



Mississippi State Organization

Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Data



ADAPT: Forward Moving Ever!



You're Invited!

By Joanna Alston, President

And away we go, roaring into the 20s . . .

The next few months will be especially busy for Mississippi State Organization! Committee meetings, an Executive Board Meeting, and three District Meetings – I hope to see all of you sometime, somewhere. These are indeed exciting times, and I am looking forward to “genuine spiritual fellowship” with my DKG sisters to start the 20s off on a great note!

To take things a little further into this year, we have Chapter Leaders Retreat in June and International Convention in July. More details will be forthcoming, but I hope you are “actively developing a plan together” with your chapter members to attend at least some of these events.

This edition of *Zeta Data* is chock-full of information. In order to maximize space for everything being communicated, my message is short: ***Y'all come!*** All of our upcoming events provide an opportunity for you to fulfill one of the biennium goals – participation beyond the chapter level. Make new friendships and renew old ones. Come and experience all that DKG has to offer. I'll be looking for you!

Important Dates... Mark your calendar

February 22, 2020—MSO Executive Board Meeting at Thames Center at Co-Lin, Wesson

February 29, 2020—Central District Meeting at Mt. Olive Attendance Center, Mt. Olive

March 21, 2020—Southern District Meeting at William Carey University, Tradition campus in Biloxi

March 28, 2020— Northern District Meeting at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Tupelo



Dues Breakdown ... Lynn Holliday, Treasurer

This is Just a Reminder.....

Since the time for getting dues in for member renewal has changed, I encourage you to help your treasurer by submitting your dues at your last meeting. Please remember that membership is now in line with the fiscal year so that membership renewal closes on June 30. Members are dropped by International on October 1 if chapter dues have not been submitted. For those of you who don't remember the changes in our dues, please look below:

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| Active membership: | National | 40.00 | |
| | State | 25.00 | |
| | Scholarship | .20 | to state if chapter has Scholarship account OR |
| | | 1.00 | to state if chapter has no Scholarship account |
| Reserve Membership: | National | 25.00 | |
| | State | 10.00 | |
| | Scholarship | Same as active membership | |

Chapter dues are determined in accordance with rules set by the chapter.

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| Collegiate Membership: | National | 20.00 |
| | State | 12.50 |

The Chapter Treasurer plays a vital role in your chapter; please help her do her job in a timely manner by

District Meetings Info... Carol Walker, 2nd VP

The District Directors and Assistant District Directors have worked very hard planning a wonderful day for you. All they need for this day to be a great success is for you to show up and enjoy everything they have planned. You will not be disappointed! Besides the great non-Society sessions that will be offered, you will not want to miss the Society sessions. If your chapter has not had its Chapter Rules reviewed, you can bring them to the meeting and get help. Have you always had questions about the nomination process for state officers? There is a session for you. Do you want to know more about applying for the two Zeta State Scholarships or how to find students to apply for your Grant in Aid? You can find information about this at the District Meetings. Plus, there will be a great session by the Membership and Leadership Development Committees that you will want to attend. Since one person cannot attend all four Society sessions, each chapter will want to send one, two, three or more people for each session so that the chapter will not miss out on any information! I cannot wait to see you at the 2020 District Meetings!

For more information, check out our Zeta State website!! <http://www.zetastatedkg.org/>

From the Headquarters Committee...

There will be Silent Auction items at each of the District meetings. We hope that you will find something for your yard, patio, home, or yourself as you browse the items. Please remember that proceeds from these auctions go to fund Headquarters' expenses such as rent. Committee members will be selling tickets before the general session and before the workshop sessions. There will be Posters announcing the winners by **BIDDING NUMBER** in the area of the auction **before the Luncheon**. Your **BIDDING NUMBER WILL BE ON YOUR NAME BADGE**. Please be sure to have a pen with you so you can put the number on your purchased tickets. As always, ticket prices will be: \$20.00 – 25 tickets, \$10.00 – 12 tickets, \$5.00 – 6 tickets, and \$1.00 – 1 ticket.

The committee always tries to give back to the membership as a whole. We will have a drawing at each District Meeting during the luncheon for reimbursement of registration for one "first timer" and one member in general. Names will be taken from registration. Come enjoy the District Meeting closest to you; meet folks from your area and enjoy participating



Come One, Come All to YOUR District Meeting! ...

Nancy Jay, MSO Membership Chair

1 Mississippi State Organization
 35 MSO Chapters
 920 Active Members
 16 Honorary Chapter Members
 4 Honorary State Members

Will your chapter be:

- * among those represented at the district meetings?
- * be recognized as a SEE Award recipient?
- * bring Early-Career Educators?
- * be involved in a ONE-TIME EVENT of Collegiate member recognition?

The Membership and the Leadership Development Committees will jointly conduct a bread-out session, "Members As Leaders: It's All About You", involving wolves, the DKG Founders, and Pete the Cat.

Be sure YOUR chapter is represented and involved at YOUR District Meeting in YOUR area.

"1st Timer's" at District Meetings... Lynn Holliday

If you've never been to a meeting above the chapter level, now is the time to do it and 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, as a "first timer," your name will be in a drawing for registration reimbursement from the State Headquarters Committee. **One name will be drawn at each District Meeting during the luncheon.** In order to be eligible, mark the square as a "first timer" on the registration form, be present at the luncheon, and fill out the contact form. A check will be mailed to the district winner.

Northern District is very excited about our Northern District Meeting on March 28, 2020. It will be held at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Tupelo. Neelie Owen and I are working very hard to secure all our Society and non-Society sessions. Some of the proposed topics include the following:

Gardening on the Wild Side

Estate Planning - Are you ready?

Technology Tidbits

Combating the Teacher Shortage Crisis

We hope to see you on March 28, 2020. Please bring a guest, and come prepared for a good time!

Dr. Dorothy Prestwich, Northern District Director

Southern District—Nadine Nicolls, Southern District Director

The Southern District Meeting will be held on March 21, 2020, at William Carey College, Tradition Campus, in Biloxi. All meetings will be held in Scianna Hall. The deadline to register is March 6, 2020.

The Society Sessions will give attendees much needed information on areas of interest: Standing Rules and Bylaws, Nominations, Scholarship and Membership and Leadership. The Non-Society Sessions will grab your attention and entertain you. Members will learn what educational resources the Gulf Coast has to offer. If anyone is interested in a side job, baking special cookies might be the answer. Women in Construction will explain a wonderful program that offers training in nontraditional skills for women. A fun adventure in beading will certainly surprise you with its content. All in all, it will be a fun-filled and productive day for those attending.

We are hoping that all chapter members in the Southern District will attend. We are looking forward to a successful meeting with great fellowship and productivity.

Central District ...Cindy Alsworth , Central District Director

February 29, 2020 will be here very quickly! We need you to attend this meeting to be held at Mount Olive Attendance Center in Mount Olive, Mississippi. Mount Olive is a tiny little town long forgotten by most but remembered fondly by those who have deep home ties to the area. Mount Olive will be celebrating its 120th birthday in 2020! Our school is not quite that old, but our current high school building was constructed in the 1930s. Our campus has grown, and our meeting location will be primarily in the most recent addition, the Multipurpose Building.

Our Non-Society sessions should be quite interesting as we have a variety of topics from which you may choose. Aleta Sullivan of Delta Chapter will help you to make an "Itty-Bitty" Book from one sheet of paper. Lane McCloud of the Friends of Covington County Friends of the Library will help you understand the process of establishing and certifying a "Free Little Library." The FFCL have established seven little libraries throughout the county. April Rankin will help you to pour and design an acrylic art piece. This sounds very messy but is a ton of fun. The canvas for the pouring, aprons, and gloves will be provided to help you to stay clean as you mix and pour paint. Finally, you may choose to have a really great time "Escaping from a Locked Room." Jennifer Thornton, Marcie Tuggle, and Amy White of Alpha Chi will help you develop your very own Locked Room Experience.

We hope that you will come and join us for an informative and a fun day at historic Mount Olive Attendance Center.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Mississippi State Organization District Meetings
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(Actively Developing a Plan Together)

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 (February 29, 2020), Mt. Olive Attendance Center Multipurpose Building, Mt. Olive

___ Southern District (March 21, 2020), William Carey University, Tradition Campus, Gulfport

___ Northern District (March 28, 2020), St. Luke United Methodist Church, Tupelo

Check if applicable:

___ Chapter President ___ State Committee Chairman

___ State Officer ___ ECE (Early Career Educator)

___ Past State President ___ Guest

___ Attending First Time ___ Dietary Restriction

Please specify _____

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

Central District Deadline: postmarked February 14, 2020

Southern District Deadline: postmarked March 6, 2020

Northern District Deadline: postmarked March 13, 2020

Make checks payable to: DKG Central District, DKG Southern District, or DKG Northern District

Mail Registration Forms to:

Central District

Lynn Holliday
106 Oakdale Street
Florence, MS 39073

Southern District

Sarajane Smith
22539 Miller Edwards Rd.
Saucier, MS 39574

Northern District

Cynthia Colburn
4296 Eagles Ridge Dr.
Tupelo, MS 38801

Please indicate permission to use your photo in State Publications: ___ Yes

2021 Convention Sponsorships... by Linda Hollingsworth, **Immediate Past President; Convention Sponsorship Coordinator**

It is Not Too Early to Plan!

Because of the Sponsorships of Businesses and some Universities, registration was \$15 LOWER for the 2019 Convention than it was in 2017.

We raised almost \$7000 through the sponsor contributions of \$500 each! We were able to have a lower member registration and to fund other items and activities because of their generosity!

WE ARE GOING FOR THE GOLD FOR 2021! We need every chapter to find one business in its area that would be willing to sponsor our convention in 2021! **Alpha Beta** chapter was our only chapter that had a business sponsor in 2019....thank you!

Mississippi State and Ole Miss were the only university sponsors of our 2019 Convention, but this can improve.....we need any person who is connected to any college or university in our state to be willing to ask for a Sponsorship from the school! It would be wonderful **to have all of our higher learning institutions in Mississippi** on board as sponsors!

I will be sending out more information and sponsor packets to each chapter by email for businesses and schools! Please let me hear from you if you have questions! **You may contact me at 601-214-5250 or jujo7381@gmail.com**

Executive Board Meeting Draws Near...



Chapter Presidents, MSO Officers, and Committee Chairs:

Your presence is necessary for us to conduct business at the 2020 MSO **Executive Board Meeting** on **February 22, 2020.**

Co-Lin CC Thames Center

1028 J.C. Redd Drive, Wesson

Check your email for a message from Linda Lightsey regarding registration. If you have not received that information, please contact joanna.dkg@gmail.com or ll1202@bellsouth.net ASAP! All members are welcome to join us; each attendee must register separately.

Chapter Presidents: If you are unable to attend, please send a “stand-in” from your chapter. All MSO chapters should be represented at this mandatory business meeting. Votes will be cast! Let your voice be heard!

Music Meanderings... Kim Gregory, EEC Music Rep.

I am thrilled to be the Mississippi State Organization Music Representative for another biennium! I have loved meeting so many of you around the state and seeing how talented you are! If you are the Music person in your chapter, you have already received an email from me. I hope that we will have someone from each chapter to participate at our District Meetings in the spring. If you would like to be a song leader, play the piano, flute, violin, guitar, etc. then please contact me and I will be happy to fill a spot with your name! In the meantime, find creative ways to use music in your meetings and feel free to share those experiences! Please let me know how I can help. Email me at choirgr136@yahoo.com or by phone at 662-414-8493.

Directory Info... Jenetta Waddell, Recording Secretary

It is time to update the *Mississippi State Organization Directory* for this biennium. Linda Lightsey will be sending each chapter's roster to the president, the communications chair, and the recording secretary for updating. This updated information will be used to develop the 2020-2022 directory. Please contact me if you have questions: jwaddell@bmc.edu, 256-412-6890 (text preferred).

Chapter Leader's Retreat... Betsy Sullivan, chair

Attention all **incoming chapter officers** (& all interested members)! The Chapter Leaders Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at Copiah Academy, 1144 E Gallman Rd, Gallman, MS 39077. Each incoming officer is encouraged to attend. This is a vital learning and networking opportunity. For members (other than officers) wishing to attend, you are welcome! We have a Lagniappe Session for you. Anything and everything is possible in the Lagniappe!

Plan Ahead for the International Convention...

Start "actively developing a plan together" with DKG sisters to attend the 2020 International Convention at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** on **July 7-11, 2020**.

Convention registration and hotel reservations are now open. Visit www.dkg.org and sign in to access forms and links. The Schedule-at-a-Glance can also be found in the January/February *DKG News* (p. 20).

Let's take our Mississippi hospitality to the City of Brotherly Love!

2019-2021 Mississippi State Officers

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