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Mississippi Strong at Southeast Regional Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT …

STRENGTHEN OUR WINGS: REDISCOVER, REVITALIZE, RESTRUCTURE

KAREN FAYARD, ZETA STATE PRESIDENT

Our theme for this biennium is Strengthen our Wings: Rediscover, Revitalize, Restructure. At the state level, the restructuring began at the state convention when the membership voted to accept the revised Bylaws and Standing Rules. We are now in the process of implementing the changes. The Policies and Procedures Committee has spent many hours editing the manual to reflect the changes instituted by the restructured Bylaws. After state convention, in late August the executive team met at headquarters to refine the goals for the biennium and to discuss ways to implement them easily. Committee chairmen met in mid-August to review committee responsibilities and what their roles will be in carrying out the goals. The committees have begun meeting and implementing the changes as they plan for the first year of this biennium. The district directors and assistant directors have met to 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.

A highlight of preparing for the 2011-2013 biennium was the training that members of the executive team received at the regional conference in Louisville. Those members who were in training at some time during the conference were Linda Lightsey, Executive Secretary; Toni Cook, First Vice President and Chairman of the Educational Excellence Committee; Sarah Smith, Treasurer; Karen Rhodes, Chairman of the Membership Committee; Aleta Sullivan, Zeta Data Editor; and myself. We all received a plethora of information, and we are eager to share with our members at district meetings and at the New Chapter Officers retreat.

It is an honor for me to serve the members of Zeta State this biennium! I wish that I could visit every chapter, but I know there is no way to do that. I am a full time math instructor at a local community college and when I am not there, class does not take place. Please invite another officer, state committee chairman or member of the Order of Magnolia to be a guest at a chapter meeting this biennium. There is a list by districts of those ladies for you to use. Anyone listed will meet the honor chapter requirement!

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout this first year at chapter meetings and the district meetings! Have a great year!

KAREN FAYARD
ZETA STATE PRESIDENT

| Visitation List for Chapters Organized by State District |

Here is a list of possible State Level guest speakers for your meetings. You can ask someone other than the state president to your chapter; I promise. Utilize your state resources. …Wisdom from Aleta.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Karen Fayard, President
Toni Cook, First Vice President
Linda Lightsey, Executive Secretary
Deborah Cain, Recording Secretary
Marsha Cummings, Southern District Director
Sara Hardin, Assistant Southern District Director
Nancy Jay, Awards Committee Chairman
Eva Guice, Policies & Procedures Committee Chairman, Order of Magnolia
Rosemary Woollard, Scholarship Committee Chairman
Lisa Weaver, Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees Chairman
Sandra McKetron, Order of Magnolia
Betty Oswald, Order of Magnolia
Angela Bedenbaugh, Order of Magnolia
Aleta Sullivan, Zeta Data Editor

CATHY KEMP, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

CENTRAL DISTRICT
Teri Edwards, Second Vice President
Tracey Crawford, Central District Director
Chris Wall, Assistant Central District Director
Jean Rick, Parliamentarian, Order of Magnolia
Betty Barrett, Order of Magnolia
Lynn Holliday, Finance Committee Chairman, Order of Magnolia
Karen Rhodes, Membership Chairman
Janice Packett, Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chairman
Carol Todd, History of Zeta State Committee Chairman
Carol Rigby, Headquarters/Share the Future Chairman, Order of Magnolia

SOMETHING GOOD IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU TODAY was the topic of Gary Youngblood’s remarks during the First General Session. He shared funny motivational stories from his own childhood near Birmingham, AL to encourage DKG members to make excellence their goal in all aspects of their lives.

THE METAMORPHOSIS OF A LEADER
Leadership Skills Seminar at Plymouth Bluff
June, 2011

from Teri Edwards

While butterflies floated aiminglessly amongst the beautiful wildflowers at the Plymouth Bluff Nature Center, a metamorphosis of another type was taking place inside. Nine women were focused on sharpening leadership skills and becoming better informed about their personal attributes. With guidance from the state leadership team as well as an amazing array of outstanding professionals, there emerged a new class of Delta Kappa Gamma leaders armed with self confidence, inspired by worthy examples, and equipped with skills and strategies for success.

Participants were introduced to the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and completed a survey to find out more about their own individual personality types. Dr. Jimmy Richardson, a private consultant, began the Leadership Seminar with an overview and a survey, then came back with an analysis of results that helped participants understand their personalities better.

Janis McCoy challenged the group to think about setting personal goals that were SMART - specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely. An awareness of healthy lifestyle plus personal fitness assessments were presented by the amazing Sarah Smith – an inspiration to all DKG members in Zeta state and beyond. Betty Farmer, RN from Meridian, gave a frank and informative talk about women’s health with a focus on breast cancer awareness. Self defense tips and tactics were revealed by Columbus city policeman, James Grant , with Cynthia Colburn aiding in the demonstrations. Society members Betty Barrett and Carol Rigby shared knowledge on law from a woman’s perspective and making a good first impression along with business etiquette. Jean Riggs inspired everyone with tips for making life fun as she shared DKG lagniappe.

When participants reached information saturation, fun and relaxing activities planned by Regina Gandy provided a refreshing change of pace. The seminar attendees expressed themselves creatively in a variety of ways. Perhaps the best “take away” from the entire seminar was developing deep and lasting friendships with other DKG members from across the state. There was time to get to know each other, to appreciate the individual strengths and diversity of the group and to share goals, dreams, ideas, and even frustrations.

Plymouth Bluff was a great venue – plenty of space, nice facilities, relaxing environment, and the food was really wonderful. There were opportunities to hike on trails, watch hummingbirds and butterflies, sit on the terrace and see the Tombigbee River float by, and visit in the lodge. The State Leadership Team worked very hard to plan meaningful activities, delicious meals, and fun diversions.

Nancy Jay was the leader and facilitator of the group, and did an excellent job of keeping participants focused and motivated as the transformation into committed, informed, and aware DKG members took place. A graduation ceremony concluded the experience. Then, everyone had a chance for one last laugh together as “butterflies” emerged during a skit which recapped all the activities of the seminar. The Leadership Seminar is a great opportunity to get to know others in the sisterhood from across the state and to get to know yourself and your potential. As Nancy said, “This is a gift that you give yourself.”
Theme for the 2011 – 2013 Biennium

Strengthen our Wings: Rediscover, Revitalize, Restructure

Goals for the 2011-2013 Biennium

• Each chapter shall have a visit from a state officer, state committee chairman, or member of the Order of the Magnolia during the biennium.

• State officers and/or state committees will meet via go-to-meeting at least once during the biennium.

• Each chapter shall have a net increase of four members during the biennium.

• Each chapter shall contribute to the international service project (Schools for Africa) during the biennium.

• Each chapter shall contribute to a Zeta State fund in addition to the Scholarship Fund during the biennium.

“Strengthen Your Wings” at an Upcoming District Meeting

from Teri Edwards, 2nd Vice President

The dates have been set and locations secured for the upcoming 2012 Zeta State District Meetings. Your District Directors and Assistant District Directors have been working hard to put together a slate of outstanding presenters and programs that promise to be the best yet! You will not want to miss this opportunity. So, mark your calendars now and get your registration forms in for the 2012 District Meetings:

Southern District – March 3, 2012
(First Baptist Church, Moss Point)

Northern District – March 10, 2012
(First Baptist Church, Hernando)

Central District – March 24, 2012
(Brandon High School, Brandon)

from Aleta

Zeta State was very well represented during the Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Common thought is that we had 38 Mississippi members in attendance. We had great workshops to attend, but you know the Mississippi ladies really liked the crafting sessions! A favorite session was Iris Folding where we made beautiful cards from strips of paper. I think you can look forward to similar sessions at district meetings. We did actually attend other meetings, including a wonderful session by Jodie Blanco on the subject of School Bullying. Her book, Not Just Joking Around – Understanding School Bullying Through the Eyes of a Former Victim is a New York Times bestseller and is referred to as the “anti-bullying bible.”

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Left to Right: Betty Oswald, Carol Rigby, Cynthia Colburn, Dot Rieves, Sharon Enzor, Evelyn Barron, Lynn Holliday, Sandra McKie, Betty Barret, Jeanette Reinike, Jean Ricks

KAREN FAYARD, TONI COOK

SHARON ENZOR AT THE HAT AND GLOVE LUNCHEON

DOT, EDNA, LYNN

ROSEMARY AND IRIS FOLDING
Zeta State Scholarship Applications

Money is available for the Clytee Evans and the Amanda Lowther Zeta State scholarships this year for members working toward an advanced degree. Application forms may be downloaded from http://zetastatedkg.wikispaces.com/FORMS.

Click on form 20 Scholarship Application, complete application and E-Mail completed form to Rosemary Woullard, jewoul@bellsouth.net

All forms should be sent by February 1, 2012.

Members may apply for one or both scholarships on separate application forms, but only one can be received simultaneously. One must have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for three years for the Clytee Evans and five years for the Amanda Lowther Scholarship at the time of application. Since detailed answers to the questions and good recommendation letters enhance one’s opportunity to receive the scholarship, now is the time to begin working toward this goal.

Recommendation letters should be sent to:

Zeta State Scholarship
Rosemary Woullard
113 Saucier Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

and postmarked no later than February 1, 2012.

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.

OUR CHAPTER – Program Ideas from DKG.org

Targeted Society Purpose
To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship

Program Plan
To learn about our chapter and its individual members. This is a good program to use periodically, especially if it is a large chapter or after initiating new members. It involves using a member profile to gather data about the chapter. Sharing the description of the chapter enables the members to talk about chapter diversity, uniqueness of each member and the talent she contributes to the chapter.

Process/Activity
Membership chair prepares the chapter member profile which can be found on www.deltakappagamma.org. Data may need to be collected several weeks prior to the meeting, if the chapter does not have a current member profile. A picture of the chapter is presented using the data collected. ~en pass a bowl of M and M’s and ask each member to take just one. Go around the group and ask each member to give one or two sentences about herself according to the color she selected.

Red — family background
Yellow — a professional memory
Blue — favorite thing to do for fun
Brown — type of program format she likes best
Green — leadership positions held
Orange — topic she could present for a program

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Zeta State District Meetings
Strengthen Our Wings: Rediscover, Revitalize, Restructure

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:
____ Southern District (March 3, 2012), First Baptist Church, Moss Point
____ Northern District (March 10, 2012), First Baptist Church, Hernando
____ Central District (March 24, 2012), Brandon High School, Brandon

Check if applicable:
____ Chapter President  ____ State Committee Chairman
____ State Officer  ____ Dietary Restriction
____ Past State President  Please Specify ______________
____ Attending First Time

Registration and Luncheon Fees: $30 before deadline/$40 after deadline
____ Southern District Deadline: postmarked February 17, 2012
____ Northern District Deadline: postmarked February 24, 2012
____ Central District Deadline: postmarked March 9, 2012

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

Mail Registration Forms to:
Northern District  Southern District  Central District
Janet Conley  Sydney Fletcher  Cynthia Keith
6390 Hwy 305  1203 Lake Ave.  P.O. Box 182
Coldwater, MS 38618  Pascagoula, MS 39567  Magee, MS 39111

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