

ZETA DATA

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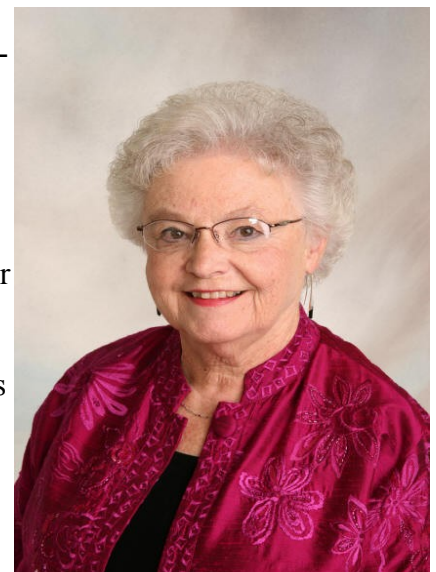
Our Representative from International!

Dr. Carolyn Rants, immediate past international president, is from Sioux City, Iowa. She retired July 2007 as Vice-President for Instruction and Student Services at Western Iowa Tech Community College. She has two adult sons and four granddaughters. During the previous biennium she lived in a downtown Austin apartment, just a few blocks from headquarters. She enjoyed her new adventure in urban living.

Carolyn has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in three different states. She was initiated in Nebraska, transferred to Michigan, and has spent the last 40+ years in Iowa. She was recipient of the Eunah Temple Holden International Scholarship in 1981 when she was completing work on her doctorate at the University of South Dakota. In 1987 she attended the Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin.

She has served the Society in a variety of ways. She was Iowa state organization president 1995-1997, served on the International Research Committee, Focus 2000 Committee, and the International Scholarship Committee and was the Northwest Regional Director (2004-2006), First Vice-President (2006-2008) and International President (2008-2010).

Carolyn is very proud and grateful for all the experiences she has gained as a member of this organization. Delta Kappa Gamma has opened opportunities for her, enabling her to enhance her leadership skills, meet women educators in seventeen different countries (She installed Panama as the 17th country November 2009.), and grow and develop both personally and professionally. As your Immediate Past International President she brings greetings and updates from International. Carolyn is always eager to talk with you about your ideas for ways to advance the Society.



Dr. Carolyn Rants

from our President...

Welcome to 2011 and Discover
the Wonders of things to come.



Zeta State members have looked at many types of lenses in the past year and now let us consider the binoculars as we enter 2011...looking through the thin **lens** brings things closer to our view, while looking through the larger **lens** makes things farther away, not out of reach, just farther. My son has come to embrace the following motto, "...if nothing changes, nothing changes..." He swapped around the binoculars in order to see close and far in his life. We in Zeta State might need to do some swapping around ourselves. What changes might be appropriate for Zeta State in the near future and in the distant future? Does your chapter need some changes? Give it some thought.

Look through the thin lens and see just a short way off. You got it. Zeta State Convention in Natchez on April 1 - 2. Don't forget to make your reservations NOW! We are in for a treat this year as Karen Fayard, First VP, and Karen Rhodes, convention chairman, and all convention committees work tirelessly to provide us with a smashing good convention. Kay Collins, Professional Affairs, has done an outstanding job lining up our Friday Pre-convention Seminar to include the Natchez Pilgrimage. Our international guest will be Dr. Carolyn Rants, past international president. I talked with Carolyn last week and she is as excited about coming as we are about her coming. Won't she enjoy the Pilgrimage tour on Friday? Carolyn will speak several times at the convention about happenings and changes with international. We are also in for some changes in our state by-laws, which will impact each chapter's by-laws, Zeta State By-Laws Committee headed by Gail Stephens lead and guide us.

What about looking through the large lens at things further away? Oh, yes, we have some things out there. Past President Jeanette Reinike is leading a committee in Strategic Planning for Zeta State. Be excited to hear what she and her committee will share with us at convention. Each chapter may want to take a look through the large lens to see just what it can do in order to be more productive as a chapter and more useful to the society in future months and years. What else is slightly farther away? Maybe SE Regional in Louisville, KY. The Kentucky ladies have quite the conference prepared for us. Look now on <http://www.dkg.org> and begin filling cars to travel to Kentucky and rooms in which to sleep...I mean, rest for a while. They have so much planned I do not believe we can rest.

On a sad note I share with you that our Southeastern Regional Director, Elizabeth Garner, died unexpectedly between Christmas and New Year. Carol Rigby, Sandra McKiernon and I represented Mississippi at her Memorial Service in Birmingham on January 4. It was a lovely tribute to a wonderful woman of great leadership in our society. Following the service, her husband invited Delta Kappa Gamma members to their home for lunch. We enjoyed meeting him and sharing our love of Elizabeth. A donation from Zeta State has been given to International Emergency Fund in Elizabeth's memory. International President Jensi Souders has appointed Libby Watson of Alabama to fill the position. Libby worked very closely with Elizabeth during the fall in preparation for SE Regional and will do a wonderful job of carrying on for Elizabeth.

Well, pull out your binoculars and look close and look far...are you looking as did Annie Webb Blanton...forward moving ever? Zeta State is.



*Cynthia Colburn, Zeta
State President*

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

from Barbara Jepsen

This is a new international and state project replacing the Numeracy and Literacy Project that we reported on in the past. Schools for Africa is to provide increased access to basic education in 11 of Africa's neediest countries. It is administered through The U.S. Fund of UNICEF. Donations only are needed; do not send school supplies, books, etc. Report your chapter's donation through the Personal Growth and Services Committee to the Zeta State PG&S committee, Barbara T. Jepsen, Chairman, and send the donation through your chapter treasurer to the state treasurer.

If your chapter has a favorite numeracy and literacy project that you have done for a long time, you may continue to do this.



Dear Cynthia and members of Zeta State Organization:

Losing a parent is never easy, and the loss of my mother in October hit me really hard, as I was unable to be there just before and when she died.

However, the time then and since has been made so much easier with the help of so many friends who have sent cards and made donations in Mother's name to funds about which I and/or she care. Thank you for your caring gift to Xi State in her memory. She loved our Society, especially Xi State, and worked many years at the chapter and state levels for our organization. I appreciate your caring enough to honor her and me in this way.

I look forward to thanking you in person in Louisville this summer.

Most sincerely,

Jensi Souders

2010-2012 International President

BOOK BAZAAR –

from Kay Collins

The Professional Affairs Committee is sponsoring a book sale at the Zeta State Convention. We are asking convention participants to bring books of all kinds for us to sell to raise money for Grant-in-Aid. Hardback books, paperback books, fiction, non-fiction, professional books, children’s books, books for all age levels, books for all interests...

Bring gently-used books with you to the convention. Bring books from members who cannot attend. Let’s help our Grant-in-Aid grow so that we can support more students entering the teaching profession. Books will be sold for \$2.00 and \$5.00.

Do you want to help early career educators?

Are you concerned about bullying?

Do you support literacy efforts?

Make A Miracle Campaign – \$500

Make A Miracle II – Additional \$500

Donations are 100% tax deductible for U.S. citizens

“Contributing to the Foundation took on new meaning for me when I was able to obtain some funding for a state project that would honor new teachers and give them deserved recognition as they began their careers in education. I have come to appreciate the diversity of funded projects when I see in each year’s award listing that funds will be used literally all over the world.”

Jane D. Williams, Iota state organization, Virginia, executive secretary and past state president
The Delta Kappa Gamma
Educational Foundation

www.educatoredge.org

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Natchez Pre-Conference Seminar 2011

We will leave the Grand Hotel at 8:30 for a half-day tour. A short film, *The Natchez Story*, at the Natchez Visitors' Center will begin our tour. Transportation – Bus.

Two homes will highlight our tour. We will visit the Longwood Plantation, also known as Nutt's Folly, whose construction began in the 1860s. It is certainly a unique looking plantation building. Rather than the usual Greek Revival style that was so popular in the South during that era, the builder chose to create a multistory, octagonal, Oriental Revival style. The house is six stories tall, encompasses 30,000 square feet, and has a large byzantine styled dome. As the house neared completion, the Civil War broke out and construction halted. The workers were needed at home, so they left the house in an unfinished state. Fortunately, construction of the exterior was complete; only the inside of the massive home that was never finished. The house has 32 rooms, but only 9 were completed. This is one house you will not want to miss.



Built in 1857 by Frederick Stanton, Stanton Hall is one of the most visited National Historic Landmarks, in America today. In 1858, an article in the *Mississippi Free Trader* described the newly completed "palatial residence" as "magnificent and princely." Today that glowing description is truer than ever. The white stuccoed mansion sits on tree shaded property encompassing an entire city block in the heart of Natchez. No expense was spared and every detail was carefully carried out, from the four immense white Corinthian columns on the front gallery to the Sheffield silver knobs and hinges used throughout the mansion. In every room bronze chandeliers depict a part of Natchez history. Magnificent white marble mantels were sculptured in New York, whereas the massive gold-leaf mirrors were ordered from France.



On the grounds of Stanton Hall is the famous **Carriage House Restaurant** and Lounge. We will have lunch here. Your meal is included in the price of the ticket.

The bus will then take us back to the Grand Hotel in time for conference activities.



See Next Page for Form

Cost of tour \$70.00

Name _____ Cell Number _____

Chapter _____ Email
address _____

Payment _____ Make checks payable to: Zeta State

Registration form and payments must be postmarked by: March 11, 2011
Send registration form and payment to Kay Collins, address in Directory.

How many ways can you say "Louisville?"

Come to the 2011 Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, Kentucky July 13 to 16, 2011 to find out how you did. Stay at the beautiful new Marriott Louisville Downtown hotel. While there, attend informative sessions tailored to the needs of DKG members. Catch up with old DKG friends. Make new DKG friends. Refresh, Revive, Eat, Shop, Tour, Celebrate!

Louisville and the surrounding area has many interesting offerings. Bybee Pottery, Slugger Museum, Mohamed Ali Museum, Falls of the Ohio, IMAX and Science Museum, Speed Art Museum, Locust Grove - home of George Rogers Clark, Derby Museum, and Churchill Downs to name a few. Restaurants galore. What's your taste buds callin' for? Did someone say, "Shop?" Malls, Malls, Malls.

Don't know where to begin? Check the tour listings. Alpha Gamma State has planned some very interesting and exciting tours for you to take in many directions. ll come to see us. We're expecting you!

