Our International Guest: Corlea Plowman!

Corlea began duties as Executive Director June 1, 2007. She is liaison to the following committees: Constitution, Leadership Development, Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund. She is Corporate Secretary and an officer of the DKG Society, Secretary/Treasurer for the Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation. As Business Services Administrator for nearly four years, she served on Finance, Scholarships, Insurance, and World Fellowships committees. Before coming to headquarters in January 2004, she worked as Texas state editor for three years. A secondary English/Journalism teacher, Corlea also taught humanities, geography, speech, theater arts and world history. She retired from the classroom in 2002. Using her master’s in business, she has held various offices in teachers’ organizations, Delta Kappa Gamma and community groups. Her retired US Air Force husband took her to bases in the U. S. and England. Her favorite hobby is decorating her 95-year-old house. She was initiated into Alpha Iota Chapter (VA) in 1980 and is a member of the 2001 Texas Leadership Training Class and 2002 Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar.
**Strengthen Our Wings: Rediscover, Revitalize, Restructure**

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope 2013 is off to a great start for all of you. Zeta State has already been busy this year. The state convention steering committee met at headquarters January 5th. Plans for the state convention have been finalized. There are so many details that must be addressed, but with the leadership of our convention chairman, Karen Rhodes, everything is under control. It is going to be another fantastic convention for Zeta State! The Educational Excellence Committee has spent a great deal of time planning a variety of workshops. There will be something for everyone. Of course, the meal functions will be phenomenal! I am pleased to announce that our international guest will be Corlea Plowman, Executive Coordinator for the Society. She is an exceptional speaker and a delightful person. Corlea will also be conducting a workshop during the convention.

Debbie Rogers, Professional Affairs Representative on the EEC, has worked diligently with the local Chamber to create a pre-convention event that will be enjoyable and interesting and that will provide quality time for genuine spiritual fellowship. This is my home turf, but I am excited about participating in this event on Friday, April 5th.

Bring your copy of “The History of Zeta State” to the convention. Many of our past presidents will be available throughout the convention to autograph your book. I am certainly going to have mine ready to be signed!

A Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention is the perfect event to “Rediscover” and “Revitalize” our chapters and members. First time attendees will definitely want to continue their journey beyond the chapter level. Encourage your chapter members to come to Gulfport April 5 – 6 for a meaningful and memorable Delta Kappa Gamma weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Courtyard Marriott!

Is it obvious that I am excited about our convention?
**Convention Notes!**

Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Raffle

The Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Board of Trustees will be offering several great raffle items at the 2013 Zeta State Convention in Gulfport. Our goal is to begin to rebuild the fund so that we can resume offering this scholarship. We invite each of you to come prepared to help us work toward meeting our goal.

Convention Door Prizes

Each chapter is asked to bring a door prize to the Zeta State Convention, April 5-6. The door prizes should cost around $25. The door prizes will be given at the Birthday Luncheon. They will be taken at the registration table.

Sarajane Smith
Chairman of Door Prizes and Gifts

Please remember to bring your Zeta Data History book to the convention in April. We will have three different times that you can get your book signed by some of the former Zeta State Presidents featured in the history book. The times are during registration on Friday (3 - 5 PM), after the Executive Board Meeting on Friday night, and on Saturday morning from 10:30 - 11:15 AM. If you did not buy a history book, there will be a few to sell at the convention. The signing of the history book will be in the lobby of the hotel. From Carol Walker

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**Calling All Singers!**

As you make preparations to attend Zeta State Convention, be warming up those vocal cords! The Chorus needs DKG members who are willing to lend their talents and create beautiful harmony through the power of song.

In order to maximize our practice time, I will send you a scanned copy of the music by email prior to Convention, so please contact me at joanna.alston@mgccc.edu to let me know that you plan to join us.

I hope you meet a new “forever friend” at this year’s Convention!

Joanna Alston
ZS Music Representative
Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta

Friday, April 5 Pre-Convention Tour

“The Cruising Along Beach Boulevard Tour”

Ladies! What better way to kick off the upcoming Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta State convention than touring the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Come join in on a fabulous day full of fun and fellowship by signing up for “The Cruising Along Beach Boulevard Tour”!

Our tour begins at 8:30 am Friday morning at the Gulfport Marriott where we will board a chartered motor coach provided by Sandpiper Tours. Our tour conductor will be Sandy Spradlin who will provide colorful commentary and insight into many of the Coast’s treasures along the beach. What better way to start off the day together than heading west along the beach to the Friendship Oak located on the grounds of the newly renovated USM Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach. Next comes stops the Katrina Memorial, the Biloxi Visitors Center (where we will watch a brief movie, visit the museum, and enjoy the view from its second story balcony), the historic St. Michael’s Church, and the incredible Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art. The tour concludes with lunch at the world famous Mary Mahoney’s Old French House Restaurant. The total cost for this fabulous guided tour is $55 (includes lunch, all gratuities, and taxes). This is sure to be a fun outing you don’t want to miss. Wait till you see how the coast has come back!

Cost of Pre-Convention Seminar: “A Day Along Beach Boulevard” $55.00

Name ___________________________ Cell Number ___________________________

Chapter ___________________________

Email address ___________________________

Payment ___________________________

Make checks payable to: Zeta State

Registration form and payments must be postmarked by: March 5, 2013

Send registration form and payment to Debbie Rogers, address in Directory.
Nominee for Zeta State President - Nancy Jay, Alpha Theta Chapter

Nancy Jay, nominee for Zeta State President, currently serves as teacher of Earth & Space Science and Introduction to Biology at North Pike High School. Nancy holds the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and the Master of Education. She also is a National Board Certified Teacher-EA Science and has extensive experience at the elementary, junior high and high school levels.

Nancy has been quite active in Zeta State having served in the following positions: Chairman: Awards Committee, 2011-2013; Southern District Director, 2009-2011; Recording Secretary, 2007-2009; Chairman, Leadership Development Committee, 2007-2009; Chairman, Personal Growth & Services Committee, 2003-2005; Leadership Management Seminar graduate, 2003; Workshop presenter at Southern District meetings; and attended International Conventions and SE Regional Conferences.

As a member of Alpha Theta Chapter, she has served in the following positions: President 2002-2004; 1st Vice President; Parliamentarian; Chairman, Personal Growth and Services, Communication, Professional Affairs, Courtesy, and Nominations Committees.

Her professional memberships and activities include Mississippi Professional Educators, Executive Board Member, Mississippi Science Teachers Association/Presenter and Civil Air Patrol. Her professional publications include:


Nominee for Zeta State First Vice President - Tracey Crawford, Alpha Chi Chapter

The nominee for First Vice President is Tracey Crawford. She is in her ninth year serving as Librarian at Mendenhall Elementary School. Tracey, a twenty year veteran in education, has previously taught kindergarten, second and third grades.

As a member of Alpha Chi Chapter, she has served on the Membership committee, chaired the Membership Committee, served as Program chairman, Communications chairman, Vice President for two terms and is currently the President of Alpha Chi chapter. She has published the Alpha Chi Newsletter since 2004 and the Alpha Chi Yearbook each term she served as Vice President.

She has been actively involved in the work of Zeta State having held the following positions: Membership committee, Communications chair, Assistant Central District Director, and current Central District Director. Tracey also is a graduate of the Zeta State Leadership Development Seminar and has presented for various Zeta State Meetings.
Nominee for Second Vice President – Linda Hollingsworth, Pi Chapter

Linda Hollingsworth is the nominee for Second Vice President. She currently is teaching mathematics to 4th-6th graders at Simpson County Academy. Linda retired after 37 years in the public schools of Rankin County.

As a member of Pi Chapter, Linda has served as President, First and Second Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. She has also served as member and/or chairman of numerous Chapter committees (Music, Leadership Development, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth & Services, Communications). She was Pi Chapter Woman of Distinction and is the current Pi Chapter Music Chair.

As an active participant at the state level, she has graduated from the Leadership Management Seminar, served as a member of Zeta State Music Committee and of the Ad Hoc Committee for Katrina Relief. She also has held the following positions in Zeta State: Music Committee Chair, Central District Assistant Director, Central District Director and is a current member of the Leadership Development Committee.

Linda regularly attends regional and international meetings. She has served as Session Hostess at both Regionals and International and led Music at the 2009 Regional in Little Rock.

Nominee for Recording Secretary – Sybil Wilner, Alpha Nu

The nominee for recording secretary is Sybil Wilner, a 6th Grade National Board Certified Language Arts Teacher, at Trent Lott Academy, Pascagoula. Her educational background includes: Sixth Grade Team Leader; Mentor Teacher for National Board Candidates, New Teachers, and Student Teachers; Founder of My Two Boots - Wetlands Program; Reading Fair Coordinator; Governor Haley Barbour's Teacher Advisory Council; Governor William Winter’s Coalition for Children and Public Education Steering Committee, and U. S. Department of Education, Washington, D. C. - Participation in Symposium.

Her DKG experience includes serving as Chapter President and as a member of the Zeta State Membership Committee.
Nominee for Northern District Director- Angie Quinn, Alpha Psi Chapter

Angie Quinn, the nominee for Northern District Director, is the Curriculum, Testing, and ELL Coordinator for Pontotoc County School District. Previously she has taught high school English and Spanish, English as a Second Language and has served as ELL Coordinator.

As a member of Alpha Psi Chapter, she has chaired various committees including scholarship, research, and program of work; served as corresponding secretary and communications chair; served as First Vice-President; and is currently in her second biennium as President.

She is the current Zeta State Assistant Northern District Director and at the international level is currently serving on Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Editorial Board.

Nominee for Assistant Northern District Director-Janice Garrett, Eta Chapter

Janice Garrett, the nominee for Assistant Northern District Director is retired after having worked in the public school forum for 28 years, holding media specialist positions on both elementary and high school levels. She served as reference librarian at Mississippi State University, as well as working as law librarian with local law firm. Professionally she has developed libraries in industrial plants and at the Northeast MS Daily Journal. She has been a frequent presenter of workshops for public librarians and school media specialists.

As a member of Eta Chapter, she has served as President, 1st Vice-President, and as Committee Chair of the following committees: Bylaws, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Services, Educational Excellence. She was the Eta Chapter Woman of Distinction in 2012.

Janice is a graduate of the Zeta State Leadership/Management Seminar and a current member of the Zeta State Membership Committee.

Nominee for Central District Director – Carol Walker, Tau

The nominee for Central District Director is Carol Walker, a retired member of the mathematics faculty of Hinds Community College. She remains busy during her retirement by teaching adjunct for Hinds Community College, Delta State University, and Mississippi College.

As a member of Tau Chapter, Carol has served as President, corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, chair of the Professional Affairs Committee, chair of Communications Committee, and chair of World Fellowship Committee.

Carol is the current Zeta State Headquarters Manager and Chair of History of Zeta State Committee. She has previously served as member of Professional Affairs Committee.
**Nominee for Assistant Central District Director – Sue Keen, Xi Chapter**

Retired high school mathematics teacher, Sue Keen, is the nominee for Assistant Central District Director.

Sue is a member of Xi chapter and has held the following positions at the chapter level: Recording Secretary, First Vice-President, and President. At the state level, she has served on Personal Growth and Services Committee.

**Nominee for Southern District Director - Joanna Alston, Alpha Lambda Chapter**

Joanna Alston is the nominee for Southern District Director. She holds the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Science in Business Technology and is employed as Business and Office Technology Instructor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Jefferson Davis Campus. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Joanna attended the International Convention in New York City, and the Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, where she participated in the chorus. She also attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock and facilitated the workshop, “Charleston Middle School Math Camp.” She attended the Zeta State Chapter Leaders’ Retreat in 2012, the Zeta State Convention in 2011 and is current Music Representative on the Educational Excellence Committee.

**Assistant Southern District Director: Sarajane Smith, Psi Chapter**

Sarajane Smith, a retired elementary teacher, is the nominee for Assistant Southern District Director.

Sarajane has served two terms as Psi Chapter president and currently is the 2nd vice president and yearbook editor. She has served as a member of the Zeta State Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee is presently a member of the Scholarship Committee.
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Toni Cook, Southern District

Toni Cook has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for twenty years. She was inducted into Alpha Upsilon Chapter in 1988. As a member of Alpha Upsilon she has served as Research Committee Chairman, Membership Committee Chairman, Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President. She is currently serving as Parliamentarian and Newsletter Editor of her chapter. In 2005 she was selected as her chapter’s Woman of Distinction.1 and Alpha Upsilon dedicated its yearbook to her.

Toni has attended numerous district, state, regional, and International meetings. She has conducted workshops at the district level and at Zeta State’s Leadership Development Retreat. On the state level, she has served as Recording Secretary (1999-2001), Zeta State History Committee Chairman (2003-2005), member of Zeta State Leadership Development Committee (2005-2009), and Membership Committee Chairman (2007-2009). Toni served as Zeta State’s First Vice President 2011-2012. Toni is a graduate of the 2003 Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar. Toni teaches in the special education department at Pass Christian High School, where she has taught for the past twenty-three years.

Dr. Beth Dunigan, Central District

The nominee for Central District representative on the Nominations Committee is Beth Dunagan, a Beta Member since 2003. Dr. Dunigan is Associate Chair of Biology at Mississippi College and has a Ph.D. in Science Education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

As a member of Beta Chapter, she has held the office of Second Vice-President, President, Secretary, and has chaired the Research and Professional Growth and Services committees. She has served as a member of the Zeta State Scholarship Committee and is a graduate of the Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar. Dr. Dunigan is a regular attendee of the Zeta State Convention, Central District Meetings and has been recognized as the Beta Chapter Woman of Distinction.

Marsha Shaddock, Northern District

Marsha Shaddock is the nominee for Zeta State Nominations Committee from the Northern District. She retired after having served as an elementary teacher for 37 years. Marsha holds the B.A. and M.Ed. in Elementary Education.

As an active member of DKG, Marsha has served as president and corresponding secretary of Alpha Delta Chapter. In Zeta State, she has served as Assistant Northern District Director and Northern District Director.
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