



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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It is a MAGICAL Time of the Year - CONVENTION Time!

By Tracey Crawford

M - Make plans to attend on March 31st and April 1st in Jackson at the Hilton Inn on County Line Road. This is going to be a fabulous venue with something for everyone.

A - Apply and register for convention. Be the one looking for new opportunities to move and grow! The form is included in this newsletter.

G - Get on board and sign up for the Pre-Convention Seminar. A boat tour of the Ross Barnett Reservoir, lunch, and shopping will all take place. The first forty to sign up will have a chance to attend this event and earn CEU credit (0.5).

I - Invite other members to join in for fellowship, DKG highlights, inspiring speakers and breakout sessions, as well as excellent food!

C - Come make memories for yourself and your chapter, take part in DKG sessions, honor our members who have passed, and support our new chapter presidents, our Women of Distinction, and our 50+ year members.

Convention Sessions and Speakers

Non-Society Sessions:

- *The Magic of Planning for a Lifetime of Health and Wealth!* - Richard Courtney, Courtney Elder Law Associates, Jackson, MS
- *The Magic of Mentoring: A Personal Look* - Laura Lee Lewis, Miss Mississippi 2016
- *The Hills are Alive with Magic: Our Own MS Hills That is!* - The Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area, Tupelo, MS - Mary Cates and Kayla McCarley
- *The Magic of Serving Others: Man's Best Friend - Retrieving Freedom, Inc.* - Mr. Charles Dwyer and "Annie" - Mississippi Facility, Olive Branch, MS

Society Sessions:

- *International Guest* - Dr. Rhonda Anderson, Northwest Regional Director
- *Bibbity, Bobbity, Boo, Founders Fun for You!* - Sandra McKiernon, Research Representative and Cynthia Colburn
- *Abracadabra - One Becomes Three* - Jeanette Thrash, World Fellowship Representative, Linda Hollingsworth, Dot Prestwich
- *Out of the Magic Hat is the MVP of Programs* - Cheryl Saffle

Extra Leadership Opportunities for You

By Tracey Crawford

Mark your calendar for this summer's Southeast Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on July 19th-22nd. I'm planning on being there; let's make memories together and continue to keep those seven purposes in our vision as we strive to keep Delta Kappa Gamma the wonderful society of women educator's that it is.

Also, pencil in the Leadership Management Seminar at Eagle Ridge on June 11th-14th. Sign up early because there are a limited number of participants. Fun times await you at this leadership experience.

See Chapter Artwork on Display!

By Betty Oswald

Zeta State Chapter members will showcase many creative Fine Arts Talents at the Zeta State Convention March 31st-April 1st in Jackson.

Each Chapter President is encouraging members to submit their original artwork, which includes crafts (sewing, embroidery, quilting, jewelry, etc.), pottery, mixed media, paintings (oil & watercolor), photographs, poems, short stories and you may know others!

Chapter Presidents have the detailed information members will need for displaying their individual artwork at the convention on April 1st. This is Zeta State's first beginning in submitting original artwork into the International DKG Gallery of Fine Arts at our headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Visit the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts site at www.dkg.org.

The Gallery promotes DKG's purpose #6 "To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action."

Love to Read - Read to Share

By Aleta Sullivan

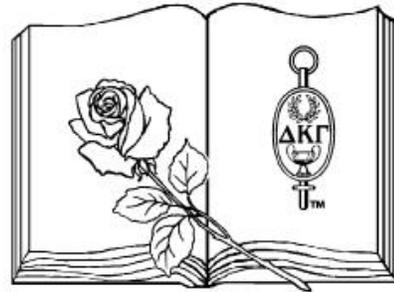
A Reading Fair will be held at convention this year. Brush-off that favorite book and share it with your fellow sisters. Aleta Sullivan will collect your synopsis and/or "reading fair" board. The forms and a brief presentation are available on the Zeta State Website.

Zeta State Achievement Award Recommendations

By Jeanette F. Reinike

Don't forget that February 1, 2017, is the deadline for submitting recommendations for the 2017 Zeta State Achievement Award. Recipients should be active members who have exhibited outstanding service to education and have done or are doing work that contributes to the growth of Zeta State.

Eligibility requirements are listed in chapter presidents' notebooks. Recommendations should be sent to Jeanette F. Reinike, Awards Committee Chairman, jfreinike@yahoo.com.



Respecting and Honoring Our Social Bond

By Reba Greer

Our 2017 Convention in Jackson includes our Celebration of Life Ceremony for members who have passed over the biennium. Those honored at our District meetings will be recognized, along with others who pass before our February 1 deadline.

We thank Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs for promptly sending Form 6 to report a member's death. Copies should be sent to DKG International, Zeta State Treasurer, Membership Chair, and President.

Please observe our February 1, 2017 deadline for submitting your Chapter Necrology Report, using Form 2.

Our Mississippi Stars recognition for members of 50 years and beyond further illustrates Zeta States' special bond. Please provide Zeta State Treasurer and Membership Chair the members to be celebrated at our 2017 Convention.

Will Tracey's Magical Hat Be Good to You?

By Lynn Holliday

The Headquarters Committee will again hold a Silent Auction/Raffle at the convention. As always tickets will be 1 ticket - \$1.00, 6 tickets - \$5.00, 12 tickets - \$10.00 and 25 tickets - \$20.00. This activity helps primarily in funding our Headquarters in Byram, Mississippi.

Items donated to the auction may include: pottery, food, gift and DKG items. The drawing for the auction will take place during the birthday luncheon so be sure and get your tickets from a member of the Headquarters Committee before that time. You must be present to win. We will be using Tracey's Magical Hat to pull the ticket numbers!

On an additional note, provided funds are available, **we will be drawing a name from each district (a member's name who has been a member 25 + years)**. Requirements to be eligible for the drawing include: present at the banquet, register and participate in activities of the convention. **The winning recipients will receive a monetary refund of the convention registration.** This drawing will be held at the banquet and the member must be present to win. Please make sure you mark the square on your registration form if you are a 25+ year member.

An Opportunity to Reach-Out

By Chris Wall

If your chapter is looking for an additional service project, consider helping women educators and members of DKG who were affected by flooding in south Louisiana during this past summer. Pi Chapter (Mandy Bradley, President) has connected with Gamma Eta, a chapter who is attempting to assist educators in East Baton Rouge, Ascension and Livingston parishes who lost their homes and schools due to a natural disaster. Pi Chapter has been able to collect and deliver \$650 in teacher and art supplies and educational materials to Margret Atkinson, President, Gamma Eta chapter. Also, these educators have received assistance from their state organization, but still need daily supplies, library books and educational materials. If you are interested in participating with helping these teachers, please email Chris Wall at chris.wall150@gmail.com or call at (601) 613-2230. Thanks for your commitment and dedication to other DKG sisters in need.

With an "Abracadabra" and a "Bibbity Boo" Our Zeta State Convention is Being Planned for You!

By Linda Hollingsworth

Calling all Chapter Presidents to rally their members to plan now to attend the 2017 Zeta State Convention, March 31st - April 1st! Chapters, unite and stand strong for this special event! Be in attendance and be counted. Presidents, help your chapter to have the most members present for this convention--set a goal now! Encourage, encourage, encourage!

What a pleasure it has been planning sessions, contacting presenters, inviting guests, and such! I count it a privilege to be a part of this awesome experience! I am excited about all of our Convention sessions and what we can learn, about how to go about our DKG work and our personal/professional work in, possibly, more creative ways!

I am also excited to have 2016 Miss Mississippi, Laura Lee Lewis, as our guest at Saturday's General Session. She is a student at MSU and a future educator. "*Mentoring Matters*", her platform, is one that is close to her heart and ours. She will present this as a session.

Just think... what if we could have the largest number attend? Ever! What if? Chapter Presidents, you are the "cheerleaders" for your chapter, so rally your members and be present and counted. That's our Mission, our Vision and our Purposes all rolled into one weekend! Be there!



Zeta State Officer Nominees for 2017-2019



Nominee for Zeta State President – Linda Hollingsworth, Pi Chapter

As a DKG member for many years, I have numerous and precious memories but one touches my heart in many ways. In 2006, while serving as Chairman of the Music Committee, Angela Bedenbaugh informed me that we had a state song, “*Delta Kappa Gamma, are We.*” I wrote to Cile Waite, the writer of the lyrics and music and Iris Brantley, the arranger of the song! How happy they were to hear from me and that we wanted to honor them at the 2007 Zeta State Convention! I do not know who was more excited but standing between those ladies, as they accepted their framed certificates from me and then as we all stood and sang, “*Delta Kappa Gamma, are We!*”, was indeed momentous!



Nominee for Zeta State First Vice President – Joanna Alston, Alpha Lambda Chapter

My favorite DKG memory is being speechless when I received the email that I had been awarded an International scholarship. I couldn't even make a coherent sentence. For me, that's saying something!!



Nominee for Zeta State Second Vice President – Janice Garrett, Eta Chapter

Favorite DKG memory is attending my first international convention in New York and making new friends!



Nominee for Northern District Director – Janet Conley, Alpha Delta Chapter

The honor I felt when asked to join; the formality of the initiation ceremony (long skirts at a country club); the fact drilled into us that “we are a society, not a sorority”; the welcoming of the sisterhood when moving/changing chapters four times; the fellowship during long car rides to meetings; the good times and sad times shared with DKG sisters; the personal benefits gained from DKG membership are all special memories for me.



Nominee for Northern Assistant District Director – Dorothy Prestwich, Iota Chapter

My favorite memory of DKG is taking Mrs. Ruby Jones, our Mississippi Star member, to the Northern District meeting where she was honored for her 50+ years of service. This was memorable in many ways, not only because of her intense pleasure in sitting at the honoree table, watching her slide show, and feeling her excitement at the honor given to her, but also because I was able to drive her to and from the meeting. I was given the opportunity of visiting with a knowledgeable, interesting, and dynamic lady of 90+ years. We have formed a bond outside of meeting pleasantries. This bond has lasted far beyond that meeting.



Nominee for Central District Director – Dr. Betsy Sullivan, Pi Chapter

I have so many favorite memories. It is difficult to select one. I love our Christmas meetings. Several years ago, we had a program that was very interactive. A group of twelve chapter members were asked to perform a version of the 12 Days of Christmas. However, the "days" were changed to fit the classroom. We REALLY got into our character. My character only wanted to know, "Is it recess yet?!" on the 5th day of Christmas. The reason that I chose this as my favorite memory is that it demonstrates our fellowship. We laughed as we sang, as did those who watched us. We lift each other up. We support each other and act as mentors to each other.

Zeta State Officer Nominees for 2017-2019



Nominee for Central Assistant District Director - Shauna Waters, Gamma Chapter

My favorite DKG memory comes from a hands-on meeting where we made no-sew fleece blankets to donate to our local cancer center. As we worked, all the members of our chapter had a real chance to talk and get to know one another better. The fellowship made an already worthy project that much better. Later, we heard how much our blankets had meant to those who were at the center for chemotherapy. It was in every way a perfect DKG event.



Nominee for Southern District Director – Sybil Wilner, Alpha Lambda Chapter

Every memory is so special to me that it is very hard to pick one in particular. However, I still remember the night of my initiation like it was yesterday. I had no idea what to expect. Some of the older members laughingly told us new ladies coming into the society we were going to have to catch a greased pig! We all giggled knowing they were playfully teasing us...yet it did add to the anticipation of just what we were getting into! The table was beautifully set with a white tablecloth, red candles, red roses, the official crest, and a bible. As we stood around the table in the glow of candlelight and recited the purposes of

Delta Kappa Gamma, pride of belonging to such a group of distinguished ladies made me extremely proud to part of the society.



Nominee for Southern Assistant District Director – Lauren Carpenter, Alpha Xi Chapter

The fellowship of our Alpha Xi family is an experience I treasure. Alpha Xi is a chapter of only eight members, but each member is dynamic and passionate about education. This year Alpha Xi was able to share that spirit with an equally lively chapter: Zeta Chapter. President Lauren Olsen and Zeta Chapter extended an invitation to our small chapter to participate in a joint meeting. These two chapters became one family while painting and decorating Fleur-de-lis ghosts, purple cats, and witches in tutus. This was a memorable experience for both the chapter and me.



Nominee for Zeta State Recording Secretary – Stephanie Jones, Alpha Lambda Chapter

My favorite DKG memory is of Leadership Management Seminar in 2007. It was an enriching, amazing experience! I formed lifelong friendships with ladies from throughout the state, learned a great deal about myself, and gained skills that I have used in leadership roles in DKG.

Delta Kappa Gamma - Zeta State Pre-Convention Seminar - “Set Sail for MAGIC” Friday, March 31, 2017 - 8:00-2:00

Ahoy, Ladies! What a fun way to kick off the upcoming Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta State convention with a boat tour on the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Come join us for a fabulous day of fellowship, friends, and food. Our tour begins at 8:00 am on Friday morning at the Hilton Hotel where we will board a chartered bus provided by Cline Tours. We will then travel to the marina at the Ross Barnett Reservoir to board The Friendship Charter boat. While on the boat we will enjoy a fun time visiting with our DKG family as well as learn interesting facts about the reservoir. Next, we will depart the boat and head to Pelican Cove Grill to enjoy a waterfront lunch. Finally, we will conclude our outing with a trip to the Mississippi Craft Center. There will be works on display by artisans from all over our great state of Mississippi. We will also have the chance to visit the gift shop featuring all the great artwork for sale. (Bring some spending money!!!) We will return to the Hilton Hotel by 2:00. This is sure to be a fun day you don't want to miss.

Due to limited seating, we will be able to take only the first forty applications. Please secure your spot today. Registration must be postmarked by March 11, 2017. There will be CEU's available to members who attend the pre-convention seminar and all the meetings at the convention on Saturday. Please check the box on the registration form if you are interested in getting CEU's. They will cost \$10 and the money and paperwork will be taken care of at the convention.

Zeta State Pre-Convention Seminar Registration Friday, March 31, 2017 ~ ~ 8:00-2:00

“Set Sail for MAGIC”

Cost of seminar: \$60.00

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

(Make check payable to Zeta State.)

Please check if you are interested in CEU's. CEU's will be available to members who attend the pre-convention seminar AND all the meetings at the convention on Saturday. You may pay for these at the end of the convention for \$10.00.

Registration must be postmarked by: March 11, 2017.

**Mail Registration to:
Lynn Holliday
106 Oakdale St
Florence, MS 39073-8959**

Please check by your lunch request. *

___ Shrimp Po'boy

___ Mahi Tacos

___ BLT w/fries

___ Chicken Sandwich w/fries

___ Hamburger w/fries

___ Turkey Burger w/fries

___ Salad topped with Chicken

___ Salad topped with Shrimp

*All meals will include a soft drink or tea and a dessert.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Zeta State Convention Registration Form

Mail Registration
Form and Check(s) to

Sylvia Gambill
8431 Northeast Pines Drive
Meridian, MS 39305

March 31 and April 1, 2017

Hilton Jackson, MS
1001 County Line Road
Jackson, MS 39211
1-888-263-0524

Hotel Guest Room
Reservation Deadline
March 10th

\$116.14 includes taxes
Indicate Code:
DKG317

Chapter _____ District _____ Name _____

(Please NEATLY PRINT all information on the form)

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

Best Phone Number _____ Email _____

CHECK (if applicable): _____ First Convention; _____ State Officer; _____ Past State President;
_____ District or District Assistant Director; _____ Chapter President; _____ State Committee Chairman;
_____ SEE Attendee; _____ Out-of-State Member; _____ 25+ Year Member

REGISTRATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 31
3:00 ~ 8:00 pm

Members must be registered for the Convention in order to participate in any Convention activities.

*Registration includes Postmarked BY Friday, March 10 \$ 95.00 ()
Saturday Breakfast Postmarked AFTER Friday, March 10 \$125.00 ()

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 Zeta State Dinner (5:30 pm) \$ 36.00 ()
Reception (following Executive Board Meeting) \$ 00.00 ()

REGISTRATION Breakfast (6:30-8:00) included in registration \$ 00.00 ()

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 Coffee Break (following General Session) \$ 00.00 ()

8:00 ~ 11:00 Celebration Luncheon \$ 45.00 ()

Presidents Banquet \$ 45.00 ()

Convention Fee **Total Amount** \$ _____
(NO REFUNDS AFTER March 24)

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: Diabetic ___ Vegetarian ___ Other _____

Make registration check payable to: **Zeta State Convention**

***I wish to donate \$ _____ to the Zeta State Emergency Fund in **Honor of** _____

***I wish to donate \$ _____ to the Zeta State Emergency Fund in **Memory of** _____

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 _____

Email Registration Questions to: Janet Berg iceberg1234@comcast.net

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