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Mu State 2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting

The first official meeting of the Mu State Organization for the 2013 - 2015 biennium was the 2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting held at the Orlando Lake Mary Marriott on September 20 - 21, 2013. The staff at the new venue was most accommodating and capable of providing the services required for the Executive Board Meetings and workshops.



Registration opened on Friday at 3:00 PM with Beta Iota member **Jackie Gurthrie** signing in followed by various committee meetings. Dinner was on your own with many available restaurant options on the resort property. At 7:00 PM, the First Timers Workshop led by Gamma Delta's **Carolyn**



McGowan and **Executive Secretary Judith Mix** coincided with the First Workshop Session. Workshop topics

and presentors included "Cut Up Your Cards, Cut Up Your Debt" with **Roxanne Berger**, "Don't Complain - Light the Candle" with **Dr. Mary Custeri**, "Everyone is a Leader: Leadership Seminar 2014" with **Dr. Ann Lumsden**, "Teacher Collaboration through Lesson Study" with **Pat McCoy**.

At 8:00 PM, a Social Hour provided entertainment by the steel drum band consisting of **Roxanne Berger**, **Carol Ann Casey**, and **Gerry Hacker**, with a special presentation by **Lonnie Kirsch** followed by dessert along with coffee and tea.

On Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, **Mu State President Merle Jones** called the Executive Board Meeting to order. **Second Vice-President Carol Ann Casey** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Music Representative Roxanne Berger** led us in singing **God Bless America**.

Beginning at 10:15 AM, the Second Workshop Session included "Strategic Action for Us" with **Gerry Hacker**, "Excited Planning Session in Preparation for the District Meetings" presented by District Directors. "New Ideas and Tools to Promote Communication and Publicity, Part I" with **Terry Stanislonis**, and "Digital Photos and Digital Tools for a Digital You" with **Missy Jones**. Beginning at 11:15 AM, the



Third Workshop Session included "The Education Foundation and What It Can Do For You" with **Ann Blosfield**, "Effecting Change" with Stephany Ely, "An Introvert in an Extrovert World" with **Myra Santos**, and "Mu State Communications and Publicity Committee, Part 2" with **Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow** and **Debra Graff**.

Events concluded with the luncheon with Guest Speaker **Dr. Elsie Gross**, Chair of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. She provided a memorable and moving presentation that showed the faces of those impacted by DKG initiatives.

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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 lindadd@dkg.org

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Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society

Merle's Missive

“Sharing Our Vision”

Our theme for the 2013-2015 biennium is the same as The Delta Kappa Gamma International theme – “Sharing Our Vision – Strengthening Our Society.” In order to strengthen our Society, we must let others know what we do as an organization. When we identify our organization as Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG without further explanation, our Greek name can be disconcerting. We must not, we cannot, let our Greek name identify us! Our works identify us.



How can we share our vision and mission? We can:

- Know our vision and mission statements. Our vision is “Leading women educators impacting education worldwide,” and our mission is “The DKG Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.”
- Be prepared with examples of how we implement our mission. Some examples include:
 - 1) Leadership training offered at the state level through the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Growth Seminar every two years and the Leadership Management Seminar at the International level. Each seminar is offered in even numbered years.
 - 2) Scholarships and grants. Mu State offers four annual scholarships and three biennially. International offers a \$6,000 scholarship for graduate studies and a \$10,000 scholarship for doctoral studies.
 - 3) Elevator speeches. Have a short sentence ready to share with anyone who inquires about DKG, your key pin or a chapter meeting. Make use of our vision and mission statements, our membership of approximately 86,000 key women educators in 18 countries, representation at all levels of education, our seven purposes and the professional and personal growth opportunities for members.
 - 4) Workshops presentations either as a participant or a presenter.
 - 5) Networking and fellowship with 86,000 DKG members in 18 countries.
 - 6) Service at the local level (chapter projects), state level (Early Career Educators) and International level (Schools for Africa Project).

There are numerous and varied means of “Sharing Our Vision.” Press releases announcing meetings with photos of chapter events/projects, articles and networking with other chapters, districts, state and International are essential to inform the public of the vision and mission of DKG. Communication is the key to sharing what we do as an organization.

Look for the second part of our theme in the next newsletter – “Strengthening Our Society.”

From the Executive Secretary's Desk

Judith Mix
Executive Director



It's time for district meetings! We will have six district meetings so if you have a conflict with the date for your district meeting, you have five other dates and meetings from which to choose. These meetings are for all of the members in your chapter. There will be workshops presented by committees with information to take back to your chapter and share with others. There will be meetings of special interest for members to attend and strengthen their personal skills. Also, there will be double long sessions for the treasurer and the incoming president for 2014-2016. As I've said, there will be something for everyone. Send your registrations in now and plan for carpooling to the meeting. Each chapter has had a part in the planning and execution of the district meeting. Now it is time to go and enjoy all the effort you and your members have put in to it; and just maybe, one of your members will be the lucky winner at the basket drawings. Good luck to each one of you!

Materials and information are prepared in advance for each district meeting. One very important piece of information that is needed is the name of the chapter president for 2014-2016 and her contact information. That information is needed before your district meeting so as soon as you have identified and elected this person please send it to me. It is so nice to receive this information early so everything can be completed for your district meeting.

My time has certainly been filled recently. I have helped members coming to Florida for the winter looking for a chapter near to them to visit while they are here. I have had presidents seeking information about their chapter and looked for information to send to them. I have helped members needing contact information for other members. This is why it is important to let me know when something changes with your contact information. I am always happy to receive it and know our records are up to date.

See you soon at the district meeting, but feel free to contact me before then if there is something I can do to help you.

Finance



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Our recent review of the latest Chapter Finance Reports indicates that many of our Chapter Committee Chairs are not taking advantage of the helpful insights featured in International's Focus on Finance bulletins. Since International is not always current on Chapter Finance Committee Chairman, they have been sending a copy to Chapter Treasurers. If your Treasurer has not shared the Fall, 2013 issue with you, please ask her about it. It contained good tips on collecting dues as well as other useful information. The bulletin is published twice a year and can be accessed on the International Website www.dkg.org under Committees, Finance, and Focus on Finance.

In 2004 District Finance Committee members will be supporting Beverly Stagg, Mu State Treasurer, at all District Meetings during her two session workshop. At the beginning of the first session issues relating to Chapter Finance Committees will be addressed. Please plan to have your Chapter Finance Committee Chairman or representative join your Treasurer for this information where current Finance Committee Guidelines will be distributed.

Your Finance Committee will be reviewing the 2014 – 2015 Budget this summer and making any necessary revisions for presentation at the 2014 Fall Workshop. Finance Committee members will have the form necessary for all money requests on changes available at the District Meeting. Please plan to submit them before June 1, 2014.

Chapter Strategic Action Plan



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Promotion of Strategic Action Planning (SAP) throughout our state on the chapter level is much needed. Chapters need to feel connected and the leadership and input of our Mu State Committees, Chapter Presidents, and Chapter SAP Leadership mean a great deal to me and to our organization.

WOW! I want to express my appreciation to the presidents, chapters, and the members who participated in our SAP Workshop during the 2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting at the Lake Mary Marriott. We had thirty-five members whose input and enthusiasm generated interest and provided tools for success. It was wonderful to have so much interest in Strategic Action Planning and to see our DKG sisters be a part of this exciting way that increases knowledge and creates new ways to help chapters grow and expand ideas. Our motto: MAKE IT FUN!

Strategic Action Planning is an integral part of DKG and you, as a SAP Committee Chair or a member of an SAP Committee, are truly an asset at both the state and chapter level of Mu State. Mu State Committee Chairs are available to provide information or assistance, share

ideas, and help with planning. It is important that you not only identify areas that you would like to address, but involve chapter members in activities and accomplishments and develop ideas that the membership will find interesting, helpful, beneficial and FUN.

Recommendations...

*The Mu State Strategic Action Plan is available on our website under COMMUNICATIONS.

*Mu State Committee Members and their contact information are listed in the Mu State Directory (Yellow Pages) and posted on the Mu State website under PRESIDENTS PAGE. If you have questions, or want to share ideas, SAP Committee members and their contact information are listed below:

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I look forward to hearing about your ideas for your chapter SAP activities and accomplishments!

Remember: SAP 4 US
*Sharing our Vision...
 Strengthening our Society.*



Educational Excellence

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The Educational Excellence Committee has been busy getting workshop presentations ready for all of the District Meetings in Mu State. Please plan to have a designee from your chapter attend this important and informative workshop. The committee's main focus is to promote programs and projects of the society. This includes supporting programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts at international conventions, regional conferences and state organization conventions, and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders. In addition, the committee facilitates support for Early Career Educators, Schools for Africa, Educational Law and Policy, DKG/UN Relationship, and new programs, projects and activities at the chapter level.

Although we are one committee and all work together to meet our goals, each of us has a special job to oversee. If you need ideas or help, please contact one of the following individuals for assistance: **Sandy Byars** (Committee Chair/Early Career Educators), **Sharon Wallen** (Emergency Fund), **Joann Higgins** (Program Planning), **Roxanne Berger** and/or **Marsha Jones** (Music and the Arts), **Missy Jones** (UN Liaison), **Carolynne Foshee** (Schools for Africa) or **Sandra Smith** (consultant). Contact information for these ladies can be found on the Mu State Website.

We look forward to seeing you at the District Meetings around the State.

Resignation of Headquarters Administrative Assistant

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Kris Sternberg submitted her resignation as Mu State Headquarters Administrative Assistant effective December 31, 2013. Kris gave the required



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ninety days notice of her intent to resign which was accepted. Mu State appreciates Kris' years of dedicated service.

The Mu State Headquarters property was placed on the market in September 2013 with Carrie Frye as the official contact person to list the property, obtain the services of a reputable real estate agent, and oversee the upkeep of the property until the sale is complete. Carrie and the Headquarters Committee will keep the Executive Board informed of developments.

Since the Headquarters property is to be sold, it the opinion of the Mu State Officers that we do not need the services of an Administrative Assistant at this point. The Headquarters Committee will act on any needs that should arise with the property as long as Mu State retains the title.

Educational Foundation Plans 50th Anniversary Celebration



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Board members, past and present, of the International Educational Foundation are busy processing the 160 plus applications for \$1,000 grants which will be presented to fifty educators in 2014. This is the way the Board decided to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Notifications will go to the lucky recipients in March. Grants will be given for educational projects for individual classrooms, schools or communities.



Donations for the 50th birthday cake candles are still being accepted. Fifty dollars buys a candle, which can be made in memory or in honor of a person, chapter or state organization. Contributors are listed on the Educational Foundation website. Don't miss your opportunity to help fund these grants.

Board members are also preparing to read the applications for the Educational Projects, which were due January 3, and the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards, which are due February 1. Both categories of awards are available to employed educators, DKG members and non-members; male and female. If you, another member of your chapter or some other educator you know could use some additional money for either a project or attendance at an educational conference, be sure to check out the information which can be found at dkgef.org.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is committed to furthering educational potential worldwide. Donations to further this commitment are gladly accepted. Access the website to see how you can help make a difference in a child's education.



World Fellowship

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I have received three World Fellowship reports from local chapters. I am very grateful for the promptness of the chapter representatives who sent in the reports which are not due until February 1.

However, I was dismayed to discover that there is still confusion about the mission of World Fellowship. Many of our members still confuse World Fellowship and the Schools for Africa project. These are two completely different entities. World Fellowship provides scholarships to female students from foreign countries to pursue graduate degrees in the United States and Canada. Many of these young women are from undeveloped nations and may have no other way to fund their educational pursuits. Some of the nations represented provide funding for male students to pursue graduate degrees but not female students. Delta Kappa Gamma is rectifying that situation through World Fellowship scholarships.

This year DKG has three recipients that are attending schools in the State of Florida and one attending school in Georgia. Sohaila Isaqzai from Afghanistan is pursuing a Masters in Education at Florida State University, Maria Zambrano from Ecuador is studying for a Masters in Plant Pathology at the University of Florida, Yadamjav Chunaq from Mongolia is at the University of South Florida also pursuing a Masters in Public Health, and Eva Sofia Fidel from Angola is studying for a Masters in Public Health at Georgia State University.

The Mu State World Fellowship committee is offering a challenge to the local chapters for two World Fellowship awards during the coming biennium.

1. The Silver Award will recognize chapters who donate \$50 and contact one of the World Fellowship recipients during the year. This could be through cards, letters, or Skype.
2. The Gold Award will recognize chapters who donate \$100 and contact one of the World Fellowship recipients during the year. This could be through cards, letters, or Skype.

We are asking you to contact one of the World Fellowship committee members and to let us know which recipient you have chosen either from this year's list or last year's list, so that we don't have duplicates. Committee members are **Donna Heald**, dhealdtlh@centurylink.net; **Linda Zeiler**, zeilerl@duvallschools.org; **Marilyn Terry**, marterry2@verizon.net; **Myrna Santos**, ESLCARE@aol.com; **Ora Jean Henry**, omaojh@jimhenrybooks.com; **Deborah Thomas**, dwt3bton@aol.com; and **Stephany Eley**, stephanyeley@gmail.com. Please contact any of us if you have questions or suggestions.



Founding of DKG

Twelve women met in 1929 on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin with noble aspirations to build an organization to promote women in education and bring recognition and respect to their profession. The result of their planning was the founding of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. These Founders created a list of five Purposes which were intended to guide the organization. This number later grew to seven. These Purposes are as relevant today as they were in 1929.

- * TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- * TO HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- * TO ADVANCE the professional interest and position of women in education
- * TO INITIATE, ENDORSE AND SUPPORT desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- * TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
- * TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- * TO INFORM the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Upcoming District Meetings

District I



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The District I Meeting has been set for Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Wakulla Middle School in Crawfordville, Florida. Crawfordville is known for the beautiful Wakulla Springs and historic Edward Ball State Park. We will sign-in and enjoy breakfast pastries, juice, and coffee from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. The General Session will start promptly at 9:00. The Welcome Address will be delivered by Wakulla County's Superintendent Bobby Pearce. He is also the husband of Alpha Lambda member Jan Pearce.

In addition to our officer training sessions, we plan to offer many other professional development and personal growth sessions for our members. We already have several members who have expressed an interest in presenting. Please let me know if you have suggestions for the sessions. I will need contact information, so I can get in touch with presenters right away.

Our luncheon is being catered by Wakulla Middle School Principal Mike Barwick and Maintenance Foreman Larry Shiver. They

have promised some delicious southern BBQ with all the fixings! These two gentlemen cater for their teachers on special occasions at school and let me tell you- it's delicious!

I am still ironing out some details for the Friday night dinner, but I hope to offer attendees some fresh Florida seafood. Crawfordville is right on the coast, and you can't beat their seafood! Even if you aren't from District I, we'd love to have you. The registration forms for the meeting, and the Friday night dinner can be found on the Mu State website (<http://dkg-mustateflorida.weebly.com/>). District I members will also find forms in their chapter newsletters.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting as we "Energize Our Society with Spirit and Enthusiasm!"

District II



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Please join District II members in "Celebrating DKG in Northeast Florida" by spending "A Day on Broadway." This red carpet event will be held on March 1, 2014, at Coppergate Elementary School in Middleburg. Past and present Chapter Presidents will be honored on the "Star Wall of Fame." Workshops will include training for incoming chapter officers, as well as personal growth workshops

in art, photography, writing, antiques, traveling, and listening skills. Participants will enjoy a catered Italian cuisine and Broadway entertainment by local performers. Registration and hotel information is on the Mu State website.

District III: JOURNEY WITH US!



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Come journey with us to the District III Meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2014!

The trip includes a catered breakfast, an international luncheon, basket raffle, friendship, and networking among our sisters from all over the DKG State of Florida! You don't have to live in District III to join us for fun and fellowship on March 8!

We will have a luncheon speaker, Dr. Susan MacManus, Political Science Professor and Political Analyst from USF, to speak on women's and related issues. This should be a real treat since Dr. MacManus is in demand for her expertise all over the South.

Mark your calendars for March 8, and join us for an interesting, fulfilled meeting, not to mention the delicious food from all over the world! **"PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE; ENJOYING THE JOURNEY"**

Upcoming District Meetings

District IV



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**"Oh, the Places You'll Go with DKG!"
(My sincere apology to Dr. Seuss)
By Jan T. Stevens**

Congratulations!
Today is your day
To plan for the District IV meeting April 5, 2014.
You're off to Great Places!
Of course at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach!

Come with your head full of brain.
Your shoes full of feet to enjoy Fellowship, learning opportunities, and culinary treats.

You'll come to the place where there is fun to be done!
There are points to be scored.
There are games to be won.
All the magical things will make you the winning-est DKG gal of all!

So...
Be your name Rho, Beta, Tau, Alpha Eta, Alpha Theta, Beta Chi, Beta Delta, Beta Eta, Beta Nu, Beta Psi, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Delta Eta, Gamma Delta or Gamma Kappa, you're off to great places!

April 5, 2014 is your day.
Your mountain is waiting,

So...get on your way and register today!
(See Mu State website)

District V



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District V's chapters cordially invite you to please join the over 100 members who have already registered and will be "Revisiting Our DKG Past to Strengthen Our Future," on January 25, at the First Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale.

We will be enjoying breakfast and lunch and partaking in a variety of workshops which will include training for Presidents, Treasurers, and Financial Committee members, Website and Membership tips, Educational Excellence, and Educational Foundation information. There will also be workshops of general interest, which will include Monoprint Painting, Quilting, Discovering Edmodo, Common Core, Computer APPS, Finding Gratitude in Your Life, as well as many others.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Sandy Casteel, often called, "Mrs. Ft. Lauderdale." She is on the Board of the Stranahan House and the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society. We will be entertained by Musical Experience, a jazz ensemble, and the Girls Choir of Ft. Lauderdale.

As you can see, the chapters of District V have been working hard and are ready to kick off the Mu State district meetings!

District VI: ONE, COME ALL!



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District VI isn't clowning around when we invite you to Share Our Vision at The Greatest Show on Earth happening on February 22, 2014, at Venice Middle School in Venice, Florida. Venice is a city rich in circus history. You will see how we share our vision and strengthen our society at the greatest show on Earth. We would be honored to have you join us at the District VI Meeting!

At the meeting, you will juggle amazing workshops, fly through the air for exhilarating camaraderie, clown around at presidents' and treasurers' training, and tame your hunger with a delicious meal. The sessions will include make and takes, Venice's circus history, classroom strategies, and more.

Come one, come all, and meet my new daughter, Emmeline Rae Avery, in the center ring. Join us February 22, at Venice Middle School.

Members/Chapters Designing Their Future

In December, the **Alpha Chi** Bookies selected eight titles that all look forward to reading during 2014. A different chapter member hosts the monthly book discussion group in her home on the second Thursday of the month from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. For the first meeting, they will be reading the book entitled **Molokai** by Alan Brennert. Molokai is one of the major Hawaiian Islands. Subsequent titles include Barbara Kingsolver' **Flight**, Patrick Taylor's **The Irish Country Doctor**, Paula McLain's **The Paris Wife**, Betty Smith's **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**, Kris Radish's **Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral**, Chris Bohjalian's **A Skeletons at the Feast**, and Sara Gruen's **Riding Lessons**.

Alpha Omega sister Isabel "Izzy" Parrado, certified school counselor at Okeeheelee Middle School, is the Florida School Counselor Association's (FSCA) Middle School Counselor of the Year. This state-wide award was achieved by Mrs. Parrado in recognition of her enthusiasm and determination in running a top-notch, comprehensive school counseling program as well as continuous commitment to professional development and advocacy. She recently spearheaded the national recognition of Dr. Connie Siskowski, founder of the American Association of Caregiving Youth, as a CNN Hero and champion for care giving students. She sacrifices countless hours of personal time to helping families in need, assisting parents, and building relationships in the community that ultimately benefit the students at Okeeheelee Middle School. Her legacy of excellent student and collegial achievement is rooted in her



strong belief that every student can learn and every person can reach their highest potential.

David Samore, Principal of Okeeheelee Middle School, says, "Mrs. Parrado is a bona fide dynamo who never – and I mean never – abandons doing everything she can to help a student. She thinks globally and acts locally, inspiring others around her. Having worked with Izzy for almost 30 years, I can say without hesitation that she is the most committed, passionate counselor/educator I have ever known." This highly competitive acknowledgement of achievement was awarded at the Florida School Counselor Convention

For Alpha Omicron Chapter literacy project, members continue to bring in children's books to be given to the Milton Memorial Birthing Center in Walton County.

Beta Chapter member **Lucy Jackman** introduced Dr. Emily Richardson, associate vice-president of Boundless Learning initiative, Lifelong Learning Opportunities, Stetson University. Her focus at Stetson has been to provide programs for "Seasoned Citizens" who want to explore intellectual studies from a different per-

spective. This fall there were 40 courses offered for 1½ hours, once a week for three weeks. Those wanting to enroll in the program can pay \$150 to take six courses in one year. Those who volunteer as instructors may take classes free of charge.

By December 10, 2013, **Beta Chi** collected over \$1200 earmarked for the Ann Freeman Memorial Fund. A donation will be given to Seminole State College to provide a scholarship in her name.

On December 7, **Beta Nu Chapter** held their annual Silent Auction to benefit the World Fellowship Committee. Members brought baked goods, candy, jam, craft items, and their checkbook.

Congratulations to **Emily Kwon** and **Nancy Denton** who are this year's recipients of our Beta Omega Grants. Their projects are designed to help improve student performance. Also, Nancy and Emily will be presenting their reports at our April meeting. Thanks to Kim Short, along with the Awards and Scholarships Committee for your work! **Beta Omega** had a nice visit to downtown St. Petersburg on November 2, 2013, to visit the beautiful Chihuly Collection presented by the Morean Arts Center. Afterwards, participating chapter members met at 400 Beach Street for a great lunch and good fellowship.

Caroline Strubbe, Beta Sigma's Vice-President in charge of Membership, organized a beautiful initiation ceremony. We are thrilled to welcome four new members pictured from

Members/Chapters Designing Their Future



left to right: **Holly Cwilinski, Priscilla DeNiro, Deborah James, and Patty Scordino.**

All of these outstanding new members are highly qualified professionals who will bring so much to Beta Sigma Chapter.

On November 2, three new Sisters were initiated into Beta Upsilon in Sarasota. In the photo from left to right, they are



Nadine Moschberger who is an English teacher at Pine View, **Joanne Schwab** who is a Title 1 teacher at Tuttle Elementary, and **Nina Henderson** who is a Science teacher at Sarasota Poly Technical High School, from left to right. Members were encouraged to drop them a welcoming email.

Cathy Hollar invited **Beta Upsilon** Chapter members to their Holiday Party on December 7, 2013, using Evite (www.evite.com) which is an online invitation requesting a digital reply. The luncheon including sample soup, salad, chocolate fondue, and beverage was

held at the Chocolate Café in Sarasota.

Delta Eta held their Holiday Tea and Initiation on Sunday, December 8, 2013. Members brought a sweet to share along with the recipe. Hosted by the Educational Excellence Committee, contributions in support of their chapter's Early Career Educator were encouraged.

At the September 14, 2013, meeting of **Eta Chapter**, **Rosemary Pendery** presented certificates to recognize three Dr. Mabel Jean Morrison Scholarships recipients- **Susan Spears, Delilah Lewis, and Belinda Small.**

Mary Lee Erhardt, editor of **Gamma Upsilon** Chapter's newsletter ***The Lamplighter***, took a two year course at the Institute of Children's Literature in Connecticut. Mary Lee has always wanted to write children's books. At the end of the course, Mary Lee submitted an article that she wrote about the trip she took with her husband in 1996 to Komodo Island, Indonesia, and entitled it "Flicking Tongues." In December, she heard from U. S. Kids Magazine that they are going to publish her article in the March/April issue of ***Jack and Jill Magazine***.

Zeta Chapter Member and District VI Director **Kathy Avery** just adopted a baby girl named Emmeline Rae Avery.



Chapter President

A Form 6, Report of the Death of a Delta Kappa Gamma member, is to be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. A copy is to be sent to each of the following:

Membership Services Administration
P.O. Box 1589
Austin, TX 78767-1589
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Scholarship Deadline Approaches

Beverly Kelley, Chair
beverly.kelley@mchsi.com

The deadline for the Mu State Scholarships is coming up quickly. January 15, 2014, is the deadline for scholarship applications to be postmarked and in the mail to:

Beverly Kelley
50 26th Avenue
Apalachicola, FL 32320.

Applications are available online at the Mu State website.

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

Find the Mu State website on the International website. Go to www.dkg.org, click on **Society Websites**, click on the U.S. Flag, and then click on Florida. Click at the top of the map of Florida for the state website and on the chapter name for a chapter website. You can also visit the website at www.dkgsmustateflorida.weebly.com

Folding the **Florida Rays** reduces the cost for mailing.
 Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Upcoming District Meetings

District I Meeting
 Wakulla Middle School
 Crawfordville, FL
 February 8, 2014

District II Meeting
 Coppergate Elementary School
 Middleburg, FL
 March 1, 2014

District III Meeting
 Citrus Park Christian School
 Tampa, FL
 March 8, 2014

District IV Meeting
 Father Lopez High School
 Daytona, FL
 April 5, 2014

District V Meeting
 First Baptist Church of Broward Co.
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 January 25, 2014

District VI Meeting
 Venice Middle School
 Venice, FL
 February 22, 2014

Future Meeting Dates

DKG International Convention
 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

