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International Scholarship Recipients

Geraldine DeFelix, left, of **Phi** Chapter, received the Lois and Marguerite Morse Scholarship valued at \$6,000.

Margaret Goodwin, right, **Alpha Phi** Chapter, received the 70th Anniversary Scholarship worth \$6,000. Both will be presented with their checks during the Celebration Luncheon at the 2012 International Convention in New York City. Congratulations!





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

There are still **1127** members whose names and email addresses **have not been sent to international**.

All chapter presidents have been given a list of chapter members who have not submitted email addresses. The names and email addresses of 100 members were sent following the last issue. **Thanks.** Would you do this **NOW** for your chapter? 

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We pause and remember these with love and appreciation.

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Patricia Gilghrist
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Alpha Theta

Pauline Cook Shores
Phi

Dr. Mary Zellner
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Some chapters are not submitting Form 6 upon the death of a member. They wait and include them in the Annual Report. **Please** help us recognize, in a timely manner, our members who leave us, by sending **Form 6** immediately upon their death to:

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Carrie Frye
Mu State President
2011 - 2013

The first year of a new biennium for each chapter is about to begin. What vision do you have for the next two years? Are you helping design the future of your chapter? Your input as a member can be important to the success of the chapter. Assist with the design of your chapter's future by sharing your visionary ideas of what you would like to experience and ways your chapter can become a model for others during the next two years.

What a success our district meetings were! Officers and committee chairs made a strong showing. Training sessions were held for all incoming/repeating presidents and treasurers. The chair of the Educational Excellence Committee provided information on many project and program endeavors. The chair of the Strategic Action Plan Committee assisted with development of chapter plans, the Membership chair cheered on membership growth, and the chair of the Bylaws Committee gave input for those submitting updated chapter rules. Much guidance was available to help participants strengthen their chapters. Enthusiasm was evident at all meetings. Attendees, share your experiences with your chapter members. Encourage members to attend DKG meetings at all levels.

Comments from Carrie

Embracing Our Vision ~ Designing Our Future

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

Sandra Day O'Connor

It is through this involvement that we acquire a better understanding of Delta Kappa Gamma and become more vested in the opportunities available. Chapter Presidents, grasp the enthusiasm that currently exists and schedule a planning meeting to develop your calendar for the upcoming year. Make it an exciting one for all.

District Directors, you did indeed take your role seriously. You provided support for your chapters during your biennium and you planned a district meeting with a wide variety of learning opportunities, fellowship, fun entertainment and excellent food. Attendees left with special memories of experiences in your hometown areas. You and all who assisted in any way with the success of each meeting have my heartfelt thanks. Job well done! You will be recognized at Fall Executive Board Meeting on September 15.

Calling all Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar graduates! Where are you? Remember how excited and confident you felt on the last day of participating in the four day professional training? Have you put those leadership skills to work by stepping up to serve as president of your chapter or in some capacity at the state level? Have you conducted a workshop session at a state meeting? Now is the time. Do not wait until someone asks you. Volunteer to lead and let anyone at the state level know you will chair or serve on a committee, as an officer or present at a state meeting. We want qualified and willing members and appreciate those who come forth.

Do you plan to spend a few days of your summer in New York City? We know that Florida will definitely be in the spotlight with our Dr. Beverly Helms nominated as the 2012 – 2014 International President. Attending the International Convention is one way to realize the many benefits of our Society. What an opportunity to take advantage of all that will be offered through our organization at a reduced room rate. This is a great time to share with new initiates one of those exciting venues members can experience at discounted prices. Organize a group of three or four to share expenses and make this a trip of a lifetime. Be there to participate in the convention activities, meet and form friendships with fellow members from around the world, enjoy the city and support Beverly. If you are unable to join us in *The Big Apple*, we will look forward to seeing you for the Executive Board Meeting at Orlando Airport Marriott on September 14 -15, 2012.

As we, members of Mu State, create a tapestry for our Delta Kappa Gamma legacy, let us develop one which reflects memories of outstanding chapter programs, exciting involvement at chapter, state and international meetings, and beautiful lasting friendships. Each of us has the opportunity to accomplish a most colorful artistic memory as we weave our threads of involvement, contributions and experiences throughout our Society.

Carrie

From the Desk Of...

Outstanding! Fantastic! Wonderful! Those are only three of the words used to describe the six district meetings. While similar, each one was unique. What a pleasure it was to travel to New Port Richey, Jacksonville, Arcadia, Okeechobee, Boca Raton, and Pensacola. The members were warm and welcoming. If you missed your district meeting this year be sure and put it on your calendar for 2014. The meetings are opportunities to provide specific training for treasurers and incoming presidents as well as to provide workshops and pertinent information for all members.

Many events are planned for DKG members in the next few months beginning with the newly elected district directors attending a training session to acquaint them with the responsibilities of their new positions. Next, members are invited to the International Convention in New York City followed by the Fall Workshop/Executive Board meeting in Orlando, September 14-15.

If you have a question or concern and/or need help, contact me by email or phone.



Judith Mix
Mu State
Executive
Secretary

Judith

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

Michigan President says, "Thank You!"

Olive Horning, Michigan State Organization President, expressed her appreciation to members in Mu State who assisted her friend when she was stranded in St Petersburg with an ill husband, who had three surgeries and was in four hospitals. Mu State members in the area contacted the friend by phone, and email, provided meals and even offered her a place to stay in St. Pete.

Remind your members that one of the many benefits of membership in DKG is the support network that can be found in the 79 state organizations and our 17 member countries.

District Master Calendar A Way to Communicate, Support and Connect

District III chapter members are field-testing a system that allows them to post their meetings and activities on a centralized calendar to share with one another. It is called the District III Master Calendar. According to **Debra Graff** it is beneficial to have instant contact with nearby chapters, share information on meeting dates, projects and motivational guest speakers as well as having a place for state leaders to research chapter meeting schedules when arranging visits to an area.

With the assistance of the Mu State Webmaster, **Dr. Peg Dunn-**

Snow, the District III Master Calendar is accessible to all members through the Mu State Website <http://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com>.

Each chapter in District III selected one member to enter her chapter's meeting dates and maintain the updates for the chapter on the Master Calendar. This member is also a point of contact for visitors or guests to confirm any last minute meeting changes. District III believes that the Calendar will be a way to share, support, and grow as a chapter, state organization and as an international Society.



Donna Heald, Chair
Mu State, Headquarters
Administrative committee

News From Headquarters

The Mu State Headquarters Administrative Committee has terminated the landline phone at headquarters. Considering the prevalence of personal cell phones and wi-fi devices as well as the limited use of the house, the committee felt that the funds could better be spent in other areas. The cost of the phone was about \$600 a year.

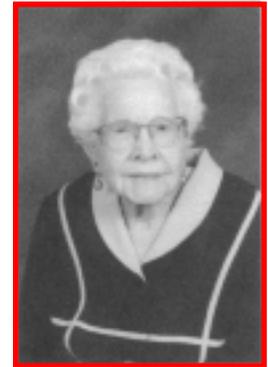
The committee also approved repair of the sprinkler system, installation of a timer and trimming of the hedges around the property.

Members/Chapters Embrace Their Vision

Dana Sackett, art teacher at Gullett Elementary School in Manatee County, tied for Teacher's Choice 2012 in the *Sun* of Anna Maria Island, Fl. She is a member of **Kappa** Chapter.

Beta Sigma experienced a rainbow at its Founders Day luncheon. The members involved in the rainbow were **Ardyth Heller, Mary Ann Beggs, Barbara Whittington, Barb Jeffers, Caroline Strubbe, Peggy Baker, Joyce Parten, Jane York** and **Lois Sabino**.

Beth Davis was recently honored by Pi chapter. Beth hosted the chapter at the Kids For Kids Academy, which has been recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children as holding Five Star status. The two members who recommended Beth for membership were **Pat Parham** who has been a member for 43 years and **Linda Lentin** for 41. **Beta Epsilon** raised approximately \$1200 at their Gators Dockside Breakfast and will use the money for gift cards for new career educators.



Ethel Winn



Mu chapter celebrated the 100th birthday of **Ethel Winn**. Ethel is the chair of the Citrus County Retired Educators Membership Committee.

Ethel with Bonnie Ignico

According to chapter president, **Bonnie Ignico**, Ethel taught her entire career in Citrus County where she was a teacher, principal and supervisor. Early on, she had to row a boat with the students to get to a school which was on an island. Amazing lady and DKG member.

Shown below, **Beta Lambda** installation of officers. Left to right, **Alice Grant, Jennifer Langford, Carrie Young, Denise Harper** and **Beverly Stagg**.



Delta chapter has 75th Anniversary. In photo, l to r, **Harriet Spangler** and **Kathleen Martin**, both past chapter presidents, with **Dana Mitchell** the current president.

Alpha Sigma Hosts Forum/ Celebrates Birthday

This chapter has a great relationship with the media outlets and benefits from the publicity given their chapter projects and activities. Putnam County political candidates had the opportunity to speak and field questions at a political forum hosted by the Alpha Sigma chapter. **Sabrina Crosby**, Vice President and program organizer, served as moderator for the forum. The program was provided not as an endorsement of a candidate, but as a public service to the community. The chapter was the focus of the *Applause* section of the *Palatka Daily News* for its efforts.

The chapter received additional community publicity for its presentation of both the Estelle McKenzie Grants to college students pursuing education

degrees and for its providing four mini grants to worthy educational projects proposed by active educators.

Elizabeth Sproull Walker, a member of Alpha Sigma recently celebrated her 100th birthday. **Jane Register** is the president of this successful chapter.



Leading Women Educators Impacting Education World Wide.

The S A P Continues To Rise in Mu State



S A P 4 U S

Members of the Mu State SAP Committee attended each of the six district meetings and conducted a workshop to assist chapters in formulating their individual Strategic Action Plans. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm with which many chapters are proceeding to develop their plans. Many wonderful ideas were presented and the committee is looking forward to continuing our collaboration with the chapters. Hopefully, we were able to demystify the process of strategic planning and help chapters zero in on some ideas that will work for each of them.

As your chapter develops and refines its own SAP, please send a copy to Barbara Van Diepen, SAP chairman at vandiepen61@bellsouth.net. The committee is interested in your progress and wants to be able to report that chapters are working to develop their plans.

The committee will attend a workshop in New York City at the International Convention to acquaint the other states with our progress, to exchange news and to bring back new ideas that we will share with you in September at Fall Workshop. Please revisit the Mu State plan that is listed on the website. We need your suggestions and ideas for updating as we get ready for our biennial review to present to the next Mu State convention.

A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow.

George Patton



Barbara Van Diepen,
Chair,
Mu State Strategic Action Planning Team

Looking For Members?



Carol Ann Casey
Chair, Mu State Membership Committee

After attending the district meetings, one question keeps popping up. Whom can we attract as new members, where and how? We often look for new members only in our schools, but the possibilities are limitless. An active member must be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired from an educational position. Look at the following list of possibilities. See if you have considered all of them or have others not on the list. Share them with me.

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| Classroom teachers | Private tutors |
| Administrators | Public Librarians |
| College or vocational instructors | Church school educators |
| Adjunct Professors | Business and Corporate Trainers |
| Guidance Personnel | Pre-school/ nursery educators |
| Speech Pathologists | Health Care educational trainers |
| Media/Reading/Curriculum and other Specialists | Consultants |
| Instructional Aides | Private/charter school educators |
| Paraprofessionals | Educational program administrators |
| | Docent at zoo, museum, art gallery, historical site. |

Join the
Mu
State
Chorus



Sing with the Mu State Chorus at the 2013 State Convention. Rehearsals will be held at the Fall Workshop. You are needed! Enjoy singing some old Broadway favorites and a few new Broadway hits. Special music is planned for the Celebration of Life Service on Sunday. Join **Ruth Yeilding** and **Lonnie Kirsch** September 14-15 for practice. Contact Lonnie at lonchobee@netzero.com

New Resource Available for Chapters

A new poster will soon be available from international to help chapters increase their visibility and announce activities. The poster can be placed in strategic areas such as school lounges or workrooms, public libraries, business offices, etc.

Posters will be available for purchase in the DKG Store at the 2012 International Convention in New York City. A few will be mailed to each state organization president. Chapters will want to purchase several to advertise their meetings and to use as a reminder for members of upcoming meetings or activities.

Functioning much as an erasable board, the poster can be reused by wiping it clean and putting new information on it.

What a fantastic marketing tool to use in the local community to increase awareness of our organization and to serve as a reminder of an upcoming DKG event or activity.

For complete information regarding the new posters, you should contact international headquarters. Call 1-512-478-5748.



Wanted:
key women
educators
of all ages

Who is invited:

Date:

Time:

Place:

Occasion:

Sponsor:

One of 2400 chapters in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor society of more than 10,000 key women educators in 27 countries.



Make A Miracle



Members who attended the Educational Foundation Workshop or bumped into Dr. Elsie Gross or Ann Blossfield at a district meeting left believing that the Educational Foundation is one of the best things the Society does for educators and their students. Its mission, according to the two, is to support intercultural understanding and educational excellence. To accomplish this, the Foundation provides grants to educators to help fund projects. It also awards grants of up to \$2000.00 each for professional development of educators. These Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards provide money to help teachers attend meetings, seminars and workshops. Additionally, it sponsors the Seminar for Purposeful Living, which is presented prior to each International Convention. This year's Seminar will take place in Washington D.C.



Dr. Elsie Gross and Ann Blossfield

In order to fund all these worthy offerings, chapters and individual members are encouraged to become *Miracle Makers*. This can be done by agreeing to donate a total of \$500.00 over a five year period. Contribution forms have been given to all new chapter presidents. Additional forms are available on the DKG website. All contributions are tax deductible. You **can** make a difference. Help your chapter become a *Miracle Maker* or become a *Miracle Maker* yourself.

NOTE: Workshops continue to be accepted for the Mu State Fall Workshops/Executive Board meeting, September 14-15, 2012. If you are interested in presenting, please complete the form that is posted on the Mu State Website and return it to Merle Jones. You may email the form to Merle at dwmsj@att.net, call her (850 638-1280) or send the form to 1973 Cane Mill Road, Chipley, FL 32428.

Mu State Nominations Committee 2012-2014



Beverly Stagg, Beta Lambda
District I



Merle Lear, Alpha
District II



Yvonne McShay, Delta Beta
District III



Pat Eckstein, Beta Chi
District IV



Bea Wilbur, Xi
District V



Lou Burns, Gamma Upsilon
District VI

It is not too early to nominate members in your chapter for Mu State Officers for 2013-2015.

Outstanding District Meetings

Below are a few of the photos from the six district meetings. For a complete view of each district meeting visit the Mu State Website (www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com) and click on the district link. Photos by Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow, Peggy DuBose, Helen Schmidt, Debi Bowen and others. Thank you for capturing the experiences.

Mu State President, Carrie Frye challenges members at District I.



Right, incoming chapter presidents receive specialized training for their new roles.



Sandra Smith presenting the Educational Excellence workshop in District VI.



Barbara Van Diepen assisting chapters with Strategic Action Planning at District II.



Registration was fun at all districts. Above (l to r), Ginny Hunter, Maurine Harrison, Frieda Proctor, Elizabeth Decker, Stephanie Walsh and Bonnie Plucinski are ready.



2012-2014 District Directors were elected. Above, Carrie Frye looks on as Lonnie Kirsch pins Jan Stevens at District IV.



The food was great. Above (l to r), Helen Schmidt, Gail Taugh, Mary Andrew, Emily Mistretta and Nancy Case at District III.



Members enjoy seeing each other. Shown above (l to r), Joan Sharperson with Barbara Gillis at District V.

Embracing Our Vision - Designing Our Future

Designing Women recognized in all Districts

Mu State President, **Carrie Frye** recognized members in each district who have been, and continue to be, instrumental in designing the future of their chapters and Mu State. Those shown in the photo to the right were recognized at **District I**. They are, l to r, **Beverly Stagg, Terry Stewart, Geraldine DeFelix, Martha Sanders, and Alice Grant.**



District II Designing Women, left to right, are **Grace Wilhelm, Lee Ann Pollard, Megan Sullivan, Mu State President, Carrie Frye, Judy Rees, Linda Zeiler, Ruth Burrell and Carolyn Smith.**

Designing Women, recognized in **District III**, were (l to r), **Nancy Case, Marilyn Olivio, Mickey Stout, Mu State President, Carrie Frye, Robin Elliot, Debra Graff and Pat Mallett.**



In photo to left, **Distict IV** Designing Women included (l to r), **Judith Mix, Fawn McNeil Barr, Pam Bittenbender, Charlotte Vitale, Peggy DuBose, Missy Jones and Beverly Ritchie.**

Right, **Carrie Frye**, Mu State President in background, recognizes **District V** Designing Women. Left to right **Bonnie Plucinski, Elizabeth Decker** (standing in for **Frieda Proctor**), **Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow, Dr. Patricia Stephenson, Linda Petuch and Virgie Lee Shaw.**



Members recognized in **District VI** as Designing Women are shown in photo to left. From l to r, **Cindie Fischer, Jan Beckley, Megan Greenleaf, Lou Burns, Dr. Janice Novello, Ann Ticks and Cathy Hollar.**

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

Deadlines are

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

Find the Mu State website on the International website. Go to www.dkg.org, click on **Society Websites**, click on the U.S. Flag, 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

SAVE THE DATES

Jesslyn McBride
Leadership Growth Seminar
 Tampa Airport Marriott
 July 12-15, 2012

International Convention
 Sheraton New York Hotel and
 Towers
 New York City, NY
 July 24-28, 2012

**Mu State Fall Workshop/
 Executive Board**
 Orlando Airport Marriott
 September 14-15, 2012

Mu State Convention
 Orlando Airport Marriott
 April 19-21, 2013

Southeast Regional
 Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee
 July 9-13, 2013

New Mu State website:
www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com

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International website
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Criteria for Mu State Communications Award

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

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