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Face our Challenges and Celebrate the “Can Do” Spirit of DKG!
By Linda Hollingsworth

As your 2017-2019 Zeta State President, I am humbled and feel very privileged to be part of the long line of impressive Zeta State Presidents…. what a legacy of leadership! One that I want to live up to! I appreciate your kind words, emails and notes of support since I took office on July 1st. The entire slate of Zeta State officers, related personnel, committee chairs and committee members are impressive and busy planning for this biennium. Each one of us at the state level appreciates all of your help, support, and ideas as we serve. We are here to help you!

August 26th was our biennium “Kickoff” at our ZS Headquarters in Byram. What a sight it was as the 2015-2017 and the 2017-2019 biennium leaders all gathered to plan for these next 2 years. There was a lot of fellowship, exchanging of resources and ideas as 44 leaders worked together! What a great beginning!

The greatest leadership force of DKG is the chapters and its members…. literally the “heart” of what we are about! Zeta State may not have as large a number of chapters as some states but we have quality! As we all look to the future of DKG and our state, change is inevitable. Our Founder, Annie Webb Blanton said, “Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while NOT discarding what is in the OLD has value. But don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don’t be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you.”

We must be willing to face changes as we grow in DKG! That is one reason for my theme and logo..... “Face our Challenges and Celebrate the ‘Can Do’ Spirit of DKG!” My Logo is the hummingbird: a miracle of strength, endurance, tenacity, enthusiasm, and immense ‘Can Do’ Spirit. It is an example to all of us on how we can be and do whatever we are willing to strive for...it is more about attitude than anything else! We can learn many things from this little bird! Sometimes change is more about attitude than anything else...therein is the challenge!

Change, in our Society, may be many things…. how we recruit members, diversity is the key, getting to know those in our chapter we do not know very well, taking on a job or position that is out of our comfort zone, creating something in our chapter that has never been done before, mentoring/ befriending new area teachers, stepping out to be a part of our state’s leadership opportunities, being part of a regional or international conference, not letting our age or years in DKG stop us from going forward and digging for our own ‘Can Do’ spirit and using it! As teachers, we learn to live with change and changes are like growing pains…. not always comfortable but necessary!

As we “hum” along…Don’t forget to send me your “Chapter Flutters” … something short about special happenings in your chapter for the next issue of Zeta Data, December 15th deadline. Send any individual member accomplishments to Toni Cook, our Webmaster, for the “Celebrating the DKG ‘Can Do’ Spirit” spotlights. At the 2018 District Meetings, I will be recognizing 1 or 2 chapter members with 1-5 years in DKG who have started working within the chapter early on after their initiation. Our “Can Do’ Spirit Award Recognitions will be awarded at each district meeting, there is a January 31st deadline. Challenge your chapter members to be present at their District meeting, offer help to your Directors, and with that…. we are “humming” right along!
Mississippi at the Southeast Regional…

Twenty-Five Zeta State members traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC for the 2017 Southeast Regional! It was such an exciting time to see so many of our ladies involved in training and leadership sessions at this conference! The following members came early to take advantage of this leadership training offered by our International Officers and Leadership Committee: Joanna Alston (ZS First Vice President), Lynn Holliday (ZS Treasurer), Toni Cook (ZS Webmaster), Chris Wall (Membership Chair) and Linda Hollingsworth (ZS President).

It was a wonderful conference from start to finish with South Carolina Night, informative breakout sessions, SER Presidents’ Flag processional, General Session Speakers, music, fellowship time and sightseeing!

You can be a part of this time of celebrating DKG together… … . Let’s all gather and make a Zeta State trip to our 2018 International Convention, Austin, Texas… . our Headquarters state! Start planning now for July 16-20, 2018! We “Can Do” this!

Meet the 2017-2019 EEC
By Joanna Alston

Similar to DKG’s Educational Excellence Committee at the International level, Zeta State’s EEC promotes programs and projects for excellence in education. As a committee of Work Area Representatives who are chaired by the Zeta State First Vice President, we are committed to sustained promotion of the International goals—Empowering women through leadership opportunities, Engaging educators in purposeful programs and projects, and Creating global involvement.

Members of the 2017-2019 EEC are as follows:
Chair/First Vice President – Joanna Alston, joanna.dkg@gmail.com
Legislative Representative – Angela Bedenbaugh, bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com
Personal Growth & Services Representative – Suzanne Brasfield, brasfam@bellsouth.net
Music Representative – Kim Gregory, choirgrl36@yahoo.com
Research Representative – Nancy Jay, nancyjay1226@gmail.com
Professional Affairs Representative – Jenetta Waddell, jwaddell@bmc.edu

Please be watching for email correspondence from each of us throughout the upcoming biennium. We look forward to working with our chapter counterparts as we move Zeta State toward educational excellence by supporting members in personal and professional development.

Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship

The MSHS Board regrets to announce that the Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship will not be offered in 2018. We are optimistic that the scholarship will be offered in 2019.

Need Money for Projects, Seminars or Professional Growth?

Go to the www.dkgef.org and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are on or before:

- November 1, 2017: The Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award (CSPD) is granted to organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to sponsor professional development seminars open to all educators.
- January 3, 2018: Up to $10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- February 1, 2018: Members and non-members can apply for Cornetet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 5, 2018.

Alaskan Glacier Cruise with DKG
11 Days / August 29, 2018
Starting at $2,899

Cruise out of Seattle to discover classic gold rush towns and spectacular seascapes. Alaska will thrill you with its winding waterways, towering glaciers, and rushing waterfalls, all within cameru shot of the ship’s deck. Keep your eyes peeled and you’re likely to spot an array of whale species breeching in the waves. After a week on the water, return to civilization in Victoria, beloved for its blooming gardens and mild weather.

Your tour includes guided sightseeing, handpicked hotels, local cuisine, and more.

Group Coordinator Contact:
Carolyn Rants
Group Number: 67954919, 712.274.0183
carolyn@rants.net

Enroll by December 1, 2017. Pricing is subject to change after this date.
A lpha Theta m em bers are gathering supplies to present to area teachers in D ecem ber … adding som e “flutter” to their w ings!”

be able to carry, our chapter has recognized that today’s classroom  teachers do as w ell. To offset som e of the cost of the never-ending shortage of

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w orking hard to collect books and m onetary donations to support the literacy instruction at the school.”

5 new  Initiates. Thank you, Linda!”

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ZS President

Janet Conley, D irector

The Northern D istrict W ants You…. Dr. Dorothy Prestwich, Assistant D irector

The Northern D istrict M eeting w ill be held M arch 3, 2018, at Hernando Methodist Church, Hernando. On-

site registration w ill begin at 8:00 a.m . The General

Session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m . Program s

include presentations on places to visit and ideas for

student field trips and outings for children/grandchildren

(ourselves); advancement into school administration;

the latest developments in women’s health issues; plus, music and recruitment ideas for

chapters.

100% chapter participation is our Northern District’s goal. Invite your chapter sponsored early
You “Can Do” a Yearbook!  
By Joanna Alston

Chapter yearbooks are due December 1. Current Zeta State information, including officers’ names and contact information, has been sent to Chapter Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents. If you need additional materials, have questions, or just want help getting started, support is available. Contact me (joanna.dkg@gmail.com) ASAP, and bring your “Can Do” spirit – your yearbook will be “humming” along in no time!

Headquarters / Share the Future Committee…  
Lynn Holliday, Chair

Have you ever thought about what the Headquarters/Share the Future Committee does? Members who serve on this committee consists of the Membership and Finance Chair, the Webmaster, a member at large, the treasurer, a headquarters manager, the immediate past president and a past president serving as chair. This committee supports the other state committees who meet at Headquarters, maintains the headquarters room and meeting areas, as well as assist in raising money for the rent of state headquarters. Primarily this is done through donations and auctions at state functions. This year the committee will again hold the auction at each of the district meetings. Committee members have decided to change the procedure in giving out the items to expedite item awarding at each of the district meetings. Committees should submit suggestions concerning relevant materials that could be included for an outstanding newsletter. Our committee is open to any suggestions that you may wish to share. We are also open to suggestions to improve publicity. These suggestions will be shared with the Communications chair when completed.

As your Zeta State Communications & Publicity Committee Chair, we are encouraging each member to submit information to your local chapter newsletter editor. We, as educators are bursting with ideas that need to be shared. Your assets and support as members is what makes Zeta State so strong. We can Celebrate our “Can Do” Spirit.

The deadline for sending newsletters to the Communications Committee will be February 1, 2018. Each chapter is encouraged to send at least two newsletters in order to receive chapter recognition at the 2018 District Meetings. Newsletters may be sent via e-mail to csaffle@att.net or through the mail to: Cheryl Saffle 710 Shiloh Road Brandon, MS 39042.

Members of the committee are always available to help. The committee members are Cheryl Saffle, Pii; Klancy Phillips, Xi; Stephanie Garland, Pi; Ken Fandel, Eta; *Toni Cook, Alpha Upsilon; Webmaster; *Diane Warren, Alpha Iota, Zeta Data Editor and *Fonda Dickenson, Pi, Consultant. (*serve as ex-officio members)

Building Relationships through Supporting Early Career Educators  
Chris Wall, Chair

Each biennium, chapters have the opportunity to support the Second International project – Supporting Early Career Educators (SEE). It is when experiencing educators spend time mentoring Early Career Educators with five or less years of teaching experience. Participation in a chapter SEE project encourages members to become positive role models, lend a listening ear, and put their creative juices to work to support women educators who need their knowledge and assistance. These relationships are usually simple, but can lighten the load of a young teacher, when there are so many preparations needed for instruction. Another motivating factor for Supporting Early Career Educators is that it provides members an opportunity to “spread the news” about Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Just through conversation, you can build trust and understanding and at the same time express how our Society has strengthened and enriched your life as an educator. It’s a fact … if you build relationships … they will come! Just remember, these young women educators are potential members!

In spring 2018, Zeta State team will conduct three outstanding District Meetings across our state. A perfect opportunity to involve your chapter’s early career educators at a state level event where they can experience the excitement of DKG! They will feel the warmth of friendship through recognition at the Celebration Luncheon and leave with not only information about our Society and other educational topics, but a personal gift from Zeta State members!

So, it’s time to get busy! Your ZEE Committee should be ready now to present the activities that your chapter will be involved with this year, to mentor one or a group of early career educators. Be sure to document each mentor’s time and activities in order to submit an annual SEE Report (Form 16) by February 1, 2018. For ongoing encouragement and support, please contact Lauren Olson, SEE Representative, at laurenolson@gmail.com.

Did you know …?

Your chapter’s rules must be approved every four years. These chapters have Zeta State-approved chapter rules:
Xi, Pi, Rho, Pi, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Upsilon.
If your chapter is not listed, contact Dr. Gail Hammond.
Together we can get your chapter on the Chapter Rules Honor Roll. ghammondphd@gmail.com

Zeta State Bylaws and Standing Rules

“Can Do” Spirit Coming from Alpha Rho Chapter

Congratulations to Ginnie Curtis, Alpha Rho Chapter! She has just released word that her article “The Impact of Teacher Efficacy and Beliefs on Writing Instruction” has been selected for inclusion in the 2017, Volume 84-1 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Zeta State is so proud of your special talent and how you have shared it with other colleagues through our DKG Publication. This is a very special recognition from International! Thank you, Ginnie, for exemplifying the “Can Do” Spirit of DKG!