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MU STATE CONVENTION HONORS

ACCOMPLISHED VISIONARIES:

Spotlight on Dr. Hanna Fowler,

Southeast Regional Director & Keynote Speaker



Mu State welcomes **Dr. Hanna Fowler** as our Convention Keynote Speaker. Hanna has become a member of our Florida family as we work with her in the planning and execution of the 2013 Southeast Regional Conference. We are most fortunate to have her as the 2012-2014 Southeast Regional Director for this event. Dr. Fowler lives in the small community of Thomson, Georgia. She has been married for 34 years to Sammy Fowler who is "My Knight in Shining Armor." She has 3 fabulous children, 4 wonderful grandchildren, 4 grand dogs, and a crazy black cat named Res-Q.

Hanna earned her Doctorate in Education Leadership, Specialist and Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, Specialist and Master of Education in Early Childhood, and Bachelor of Science in Art Education. She was employed by the Georgia Department of Education's Division of Needs Improvement (2004-2011), School Improvement Consultant (2008), retired from McDuffie County Schools (2004), served as a classroom teacher, special education teacher, Title I resource teacher, assistant principal and principal (1974-2004). Under her leadership as principal, the school received the GA School of Excellence in 2000, the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001, the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Award 2003 and 9 teachers recognized as National Board Certified.

Dr. Fowler was initiated into Alpha Theta Chapter in 1985, served as chapter president of two chapters, was a charter member of Gamma Tau and Gamma Omega, has held chapter offices as well as chaired many chapter committees, and is currently serving as president of Gamma Omega Chapter.

At the state level, Hanna served as Psi State Organization Executive Secretary (2007-2012), past Psi State President (2005-2007), First Vice President (2003-2005), and District IV Director (1993-1995). She was the recipient of 2009 Psi State Achievement Award, chaired and served on several state committees, presented in Leadership I (1990) and II (1992) Seminars, and has attended all state conventions since 1987 with the exception of one.

At International and SE Regional, Hanna served as the International Membership Chair (2010-2012), member of the International Membership Committee (2008-2010), member of the World Fellowships Committee (2007-2008), led the pre-conference training for 2009-2011 SE State Organization Membership Chairs, member of the SE Region Task Force to Study the International Committee Structure (2007-2010), chaired the Rules Committee at the 2008 International Convention, served as a member of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Atlanta Steering Committee (2008-2011), conducted workshops at International Conventions and SE Regional Conferences since 2005. Since 1992, Dr. Fowler attended International Conventions, SER Conferences and 2 European Regional Conferences.



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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Comments from Carrie

Carrie Frye, 2011 - 2013 Mu State President

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.” Mother Teresa

Spring is a wonderful season to celebrate rebirth and new life. At this late January writing, Florida missed winter and spring, and we are enjoying summer-like weather with the spring flowers and citrus in the central part of the state already in full bloom. Of course prior to receiving this article, things may have changed dramatically, weather-wise. Nonetheless, spring is a season which represents hope, joy, and beauty.

With this in mind, what hope do you have for your chapter and Mu State? What joy do you receive through your membership? What joy do you share with and create for other members? Have you considered the beauty which surrounds us as members? Our Society is an organization of hope, joy, and beauty!

Hope

- that we are fulfilling our mission of promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education
- that we are embracing our vision of “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”
- that we all are striving to accomplish our Delta Kappa Gamma purposes

Joy

- of developing new and life-long friendships
- of celebrating successes and other events with each other,
- of learning from each other
- of knowing we have support when we need it

Beauty

- in the intellect of each member with whom we come in contact
- in the generosity of all DKG members

These are just a few of the reasons we are so proud to be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

So what have you done this spring of 2013 to enhance hope, joy and beauty around you and particularly in DKG? Have you shared with friends, peers and colleagues these attributes of our Society? It is not too late to “spring” into action. Our organization needs each of us to show our pride in our membership by sponsoring a deserving educator so she, too, can experience the many benefits offered.

Close your eyes for a moment and recall the lady who sponsored you and that bright gleam of pride in her eyes when you were initiated. Think about that occasion for a moment. Now open your eyes and start tomorrow to “pay it forward.” As a result, you will experience that same joy as did your sponsor, and you will have a feeling of gratification for introducing a new member to incredible opportunities. We can each enhance the brilliance of spring’s attributes by sharing more hope, joy, and beauty.



Embracing Our Vision

~

Designing Our Future

Chapter Presidents

Members' names are not listed in *Florida Rays* until Form 6 is received from the chapter. Please send Form 6 immediately upon the death of a member to...

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by mail at
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Seminole, FL 33776
or
by email at
fl2cleary@tampabay.rr.com

From the Desk of...



Judith Mix
Executive Secretary

Excitement is in the air! I hope all members are feeling it. So many members are working to have everything ready for our Mu State Convention. Workshops and speakers, rehearsals and music, menus and decorations, proof-reading and printing; these are a few of the things being done. It will be a special time as we have installation of new Mu State officers, and chapter members will want to be there for the presentation of each chapter president. I hope each chapter has a carload of members planning to attend. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

I have been busy helping Mu State members, both new members and long time members, with their concerns. Some have needed information on things that happened a few years ago, and others needed information on upcoming events. Some of the concerns I could answer immediately while others took a little longer as I needed to research them. All of them are important to me, and I answer all of them.

Remember when you have a problem or concern and you don't know the answer; just contact me and I will help you.

Judith
mixjutom@embarqmail.com

Strategic Action Plan Update



SAP Committee-
Judith Mix,
Chair Barbara Van Diepen
& Gerry Hacker

The SAP Committee wants to thank the members for their conscientious support for the Mu State Strategic Action Plan and for their input in the ongoing process of implementing and improving the plan. It is most encouraging to work with the individual chapters as they develop their plans.

We encourage each chapter to continue to develop and improve their plans which should define the path the chapter takes to achieve its goals. Please contact the committee if we can be of any assistance. Continue your great work and please share your plans with us as you do.



The SAP is
an Ongoing Process...

Taking Risks



Pat Litterick
Leadership Committee
Member

It's not too early to begin thinking about attending the Jesslyn McBride Leadership/Growth Seminar in the summer of 2014. This seminar is a great opportunity for Mu State members to do something for themselves.

One of the topics discussed during the leadership/growth seminar is "Taking Risks." As key women educators, we often ask ourselves if we should earn a higher degree, try a new area of teaching, or become an administrator. Before trying something new it helps to look at the risks involved and ask yourself why you want to do this. Consider what obstacles could keep you from completing your goal, then get started.

In many articles about taking risks, getting started is listed as the biggest setback. Make that phone call. Once a decision has been made, enjoy the ride. There may be some bumps in the road, but you will discover new things about yourself and be proud of your accomplishments.

Sign up now, so you can be a part of this great leadership/growth seminar.

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."
- Wayne Gretzky

MU STATE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE



Donna Heald, Chair, Headquarters Committee

The Mu State Headquarters is located at 245 North Clara Avenue in Deland. The house was built in 1921, making it 91 years old. Mu State purchased the house in 1989. The house is designated as a "Historical Residence" and is located in a "Historic District." A new lawn service has been hired, and Kris Sternberg, the Headquarters Administrative Assistant, reports that the property looks great!

As part of the Headquarters Committee's responsibility to assess use of Headquarters, a survey was distributed to the Executive Board and Past Mu State Presidents via email in June, 2012. The Executive Board was given an additional opportunity to respond at Fall Workshop in September 2012. The survey asked about past use, reasons for use, reasons for non use, and possible future use by state committees and chapters. Allowing for the possible overlap of responses in the two surveys, i.e., a survey being completed twice by the same person, the results overwhelmingly indicate that the majority of those responding have never visited Headquarters and have no plans to do so. The main reasons for not meeting at Headquarters are travel distance and time constraints. In the last biennium, three state committees met at Headquarters, and it has been used to assemble materials for a conference. Local chapters use the house regularly for their chapter meetings. Insurance requirements preclude use of the building for any use other than Society business. Opening the house to those visiting the area would require additional insurance coverage, and cleaning up after guests is not in the job description of the Headquarters Administrative Assistant. A more complete report on the survey will be presented at the Executive Board meeting at Mu State Convention in April, 2013.

Chapters and committees wishing to hold a meeting at Headquarters or take a tour should contact Kris Sternberg, Headquarters Administrative Secretary, at kris.sternberg@news-jrnl.com.

Headquarters Committee: Donna Heald (I), Chairman; Tanna Gartside (IV), Nancy Jackson (V), Sheila Knoche (VI), Pat Palmateer, (III), Leslie Rickabaugh (II), Kris Sternberg (IV), Headquarters Administrative Assistant

Support Early Career Educators

Sandy Byars, Chair, Early Career Educators
sbbyars@hotmail.com



The Early Career Educators Committee is a new International project that falls under the Educational Excellence Committee. Support Early Career Educators (SEE) has become a primary focus for all chapters. SEE was established because of the alarming number of educators leaving the profession early in their careers. Retaining quality teachers is a world-wide issue, and expectations for new teachers are continually increasing.

Support is not only given to beginning teachers, but also to seasoned educators changing to "new" positions during their career. Mentoring is a critical part of SEE. As stated on the Mu State website, DKG members are encouraged to:

- be available to support with phone calls and visits
- help with lesson planning and bulletin board ideas
- offer advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations, and
- provide support in any way that is appropriate and practical.

Each chapter is encouraged to keep track of mentoring hours and financial assistance to early career educators through the THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) project. The goal of THAT is to present legislators in Washington, DC with a "fake" check that shows how much money DKG is saving them by taking on the mentoring role in schools. More information about Educational Excellence and SEE can be found on the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website under the "Committee" tab.

A Spotlight on Mu State Convention from Mu State President, Carrie Frye

Send your reservation now to attend the Mu State Convention from April 19 – 21 at the Orlando Airport Marriott. Plans are in place for a weekend during which your life will be enriched. To be successful, however, we need YOU in attendance. Below is what you can expect to experience.



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Hannah Fowler,
Southeast Regional Director

Panel of Accomplished Women Visionaries:

- **Dr. Deborah German**, UCF Vice-President of Medical Affairs and Dean, College of Medicine
- **The Honorable Donna McIntosh**, Circuit Judge in the Eighteenth Circuit for the State of FL
- **Dr. Neila Connors**, Author and Founder and President of (NAC) Networking And Client

Spell-binding Presentation:

DKG Michigan State President, Olive Horning "Corrie Ten Boom"

Stimulating Breakout Sessions:

Art
Exercise
Defining a Personal Vision of Change
Gratitude
Heightening
Strengthening Chapters
Student Achievement through Music

Displays:

Members' Arts and Crafts

Entertainment:

Mu State Chorus
Mu Statesmen
Professional Harpist

Honoring of Award recipients:

Achievement
Communication
Hall of Fame
Media Friend of Educators
Legislative Friend of Educators
Scholarships

Recognition:

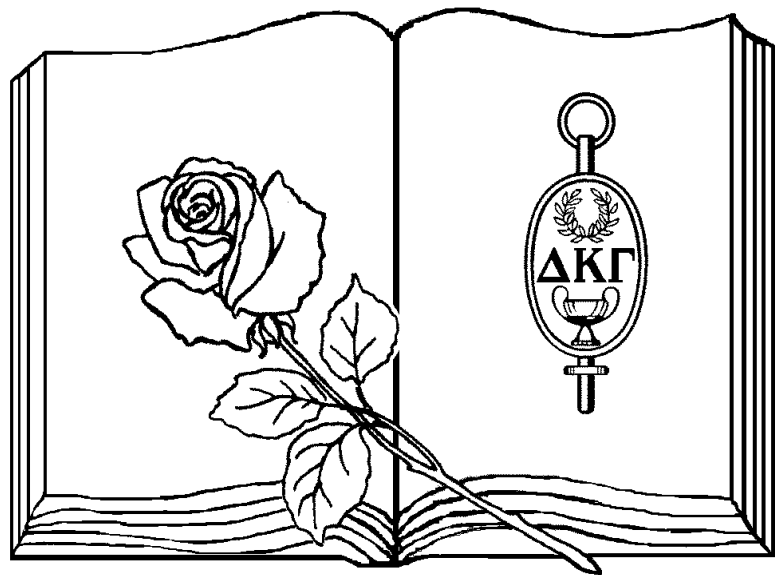
2013 – 2015 Mu State Officers

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MU STATE BYLAWS



Bylaws Committee-
Chair **Linda Pinkerton, Nancy Marmesh, Merle Jones, Gerry Hacker, Dr. Elsie Gross & Pat Litterick**

As you know, the Mu State Convention is the time when DKG members may make changes to the Mu State Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Bylaws Committee would like to encourage all members to review the proposed changes printed in the 2013 Winter Issue of the Florida Rays and then come to the Mu State Convention to be held at the Orlando Airport Marriott from April 19-20, 2013, where these changes will be voted upon.





MU STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

3:00 – 9:00	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
3:00 – 5:00	Displays set up	Ballroom Foyer
3:00 – 6:00	Arts and Crafts set up	Augusta A & B
4:00 – 5:30	Various Meetings with Mu State President	Executive Board Room
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner (Optional)	Sanibel & Captiva
7:00 – 7:50	Breakout Sessions	
	“You Can Draw Better Than a 5th Grader, Part II”	
	“T’ai Chi Experience: Joy Through Movement”	
	“Strengthening Chapters Through Communication and Involvement”	
	“Gratitude Improves Your Health”	
	“Defining a Personal Vision of Success”	
	“Heightening Student Achievement Through Music”	
	Betty Thornton Arts/Crafts Exhibit	Augusta A & B
*8:00 – 8:45	Presentation by Olive Horning	Capri
	“Corrie’s Reflections”	
9:00 – 10:30	View Betty Thornton Exhibit	Augusta A & B
	Chorus Rehearsal	Marco & Amelia
	Social Time	Sanibel & Captiva

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

7:15	Registration	Convention Foyer
*8:00 – 10:15	Executive Board Meeting/ General Session	Marco & Amelia
*10:30 – 12:00	Convention Speakers Session	Marco & Amelia
*12:15 – 2:15	Awards Luncheon	Sanibel & Captiva
2:30 – 3:30	Rehearsals (Officers, Installation Ceremony of Remembrance)	Augusta A & B Capri
2:30 – 4:00	Chorus	Sanibel & Captiva
*5:40	Line up for Celebration Banquet	Ballroom Foyer
*6:00	Banquet	Sanibel & Captiva

SUNDAY, April 21, 2013

7:30 – 8:30	Chorus Rehearsal	Capri
8:45	Ceremony of Remembrance Arrival	Capri
*9:00 – 10:00	Ceremony of Remembrance	Capri
10:15	Planning Session for 2013 – 2015	Capri

*Will start *promptly* as stated.

Mu State Convention

April 19 - 21, 2013

Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel

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 mtg** ___ Chapter President ___ District Director

___ State Officer or Related Personnel:(_____) ___ Past State President

___ State Committee Chairman: (Name of Committee) _____

___ State Committee Member: (Name of Committee) _____

___ **Special dietary needs:** Please indicate) _____

Registration _____ \$55.00
(includes Luncheon)

Late Registration _____ \$65.00
(Postmarked after April 5, 2013)

Friday Night Dinner _____ \$27.00
(Optional)

Banquet _____ \$45.00
___ Chicken ___ Roasted Salmon

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to:

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Check # _____

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___ No, I do not want my photo or contact information used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.

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Orlando, Florida 32812
Phone: (407) 851-9000 or (800)766-6752

Group Reservation: DKG International
April 19-21, 2013
Rates: \$129 Single, Double, Triple or Quad
(Room rates will also include 12.5% tax.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Type Credit Card: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

(Check in Time: 3:00 PM)

Each reservation must be guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-766-6752. Please specify the group name to receive your group rate. Reservations must be received at the hotel by April 5, 2013. Rates are effective 3 days before and after depending on availability. Any reservation after that date will be subject to availability.

Refund Policy:

Full refund of deposit will be forfeited unless cancellation is received 48 hours prior to arrival date.

Southeast Regional Conference

July 10-13, 2013 SER Conference will be an EXPERIENCE you don't want to miss! The venue, Gaylord Palms Hotel and Resort, where Experience is everything, provides all of Florida all in one place within a glorious glass centerpiece. Experience traveling from the colorful islands of Key West to the old-world charm of St. Augustine to the mystical essence of the Everglades. **"Experience Florida!"** as never before on Wednesday evening as the members of Mu State Organization roll out the "tropical carpet" to welcome the 2013 SERC attendees.

Experience dynamic keynote speakers. Sandra Ford Walston, *COURAGE – An Inside Job!*, Kate Campbell Stevenson, *Women: Back to the Future*, and Carolyn Fennell, *Sh-Heroes Strengthening Our Society – A Call to Action*. Experience the US Forum with Siobhan "Sam" Bennett, President and CEO of the Women's Campaign Fund (WCF), presenting the talk *She Should Run*.

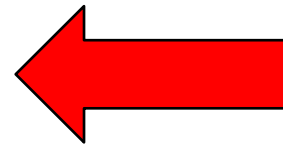
Experience pre-conference training sessions for state organization leadership and a special pre-conference session *It Doesn't Take Barbells To Strengthen A Chapter!* presented by members of the Administrative Board. States are asked to send 2 participants. **Experience informative and engaging breakout sessions** that embrace the Society's 7 Purposes allowing for a huge array of content to stimulate our personal and professional growth.

Experience DKG pre- and post-conference tours scheduled through 'Hello Florida' such as Backstage Safari at Disney's Animal Kingdom, Everglades at Wild Florida, Farris and Foster's Famous Chocolate Factory Party, the Kennedy Space Center, downtown Winter Park, and more.

Last but not least, **EXPERIENCE the warm fellowship of DKG sisters** as you visit, network, and learn about the Society.



SER Talent Search



SER is searching for talented members to perform before, during, and after our general sessions, luncheon, and presidents' banquet at the SER Conference. Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, do a dramatic presentation, mime or recite poetry either as a solo or in small groups? What about a wind ensemble, piano duo, steel drum ensemble, hand bell choir, choral reading or dancing, such as clogging, ballet, tap or jazz? So many possibilities. Then, you are just the person we are looking to participate.

Please respond by April 1, 2013,
to SER Music Co-Coordinators
Carol Ann Casey caseyca@bellsouth.net or
Gerry Hacker pianosteel@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

***Talent Showcase is our game.
We want YOU!***

Talent Presentation

Sing: Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Instrumental Presentation

Instrument: _____ Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Dance: Kind: _____ Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Dramatic or Choral Reading Presentation

Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Mime: Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Poetic Reading:

Solo: _____ Ensemble: _____

Meet the 2013-2015 Mu State Nominees

Patricia Eckstein
Nominations
Committee Chair

President

Vice President



The Nominations Committee composed of Chair **Pat Eckstein, Bev Stagg, Merle Lear, Yvonne Mc Shay, Bea Wilbur and Lou Burns** will submit the following slate of nominees for 2013-2015 Mu State Officers at the Mu State Convention on April 19-21, 2013.

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Merle Jones

Merle is in District I and a member of Delta Theta. Initiated in 1986, she has served in various roles, including chapter president and treasurer. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education, a Masters in Supervision and Administration and has completed her doctoral studies with the FSU/UWF Cooperative Doctoral Program.

Merle has taught at the elementary level, served as an adjunct professor, assistant principal at the middle and elementary level and principal at Vernon Elementary School. She was Washington County Teacher of the Year.

Merle is currently Mu State First Vice President. She has served as Mu State Second Vice President and Recording Secretary, District I Director, The Cookbook Project Treasurer, and on the Mu State Nominations Committee.

She attended the Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar and is active at the regional and international levels. Merle is in the Mu State Hall of Fame.



Gerry Hacker

Gerry, a member of Beta Iota in District III, was initiated in 1993. She has served her chapter in various roles including president. She is currently Mu State Second Vice President.

Gerry has also served as Mu State Recording Secretary, By-laws Committee Chair, co-chair of the Strategic Action Planning Team, Music Chair, Professional Affairs Committee Chair, District III Director and has served on numerous other state committees. She attended Delta Kappa Gamma Leadership Growth Seminar.

Gerry has a Masters Degree with additional work at several institutions. She is a Teacher of the Year and in the Mu State Hall of Fame.

Prior to her retirement, Gerry worked in Pinellas County as a Music Specialist, Middle School Orchestra and Chorus Director and at the Johns Hopkins Center for the Arts and International Studies.

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6000 W. Osceola
Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34746

Tel: 407-586-0000
Reservations:
1-877-382-7299

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/DKG>

Deadline for conference rates is June 13, 2013

Single/Double \$169

Prices do not include tax and fees.

Meet the 2013-2015 Mu State Nominees

Second Vice President



Carol Ann Casey

Carol Ann, of Pi chapter in District V, was initiated in 1976. She has served in numerous leadership positions including two biennia as chapter president and is the current treasurer.

Carol Ann has a Masters Degree in Computer Education and has completed many post graduate music courses. She currently is the Training Choir Director and Residence Choir theory instructor for the Florida's Singing Sons Boy Choir.

At the state level, she has served as District V Director, Membership Committee Chair, World Fellowship Committee Chair, Scholarship Committee Chair, Nominations Committee Chair, Music Committee Chair and a member of the Awards Committee.

She has attended Golden Gift Leadership Seminar and Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar. She is in the Mu State Hall of Fame and was awarded the DKG Sara B Ferguson Mu State Achievement Award.

Recording Secretary



Dr. Nancy Henning

Nancy, of Iota chapter in District I, was initiated in 1989. She has served her chapter in various roles including president. Dr. Henning received her B.S. in Elementary Education, M.S. in Mathematics Education, Specialists and Ph.D in Educational Leadership.

Nancy has taught kindergarten, fifth and seventh grade before becoming Dean of Students at a middle school. She then served as the communications Academy Coordinator at Fairview Middle where she is currently teaching seventh grade math.

Nancy is currently Mu State Corresponding Secretary. She has also served as District I Director, Program of Work Chair, Scholarship Committee Member, and Membership Committee Member. She has attended Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar. Nancy has been a Teacher of the Year, recipient of a Mu State Scholarship, as well as the Herman Frick Graduate Student Award in 1997. Dr. Henning is in the Mu State Hall of Fame.

Corresponding Secretary



Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow

Peg, of Beta Alpha in District V, was initiated in 1985. She has served her chapter in various roles including president. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education and English, Masters in Special Education, MAT in Art Therapy and Ph.D in Art Education and Art Therapy.

Dr. Dunn-Snow has been a Title III teacher on special assignment, a classroom and homebound teacher; Title I Reading and Math Specialist, ESE Specialist, District ESE Monitor and Reading Specialist, an art therapist, guidance counselor and has piloted an art therapy program. She currently has a private practice and is an adjunct professor for Saint Mary of the Woods College in the Office of Distance Learning and Graduate Admissions.

Peg is currently the Mu State Recording Secretary. She has received the Mu State and International Scholarships. Peg has been the Mu State Webmaster for several years and is on the 2013 Southeast Regional Conference Steering Committee. She will be serving on the DKG International Communications and Publicity Committee for 2012-14 and is on the list of International Speakers. Dr. Dunn-Snow is in Mu State Hall of Fame.

Members/Chapters Designing Their Future

Alpha Lambda Chapter in Crawfordville announces that members from Riversink Elementary School in Wakulla County have been selected as one of seven teams from around the nation to participate in the NASA Teaching From Space's MicroGravity eXperience. The "Riversink Elementary Otters" team, including **Molly Jones, Katrina**



Roddenberry, Cassie Burnham, Jennifer Williams and Melissa Martin will be going to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Beta Alpha Chapter is proud of **Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow's** recent appointment to the DKG International Speakers Fund. She will be an international speaker at the Quebec Annual May AGM/Convention to be held May 4, 2013 in Montreal.

Beta Chi congratulates **Amanda Register** who was named Teacher of the Year at Hamilton Elementary School, recognizes her outstanding teaching, and salutes her dedication to the education profession. Amanda is a fifth grade teacher in Sanford in Seminole County.



Beta Sigma President **Stephany Eley** was elected in November to a seat on the West Melbourne City Council.

Beta Upsilon congratulates **Debra Piner** from Booker Middle School and **Shari Valencic** from Pine View School for being named "Teacher of the Year."

Delta Beta made a special delivery of hand-made cards that included a note of appreciation and a Hershey's chocolate bar to Crystal Lake Middle School staff



on a Teacher Work Day. Photographed are members Susan Horton, Principal Chris Channing, member Pat Smith and 2 other school staff. The Lakeland chapter initiated this project to encourage and support teachers and educational professionals in their community.

Delta Beta congratulates member **Yvonne McShay** on the publication of her first book, "Our Lakeland: The Other End of Florida Avenue."



Panelists and organizers gathered after **Gamma Nu** Chapter's "Conversation about Education" Legislative Forum: DKG member **Terri Whitacre**, Charlotte County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Doug Whittaker, School Board Member Lee Swift, Candidate Paula House, **DKG member Barbara Davis**, School Board Chairman Andrea Messina, **Gam-**



ma Nu President **Joann Higgins** and **Candidate Debbie Johnson**.

Members of **Delta Delta** Chapter have contacted Zeta Chapter of Tom's River, New Jersey, and will be sending items to help this chapter assist those in need due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy.



Lambda Chapter Treasurer **Marilyn Terry** is pictured with SE Regional Director **Dr. Hanna Fowler**. Mu State will host the Southeast Regional Conference at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Hotel in Kissimmee, Florida, on July 9-12, 2013. **While** attended the Mu State Fall Workshop, Hanna expressed how excited she was to work with the host state Florida in making this the best ever.

Rho Chapter honors two-time published author **Jan Spurgeon**. During her illustrious 37 year career in education, she taught English, Journalism, Humanities, Creative Writing and Drama. Her advice to a beginning teacher is, "Do it only if you are passionate about it!" Jan wrote commercials at a radio/TV station.



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION WILL SOON CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Ann Blossfield, Education Foundation Chair, Blosda@msn.com

The Foundation will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2014 by giving 50 \$1000.00 awards to educators for use with classroom projects. The applications will be at dkgef.org on May 1, 2013, and must be submitted electronically by November 15, 2013. The Foundation invites all members to celebrate its 50 years by adding a lighted candle to its birthday cake. When a member contributes \$50.00, her name will be placed on the Foundation's website with a lighted candle.

The deadline for the next Cornet Professional Development Awards is May 1. If you, or an educator you know, need money to help finance a trip to a meeting, why not apply? The applications are on-line at www.dkgef.org. Be sure to stop by the Foundation's display at the Mu State Convention to see the latest details regarding the Foundation's work and the latest recipients of the Professional Development Awards. Contributions to the Foundation can be made by members and chapters in the form of a Make-a-Miracle contribution, a bequest, or a gift in honor of a present or past member. Won't you help the Foundation help education of children today?

Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Exhibit 2013

At the upcoming Mu State Spring Convention held April 19 - 21, 2013, in Orlando, the Educational Excellence Committee will host the Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Exhibit. This event is named in honor of a long time supporter of the arts and is aligned with the purposes of the committee to honor and recognize the talents and skills that our members possess. This event will give them a forum to display their works. Please submit the application to reserve your space in this great event. Share your talents with your DKG fellow members! All members will receive a certificate of participation. Please print or type one name per form. The application below outlines the criteria and if in doubt email **Joann Higgins** at gammanuhiggins@yahoo.com

Purpose

To celebrate members who participate in the arts.

Registration Form

Inviting all members who desire to display their artistic talents.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I plan to enter the following item(s) in the Arts & Crafts Exhibit: *(Check all that apply)*

Painting(s): oil watercolor photography other (specify): _____

Needlework(s): knitting crochet crewel embroidery sewing other (specify): _____

Literary work(s): poetry short story novel other (specify): _____

Miscellaneous arts & crafts: fused glass other (specify): _____

Musical arrangements (specify): _____

Recordings may be used to demonstrate musical expertise.

Send completed form by **March 15, 2013** to **Joann Higgins**, 1386 Craleigh Street, North Port, FL, 34288.

FLORIDA BREAKFAST

*Southeast Regional Conference
Gaylord Palms Resort and
Hotel
Kissimmee, FL
Thursday, July 11, 2013
6:45 AM
\$30.00
"Tropical Sunrise"*

Start making plans to join us for breakfast on the beautiful tropical setting of Castillo de San Marco which is a fort in the atrium area of the Gaylord Palms Resort. Members and guests of the SE Region will enjoy a brief program to welcome our new state president.

Watch for the registration form for the breakfast in our state website, Summer Florida Rays and Mu State Convention program. The deadline for reservations will be Friday, June 21. Registration for this breakfast must be made separately from the Southeast Regional Conference events registration.

MISSION STATEMENT

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Chapter Websites Need to Recertify

All Florida chapters who have DKG certified websites need to be recertified in 2013 to keep their status as an official DKG site. The new application for Certification/Recertification of DKG Websites (Form 72) is posted on the international website and includes the new Society website standards for your convenience. The new application form is located in the website file in the forms link, located in the upper right-hand corner on the homepage of the International site www.dkg.org



Wanted!

Mu State Hostesses for Southeast Regional Conference Wednesday, July 10 - Saturday, July 13, 2013

Duties of Hostesses

- * Greeting conference attendees throughout the day at hotel to give directions, answer questions or locate someone
- * Being pages for General Meetings
- * Manning of Hospitality Room around the clock
- * Distributing the daily newspaper at the door of General Meeting areas
- * Being greeters for entertainers and escorting them to entertainment areas
- * Being greeters for special guests and entertainers as they arrive at the hotel

General Information

- * Agree to work 2 - 3 hour shifts with some beginning at 7:30 AM
- * Wear hostess name tags and indentifying scarves and/or corsages
- * Report to Edie Smith, Hostess Chair, before going on duty



Name: _____ Chapter: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Edie Smith
 7150 Captain Kidd Avenue
 Sarasota, FL 34231

International World Fellowships Historical Timeline



At the 1946 Delta Kappa Gamma Convention a committee was appointed to survey the possibilities of fellowships and emergency grants to students from occupied countries who wished to study in the United States. Voluntary contributions were given to start a special fund.

In 1947, Delta Kappa Gamma participated in a project to finance special training in Switzerland for four women from Germany.

In 1952, programs of assistance to foreign women educators, students, and schools became the special concern of the national Committee on Service-World, with attention focused on Korean women.

In 1958, programs of assistance to the foreign assistance program was broadened and became known as Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowships.

In 1962, the responsibility of handling the World Fellowships Program was given to the Committee on Personal Growth and Services.

In 1968, a sub-committee on World Fellowships was established under the Committee on Personal Growth and Services.

In 1972, the Convention in Houston approved the establishment of a Committee on World Fellowships as an International Standing Committee under Educational Services.

In 1974 at the Seattle Convention, World Fellowships Committees were established at both the State and Chapter Levels.

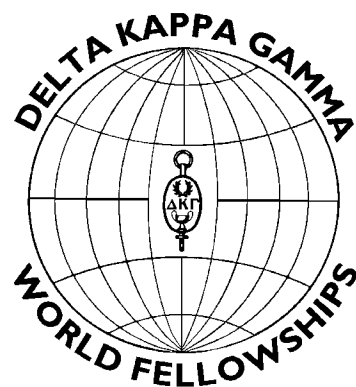
At the 1976 Convention in St. Louis, the restriction that candidates for World Fellowships could come only from countries where no Delta Kappa Gamma organization existed was removed, so that now a woman educator from any country other than the United States and Canada is eligible.

Through 1979, a total of 112 women from 35 countries have attended 59 universities in 28 states, receiving a total of \$383,157 from the World Fellowships program.

Financial impact as of 2011-2012:

***818 Grants have been given to women
representing 111 countries.***

\$2,941,100 has been awarded since 1946.



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

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 **new** website at www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com

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

New Mu State Website

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 19 - 21, 2013
Mu State Convention
 Orlando, Florida

July 9 - 12, 2013
Southeast Regional Conference
 Gaylord Palms Resort
 Kissimmee, Florida

The Educational Foundation will be 50 years old in 2014. Members may add to the celebration by contributing in several ways:

- Become a Miracle Maker by contributing \$500 over five years.
- Light a candle on the celebration cake by contributing \$50.
- Honor or memorialize someone special by contributing any amount. Those gifts of money fund projects that benefit education and children around the world. Go to www.dkgef.org to find out more.

