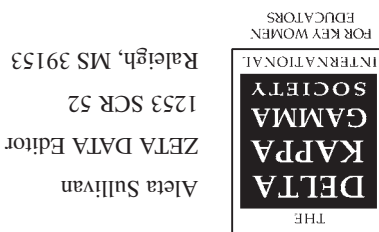
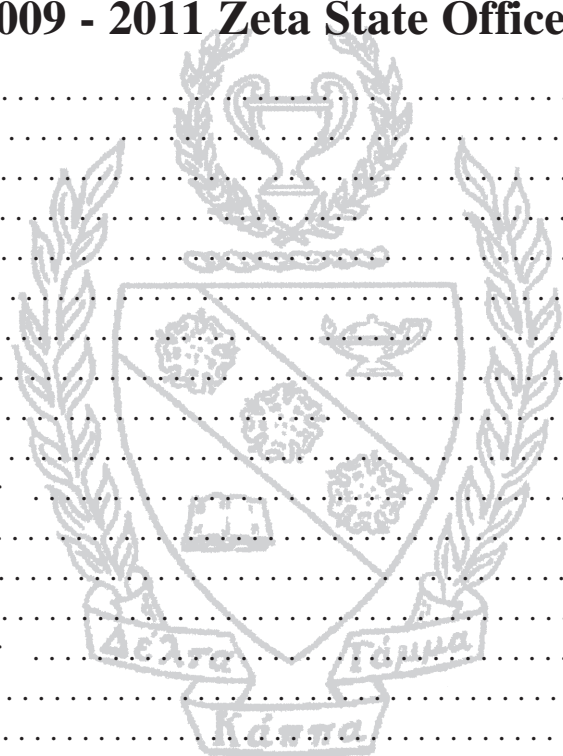


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Not Just Meetings Opportunities! **The 2010 Zeta State District Meetings**

by Linda Hollingsworth, Central District Director

“Vision: Discover the Wonders” ... the biennium theme set by our Zeta State President, Cynthia Colburn, speaks to all of us in different ways! Separately, each word of this phrase is powerful and strong, conjuring up various meanings but for this biennium theme ... these words could mean ... “Step out, take a chance, do something new, get involved, break out of the mold, open the door to opportunities, become a visionary, be active ...”!

In the next month, the Zeta State District Meetings for the Northern, Central and Southern chapters will begin across our state! Within these meetings are opportunities and “wonders” for each one of us to “discover”. It is a time to “see” our DKG Mission Statement in action ... “promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education”!

The first step ... make the decision to join your district in this “gathering”. Fill out that registration form and send it in to the district registrar ... today! You have now made the most important step toward the “opportunities” and the “wonders” that await you at the district meeting. Make sure that you bring along with you those brand new members to their very first district meeting!

From the moment you step into the registration area, it is alive with the joy of seeing sisters you may have not seen in a while ... time for some “ole time fellowship, howdy-ing and hugging” ... as my mother used to say! Maybe take a little time to browse for some things to buy ... or not, pick up some refreshments and find a seat just in time to be a part of the General Session.

The Chapters “shine” in the General Session! The Chapter roll call always is an exciting time because the members from each chapter are represented by the number in attendance. It is always fun to see which chapter can bring the most members! Short reports are given by the State Committees and chapters are honored for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the year. The General Session sets the stage for an informative and inspiring day!

Informative Sessions = Discovery and Wonder! There are two concurrent session groups scheduled for after the General Session ... 4 in each group. The Society sessions are always informative and help us to create better chapters and have a “vision” for what we can do to improve. Non-Society sessions are always a

From our President ...
**Vision:
Discover the Wonders**

In this issue we are considering the magnifying glass which produces an enlargement of an object or image in order to see more clearly. As the New Year begins we all take inventory and look more closely and hopefully clearly at what was and what we hope to be and do in this New Year. Let's do that for Delta Kappa Gamma also. I recently heard someone talk about how we live in one of three stages as a "taker". With permission I share these three "takers" and relate them to Delta Kappa Gamma. Which taker are you: Caretaker, Undertaker, or Risk Taker?

Caretaker: one in charge of the maintenance of something or someone

As a Caretaker in Delta Kappa Gamma we might take on the mentality of status quo is OK, the maintenance mentality, or we have enough and everything is alright just the way it is. Former President Ronald Reagan said that status quo is Latin for "the mess we're in." Would this be true for Zeta State? Do we think we have enough members in our chapter, that we are supporting Zeta State and International through Emergency Fund, Scholarship, and Education Foundation and we can't do or don't want to do anymore? Now is the time to settle down and take care of what we have, not add more to do with our daily activities, much less DKG. But is this the type of chapter you desire, the type of member you wish to be, complacent? Is being in a rut what you want from DKG? We are comfortable just the way we are. Perhaps each of us needs to look more closely through the magnifying glass and enlarge our self portrait. Let's see if there are plans that can be made, not for our comfort, but for the advancement of our society and ultimately the children.

Could you be the Undertaker: one that puts us under

Though not a pleasant thought, this person really does put under. Is this person you or your chapter? Are you the member that is negative about everything that comes up in your chapter or in Zeta State? Do you find fault with fund raisers for scholarships, or complain that your chapter meets too often? Is your chapter the chapter that doesn't send in the reports or needed information on time to Zeta State or International, or can't find

members willing to become chapter officers? Are these members/chapters the ones that keep something stirred up and can't see the good for all. The undertaker among us prepares us for a slow death. What can you and your chapter do to ward off this undertaker? Find the gift of the chapter member and ask her to serve in that area, be proactive when talking about Delta Kappa Gamma and let others see that you enjoy being a member of an international educational society. Let's show interest in the newest member in our chapters. After all, we invited them to join us, not the other way around.


CYNTHIA COLBURN
Hopefully we are the Risk Taker: one who takes a chance or ventures out

This member is you! Each of you are the members that are not afraid to try new meeting times, invite teachers into membership from educational areas not represented in your chapter, that reach out and volunteer to do what must be done, and are women of vision, have positive attitudes and see what can be done. André Gide, French author and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature wrote, "One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of some shores and venture out in Delta Kappa Gamma in order to continue moving forward with our seven purposes. So then, here are three responsibilities for each of us as Delta Kappa Gamma Risk Taker Members: bring them in, build them up, and send them out. Isn't that what we are about? We should bring in new members and through orientation and mentorship build them up, thus preparing these new members to go out and be successful DKG members and sisters.

In conclusion, each must look through the magnifying glass and see deeply into ourselves. We cannot live on our past performances and programs, but need to keep up, seek out, and move on – always forward moving ever.

Cynthia Colburn
Zeta State President

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Zeta State District Meetings
Vision: Discover the Wonders

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

Mail Registration Forms to:

Northern District
Meg Anderson
2701 Scott Road
Hernando, MS 38632

Central District
Lynn Holliday
106 Oakdale
Florence, MS 39073

Southern District
Erin Fortenberry
1112 Meadowbrook Lane
Tylertown, MS 39667

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name badge. The name of the nominator will not be listed in the program.

All nominations must be sent to International President Carolyn Rants postmarked or electronic dated no later than April 15, 2010, in order to be included. (address in chapter yearbooks)

Use email for the fastest way to send a nomination.
Carolyn@rants.net

Nomination for a **Woman of Vision and Action**

Name of Nominee _____

Geographic State Name _____

No more than 100 words that describe why this member is a **Woman of Vision and Action**

Name of Nominator _____

Contact telephone or email _____

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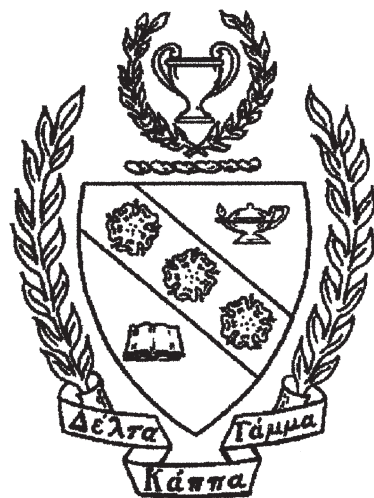
surprise and a “potpourri” of information from one to the next! The “fun” is in the choosing that ONE session to attend during the session groups! The opportunity for growth and learning is present, as well as, new ideas and resource people for chapter programs ... down the road!

Gathering together for the Celebration Luncheon is probably the “sweetest” time of the day ... the beautiful tables, the joy of watching everyone gather, one by one, visiting with one another, reminiscing ... the coming together as one purposeful group ... with one mission and vision! Within this time, we will share a wonderful meal, listen and “glean” from our state president, learn which chapters are Honor Chapter, share a moment of memory for those no longer with us and stand together with one voice singing, “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song”. Something amazing to behold!

We are a professional honor society for women educators, a sisterhood, we have a mission ... call it what you want ... the coming together of Delta Kappa Gamma members is a celebration of who we are, what we do and what we stand for and believe! Yes, the opportunities are numerous to see the “vision” and to

“discover the wonders” of what we CAN be and DO!

Step out ... move outside your local chapter and be a participant in this special day... be present at YOUR district meeting!



**Need directions to your District Meeting?
Well, here they are!!**

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Going north on I-55 take the Hernando exit (#180). Turn left and get in the right lane. This lane will turn and you will be on Mount Pleasant Street. The Methodist Church will be on the right. Not sure how far, but about a mile or so.

Bettie Fore, Northern District Director

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Brandon High School, 3090 Hwy 18E from Crossgates/Brandon

Directions: From Interstate 20 take exit #54 (Puckett/Raleigh) onto Greenfield Rd. toward MS Hwy 18. Follow this road, which is Hwy 18, through 3-4 lights and you will see the large school on the right.

Linda Hollingsworth, Central District Director

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

McComb is located on I-55.

Traveling from north to south:

I-55 South to McComb

Take Exit 17 and turn left onto Delaware Avenue (toward downtown). At the 2nd traffic light (West St.) turn right and go 1 block. You will Denman Junior High School on the left.

Traveling from coast: Interstate all the way!

I-10 West (toward Hammond, LA) to I-55 North (toward Jackson, MS)

Take Exit 17 and stay to the right onto Delaware Avenue (toward downtown). At the 2nd traffic light (West St.) turn right and go 1 block. You will Denman Junior High School on the left.

OR if you are coming from the east:

Highway 98 West (from Hattiesburg) to I-55 North (toward McComb)

Take Exit 17 and turn right onto Delaware Avenue (toward downtown). At the 2nd traffic light (West St.) turn right and go 1 block. You will Denman Junior High School on the left.

Nancy Jay, Southern District Director

ZETA STATE MISSISSIPPI TO HAVE THE FRONT ROW SEAT ON OPENING NIGHT OF OUR SOCIETY'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Zeta State DKG members will have a front row seat when John Brock, Chairman and CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises and Moss Point native will be the opening night speaker at DKG's International Convention in Spokane, Washington, July 20-24, 2010.

The opening reception preceding the opening session will be hosted by Coca Cola enterprises and featured refreshments will be Coca Cola products.

Many Zeta State members may not recognize the name, John Brock, but Zeta State members initiated in the late 1970's to early 2000's will know John's mother, Anise Brock, charter Alpha Xi member, and perhaps her two sisters, Jane Wade (Alpha Lambda) and Annette Robertson.

At an International Society Committee meeting last January, a discussion of speakers for the 2010 International Convention ended with Betty Oswald agreeing to contact John Brock ... and these are her words:

“I had not seen John since his mother, Anise, died in 2006 and, even though the Brock family were dear friends, I wasn't exactly sure how to approach the CEO of a worldwide enterprise and request hosting a convention event as well as personally traveling from Atlanta to Spokane, taking valuable time from his busy schedule. To my great surprise, I was put at ease from the moment John said ‘Hello.’ I found him to be delighted that DKG wanted him to speak because he ‘grew up with his mother active in the society.’”

John and his wife Mary will come to Spokane to help the Society honor his mother and her sisters.

It is our hope that each Zeta State chapter will be represented in Spokane, July 20-24th, when John Brock, a visionary, will share thoughts on building relationships in a global society ... and isn't that what Delta Kappa Gamma is all about?

**Betty Oswald,
Alpha Lambda Member**

Visit our “live” Zeta Data at: <http://zetadata.blogspot.com/>

Social Network Debuts January

Linda Eller, Communications Services Administrator, will demonstrate the Social Network to administrative board members at their January 14-16 meeting. After that it will premier on the web page. Be watching for it. A Beta group has volunteered to test it out. These are those members who are already experienced social network users. Also note the web site has a new look. It will be easier to navigate as well. Be sure to check it out this month!

The Big Read

The Big Read is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2010 and June 2011. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, access to online training resources, educational and promotional materials, inclusion of your organization and activities on The Big Read web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected by a panel of experts.

To download the Guidelines & Application

Instructions visit [The Big Read Web site.](http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php)
http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php
from Alpha Gamma news.

Caldecott Award Winner David Wiesner

will receive the 2010 Southern Miss Medallion for his body of work as an illustrator of more than twenty books for children at the 43rd annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival. The festival will be held on April 7-9 and will feature a variety of authors and illustrators. Complete information is on the website at www.usm.edu/bookfest. And while you are there, check out Opportunity Three with information about the Magnolia Award!

Pi - An Active Chapter? – You Bet!

Pi Chapter located in the Central District is comprised of Rankin, Scott and Simpson Counties; an active chapter, to say the least, where members are involved and participate in activities revolving around the community. This year programs have been focusing on member commitment and service to the community and surrounding area. Awards have or will be given to grant-in-aid and Red Rose recipients. This year's Red Rose recipient was Libby Hartfield, Director of the Mississippi Museum of Natural History. Recognition will also be given to members with years of service in Delta Kappa Gamma. Outstanding programs involving Music from outside sources, a visit from our Zeta State President, useful information given to members by volunteers of Heifer International, as well as, "Dress for Success" involvement is truly making this year a winner for Pi members. Participation, Involvement and Care for the members within the chapter has helped in making Pi the chapter that it is today.

From Beta Chapter

Cathy Lutz of Canton is the recipient of Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Chapter's Red Rose Award. This award is presented to a person who is not a member of Delta Kappa Gamma but has made significant contributions to the field of education. She is currently a first grade teacher at Madison Station Elementary School. Cathy has been instrumental in the implementation of best practices in math and science, as well as integrating the arts into all facets of education. Her previous honors, awards and credentials are only part of the picture, as Cathy is loved by students, parents and fellow teachers for going above and beyond to help everyone be successful.

Beta Chapter is also presenting its Grant-In-Aid award to Tressie Reed Smith. Tressie is an elementary education major at Mississippi College.

Rho Chapter presented its Red Rose Award to Elizabeth Shell Griffin. Elizabeth has contributed to education in many ways from being a parent, a bus driver, a teacher assistant to Franklin Lower Elementary School secretary. She knows every student and parent by name, and is responsible for keeping everything on track at the school. Marsha Webb, the principal, says that Mrs. Liz is a wise woman. She has been employed in the school system for almost thirty years. The Zeta Data editor really enjoyed this snippet from Rho news and had to include it in ZETA DATA.

On November 4th of the year, **Alpha Iota Chapter** of Delta Kappa Gamma International dedicated the Susan Marie Cliett Memorial Display Case to Bryan Public Library in West Point. Susan's parents, Charlie and Grace Cliett, and her brother, Chuck Cliett, were present for the dedication.

Susan, a long time member of Delta Kappa Gamma, lost a second battle with cancer in 2008. Although Cliett lost her sight at age 23 to cancer, she went on to finish her Master's degree in foreign languages at Mississippi State University. She taught both Spanish and French at the high school level, first in Tunica and later in Brandon where she taught for 23 years. She was a dedicated teacher who spent most weekend and summers preparing lesson plans with the help of her father.

In addition to subject matter, Susan taught her students what courage, perseverance and faith looked like. Following her retirement in 2004, Cliett returned to West Point to be closer to her parents, Charles and Grace Cliett.

During the dedication program, Susan's family and friends shared memories of her inspirational life. Barbara Iles, President of Alpha Iota Chapter, presented the plaque dedicating the display case to Bryan Public Library. Lucille Armstrong, also a DKG member, accepted the gift on behalf of Bryan Public Library. Susan's brother, Chuck Cliett, responded for the family.

Jill Boteler, **Tau Chapter**, attended a three-day meeting of the ten states involved in the "e-Learning for Educators" under a grant initiative. Your ZETA DATA editor hopes she shares some of this at future DKG state

meetings! This may well be the learning of the future.

Stacy Reeves, **Alpha Gamma Chapter**, co-authored with Pokey Stanford, is published in the Fall 2009 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.
[www.deltakappagamma.net/associations/6498/files/Rubrics for the Classroom.pdf](http://www.deltakappagamma.net/associations/6498/files/Rubrics%20for%20the%20Classroom.pdf)

Legislative Awareness ... "Parent's Campaign, Better Schools, Brighter Future"

Join the Mississippi Parent's Campaign and you can be notified of who your legislators are and how to contact them. MS Parent's Campaign will tell you when education and related legislation is proposed and the effect it will have on your school district. You will be kept informed as to how your legislators vote on issues concerning our children's education and funding. There is no cost to join and signing up for the email updates can be invaluable for phoning and writing your legislators about what you think. The Parent's Campaign is even considering a text message option. Even if you do not have children in school, these issues affect the children and future of our state. The Parent's Campaign is not associated with any political organization and is non-profit. Debbie Meador, a Delta Kappa Gamma member, is now working with the Parent's campaign. Visit this website to join for free:
www.msparentscampaign.org

Nominate a Woman of Vision and Action

Has someone in your chapter or state organization exhibited extraordinary vision? Has someone taken action to bring an idea to fruition? Has an international board member or committee member advanced the Society through extraordinary vision or action? Nominate this woman for recognition as a **Woman of Vision and Action**.

Any member may nominate a living member (active, reserve, or honorary) to be recognized as a **Woman of Vision and Action** at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Each nominee will have her name and state listed in the program book and will receive a ribbon to wear on her

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