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Beta Mu Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary



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Beta Mu Chapter, District II, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 5, 2018, with almost 60 present, past, and prospective members in attendance along with several state member guests. The room was filled with hugs and excitement as past and present members greeted one another. Current **Beta Mu Chapter President, Coleen Stoffa,** lead the celebration with introductions followed by lunch catered by members **Terry Stanilonis** and **Pat Litterick.** **Dr. Beverly Helms, Past Mu State and International President,** was our guest speaker. She spoke about the importance of the chapter in the DKG organization.

Lynda Wiggins, co-chair of the celebration, recognized charter members in attendance. **Barbara Roush** and **Elise Day** were the two charter members attending who are still reserve members of **Beta Mu Chapter.** **Marjorie Dowling,** a past member, was initiated in the same year. Marjorie, who will be 96 years old on her next birthday, drove herself over a hundred miles each way to attend the celebration. She was thrilled to reconnect with several members whom she hadn't seen for many years. Other members and guests were recognized as past **Beta Mu Presidents, Woman Educators of the Year for Beta Mu,** leadership seminar participants, grant-in-aid recipients, and district and state leaders.



Past Mu State Presidents, Carrie Frye and Merle Jones, installed **Beta Mu** officers for the next biennium. **Dunia Jean-Baptiste** was installed as the next president with **Shantell Chisom** and **Coleen Stoffa** as first and second vice-presidents. Other officers include **Peggy Elmore,** recording secretary; **Karen Robinson,** corresponding secretary; **Pat Litterick,** treasurer; and **Terry Stanilonis,** parliamentarian. The celebration ended with **Leslie Rickabaugh, Helen MacInnis,** and **Andrea Geiger** leading the **Delta Kappa Gamma Song,** together with the cutting of the

cake by the charter members. Members and guests had plenty of time to visit and reconnect. What an awesome and memorable DKG event!



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Spotlight on Florida Members

Mu State Scholarship Recipients

The Mu State Scholarship Committee proudly announces 2 recipients of the Mu State Founders' Scholarship in 2018- **Gussie Bowen Sakowicz** and **Christine Poppell Whitfield**.

Gussie, a member of **Beta Zeta Chapter** who lives in North Miami, plans to work on a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Grand Canyon University.



Christine, a member of **Alpha Lambda Chapter** who lives in Crawfordville, plans to work on a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at The University of West Florida

On behalf of **Mu State President Carol Ann Casey**, **Mu State Scholarship Chairman Joanne Hogan**, and the members of her committee, **Mu State Treasurer Beverly Stagg** sent both recipients a check in the amount of \$2,500.



Mu State members hope to meet both of them at the Florida Mu State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Workshop, September 21-22, 2018, at the Orlando Marriott Hotel in Lake Mary, Florida. Congratulations, **Gussie** and **Christine**! Hopefully, Mu State will have more scholarship applicants and award winners in 2019.

Middle School Named for Mu State Member

Dr. Mona Jain, Manatee County educator, former director of HeadStart, medical doctor, and Kappa Chapter sister of DKG, has recently been honored for her long list of accomplishments in a very permanent way.

On April 13, 2018, ground was broken on a 27-acre site which will be the Dr. Mona Jain Middle School. Dr. Jain is quoted as having said that this particular Friday the 13th was a lucky day for her.



The school board voted unanimously to honor Dr. Jain for her dedicated service over the decades to the students and people of Manatee County. Congratulations, Dr. Jain!

Florida (Mu State) President's Message...

Spring has finally sprung with some April showers (in some areas, Yellow Rain) to bring us our beautiful May flowers. The bromeliads, orchids, and roses are in full color in my yard.

May means the end of district meetings. What wonderful ones they were, a marvelous display of diversity. We went from "Run for the Roses" to lighthouses in "See the Light, Be the Light", on to "The Teachers are the Artists of Human Potential", then we donned our denim and pearls before moving on to the many colors of "Umoja," and finally to our grand finale, the Butterfly Effect, "Everything We do Matters." As Maya Angelou once stated, "Diversity makes for a rich tapestry." Even though each of these district meetings were very different, they all had the same underlying theme of our mission, vision, and purposes that weaves us together and propels us to be ever moving forward.



Along with our district meetings there have been other important events since our last issue of the Florida Rays. In March, thirteen of our members represented Florida at the U.S. Forum National Legislative Seminar. We had the largest number attending. Also, some chapters have been celebrating their fiftieth and sixtieth birthdays.

May and June are months of new beginnings – initiating new members and electing and installing new chapter officers. It is also a time when we set up our new committees and start planning our programs, projects, and meetings for the coming year.

As July arrives, so will International Convention. Make plans now to attend. Austin is ready for you, July 16th–20th. The future of our society is going to be redesigned with the many amendments that are being proposed. We need you there to help in the policy making and our path forward. Your voice needs to be heard. Don't forget the many wonderful breakout sessions that will enrich and fulfill you both personally and professionally. Remember to spend some time to network, make new friends and rekindle old friendships.

Before you know it, September will be here. Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshops will be calling you to the Orlando Marriott – Lake Mary on September 21-22. By that time you will need a little R & R. Come meet your new district directors and chapter presidents. Many enriching workshops are being planned. We will also be recognizing and celebrating our new initiates since July of 2017. Make plans to be on hand to welcome them. Registration forms and workshop proposal forms are in the **Florida Rays** and on our website. Get a carload and head to Lake Mary.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer. Get refreshed and rejuvenated. See you in Austin and in the Fall.

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"Oh, the Places We'll Go With DKG!"

Florida Mu State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Workshops
"Oh, the Places We'll Go with DKG!"
September 21 - 22, 2018
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary



Registration Form: Please print or type one name per form.

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____ **District:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: () _____ **Email:** _____

Please check all that apply:

Member **First Time Attending a State Meeting** **Current Chapter President**
 District Director **State Officer or Related Personnel:** _____
 Past State President **State Committee Chairman: (Committee Name)** _____
 Special dietary needs: (Please Indicate) _____

Registration: _____ **\$60.00 includes luncheon** **Make check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma**

Check # _____	Send to: Pat Eckstein
Registration Deadline: September 7, 2018	6939 Sylvan Woods
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No refunds after September 10, 2018	Phone: 407-947-0824
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Please Note: Unless you indicate below, your attendance at this meeting gives permission for your photo & contact information to be used, if needed, in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.
 No, I do not want my photo or contact information used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
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Phone: 407-995-1100 or 800-380-7724

Group Reservation
Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG
September 21-22, 2018
Rooms rates will also include tax.

On-line booking link: Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Workshop
Rates: Single-\$121.00 Double- \$121.00 Triple - \$121.00 Quad - \$121.00

Please specify the group name to receive your group rate.
Each reservation must be guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card.
Reservation cut-off date is: September 4, 2018
Any reservations after that date will be subject to availability.
Refund Policy: Cancellations, no shows, or early departures without 48 hour advance notice will result in forfeiture of one night's deposit or a charge of one night's stay to a credit card.

Directions from Turnpike:
 Take I-4 exit, EXIT 259 Orlando/Tampa
 Merge onto I-4E toward Downtown Orlando
 Take CR-46A exit, EXIT 101A toward Sanford/Heathrow
 Turn left onto H.E. Thomas Jr. Pky. CR-46A W
 Turn left onto International Pky.
 Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane

Directions from I-95:
 Take I-95 to exit 223 (Sanford/Mims)
 Head west on Rt. 46
 Turn left onto International Pky.
 Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane

A Whole New World: World Fellowship Report



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On March 23, 2018, the International World Fellowship Committee (I am a Member of this Committee) held a Go-To-Meeting to evaluate the applications received, and to decide the recipients of the 2018 Scholarships. A review of the scores that each of us had provided by assessing their applications, and a general discussion followed. The Committee decided to award 23 Grants of \$4,000 each, plus 11 Extension grants, 9 Extensions of \$500 for recipients working on their Masters' degrees, and 2 extensions of \$1,000 for recipients working toward a Doctoral degree. Seven recipients will be studying at Canadian universities and 16 will be attending universities in the U.S. The scholarship awardees will be announced in mid to late October, after they have registered at their universities and are, for certain, attending classes. We are hoping, of course, that at least one of the recipients will choose a Florida college or university! It would be great to be able to invite that person to one of our workshops or conventions and to listen to her viewpoints and get to know her, as we did with Dr. Joannie Bewa and Aleksandra Ita Olszewska last year.

Extending ourselves and establishing relationships with our recipients is very important. Women who could not have otherwise moved forward are able to achieve their potential because of the DKG World Fellowship Program. An expanded education is the greatest gift that can be bestowed upon anyone who is passionate for knowledge and eager to explore the paths of change visualized through learning.

The International World Fellowship Committee will be presenting an informative and entertaining Breakout Session at the International Convention in Austin, Texas in July. If you will be attending this most worthwhile event, please stop by and see us! At our Mu State Fall Workshop, there will also be a World Fellowship Breakout Session, and the Committee Members and I will be hosting a raffle/sales table in the Foyer of the Lake Mary Marriott, as well. Please come!

Membership: Bridging the Gap

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It was an exciting time in Florida DKG these past few months. District meetings were in full swing, and it felt great to share energy and network with women around the state. Members were inspired by creative themes and found common ground to explore new ideas.

At each district meeting, the Membership/Expansion Committee presented a workshop entitled "Membership: Leading the Way." We brainstormed and looked at the following questions that chapters are asking: How do we tap into community resources to interest excellent women educators into joining DKG? How do we connect with newly initiated members to get them actively involved? What are some creative, engaging programs that other chapters find successful? How do we encourage and nurture new leaders?

We discussed these questions and gathered a bank of ideas to share at Fall Workshop. Here are a few of the suggestions that members shared during the breakout sessions:

- o To attract educators- Sponsor a reception for distinguished teachers such as Teachers of the Year and Golden Apple recipients.

- o To involve newly initiated members- Provide specific mentor support, feature new members in the newsletter, create a scrapbook with photos, and connect initiates with responsibilities that match their interests.

- o To engage active members- Keep business meetings organized and efficient, provide excellent speakers, and offer a variety of hands-on projects.

- o To encourage leadership- Provide training for all officers, provide funds for leadership experiences, and pair new leaders with leadership mentors.

During the next few months our committee will be taking on the challenge of "bridging the gap" and exploring diversity within chapters. All ideas are welcome!

Parliamentary Moment: Chapter Minutes 101

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Do you cringe when asked to take minutes? Relax. Here are basic guidelines to make the job easy.

What information should minutes contain?

The first paragraph should contain:

- The kind of meeting (regular, special, etc.),
- The name of the chapter,
- The date, time, and place of the meeting,
- The fact that the president and secretary (or substitutes) were present, and
- Whether the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The body should contain (each in a separate paragraph):

- Each main motion (as presented or, if amended, as amended), who made it (but not who seconded it or who moved to amend it or the amendments themselves) and whether it passed, failed, was postponed, or was referred to a committee.
- The substance of each committee report,
- Notice of any motion(s) to be made at a future meeting, and
- All points of order and appeals, and their disposition.

The final paragraph should state the time of adjournment [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, l. 22-p. 470, l. 22].

What information should be excluded?

Minutes “should contain mainly, a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members” [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 17-18]. They do not include opinions; for example, we had a lovely tea, or we were glad to have three prospective members at our meeting. They do not record suggestions or discussions, but just the action that results from such talk. Thus, they are normally brief—rarely more than one page for a chapter meeting.

Do minutes have to be read to be approved?

No, if they are distributed before the meeting, they can be approved as distributed.

How should minutes be approved?

The president asks, “Are there any corrections?” She takes corrections, if any, and then says, “The minutes stand approved as read (distributed),” or, “The minutes stand approved as corrected.” Minutes should be signed and dated when approved.

How should corrections be recorded?

Corrections are made in the minutes that were corrected. Minutes of the current meeting say only, “The minutes were approved as corrected.”

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th ed.), pp. 468-475 includes a sample set of minutes and detailed rules for handling them.

Submit Bylaws Amendments And Examine Chapter Rules



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The Bylaws Committee urges you to examine the Mu State bylaws and submit any changes to the committee for consideration at the Mu State Convention in 2019.

Since the DKG International Convention will be held in 2018, the committee may need to make changes based upon what happens in Austin. You have plenty of time to think about and consider any changes you may recommend. We just wanted to give you a heads up and to remind you that any proposed changes to the bylaws must be published in the Florida Rays at least 60 days prior to the State convention. Any proposed changes should be submitted to the committee prior to November 1, 2018.

To chapter presidents, you should also revisit your chapter rules to make sure they are in compliance with both Mu State’s and DKG International’s documents. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Barbara Van Diepen, Mu State Bylaws Chair, at vandiepen61@bellsouth.net.

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary



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Due to relocation to Ohio, **Mary Lee Erhardt** tendered her resignation as Mu State Corresponding Secretary effective May 1, 2018. **State President Carol Ann Casey**, in accordance with state bylaws, has exercised her executive privilege to appoint **Roxanne Berger** to fulfill the duties of the Corresponding Secretary effective immediately and for the remainder of the 2017–2019 biennium.



We wish Mary Lee all of the best as she settles into life in Ohio and extend a heartfelt thank you for her service to our state organization and to DKG international. Mary Lee's new address is PO Box 598, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. I know she will enjoy hearing from you.

Join me in pledging your support to Roxanne as she takes on additional responsibilities.

Chapter President Meets Caroline Bouvier Kennedy

While recently attending a benefit for a children's hospital, **Terrye Mosley, Alpha Beta Chapter President**,



had an opportunity to converse with Caroline Kennedy who delivered the Florida Forum address. Terrye found Caroline to be soft-spoken and gracious.

Educational Excellence Committee

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The Mu State Educational Excellence Committee's interactive workshop at each of the six district meetings was titled "Involving, Engaging & Supporting New Members." This interactive workshop was designed to offer participants a variety of take away plans to use as they promote broad membership involvement in the planning and implementing of activities in their own chapters. At meetings that offered a 45 minute workshop option, the presentation included an introduction to and explanation of some of the ways each chapter can immediately involve and engage its new members. This was followed by an interactive opportunity for participants to try out one or more of the ideas in small groups. At meetings that offered a "take away" option, a written description of all of this was made available for pickup. We hope our participants have taken these suggestions to their chapters and presented them as they work to 1) empower leaders to impact policy and people worldwide, 2) validate and support members' passions and talents to lead, and 3) inspire, mentor, and strengthen members' growth as leaders.

We look forward to hearing about the successes in your chapters throughout the districts and throughout Mu State. The emphasis is to encourage each new member to play an integral role in her chapter. We hope all veteran members will answer the call to actively participate in their own chapter's vitality and work side by side supporting their newest members. Mu State's Educational Excellence Committee believes that a chapter's strength is the direct result of a shared commitment to that chapter's future by its leaders, its veteran members, and its newly initiated members supporting one another equally. We believe it isn't enough to grow our chapters in numbers alone, but rather to increase the possibilities of what our chapters can do by each of us, seasoned or green, striving to be a part of something amazing.

Plan now to attend our Fall Workshop session "Rally Around our Classroom Teachers Before, During, and After the School Day" in which EEC will interact with participants to develop and compile ways for retired DKG members to provide valuable resources to support actively working educators in their communities. EEC is collecting feedback from both groups that will be shared with participants as a "jumping off point" at the workshop. Attendees will leave with a plan for their chapters to put into action.



District I Meeting “Teachers Are the Artists of Human Potential”

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On March 3, 2018, the District I Meeting was held at Raa Middle School in Tallahassee with 76 in attendance. The General Session was called to order by **District I Director Donna Heald**. The theme was “Teachers are Artists of Human Potential.” The Mu State Committee Reports followed with many items of interest noted:

- Leadership workshop forms available at meeting with **Sandy Byars** taking application photos for those who would like to apply.
- **Dr. Nancy Henning** announced she had available forms to apply to present at the fall workshop and to seek state committee appointments.
- **Dr. Deanie DeFelix** made the By-laws report and noted that any changes for 2019 must be submitted by November 1, 2018. The forms are on the Mu State website.

At the after lunch business meeting, **Linda Wunderly** of **Phi Chapter** and **Kather Diesner** of **Delta Theta** were elected **District I Co-Directors** for the 2018-2020 biennium. **Clancy O-Donnell** from **Beta Lambda Chapter** was elected to the Mu State Nominations Committee.

During the District I Workshops, the new chapter presidents’ training and the chapter treasurers’ workshops were conducted. Member workshops included emphasis on leadership, recruiting and involving members, legislative matters and our role, using social media to promote your chapter, seasoned teachers sharing with newer teachers their experiences in the educational environment, and information on the Oasis Center for Girls.

Delightful box lunches from Jason’s Deli of wraps, turkey and ham sandwiches with sides were enjoyed by all members during the program.

Beautiful baskets were created by each chapter. The amount raised was \$620. which will go to various groups- Emergency Fund, International Scholarship Fund, World Fellowship Fund, DKG Educational Foundation, Golden Gift Award.

District II Meeting “Run for the Roses”

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The District II Leadership Meeting was held on February 10 at Marion Technical College in Ocala. Since Ocala is the horse capital of the world, and the rose is the DKG flower, a “Run for the Roses” derby was chosen as the theme for the meeting. It began with a dinner for out-of-town guests at Mimi’s Café on Friday evening. Members of **Alpha Rho Chapter** prepared gift bags for those staying at the hotel.

Next morning, everyone in attendance wore their derby hats and walked into a room with a large horseshoe of roses over the fireplace and a continental breakfast. Members of **Alpha Rho** sang and paraded their hats to a DKG version of the “Ascot Race” from **My Fair Lady**. **Sam Wright, District II Director**, called the meeting to order. Each chapter paraded their hats as the roll was called. After the two-minute reports from state committees, **Terrye Mosley** was elected to represent District II on the Nominations Committee, and **Terry Stanilonis** was elected the new **District II Director**. There were interesting workshops for all to attend throughout the morning.

Before lunch was served, **Amy Raft** played two selections on her saxophone. The culinary department of the college prepared a delicious luncheon of salad, rolls, short ribs of beef, braised brussel sprouts, sweet potato casserole, vegetable medley, peach cobbler, and mint julep cupcakes. Guest speaker, Dee Collier, presented herself as Lizzy Jane, a pioneer woman of early Marion County. The winners of the hat contest were announced, and new presidents for the next biennium were presented. The winners of the baskets were announced, and the presidents voted to send funds to the DKG Foundation and the Emergency Fund.

Everyone enjoyed the derby theme- especially wearing their lovely hats. The venue, food, workshops, entertainment, and enjoying friendship with DKG sisters made this District II meeting one to remember.

District III Meeting "UMOJA:



**Celebrating Diversity,
Uniting Community"**

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UMOJA, Unity, was the order of the day at the District III meeting on April 14, 2018. Approximately 140 attendees met at Marchman Technical College for training and collegiality. The room was decorated with enchanting decorations made by **Delta Delta Chapter**. Goodie Bags were contributed by **Beta Omega Chapter**. **Delta Gamma** handled set up and clean up. Every chapter had a hand in providing support to make the District III meeting a success!

At the General Meeting, we congratulated newly-elected **District III Director Yvonne McShay** and **Nominating Committee Member Rose Ann Verheyen** for the upcoming 2018-2020 biennium. Both ladies received enthusiastic support of the entire district, and we know they will provide excellent leadership to our region. Fifteen workshops included one presented for new presidents and one for current chapter treasurers. There were also information workshops on the **Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar, Mentoring New Members, Developing Leadership Skills**, and **Legislative Advocacy**. Additional workshops included **Human Trafficking, Brain Research, Retirement Planning, Pebble Meditation, Unknotting through Knots**, and **Dance Moves to Age Gracefully**.

Lunch was prepared by students in the Culinary School on the Marchman campus. Speaker Colleen Beaudoin, Pasco County School Board member, shared how advocating for her special needs child led her into a life of "politics" and service to the community. We enjoyed the musical singing talent of Isabella Napoli, a freshman at Mitchell High School, who sang with the voice of an angel. We raffled off approximately 20 baskets collecting \$1,430. for the U.S. Forum/Legislative Advocacy Fund. We also collected \$106.31 for the Florida Emergency Fund.

As we closed with the Delta Kappa Gamma song, the feelings of sisterhood and purpose shined through the faces of every member. It was a great opportunity to network and renew bonds of friendship and loyalty. For many, this was their first district meeting, but they were excitedly saying it would not be their last!



District IV Meeting "Denim and Pearls"

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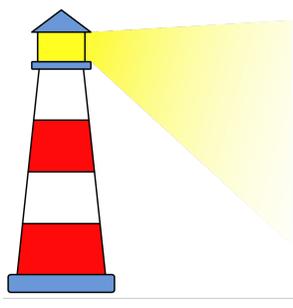
The District IV "Denim and Pearls" meeting was held March 24, 2018, at the Indian River State College Dixon Hendry Campus located in Okeechobee. Each chapter in District IV was represented. Mem-

bers arrived Friday evening attired in denim, boots, hats and pearls. We had a casual dinner at the home of Peggy DuBose. Peggy had "old" pictures taken at DKG meetings through the years scattered on the tables. Many of us giggled as we saw pictures of our younger selves.

The next day members were greeted by "The Duke"-John Wayne. The Duke ended up wearing pearls. A continental breakfast was provided by **Beta Nu Chapter** members. The hall was lined with beautifully decorated themed baskets provided by each chapter for raffle. There was a Chocolate, Wine, Garden, and Pioneer Woman themed basket just to name a few. Maggi Cable of the Friends of The Okeechobee Battlefield had a display of Seminole Indian Artifacts. Authors Mary Lou and John Missal also had a display of their books on the Seminole Indian Wars. At the General Session, the meeting was called to order by **District IV Director Linda Vaughn**. We were greeted by a message from **Mu State President Carol Ann Casey**. **Beth Dewey** will be our representative on the Nominations Committee. **Diana Brown** and **Sandra Reaves** will be **District IV Co-Directors**.

Workshops followed the General Session. Some went to new officer training meetings while others had an opportunity to visit with the 4H Club Chobee Minis. They showed their miniature horses and provided information and answered questions. We then gathered for lunch. The tables were decorated with the cutest denim placemats with pockets for our dinnerware made by **Lonnie Kirsch**. Entertainment was provided by the Okeechobee High School Drama Club under the direction of **Debbie Raulerson**. They performed songs from their musical, "Shrek". Thank you to all who helped make the meeting a success. A Rootin' Tootin' good time was had by all.

District V Meeting “See the Light, BE the Light”



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On February 24th, District V DKG members from Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties met at Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton. We were honored to have our state officers in attendance, former Mu State Presidents and District Directors, and all our Mu State Committees represented. Our theme of “See the Light, BE the Light” guided our event throughout the day. We were all enLIGHTened by our State Committee reports, and we participated in many workshops.

Incoming presidents and treasurers received special training. Leadership and Communication offered breakouts, and we provided a rotating training session called “Illuminations: Sharing Your Light!” Seven presenters were stationed around a large conference room, and participants visited each on a timed schedule guided by facilitators. Participants’ reviews were quite positive as they enjoyed the stretch breaks and received so much information within this timeframe.

For the 2018-2020 biennium, **Myrna Santos** will be the **District V Director**, and **Beatrix “Bea” Wilbur** will be the **District V Representative** on the Mu State Nominations Committee.

We had a healthy and delicious buffet luncheon by Hugo’s Catering followed by our speaker, Ralph Kruger, Lighthouse Historian from Hillsborough Inlet Lighthouse in Broward County. **District V Director, Linda Petuch**, presented awards for Leadership to several of our “Guiding Lights,” **Mu State President Carol Ann Casey, Nancy Bentz, Carrie Frye, and Deanne Ugalde** for their tireless work with legislative issues; and **Jane Hart** our shining light in **Beta Xi Chapter**.

Through our participants’ generosity, our chapter baskets raffle raised over \$400. for the Emergency Fund. The program concluded with the group singing a song created by **Linda Petuch** “See the Light, BE the Light” enhanced by solar lighthouses and light-up pens as favors. We thank the wonderful District V Chapters for their constant support and tasks performed before and during our meeting.

District VI Meeting “DKG: Everything We Do Matters, It’s the Butterfly Effect! Live it.”



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District VI held its meeting on April 28th at the Murdock Baptist Church in Port Charlotte. Our theme of personal growth was based on how we as individuals affect others by what we do. The Butterfly Effect states that a butterfly can flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion that eventually could be capable of starting a hurricane on the other side of the planet. This theory of physics has broader implications than the movement of butterflies and weather. It is really stating that everything we do or say affects our entire world.

It was amazing to see how many of the 78 members who attended dressed for the occasion, with wings and things. We even had a guest appearance of Madam Butterfly (aka **Bernie Allesee of Gamma Nu**). There were two paper butterflies included in the tote bags given at registration. On one the attendees wrote down what they had done in the past that affected others in a positive manner. On the other, the attendees were to write down what they would like to accomplish or see accomplished in the future. The butterflies were then taped to one wall. The wall was a flutter with paper butterflies and positive thoughts and dreams.

For the first time, the schedule included three sessions, instead of two. The change in format didn’t allow for a guest speaker, but it seemed to be a hit. The Chinese Auction ended with a grand total of \$1,035., to be split between Jesslyn McBride Leadership Fund and the FL DKG Educational Foundation. **Gamma Alpha Chapter** was in charge of the presenters’ gifts. Instead of individual gifts, the chapter donated \$100. to Schools for Africa in honor of the presenters at district. District VI has a terrific future as **Kathy Avery of Zeta Chapter** and **Joann Higgins of Gamma Nu Chapter** were elected **District VI Co-Directors** for 2018-2020. **Norma Bond of Gamma Phi Chapter** was elected as the **District VI Representative** on the Mu State Nominations Committee.

Florida DKG Educational Foundation Awards

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Carol Hedrick of **Alpha Delta Chapter** in District VI has been selected as a recipient of the Florida DKG Educational Foundation Professional Development Award. The amount of this award is \$1,500., to help defray the costs for attending the International Society for Technology in Education's ISTE 2018 CHIGAGO conference from June 24-June 27, 2018. Carol said "this conference presents an opportunity for educators who are looking to harness the power of technology to advance learning and teaching." We look forward to hearing about the conference when Carol returns and hope she will share her knowledge in a session at an upcoming DKG meeting. Congratulations, Carol!



Consider applying for the professional development award for next year as you learn about upcoming programs that will support your role in education. The application is quite simple and the Foundation provides a rubric for support. In addition to contact information and event information, there are five questions to answer. They include a description of the professional development activity, how participation enhances your professional abilities, how participation will enhance educational excellence for your students and how many students will be affected, how you will share the information learned with professional colleagues, and should you not receive the full amount requested, would you still attend the professional development activity. More information is available at <http://FLDKGEF.org>.

The Florida DKG Educational Foundation was represented at each of the six Florida District meetings. We appreciate your generous support for helping the Foundation provide opportunities for educators in Florida to pursue professional and personal growth and support educational excellence worldwide. Please refer to the website if you would like to make a donation. The latest edition of the Educator Express is available on the Foundation's website.

2019 *Leading Effective Meetings* Seminar

Dr. Gwen Simmons, International Parliamentarian

Interested in effective meeting management?

A parliamentary seminar, *Leading Effective Meetings*, will include:

- pre-seminar independent study;
- 20+ hours of training on site;
- topics such as fairness to each member, protection of the minority, decisions based on the majority; and
- instruction by Gwen Simmons, Ed.D., PRP, International Parliamentarian, and others.



The seminar will be in the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC, from Friday evening, June 21, 2019, thru Monday morning, June 24, 2019. (The weekend before Southeast Regional Conference, June 27-29, 2019.) Seminar will be limited to 35-40 participants with some spaces already filled. If interested, contact Gwen Simmons **ASAP**, but no later than **August 1, 2018**, via simmonsgs@earthlink.net.



Featured Poet: Joan Loiselle

Joan Loiselle graduated from the University of South Florida with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 1974. Her artwork has been exhibited at the Tampa Museum of Art, TECO Plaza, Hillsborough Community College, and the University of South Florida.

Throughout Joan's forty-three year career as an elementary school educator, she amassed an extensive array of honors, including Teacher of the Year for Hunter's Green Elementary School in Tampa, a Finalist for the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year, Certificate of Associate Master Teacher, Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and 2005, National Board Certification for Visual Arts in 2007, Art Teacher of the Year for Hillsborough County in 2012, Adjunct Professor at the University of Tampa, President of the Hillsborough Art Education Association, state committee for Florida Teacher Certification at the University of South Florida. She has been a facilitator and a presenter at numerous art education workshops and conferences.



Joan was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1981. She served as **President of Chi Chapter** during the 1990-1992 biennium and currently serves with Karen Whiteside as **Co-President of Alpha Iota Chapter**. Joan read the following poem at the District III luncheon.

UMOJA



Together let us have unity
in the collective embrace
of spiritual fellowship.

Together let us have unity
in a joint salute
to distinguished service.

Together let us have unity
in uniform step
to future advancement.

Together let us have unity
with joined hands
in worthy endeavors.

Together let us have unity
with a harmonious voice
for promising legislation.

Together let us have unity
with allied hearts
for generous endowments.

Together let us have unity
with universal hearing
of diverse thought.

Together let us have unity
with the shared vision
of true scholarship.



Chapters Share Their Vision

Alpha Beta Chapter

Alpha Beta is on the move! In February, seven **Alpha Beta** members made the trip to the District II meeting in Ocala. It was a maiden voyage for new members, **Theresa Sheridan** and **Rondia Leach**. What an absolutely delightful experience! Hats off to **District Director Sam Wright** and her team for implementing a first class meeting!

Prior to the trip to Ocala, **Alpha Beta** met to decorate our hats and enjoyed a western style meal of barbecue ribs, chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, ice tea, and cookies. **Rondia** and **Theresa** decorated the chapter basket for the district meeting raffle. After the hats were decorated, members modeled them.



During the month of March, we got on board with News Anchor, Tenikah Hughes of Action News, for a book drive. She made an appeal through a television broadcast for donations from the community for the Public Libraries' Summer Learning Programs. The goal was for each child attending the program to become the recipient of a book. Within two weeks, we had collected more than two large boxes of books. The manager of the Regency Branch Library met with us and decided to post a picture of **Alpha Beta** on the library's website. A photo of the group was also shown on Action News television network. "Oh, the Places Children Will Go" transported by the magic of books!

In observance of Women's Month, the March meeting was dedicated to honor great women in history. We did some time travel and picked up some famous passengers along the way. Most notable among them were Annie Webb Blanton, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Katherine Johnson, Rosa Parks, and Sally Ride. We traveled by horseback, on a city bus in Montgomery, taxis, automobiles, airplane, and space shuttle. What a ride! Five members performed monologues which were informative and entertaining. This was our most attended meeting. Delighted to see so many of our members getting on board.

Alpha Kappa Chapter

Eleven members from Alpha Kappa attended the District I Meeting in Tallahassee— **Sandy Byars, Gina Daniels, Charlotte Hoover, Delores Hudson, Dawn James, Connie Lewis, Janine Schwall, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Susan Womble, and Rhonda Work**. President of the Big Bend Coordinating Council, **Rhonda Work**, presided over the chapter roll call. The outgoing and incoming presidents were introduced by chapter, and each chapter's current community projects were identified.

Beta Phi Chapter

At the District I Meeting, **Emily Ruddell** from **Beta Phi** introduced **Wafa Elsaka**, also a **Beta Phi** member who spoke on The Guernica Children's Peace Mural Program. Wafa is an art teacher at **Hartsfield Elementary**. She is originally from Gaza. With a powerpoint presentation, she explained how her students, in collaboration with schools in other countries, such as Nagasaki, develop peace murals which are

25 feet x 12 feet. When finished, these murals are shipped to places where they are displayed as a part of the program. The program began in 1995 and has 300 different countries participating. She states that children are delicate like butterflies. This project advances thinking about promoting peace within themselves and with others.

Wafa shared one of the murals the children had made. She also prepared a canvas for us to start a mural for our chapters. We were given the opportunity to complete a segment of the canvas or to take one home to make and send back to be added to the work-in-progress. This program involved high school students, as well, who earned service hours toward graduation through their participation. Wafa has traveled to Japan where she participated in mural displays from many countries. Her talk was inspirational and informative.

Beta Xi Chapter



In keeping with the lighthouse theme from the District V Meeting, **Beta Xi** members in March gathered for a tour at the Jupiter Lighthouse. Afterwards, they met at U Tikki for lunch and a short business meeting.





Tech Tip #1 for Education

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One of my favorite social media tools for education, believe it or not, is Twitter. Yes, that's right I said Twitter! "What in the world!," you might exclaim, but I'm here to tell you that Twitter is a powerful tool for personalized, professional development and for teaching and learning. As far as using Twitter for highlighting chapter events and sharing meeting ideas, that's great, but Twitter has even more to offer!

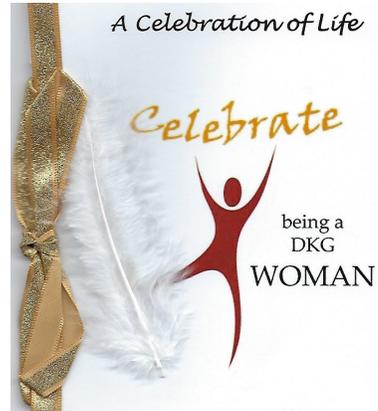
Twitter has several chat groups that meet regularly. I invite you to try participating in a Twitter educational chat, you will be hooked! Here is a link to a Twitter chat schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/kko4r2> There you will find a calendar of Twitter chats on educational topics by time zone.



To participate, you need to create a Twitter account. Mine is @libraryladee. You can follow me to see what I'm Tweeting. Mostly, I retweet interesting Tweets from other educators. I follow some influential educators

that are sharing great ideas in pedagogy. If you use the search feature and enter an educational topic, such as "Learning Stations" or "STEM," you will most certainly find a group discussing and sharing on those topics.

Most mornings, I participate in a Twitter chat called, #bfc530. Which stands for 5:30 breakfast chat (yes, I'm awake and Tweeting before work). The chat leader posts a question, and we post our comment(s) on the related topic. Other participants will respond to your post. It's so cool to hear from educators around the country and the world. I have read so many great professional development books and articles that were shared on Twitter. Of course, you must be diligent in choosing legitimate people to follow, but it's pretty easy to determine who is serious and who is not. Some tips are to check out who the person is by reading their profile and what they are posting. Do this before you decide to follow the individual. It only takes a few seconds. Give Twitter a try! I think you'll be hooked in no time!



Beverly M. Pringle
Gamma Phi
April 12, 2018
Immokalee, FL

Beverly M. Pringle, age 83, was born on January 15, 1935, and passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018. She was a resident of Immokalee, Florida at the time of passing. Beverly was a member of **Gamma Phi Chapter**.

Proposed Amendment Videos Available



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A quick update to share some exciting news from International: the proposed amendments videos are now available on the website. Please help spread the word in your state organizations.

Go to: http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2018_Proposed_amendments.aspx

And then look down to the right for a red box that links out to the 6 short videos regarding the 6 "stories" about proposals.

Make Plans to Attend the International Convention in Austin, Texas

Are You Registered?



If you haven't yet registered for the 2018 International Convention in Austin from July 16-20, 2018, here's your friendly reminder to get moving! You still have time, but do hurry!

June 16, early registration ends.
June 17, the registration price increases.
June 30, registration ends.

Follow this link:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Registration.aspx

Headquarters Tour Info



- Scheduled tours of Society Headquarters will be offered Monday-Thursday of convention week which is July 16-19, 2018. Headquarters will be unable to accommodate drop-in tours from July 9-July 27, 2018.
- Tour length is two hours, including round-trip transportation between J.W. Marriott Hotel and Headquarters, a one-hour guided tour of the building, and time for taking pictures.
- Tours are open to DKG members and guests. The cost is \$10 per person, paid in advance.
- Seven tours will be offered on Monday, July 16, 2018, and three tours will be offered each afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- The last day to register online for the tour is June 30, 2018, at the following website:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Registration

State Pictures



Smile

The convention does not have a professional photographer. All state organization pictures are scheduled on Wednesday at five sites. Florida is scheduled for Site 1 at 7:45 AM, so please be prompt to allow the schedule to flow efficiently. A Texas member volunteer will use members' cameras/cell phones to take state pictures. In order to keep the schedule flowing, please do not ask to use more than 10 different devices. Arrange for photo sharing among your members.

Texas Night

Plan to attend Opening Night on Monday, July 16, for Texas Night beginning at 6:30 PM. This event is provided with registration, and entertainment will be provided by the Warren Hood Band at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.



Southeast Regional Breakfast

Mark your calendars to attend the Southeast Regional Breakfast on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 6:45-8:45 AM.

Florida Reception in Austin



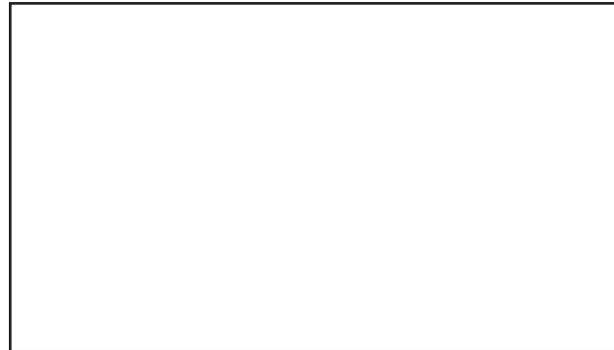
All Florida attendees are invited to attend an informal reception on Thursday, July 19, 2018, from 4:30-5:45 PM. (Any additional guests will be by invitation only.) Florida attendees will receive a message after arriving in Austin as to the location of the reception. **Mu State Executive Secretary, Carrie Frye**, is planning this event.

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 August 1.....Fall
 December 1.....Winter

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 Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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DKG Mu State Florida Website
www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com

DKG Mu State (FL) on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DKG-Florida-State-Organization-128818413969052/>

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Form 6, Report of the Death of a DKG 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:

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

2018 International Convention
J. W. Marriott
Austin, Texas
July 16-20, 2018

**Mu State Fall Executive Board
 Meeting/Workshops**
September 21-22, 2018
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

2019 Mu State Convention
April 26-28, 2019
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**Southeast Regional
 Conference**
June 27-29, 2019
Crowne Plaza Resort
Asheville, NC