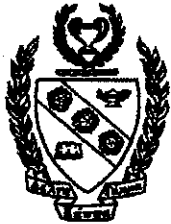


ZETA DATA

The emblem of the Zeta State is a shield-shaped crest. At the top is a laurel wreath. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each containing a different symbol: a book, a lamp, a scale, and a caduceus. The shield is flanked by two olive branches and sits atop a decorative base.

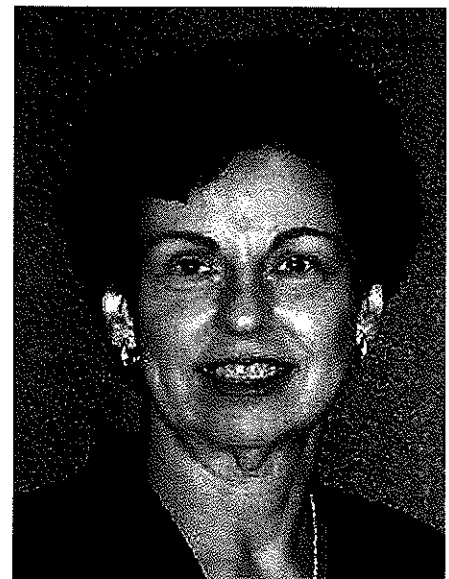
Evelyn Barron, Our International Representative

Past Delta Kappa Gamma Society International President Evelyn Barron will be the International Representative for the 2009 Zeta State Convention. Evelyn received a B.A. in English from Millsaps College in Jackson and a M.Ed. with emphasis in English followed by an Ed.S. in Educational Administration and Instructional Supervision from Mississippi College in Clinton. She worked for twenty-seven years with the Jackson Public Schools including seventeen years as a secondary English teacher, seven years as a curriculum specialist, two years as an instructional supervisor, and one year as an assistant principal.

Evelyn's experience in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is extensive. Her Mississippi involvement began in Beta Chapter as she accepted the offices of first vice president, president and parliamentarian. On the state level, Evelyn served and chaired many committees. She was elected recording secretary, first vice president, and served as state president in 1987-1989. She received the Zeta State Achievement Award in 1995. On the international level, Evelyn was a participant in the 1983 Leadership/Management Seminar at Baylor University. She served as Southeast Regional Director in 1994-1996, International Second Vice President and Chair of Ad Hoc Technology Committee in 1996-1998. In 1998-2000 Evelyn was elected International President. She was Executive Coordinator of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in 2001-2002. In 2005 Evelyn received the International Achievement Award.

Evelyn is a member of Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. She is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and More in Austin where she enjoys supporting the University of Texas women's athletics and the Austin Symphony Orchestra. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, interior decorating, computers, growing roses, collecting bells and butterflies, and relearning to play the piano.

Zeta State wishes Evelyn a warm, "Welcome Home!"



EVELYN BARRON

Light the Way: Lead, Laugh, Learn



Happy 2009!!! My family and I would like to thank all of you for the outpouring of concern and love for me over my recent health scare. The hospital visits, telephone calls, e-mails, cards, and especially the prayers continue to warm our hearts. I want to give special recognition to Zeta State First Vice President Linda Lightsey for keeping our organization on course in my absence. After five hospitalizations and a near-death experience, I was finally diagnosed with Celiac Disease. Celiacs have a sensitivity to gluten, an ingredient in wheat, rye, barley, etc. My new lifestyle has brought me some eye-opening revelations. I am so blessed that God has given me a second chance at life, and I intend to make the most of every moment!

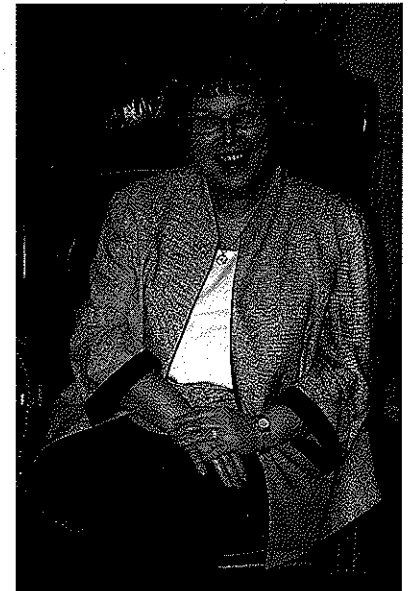
The Zeta State 2009 Convention is almost here. We will celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary in Meridian at the Hilton Garden Inn on March 27 and 28. Past International President Evelyn Barron will be our International Representative. It is exciting to have Evelyn with us in this capacity since she is from Mississippi and a past Zeta State President. Convention Chairman Karen Rhodes has worked tirelessly to ensure a successful and enjoyable convention for all members. Excellent workshops have been planned by Linda Lightsey and the Zeta State Program of Work Chairmen. Professional Affairs Chairman Kathy Drummond and her committee members have planned an outstanding pre-convention seminar on Friday, March 27. Be sure to register early for this seminar! Convention Registration Chairman Janet Berg will once again work her magic to get everyone registered correctly, and Convention Treasurer Sylvia Gambill will keep a tight rein on our finances and keep us on track. Speaking of finances, I would like to encourage each chapter to consider paying for at least one member's registration fee if this is her first state convention.

The International Communications Committee has encouraged all state organizations to "Create the Buzz." Please submit articles to ZETA DATA as your talented chapters complete activities, programs, projects, etc. which get the name of our wonderful organization in the public's eye.

Thank you again for remembering me so thoughtfully this past summer and fall.

I look forward to meeting new members as well as renewing friendships as we celebrate our anniversary. See you in Meridian!

Jeanette F. Reinike
Zeta State President,
2007 - 2009



JEANETTE REINIKE
Zeta State President

WANTED



LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS

June 16-19, 2009
Lake Tiak-O'Khata

ALIVE AND WILLING

And the Nominees are ...

by: Terry Edwards
Nominations Chairman

Can you believe how quickly time flies? It is hard to imagine we are approaching the end of another biennium of Zeta State. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Zeta State Officers for 2007-2009 for your wisdom and leadership. You have indeed carried out our mission to "Light the Way ... Lead, Laugh, Learn." We now reach that time when we must look to the future for others who will continue "Lighting the Way." On behalf of the Nominations Committee, let me say that we are pleased to bring to you a slate of Officers for the 2009-2011 biennium that will continue to uphold the ideals and traditions of our society while leading us forward. Our committee will bring before you these nominees for your consideration during the 2009 Zeta State Convention in Meridian on March 27-28. If you have not marked this date on your calendar, I encourage you to do so. By attending the convention and casting your vote for our future leaders, you are helping to shape the wondrous possibilities for Zeta State. Therefore, on behalf of the Nominations Committee, I present to you the nominees for the 2009-2011 slate of Officers for Zeta State:

Cynthia Colburn, *President*

Cynthia is a recently retired teacher of gifted education with the Tupelo Public School District. She taught public school music in Pascagoula Public Schools and in Tupelo before becoming a teacher of the gifted in 1990. During her thirty-one years of teaching she has continued to promote public school education through her participation and leadership in professional development as a facilitator and presenter in the areas of leadership, Parallel Curriculum Model, Gifted Children in the regular classroom, Time Management and as Mentor for National Board Certification through the World Class Teaching Program at Ole Miss. She received her national board certification in November of 1998. In January of 2007 Cynthia received the honor of being Tupelo School's Teacher of the Year and Rotary Club International's Teacher of Distinction. Cynthia is a twenty-four year member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Eta Chapter. She has served in her chapter at all levels from committee member, Chairman of Membership and Scholarship Committees, Recording Secretary, First Vice-President and President of Eta Chapter twice. Currently Cynthia serves as chairman of membership and music committees, recording secretary, and Northern District Director. Some of her achievements in Delta Kappa Gamma are Woman of Distinction 2005 and International recipient of \$1,000 Stipend during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma and Zeta State Leadership Management



CYNTHIA COLBURN

Seminar participant. During her twenty-four years as Delta Kappa Gamma member, Cynthia has missed only two Zeta State conventions, three SE Regional Conferences and three International Conventions. She has been married to Mitch Colburn of Gulfport for twenty-eight years and has two grown children, Tucker and Shelley.

Karen Fayard, *First Vice-President*

Karen Fayard has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for twenty-five years. She has served Alpha Upsilon Chapter as Membership Committee Chairman, Recording Secretary, First Vice President, President and Bylaws Committee Chairman. Karen was her chapter's Woman of Distinction in 1997. At the district level, Karen has attended all the district meetings. She has been Registration Chairman for both the 1999 and 2001 Southern District Meetings. At the state level, she has served on the Finance Committee, Personal Growth and Services Committee, Professional Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Membership Committee, Southern District Director, Zeta State Corresponding Secretary, and is presently completing her term as Second Vice-President. Additionally, Karen was a presenter at the 1997 state convention and a participant in the 1997 ZETA State Leadership/Management Seminar. She was also the recipient of the Zeta State Achievement Award in 2007. Karen has attended several regional conferences and served as Registration Chairman for the Southeastern Regional Conference held in Biloxi. Additionally, Karen has attended numerous international conferences. Since 1991 Karen has been a math instructor and until recently director of the Honors Program at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Prior to this position she taught in the public schools of Pass Christian and Biloxi. Karen holds a specialist degree in mathematics education from the University of Southern Mississippi. In her spare time Karen is an active member in two Mardi Gras krewes on the Gulf Coast.

Toni Cook, *Second Vice-President*

Toni Cook has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for twenty years. She was inducted into Alpha Upsilon Chapter in 1988. As a member of Alpha Upsilon she has served as Research Committee Chairman, Membership Committee Chairman, Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President. She is currently serving as Parliamentarian and Newsletter Editor. In 2005 she was selected as her chapter's Woman of Distinction, and Alpha Upsilon dedicated its yearbook to her. Toni has attended numerous district, state, regional, and international meetings. She has conducted workshops at the district level and at Zeta State's Leadership Development Retreat. On the state level, she has served as Recording Secretary (1999-2001), Zeta State History Committee Chairman (2003-2005), member of Zeta State Leadership Development Committee (2005-2009), and Membership Committee Chairman (2007-2009). Toni is a graduate of the 2003 Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar. Toni teaches in the special education department at Pass Christian High School, where she has taught for the past twenty-three

years. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Deaf Education, she began her career teaching hearing impaired students. She is currently teaching special education students after receiving a Masters of Special Education degree from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1992. She received her National Board Certification in the area of Exceptional Needs in 2000 and is currently working on recertification. She is a volunteer for the American Heart Association and was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004. Toni enjoys working with multimedia and creates movies and/or slideshows for special events.

Regina Gandy, *Recording Secretary*

As a member of Alpha Psi Chapter, Regina has served as Chapter President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and has chaired various chapter committees. She has served Zeta State on the Leadership Committee and as Northern District Director. Regina is currently employed as special education consultant and part-time special education teacher. She resides in Ripley with her two girls, Patricia, 21, and Heather, 17.

Karen Rhodes, *Corresponding Secretary*

Karen Rhodes has been a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for twenty-four years. She benefits her membership in the society for personal and professional growth. While she believes that membership in the society is a privilege, her experiences both at the chapter, state and international level has provided her with friendships and relationships she would have never experienced. Karen attributes some of her leadership skills to her participation in the Leadership Management Seminar and the Presidents' Training, to the District and State Conventions as well as the Regional and International Conventions. The highlight of her membership was being named a "Star of the Southeast" at the International Convention in Chicago. Karen has served on all committees and has been a chapter officer in all positions. She currently is working on the membership committee in Gamma Chapter. At the State level, Karen has been elected to the positions of Second Vice-President (2005-2007), and Central District Director (1999-2001). She has served on the Personal Growth and Services Committee, on the Board of Trustees for the Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Committee and on the Leadership Development Committee. She has served Zeta State as the state convention chairman for three bienniums. Karen has been in various areas of education for thirty years. She was Meridian Public School's Teacher of the Year in 1993 and Special Educator of the year in 1994. She achieved National Board Certification in 2006. She currently is Lead Teacher at Northeast Elementary School in the Lauderdale County School District. She is also very active in her church. She is the two-year-old Sunday School Teacher and loves to see the children's knowledge of God grow each week. Her family and her poodle Crickett are a vital part of her life.

Bettie Fore, *Northern District Director*

Bettie was initiated into Alpha Delta Chapter in 1996. She has served her chapter as Corresponding Secretary and President. Currently Bettie serves as Treasurer. She has also served as chairman of several chapter committees. On the state level, Bettie has served as a member of the Finance and By-Laws Committee as well as chairing both committees. In May of 2008, Bettie retired after fifteen years of teaching at Deer Creek School and twenty-one years as librarian at Horn Lake High School.

Marsha Shaddock, *Assistant Northern District Director*

Marsha Shaddock retired after having served as an educator in Desoto County for thirty-seven years as a classroom teacher in the third and fourth grades. Currently, she tutors elementary students as an intervention coach at Southaven Elementary. Marsha has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for thirty-two years, during which time she has served as President of Alpha Delta Chapter. She has served on numerous chapter committees, as well as attending Northern District Meetings, Zeta State Conventions, and Southeast Regional Conferences. On the state level, Marsha has served on the Legislative and Nominations Committees.

Linda Hollingsworth, *Central District Director*

Linda F. Hollingsworth has been a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for twenty-five years. She holds a BS degree from MUW and a Master's degree from the University of Alabama. As a Pi Chapter member, she has served as Music and Other Arts Committee Chairman, Leadership Development Committee Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and is currently serving as President. Linda was selected as Pi Chapter's 2007 Woman of Distinction. She attends all District and State level meetings and in 2007, attended the Southeast Regional in New Orleans and the 2008 International Convention in Chicago. She is a 2003 graduate of the Leadership Management Seminar and has served as the 2005-07 Chair of the Zeta State Music and Other Arts Committee which produced and distributed a Music CD of Delta Kappa Gamma traditional songs and a Chapter Music Chairman's notebook of program suggestions, music and ideas which were given to all chapters at the 2006 LAMP Retreat. She also served on the Ad Hoc Katrina Relief Committee in 2005. Currently, Linda is the Assistant Central District Director. She retired after thirty-one years of teaching this past May but works as a consultant for school districts.

Tracey Crawford, *Assistant Central District Director*

Tracey Crawford lives in Magee, MS. She is married to Randy Crawford, and they have two active daughters, Laurel

and Christa. She is a graduate of Long Beach High School, Jones Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Tracey is an elementary librarian at Mendenhall Elementary and has been teaching for seventeen years. She joined Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 2003. Tracey has since then served Alpha Chi by being on the Membership Committee, the Membership Chairman, and is in the process of serving her second term as Vice-President. She also puts together Alpha Chi's Yearbook, as well as their newsletter. Tracey currently serves on the Zeta State Membership Committee. In her free time, she enjoys participating in the local community theater group, reading, and traveling with her family.

Nancy Jay, Southern District Director

Nancy Jay has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1994. She is a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter where she has served as Chapter President, First Vice-President, Parliamentarian, and Chairman of the following committees: Program of Work, Professional Affairs, and Communications Committee. On the state level, Nancy has served as Chairman of the Zeta State Personal Growth and Services Committee and was a participant in the 2003 Leadership Management Seminar. She currently serves on the Zeta State Leadership Development Committee as Chairman. Nancy has been a presenter at the all District Meetings, LAMP Retreat, and at the Zeta State Leadership Retreat. She has attended numerous district, state, regional, and international conventions of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Nancy has twenty-seven years of educational experience. She currently is teaching sciences at North Pike High School and has taught previously at Denman Junior High School in the McComb School District. She became a National Board Certified Teacher (EA Science) in 2000. She holds a Masters of Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of the Mississippi Science Teachers Association and a former executive board member of the Mississippi Professional Educators Association. Nancy lives in Summit, MS and is actively involved in First Baptist Church in Magnolia. She and her husband, Gene, have been married for thirty-six years and have one daughter (Jennifer) and one son (John). Thanks to her daughter Jennifer and husband Joey, she is a proud grandmother of TWIN grandsons, Jay and Cole.

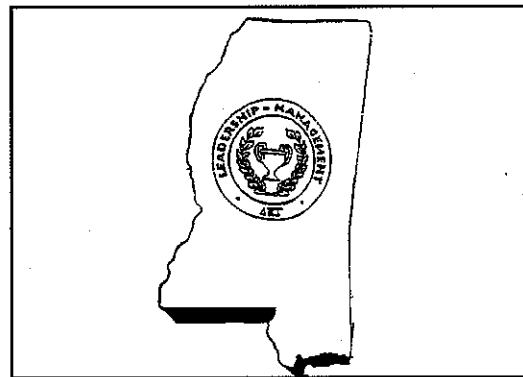
Judy Easterling, Assistant Southern District Director

Judy Easterling has been a member of Alpha Omega Chapter in Columbia for fifteen years. During that time, she served as Membership Chairman, Secretary, and President. Currently she is First Vice-President. Judy received a scholarship to attend the Zeta State Leadership/Management Seminar in 2005. She was named Alpha Omega's Woman of

Distinction in 2007. She has also served on the Zeta State Membership Committee. Judy is a retired teacher with thirty years experience working with children with learning disabilities. She holds a Specialist Degree in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. As a member of First United Methodist Church of Columbia, Judy is a member of the Chancel Choir and the Executive Council. Also, she is a member of Hilltop Garden Club and is presently serving as the president.

Nominations Committee

Mary Jane Jackson, Alpha Psi Chapter, Northern District
Sylvia Gambill, Gamma Chapter, Central District
Holly Hulbert, Alpha Xi Chapter, Southern District



Ready, Set, ... Grow!

Are you "ready" for some fun in a relaxing atmosphere? Then, you need to apply for the Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar. The Seminar is "set" for June 16-19, 2009, at Lake Tiak-O'Khata.

Twenty Zeta State members will be selected for this extraordinary opportunity to "grow" personally and professionally. Exciting workshops on a variety of topics, including communication skills, professional image, personality analysis, goal-setting, women and the law, and women's health issues are planned. Well-qualified, professional presenters will lead informative and interesting sessions to help you develop your personal and professional leadership skills.

The only expense for each seminar participant is a \$75.00 registration fee. Other expenses (hotel room and meals) will be paid by Zeta State. CEU's are available. Should an applicant not be selected, the \$75.00 registration fee will be refunded. Interested Zeta State members may secure an application form from your Chapter President (Form 11). The postmarked DEADLINE for the completed application is APRIL 30, 2009.

The Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar will be an informative and enjoyable growth experience for participating Zeta State members.

**Nancy Jay, Chairman
Zeta State Leadership Development Committee**

Convention Workshop Sessions

When members of the state Program of Work Committee met on October 4, 2008, to conclude the planning for the 2009 Convention, members reviewed suggestions and comments from the 2007 Convention Workshop Evaluation forms. Using this information and a number of other factors, the committee worked to come up with sessions that cover a wide spectrum of interests: women's health, leisure and travel, finance, personal safety and prevention of identity theft, and the Parent's Campaign. Members of Eta Chapter will share knowledge of "basically free" workshops around the country that teachers can attend for professional update credit. The Program Committee believes that the only thing that those attending the convention can complain about is that they could not be in four sessions at one time!

Explore Meridan

You will certainly want to make plans to participate in the Friday morning's pre-convention seminar, sponsored by the state Professional Affairs Committee. The tour of several points of interest in Meridian will begin with a visit to the Dentzel Carousel, with its carefully restored hand-carved horses. Manufactured in 1896 by Gustav Dentzel of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the 1904 St. Louis Exposition and sold to the City of Meridian in 1909, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The next stop on the tour will be Merrehope and the F.W. Williams House, two of Meridian's historic homes. After lunch at the Deli on 5th, the pre-convention activities will conclude with a visit to the Grand Opera House, which opened in 1890 and whose stage hosted such great performers as Sarah Bernhardt. The trolley will pick us up about 8:15, and we should return to the hotel by 1:30, making the tour doable for chapter presidents, who will participate in the President's Update beginning at 3:00. The \$25.00 registration fee covers the costs of all the scheduled activities. Join us as we laugh together and learn more about the Queen City.

ZETA State Pre-Convention Seminar Registration Form

Explore Meridian

**Zeta State Pre-Convention Seminar
Friday, March 27, 2009**

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (INCLUDES PRICE OF LUNCH)

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2009

Your confirmation will be e-mailed to you.

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to ZETA STATE.

Mail to: Kathy Drummond
613 Briarwood Drive
Long Beach, MS 39560
(228) 547-6521 (cell)
(228) 864-8232 (home)
E-mail: kdrummond@bwsd.org

Hotel Information for 2009 Zeta State Convention

When reserving room @ group rates, please state name of group as ZSC.

Host Hotel:

Hilton Garden Inn

109 US Highway 11 & 80
Meridian, MS 39302
Rate: \$120.00 per night
(601) 485-3506

Holiday Inn Northeast

111 US Highway 11 & 80
Meridian, MS 39302
Rate: \$70.00 per night
(601) 485-5101

Proposed Amendments to the Zeta State Bylaws

Which Now Reads
 Be Amended by Striking Out
 and/or Inserting New Words
 If Adopted Would Read

<p>Article IV Finances None</p>	<p>Section 1. Funds The state shall maintain an Available Fund, a Permanent Fund, and a Scholarship Fund.</p>	<p>Section 1. Funds The state shall maintain an Available Fund, a Permanent Fund, and a Scholarship Fund.</p>
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Rationale: The International Constitution Committee suggested the addition to be consistent with the Constitution.

<p>Article IX Committees Section 1. Standing Committees A. Society Business 1. Expansion</p>	<p>Abolish committee</p>	
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Rationale: The duties are handled by the membership committee.

<p>Article IX Committees Section 1. Standing Committees D. Other 3. Share the Future</p>	<p>Delete: Share the Future Add: Headquarters/Share the Future Fund</p>	<p>Article IX Committees Section 1. Standing Committees E. Other 3. Headquarters/Share the Future Fund</p>
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Rationale: The name more adequately reflects the committee's responsibilities.

<p>Article IX Committees Section 3. Duties of Committees 5. Bylaws and Standing Rules – Appointed The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall handle problems related to the bylaws, receive and evaluate proposals for amending and/or revising the bylaws, make recommendations for bylaw changes to the Executive Board and present approved proposals to the convention for vote. The committee shall review and approve chapter rules.</p>	<p>Add: every 4 years. The committee chairman shall submit the state bylaws each biennium to the International Constitution Committee for review.</p>	<p>5. Bylaws and Standing Rules – Appointed The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall handle problems related to the bylaws, receive and evaluate proposals for amending and/or revising the bylaws, make recommendations for bylaw changes to the Executive Board and present approved proposals to the convention for vote. The committee shall review and approve chapter rules every 4 years. The committee chairman shall submit the state bylaws each biennium to the International Constitution Committee for review.</p>
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Rationale: The International Constitution Committee suggested revising to include the appropriate wording.

<p>Article IX Committees Section 3. Duties of Committees B. Program of Work 5. Legislative-Appointed</p> <p>The Legislative Committee shall study legislative proposals relating to education and recommend action to be taken. The committee shall initiate action in the field of legislation to improve education and the status of women educators. The committee shall encourage members to support legislation relating to education. The committee shall plan and conduct Legislative Day at the state Capitol.</p>	<p>Delete: <i>The committee shall plan and conduct Legislative Day at the state Capitol.</i></p>	<p>5. Legislative-Appointed The Legislative Committee shall study legislative proposals relating to education and recommend action to be taken. The committee shall initiate action in the field of legislation to improve education and the status of women educators. The committee shall encourage members to support legislation relating to education.</p>
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Rationale : Legislative Day has not proved an effective way to contact legislators.

<p>12. That the state convention pays for itself but not be a money-making project. In the event the convention is not self-supporting Zeta State will pay the deficit up to the amount designated in the state budget.</p>	<p>Delete: but not be a money-making project. Add: <i>Excess funds shall be returned to the state.</i></p>	<p>12. That the state convention pays for itself. In the event the convention is not self-supporting Zeta State will pay the deficit up to the amount designated in the state budget. Excess funds shall be returned to the state.</p>
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Rationale : This will reflect the present practice.

<p>22. That each Zeta State Committee holds one regularly-scheduled meeting per year.</p>	<p>Delete: <i>year</i> Add: <i>biennium</i></p>	<p>22. That each Zeta State Committee holds one regularly-scheduled meeting per biennium.</p>
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Rationale : Technology facilitates the work of the committees. Expenses of meetings are a financial concern.

Tentative Convention Schedule at a Glance

Friday, March 27, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Professional Affairs Seminar
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Chapter Presidents' Update
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Presidents' Dinner*
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting
Following Board Meeting	Reception
Following Reception	Outgoing/Incoming Officer Rehearsal

Saturday, March 28, 2009

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Chapter Presidents' Breakfast*
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	General Session
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Workshops - Session I
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Workshops - Session II
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Birthday Luncheon
Following Luncheon	Hour of Memory
Following Hour of Memory	Chapter Presidents' Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.	Chapter Presidents' Pictures
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Celebration Banquet

*All Zeta State members are invited to register for and participate in the events identified as "Chapter Presidents' Dinner" and "Chapter Presidents' Breakfast."

All members are also invited to the Birthday Luncheon and the Celebration Banquet;

DRESS CODE: The Celebration Banquet is an opportunity for you to wear sparkles and glitter. Ball gowns are appropriate, as are nice Sunday clothes. For the meetings during the day, professional wear is encouraged.

VISIT AND INTERACT WITH SOCIETY WEBSITES!

Official Society Websites:

www.Deltakappagamma.net • www.deltakappagamma.org/MS

and some "unofficial" sites of your state editor:

<http://zetadata.blogspot.com/> • <http://groups.google.com/group/zeta-state-information>

ZETA STATE CONVENTION

March 27-March 28, 2009 – Hilton Garden Inn – 1-601-485-3506

Convention Registration Form

Chapter _____ Name _____
 (please PRINT all information on the form)

Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

CHECK (if applicable): _____ Chapter President _____ State Officer
 _____ State Committee Chairman
 _____ District or Assistant District Director
 _____ Past State President
 _____ This is my first convention.

REGISTRATION

In order to participate in any Convention activities, members must be registered for the Convention.

Friday, March 27
 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Received **BEFORE March 13**..... \$55.00 ()
 Received **AFTER March 13** \$70.00 ()
 Presidents' Dinner..... \$30.00 ()
Open to all registered members and guests

Saturday, March 28
 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Presidents' Breakfast \$20.00 ()
Open to all registered members and guests
 Birthday Luncheon \$25.00 ()
 Celebration Banquet \$36.00 ()
 Reception (no charge) ()
 Coffee Break (no charge) ()
 Convention Fee **TOTAL AMOUNT** _____

(NO REFUNDS after March 13, 2009)

_____ I wish to donate to the Zeta State Scholarship Fund in Honor of _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED _____

Dietary restrictions: Diabetic _____ Vegetarian _____

I grant permission to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Zeta State, to use my photo on the Zeta State website and/or *Zeta Data*.

_____ yes _____ no Signature _____ Date _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Zeta State Convention

Mail Registration Form and Check(s) to

Sylvia Gambill-8431 Northeast Pines Dr. Meridian, MS 39305-9449

Email Registration Questions to

Janet Berg iceberg1234@comcast.net

*** Deadline for hotel registration is March 17, 2009.**

Chapters "Creating the Buzz"

Beta Chapter has chosen to adopt the first-year teachers of the Clinton Public School District for their Numeracy and Literacy Project for the 2008-2009 school year. Members made bags filled with school supplies at the beginning of the year. Additionally, members sent words of encouragement and cards throughout the year. Another bag of supplies will be given to these teachers during the spring semester. This bag will contain items that members donated as well as items that will be purchased using money raised during the annual fundraiser. Beta Chapter recognizes the difficulty the first-year teachers experience and they wanted to let them know that there are people who care about them and wish to support them.

Delta Chapter is continuing its wonderful relationship with The South Mississippi Children's Shelter in Hattiesburg. Each year Delta members provide personal care products and books for the children who find a temporary home at the shelter. Tammy Miller, the director of SMCS shared the results of this effort during the November chapter meeting as part of the program. Delta chapter members plan a visit to the shelter in February to evaluate what more the members can do to contribute to the quality of life of these young people.

Alpha Rho October and November meetings were extremely successful. We had high attendance for both meetings. In October, members from our Alpha Rho chapter led the group in a short vocabulary training using Marzano techniques. It gave great insight as to the importance of background knowledge and vocabulary. In November, we met for our annual Ornament/Casserole Auction/Scholarship Drive. Members donated items for our auction such as ornaments, cakes, casseroles, decorations, and other goodies. Then our vibrant auctioneer and long time member, Dahlia Landers, led the group through the auction with lots of enthusiasm and anticipation starting with the silent auction highest bid and driving the bids to their full potential. The bid wars were in full swing that night. Due to the generosity of our members our chapter collected \$655 which will be earmarked for scholarships.

Alpha Upsilon has assembled bags with kitchen towels, dish rags, and gift cards to send to members of a chapter in Texas who suffered loss due to the hurricane in Galveston.

Sigma Chapter funds a PRCC Scholarship. On November 18, Pearl River Community College, through their Development Foundation, held a Scholarship Donor Appreciation Banquet. Representing Sigma chapter were President, Barbara Lofton; Earloria Holden; and Cathy Henley, Treasurer. Each year the chapter provides a scholarship to a Pearl River County student majoring in education. Sigma is also developing "Goody Boxes" for Lady Soldiers. They plan to send their products, snack foods, pens, magazines, and lots of other things people forget to take on "trips".

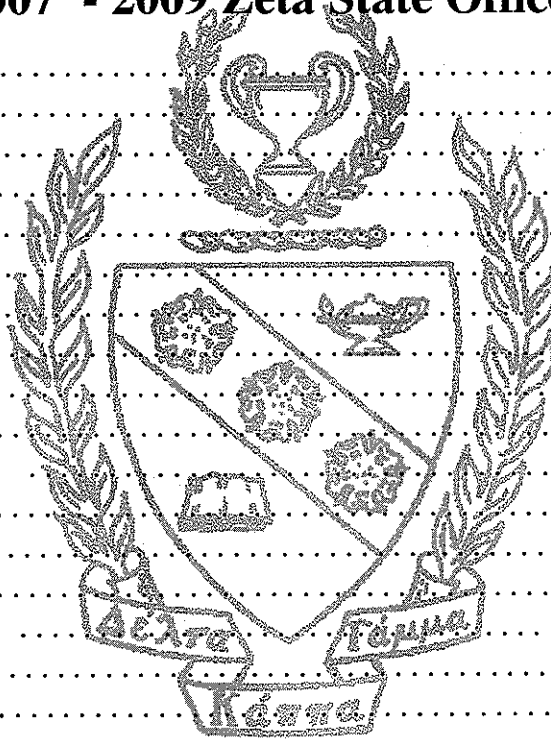
Omega Celebrates 45 Years

On November 8, 2008 Omega chapter had their Silent Auction and second meeting of the year at Cowboy Jim's Restaurant in Prentiss. It was all about celebrating Omega's 45 years, buying goodies and listening to an interesting speaker.

Omega invited as their speaker, Virginia Butler, past president of Alpha Gamma chapter. Virginia taught school for almost 30 years as she followed her Army husband from post to post. After his retirement they settled in Hattiesburg. Pursuing her lifelong love of writing, she is now an author with published work in such publications as *Cup of Comfort* books, *Highlights for Children*, and *Baptists Today* as well as *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. She is currently trying to get her young adult novel, *Attracting Squirrels* published. She spoke to us about how therapeutic writing can be during the difficult times in our lives. She read to us a poem she wrote entitled *Katrina's Aftermath* where she described the damage done to our beautiful Mississippi woods that will never be reversed in our lifetimes. She read other excerpts from her work like her tribute to her late mother-in-law and an especially poignant piece about her mother's descent into Alzheimer's that left many of us with tears in our eyes. She gave us a general overview of her young adult novel that is loosely based on a childhood experience. Virginia encouraged us to try writing in any form we could. She mentioned that writing your family's past was a good way to form bridges between generations. Virginia also had handouts for us with some humorous comments about the "lucrative" profession of writing and some possible publishing sources. It was a most entertaining talk! Omega enjoyed celebrating the chapter's birthday with Virginia.

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