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Abracadabra!

By Tracey Crawford



It's now 2016!! Welcome to a new year of **MAGIC** - **M**oving and **G**rowing in Chapters! I sure hope that you have been making **MAGIC** everywhere you go and with the people you meet. Our district meetings are kicking off; what better place to meet people and grow. I sure hope you are making plans to attend these superb meetings within your area. The sessions will be interesting and fun! Zeta State's Second Vice President, JoAnna Alston and District Directors, Janice Garrett, Janet Conley, Janet Berg, Betsy Sullivan, Sarajane Smith, and Sybil Wilner have been working hard behind the scenes in preparation for your arrival. You never know what will be in these District Directors' magic hats if you don't attend! Bring a SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) teacher with you!

For us to work **MAGIC**, we need to remember the goals that were set forth this biennium:

- Each chapter shall consider membership diversity in recruiting new members.
- Each chapter shall encourage members to apply for 2017 Leadership Management Seminar.
- Each chapter shall financially support the International Service Projects and the Zeta State Scholarship Fund.
- Each chapter shall schedule a visit from a state officer, state committee chair, or member of the Order of Magnolia during the biennium.
- Each chapter shall have a net increase of at least three members during the biennium.

Exciting things await us in the coming months in Zeta State. We have the Executive Board meeting, three district meetings, a Chapter Leader's Retreat, and more when we least expect it! As you read through this newsletter, mark all these dates on your calendar so that you don't miss a **trick!** I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in the near future.

2016 District Meetings – Coming Soon Throughout Zeta State!

By Joanna Alston and Your District Directors

Your District Directors and District Assistant Directors are busy planning for your arrival at the 2016 District Meetings! A short synopsis from each Director is provided below with details that will whet your appetite for the day's events. In addition to what they have provided, let me tell you about the Society sessions being planned by Zeta State ladies.

* Enjoy a little "R & R" with the Membership Committee while learning how to *recruit & retain* members at the chapter level.

* Learn the basics of website creation in a hands-on session with Toni Cook. Be sure to BYOL (Bring Your Own Laptop)!

* Discover new ways to incorporate music into chapter meetings with Joy Schaub and the Educational Excellence Committee.

* SEE how DKG supports early-career educators. This session is for our ECE (Early-Career Educators) visitors as well as those who are interested in this International project. Remember to visit the Zeta State website (www.zetastatedkg.org) regularly for further details. We are looking forward to a magical day with you at your District Meeting!

From Janice Garrett, Northern District Director

The Northern District Meeting will be held on March 5, 2016, at Harrisburg Baptist Church, in Tupelo. Onsite registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the General Session beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. Programs including technology tips, Mississippi travels, membership, and music ideas are being planned to make this day a productive and fun one for all members.

We are hoping to have 100% participation from all chapters in the Northern District and encourage you to bring as many Early-Career Educators as you can.

Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. With our SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) program, DKG hopes by offering advice on classroom management, parent-teacher relations, and providing support in appropriate and practical ways more of these educators will remain in the field.

From Janet Berg, Central District Director

In addition to the Society workshops, Central District will offer four wonderful sessions at the March 12th meeting. Retired Public Health Officer, Dr. Margaret Morrison, will provide information on *Immunization Issues Past and Present*. Aleta Sullivan will offer a make and take session, *Iris Folding with Aleta*. Ray Galley invites interested people to come to his *Songs of the Psaltery* session and learn about two instruments from the American colony days, the dulcimer and the psaltery. He will actually have some psalteries for sale! To round out the Central District Meeting, author Joe Lee, *Man of Words*, will provide information on what it's like to write a book.

We hope every member in Central District will join us at Madison Central High School for a time of learning and fellowship.

From Sarajane Smith, Southern District Director

The Southern District Meeting will be April 9th in Gulfport. We hope all chapters in the Southern District will be represented. The deadline to register is March 25th.

Southern District has been planning a meeting that will be informative to all our DKG sisters. Workshops will inform members about travel opportunities, women's heart health, the new Audubon Center, and the *Chrome Classroom* by Delta Kappa Gamma member and Mississippi Teacher of the Year.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2016 Zeta State District Meetings "We Can Do MAGIC in DKG! Moving and Growing in Chapters"

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:

_____ **Northern District** (March 5, 2016), Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

_____ **Central District** (March 12, 2016), Madison Central High School, Madison

_____ **Southern District** (April 9, 2016), Gateway United Methodist Church, Gulfport

Check if applicable:

Chapter President

State Officer

Past State President

Attending First Time

State Committee Chairman

Dietary Restriction

Please Specify _____

Registration and Luncheon Fees: \$30 before deadline/\$40 after deadline

Northern District Deadline: postmarked February 19, 2016

Central District Deadline: postmarked February 26, 2016

Southern District Deadline: postmarked March 25, 2016

Make checks payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma Society – Zeta State District Meeting

Mail Registration Forms to:

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Cynthia Colburn
123 High Point Drive
Tupelo, MS 38801

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Sylvia Gambill
8431 Northeast Pines Drive
Meridian, MS 39305

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Nadine Nicolls
18410 Bert Road
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International News

Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

Nashville, Tennessee
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
July 5-9, 2016

Start making plans now to attend the International Convention!
Check out www.dkg.org for registration and hotel information.

DKG Educational Foundation

By Cathy P. Daugherty
2014-2016 International First Vice President



Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor *Call Me Country* at the world-famous Wildhorse Saloon during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*. Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7th in the Wildhorse Saloon located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district.

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF *Call Me Country* event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the Wildhorse in Nashville!

DKG Website

By Dr. Dianne Anderson
2014-2016 International Communications & Publicity Committee

Check out www.dkg.org! The International website has been updated! Information regarding how to sign in to the DKG website was included in the *DKG Presidents' Page*, which is mailed to every state organization and chapter president.

Presidents, please share the default password with your chapter members. This password is not to be published electronically—i.e., not shared on a website or in a newsletter that is published on a website. You may, however, share the default password via print materials or via direct email to members. Due to cyber security and member privacy issues, as well as the protection of materials specific to members and membership, some areas of the website will be members-only and will require log in. Members should sign in for full access to the new DKG website.

Presidents and Chapter Communication & Publicity Chairs, you may want to consider a short program demonstrating how to log on to the new website.



Officer and Committee News

The Magic Manual Your Chapter Yearbook!

By Linda Hollingsworth

What an honor it has been to peruse the 2015-2016 Zeta State Chapter Yearbooks! It is evident that a great amount of work is taking place in chapters throughout our state! December 1, 2015 was the deadline for sending yearbooks. Out of 39 Zeta State Chapters 36 yearbooks were received for this year!

Your yearbook is *Magical!* There is so much information within your chapter yearbook that it should be your best friend during the year. It is a super reference book for any DKG information. If you want to tell someone about DKG, then whip out your yearbook and help them understand who we are and what we do. Need the phone number or address of a state officer or committee chair or chapter president; it's in the yearbook. If you can't remember who the Zeta State officers or chairmen are, it's in there too! Want to contact International; guess what? It's in there! If you aren't sure about your chapter rules or procedures, check out the yearbook. View your yearbook for all of those DKG dates such as Regionals, Conventions, Zeta State District Meetings, and of course, your chapter meeting dates. Don't be without this Magic Nutshell!

If you did not get your chapter yearbook sent this year or did not make the deadline, do not despair: there is 2016-2017. Let's make it 100% for yearbooks! We can do it!

Chapter Leaders Retreat Save the Date

By Karen Fayard

Chapter Leaders Retreat
Saturday, June 11, 2016
Copiah Academy, Gallman, MS
8am - 3pm
\$25 per person

Chapter Service Projects

By Suzanne Brasfield

The Zeta State Personal Growth and Services Committee would like to honor our chapters who are implementing projects. It is always a new shot of enthusiasm when chapters see what your members are successfully implementing in your communities. Our deadline was February 1st, and I hope your chapter sent in project information. If you missed the deadline, please send me your report anyway. Your ideas are valuable. Contact me if you have questions:

Suzanne Brasfield, brasfam@bellsouth.net

Nominations

By Claire Craig

The Nominations Committee will be working diligently in 2016 to put together a slate of officers to present at the next Zeta State Convention in 2017.

Red Rose Awards and Grant-in-Aid Funds

By Kimberly Allen

I am delighted to serve as your Zeta State Professional Affairs Committee Chair this biennium.

I have received your applications for Red Rose Awards and Grant-in-Aid Funds. It's exciting to see you honoring these women. I encourage you to make sure your local programs of action promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators. If I can help you in any way with these programs, please let me know. kimberly_allen@bellsouth.net



Officer and Committee News

Membership "Wellness Check Up"

By Reba Greer

The Membership Committee looks forward to working with you at our upcoming District Meetings! We invite you to join us for your yearly "Wellness Check Up." We will help you examine your Chapter's "vital signs" to determine the state of your health, identify areas for maintenance in your Chapter, and areas in which to intensify your efforts. You will leave our "check up" workshop understanding DKG International's plan for continued good health and the opportunity to reflect and share the magical progress you are already making in Zeta State!

Legislative U. S. Forum

By Angela Bedenbaugh

Join DKG Key Women Educators for speakers, tours, a day on Capitol Hill, and for legislative networking at:



- U.S. Forum/National Legislative Seminar 2016
- March 13-16, 2016
- Holiday Inn, National Airport, Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia
- The mission of the United States Forum is to engage its members to take an active role in fulfilling purposes four and seven of the Society in a non-partisan manner
- Registration and hotel information is available on U.S. Forum website at usforumdkg.org

DKG History

By Carolyn Palmer

How does your Chapter keep up with its history?

Tune in with Carolyn Palmer and the History Committee as they promote chapter records and history at the district meetings.

DKG Needs Your Help to SEE!

By Joanna Alston

- Who:** Every Chapter in Zeta State
- When:** 2016 District Meetings
- What:** Sponsor attendance (registration and transportation) of an early-career educator (ECE) – teaching for five years or less
- How:** Choose at least one lady to sponsor
Complete a registration form
Write "ECE – Visitor" at the top
Mail it by the deadline
Email her name and sponsoring chapter to joanna.alston@mgccc.edu
- Why:** The reasons are numerous!
- Too many teachers are leaving the classroom within the first 3 years, many times due to a lack of support.
 - DKG members can fill that need through mentoring!
 - Insight and learning flow in both directions between mentors and their mentees – a win-win situation!
 - Introducing ECEs to DKG is a perfect way to recruit potential members and strengthen the Society!!
- Please contact me if you have questions!

Chapter News

Alpha Lambda

By Tracey Crawford

Betty Oswald, Alpha Lambda Chapter, will be serving as Mississippi's liaison for Fine Arts & Humanities. She will work to promote the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. This liaison will also work with the Arts & Humanities Jury to encourage members to submit their artistic endeavors for possible submission to the Gallery. Betty has been an active member of the Mississippi Women in the Arts and the National Women in the Arts for a number of years. She will be a great asset to this committee.

Beta

By Sylvia Haver

Beta chapter took a tour of the Ronald McDonald House on December 3rd. Members donated items from the House's wish list. Chris Kennedy who is the day manager of the home led the tour. We learned the history of how the house was funded and the construction dates of the building and its additions. Following the tour our members went to First Thursday in Fondren for supper and shopping.

Sigma

By Connie Sable

"Moving and Growing" is happening in Sigma Chapter, which initiated three new members in September. "Sharing Our Vision...Showers of Blessings" was the theme for the October meeting with five new teachers being showered with tote bags full of classroom necessities and goodies for the SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) project. We also give goody bags each month to our SEE teachers. The program presented by Diane Wise was "Current Trends In Education." Stacy Baudoin is leading us as President in a "Magical" year.

Alpha Psi

By Sherrell Settlemires

Alpha Psi's latest exciting project is a 110-page cookbook that our World Fellowship Committee compiled from recipes submitted by our members and are selling for \$15 each. We have already sold over forty and we plan to donate the proceeds to the World Fellowship Fund.



Alpha Kappa

By Donna Hooper

To emphasize our service to the local *Starkville Reads* program Alpha Kappa recently focused a meeting simply on reading. Each member brought books and magazines to donate to the *Starkville Reads* program. A discussion was given of the DKG Educators' book for 2015, Danah Boyd's *It's Complicated: The Social Life of Networked Teens*. The main highlight for the evening was our program that was provided by Mississippi author Laurie Parker who captivated our members with her story of how she actually became an author. Her books were also available for purchase.

Alpha Chi

By Tracey Crawford

Six young women educators of the Simpson County area were initiated into the Alpha Chi chapter on September 22nd. Alex Danielson, Kathy Gibson, Melanie Hays, Melissa Hayes, Marendy McAlpin, and Jennifer Ramsdale were welcomed to the society by their Alpha Chi sisters. In support of our SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) project, baskets were brought and filled with items to distribute to teachers.