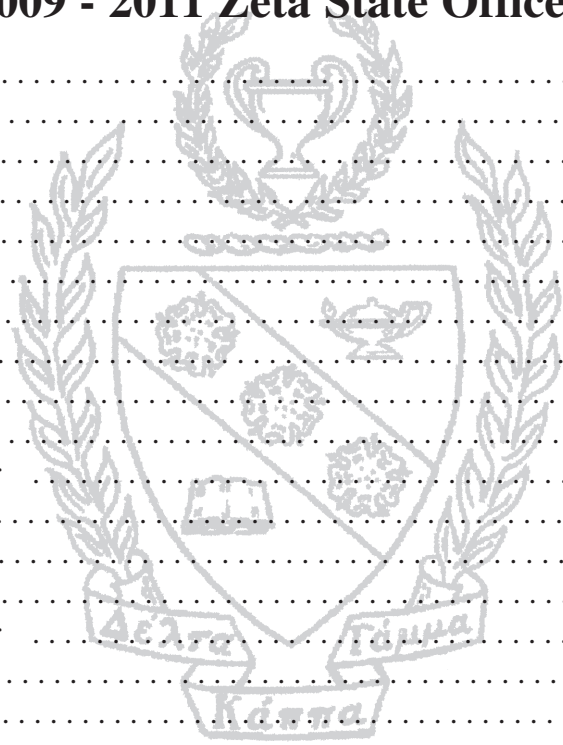


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Vision: Discover the Wonder



Our theme for this biennium is Vision: Discover the Wonders. We will discover the wonders of Delta Kappa Gamma and what our organization means to the teaching profession and students in Mississippi. Zeta's goal has always been to make the teaching profession stronger through service, professional development and scholarship. To accomplish our goal we must have a definite forward vision. The state officers are working to establish long term goals for one, five and 10 years in the future. Our theme of vision is appropriate because vision encompasses seeing near and far, just what we need to do ... observe what's going on in Delta Kappa Gamma today and see how we might improve in the future.

What type of Delta Kappa Gamma glasses are your wearing? Reading glasses that keep you focused on things up close and near, and having fuzzy distance vision of what might be? Or do you wear corrective lenses that allow you to see far away for those new ideas that will better the society in this Generation X time? Hopefully you wear bifocals that will allow you to see near and far ... not restrictive either way.

How can Zeta State improve its vision for the society and its members? The International organization has set a goal entitled the Shoe-In Challenge to be achieved by the 2010 convention in Spokane. Please read about it in this issue of Zeta Data and think about how the state goals should compliment international goals in our vision.

How does this new vision look in Delta Kappa Gamma today? In my wallet I carry a simple piece of paper that says "choose the best and get rid of the rest." That is what we are doing. Our society is undergoing many changes at this time. Some changes include a new logo with non-Greek letters, having electronic international and state level meetings in order to save time and finances, new updated membership brochures, diversifying our membership to include educators from areas other than classroom teachers and administrators, and creating a wide visibility for the society. For many these changes are uncomfortable and strange yet for others these changes are wonderful and exciting. Both groups give and take in order to keep DKG strong and vibrant. Let's use the approach our international president Carolyn Rants has of following in the footsteps of founder Annie Webb Blanton ... forward moving ever. You know it is impossible to move forward and stay still simultaneously.

What do we do now? We need to clean our glasses in order to clarify our vision for Zeta State moving to new

heights, and adjust our glasses to meet any challenge along the way. Remember the saying, "If you keep doing what you've always done, you get what you've always gotten." Is that really what we want for Zeta State? No, we want better and improved.

This fall I challenge each one to see more clearly and focus on things of importance

I look forward to working alongside you and remember to be the best of whatever you are.

Cynthia Colburn

Some Changes ...

To receive recognition at the 2010 International Convention, a **chapter** must publish 6 articles during the biennium. Publication can be in any media outlet or other non-DKG print or electronic publication. A STATE must have 50% of its chapters submitting press releases in order to receive recognition.

The Society is no longer involved in the Afghanistan Project. According to the Delta Kappa Gamma web site, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF announced the end of this project effective June 30, 2009. A committee has been appointed to investigate possible projects to replace this effort. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF notified the Society that it is currently the only group supporting the Afghanistan Project, and they could not find another Non-Government Organization to help. They have reorganized and are now requiring a commitment of \$50,000 a year for their support of a project. Delta Kappa Gamma collected nearly \$20,000 for the Afghanistan project this year.

Amanda Lowther Scholarship News

Sharon Prescott of Iota Chapter is the 2009 recipient of the Amanda Lowther Scholarship. Sharon is in the doctorate program at the University of Mississippi. Her focus is elementary education. A Coahoma County teacher, Sharon is well respected in education and is viewed as a dedicated and talented educator. Sharon plans to graduate in the fall of 2009.



JEANETTE REINIKE and
CYNTHIA COLBURN

Cornet Professional Development Awards are Presented to ...

Carol M. Walker of Tau Chapter, who plans to attend the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Beth Dunigan of Beta Chapter, who plans to attend the National Biology Teachers Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Zeta State Scholarships Available

The Clytee Evans and the Amanda Lowther Scholarships are available to members pursuing graduate degrees. Contact your chapter president for the forms or visit the state website at

www.deltakappagamma.org/MS

Send your completed packet to Zeta State Scholarship Committee Virginia Butler.

Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2010.

Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Available

The Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 is available to members enrolled in degree programs above that of the Master's Degree. Contact Liesa Wever, Chairman of the Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees for more information.

Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2010.

Zeta State Grant in Aid

An incoming college senior who has received your chapter's grant-in-aid is eligible to apply for the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid. Contact Zeta State Professional Affairs Chairman Kay Collins for additional information.

Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2010.



Lynn Holliday presenting a "Green Minute"



Jeanette and Cynthia (with her injured foot)

Linda Hollingsworth, *Duckmeister!*

Memories of the Southeast Regional Conference ...

I thought the New Orleans Conference two years ago could not be beaten! I was so-o-o wrong! Rosemary Woullard and I drove to Little Rock and arrived with few problems – other than the GPS taking us to the State Capitol. A very nice lady gave us a corrected route with just two left turns. And there was the Peabody-Little Rock.

The sessions were great, but I do not remember a year with better speakers! Kelly Lambert, whom I had heard on the NPR program “To The Best of Our Knowledge,” spoke about her book *Lifting Depression*. She inspired me to read not only her book, which I downloaded to my Kindle that same day, but also a great book by Norman Doidge. Both books are reviewed on my book blog found at <http://mstabooks.blogspot.com/>



Presentation of the State Flag, pre-foot injury

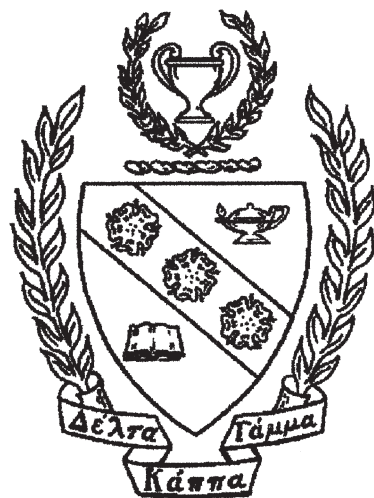
Mississippi was well represented as you can see from our photo on the cover of this newsletter. Our members played important roles during the convention. You see above that Lynda Hollingsworth was selected as Duckmeister, and she performed her duties well as she herded the ducks back to their condo. Lynn Holliday presented a “Green Moment.” Angela Bedenbaugh shared US Forum information, and other members presented sessions and posters during the conference.

The regional conferences are a great way to go beyond the state level of activity. Please go to the next one – they just keep getting better and better!

Your Editor,
Aleta



Members chatting during Info Fair



2009 Zeta State Officers Training Retreat

“Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because (s)he wants to do it.”

Dwight Eisenhower

The Zeta State Officers Training Retreat, held June 15-16, 2009, at Lake Tiak-O’Khata, provided guidance, support, and resources for the 2009-2011 Zeta State officers. The Zeta State Leadership Development Committee facilitated opportunities for incoming officers to receive first-hand knowledge and training for their new leadership role in Zeta State. In the continuation of the work for our Society, officers’ tool kits were exchanged and reviewed by incoming and outgoing officers.

Lynn Holliday, Past Zeta State President and current Chairman of the Policies and Procedures Committee, reported updates in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Sarah Smith provided detailed accounts of the Zeta State financial policies, the 2009-2010 budget, and the nine Zeta State funds.

Incoming Zeta State President, Cynthia Colburn, utilized the team approach to leadership by encouraging officers’ input in establishing, refining, and implementing goals for the 2009-2011 biennium. An added plus for this year’s retreat was the inclusion of “OOMPH” (Order of the Magnolia with emphasis on the oomph!). Members of this valuable resource promoted purposes in strengthening chapters by mentoring, utilizing honorary members, and providing professional development opportunities through statewide and district meetings.

Members of Zeta State’s leadership team gained confidence in their duties to do the job for which they were elected, and developed an eagerness to do the job well. We know that each Zeta State leader will do a great job because ... “she wants to do it.”

Nancy Jay, *Chairman*
Zeta State Leadership Development Committee

Sarah Smith Shares this Information ...

Zeta State contributed \$2727 to the Emergency Fund at the S.E. Regional Conference in Little Rock.

International Scholarship Application

February 1, 2010 Deadline

If you are interested in pursuing an advanced degree, you may want to check out the assistance provided through scholarships available through Delta Kappa Gamma. Go to our web site:

www.deltakappagamma.net
and make two simple CLICKS!

1. Forms and Applications
2. Scholarship Application

Complete the application (MS Word Interactive); provide required documentation and submit all documents to International by February 1, 2010.

THAT SIMPLE!

Virginia Crossno, *Southeast Regional Representative*
Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship Committee

NEED HELP? CONTACT ME AT:
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Some Thank You notes ...

Many thanks to all of you for trusting me to serve as Zeta State’s Executive Secretary. It was a privilege to meet and work with so many dedicated people. You were truly the inspiration that made the work a pleasure. The generous contribution to the Eta Chapter Scholarship in my honor simply “set me back.” What an honor to have assistance given to a future teacher.

Thanks you and thank you again.

Dot Rieves

Thanks so much for the card you all signed at Southeast Regional in Little Rock. I really missed being there – the first one I have missed since 1975! We spent three days in the hospital with Lilibeth; she is fine now. We appreciated your thoughts, prayers, and phone calls.

Jean Ricks

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Zeta State District Meetings

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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:

- Central District (March 6, 2010), Brandon High School, Brandon
- Northern District (March 27, 2010), Hernando Methodist Church, Hernando
- Southern District (April 10, 2010), Denman Junior High School, McComb

Check if applicable:

- Chapter President State Committee Chairman
- State Officer Dietary Restriction
- Past State President Please Specify: _____
- Attending First Time _____

Registration and Luncheon Fees: \$25 before deadline / \$40 after deadline

Central District Deadline: postmarked February 20, 2010

Northern District Deadline: postmarked March 13, 2010

Southern District Deadline: postmarked March 27, 2010

Make checks payable to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – District Meeting

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