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Mississippi Delegation DKG International Convention,

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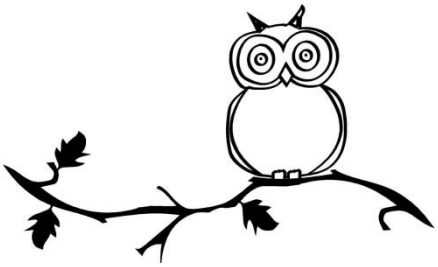


From our Zeta State President, Nancy Jay

Hoot! Hoot! Hooray! Attending the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis as Zeta State President was an extraordinary experience. I, jokingly, mentioned to several of our Zeta State sisters that I had never been to a convention where there was no "play" time. The Convention was a busy time for 22 Zeta State members with some being especially busy with committee duties, responsibilities, and recognitions.

"HOOTS" go to:
- Sarah Smith as Mississippi's STAR of the Southeast Region
- Linda Hollingsworth as a recipient of an Educational Foundation 50th Anniversary Award 50th Anniversary Award and her outstanding performance in the DKG Song skit
- Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh as the US Forum Connection Editor
- Betty Oswald as pianist for the flag processions and Chairman of the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund Committee
- Lynn Holliday as a member of the International Constitution Committee
- Joanna Alston as a member of the International Choir
- Evelyn Barron as a Past International President
-TenTen Past Zeta State Presidents in attendance

The International Convention provided opportunities for our members to grow intellectually, professionally, and personally with key women educators from around the world.

Now, let's turn our focus to the opportunities in our own Zeta State.

A new DKG year has begun and we are already off to an exciting beginning. 35 of the 40 Zeta State chapters were present at the Chapter Leaders Retreat. A new biennium offers new opportunities for DKG members to share ideas, learn from one another and other professionals, and strengthen leadership skills through workshop sessions at the 2015 Zeta State Convention in Olive Branch and the 2015 Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar. One must only take advantage of these opportunities.

Nancy Jay, Zeta State President

As you know, I have established 5 Goals for the 2013-2015 biennium. In review, we have begun to show progress in a number of ways, but we are not finished yet.

Goal #1: Membership Diversity
I am pleased to announce Phyllis J. Anderson, the first woman Tribal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and our newest state Honorary member, will be a guest speaker at the Zeta State Convention.

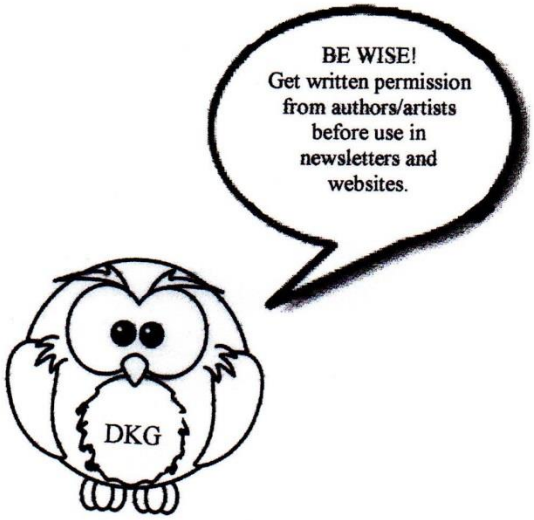
Goal #2: Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar
At this point I am expecting each Chapter President to recommend, at least, one chapter member to apply for this amazing opportunity. I promise...you (and your chapter) will be glad you did!

Goal #3: Financially Support the International Service Projects and Zeta State Scholarships
It's great that most of our chapters have participated in one or more of these programs. The SEE Project has taken on a life of its own with special thanks to Linda Hollingsworth, Zeta State 2nd Vice President

Goal #4: Chapter Visitations
And ...have we been visitin'! Remember, a chapter may invite members of the Order of Magnolia or state committee chairmen, as well as state officers and related personnel. Don't forget to complete Form 21.

Goal #5: Membership
As of March 3, 2014, International data indicates there has been a slight increase in membership for Zeta State. Please continue to make those contacts as we consider new members in addition to reinstating former members.

Zeta State is growing in a number of ways; and, I believe, if we continue to address our Society purposes and support each other in our personal endeavors, our chapter activities and projects, and our pedagogical needs, we can become a greater force in improving the education profession we love so dearly. Because of you, chapter members, and your commitment to our Society, Zeta State will continue to grow.



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Nancy Jay honors Sarah Smith as Zeta State's Star of the Southeast

Linda Hollingsworth with Nancy Jay

Tracey Crawford, International President, Dr. Lyn Schmid, and Nancy Jay

From the Research Committee

I am pleased to announce that the headstone markers for our Zeta State Founders have arrived. The Order of the Magnolia is developing a ceremony for the placement of these markers on the headstones once permission has been granted by their descendants.

If you or your chapter is interested in purchasing headstone markers to honor one or more of our founders who were members of your chapter please contact me. You may see the marker at this url: https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/imagecache/product_full/Headstone-marker-Logo.jpg
Copy and paste this url into your address bar to view. The cost per marker is $80.00.

If your chapter has collected money for this project, please forward the money to Lynn Holliday with the notation of Special Fund, Founders Headstone Markers indicating the founder being recognized.

In addition, any member may purchase a marker plate from DKG Society International (there are two different types) for loved ones who were members of DKG and have local people attach the plates to the family monument. Information can be found on the International website.

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Calling for your great "SEE Project ideas…

Chapter Presidents, Please send Linda Hollingsworth ideas that your chapter and/or individual members are doing to MENTOR your Early Career Educators (ECE's). We are excited about the SEE project, so share your ideas. Email your ideas to

Jujo7381@yahoo.com

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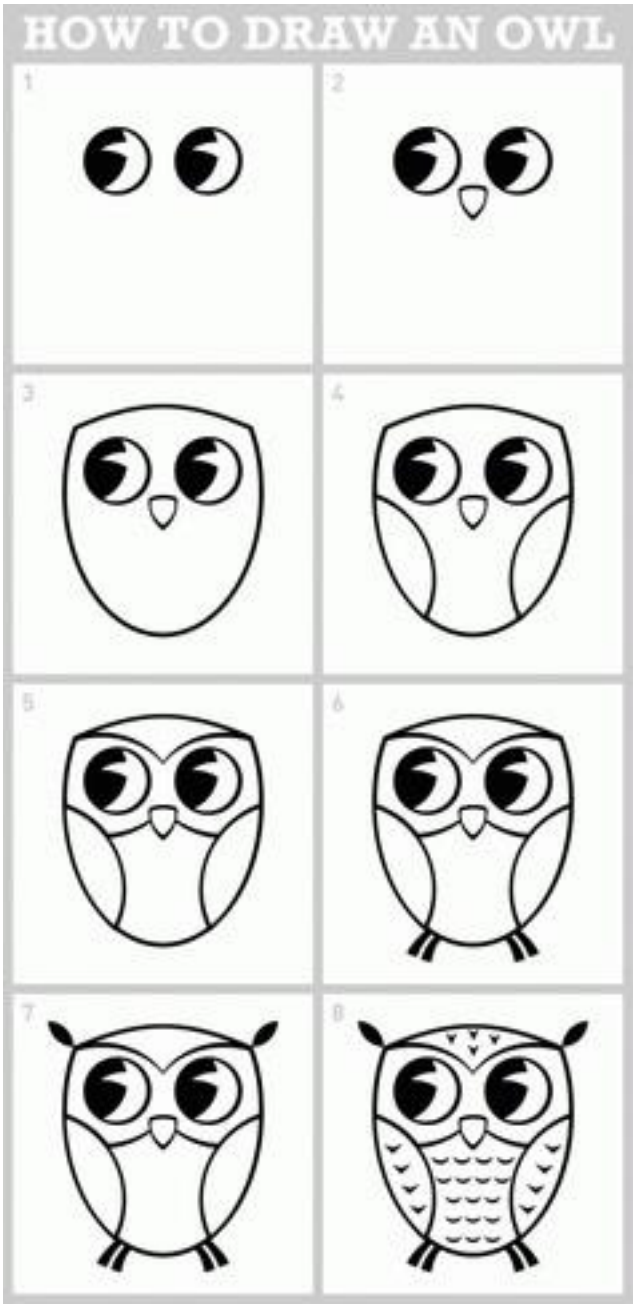

Visit these websites for fun Owl Crafts!

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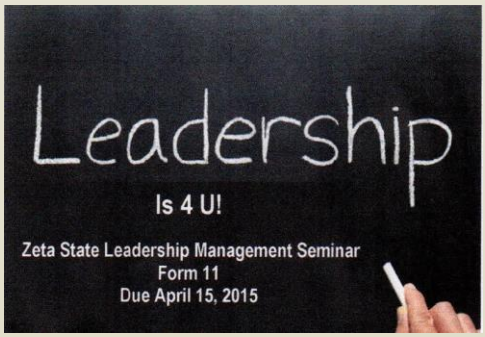
http://goo.gl/ImZdjE

February 1st is the deadline for Grant-In Aid and Red Rose! Don't forget

Zeta State Bulletin Board

Angie Quinn, Alpha Psi chapter, has been published again in the *DKG Bulletin*. Look in Fall 2014 Vol.81-1



"It is time for chapters to select a Chapter Woman of Distinction for 2014-2016. These special ladies will be honored and recognized at the Zeta State Convention in April 2015. Each entry must include a completed Form 22 along with a color photo of your Woman of Distinction.
Please mail all entries to Chris Wall, Zeta State Personal Growth and Services representative and postmarked no later than **December 1, 2014**."

Need your help...Please send Death of Member forms (Form 27) immediately upon the death of a member…..from Sylvia Haver

Remember that chapter yearbooks and form 23 are due *before* December 1st to Tracey Crawford. Also send a copy to Nancy Jay, Linda Lightsey, and your district director.

Last page same as always, with one change

Lynn Holliday is Treasurer