaborate to effectively promote programs and projects. At the International level, the Program, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs and Research are under the EEC. State organizations and chapters may choose to add other committee representatives to their EEC – this is a personal choice for states and chapters. Whatever gets the work done is the best structure!

At the Zeta State level, the committees and representatives listed below will work with the Zeta State First Vice President on the 2015-17 EEC Committee. Helping our chapters succeed in all of the International Projects and programs is the desire of this committee! **“Pick Your Passion”** is the theme for the International EEC for this biennium—**EEC: Empowerment, Educational Excellence, and Changing Global Awareness!** DKG is about being passionate about who we are and what we stand for in this Society!

**2015-17 Educational Excellence Committee**

Linda Hollingsworth, *Chair*

**EEC Work Area Representatives**

- Joy Schaub, *Music*
- Angela Bedenbaugh, *Legislative*
- Kimberly Allen, *Professional Affairs*
- Suzanne Brasfield, *Personal Growth & Services*
- Sandra McKiernon, *Research*
- Jeanette Thrash, *World Fellowship*

This committee is dedicated to the work of the EEC and wants to see each Zeta State Chapter endorse the DKG projects to “Promote Schools for Africa,” “SEE: Support Early-career Educators,” and to advance excellence in education! We can do this by focusing on these International projects, our chapter service projects and others that promote the aspects of EEC, and the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma.

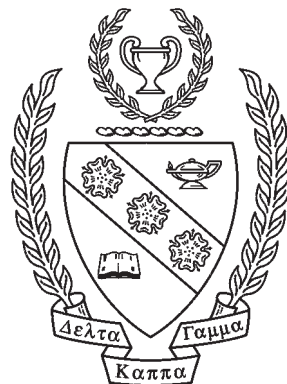
**Chapter Presidents Reminder**

It is time to activate your chapter nominations committee! The committee should begin the search for the next chapter leadership team now.

**Membership**

By Reba Greer

August 22, 2015, Sylvia Haver magically appeared and handed off a carefully culled and strategically organized Red Bag, whose contents will guide us in meeting President Tracey Crawford's goal of recruiting at least three new members per Zeta State chapter in the 2015-2017 Biennium. Stacy Baudoin, Lauren Carpenter, Lauren Olson, Jan Stuckey, Chris Wall, Selma Wells, Sylvia Haver, and Reba Greer will review membership data and explore exciting DKG recruitment innovations. We welcome the opportunity to develop strategies for recruiting, supporting, and retaining members. Contact Reba Greer at rblrtr@maxxsouth.net if you have suggestions or considerations for the Membership Committee.



**Help Your Chapter Treasurers!**

By Lynn Holliday

Chapter treasurers play an important part in getting the members ready for the new year. The treasurer turns in members’ dues to the state, submits the IRS Form 990 by November 15, and maintains all the necessary forms, such as Form 18, for dues renewal. Help your treasurer by getting your dues in before the due date!

Dues Breakdown	
<b>International</b>	
Active . . . . .	\$40.00
Reserve . . . . .	\$20.00
<b>State</b>	
Active . . . . .	\$15.00
Reserve . . . . .	\$ 5.00
<b>Scholarship</b>	
Fee . . . . .	\$1.00
Chapter dues determined by chapter.	
*If your chapter has a scholarship fund, \$.60 stays with the chapter for that purpose.	

**Send in Your Chapter Newsletters!**

By Fonda Dickinson

Greetings! The duties of the Communication and Publicity Committee are to receive and review chapter newsletters. In order to be recognized at district meetings and state conventions, chapters must submit at least two newsletters per year to the committee. We also assist with proofreading the *Zeta Data* and promoting Society publicity. Please contact the members of our committee if we can assist you by conducting a workshop on newsletters and chapter websites. I look forward to reading about the work of your chapter as I receive your chapter newsletters.

**DKG Members Unveil Plaques on Founders’ Graves**

By Sandra McKiernon

Now that the graves of all Zeta State Founders have been located, the 2013-2015 Zeta State Research Representative, Betsy Sullivan, Zeta State officers, and representatives of the Order of the Magnolia gathered at the Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson, MS. They unveiled the first two DKG plaques affixed to the graves of founders Amanda Lane Lowther and Laura R. Lester. A brief ceremony written by Eva Guice and Sandra McKiernon was presented. Each Zeta State member placed a red silk rose on each of the graves. Plans are being made to continue these ceremonies at each of the graves of the other founders. If you would like to join in with us on this project, just let us know.



Nancy Jay, *Immediate Past President*  
Tracey Crawford, *Zeta State President*  
Betsy Sullivan, *Research Representative*