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.

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 Novel 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 106 Oakdale Hernando, MS 38632 Florence, MS 39073 Tylertown, MS 39667

Central District: Lynn Holliday 1112 Meadowbrook Lane Erin Fortenberry

Southern District: Central District: Brandon, MS 39042

Registration Forms to:

Please indicate permission to use your photo in State Publications: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Step out … move outside your local chapter and be a participant in this special day… be present at YOUR district meeting!

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

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 gathering for those no longer with us and stand together for chapter programs … down the road!

We are a professional honor society for women educators, a sisterhood, we have a mission … call it a visionary, will share thoughts on building relationships represented in Spokane, July 20-24th, when John Brock, charter Alpha Xi member, and perhaps her two sisters, Jane Wade (Alpha Lambda) and Annette Robertson.

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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 a year 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.