

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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*The "Can Do" Spirit of Zeta State.....2018
Awaits*

Linda Hollingsworth

Just as we made "Magic" in our last biennium, let's continue that *Magic* with a "Can Do" attitude in our chapters! We can ...by meeting new people, bringing diversity to our chapters, never giving up on our chapter work or each other, facing our challenges with great new ideas.....we are, after all, "Key Women Educators" with an attitude!

Hummingbirds enjoy and savor the moments that are good to and for them.....let us take a lesson from them. Our 2018 Zeta State District Meetings offer us the opportunities of things that are "good to us and for us"! YOU have a personal invitation to attend from: *Janice Garrett, 2nd Vice-President; Janet Conley, Northern District Director; Dr. Dorothy Prestwich, Northern District Assistant Director; Dr. Betsy Sullivan, Central District Director; Shauna Waters, Central District Assistant Director; Sybil Wilner, Southern District Director; and Lauren Carpenter, Southern District Assistant Director.* These ladies, along with their district chapters, are involved in planning fantastic meetings for all to attend! Let's have the greatest attendance for all three districts that we have ever had!

Hummingbirds work to get the best out of something.... if you attend your district meeting..... you will get something great in return. What can you find at District meeting? Hum, let's see:

- Great Fellowship and hugs
- Chapter members in attendance can stand and be counted, together, at their meeting
- Non-Society Breakout sessions that offer a variety of subjects for each district
- Society Breakout sessions that offer DKG information with a "Can Do" attitude!
- Individual Chapter awards for Honor Chapter, Yearbooks, Newsletters, Grants in Aid, and Red Rose, Service Projects! Chapters will Shine!

- ECE's..... Chapters, bring a non-member Early Career Educator with you to your District meeting! Bring them now...maybe a member later!
- Wonderful food and luncheon fellowship
- Singing together and reminding ourselves of who we are and the pride we feel in our Society
- A day well spent and good for you!

As we move into 2018, let's remind ourselves of our 2017-2019 Biennium Goals: *Diversity in membership and increasing net membership by 2 each year; Scheduling a visit from ZS Officers, Committee chairs or Order of Magnolia; Bonding together within your District chapters for a support system; Supporting the International Service Projects of Schools for Africa and SEE; Attending training by Zeta State Leadership (Chapter Leaders' Retreat and Leadership Management Seminar); Encouraging members to attend District meetings and Zeta State Convention!*

As we "hum" along, we have much to look forward to in 2018..... our Executive Board Meeting in February, three District meetings in March, Chapter Leaders' Retreat in June and our 2018 International Convention in July! What Excitement! I'm looking forward to "humming" right along beside all of you!

***2018 District Meetings Want
You.....All of You!***

Second Vice President
Janice Garrett

"Wonder Woman", "What's in a Song?", "Expanding Chapters" and "Storybook Leadership"These session topics will be presented at the 2018 District Meetings. Various Society committees are hard at work developing sessions that will not only entertain but also enlighten all members of Zeta State. Not only will our Society be represented with four sessions, but each district has a wonderful lineup of non-society sessions. There will truly be something for everyone!

On behalf of Northern, Central, and Southern District Directors and Assistant Directors, I would like to strongly encourage you to register now for the district meetings. A registration form is included in this issue and you can also check the Zeta State website for additional information. We are all so excited about seeing you in March at the district meetings!

2018 International DKG Convention
Austin, Texas
July 16-20, 2018

Make plans now to attend!
 Chapters are chartering buses
 Rooms are cheaper.....4 to a room
 Step out with Mississippi's "Can Do" Spirit
 and let's be there!



What's in a Song? A DKG Song, That Is?

EEC Music Representative
 Kim Gregory

"Sing about DKG!" Attend your District Meeting and enjoy this fun and creative session. It will give you a chance to brainstorm with your fellow DKG sisters and "compose" your own chapter song! You will also have an opportunity to sign up for the Zeta State Choir, which will sing at our DKG State Convention in 2019.

EEC: Research

Nancy Jay

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS,

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS!

As the hummingbird moves sideways, forward, up, down, and even upside down, it continues to fly. This ability of the hummingbird reminds me of the various methods and activities used in our chapters to continue the work of our Society.

Already, four Chapter Presidents (Xi, Zeta, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Theta) have returned the short, nine-question Chapter President's Report. This report only takes about 8-10 minutes to complete, and your responses will provide input to state leaders about your specific chapter work, needs, and concerns. C'mon, be an early bird! Get that report to me as soon as you can. If you need to have another copy sent to you, just let me know.

Early in the New Year, 2018, I'll be asking for you and/or your EEC Research Representative to help me revise the Member Survey (Form 13). I need your input on what changes need to be made to better serve our members.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS,

YOUR 2¢ IS NEEDED IN ZETA STATE!

Red Rose Award and Grant-in-Aid Funds

EEC Representative
 Jenetta Waddell

I am delighted to serve as your Zeta State Professional Affairs Representative. My main responsibilities for this committee are collecting the forms for the Red Rose Award recipient for your chapter and Chapter Grant in Aid applications for the choosing of the 2018 the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid recipient. All members of the Educational Excellence Committee will take part in the choosing of the Zeta State Grant in Aid winner.

Submit this information to me at PO Box 215, Tuscumbia, AL 35674, postmarked on or before February 1, 2018 or you may email it to me! I also encourage you to make sure that your chapter programs of action promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators.

If I can help you in any way, please contact me at jwaddell@bmc.edu or 256-412-6890 (cell phone).

Chapter Service Projects.....the "Heart" of our Society Work!

EEC Representative Personal Growth & Services
 Suzanne Brasfield

One of the responsibilities as the Zeta State Personal Growth and Services Representative is to help spotlight the service project that your chapter members have chosen to focus their energy on each year. The opportunity for developing projects is boundless; they need only to be relevant and important to your chapter and community. These projects should support excellence in education, global awareness, encouragement for Early Career Educators, Schools for Africa, and Women in the Arts.... as well as other topics relevant to women.

Are you all out of creative ideas? Members of your chapter are innovative and full of ideas for projects that will become near and dear to your hearts. These projects make our Society more visible and help the community to know who we are and what we do. Your chapter may choose to continue a project for multiple years, and the chapter members need to be flexible in making relevant changes to the project as needed. These chapter projects promote member involvement and leadership growth.

Please complete Form 14, Chapter/State Service Project Report Form. It must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than February 1 annually.

Please include a picture of the project. Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you have.

Please send your Form 14 by the February 1 deadline. Suzanne Brasfield, *161 Mapleview Road West Point, MS 39773, 662-295-8454

*(NOTICE THAT MY STREET ADDRESS IS NEW)

Be Part of the US Forum!

EEC Legislative Representative
Angela Bedenbaugh

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

- The U.S. Forum's National Legislative Seminar.
- Washington, DC area March 18-21, 2018.
- The Seminar is open to all DKG members residing in the US.
- The registration form can be found at [nls_registration_2018_updated.pdf](#).

To subscribe to the U.S. Forum Connection send a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com

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.



The "Can Do" Spirit of Cindy Newman..... Mississippi's First Artwork at the International Fine Arts Gallery!

DKG Art Gallery, Zeta State Liaison
Betty Oswald

Congratulations to our own Cindy Newman, Alpha Theta chapter, for her beautiful Egret oil painting, "Morning in the Swamp". It was selected by the Arts & Humanities Jury of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org .

To view, go to the website and

- Click on the Red DKG Fine Arts Gallery square

- Choose the visual arts Section, (1 of the 5 sections.... the others are Writing, Music video or Archives)

Cindy's work was unveiled on November 1, 2017 and will remain on the website for six months, after which it will be archived!

Zeta State's creative Artwork was first displayed at our spring 2017 Zeta State Convention ...along with 15 chapters who showcased a variety of members' artwork in different categories. Each item can be submitted directly to the DKG online Gallery Jury committee for consideration at the next submission date (see below). Any Zeta State member is invited to submit her creative Artwork to DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. There is a selection process. The next submission time period is January 1-February 1, 2018. The theme for the spring exhibit is *The Butterfly Effect*.... interpreted in artwork.

To submit artwork:

- Go to gallery submission page
- Click on" Arts & Humanities" Gallery Application (Word or PDF)
- Fill out application and save it.
- Go back to Gallery Submission page and Click on "Submit your entry"

Yes, we did it with Cindy's "Can Do" talent! Now, let's submit Zeta State's creative Artwork to our online gallery!

Dates to Remember

February 1, 2018

Forms due to various committees

February 24

ZS Executive Board Meeting, Co-Lin Community College, Wesson

March 3

Northern District Meeting, Hernando Methodist Church, Hernando

March 10

Southern District Meeting, Family Life Church, Moss Point

March 24

Central District Meeting, Madison Central High School, Madison

April 15

Zeta Data Articles /Chapter Flutters due to ZS President

June 9

ZS Chapter Leaders Retreat, Copiah Academy, Gallman

July 16-20

DKG International Convention, Austin, TX

***“Can Do” Spirit Recognitions at 2018
District Meetings***

Linda Hollingsworth

Attention Chapter Presidents! It is my sincere wish to recognize your Chapter members who have been part of DKG for only about 5 years or less! These members should have started working in your chapter and taking on responsibilities from the beginning real “Go Getters”! Please think about a member who fits this description and let me hear from you.....I can recognize up to 2 per chapter!

Please contact me through email if you would like the short Recognition Form so your Chapter member can be recognized at your District Meeting. There is a very short Recognition Form that I will email to you!! Deadline for the completed form is January 31, 2018

***2018 Zeta State Executive Board Meeting
February 24, 2018
Co-Lin Community College, Wesson***

Chapter Presidents, you are part of our Executive Board and we look forward to you representing your chapter at this important business meeting of Zeta State! Chapter members are also welcome at this meeting! Linda Lightsey, ZS Executive Secretary, will send out information in January!

***Empowering Leaders, or..... As We Like
to Call Them.... Wonder Women***

Leadership Development Committee
Angie Woodcock

A leader is defined as, “the person who leads or commands a group, organization, or country.” The Leadership Development committee recognizes that every Delta Kappa Gamma member is a leader--a Wonder Woman if you will. The purpose of our committee is to help empower our members to be leaders in today’s world. Two of our assigned tasks that accomplish this are our Chapter Leaders’ Retreat and the Leadership Management Seminar.

First, let’s talk Chapter Leaders’ Retreat. As a new officer in my own chapter, I was so green you would have thought Kermit was my first cousin. I was willing to serve but had absolutely no idea what that entailed. Enter Chapter Leaders’ Retreat. I arrived looking like Kermit and left looking like Wonder Woman (at least that’s what I felt like)! Chapter Leaders’ Retreat is designed for incoming officers, both newbies like I was, and those with more experience. If you are an incoming

president, program chairperson, membership chairperson, treasurer, or communications chairperson for your chapter, mark your calendar to attend our *Chapter Leaders’ Retreat at Copiah Academy on June 9, 2018*, and prepare to come away feeling empowered to conquer the world--or at the very least your role for the biennium.

Next, we’d like to put in an early plug for Leadership Management Seminar (LMS). This is open to any Delta Kappa Gamma member who wishes to develop her leadership skills. Many think this retreat is about Delta Kappa Gamma, but honestly, it’s not. It’s about YOU. *Our LMS will be held June 10-12, 2019*. Applicants are limited to 20, so make your plans to apply early! Our goal is to have at least one member from each of our chapters.

Finally, the Leadership Development committee is so excited to host a session for our upcoming district meetings. We’ll see all of you there!

***Time to Apply: Zeta State Scholarships
Available***

Zeta State Scholarship Committee
Angie Quinn

It’s time again to apply for Zeta State scholarships! Are you an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta State? Have you been a member of DKG for at least 3 years? Do you participate in chapter and state activities; demonstrate leadership in your school, community, and the society; and are currently enrolled in a graduate program of study? Do you know someone who fits these characteristics?

Any active member of DKG who has not previously received an international scholarship is eligible to apply! Zeta State offers two opportunities for state-level scholarships at this time. Guidelines, basic requirements, further information, as well as the application, are available at www.zetastatedkg.org/scholarships.html. A member may apply for both the Amanda Lowther Scholarship and the Clytee Evans Scholarship, but a separate application is needed for each.

We have funds available and know that many deserving ladies who give to their chapters and our state organization are pursuing graduate degrees. Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2018 by committee chair Angela Quinn at angeladequinn@gmail.com or 304 Bright Ave. New Albany, MS 38652. Let DKG help you complete your degree!

DKG™

Our Past Can Prepare us for Our Future!

History of Zeta State Committee
Joann Gatewood

Theodore Roosevelt has stated: *“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.”* One of the duties of the Zeta State History Committee is to keep current by gathering information at the state and chapter levels.

We are looking for all chapters to complete the chapter history form! The following “Can Do” chapters have completed the chapter history form and need to be recognized! These chapters are from the

- Northern District- Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Kappa.
- Central District- Gamma, Pi, Rho, Tau, and Beta Alpha.
- Southern District- Sigma, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, and Alpha Upsilon

I would like to encourage all the chapters in the state to complete Form 24. It can be found at www.zetastatedkg.org/forms.html . Please let the Zeta State History Committee know if we can help in any help in any way!

Your World Fellowship Donations Really Count!

World Fellowship Fund Committee

World Fellowships Fund stipends are awarded to non-member women educators who are continuing their education.....

Most of the WFF stipends go to women from developing countries who want to educate the children within their countries. From the WFF, these women are able to come to the US or Canada and further their education. There is a stiff application process!

One of the goals of the International WFF Committee talks about communicating with chapters.... our Zeta State WFF committee keeps chapters up to date on how to donate to this worthy fund ...it's a global connection and you and your chapter can be a part of it! There are ideas to raise funds for WF at the dkg.org website and they are so much fun to do! You can also see and hear video stories of these young women. Read about them and where they are from.....sounds like a great chapter program, doesn't it?

DKG makes it simple! International Form 43 can be used for all contributions to any DKG Fund! Go for it with our “Can Do” Spirit! Our world's children and their education are worth it!



District Meeting Auctions Will Have a New Direction!

Headquarters/Share the Future Committee
Lynn Holliday

There will be Silent Auction items at each District Meeting. We hope that you will find something for your yard, patio, home or yourself as you browse the items. Please remember proceeds from these auctions go to fund the Headquarters' expenses such as rent. Committee members will be selling tickets before the meeting and before the sessions. No tickets will be sold during or after the luncheon. We will go in a different direction when announcing the winners of the items this year. There will be Posters announcing the winners by ticket numbers in the area of the auction after the luncheon. Committee members will be in assigned areas to accept your winning ticket. As always there will be three tickets drawn for each item so that if a person has already left the meeting the next person drawn will be able eligible for the item. The first ticket winner will have fifteen minutes after the luncheon to claim her prize.

First Timers to District Meetings.... You May Reap a Reward!

Headquarters/ Share the Future
Lynn Holliday

If you've never been to a meeting above the chapter level now is the time to do it! Plan to attend a district meeting! Informative sessions are presented concerning society and non-society topics. You'll meet officers and members from across the state who can provide answers to your questions about DKG membership, activities and benefits. In addition, your name, as a “first timer” will be in a drawing for a free registration reimbursement from the State Headquarters/Share the Future Committee. Two names will be drawn at each district meeting during the luncheon. In order to be eligible, mark the square as a “first timer” on the district registration form, be present at the luncheon, and fill out the contact form so a check can be mailed to the district winner.

Who Was Mary Stuart Harmon?

Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees
Janet Berg

The Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Board met this quarter at the state headquarters to discuss efforts to raise funds for the Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship and the prospect of awarding the scholarship in the near future. Many of you in our membership, as we were, are familiar with the scholarship and past efforts to replenish

the award funds available. However, we found ourselves asking during our meeting what we really knew about the generous lady behind our scholarship.

Mary Stuart Harmon was born February 15, 1908 in Meridian, MS and grew to be a talented pianist. The members of Delta Chapter, into which she was initiated in February 1949, appreciated her musical talents. Ms. Harmon studied at the American Conservatory in Chicago and Julliard in New York City but returned to Mississippi to teach at several colleges in the state, including Meridian Junior College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. She retired from USM in 1966 as an assistant professor of music. Mary Stuart Harmon died in March 1970. She had set aside a percentage of the residue of her estate (after taxes) to establish a scholarship honoring her six cousins.

The Mary Stuart Harmon Board wishes to not only renew the awarding of the MSH Scholarship but to learn more about this charming, generous member and the effects of the scholarship she established. We are asking those who may remember Ms. Harmon to share their anecdotes and memories with us and for those who have received the MSH Scholarship to share what receiving the scholarship meant to them by emailing Angela Quinn at 304 Bright Ave. New Albany, MS or emailing her at angeladequinn@gmail.com. We look forward to learning a lot more about Mary Stuart Harmon and sharing her story of the member and her scholarship with the Zeta State membership. Please submit your memories of Ms. Harmon or your appreciation of the scholarship by March 1, 2018.

A Key Woman Educator..... Dr. Martha Swain!

Alpha Kappa Chapter
Marcie Flood

Alpha Kappa Chapter is pleased to announce about the lifetime accomplishments and subsequent recognition of one of their members



*Chapter Flutters.....Our DKG
"Can Do" Spirit is moving
through our chapters!*

Zeta

We had a fund raiser for Mount Vernon. Susan Reeder, Mississippi Vice Regent for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, gave (for the very first time) a presentation on Martha Washington! It was fabulous! Last year she presented on Mount Vernon in

Dr. Martha Swain was honored and recognized in a celebration of Women's History Month on March 31, 2017, at MUW (Mississippi University for Women). This celebration was a combined effort of MUW's Fant Memorial Library and the W's Department of History, Political Science, and Geography.

Dr. Swain was presented as "An Extraordinary Example: What is possible in the life of a teacher-scholar." Notably, Swain, a graduate of Starkville High School and Mississippi State College (now MSU), earning post graduate degrees (Master's and Doctorate) from Vanderbilt University, worked as a faculty member at Texas Woman's University for 21 years. Additionally, she is past president for the Southern Association for Women Historians. Among her many accomplishments are a number of books as well as chapters and journal articles about Southern women's history.

Characteristically, Dr. Swain has recently donated much of her personal women's history collection to MUW's Fant Library. This collection will add much to the research potential for students interested in understanding the Southern woman's experience in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Alpha Kappa is quite proud that Dr. Swain is recognized for her work in making history in the 1970s and 1980s.... a place for women. She has been a member of DKG since 1975.

Need Money for Projects, Seminars or Professional Growth?

Go the www.dkgef.org and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are on or before: February 1, 2018: Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018.

general and talked about their educational program for teachers.

Tau

Tau Chapter experienced a very special November meeting. Rosemary Aultman, Chair of the Mississippi State Board of Education, enlightened members concerning educational issues. Denotris Jackson, who contributes extensive educational experience in her role as Assistant Executive Director for the Mississippi School Boards Association, received Tau's Red Rose Award. Our annual silent auction raised over \$400 for *Schools for Africa!* We are proud!

Alpha Lambda

Alpha Lambda completely funded, through a chapter contribution and member generosity, a field trip for Alpha Lambda member, Kelly Walter's, class at the 28th Street Elementary School in Gulfport. The class is going to the fire station, the police station, and our local Tulane University extension campus. This is a 2nd grade class in an underprivileged area. The goal is to encourage students by introducing them to career and educational opportunities in our area. Alpha Lambda hopes that this effort has opened up an avenue of service at this school and others!

Sigma

As a community service project, our chapter met Wednesday, November 15, at the First United Methodist Church in Picayune to assist members in preparing bags of food to be distributed to needy children in the local school districts. These BacPac bags contain food items that children can eat over the weekend. The BacPacs are delivered to schools to be placed in book bags of needy students on Friday of each week.

Pi

Pi Chapter increased their Chapter Grant in Aid from \$500 to \$750!

Alpha Delta

Our Chapter has expanded its collaboration with *Dignity Period* to provide feminine hygiene products to middle and high school students who miss school because they cannot afford these products. November 4th, Personal Growth and Services chair, Marsha Shaddock, (with Nancy Walker, Peggy Waldrup and Lolly Bailey) processed 160 bags that DeSoto County Nurse Coordinator, Susan Hardy, will distribute to students. Our Goal is to work with a school representative who will provide products and who will then work within her school community to become self-sustaining!

Psi

Psi chapter is busy gathering gifts for two angel tree families. It is one of our favorite projects every year.

Iota

Iota Chapter is partnering with the Carnegie Public Library to help with their holiday celebrations for children. Several members volunteered at the Halloween mini-carnival. We are looking forward to the next mini-carnival.

Alpha Theta

Our Chapter is wrapping up our school supplies drive in December. Our members have been more than generous already, and we have one more month

left. Can you imagine the smiles on teachers' faces when we show up with school supplies in January? We can hardly wait to spread the joy. Also, for our December meeting, Nancy Jay has been tasked with organizing our chapter to help our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in Houston as they recover from Hurricane Harvey. We're looking forward to "paying it forward" in the spring.

Alpha Psi

Alpha Psi Chapter is involved in several fall service projects - providing school supplies for our SEE Project recipient, participating in the local Coats for Kids annual drive, and hosting a silent auction to raise funds for our Grant-in Aid scholarship. One new member was initiated at the September meeting and another individual was elected at the November meeting and will be initiated at the January meeting.

Alpha

November 27, 2017 began the season with touring the beautiful decorated home of Olen and Marilyn Brock. Each room theme decorated with no less than two trees. After the tour we had a short meeting to make plans to deliver blankets to friends in a nursing home. December 19-20, 2017, we continued our service project by delivering pound cakes and flowers to 6 that are in need of a visit and cheers. We need to bless our shut-ins and sick. We are working on recruiting more for our chapter.

Rho

We had a wreath making program. Deborah Cain led the members in making a mesh holiday wreath. We had our Soup Lunch Fundraiser that raised funds for books for the Elementary Library, Schools for Africa Project and Grant-in-Aid Fund.

Alpha Upsilon

Our chapter's major work is trying to help our SEE Recipients. We get introductions from our newsletter in August with detailed "wish lists" and at our first meeting, all 40 members shower these Early-Career Educators (ECE) with huge baskets filled with everything on their lists..... Teacher Christmas in August! They speak to the group and we have lunch and everyone tries to make personal contact with each ECE. Members try to set up hours or schedules to assist them. It is heartwarming! The reward.....almost all of the ECE's from our Support for Early-career Educators project (SEE) join the following year...a sure way to grow a chapter by at least 1-4 each biennium.

2017 - 2019 Zeta State Officers

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