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Noteworthy Mu State Members In the News

Dhyena Ziegler

Beta Phi Chapter is proud of Dhyena Ziegler's varied and noteworthy accomplishments! In 1976, the disco song she wrote for the band Strutt, *Time Moves On*, was a number one hit. Since 1997, she has been a journalism professor at Florida A & M University where she developed their program in Instructional Technology and Distance Learning.

In 2006, she was included in a book entitled *The Black Digital Elite: African-American Leaders of the Informational Revolution*. She was the only woman recognized among the notables in information technology. In 2008, she was knighted at Cambridge University in England into the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Justice. They also presented her with a Meritorious Service Award for her outstanding contributions to education.

In 2013, Ms. Ziegler co-wrote the book *Midnight Train from Georgia: A Pip's Journey* with her brother-in-law who was in Gladys Knight's band. It is being adapted for the stage next year in Orlando. For Women's History Month in March, she was named a "Trailblazer" for being a pioneer in the crossroads of communications, technology, and education. In July, she will be the Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholar Chair at FAMU developing a new master's program in digital media.



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Dr. Shari Valencic

For the past twelve years, Beta Upsilon member Dr. Shari Valencic has taught at Venice Elementary School. In May of 2014, she earned several awards from the Florida Council for Economic Education (FCEE). She was named the Charles C. Harper Economic Educator of the Year and awarded \$1,000 for demonstrating leadership in financial literacy, free enterprise, and economic education over a sustained period of time with evidence of creativity and innovation in teaching these concepts at the local, state, and national level.

In the Elementary Division, Shari placed first in Entrepreneurship. At the school PowWow every October, her students operate a novelty store for attendees to redeem their prize tickets. Her fifth graders experience marketing by ordering, price setting, establishing goals, creating advertising materials, inventorying prizes, and assessing the process.

Dr. Valencic also placed second for the Out-of-the-Box category. Her fifth grade students are highly engaged and motivated by their classroom Wall Street simulation. Beginning with a gift of six mock stock certificates, they learn the value of saving and inventing. They earn and borrow money, buy and trade stock, and even experience stock market crashes.



Update Email Address at International

There are still 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 updating it for your chapter!

Help us continue to save money on printing and mailing the **Florida Rays**. Send **your name, identification number, and e-mail address** to lindad@dkg.org

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Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society

Merle's Missive - "Sharing Our Vision"



You were encouraged to attend the district meetings in the spring of 2014. I hope you were in attendance at your respective district meeting. Each meeting was unique to the district in the theme chosen and the décor used to follow through. The District Directors are to be commended for a job well executed. Many ideas were gleaned from the activities and workshops that will assist chapters to "Share Our Vision and Strengthen Our Society." In the Spring Issue of The Florida Rays, we looked at ways to "Strengthen Our Society" and left you with some topics that need further discussion – orientation, reorientation, reinstatement, revitalization, and planning.

Orientation

The goal of orientation is that when an educator accepts our invitation to membership, she will have received sufficient information or knowledge beforehand that will allow her to make an informed decision to become a member of DKG, thus increasing the likelihood she will remain a member. The International Membership Committee encourages chapters to use the presentation "Pride in the Big Picture" for orientation. This is available from International at minimal cost and comes with a CD and presenter's guide.

Reorientation

We all need to review and remind ourselves of the vision, mission and purposes of DKG at some point. The presentation "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture" is excellent for reorientation. It is quite long and we suggest that it be used as a part of several meetings. Topics include Honor of Membership/Mission/Vision/Purposes; Why We Were Founded; Membership Review; Benefits of Membership; How Members Contribute to the Society; Programs/Projects/Communication/Events; and Insignia/Traditions and Change/Educational Foundation. This is also available at minimal cost and includes a CD with presenter's guide.

Reinstatement

No fees, no initiation – just complete the reinstatement form and pay current dues! It could not be easier. It has been suggested that chapters conduct a research study to determine members that have dropped their membership and invite them to a chapter birthday celebration. You do not need to wait for a special occasion. Create an occasion. Have a reception for all former and current members and invite former members to reinstate their membership.

Revitalization

Many chapters are shrinking and some have dissolved. Members become apathetic and disconnected from the Society. Many members are retired and, as we become more removed from the active practices of education – the classroom, classes, administration – we become reluctant to invite new members. The responsibility for leadership, the work of committees, and the viability of the chapter become the duty of a few members which potentially leads to a request for dissolution. We must become self-regenerating. We can begin revitalization by asking each member to complete a member profile, develop a chapter profile from the member profiles, and determine the chapter's strengths and goals for revitalization and strengthening the chapter. Sample profile forms are available and will be sent to you upon request.

Planning

Does your chapter have a Strategic Action Plan (SAP)? It is the lifeblood of your chapter's success just as sap is the lifeblood of a tree. A tree would die if the sap did not circulate inside the tree carrying nutrients and water throughout. How can you know where you are going and determine when you arrive without a plan? That is what your SAP is – your plan for your chapter's success. If you need assistance in developing a strategic action plan, it will be provided. When your plan is implemented, you need to update it annually to determine the goals that have been met, make revisions, and propose new goals. Gerry Hacker, Mu State First Vice President and SAP Committee Chair will be glad to assist you.

In Memoriam



**Dorothy Miller
Gamma Eta
December 10, 2006**

**Nancy L. Musselwhite
Beta Zeta
June 17, 2014**



**Margaret G. Cockman
Beta Lambda
May 22, 2014**



**Karen M. Amison
Gamma Eta
March 7, 2014**



**Corinne Freeman
Beta Omega
May 11, 2014**

**Earileen Virginia Pearcey
Beta Upsilon
March 14, 2014**

**Lonnie Persons
Gamma Nu
June 2, 2014**



**Ann S. Andrews
Mu Chapter
May 6, 2014**



**Audrey Jean Lanier
Delta Beta
March 26, 2014**



**Patricia Robinson
Delta Beta
April 9, 2014**



**Aice Barrett
Alpha Delta
April 14, 2014**



**Mary Ann Murray
Beta Nu
May 6, 2014**



**Coleen Chapman Skinner
Beta
April 3, 2014**

More District Meeting Updates

District II Meeting

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"A Day on Broadway" was celebrated by Delta Kappa Gamma members on March 1, at the District II Meeting in Middleburg. Ninety-three members walked on the red carpet as they entered the room with tables decorated with top hats and Playbills. The "Star Wall of Fame" was completed as the current and new chapter presidents added their stars of leadership to the wall. Workshops included training for the new district officers and personal growth workshops in art, photography, writing, autism, listening skills, and traveling to Florida State Parks.

Lunch was catered by San-tioni's Italian Restaurant serving chicken limone, ziti with Rosoto sauce, salad, and tiramisu. Broadway entertainment included singing, dancing and a comedy performance. Carolynne Fooshee was elected as the next District II Director and Sam Wright was elected to serve on the Mu State Nominations Committee. The meeting ended with the basket raffle earning \$900 for the Mu State Emergency Fund and the International Educational Foundation.

District IV Meeting

Susan Siemer, Attendee
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The theme chosen for the District IV meeting by Director **Jan Stevens**, "Oh the Places You'll Go" was most inspired

and thoroughly enjoyed by the 107 attendees April 6 at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach. **Kathy Bohman** and **Rho Chapter** did all the decorations including the larger than life" post cards depicting-places that the many District IV chapters will go. Mainland High School Art Club students created fantastical centerpieces based on Dr. Seuss's many popular children's books. We had our own Cat in the Hat due to the skills of **Delta Eta's Dr. Elizabeth Dewey**.

Many conference attendees started with dinner at Vic Carter's Friday night. A wonderful dinner experience with lots of networking between members of different chapters made the evening most enjoyable, helpful and informational.

On Saturday morning members convened in the dining hall of Father Lopez High School for introductions, a message from **Mu State President Merle Jones**, the Parade of Presidents and Chapter Roll Call by **Immediate Past President Carrie Frye**. Dr. Wendy Libby, President of Stetson University spoke on Stetson's goal to move from Success to Significance and why Stetson should not just fit in when it can stand out. It was a very thought provoking and inspirational speech.

Committee reports were presented followed by the nomination of **Peggy DuBose** for the 2014-2016 Mu State Nominations Committee and by **Dr. Elizabeth Dewey** for District IV Director. **Susan Cocchiarella Siemer** presented **Dr. Elizabeth Dewey** with a District Director pin.

Naturally, our very own Cat In The Hat and future District IV Director **Dr. Elizabeth Dewey** rapped as to all the happenings of the District IV meeting and had some help from Thing One and Thing Two to get the attendees up and "going to many places" (workshops).

Members returned to the dining hall for listening and dancing to the Big Band sounds of the Bahia Dance Band conducted by Bennett Harmon. Students from the school provided a buffet luncheon.

The baskets provided by the many chapters of District IV were fabulous and the raffle earned \$1,385 which will go to DKG Educational Foundation and to the Jessie McBride Leadership. The meeting ended, of course, with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

District V Meeting - A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Betty Bunnell, Attendee
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One hundred seventeen attendees were greeted at the First Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale to celebrate the theme, "Revisiting Our Past to Strengthen Our Future." Hostesses dressed as turn of the century "school marms" gently reminded everyone not to be late for class. Sounds of smooth, melodic jazz from the group "Musical Experience" echoed in the ballroom under the capable direction of Mr. Anthony Williams as our day began. Sixteen workshop sessions were featured. Some of these were Painting Monoprints, Making Quilts of

Valor, Smile- iPhone and iPad APPS for Photography, Putting the Common Core Puzzle Together, How To Use Edmodo In The Classroom as well as DKG workshops for officers and workshops to encourage membership and new programs.

The Girl Choir of Ft. Lauderdale under the enthusiastic direction of Wallis Peterson opened the afternoon session as we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch. **Pat Houchens** of Xi Chapter introduced the guest speaker, Sandy Casteel, a board member of Stranahan House and the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society. We learned about our rich history and about education in old Florida.

The basket raffle raised \$1100 for the Mu State Emergency Fund. Many thanks to District V Director **Marti McLean** and the Chapter Presidents for their tireless efforts in hosting this year's very successful meeting. Congratulations to **Nancy Marmesh** who was elected as the new District V Director and to **Joan Lutton** as our Nominations Committee representative. Thanks to all of our District V chapters for supporting such a terrific meeting!

Lost

One red satin stole for
"GREETER."
Please contact either

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to arrange for its return.
Thank you!

Mu State Fall Workshop List of Workshops and Meetings September 19 and 20, Lake Mary Marriott

**All Committees will Meet Friday Night
in their usual location (Exceptions listed below.)**

Bylaws on Friday at 4 PM in Orchid Room 1.

Finance on Friday at 4:00 PM in Room 804.

Nominations on Friday at 7 PM in Orchid Room 1.

Mu State Foundation on Friday at 7 PM on Friday in Room 804.

Awards from 10:15 AM - 12:05 PM on Saturday in Room 804.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS: Friday Evening, 7:00 PM TO 7:50 PM

First Timers at a Mu State Fall Workshop

"We Loved Mu State Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar"

The Challenge of Substitute Teaching

The Ghosts of Pensacola

The Wacky World of School Law

New Trends in Crochet: A "Make & Take" Program,
so bring your crochet hooks and thread

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS Saturday Morning, 10:15 AM - 11:05 AM

Human Trafficking

Strategic Action Planning: Chapter representative with plans
to share and/or something to write new ideas

How to Write a Winning Grant

Membership Committee: Ways to Increase Your Chapter's
Membership

How to Make Your Chapter Newsletter Interesting,
Informative, Fun to Read, and Helpful

You Can Write an Engaging Poem in One Easy Lessons! You
can Teach it to your Students as well!

Citizen CPR: Life Saving Techniques with no floor activity,
handouts, and volunteer participants

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS Saturday Morning from 11:15 AM TO 12:05 PM

Writing, Blogging and Tweeting - O My!
Change Your Focus, Change Your Life

The Wacky World of School Law

"We Loved Mu State Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar"

Importance & Work of Educational Excellence Committee
Creating Chapter Scrapbooks Using the MIX Book Website:

Bring Your Laptop, Tablet, i-Pad, etc.

**Mu State Fall Workshop/Executive Board
September 19 - 20, 2014 at Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
Registration Form**

Please print or type one name per form.

Name: _____
 Chapter: _____ District: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

Member First time attending a state meeting
 District Director Current Chapter President Past State President
 State Committee Chairman: (Name of Committee) _____
 Special dietary needs: (please indicate) _____

Make check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma

\$50.00 Pre-Registration (Includes Luncheon) \$50.00
 \$60.00 Full Registration (Postmarked after August 31, 2014)
 Social Hour (Dessert and Coffee: Please check if you plan to attend.)

Check # _____



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 Take CR-46A exit, EXIT 101A toward Sanford/Heathrow
 Turn left onto HE Thomas Jr. Pkwy. CR-46A West
 Turn left onto International Pkwy.
 Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary Group Reservation
 1501 International Parkway The DKG Society International
 Lake Mary, Florida 32746 September 19-20, 2014
 Phone: 407-995-1100 or 800-380-7724

Rates: Single-\$109.00 Double- \$109.00 Triple - \$109.00 Quad - \$109.00

Rooms rates will also include an 11% tax. Check in Time: 4:00 p.m.
 major redit card. Please specify the group name to receive the group rate.

Reservations must be received at the hotel by September 5, 2014.

Any reservations after that date will be subject to availability.

Refund Policy: Cancellations, no shows, or early departures without 24 hour advance notice will result in forfeiture of one night's deposit, or a charge of one night's stay, to your credit card.

Members/Chapters Designing Their Future

In May, a joint meeting of members from **Alpha Xi** and **Beta Lambda Chapters** was held at the Tyron Branch Library in Pensacola. District I Director Sandy Byars was our guest. Both chapters installed officers and celebrated Founders' Day together. Some of members dressed in outfits from the 1920's. Picture below from left to right are **Clancy O'Donnell**, **Beverly Stagg**, and **Martha Sanders**.



Dottie Smay arranged for **Alpha Chi Chapter** to use The Hangar Restaurant at Albert Whitted Airport in St. Petersburg as the site of their meeting on May 17. Members gathered at 9:00 AM for the initiation of three new members (**Claudia**, **Sabina**, and **Jean**) and the installation of officers.

On Saturday, May 3rd, **Alpha Eta Chapter** and four members from **Beta Tau** met at Perkins restaurant on University in Orlando to commemorate our founding women. After a short introduction and welcoming **Beta Tau members**, **Alpha Eta President, Shirley Wilkinson**, created a matching game for us to solve involving all the founding women of DKG. A brief history of DKG was offered to all members attending this meeting.

In February, **Beta Chapter** met for an informational history tour of The Daytona Beach News-Journal Center at Daytona State College. Afterwards, some members took **Coleen Skinner** to lunch in honor of her 100th birthday. A member since the 1970s, **Coleen** is a retired business education teacher. They loved her twinkling eyes and sparkling smile. Standing from left to right are



Kris Sternberg, Kathy Hammer, Mimi Monsour, Barbara Beasley, Mary Custureri, Eleanor Wright, Sue Hofstrand, and Lucy Jackman. Seated are **Coleen Skinner** and honored guest **Peggy Sheehan**.

Vice President of DKG **Beta Alpha Chapter, Betty Bunnell**, awards the first **Beta Alpha Grants-in Aid** in **District V** to **Lehanka Avril**, a student of the College Academy at Broward College. **Lehanka** was awarded \$250 to help with her expenses towards books and tuition as she pursues her studies in nursing.



Beta Epsilon held an Author Luncheon on May 3 at Napolitano's Restaurant. The guest speaker was **Leanne Lawrence**, author of the book **Between Hell and Hope**. She teaches prisoners who are

working toward their Graduate Record Exam (GRE). **Ms. Lawrence** is an energetic speaker, and her work is interesting.

On May 14, **Beta Epsilon** conducted a social service project helping pack dried food packages for children to diminish hunger this summer. Members choose either a morning or afternoon session at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to help other organizations assemble 150,000 packages distributed by the Bread of the Mighty.

On April 19, the **Beta Lambda Chapter** met at the Museum of Commerce in Pensacola. Their speaker was **Ms. Tammy Barton** who previously worked as a teacher and district coach in the Escambia County School District, and now she is working with DOE. **Ms. Barton** works with Differentiated Accountability (DA) schools, and she is a Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) specialist for Region I from Taylor County to Pensacola.

Best wishes and congratulations to several of **Beta Nu's** members. At the District IV meeting, **Peggy DuBose** was selected as a representative on the Mu State Nominations Committee. **Lori Howard** received \$1,000 from DKG's Educational Foundation to use in her classroom. **Debbie Raulerson** from Okeechobee High School was selected as their Teacher of the Year. Beginning with the 2014-2014 school year, **Vanessa McAllister** has been appointed principal of Central Elementary in Okeechobee County Schools.

In 1996, **Beta Omega Chapter** began its quest to sponsor a Doorways Scholarship. These are awarded through *Take Stock in Children* to Pinellas County students whose families could not

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otherwise afford a college education for their children. Students selected for these four-year scholarships to any Florida college or university are assigned a mentor who meets with them weekly and helps keep them focused on their goals. A Doorways Scholar is expected to maintain regular attendance, satisfactory grades, and remain drug and crime free. So far, nine scholarships have been funded. The first Doorways Scholar, funded in May of 1998, has graduated from college with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Two others have graduated from high school and are in college. Six scholars are achieving their goals in middle school and high school.

Beta Omega members **Emily Kwon** and **Nancy Denton** received well-deserved mini-grants and reported on their use of those funds at the final meeting of this biennium.

Congratulations to **Beta Omega** member **Wendy Bryan** on her promotion to principal of Seminole Middle School!

Beta Omega member **Elizabeth Hamilton** gave birth to a new son, Aaric Leif Hamilton. He was born on April 17th at 5:07 AM weighing a whopping 8 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Graycie Cameron, a **Beta Omega** member for 43 years, just celebrated her 100th birthday. Her photo can be found at the top of the next column. You can mail her a special greeting to

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Palm Harbor, FL 34684



Beta Sigma Chapter thanked **Peggy Baker**, the Bunco Party Chair, and her committee members for doing a wonderful job of putting together a fun filled day for not only our guests but also all of our members. Chapter Secretary **Candi Polhill** reported proceeds totaled \$1,200 which is the most ever earned from this event. Without this yearly fundraiser, we would not be able to support educational programs. Thanks to all of you for making this fundraiser our most successful yet!

On May 10th, **Beta Theta Chapter** held a social at the home of hostess **Margaret Dufeny**. It included the initiation of two new members **Erin Mellnick** and **Angela Kallinger**. **Beverly Owen** has also accepted an invitation for membership, and she will be initiated in the fall. After the installation of newly elected officers, Anna Marie Bedsaul, Instructor of Fashion Design and Merchandising at the International Academy of Design and Technology, shared fashion tips and techniques.

Beta Upsilon uses Evite to create online invitations to receive commitments about whether members will attend chapter events. On May 3, host **Cathy Holler** invited members to the Installation of Officers at The Meadows Country Club in Sarasota. She even included a menu for the luncheon!

Register for an account at www.evite.com so that you know how many will attend your next chapter event!



From **Beta Upsilon Chapter** in Sarasota County, **Dr. Fran Squires** (pictured above) is a Pine View teacher, who won first place in the Entrepreneurship category for Middle/High School from the Florida Council on Economic Education.

On March 11, the **Delta Eta's Educational Excellence Committee** greeted the wahines (women) with leis as they entered the Buccaneer Condominiums clubhouse in Satellite Beach. **Vivian Kendall's** meditation was truly inspiring as she talked about the things we juggle in our lives.



Next was a delicious meal complete with volcanic punch, served by **Jeanette Colburn**, that erupted from the punch bowl! The highlight of the evening was a hula presentation by Mililani, owner of Beachside Hula in Cocoa Beach. She has been dancing hula for over 40 years. Two of her

students danced two hulas for us as Mililani described what the dances were depicting. Mililani shared her experiences in learning hula in Hawaii as a child, her transition from traditional to modern hula. For the third hula, Mililani danced with her students and then taught **Delta Eta** members a hula. Mahalo (thank you) to the Educational Excellence Committee for an enjoyable, informative program and a wonderful evening!

On April 16, **Delta Eta Chapter** celebrated their 20th Birthday. At their May 6th meeting, an initiation was held for two new members, **Maryann Evans** and **Elaine Puryear** followed by card making led by their scrapbooking queen **Marilyn Schmid**, and concluding with the installation of the 2014-2016 slate of officers.

Past President Sharon Richardson is proud of **Eta Chapter's** many accomplishments. They donated \$190 to UNICEF's Schools for Africa project. For Supporting Early Educators, members donated school supplies to prepare 15 "goody" bags which were well received by new teachers. **Eta Chapter** donated over \$500 each year to the DKG World Fellowship fund. Their Grant-in-Aid of \$500 for a high school senior went to Felecia Permenter from Walton County. Donations from the book **Daily Lifts for Teachers** written by **Rosemary Pendery** were used to fund the Dr. Mabel Jean Morrison Scholarships awarded to **Delilah Lewis**, **Belinda Small**, and **Susan Spears**.

Kappa Chapter honored two of their members at their May 3 meeting who were celebrating 50 years of membership in DKG. **Mary Westendick**, formerly of Bradenton, and **Merrick Pitts** of Tampa were recognized for their loyalty and service to the society. **Mary** taught kindergarten at Samoset Elementary for all of her

years of teaching, and **Merrick** was a social worker for Hillsborough County Schools.

Awards Committee Wants Your Nominations

Arlene Oehler

Awards Committee Member

If your chapter is thinking about nominating one of your outstanding members for the Sarah B. Ferguson Achievement Award, it is not too early to begin the process. It will take several months to form a chapter committee, complete an application, and acquire the necessary recommendations. This is the highest award and honor one can achieve in Mu State. Please begin collecting information as soon as possible. You may be surprised at the length of time it takes to complete the application process.

The absolute deadline for the application is December 15, 2014. Please go online to the Mu State website to print the application/nomination form and its guidelines and nominate that deserving Mu State sister. Make sure to send application via certified mail. Remember, your chapter must vote to nominate her at a chapter meeting without letting her know. It is to be a secret.

Two other awards that warrant your attention are new for Mu State. One is for a Media Friend of Education and the other is a Legislative Friend of Education. We are asking that you be on the lookout for a person who has shown his or her interest in education by his or her written or spoken word. This individual may be anyone in print media pertaining to education that continually supports our profession or this individual may be a radio/television personality. The Legislative Friend would also be a person who continually supports

education with his or her work in the legislature. The deadline for these two awards is January 15, 2015 with the application online at the Mu State website.

The Awards Committee looks forward to receiving your nominations for these highly honored awards. Send applications before the deadlines to:

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Scholarship

Beverly Kelley, Chair
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NOW is the time to start working on the Mu State Scholarship Application for \$2,500. The deadline is **January 15, 2015**. Send completed application packet to:

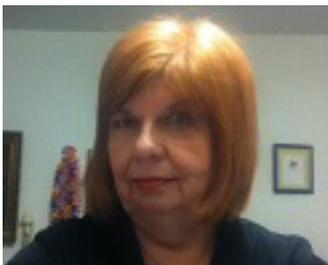
Beverly Kelley
50 26th Avenue
Apalachicola, FL 32320

by certified mail. The application and information is on the Mu State website. Just ask **Beta Omega Member Bonnie Kelley** who was awarded the 2014 Mu State Scholarship towards her Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership at National Louis University.

Many thanks to the scholarship committee for their help in the process. Also, while you're doing all the application paperwork, apply for the DKG International Scholarship which is \$10,000 and due **February 1st**. The application and info is on DKG International website.

REMEMBER: If you do not apply, you have no chance to win.

Strategic Action Planning



Gerry Hacker
1st Vice-President, SAP Chair

We continue to receive Strategic Action Plans from our Mu State Chapters. Chapters are making a special effort to provide these for their members. It is really making a difference as the "SAP" continues to rise in Florida! Our goal is for every Mu State Chapter to have an SAP. What an accomplishment that will be!

We need your participation and help! Chapter SAP representatives will meet as a part of our Mu State Fall Workshop Saturday, September 20 at the Lake Mary Marriott. **If you have a printed copy of your SAP plan, please bring two copies of it with you, or send a copy to pianosteel@hotmail.com**

Mu State will be making a notebook for display at our 2015 State Convention. Chapters with SAP Plans will also receive special recognition. We ask each Chapter President to send a SAP representative to this session. We hope to have 100% attendance this fall.

Five points that continue to surface are:

1. Meet the needs and identify interests of your chapter.
2. Focus on one or two areas your chapter will benefit from.
3. Set a reachable goal and achievement time
4. Involve your membership and promote SAP as a chapter proj-

ect—"Create a Buzz."
5. Enjoy! Make it fun! Praise accomplishments and share your excitement.

You can contact me, or one of our committee members, with a **"Yes, our chapter will have a SAP representative at the September 20th Fall Workshop!"**

We are all available to answer questions. Our contact information is below. Many thanks! You are all greatly appreciated! **Go, Mu State Strategic Action!**

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The Jesslyn McBride Leadership Growth Seminar



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I came to this conference with no expectations of what I would learn or gain, and not knowing that I would be immediately transformed after the first night. Leadership is about planning effective meetings, facilitating teams, and resolving conflicts; however, it is so much more. Leadership is about empathizing with your coworkers and inspiring them to be better versions of themselves. I have found at this conference that, while the speakers have been knowledgeable, their best presentation is often their own experience in pushing themselves to be better while encouraging their students and/or staff to do the same.

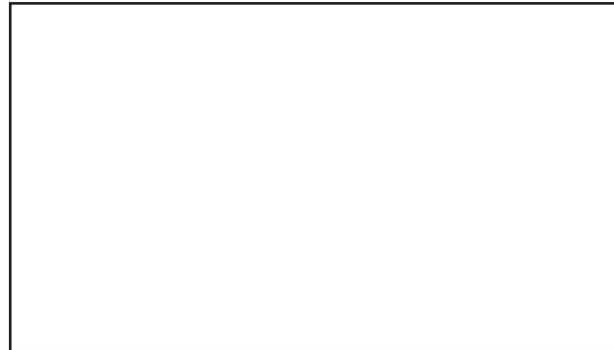
Leaders are visionaries who understand the "big picture" and do not hesitate to see what the future holds, they do not fear change, they manage to embrace it. This definition of a leader might seem like something intuitively understood, but I did not reflect on it until this conference and, once I did, I realized there are so many more steps to take for me to develop as a leader myself. The speakers and committee members were inspiring and that is true leadership. It encourages all attendees to push themselves forth in the future with a positive and assertive attitude to help everyone around them.

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July 28 - August 1, 2014
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Mu State Executive Board Meeting/ Fall Workshop

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
 September 19 - 20, 2014

Mu State Convention

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
 April 15 - 19, 2015

Southeast Regional Conference

July 15 - 18, 2015
 The Westin Savannah
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