

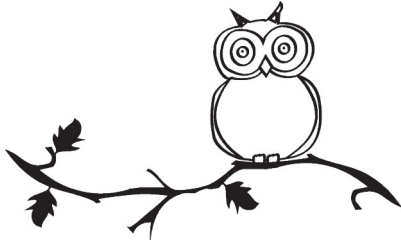


Mississippi Members at the DKG Southeast Regional Conference



ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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From our President ...

DKG: Opportunity, Wisdom, Leadership

NANCY JAY

I am honored to serve as the 2013-2015 Zeta State President, and I appreciate the support you've shown, not just for me, but for the entire slate of officers and related personnel. The goals for this biennium represent my commitment to promote membership by bringing attention to our enrollment numbers, the need to enhance diversity among our membership, acknowledging what our membership in DKG can do for us and what we, as DKG members, can do for the children we teach. Membership is key for the success of our Society.

With the theme "DKG: Opportunity, Wisdom, Leadership", emphasis will be focused on the benefits of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Opportunities abound within our Society. These include money for scholarships, grants-in-aid, leadership training, personal and professional development, and involvement in service to others.

Wisdom permeates our Society. Being life-long learners, we are willing to share knowledge, mentor new teachers, and learn from one another through workshops offered at our Society's district meetings, conventions and conferences, and inspiring programs in local chapter meetings. Leadership is the cornerstone of Zeta State's success. Sometimes it means we need to take a risk, move beyond established comfort zones, and take advantage of leadership training presented at the Leadership Management Seminar and the Chapter Leaders' Retreat.

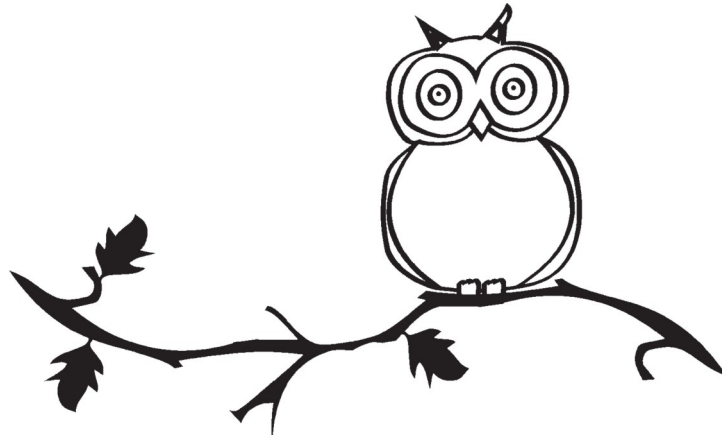
These three elements, Opportunity, Wisdom, and Leadership, are interwoven into the success of our Society and ultimately the success of our children's education. After all, isn't that why we are teachers? I ask that you join me in this commitment, and together we can ensure a successful educational experience for children as we continue the pursuit of excellence in education.

So, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming district meeting in your area because "OWL" be looking for you there.



NANCY JAY
2013-2015 Zeta State President

Something to "Hoot" About!
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Theme for the 2013-2015 Biennium

DKG: Opportunity, Wisdom, Leadership

Goals for the 2013-2015 Biennium

- Each chapter shall consider membership diversity in recruiting new members.
- Each chapter shall develop increased interest / incentives for chapter attendance at the Leadership Management Seminar.
- Each chapter shall financially support the International Service Projects and the Zeta State Scholarship Fund.
- Each chapter shall schedule a visit from a state officer, state committee chair, or member of the Order of Magnolia during the biennium.
- Each chapter shall have a net increase of, at least, two members during the biennium.

Committee Chairs and Work Area Representatives

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Finance

Barbara Jepsen, Alpha Delta (N)

Nominations

Toni Cook, Alpha Upsilon (S)

Membership

Sylvia Haver, Beta (C)

Bylaws & Standing Rules

Janet Conley, Alpha Delta (N)

Leadership Development

Kay Collins, Eta (N)

Communications & Publicity

Dorie Kisner, Eta (N)

SOCIETY MISSION & PURPOSES

Scholarship

Cheryl McGinnis, Omega (S)

Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees

Debbie Nobles, Alpha Beta (S)

Educational Excellence

Tracey Crawford, Alpha Chi (C)

EEC WORK AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Music

Marlynn Martin, Pi (C)

Legislative

Angela Bedenbaugh, Alpha Beta (S)

Professional Affairs

Bettie Fore, Alpha Beta (S)

Personal Growth & Services

Chris Wall, Pi (C)

Research

Betsy Sullivan, Pi (C)

World Fellowship

Rebecca Conner, Alpha Delta (N)

OTHER ZETA STATE COMMITTEES

History of Zeta State

Aleta Sullivan, Delta (S)

Headquarters / Share the Future

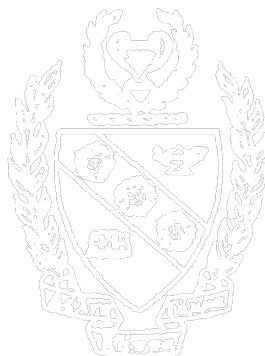
Lynn Holliday, Pi (C)

Awards

Teri Edwards, Gamma (C)

Policies & Procedures Review

Sandra McKiernon, Alpha Lambda (S)



Committee Meeting Dates

October 19, 2013	Educational Excellence History of Zeta State	10:30
January 11, 2014	Leadership Development Membership Policies & Procedures Review District Directors	10:30
February 15, 2014	Educational Excellence Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees Scholarship Finance	10:30
February 22, 2014	Zeta State Executive Board Meeting Central Baptist Church (HQ), Byram	10:00
March 1, 2014	Northern District Meeting Blue Mountain College	
March 15, 2014	Southern District Meeting MGCCC / Jefferson Davis Campus	
April 5, 2014	Central District Meeting Hinds CC Nursing & Allied Health Center	
July 28 - Aug. 1, 2014	International Convention Indianapolis, Indiana	

from our chapters ...

Margie Crowe published in Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Summer 2013

Congratulations to Dr. Crowe of Alpha Gamma chapter. Margie's article "Cognitive Interventions for Students with Attention Deficit Disorder Transitioning from Secondary School Settings: A Meta-Analytic Review" has been selected for inclusion in the Summer 2013, Volume 79-4 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Pi Chapter donates \$600 to Project CHANCE

At our September 15, 2012 meeting, Mr. Paul Bowen of the Rankin County Youth Court joined us to introduce Project CHANCE (Community Helping Adolescents Navigate Challenging Environments). This program was developed to provide youth in the youth court system encouragement and assistance in establishing themselves on a proper path for the future. The grant that supports this program does not provide funds to purchase gift cards, movie passes, tickets to sporting events, etc, that could be given as positive reinforcements.

Pi Chapter rose to the call for help. In September 2012, October 2012 and January 2013, members were given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets in order to win a prize. Through this, Pi Chapter donated \$600.00 to Project CHANCE. The donation was presented to Judge Tom Zebert and Paul Bowen at our April meeting.

Alpha Iota Basket Auction: A Huge Success!!

Alpha Iota has developed two very successful projects, ProsFirst and Two-Can Read. ProsFirst is a mentoring project to support first-year teachers in West Point School District. Two-Can Read provides books free to all 4-year old children in Clay County.

In an effort to raise funds to support these projects, the chapter recently held a basket auction. We titled the meeting, "A Tisket, A Tasket, A March Basket." Since we have a large chapter, members got together to create a variety of baskets. We had almost 20 baskets, including but not limited to the following: A Tisket, A Tasket, Garden Basket; Party with Friends Inside and Out (gardening and cooking); Delightful Kitchen Goodies; Little Princess Basket; Get-Well Basket; Date Night Basket; Movie-Lovers' Basket; Ho-Ho-Ho Basket; Halloween Party Basket; Thirst-Quencher Basket; Pamper Yourself Basket; Skin-so-Soft Basket; Bon Appetit Basket; Chocolate-Lover's Basket; Beach Basket; Easter Basket; and more.

Members were encouraged to invite their friends and colleagues to join in the fun and bid. We had a great turnout with more than 75 in attendance. A local celebrity, who is an auctioneer and mayoral candidate, volunteered to auction the baskets. After refreshments were served, we began the meeting with a short stump speech about each of the projects and how proceeds would be used to support early-career teachers and preschool children. With that idea firmly in mind, the fun began. Our auctioneer was a hit and the bidding went wild. To our astonishment, members and guests seemed determined to outbid each other. Several of the baskets went for more than a \$100 dollars, but most went for \$50 or more. In the end, we made \$1,080 dollars, and everyone commented on what a great success it was, and what a great boost it would provide for Alpha Iota's projects. We followed up our auction with a panel presented by our National Board Certified Teachers.

Omega's Kendra Smith receives Grant

Kendra Smith, a new member of Omega Chapter, is to be congratulated. She is librarian at the Jefferson Davis County Public Library, which is one of only three libraries in the United States to receive a grant for books from the Coretta Scott King Foundation.

Scholarships for Delta Kappa Gamma Members

Thinking of furthering your education? Need monetary help? A scholarship from Zeta State could be the answer. There are two scholarships available from Zeta State which are the **Clytee Evans Scholarship** in the amount of **\$1000.00** for members who have been in DKG **three years** and the **Amanda Lowther Scholarship** in the amount of **\$2000.00** for members in DKG five years. The **application (Form 20)** can be obtained from the chapter president and **all** parts should be carefully and completely filled out and emailed or postmarked on or before **February 1**.

Send completed application to:
cmcginnis99@hotmail.com
 or mail to:
 Cheryl McGinnis, 182 Old River Road,
 Tylertown, MS 39667.



Zeta State President Nancy Jay being escorted into 1st General Session



Our own Jean Ricks (Theta) laying down the law

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