

# Zeta Data



## **Ready, Set, GO!!!** **2014 Chapter Leaders' Retreat** from Kay Collins

The 2014 Chapter Leaders' Retreat will be held at Copiah Academy in Gallman on Saturday, June 7. The address is 1144 E. Gallman Road, Gallman, MS. This is your Delta Kappa Gamma **opportunity** for **leadership** and **wisdom!**

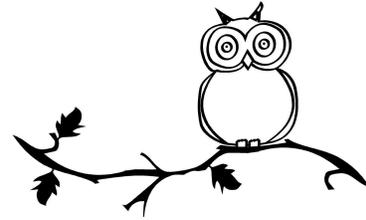
Sessions will be held for Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents (Membership Chairmen), Treasurers, Communication and Publicity Chairmen, and Educational Excellence Chairmen. Because we are trying very hard to get all of the information shared in one full day, we will begin registration at 8:00. Sessions begin at 8:30 so please be prompt and ready to begin on time.

Chapter Presidents will work straight through the day, even having a working lunch. Other officers will meet in their respective groups, gleaning lots of information that will make their chapter duties easier.

The cost for the Retreat will cover the chapter notebooks, training materials, snacks, and Saturday lunch which will be a Newk's Box lunch. We are hoping to have a large crowd who are hungry for leadership knowledge. Hotel accommodations can be found in the Byram area for those needing them.

## President's Page...

from Nancy Jay,  
Zeta State President



It's Spring and ..... "As the SAP Rises", "What Do You Know" about "Hot, Hot, Hot" secret recipes being the "Blueprint for Developing Chapter Leaders"? If you attended any of the District Meetings, you understand the above question and learned about the answer(s). Many thanks to Kay Collins and the Leadership Development Committee, Sylvia Haver and the Membership Committee, Sandra McKiernon, and Jean Ricks for sharing their expertise in the Society sessions. Delta Kappa Gamma's Mission and Purposes were ever present in all three district meetings. The District Directors, the Assistant District Directors, and our Zeta State 2nd Vice President did an outstanding job in the planning of events, program sessions, and award presentations. Thank you, Angie Quinn and Janice Garrett (Northern District), Carol Walker and Sue Keen (Central District), Joanna Alston and Sarajane Smith (Southern District), and Linda Hollingsworth.

What fun it was enjoying Christian fellowship with sisters from all around the state, renewing friendships, and meeting new sisters who share the ideals of our Society! It was exciting to SEE 27 early-career educators in attendance thanks to the passionate effort of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Linda Hollingsworth, who ensured the success of this statewide (and international) project. Also successful were the district raffles organized by Lynn Holliday and the Headquarters/Share the Future Committee. Stay tuned..... soon Lynn will announce the number of registration reimbursements for "First Timers" attending the 2015 Zeta State convention.



Now, we look forward to the Chapter Leaders' Retreat at Copiah Academy June 7, 2014, sponsored by the Leadership Development Committee. Newly-elected incoming chapter leaders will have an opportunity to receive training in the duties and procedures of their new chapter leadership roles. Chapter Presidents, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents (Membership Chairs), Communications Chairs, and Treasurers will acquire the tools necessary to successfully lead their chapters. The Chapter Leaders Retreat is one that reflects Zeta State's 2013-2015 theme, *DKG: Opportunity, Wisdom, Leadership*.

Something to "Hoot" About:  
International Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 29- August 2, 2014

Give a "Hoot"!  
For the Zeta State Website  
[www.zetastatedkg.org](http://www.zetastatedkg.org)

## Zeta State Scholarships

from Cheryl McGinnis

We want to thank all chapters for informing and encouraging members to apply for available scholarships. We especially want to congratulate the recipients of the Zeta State scholarships.

The Amanda Lowther scholarship for two thousand dollars was awarded to **Mechelle Ramshur** of Alpha Rho chapter during the Southern District meeting by committee member Rosemary Woullard. Mechelle teaches fourth and fifth grade gifted classes at Sumrall Elementary and plans to use the scholarship funds toward an endorsement in Psychometry. She wants to be able to help her school district and possibly other districts with the testing of students for the gifted program.



*Mechelle Ramshur, Amanda Lowther Scholarship recipient, with Rosemary Woullard*

The Clytee Evans scholarship for one thousand dollars was awarded to **Hollie Davis** of Pi chapter during the Central district meeting. The award was presented by committee member, Cheryl Saffle and accepted by Chris Wall, Pi President, for Hollie because she had class on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hollie is an Interventionist at Pisgah Elementary and plans to use this scholarship to get a Masters in Dyslexia Therapy at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. She wants to help the increasing number of students being diagnosed with dyslexia.

## Maegan Easley is the Zeta State Grant-in-aid recipient



*Bettie Fore, Maegan Easley, and Chris Wall*

## Zeta State Embraces the International Project....SEE from Linda Hollingsworth

To share the vision of “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide” and to strengthen the Society, DKG International has adopted a project that will impact all of us in a real way.

“*SEE: Support Early Career Educators*” is a project that encourages our members to take a physical role in the support and mentoring of new teachers in our state. Teachers supporting teachers gives the attention to new educators in whatever way they might need our support! Many times the International projects are miles from us ...we send our support through the money we give but do not actually get to “see” the results. This project is different!

At each of the 2014 District Meetings, Zeta State members made an impact on the lives of 27 young women educators! Wow, this is good for our schools and our Society! We have already started making a difference! Chapter presidents encouraged their membership to sponsor one or more Early Career Educators (ECE) to their district meeting. The response was overwhelming. Each District had several chapters who responded and embraced this project.

The Northern District chapters who sponsored ECEs were Eta, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Psi.

The Southern District chapters who sponsored ECEs were Delta, Psi, Sigma, Alpha Omega, Omega,

Alpha Alpha, Alpha Lambda and Alpha Xi.

The Central District chapters sponsoring ECEs were Tau, Beta, Xi, Alpha Chi, Pi and Chi.

What a great beginning! Zeta State chapters really made a difference in the lives of these young women educators..... not just for education but for the future of our Society.

*Project SEE* is here to stay and it is suggested that the chapters follow-up with their ECE, mentor her and possibly be able to offer her an invitation to be part of our DKG Society! The District Meeting is a wonderful place to introduce these educators to our Society and what we have to offer. At future District Meetings, sessions will be planned to meet the needs of the ECEs and to give them more information about us!

### **Report from Southern District**

Joanna Alston

The Southern District Meeting was held on March 15, 2014, at the beautiful Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Kudos are in order—16 of the 17 Southern District chapters were represented for *94% participation*; 92 of the 101 who registered were in attendance, as well as 3 volunteers who assisted by making sure things flowed smoothly. Both Society and non-Society workshop sessions were well attended, and all comments received on evaluations were positive. Assistant Director Sarajane Smith and Psi Chapter were in charge of the beautiful luncheon decorations and the precious owl wrapping for our favors.

I could not possibly name everyone who played a part in the success of this meeting, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank my chapter, Alpha Lambda, for their support and Stephanie Jones in particular, who was the best registrar I could hope to have. Southern District is also home to this year's Amanda Lowther Scholarship recipient—congratulations, Michelle Ramshur. Many thanks to *all* who helped to make the day one to remember!

### **Report from Central District**

Carol Walker

The Central District Meeting of Zeta State was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Hinds Community College Nursing Allied Health Center in Jackson, MS. The weather could not have been better for the meeting. 104 pre-registered for the meeting and we had 99 to come with 103 for lunch. Each of the 11 chapters of the Central District was represented and we had 13 Early Career Educators and one international student from Mississippi College. Alpha Chi, Chi, Beta, Tau, and Xi each had one Early Career Educator and Pi had eight plus the international student. Xi chapter did a wonderful breakfast for everyone attending the meeting.

Carol Walker, Central District Director, presided over the General Session. Maxine Kron, District Director for the Hinds Practical Nursing Program and a member of Tau, welcomed us to the Nursing/Allied Health Center and we also had greetings from Nancy Jay, Zeta State President. Joyce Adams, Tau, gave an inspirational talk that got everyone involved. Coy Jefcoat, Gamma, was recognized with 50 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma

The non-society breakout sessions were “Mind Body Medicine” by Rebecca Tustain, “Landscape Ideas

and Tips” by Martha Hill, “Emergency Preparedness” by Harrell B. Neal, and “Flannery O’Connor: In Her Own Words” by Beverly Fatherree. Attendees had a hard time choosing which of the programs to attend. All were wonderful. The Society sessions were “As the Sap Rises!” by Nancy Jay, “Is Your Chapter, Hot, Hot, Hot?” by the Membership Committee, and “What Do You Know?” by Karen Fayard.

Sue Keen, Assistant Central Director, presided over the Birthday Luncheon. Tracey Crawford, First Vice-President, gave the Birthday wish with an original poem she wrote. Alpha Chi, Beta, Gamma, Pi, Tau, Theta, and Xi were recognized as honor chapters and Chi was an honorable mention chapter. Betty Fore, Professional Affairs, presented Maegan Easley as the Zeta State Grant-in-aid winner. She was nominated by Pi Chapter. Linda Hollingsworth, Second Vice-President introduced Nancy Jay who challenged us to build a stronger society.

We then had Door Prizes and Silent Auction Results. Sue Keen thanked all who had helped to make the Central District Meeting a success and the meeting was adjourned after the singing of “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.”

Central District sent \$100 to the Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship and after all expenses are paid will send \$1,167.95 to Zeta State.

## **From Zeta State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,**

Tracey Crawford

EEC/ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President’s Session:

If you’re happy to be coming, clap your hands (clap, clap),  
 If you’re happy to be coming, clap your hands (clap, clap),  
 In our meeting for VP’s, we are going to learn  
 All about the EEC (clap, clap)!

I am looking forward to seeing all the vice-presidents at our session. You will be receiving a notebook and CD to take back to your chapter. During our session, we will be going over the 3 main goals for the EEC, discussing the role you have in your chapter, the yearbook requirements, and many more topics. See you soon. Tracey Crawford, EEC Chairman/Zeta State 1<sup>st</sup> VP

<u>Northern District:</u>	<u>Central District:</u>	<u>Southern District:</u>
Eta	Beta	Delta
Iota	Gamma	Zeta
Upsilon	Theta	Rho
Phi	Xi	Sigma
Alpha Delta	Pi	Psi
Alpha Iota	Tau	Omega
Alpha Kappa	Chi	Alpha Alpha
Alpha Phi	Alpha Chi	Alpha Beta
Alpha Psi	Beta Alpha	Alpha Gamma
		Alpha Theta
		Alpha Lambda
		Alpha Omicron
		Alpha Upsilon
		Alpha Omega

## **Communications and Publicity**

**Dorie Kisner, Chair**

I have enjoyed reading all the newsletters and reports that were sent. In order to qualify for the Newsletter Award your chapter should send in at least 2 newsletters during the year before the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

73% of Zeta State Chapters qualified for the newsletter award.

90% of Zeta State Chapter submitted 2012-2014 Biennium Reports for their Communications and Publicity committees.

The following chapters received the Newsletter Award for this year:

**Northern** - Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Eta, Iota, Phi, and Upsilon

**Southern** - Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Theta, Alpha Upsilon, Delta, Omega, Psi, Rho, Sigma, and Zeta

**Central** - Alpha Chi, Beta, Chi, Gamma, Pi, Tau, and Xi

The Communications and Publicity Committee will conduct a workshop at the Chapter's Leader Retreat to be held in June. We will provide chapters assistance in creating newsletters and developing chapter websites.

## **From the Membership Committee**

**Sylvia Haver, Chairman**

We are really looking forward to meeting the new membership chairs and planning our work for the next biennium. Come prepared to share different success stories from your chapter. We will also go over deadlines for forms, reports, important upcoming dates, etc. This will be an interactive workshop as we try out different strategies for enlisting and retaining our members. Hope to see you there!

## **CALLING ALL CHAPTER TREASURERS TO IMPROVE LEADERSHIP SKILL**

The Chapter Leaders Retreat is scheduled for June 7, 2012 at Copiah Academy (Carol Rigby's School) in Gallman, MS. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with sessions beginning at 9 a.m. The retreat will conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m.

All chapter treasurers whether new or "old" are invited and encouraged to be involved in this learning opportunity. 100% participation is the goal for this session. Let's have all 40 chapter treasurers present!! The goals for the workshop include:

- Review materials and resources used by chapter treasurers.
- Provide opportunity for treasurers to share expertise and/or ask questions
- Discuss IRS requirements and the filing of Form 990-N (e-Postcard)
- Discuss and complete activities related to the financial management of the chapter

Specific topics will include the duties of the chapter treasurer, report forms, resources available, budgeting, financial policies, organization funds, and IRS requirements and filing form 990-N.

If you have not registered, it's not too late. Ask your chapter president about the registration form. Lunch is included in your registration fee. Registration should be mailed to Karen Fayard.

## ***HOOTS!***

**Linda Hollingsworth** (Pi chapter) has been selected as a recipient of the Educational Foundation's 50th Anniversary Award.

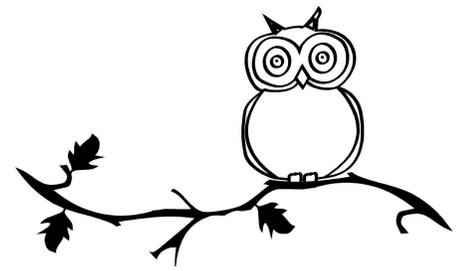
The amount of the award is \$1,000. Presentations will be made at the Celebration Luncheon in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 2014 International Convention, July 28-August 1, 2014.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter member **Connie Roth**, math-science teacher at Bay-Waveland Middle School, Bay St. Louis, is one of six educators chosen by Mississippi Power to receive the prestigious Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award. Established in 1990 to Barton's dedication and contributions to the field of education, the award is given to top educators in MS Power's 23-county service area and includes a monetary component to be used at the teacher's discretion for supplies, equipment, and/or professional development. Roth was initiated into Alpha Upsilon in 2012.

Theta Chapters congratulates **Cindy Higgs** and **Heather McKenzie**. Both were recognized as Teacher of the Year at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Wesson School District by the Chamber of Commerce. We are so proud of our Theta Chapter/Delta Kappa Gamma International Members.

**Gayle Draughn** of Alpha Alpha Chapter has earned the award of 2013/2014 District Teacher of the Year for the second time in the Perry County School District. This is the third time Gayle has earned the Teacher of the Year award at Perry Central High School, where she has taught English for 13 years. She is the instructional team leader for the English department at Perry Central High School, and a six year member of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Gayle has served as 1st Vice President for four years in Alpha Alpha. When Gayle is not earning the Teacher of the Year award, she can be found camping by the lake, or canning fresh salsa made with vegetables from her garden.

**Chapter Leaders Retreat  
 Opportunity, Wisdom, Leadership  
 June 7, 2014  
 Copiah Academy  
 Gallman, MS**



**Chapter Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Supply the following information for each chapter officer, committee chairman, or member who will attend the retreat. Registration confirmation, schedule of events, and directions to (location site) will be e-mailed. **Please use an e-mail address where you can be reached in May and June.**

Position	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail Address
<b>President</b>				
<b>Program Chairman</b>				
<b>Membership Chairman</b>				
<b>Communications Chairman</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>Stand-In (please specify position)</b>				

**Registration fee is \$20 per person.** Fee includes morning refreshments, workshop materials, and lunch.

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline: May 1, 2014**

- **Registration fee after May 1: \$30.00**
- **No refunds will be made after May 15, 2014**
- **Make copies as needed from this form**

**Make checks payable to Zeta State Summer Workshop. Mail completed form above, menu selections, and payment to:**

**Karen Fayard  
 778 Whitney Drive  
 Biloxi, MS 39532**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Newk's Signature Box Lunches . . . Check your choice—one in each column**

<b>Sandwich Choices*:</b>	<b>Chips Choice:</b>	<b>Bread Choices:</b>	<b>Side Choices:</b>	<b>Dessert Choices</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> Lays	<input type="checkbox"/> Honey Wheat Berry	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Brownie
<input type="checkbox"/> Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Lays	<input type="checkbox"/> Sourdough	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Fresh	<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken Club	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Lays	<input type="checkbox"/> Croissant	Fruit	Crispy
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Baked Lays			<input type="checkbox"/> Big Crispy
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Ham	<input type="checkbox"/> Doritos			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pesto Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretzels			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheetos			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun Chips			

\*ALL sandwich choices include condiments, lettuce & tomato on the side. For exact sandwich ingredients, go to Newk's Catering on the web.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Lays	<input type="checkbox"/> Sourdough	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Fresh	<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken Club	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Lays	<input type="checkbox"/> Croissant	Fruit	Crispy
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Baked Lays			<input type="checkbox"/> Big Crispy
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Ham	<input type="checkbox"/> Doritos			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pesto Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretzels			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheetos			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun Chips			

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