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2016 International Convention

By Tracey Crawford

Our state showed up at the DKG International Convention with seventy-six registered members. We were able to visit with sisters from other states and countries, able to attend breakout sessions, and listen to "what's what" in the huge general sessions and the US Forum. Voting on amendments took place, great speakers spoke, and wonderful musicians and entertainers performed. Linda Lightsey was honored as our Mississippi Star of the Southeast for all of her "behind the scene" work. JoAnna Alston and Stacy Baudoin were also honored for their International Scholarships. Let's continue to share what we learned with our chapters here in Mississippi. Use chapter newsletters to spread the fun and sisterhood experience.

Abraca-DKG-bra!

By Tracey Crawford

Well, sisters dear,
The time is near.
To make some mem'ries,
To give a cheer!



A new chapter biennium
Has just now begun.
Presidents, you've got this,
You'll get it done.

New members are waiting,
To join right in.
Business and fun
Provide a perfect blend!
Yearbooks are ready,
Chapter projects a go.
Schools for Africa and SEE
Teachers assist, we know.

So mark your calendar
To attend all you can.
Remember in April
Convention's our plan.

Work your MAGIC,
Whoever you are.
Women educators are we-
Mississippi's best, by far.

Music

By Joy Schaub

I had the privilege of putting on a Music Workshop at each of the District Meetings this past year. What fun it was getting to know each of you and sharing ideas and laughter.

I am looking forward to the convention this year and would like to encourage all of you shower singers, modest musicians, bashful band members and eager ensemble groups to join in the fun and be a part of this year's event.

Please contact me at schaubjoy@yahoo.com.

Research

By Sandra McKiernon

ATTENTION ALL ZETA STATE CHAPTERS!

NEEDED: Founders' Day, Recommitment, and Motivational Programs

Sandra McKiernon, Zeta State Research Representative, and her trusty assistant Cynthia Colburn have located over twenty-five Founders Day, Recommitment, and Motivational programs to share with Zeta State members. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Please go through your chapter files and your own personal files and share any programs you have. We will then put them in a booklet of programs to be delivered "Hot Off The Press" to each chapter at the 2017 Zeta State Convention.

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: December 1, 2016

Update on Markers for Founders' Gravesites:

Eva Guice is taking care of getting the marker on Miss Hallie Mary Prather's grave at Griffing Cemetery in Franklin County. Her family has given us permission and will be invited to the ceremony we hope to have this fall when the temperatures are cooler. An invitation will be emailed to all chapters at that time. There are four more founders' gravesites in Mississippi, and six in other states. We see "road trips" in our future!

Update on New Zeta State Map:

Chapters will have to continue to use the current Zeta State Map in yearbooks until after the 2017 Zeta State Convention, at which time the Zeta State Executive Board will approve a new one. Several chapters have dissolved, and several chapters have volunteered to switch to other districts to help balance the membership.

*Mississippi
Zeta State*

How We Voted

By Linda Lightsey

The Constitution Committee proposed five International Standing Rules amendments for consideration at our 2016 International Convention. Here's how we voted:

- to allow a member to resign her chapter membership but retain her state and international membership—**failed**
- to change recommendation deadline for international elected positions from October 15 to September 15—**passed**
- to change endorsement deadline for international elected positions from October 15 to September 15—**passed**
- to mandate Europe Regional Director's visit to each of the 8 Europe Region state organizations—**failed**
- to allow inclusion in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin abstracts printed in languages other than English—**passed**

On Saturday morning one additional motion came from the floor of the convention. Past International President Carolyn Rants moved "that a review of the work of the 2012-2014 DKG Ad-Hoc Elections Process Committee be conducted and proposed amendments be prepared to enable the 2018 International Convention to consider the election of international Society leaders by one of the following methods:

1. all DKG attendees at convention, or
 2. one member one vote electronic method
- The motion **passed**.

Congratulations to Zeta State's Star of Mississippi!

By Tracey Crawford

Linda Lightsey, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, was chosen as Zeta State Star of Mississippi. Linda, a 32-year member, is currently serving as Zeta State Executive Secretary. The Star of Mississippi recipient is someone who consistently works behind the scenes supporting the Society any way she can. Linda was recognized during the Southeast Regional Breakfast at International Convention.

Professional Affairs

By Kimberly Allen

It is that time of the year, ladies, to begin our process in awarding the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid. After selecting a candidate from your chapter, please have her fill out the NEW Form 9 for Zeta State Grant in Aid and submit it to me by February 1, 2017. In order to receive this award, she must be an incoming senior in the Fall of 2017. The following items are requirements in her application: Application form, Recommendation form, Essay and letters of recommendation, College transcript

Also, if your chapter selects a Red Rose Recipient every year, please fill out the NEW Form 19 and submit it to me by February 1, 2016. (Please note that the new form combines the old forms 19 & 19A into just one form.)

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Zeta State Convention. Please make plans to participate in the Pre-Convention Outing on Friday, March 31, 2017. I am in the process of planning it right now. I will let you know all the details as soon as I have them.

Contact me if you have questions
kallen@westpoint.k12.ms.us.

Zeta State Luncheon - International Convention 2016



Past Presidents and Current President

Legislative

By Linda Hollingsworth

Angela Bedenbaugh is our Legislative Representative and keeps us updated about our Mississippi legislation and the U.S. She will keep us informed about upcoming Mississippi legislation through emails and about the U.S. through the "U.S. Forum Connection" emails. All information is sent to our members by email so it is imperative that you check all member emails and send any changes to Angela.

Angela's email address is
bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com.

Communications & Publicity

By Fonda Dickinson

Do you want your members to be informed about upcoming events and the great things happening in your chapter? If you do, a newsletter is one way to accomplish this goal. In order for chapters to receive a newsletter award at state convention, two (2) newsletters must be sent to Fonda Dickinson, the State Communications & Publicity Chairman, by February 1, 2017.

Q&A:

- (1) Can my chapter send more than two newsletters? YES
- (2) Does my newsletter have to have a certain number of pages? NO. Some chapters who are just beginning to create newsletters have sent beautiful one page documents. Other chapters have sent two, four, or even six pages. Create a professional looking newsletter that is useful to your chapter members.
- (3) How do you create a newsletter? Try templates from Word or Publisher because you can type in information and add photos easily.
- (4) Should someone edit my newsletter? It is always a good idea to have another pair of eyes to view your work. Find someone you respect to critique and offer suggestions.

Please contact me if I can help in any way:
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Bylaws & Standing Rules

By Edye Coleman

Greetings, new chapter presidents, and welcome to the 2016-2018 Biennium. If you have changes to your chapters' Bylaws & Standing Rules, you may submit

them to the Zeta State committee for review. Please remember to use the outline provided in the President's Notebook received at the Chapter Leader's Retreat. You might consider using one of your meeting programs to work towards the completion of this task. Changes should be submitted via email in a Word or Google document (no PDFs) to edye.coleman65@gmail.com no later than October 7, 2016.

Another School Year

By Lynn Holliday

Another school year, another time for dues! Your chapter treasurer has a lot to do to get chapter dues correctly submitted to the state treasurer. Please help your chapter treasurer by getting your dues in before the October 31 deadline. I know that chapter dues vary from chapter to chapter but please remember that dues on the state and international level are as follows:

State:	15.00
International:	40.00
Initiate:	5.00
Reserve total dues:	25.00
Active total dues:	55.00
Scholarship Fee:	The chapter collects \$1.00 per member and pays .40 per member if the Chapter has a scholarship account (.20 goes to the state level and .20 goes to the international level; .60 goes to the chapter). If the chapter does not have a scholarship account then \$1.00 goes to the state and international level.

This would be a good time also for chapters and individuals to think about contributing to the different types of accounts on the state level:

Scholarship
Grant-In-Aid
Mary Stewart Harmon Scholarship
State Emergency Fund

The funds in these accounts benefit our members and are maintained through donations of our members. All donations of this type are accepted anytime and should be sent to the state treasurer, Lynn Holliday. Contact me if you have questions
doc001@windstream.net.

**Pay dues to your local
chapter by the
October 31st deadline!**

"MAGIC" through World Fellowship

By Jeanette Thrash

World Fellowship was a part of the Personal Growth and Services Committee from 1946 until it became a standing committee in 1972. World Fellowship students work toward a Master's or a Ph.D. degree at an approved university in Canada or the United States. Through June 15, 2015 contributions totaled \$3,866,072.12. During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, \$74,901 was contributed.

During 2015-2016, awards were given to twenty-six women in twenty countries totaling \$83,200. If we are to continue to make awards at this rate, we must increase our contributions!

From November 2015 through May 2016 fourteen Zeta State Chapters contributed \$1,617.06 to World Fellowship. If your chapter was one of these fourteen chapters, CONGRATULATIONS! If your chapter does not currently contribute, please consider doing so!

At the 2016-2018 Zeta State Chapter Leaders Retreat, your First Vice President was given suggestions for ways to raise money for World Fellowship and a copy of the free World Fellowship brochure available from International. If you need help, you can reach me by email at jbthrash39@gmail.com.

I challenge each chapter in Zeta State to increase its contribution and if you do not contribute, think about making an investment in a future educator! Your chapter may contribute on your chapter dues form as a chapter or you may make tax free donations to International. No matter how you contribute, please notify our Zeta State Treasurer so she will have a record.

Together we can help make "Magic" through World Fellowship!

World Fellowship
MAGIC!

Nominations

By Claire Craig

The Zeta State Nominations Committee will soon be compiling a slate of officers for the 2017-2019 biennium. Chapters and chapter members are encouraged to submit recommendations for the elected positions of president, first vice president, second vice president, Northern district director and assistant director, Central district director and assistant director, Southern district director and assistant director. Additionally, the committee will accept recommendations for the state Nominations Committee, which consists of one elected member from each district.

Pages 39-40 in the 2016 Chapter President's Notebook provide additional information about candidates' qualifications and about the election process. An official "Recommendation for Zeta State Office" form (Form 18) must be completed for each member recommended and postmarked no later than October 1, 2016. Recommendations should be sent to the Chairman of the Zeta State Nominations Committee, Claire Craig.

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Save the Date!

Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar

By Karen Fayard

Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar will be held June 11 – 14, 2017 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center! Applications are available from your chapter president or by contacting Karen Fayard, Leadership Development Committee Chairman. Application deadline is March 1, 2017. There is a \$75 application fee, but all other costs are paid by the Leadership Management Fund. The seminar is limited to 20 participants. Early applications are welcome! Contact me if you have questions kafayard@bellsouth.net.

Celebrating Women of Distinction and Our Projects in Zeta State Chapters

By Suzanne Brasfield

Greetings, ladies! The Chapter Woman of Distinction Award is presented in even numbered years. This service award, which addresses three of the Delta Kappa Gamma Purposes (I, III, and IV), offers an opportunity for a chapter to honor a member that has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to education, her chapter, and/or her community. Each chapter decides the criteria and method of selection for this award. Chapters may designate women for the honor by involving the whole chapter in the selection process or allowing the Personal Growth and Services Committee to choose. Complete Form 22 and mail to me with a photo of your honoree on or before December 1, 2016. Each of these ladies is honored at our State Convention. It is so important to honor ladies in your local chapter, so remember to address this topic and make a very important decision that will honor one of your members.

Also, this year we want to celebrate what chapters are providing through their chapter projects in Zeta State. Through your projects only positive things can happen as your chapters work to address important issues within your schools and communities. We want to hear about your projects and the results of your hard work. When a chapter is considering a project, its members may be led to replicate your project or it may spark interest in a new or related project. You may be able to motivate other chapters by sharing your project. Please be thinking about your projects and be prepared to complete Form 14, Chapter/State Service Project Report Form. The completed form must be forwarded to me on or before February 1, 2017 with a photo showcasing your work on the project.

If I can help you in any way, please contact me: Suzanne Brasfield, 161 Mapleview Road, West Point, MS 39773, 662-295-8454, brasfam@bellsouth.net.

I look forward to receiving these forms through e-mail or regular mail that share how your chapters are making a difference in your communities.

“Bibbity, Bobbity Boo” A Yearbook from All of You! Chapters, That is!

By Linda Hollingsworth

Be a part of something **Magical!** Calling for **All** chapters to send their fantastic yearbooks to me by **December 1, 2016!** This is a great chapter resource and we know all chapters are going to have phenomenal yearbooks.

Linda Lightsey has sent all of the new information for you to use and the updated yearbook requirements form is in the Presidents' and the First Vice Presidents' notebooks that were given out at our Chapter Leaders' Retreat!

There are twenty required items listed on the yearbook form to complete in order to receive the award! That's all! Part of Honor Chapter Criteria (HCC) is to review the yearbook with members at the first meeting, so review it and then send a yearbook copy with the completed evaluation form to Linda Hollingsworth, Zeta State First Vice President. You will also send yearbook copies to our Zeta State President, Executive Secretary, and your District Director. (All mailing information is in your yearbook.) **We can do it!!! Oh, yes we can!!!**

Please call or email Linda, if you need help with any part of this work. If your chapter did not get this award last year, a list of those items that needed to be corrected or included in the book was given to the chapter president at the 2016 District Meetings. If your chapter did not turn in a yearbook last year, remember, it is just those twenty items listed on the form that are required for your yearbook and the award.

So, with an “Abracadabra” and a wave of our Yearbook “Wand” Zeta State will be better when ALL our chapters respond!

Contact me if you have questions
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Chapter Leaders Retreat 2016

By Karen Fayard

Thirty-two chapters were represented in at least one of the five workshops that took place on June 11th, at Copiah Academy: presidents, first vice presidents/program chairmen, treasurers, membership committee chairmen, and communications chairmen. The day began with Nancy Jay's witty inspiration of magic in Zeta State and DKG. Participants moved to their chosen sessions and the work of the day really began. At the end of a day of intense training, chapter leaders went home with a wealth of information in a hard copy form as well as corresponding thumb drive. In addition, participants made connections with their counterparts throughout the state. Having read the evaluations from each of the sessions, participants were pleased with the day and were eager to begin the planning process for their chapters.

The Magic of SEE

By Joanna Alston

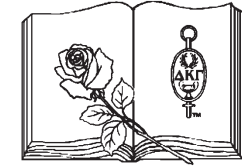
Have you taken time to look around lately? Are there any early-career educators who could use some advice or just need someone to listen? Have you made yourself available? If so, then you have earned the title of Mentor and you are now “SEE-ing” - Supporting Early-career Educators.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International adopted the SEE Project in 2012, and Zeta State fully supports this endeavor. I encourage all members to take advantage of this new biennium by setting SEE goals and potentially growing chapter membership through contact with early-career educators (ECEs). At the Chapter Leaders' Retreat, presidents received information on ways to incorporate SEE activities. Below are a few of the suggestions that were provided.

- Give advice on communicating with parents
- Provide instruction on dealing with homeless and ESL students
- Assist with room/door decorations
- Provide a resource book with “need to know” information
- Work with ECEs on using data effectively to drive instruction
- Be a positive role model

Whatever activities your chapter decides to implement, be sure to report them on Form 16!

Chapters who show evidence of supporting early-career educators during the 2016-2017 school year will be recognized at Zeta State Convention; let's strive for 100% participation in the SEE Project this year and work some magic in our schools, chapters, and state!



Zeta State Achievement Award Recommendations

By Jeanette F. Reinike

Don't forget that February 1, 2017, is the deadline for submitting recommendations for the 2017 Zeta State Achievement Award. Recipients should be active members who have exhibited outstanding service to education and have done or are doing work that contributes to the growth of Zeta State.

Eligibility requirements are listed in chapter presidents' notebooks. Recommendations should be sent to Jeanette F. Reinike, Awards Committee Chairman, jfreinike@yahoo.com.

Going Back to School? Let DKG Help!

By Aleta Sullivan

Yes, school has started and your time is precious, but many of you are furthering your own education. Your Zeta State DKG wants to help you with that. The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce Zeta State will fund two scholarships for 2017: The Clytee Evans Scholarship (\$1000) and the Amanda Lowther Scholarship (\$2000).

Don't wait until January of 2017 to submit your forms! Do it now! Go to www.zetastatedkg.org, click on the committees tab, and then scroll down to scholarships.

If you have any questions, contact Aleta Sullivan, 2015-2017 Scholarship Chairman, at aletasullivan@gmail.com

Apply for DKG
Scholarships!