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Florida Members at 2011 Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, Kentucky

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## Inside This Issue

The Fall issue of *Florida Rays* contains information and photos from the 2011 Southeast Regional Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, Mu State Committee reports, the new criteria for the Mu State Communication Committee's Award, the Call for Workshops and Musicians for the 2012 Mu State Fall Workshop and Executive Board meeting as well as chapter and member news.

The Winter 2012 Issue will contain information and photos from the 2011 Fall Workshop and Executive Board meeting, action taken by the Mu State Executive Board, additional information from the Mu State committees as well as chapter/member news.

Members are reminded that photos are posted on the Mu State website immediately following any DKG state, regional or international activity. Check page 4 for the changes that are being made to the Mu State website.



Help us **continue** to save money on printing and mailing the **Florida Rays** by sending Your name, ID # and email address to [lindad@dkg.org](mailto:lindad@dkg.org)

There are still **1528** members whose names and email addresses have not been sent to international.

Chapter presidents were given a list of the members in each chapter who have not submitted an email address. Help us by doing it for your chapter.

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Have you ever ridden a train on which the tracks ran along a cliff and over treacherous mountain passages and wondered who had the vision of laying the tracks in such places? That prompts the question of who were those brave souls that risked their lives to put them there. Or, maybe it was the building of a massive bridge that you find to be awe-inspiring. Who climbed to those heights and dangled in the air placing heavy beams? Our nation alone is filled with these phenomenal feats which have been accomplished by men and women and fill our minds with wonder.

As I survey our Mu State organization, I wonder just how big an impact 3,460 (plus) Delta Kappa Gamma members united in a common cause can have on education in our state. I envision a group of talented, intelligent and educated women working toward a common goal with an outcome of creating a dramatic impression on excellence in education and early-career educators. Do you share this vision?

Think about the quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: *Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.* What ideas are you discussing that will help make a difference? Are you a committed

# Comments from Carrie

## *Embracing Our Vision ~ Designing Our Future*

member willing to execute new plans?

What do you consider as your role in education? No matter your answer, you are a **LEADER**. In Delta Kappa Gamma every member is viewed as a leader. So as a leader, what are you doing to promote excellence in education?

Speak out at your chapter meetings on ways to direct the energy of each member toward supporting excellence in education and early-career educators. We say it often. The chapter is the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma! Your leadership as a member will determine the strength of the chapter. Let us each lead in a way that we pave the path so that future members will become even stronger leaders and wonder how we did it.

Many chapters have activities and projects through which our members reach out in various ways to schools, teachers and students. Would a new or fresh idea that will make a positive impact on education or on an individual, as well as an impact within our Society, improve what you are doing? Re-evaluate the value of some of the literacy and other educational projects that you have been doing for several years.

Do you need to get out of a rut? If some of the projects are worthy of continuing, revitalize them. Research the needs of your local schools and teachers to find out just what you can do to make the biggest impact.

Simply sending a check does not reflect involvement. What else can you do to become more hands-on?

Each member should feel good about her involvement and our endeavors should potentially attract new members. Jacqueline Kennedy wrote: *One man can make a difference and every man should try.* Let's make that "woman" and let's all make a difference.

Now is the time to consider the chapter officers for the next biennium. Are you willing to bring fresh and meaningful ideas to your chapter? Are you committed to supporting excellence in education and early-career educators? If so, your chapter needs you!

When you read this, the Fall Workshop/Executive Board will have happened. I thank each attendee for your participation. Go forth and do great things with what you learned. While you are at it, make something good happen each day in the lives of those around you. Let's be as awe-inspiring as we have been awe-inspired!

Carrie

## PLAN NOW

**Mu State**  
**Leadership Growth Seminar**  
 Tampa Airport Marriott  
**July 12-15, 2012**

**International Convention**  
 Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
 New York City, NY  
**July 25-28, 2012**

**Mu State Fall Meeting**  
 Orlando Airport Marriott  
**September 14-15, 2012**



## From the Desk Of...

It has been an exciting time this summer. Mu State President, Carrie Frye and I arrived at the Southeast Regional Conference early and attended the training for state organization presidents and executive secretaries. We received much information to help us do our respective jobs. I also assisted with the Florida Breakfast. There were many exciting workshops, and outstanding speakers who, with their words, painted pictures in our minds. I proudly carried the Florida flag and walked with the immediate past Mu State President, Ruth Pridgen, in the Presentation of the Flags at the First General Session.



**Judith Mix**  
Mu State  
Executive  
Secretary

The officer's retreat was held in the Daytona Beach area. It was a time to work, plan, and build the team as plans were made for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Packets were put together for the Fall Workshop/Executive Board meeting. Once again, I was pleased to present the First Timers Workshop. I have communicated with members moving into our state and helped them locate a chapter near their new home. Last, the Mu State Leadership Directory known as the "Yellow Pages" took a great deal of time and is included in this issue.

Let me hear from you. If I can help you, please call or email me.

Stay in touch. Judith



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- \* \$125 - 3 day training workshop for a teacher in Rwanda benefiting about 1,200 children.

For more information and a donation form, go to the Schools For Africa brochure posted on the DKG Web site.

**Ann Perrine**  
UN Liaison  
for Mu State



Ann serves as a member of the new Mu State **Educational Excellence Committee**.

Delegates to the 2010 DKG International Convention in Spokane, Washington agreed to *transform lives through education* on the African continent when they unanimously voted to undertake the Schools for Africa project as the first official international project of the Society. Through DKG's support of this project nearly 5 million African children will gain access to quality basic education. The project has a special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children.

DKG's partnership with UNICEF will train over 100,000 teachers and build or rehabilitate almost 1,000 schools.

Schools for Africa operates in 11 countries: **Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zimbabwe**. The campaign was

## Mu State Website undergoes change

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The Mu State website has a new host company. It is Weebly. The new website address is [www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com)

Even though the site has a new look, all the services of the old site are there, but with a more convenient way of finding information through a series of tabs on the left side of the homepage.

The new site offers a blog feature that has been activated. The Mu State Blog is dedicated to posting tips, suggestions and encouraging words to our early career educators. Join the discussion and leave your words of wisdom. Mentoring early career educators is both an International initiative and a major goal of the 2011-2013 Mu State biennium. The old website will stay live until November 1, 2011 and will have a message to members to visit the new site.

# Reflections of Southeast Regional July 2011

Many photos from the Southeast Regional Conference (as well as other DKG events) can be seen on the Mu State website. Check for photos of all Mu State activities. The information is changed frequently and is up-to-date.



Corlea Plowman, (r) Executive Director, meets with some Mu State members regarding SER 2013 to be held at Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee.



Carrie Frye, David and Geraldine DeFelix at Florida Breakfast.



Left, Marla Cannon, Jean Gray, Barbara Van Diepen and Bea Warren Wilbur at Florida Breakfast.



Above, Dr. Beverly Helms, Ann Perrine, Judith Mix, standing. Seated, Dr. Ann Lumsden, Carrie Frye and Merle Jones ready for Hat and Glove Luncheon.



Florida members await the general session. Beverly Kelley, Merle Jones, Dr. Nancy Henning, front row. Second row, LeAnn Pollard, Terri Stanilonis, Sharon Wallen, Barbara Van Diepen. Third row, Sally Finley and Peggy DuBose.



Doris Nesbit and Sandra Smith at U.S. Forum.



Left, Myra Ponder, Ann Perrine, Ann Blossfield, Grace Wilhelm, Debra Graff, Dr. Elsie Gross and Ann Ottaviano discussing issues at the U.S. Forum.



## Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar 2011



Seated (l to r), **Rose Ann Verheyen, Michelle Robinson, Beverly Helms, Linda Howell, Joan Lutton, Ann Lumsden, Angie Williams, Carrie Frye, Judith Mix, Ruth Pridgen** and **Ann Ottaviano**. Middle row - **Ann Blsfield, Terry Stanilonis, Bonnie Rybak, Irma Norman, Morita Hadlock, Cassie Burnham, Micah Peak, Christine Swank, Debbie Sack, Jan Gove, JoAnne Wilson** and **Pat Litterick**. Top row - **Carleen Spano, Emily Mistretta, Sandra DeNoon, Samantha Thompson, Michelle Haynes, Carrie Young, Bonnie Ignico, Linda Petuch, Michele John** and **Sam King**.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar was held June 23-26 at the Tampa Airport Marriott with twenty enthusiastic participants representing all six districts of Mu State. From Thursday afternoon to graduation on Sunday, the Leadership Development Committee, led by Chairman **Angie Williams**, challenged, informed, and inspired the participants in keeping with the fine tradition established by **Jesslyn McBride** in 1984.

Session topics ranged from professional growth areas including communication, conflict resolution, facilitating teams, and professional dress to personal growth topics such as motivation and time management. Long time presenters, **Dr. Joan Lutton, Dr. Beverly Helms, Dr. Ann Lumsden, Dr. Carleen Spano, Rose Ann Verheyen, Judith Mix, and Morita Hadlock**, along with newcomer **Ann Ottaviano**, and former and current Mu State Presidents, **Ruth Pridgen** and **Carrie Frye**, provided relevant information using styles unique to

each presenter. This engaging diversity, along with the genuinely warm spirit that abounds whenever DKG sisters come together, made for a most successful seminar.

Following are a few of the participants' comments:

"Thank you, everyone, for helping me on my personal/professional growth quest. You all inspire me to be a leader." ~ **Linda Mincey**, Delta Theta.

"Superb job! The experience was incredible and helped me grow as a leader. No details were left out!" ~ **Michelle Robinson**, Beta Chi.

"Definite keepers: Every session... the spirit and nurturing atmosphere created by the leadership team." ~ **Linda Petuch**, Beta Xi. "You really have it all covered. Thank you—I had a fabulous time and I learned so much I can take back to my chapter." ~ **Sandra DeNoon**, Gamma Delta

"Please keep all sessions as delivered. I have never appreciated every aspect of a 3-day event more than this leadership event!" ~ **Bonnie Rybak**, Mu

This year, the Saturday night dinner was exceptional for the food, fun, and fond farewell bid to three members of the Leadership Committee who have each served for over twenty years—almost since the beginning. **Ann Blsfield, Morita Hadlock, and Irma Norman** have supported, organized, and led with excellence and devotion. Tears were shed as they received recognition for their valuable contributions to leadership development. They will be missed, but not forgotten.

If you have attended a Leadership Growth Seminar and would like to recognize the impact it had on your life, recognize a member of the leadership team, or give in honor or memory of a Mu State sister, you are encouraged to do so through a donation to the Leadership Fund. Simply send a check, with note, to Myra Ponder, state organization treasurer.

Your contributions insure that the seminar continues to provide an experience of exceptional quality for the sisters of Mu State.

# Leadership Contributions



The following contributions have been made to the Mu State Leadership Growth Fund during and since the 2011 Leadership Seminar.

Ann Blossfield - in honor of **Morita Hadlock and Irma Norman**

Cassie Burnham

Sandra DeNoon - in honor of **Cindy Kinat**

Carrie Frye - in honor of **Irma Norman, Morita Hadlock, Barbara Van Diepen, Ann Blossfield and Judith Mix**  
Jan Gove

Dr. Elsie Gross - in honor of **Jess McBride**

Michelle Haynes

Dr. Beverly Helms in honor of **Jess McBride, Jane Harrell** and of the initiation of **Suzan Harrell**

Linda Howell - in honor of **Leadership Development Committee**

Bonnie Ignacio - in honor of **her mother**

Michelle John - in honor of **Barbara Corbett, Kappa Chapter and Doris Despelteau**

Stephanie King - in honor of **Gamma Nu Chapter**

Pat Litterick

Dr. Ann Lumsden - in honor of **Irma Norman, Ann Blossfield and Morita Hadlock**

Jess McBride - in memory of **Marilyn Russell**

Emily Mistretta

Irma Norman - in honor of **Jess McBride, JoAnne Wilson, Morita Hadlock, and Ann Blossfield**

Ann Ottaviano - in memory of **Rusty**

Micah Peak - in honor of **Evelyn Cox**

Linda Petuch - in honor of **Jane Hart**

Ruth Pridgen

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Bonnie Rybak

Debbie Sack - in honor of the **Leadership Committee**

Dr. Carleen Spano

Terry Stanilonis

Christine Swank

Samantha Thompson - in honor of **Sue Shelton**

Rose Ann Verheyen - in honor of **Dr. Marion Bullock**

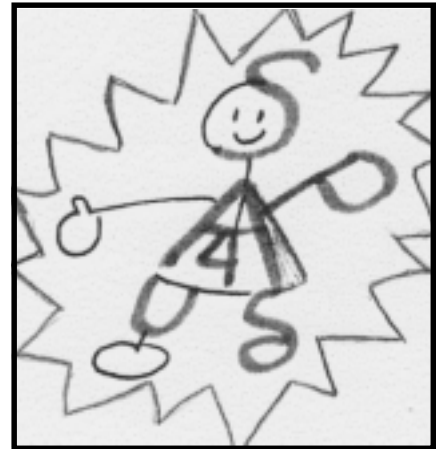
JoAnne Wilson - in honor of **Irma Norman**

Carrie Young - in honor of **Beta Lambda Chapter**

Contributions may be sent to **Myra Ponder, Mu State Treasurer at 253 Prado Street, Apalachicola 32320.**



**Ruth Yeilding and Lonnie Kirsch** invite you to be a part of the Mu State Convention chorus in 2013. Let Lonnie know if you are interested, your phone number, email address, and the part you sing. Contact her at [lonchobee@netzero.com](mailto:lonchobee@netzero.com)



## S A P 4 US

The Strategic Action Planning Committee, which is an ad hoc committee, is introducing its friend, S-A-P-4 US. Look for her in each issue of **Florida Rays**.

Two of the many great reasons for planning are:

1. Developing a plan helps you get from where you are to where you want to be.
2. Being proactive in designing your future rather than reacting to what the future brings to you.

### How does a chapter begin?

Look at the Areas of Focus in the Mu State Strategic Action Plan.

- Membership
- Leadership
- Finance
- Marketing
- Communication
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Society Impact on education

Decide where your chapter is in relation to those, or other, areas. What is important to your chapter? In what areas does your chapter need or want to focus?

Identify objectives for your chapter in the areas of focus you choose.

What are some strategies or activities you could use to achieve those objectives?

You are on your way to developing your chapter's **Strategic Action Plan!**

# Members/Chapters Designing Their Future



**Suzan Harrell**  
Delta Beta

One of **Delta Beta's** newest initiates, **Suzan Harrell**, teaches Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications at Travis Career Center in Lakeland. Her class donated \$750 to the Susan G. Komen cancer awareness organization. They raised the money producing and selling pink, tie-died, Tee shirts with either a heart or ribbon design. As part of a unit, *Modeling a Business*, the students sold more than 120 shirts. The project received 2nd place in the Governor's Award for Excellence in Economic Education.

**Melody Gill** of Mary Esther, received a Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Award to assist in the pursuit of her National Board Certification.

**Mary J. Obrien** of Bradenton received \$1500 from the Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Awards Committee to attend Professional Development for Teachers in Vichy, France.



**Deborah Thomas** was selected as the Volunteer of the Year for her district by the Florida Retired Educators Association.

**Jennifer O'Neil** was recently honored at the Illinois State convention for her 50th year in DKG. Jennifer is a past state organization president of Illinois. She is now a member of **Beta Epsilon**. Because of her inspiration, leadership and support of the Arts in Illinois, in 1981, Lambda State made its first presentation to a worthy student pursuing a career in the Arts. Thirty years later, the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award has provided over \$60,000 to help students further their arts related careers.

**Mu Chapter's** president **Bonnie Ignico**, and member, **Bonnie Rybak**, attended the Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar supported by chapter funds. This active chapter recently celebrated its 75th anniversary by going to the Florida Women's Art Museum and visiting the Mu State headquarters in DeLand.

**Alpha Chi** will have a *Schools in Africa* meeting in February 2012. Chapter president, **Robin Elliott's** sister spent 6 weeks working with an orphanage in Africa. She will share her experiences. The chapter members make and donate quilts for the Salvation Army's homeless shelter.

**Beta Chi** chapter partners with Seminole State College to award scholarships to students pursuing teaching degrees. Members of the chapter also mentor SSC education students as they prepare to enter the education career field as well as new career educators.

**Jan Krischer, Beta Kappa, Linda Adcock, Beta Phi** and **Cathy Hettinger, Gamma Eta** received *Key Contributor Awards* for their contributions to the field of education.

## Chapters increase membership!

The following Mu State chapters increased their membership from 2010-2011 by the percentage shown:

- Alpha Kappa** - 2.3%
- Delta Kappa** - 13.3%
- Alpha Beta** - 4.5%
- Beta Mu** - 2.9%
- Gamma Theta** - 5.7%
- Mu** - 2.8%
- Alpha Epsilon** - 3.6%
- Alpha Chi** - 2.4%
- Beta Theta** - 5.0%
- Gamma Omega** - 40%
- Delta Beta** - 7.2%
- Rho** - 27.8%
- Beta Delta** - 4.9%
- Beta Sigma** - 21.3%
- Beta Chi** - 13%
- Delta Eta** - 50%
- Pi** - 6.9%
- Sigma** - 11.1%
- Beta Zeta** - 18.4%
- Alpha Delta** - 13.3%
- Beta Kappa** - 5.7%
- Beta Upsilon** - 16.7%



Several Jacksonville area chapters, **Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Tau, Beta Phi, Beta Rho, and Upsilon**, held joint initiations and a Founders Day program. Above are the initiates. The guest speaker was **Dr. Ann Lumsden**.





**Ann Bloufield,**  
Mu State  
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Foundation  
Liaison



The Educational Foundation is accepting requests for Projects, Professional Development Activities and Professional Development Seminars on the subject of Bullying and/or Anger Management. Project applications can be obtained electronically at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and may be submitted by both DKG educators or non-member educators. They must be submitted electronically by **January 3**. Projects on other subjects can be submitted as well. They must meet one or more of the following criteria :

- Support and encourage intercultural understanding.
- Encourage standards of excellence in education.
- Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons and organizations in support, encouragement and improvement of education.

Applications for Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards can also be obtained at the DKG website. They can provide up to \$2000.00 for attendance at conferences or meetings . Applications must be submitted electronically by **September 1, February 1 or May 1**, depending on the dates of the requested training.

State organizations, districts or regions of the DKG Society may request funding for seminars. Applications must be submitted electronically by **November 1**. Seminars must be open to all educators.

At a time when school systems are funding fewer and fewer projects and professional travel, the Foundation provides a way for educators to improve education as well as their own professional knowledge.

The Educational Foundation's Board of Trustees has awarded over \$2.5 million since 1964 as it continues its efforts to improve, enrich and encourage intercultural understanding and excellence in education. **Dr. Elsie Gross**, a Mu state member, and past state organization president, is one of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

## Creative Communication Strategies Improve Chapter Connections



**LeAnn Pollard**  
Chair, Mu State  
Communications  
Committee

The Mu State Communications Committee plans to share many creative ideas during this biennium to assist chapters in improving their connections with members and the community. Those who attended Fall Workshop had an opportunity to attend a workshop presented by

the committee. New criteria for the **Communications Award** were distributed to all chapter presidents and is in this issue of *Florida Rays* as well as on the Mu State Web site.

Highlights of the new award criteria include: a) a scoring rubric that allows chapters flexibility in HOW they communicate with each other and the community at-large, including social media and email; b) an increased opportunity for **all chapters to achieve some level of recognition** for their efforts toward improved communication and c) a special recognition for the chapter who achieves the highest points in the area of communication for the biennium.

Chapters, you may begin designing a creative display of your choice (information board, multi-media presentation, collage, for example) to be showcased at each District Meeting in 2012. The display should be reflective of the work of the chapter and the Society. This display should be designed to use after the District Meeting in some other community setting such as a school, college of education, school district office, etc. to publicize the work of DKG in your community.

Communication Committee members are available to assist chapters. In addition to the Web master, Corresponding Secretary and Editor, the members of the committee are

**Debi Morgan-** District I

**LeAnn Pollard-** District II, **Chair**

**Ann Ottaviano-** District III

**Connie Holland-** District IV

**Joyce Cotner -** District V

**Jo Stancil-** District VI.

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## Call For Workshops for Fall 2012

It is not too early to begin thinking about a topic for the 2012 fall Workshop/ Executive Board meeting. The topics for the 2011 Fall Workshop were varied and interesting. You can help Mu State design its future. Plan now to present a workshop September 14 or 15, 2012. Develop a topic that will inform, inspire, and engage members.

Think about our theme, “**Embracing our Vision – Designing Our Future**”. You are unlimited in the topics you can present in the areas of academia, technology, health updates, hands-on activities, or global issues. Don’t forget the ‘fun’ topics. We need laughter! We all have an area in which we excel. What can you share with our DKG members to advance our Society?

Mu State is blessed with talented ladies who are willing to share their expertise on varied and diverse topics. Think about what you can offer and submit a proposal. The proposal form will be available on the website and in a later issue of **Florida Rays**.

If you are interested, contact Merle now. Don’t wait. She will be selecting presenters and topics in late spring so that the tentative workshop presenters and topics can be shared with the members in the 2012 Summer issue of **Florida Rays**. Email her at [dwmsj@att.net](mailto:dwmsj@att.net), phone 850-638-1280, or Merle S. Jones, 1973 Cane Mill Road, Chipley Florida 32428.

# What is the Educational Excellence Committee?

The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International Projects, supports early career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide.

The goals of the committee are to:

- Promote the Schools for Africa Project
- Support Early-Career Educators
- Encourage programs and activities that
  - Increase members’ personal and professional pride
  - Focus on educational excellence
  - Promote the DKG/UN relationship
  - Increase member’s global awareness
  - Impact educational law and policy
- Promote the Emergency Fund
- Encourage programs with music
- Encourage research.

As you study the goals you will see the common focus on Educational Excellence at the chapter, state and international levels.

**At the chapter level you have the flexibility to organize the way you want in order to address the above goals.**

On the Delta Kappa Gamma International website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) you can find program and activity ideas to assist you.

There are great websites to get information on Early Literacy, Content-Area and Literacy, Scientific Research from the U.S. Department of Education, and Transforming American Education. For specific sites, contact **Sandra Smith, Chair**, Educational Excellence Committee. Her contact information is in the Leadership Directory as well as on the Mu State website.

Do you support early career educators? Let **Sandy Byars** know. She is the contact on the EE Committee for this area.

If your chapter needs more information about the Schools for Africa Project, or the UN/DKG connection, or if you are already supporting the international project, let **Ann Perrine** know. She is serving on the EE committee as the UN Liaison.

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All contact information for the members of the Educational Excellence Committee can be found on the website or in the Mu State Leadership Directory found in this issue of **Florida Rays**. Remember that this is a new committee and we are learning together.

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## Legislative Seminar Arlington, Virginia March 18-21, 2012

The **National Legislative Seminar**, sponsored by the U.S. Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, will be held in Arlington, Virginia on March 18-21, 2012. For more information, visit the DKG website, or contact Carrie Frye, Mu State President.

### **Florida Rays Deadlines**

Members are encouraged to call or send information to be used in the **Florida Rays**.

Deadlines are

**December 1**....Winter  
**February 1**.....Spring  
**May 1**.....Summer  
**September 1**.....Fall

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District I - May 5, Pensacola  
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## Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### Criteria for Mu State Communications Award

Start now so that your chapter can be recognized by the Mu State Communications Committee at the 2013 Mu State Convention. There are different levels of recognition depending on the number of points accumulated. You do not have to achieve all criteria to be recognized. Earn the maximum number of points possible, then submit your file or documentation of communication efforts by **April 1, 2013**.

1. Chapter has a website and is linked to International. (25 points)
2. Chapter has a social media page with members participating. (10 points)
3. Chapter communicates with members at least 5 times annually. (15 points)
4. Maintains communications with members without computers, emails, etc. (10 points)
5. Information board displayed at district meeting or in community. (10 points)
6. Submits article to **Florida Rays**. (5 points)
7. Chapter submits news releases to local media. (10+ points)
8. Chapter represented at Fall Workshop/ district meeting/ and meets deadline for submission. (10 points)