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MU STATE'S FALL WORKSHOP: A Capsule Version

Myrna Santos with Beverly Stagg

On September 23 and 24, Mu State's Fall Workshop took place; it was a memorable set of happenings! This workshop, under the direction of **State President Gerry Hacker** continued Gerry's biennium theme, "Planting, Watering and Growing our Society." Many members arrived on Friday afternoon, but there was a continuous flow of arrivals throughout Friday and into early Saturday morning. Pictured below are registration desk vol-



unteers **Susan Gaines** and her mother **Pat Eckstein**. The registration volunteers and greeting staff extended warm welcomes to arriving DKG sisters. There was eager anticipation of the meetings and scheduled ses-

sions that would be forthcoming!

Friday evening's activities began with various committee meetings. Participants could then choose from seven breakout sessions ranging from District Meeting Planning for 2018, Sign Language, Belly Dancing, to Travel Tips. A special breakout session was designed for First Time Attendees.

A social time followed during which newly initiated members were presented with certificates and Florida state pins. **Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, Immediate Past International President**, assisted

Mu State President Gerry Hacker distributing these awards, and the recipients seemed excited and proud to be receiving them! A wide array of refreshments followed—a delicious



conclusion for some to a very busy day; for others, there were yet additional meetings to attend before bedtime beckoned!

Early the next morning the Executive Board Meeting convened where we learned that 72 (out of 83) chapters were represented and 287 sisters had registered for this Fall Workshop. Sixty-five of these were first-timers! Reports from all committees were heard. Business of interest included notice that two chapters had dissolved, and two had merged. Also, a restricted scholarship fund that had seen little use was repurposed into the general Florida State Scholarship Fund.

At the conclusion of the Executive Board Meeting, two workshop time-period sessions with seven choices of topics were held. Of paramount importance were the planning sessions for district



meetings to be held in 2018. A wonderful luncheon, with tasty food and pleasant companionship, reconnections with past friends and the making of new friendships followed. **Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid** was featured as the keynote speaker. She was, as always, a delight to hear! Winning tickets for chance drawing raffles had been drawn prior to the luncheon, so there were several happy winners amongst the crowd!

All in all, I think that most would agree that for information, innovative ideas, and fellowship, this conference was exemplary in its pattern, presentations, and pleasurable moments! Positive energy was in the air as we set out for home, traveling in our different directions, but ever carrying DKG's Mission and Goals in mind and heart!

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Mu State Members Receive Special Recognitions



DKG International President, Carolyn Pittman, has appointed the Florida members pictured above from left to right to international committees:

Carrie Frye – International Membership Committee
Myrna Santos – International World Fellowship Committee
Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow – International Scholarship Committee

Delta Theta Chapter proudly announces that **Kim Register** who is principal at Vernon Middle School, is one of nine principals in Florida to receive the Tax Watch Principal Leadership Award. This award is the only honor given to principals who exceed expected learning gains for at-risk students in high-risk schools. Florida Tax Watch is a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization devoted to public policy research. According to School Superintendent Joe Taylor, "Mrs. Register is one of only three middle school principals nominated for this award."

Past Mu State President, Barbara Van Diepen, was honored to be selected to represent the University of Miami School of Education as an Alumni Marshal at the university's winter commencement ceremony. Your Pi Chapter is proud of you!



The International Arts and Humanities Jury accepted the three Fine Arts pencil drawings of **Kathy Yarbrough** into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. The entries included Sunflower – Warmth and Happiness, Toby – One of the Family, and Bengal Tiger Endangered. Yarbrough is the first vice president of the **Delta Theta Chapter** that serves Holmes, Washington, and Jackson counties. The new Gallery works were unveiled November 1, 2016. The works will be displayed for six months, after which they will be archived.

During a December luncheon and networking opportunity, **Beta Upsilon** member **Debra Piner** was congratulated on being named by the Florida Council of Teachers as "English Teacher of the Year." A former middle school teacher, Debra is currently at Riverview High School, Sarasota, as the College and Career Advisor.



“Planting, Watering and Growing our Chapters”

*Greetings from Gerry Hacker
Florida (Mu) State President*

**“Don’t be afraid to be amazing.”
by Andy Irwin**



Dear Mu State Sisters:

EXCITING TIMES----- Mu State is indeed “Planting, Watering and Growing our Society and Chapters.” Congratulations to each of you for your dedication and work this biennium that continues to expand and reach new members, encourage and involve our current members, share new and exciting ideas and promote each other’s talents. This is occurring because of your belief in yourselves and each other. You believe in the importance of educators to promote abilities and knowledge throughout all generations. YOU ARE creating ways for growth. Mu State, Delta Kappa Gamma is a true asset to fellow educators that provides ways to grow, expand, enjoy the advantage of scholarships and outstanding advanced training. Our new Florida DKG Educational Foundation is a tremendous example of how educational growth is possible.

Fellowship and contact with friends in an organization that exists as Mu State, Delta Kappa Gamma is a tremendous asset. We share ideas and enjoy time and friendship at every meeting we attend. Your excitement, sharing of ideas and abilities and dedication are expanding as we grow. You are able to reach and create the highest possibilities for your chapters and Mu State. This is a tremendous example of your love for DKG and its work, friendship with your DKG sisters, expansion of your chapters and creation of growth and knowledge. You are providing opportunities to involve others, identify and induct new members and encourage everyone to become involved and part of our chapters and society. You believe in yourselves and your sisters in a way that leads to success. You have proven that use of our talents, recognizing and sharing our abilities and new ideas are growing. Getting to know and acknowledge the value of each Mu State sister is what leads us to expansion, growth and use of new and current ideas.

Our recent Fall Workshop was a true example of “Planting, Watering and Growing our Chapters.” We had 287 members register for the 2016 Fall Workshop –an increase from 197 the previous Fall. I sometimes get tears in my eyes when I think of your concern and love in reaching out to outstanding “key women educators,” your members, chapters and Mu State. I recently talked with some of our Lake Mary Marriott staff who said they believe we can reach 330 plus at our April Convention. If each chapter had one more person in attendance in addition to those who came last fall we would reach “above and beyond” this possibility. Let’s join together and make this possible.

Love and blessings,

Gerry B. Hacker, President
Florida (Mu) State Organization
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**MU STATE 2017 CONVENTION
April 28, 29 & 30, 2017
AT ORLANDO LAKE MARY MARRIOTT**

From Florida (Mu) State First Vice-President



Carol Ann Casey
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Thank You, Fall Workshop Presenters!

I want to extend a very special thank you to all of you who presented workshop sessions at Fall Workshop. There was a little something for everyone. You all did a fabulous job! Those who attended had a special treat. The ones who were not able to make it missed out on some really great learning, fun and inspiring sessions. It was wonderful to see how our Mu State sisters were willing to share their passion, talent and expertise with us. I look forward to seeing the workshops that you will offer at Mu State Convention.

Professional Development In-Service Hours for Convention

Kudos to all who took advantage of the Professional Development In-Service Hours Program that was offered at Fall Workshop. What a non-threatening, fun, enjoyable, and informative way to earn ten clock hours of professional development.

Through the help of Dr. Beverly Helms, we will be offering the Professional Development In-Service Hours again at Mu State Convention, April 28 – 30, 2017. Check out the spring issue of the *Florida Rays* and the Mu State website for more information about how many credit hours will be offered and how

to sign up. You may also contact **Carol Ann Casey** at caseyca@bellsouth.net or **Dr. Beverly Helms** at bevhelms@embarqmail.com.

Call for Workshop Presentations Mu State Convention April 28 – 30, 2017 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

It doesn't seem possible, but Mu State Convention will be here before we know it!

It is time to start considering how you can share your talents and passion for your special area of interest with your fellow Mu State sisters. Many of you have presented fabulous workshops over the past two years. Let's continue this tradition by signing up for a workshop session on Friday evening, April 28th or Saturday morning, April 29th.

We are looking for a variety of workshops such as "make and take" sessions, dance, relax or stretch sessions, your travels, technology, nutrition, hobbies or special interests, new teaching and educational techniques on the horizon or some "oldie but goodie" techniques that have been updated. Do these sound familiar? Have you published a book recently that you would like to share with us? What is on the legislative/ political scene that we need to be informed about? We are also looking forward to training and information sessions provided by our Mu State committees. The list is endless! What would you like to share?

***DON'T WAIT!
SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL TODAY!***

Deadline date for submitting proposals for Convention is Saturday, February 25, 2017.

**Proposal forms may be obtained
on the next page of this newsletter,
on the Mu State website or from me.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Carol Ann Casey,
Mu State First Vice-President
caseyca@bellsouth.net
954-437-4468 (H)
954-562-8948 (C)**



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Florida (Mu) State Convention
April 28-30, 2017
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**

Workshop Proposal

Each workshop will be 50 minutes in length. There will be three sessions.
Session 1 – Fri., April 28, 2017, 7:00 – 7:50 p.m.
Session 2 – Sat., April 29, 2017, 10:15 – 11:05 a.m.
Session 3 - Sat., April 29, 2017, 11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Presenter(s): _____

Contact Information

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Best time to reach me: _____

Workshop Title: _____

Brief description or outline of your workshop: _____

Equipment needed, if any (WE PREFER PRESENTERS BRING THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT):

LCD W/Sound

Room Setup (if possible): Theater Style Classroom Style (with tables) Screen

Note: Internet service not available in meeting rooms. You may bring your "Hotspot."

Availability for Presenting: Friday Saturday Both Either

Deadline for submitting proposal: Saturday, February 25, 2017

Send proposal to:

**Carol Ann Casey, Mu State First Vice-President, Florida (Mu) State, 2015-2017
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MU STATE 2017 CONVENTION AT ORLANDO LAKE MARY MARRIOTT
April 28, 29 & 30, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM: Please type or print one name per form.

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 _____ Member _____ First time attending a state meeting _____ Current Chapter President
 _____ District Director _____ State Officer or Related Personnel _____ Past State President
 _____ State Committee Chair (Name Committee) _____
 _____ Special dietary needs: (please indicate) _____

Registration (Friday night meetings & social, Saturday meetings & luncheon) \$60.00

Saturday night dinner, guest speaker from DKG International, initiation of new 2017-2019 officers, presentation of all chapter presidents. \$45.00

Total for all events: \$105.00

Make check payable to: DELTA KAPPA GAMMMA

Check number _____

Send to: Pat Eckstein, 6939 Sylvan Woods Drive, Sanford, FL 32771

Phone: (407) 947-0824

Email: pateckstein@yahoo.com

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
 7:00 p.m. Workshops and First Timers meeting
 8:00 p.m. Friday night social
 9:00 p.m. Chorus rehearsal in ballroom H



SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Saturday Executive Board meeting (detailed schedule in program).

SUNDAY MORNING

____ I WILL ATTEND THE SUNDAY MORNING REMEMBERANCE SERVICE. This will include music by the Mu State Choir & dance filmed by Jennifer Petuch in honor of members who blessed our lives & our society.

Note: Unless you indicate below, your attendance at this meeting gives permission for your photo and contact information (if needed) to be used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.

____ **No, I don't want my photo or contact information used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.**

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary (Directions from Turnpike):

Take I-4 exit, Exit 259 Orlando/Tampa. Merge onto I-4 East toward Downtown Orlando. Take CR 46A exit, Exit 101A towards Sanford/Heathrow. Turn left onto HE Thomas Jr. Parkway (CR 46A W).

Turn left onto International Parkway. Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane.

Hotel Address: 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL, 32746

GROUP RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!

**To reserve your room under our Group Name, please call
 our Mu State Florida April Convention Room Reservation Contact
 Sara Davis, Group Housing Coordinator,
 Lake Mary Marriott at (407) 995-7032.**

Indicate you are registering for DKG, Mu State, or Delta Kappa Gamma to provide a discount, so your room will be our reduced rate of \$115.

If you have a problem, call the hotel at (407) 995-1100 or contact President Gerry Hacker at (727) 742-0325 or pianolsteel@hotmail.com.

Room Rates: Single, Double, Triple or Quad is \$115. before taxes.

Check in time: 4:00 PM

Members make their own reservation guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card.

Refund Policy: Cancellations, no shows, or early departure result in forfeiture of one night's deposit or a charge of one night's stay to a credit card.

Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Exhibition
MU State Spring Convention at Lake Mary Marriott Hotel
April 28-30, 2017



Joann Higgins, Chair
gammanuhiggins@yahoo.com

The biennial celebration of the Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Exhibition will take place at the Spring Convention held at the Lake Mary Marriott, April 28-30, 2017. This is the time for all participating members to display their gifts and talents in the areas of Art, Music, Drama, Writing, and Crafting categories including, Needlework, Crocheting, Quilting and Sculpting.

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to give members enough time to SHARE this information with all applicants, so they will have plenty of time to PREPARE their exhibits, and REGISTER for this grand event using the Form below. Chapters should encourage members to share their arts and crafts at a meeting too! The registration form is to be mailed to Joann Higgins, coordinator of this event, by April 1, 2017. Please remind applicants that IF there is a category that is not mentioned on the form to please fill in the appropriate category and complete the registration form found below. We want to make this an exciting and fun exhibition, so please consider attending and bring your PASSION!

Also, encourage other members of your chapter who may not have participated in the Arts & Crafts Exhibition to bring their wonderful talents to display in the Gallery at the convention. Additionally, if a member or members are musically talented, a live performance or a recorded performance would enhance the Gallery and add another dimension to celebrate all talents at this event. The Educational Excellence Committee would like to promote Mu State members in celebrating their talents, accomplishments and personal growth.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type one name per form.

Name _____ Chapter _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I plan to enter the following item(s) in the Arts and 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 and / or musical arrangements: ___(specify)_____

Recordings may be used to demonstrate musical expertise or live performance.
 We are encouraging all members who have musical talent to perform either live,
 or bring a taped recording (DVD) to be played during the Galleria of Arts.

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Joann Higgins
 1386 Craleigh Street
 North Port, FL 34288

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 1, 2017

An acceptance email and directions will be sent upon receipt of this form.

Communications & Publicity Committee
Debra Graff, Chair
mustatecommunicationscommittee@gmail.com



Visit DKG International's New Blog Site

The DKG International Communications & Publicity (C&P) Committee wants to inspire you with their new Blog! The purpose of the blog is to encourage members to pursue both old and new avenues of communications and publicity. The weekly blog will give examples, and offer help to improve chapter communication. DKG members will find fresh, relevant content that is useful and they will have a place where they can feel that they are being heard as they respond with comments. Join in on the journey to stimulate communication in the DKG community!

Go to: <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/>
You can follow the blog by e-mail! Sign up for a notice of updates.

2015 - 2017 Chapter Communication Award Criteria/Checklist



The Florida (Mu) State Chapter Communications Award is presented to chapters who improve communication techniques within their chapter and promote their chapter within their local community. All chapters are eligible for this award. Chapters earning 70 or more points will be recognized at Mu State Convention in the spring of 2017. The Award application is available on the Florida (Mu) State Website under the heading "Committee Pages."

<http://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com/committee-pages.html>
Submissions are due on or before March 15, 2017, for award eligibility.

Need personalized help or support?
Contact us at mustatecommunicationscommittee@gmail.com

Learning about Peace and Respect

Emily Ruddell, ebruddell@aol.com

On December 15, the **Beta Phi Chapter** of Delta Kappa Gamma met to hear a presentation about the Kids' Guernica International Children's Peace Mural Project. Ms. Wafa Elsaka, the art teacher at Hartsfield Elementary School, is locally spearheading this project, creating child-produced murals based on the theme of peace. These huge canvases are then sent to other participating schools around the world. The Hartsfield peace mural has been designed to help students recognize the safety and support the school represents in their lives. The movable mural is a metaphor for removing barriers and



expresses a spirit of peace and connecting people. What better lesson for our students to learn! We are pleased that a teacher in our midst has been inspired and is sharing that inspiration with our children. The mural was made by Hartsfield Elementary students in Tallahassee. Those attending the presentation were **Mary Louise Bachman, Cindy Clark, Donna Heald, Sharon Simmons (president of Beta Phi chapter), Ann Scheib, Bethany Bennitt, and Emily Ruddell.**

Letting Members Know We Care

Ann Blossfield, Chair Membership
blosda@msn.com



Many times we may forget to let our tried and true members know how much they mean to us, both individually and as a chapter. Here are a few ideas which might be useful for this purpose:

- Plan simple social events throughout the year, including the summer, so that members can get together and enjoy each others' company in a relaxed setting.
- Spotlight one or two members in the monthly newsletter – perhaps an established member and a new member. This provides opportunities for new and seasoned members to get to know each other.
- Do a survey to determine members' interest for programs and projects early in the year. There are several available online through DKG International.
- Contact members who miss a meeting. This lets them know they are missed.

- Call and offer rides and/or carpooling, especially to those who don't drive in the evening. The carpooling gives "non-business" time to chat and build camaraderie.

- Recognize years of service to the Society at some meeting during the year. Pins for 10, 20, 25 etc. are available through the DKG International Store.

- Recognize members who have been promoted, received an award, had a new baby or retired.

- Maintain contact with members who have moved to nursing homes.

- Include a brief sharing or fellowship time, such as "Happy Dollars" at each meeting.

- Ensure that every member who attends a meeting is welcomed.

- Send cards or emails to members who have been ill or lost a loved one.



If members feel that they are revered by their chapter sisters and if they believe the Society offers them opportunities for both personal and professional growth, they are likely to remain loyal to their chapters.

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Discover the best of Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & the Basque Country on an exclusive trip for Delta Kappa Gamma members. This private tour is an opportunity to connect with colleagues as you immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the region. Book now and take advantage of this exciting chance to experience the world with other DKG members.

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Search for Florida Mu State Executive Secretary

Current Florida (Mu) State Executive Secretary, Judith Mix, will retire as the executive secretary effective June 30, 2017. The Personnel Committee is seeking applicants for the position. Information, including a job description and application, can be found on the Florida Mu State website, www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com.

Applications are due no later than March 01, 2017. Please send to

**Merle Jones, Chair
Personnel Committee
973 Cane Mill Road
Chipley, Florida 32428
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For additional information or questions, contact Merle.

From the Desk of



**Judith Mix
Executive Secretary
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Time goes by so quickly. It seems like we just had the Fall Workshop/Executive Board Meeting;

and now the winter holidays have come and gone. Report cards have come and gone although they will keep coming for awhile yet.

This brings up another event, the Florida Mu State Convention. It will be April 28 – 30 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary in Lake Mary. Many people have been working on this to make it another great convention for you! There will be exciting speakers, informative workshops, and friendly fellowship. Business will also be conducted at the Executive Board meeting and General Session which everyone attends. One of the items on the agenda will be the election of our new State officers for 2017-19.

The banquet will be Saturday evening and it is such a special time. The State officers will be installed. Also, all of the chapter presidents will be recognized. As each chapter president is presented some of the accomplishments of the chapter will be read. I hope many of you will attend to show support for your president!

Let **Vanessa Pinto, our State Music Director**, know if you would like to sing with the chorus. They will be practicing Friday and Saturday to prepare for their banquet performance and also for their part in the Ceremony of Remembrance Sunday morning.

Friday evening there will be a workshop entitled "First Timers." If this is your first time at the Convention, you will want to attend it this workshop.

I hope you are making plans to attend the Convention. Registering early at the hotel and for the Convention helps tremendously. Meals are planned in advance for the number registered. Materials are copied and packets are also

made for the number registered. Registering early does make a difference. Time goes by so quickly. See you at the Convention!

Sandra Smith Bull



Guest Speaker at Spring Convention

Mu State President Gerry Hacker just received a letter from DKG International that **Sandra Smith Bull, International Executive Director**, will be the guest speaker for our April Convention. Sandra has served the Society in many important ways, but in 2014 she was named Interim Executive Director. Ms. Bull graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Library Science. She was a high school librarian with the Austin Independent School District for 17 years.

Sandra Smith Bull's strengths include Classroom Teaching, Curriculum & Instructional Design, Curriculum & Staff Development, Educational Technology, Research, and Community Outreach. She cares about Arts & Culture, Children & Education, Civil Rights & Social Action, Human Rights, and Poverty Alleviation. Don't miss meeting our International Guest Speaker Sandra Smith Bull who will be informative and entertaining at our Spring Convention!

Membership Moment

Jeanne Jones
Mu State Membership
Committee
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Most of our chapters have concerns about membership- whether it is finding new members, retaining current members or attempting to recover members who have dropped for one reason or another.

We usually have ideas about attracting new members and keeping current members, an easy task if we plan programs that are interesting and challenging. But what do we do about recovering members who have dropped? I think one of the best things is to make a personal contact with those who have resigned or failed to pay their dues. Calling them is good, but talking to them face to face is even better. Ask your membership chairman to set up a time for visits, if possible. She can use members of her committee to assist her in the task. You may see them at school or plan to meet them at some specific place. Tell the former member that she is missed and that you would like to have her return. Reinstatement is easy. All she needs to do is pay her dues, sign the reinstatement form and she is once again a full member. Of course, if there are members of your chapter who are close friends with those who have dropped, ask them to contact the women.

We find a telephone tree is helpful for informing current members of meetings and social events. This really helps with membership involvement. Don't give up. There are valuable educators in your area who would make great contributions to your chapter and Society in general.

Donations to the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar

Beverly Stagg
Mu State Treasurer
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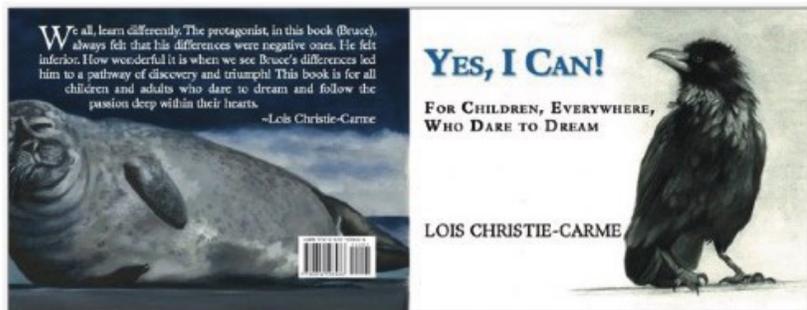
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DATE	DONOR NAME
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YES, I CAN! series by Author Lois Christie-Carme





Florida DKG Educational Foundation Thrives

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The Florida Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation (FLDKGEF) Board of Directors met on Friday afternoon, September 23, 2016, at the Marriott in Lake Mary, Florida. Later that evening, Dr. Elsie Gross, Chair, called the first Florida DKG Educational Foundation Membership Meeting to order. **Nancy Bentz, secretary**, gave the secretary's report that included the main actions of the Board of Directors meeting. **Connie Kostyra, treasurer**, gave the treasurer's report that revealed a June 30, 2016, bank balance of \$119,263. Committee reports were given by the Bylaws Committee (**Nancy Bentz, Dr. Evelyn Kelly and Dr. Elsie Gross**), Finance Committee (**Merle Jones, Beverly Helms, and Connie Kostyra**), Grants and Awards Committee (**Dr. Evelyn Kelly and Dr. Beverly Helms**), Nominations Committee (**Ann Tikka, Carrie Frye, and Gerry Hacker**), and Public Relations Committee (**Carrie Frye, Ann Tikka, and Gerry Hacker**). **Dr. Elsie Gross** answered questions, invited members to attend the Breakout Session on Saturday about writing grant applications, and accepted donations for the Foundation.

At the Fall (Mu) State Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning, September 24, 2016, **Dr. Elsie Gross** presented the Florida Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation annual report to the 286 attendees representing 72 chapters. Elsie reported the FLDKGEF nominations board slate of directors to the membership. **Merle Jones and Ann Tikka** were elected to serve as directors for the four-year term from 2016-2020. Elsie discussed the new brochure and application package that were included in attendee packets and gave the web address for the Foundation where all information is located.

The Florida DKG Educational Foundation is ready for submission of applications for professional development grants. Two recipients will be awarded grants up to \$1,500 each. The Florida DKG Educational Foundation Award for professional development is an award granted to employed Florida educators to participate in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, online courses, and other non-degree program opportunities that relate specifically to an applicant's professional aspirations and/or current educational assignment. Professional development is defined as a growth-promoting learning process that empowers employed educators to further excellence in education. The Florida DKG Educational Foundation Professional Development Award Application can be found online at <http://www.fldkgef.org> for submission by February 1, 2017. The scoring rubric includes current educational position, proposed professional development activity, anticipated expenses, and quality of application. The first award(s) of up to \$1,500 each will be announced at the Florida (Mu) State Organization Convention on April 29.

About the Florida DKG Educational Foundation

The Florida DKG Educational Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) corporation that provides funding for activities that support the professional and personal growth of women educators in the state of Florida, and promotes educational excellence for Florida students. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to enable contributors to support educational excellence in Florida and receive a tax deductible benefit, and to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Florida. The Board of Directors include **Dr. Elsie Gross (Chair), Dr. Beverly Helms (Vice-Chair), Nancy Bentz (Secretary), Connie Kostyra (Treasurer), Carrie Frye, Merle Jones, Dr. Evelyn Kelly, Ann Tikka, and Gerry Hacker (Mu State President)**.



International Educational Foundational Awards

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The Foundation has presented four Seminar Awards- \$2,000 to Illinois for its **Leadership Skills for Changing Times**, to be held in June of 2017; \$6,500 to Maryland for a **Creating Arts** seminar held in October of 2016; \$2,329 to Pennsylvania for a **Pride of Pittsburgh** seminar held in September of 2016; and \$3,100 to Virginia for its **Key Women Educators: Leading for Life** seminar held in June of 2016. The total awarded was \$13,929. Seminars are funded once annually. The next deadline is November 2017.

Eight educators received Cornetet Professional Development Awards, allowing them to attend conferences and work toward National Board Certification. Two of the eight educators were not DKG members. The total for this award cycle was \$12,161.66. The next deadline for the Cornetet Professional Development Awards is February 1, 2017. It is important to note that if an individual is applying for a Professional Development grant from the Florida Educational Foundation, they may apply for a grant from the International Foundation as well. Both sets of applications are similar. So why not apply for both?

The third type of award given by the Foundation is the Project Award. The next deadline for New and Renewed Project Applications is January 3, 2017.

The DKG Educational Foundation was established in 1964 and funded with \$112,000 from the Society. From the beginning, the Society and the Foundation have worked together to make a difference in the world. Their vision statement is the following: **Giving to Educate the World**. The Foundation's status is a 501(c)3 public charity, in contrast to the Society's 501(c)6 not for profit status. While the administering boards are separate, cooperation is excellent. Members of DKG are members of the Foundation.

All applications can be found on-line at www.dkgef.org. Donations to the Foundation can be made by individuals, chapters, or states in honor of, or in memory of, someone. The Foundation's gifting is one of the best things DKG does for educators and for children. Contributions to the Foundation are an excellent way to make a difference to education and to the lives of children.

Proposed Amendment to Mu State Bylaws Beatrix Wilbur, Chair, Bylaws Committee

Which now reads	Be amended by	If adopted will read
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Members/Chapters Sharing Their Vision



Heather Dora-Kelly received **Alpha Theta Chapter's** first teacher grant for \$100 to use in her Dr. Seuss program in March. Her class is a self-contained Exceptional Education class consisting of SLD, autistic, visually impaired, intellectually disabled and dyslexic students. In the picture with Heather and Chapter President Theresa McDonald, are Leroy, to her left, and Dakota and Tony next to Heather. The students enjoyed the time to be part of something different from their classroom and are already making plans for their Dr. Seuss program. Their budget goal has not been met, and they could still use help with donations of money, books, and materials as well as classroom volunteers. The chapter will be distributing 3 more grants to Jackson Middle School's Jump Program, a mentor program for students 7-9 and two reading needs programs in Pinewood Elementary and Coquina Elementary schools in the North Brevard District.

Beta Omega Chapter Treasurer Alma Griffith tried something new. She read an article in the winter DKG News about a chapter in Tennessee that created an RSVP using Google Forms, so she thought she'd try it. It made it a lot easier for chapter members to RSVP for the Holiday Boutique held on Saturday, December 3, planned by both Arts and Crafts and World Fellowship.



At the September meeting, the **Delta Theta Chapter** of women educators selected as its project the collection of stuffed animals to be used by law enforcement officers in Holmes, Washington and Jackson counties. The stuffed animals can be kept in cars and available for the officers in the event a child is involved in a situation responded to by local law enforcement. The animals collected at the meeting in September were presented to Justin Jenkins, investigator for the Washington county Sheriff's Department. Future collections will be shared with law enforcement agencies in Holmes and Jackson counties. The chapter serves educators from all schools and colleges in Holmes, Washington and Jackson counties and meets at the Panhandle Area Education Consortium in Chipley. Members holding some of the stuffed animals at the meeting include from left to right **Linda Tyre, Joli Hartzog, Debbie Bush, Amanda Adams (president of the group), Allison Hayes, Linda Mincey, Sharon Mitchell, Merle Jones and Kathy Diesner.**

Beta Upsilon Chapter awarded a worthy high school graduate a \$500.00 scholarship toward her college education and to fulfill her desire to pursue teaching as a career. In October, members enjoyed brunch and a presentation regarding new community initiatives to promote literacy. An added surprise was that their guest speaker realized that her middle school math teacher was in the audience!

DKG sisters also brought donations of school supplies, books, toys, and needed personal items to donate to "Mothers Helping Mothers."

Gamma Nu Chapter introduces 2 members who are authors- **Ginny Czaja and Dr. Lois Carem.** **Ginny** started writing in 1999, but wasn't published until 2009. Her pen name is Virginia Crane, and her book titles are ***Emeralds on Wednesday, Gently Generous*** (recently rereleased with the title of ***Tears in the Dust***), ***The Snow Concerto, Hunter's Redemption, Starting Over, Aglow Again, No Telling, and Try to Forget. Lessons Learned*** will be released in 2017. Ginny writes women's



fiction, which involves mature women going through a major life-changing experience. She said, "I never stopped writing, so I had several manuscripts finished when my first publisher asked if I had anything else to submit. I've had a book published every year since then." Ginny was a presenter at Mu State's 2015 Fall Workshop.

Members/Chapters Sharing Their Vision



Yes, I Can!, Dr. Lois Carem's first publication is a motivational book for children and parents published in 2014. Her second book will be released in November of 2017 and is titled **Yes, I Can Dance**. This book is about the Deaf and Multiple-handicapped Dance Program which she founded in Boston, MA.

While in Austin, Texas, in October for the International Membership Committee meeting, **Carrie Frye** was invited to attend the **Alpha Chapter** meeting. Alpha is the



first DKG chapter. Pictured above from left to right are **Dr. Barbara Brink, Kappa (TX) Chapter President; Phyllis Hickey, DKG Headquarters; Carrie Frye; Margarita Hanschmidt, Estonia.**

Beta Alpha Chapter in District V has a new chapter community project that was a huge success and brought local publicity for our DKG Society during the 2016 holiday season. Under the leadership of **Chapter President Betty Bunnell**, members began a partnership with the Bella's Kinship Group, a community organization that supports grandparents who are raising grandchildren. In the communities of Broward County alone there are 40K grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Thanks to the idea from **Beta Alpha Chapter Treasurer Barbara Belyeu**, chapter members collected and donated gifts for the children to select and give to their grandparents at their annual holiday party. They donated gifts that the children could select for themselves too. Bella's Group has adopted this program as a



new tradition. Pictured above are **Lenora Walkes, Beta Alpha Chapter Co-Corresponding Secretary, and Chapter President Betty Bunnell** at the 2016 Annual Bella's Group Holiday Party.



The **Gamma Zeta Chapter** has been planning their Annual Game Day, with proceeds being awarded for Grants-In-Aid to local high school grads and college students enrolled as Education Majors at the college level. Educators, friends, and the community are invited to support this program for future teachers on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Carlson UMC Fellowship Hall in LaBelle. Favorite games, refreshments, and a silent auction will be enjoyed. Contact **Gamma Zeta President Joy Bridwell** for ticket and Game Day information at bridwellj@hendrey-schools.net



During this past summer, **Pi Chapter member, Norma Craig**, was one of three who won Volunteer of the Year for 2016 from Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami. She and the others were honored for their contributions to the Garden and their exemplary efforts in advancing Fairchild's mission. Fairchild's Volunteer Views states, "Norma Craig, a volunteer for 13 years, is a model for a lifetime of learning and teaching. She is an Explorer Guide, Wings of the Tropics Host and substitute day captain, Tram Guide, Shuttle Driver, Festival Educator, Arts Center Host, and recently developed a new Native Plant Walking Tour. Whether a visitor is new or a long-time member, they can always learn something new and interesting from Norma."



At this past summer's Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar, **Mu State President Gerry Hacker** stopped to pose for a selfie with participant **Tracey Williams** from **XI Chapter**. Tracey of Deerfield, FL, said, "had an awesome time and ready to really get to work! I am willing to help in anyway I can!"





Pictured above are World Fellowship Committee Members: **Clancy O'Donnell (I), Myrna J. Santos, Chair (V), Katrina McMenamy (IV), and Marilyn Terry (III)**

World Fellowship Update

Myrna J. Santos, Chair, World Fellowship
www.EnglishMadeEasy.us

The DKG World Fellowship Committee received numerous applications last year from graduate students across the world seeking financial aid to be able to attend colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. From these applications, the committee chose 20 recipients for \$4,000 scholarships each and provided extensions of \$800 and \$400 to several previous recipients. These fellowships are selectively funded through the Institute of International Education, the student portion of the Fulbright Foundation, of which the DKG World Fellowship Program is one of the committees. State organizations, chapters, member donations, and bequests help fund these awards. No money is taken from members' dues for this purpose. During the past Mu State Fall Workshop, a chance drawing was held and more than \$300 was earned.

World Fellowship will be bestowing Silver and Gold Awards this year for donations of \$50 or \$100 and making contact in an effort to establish a relationship with one of the recipients. Contact me for information about the recipients' addresses. Please see the application form in this issue. Note that applications must be sent or emailed to Myrna Santos, World Fellowship Chair, at ESLCARE@aol.com. The regular mailing address is also listed on the application form which can be found on the next page.

Since its inception in 1946, DKG has awarded scholarships to 920 women from over 120 countries. Women who could not otherwise achieve their goals are able to fulfill their potential because of World Fellowship. At Iowa State University, Ananda, a student from Indonesia, has printed out and posted on her bedroom wall, every e-mail, postcard, and letter that she has received from DKG members, saying that "they serve as compassionate reminders that a lot of people are supporting me." Thus, she and others like her are able to pursue their dreams with knowledge, self-assurance, and confidence in their own ability, ever thankful for this invaluable opportunity.



Education Excellence: A Universal Gift

Yvonne M. McShay, Chairperson, Educational Excellence



With the holiday season in the rear view mirror, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Mu State leaders offered members an unusual gift, one with universal appeal. Perhaps you are asking, what it is? It is the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) which was marketed and released in festive colors at the 2012 International convention. EEC invites members to accept this educational gift.

Committee members: **Lori Howard, Program Planning; Connie Kostyra, Schools for Africa; Nancy Bentz, US Forum/Legislation; Sharon Wallen, Emergency Fund; Joann Higgins, Music / the Arts; Ruth Pridgen, Grant -in- aid; Linda Zeiler, Grant- in- aid; Vanessa Pinto, Music/ arts and Yvonne McShay, Early Career Educators** have picked their passion from Empowering women through leadership opportunities, promoting Educational Excellence through programs and projects and Changing Global Awareness through collaboration world-wide.

In addition, you have seen EEC members in different roles. For example, they serve as hall vendors selling items to support programs, making an appeal for contribution to relief programs, and reporting on legislative issues. Also, collection of chapter data support for early career educators, and art and literary displays, to name a few. And if that's not enough, at the fall EEC workshop, standing room only, every participant received an early present -a copy of the poem, **Today is Saturday, But Monday is Coming** penned and read by an early career educator, Lilteria Williams from Duval County. A framed copy of the poem was presented to **Mu State President, Gerry Hacker**.



**Application for
World Fellowship Awards 2015-2016
Deadline – Must be received by March 25, 2016**

Please submit to:
Myrna J. Santos
3600 NW 82nd Dr.
Coral Springs, Florida 33065 or
Send electronically to: ESLCARE@AOL.COM

Chapter Name and Location: _____

**Name of Individual Submitting Application & Chapter Position:
Specifically, list chapter or individual(s) to receive this award.**

**Date(s) Donations sent to International Headquarters & Amounts of Donations:
District meeting proceeds sent to Myrna Santos for forwarding,
(List date as immediately following your District Meeting.)**

**Name and Institution of World Fellowship Scholarship Recipient
who benefitted from Chapter Outreach
(If more than one, list all that apply.)**

**Describe Chapter Outreach to the World Fellowship Recipient
and provide dates of outreach:
For example, sent email, sent postcard, etc.**

World Fellowship Award Criteria

**Gold Award: \$100 in donations sent to International
Headquarters and contact with one or more World Fellowship Scholarship Recipients**

**Silver Award: \$50 in donations sent to International
Headquarters and contact with one or more World Fellowship Recipients**

In Memoriam

Irene B. Bozeman Gamma Theta Chapter Live Oak, FL

Irene Bozeman, 88, passed away after a short illness in Live Oak, FL. Born in White Springs, FL, Irene spent most of her life in Live Oak. Being initiated on April 1, 1958, Irene was a DKG member for 41 years. She taught Business Education for 41 years in Suwannee County at the high school level and at Suwannee Vo Tech.

Graycie M. Cameron Beta Omega Chapter Palm Harbor, FL



Graycie Cameron, 102, of Palm Harbor, passed away September 25, 2016. Born in Toronto, Canada on June 16, 1914, she graduated from St. Petersburg College in 1934. At the school's 80th anniversary celebration in 2007, Graycie was the earliest graduate present and was honored with a bouquet of yellow roses. For 10 years, she taught elementary school and graduated from the University of Florida in 1942 with a Bachelor in Education. During World War II, she volunteered as a nurse's aide in Mound Park Hospital and was a member of the Ambulance Corps. In 1945, she applied for a nurses training program for individuals with a bachelors degree at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She worked as a nurse in Houston and Seattle before teaching at the School for

Practical Nurses in Sitka, Alaska. Returning to Pinellas County, she taught at Gulfport Elementary for 20 years.

Sara Jane Cross Alpha Chi Chapter St. Petersburg, FL



Sara Jane Cross, 86, died on October 7, 2016, in St. Petersburg, FL. Raised as a coal miner's daughter in Lynch, KY, she became a teacher after graduation from Mary Washington College. Sara Jane moved to St. Petersburg and taught elementary school in Pinellas County for 55 years. She was also both a Tennessee Squire and a Kentucky Colonel recognized by both states for her contributions to education. Sara Jane was initiated into DKG in 2004.

Wanda A. Gardner Gamma Omicron Fort Walton Beach, FL

Wanda Gardner, 95, was living at the Westwood Retirement Home in Fort Walton Beach at the time of her death on July 24, 2016. Wanda Gardner, a long-time resident of Valparaiso FL, was born January 5, 1921, in Salem Indiana. She graduated from Kent State University with a degree in history before taking a job with the Cartography Division of the Army Map Service in Washington D.C. during the Second World War. Wanda taught social studies at Ruckel Middle and Niceville High School for a total of 30 years before retiring in 1983. She was

a wise and caring mentor to many new teachers. Since Wanda's initiation into DKG on April 1, 1969, she was an active and supportive member of Gamma Omicron Chapter.

Judith Wyatt Greene Alpha Omega Chapter Delray Beach, FL



Judy Greene, 71 of Delray Beach, FL passed away on September 30, 2016. As a true Florida native, she was born and raised in Delray Beach. Judy received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Florida Atlantic University. Judy was a well known and respected educator in Delray Beach for 42 years. She taught her first year at Delray Elementary and finished her career Plumosa Elementary. Judy's first priority was to her students, and she placed her student's needs above all else.

Rita Silva Hooten Alpha Sigma Chapter Crescent City, FL

Rita Hooten of Crescent City took her last breath surrounded by family on September 12, 2016. She was born on December 29, 1931. Initiated into DKG in 1970, Rita served on numerous committees and countless projects with **Alpha Sigma Chapter**- always with a kind, caring, and supportive spirit. She spent most of her professional career as an English teacher at Crescent City High School where she touched the hearts of many, inspiring the students with the love of literature, language, and writing.

Mildred H. Marshall
Beta Rho Chapter
Jacksonville, FL

Mildred Marshall, 88, passed away on December 13, 2015, in Jacksonville, FL. She was born on April 2, 1927, in Asheville, NC. Mildred was a retired teacher and principal in the Duval County School system.

Catherine Larmoyeux Millan
Beta Pi Chapter
Jacksonville, FL



Catherine Millan passed away on June 8, 2016, at the age of 91. She was born on June 7, 1925 in Jacksonville, FL. A life-long resident of Jacksonville, Mrs. Millan graduated from St. Paul's High School in Jacksonville in 1942. During World War II, Mrs. Millan was employed in clerical positions at several banks, including the Federal Reserve Bank in Jacksonville. She returned to school in the late 60s, and completed her B.A. in Education in 1970 at Jacksonville University. She finished her formal education in 1977, receiving her M.S. in Information and Library Science from FSU. Mrs. Millan began working for the Duval County School System in 1970. She was a teacher at the Oceanway Elementary School, and then served as a librarian at the Loretto and Venetia Elementary School. On October 1, 1977, Catherine was initiated into DKG. She was listed in the 1977-1978 edition of Who's Who in American Education. Mrs. Millan was selected as the 1992 Venetia Teacher of the Year. Additionally, she spent

a year teaching at the Lochart Elementary School in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She retired in 1992.

Eva Marie Benson Nesbit
Alpha Chi Chapter
St. Petersburg, FL



Eva Marie Nesbit passed away on September 9, 2016. She was born on April 4, 1932, in Norfolk, VA. After graduation from St. Petersburg High School, Eva Marie earned her Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University and her Master's Degree from the University of South Florida. She worked as a media specialist for Pinellas County Schools. Upon her retirement, Eva Marie worked as a Librarian for Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg Public Libraries. She specialized in storytelling, creating characters such as Mother Goose, Mrs. Claus, and Amelia Bedelia. Eva Marie served as Chapter President and received an Achievement Award from Alpha Chi.

Dr. Ouida Fay Paul
Delta Chapter
Gainesville, FL



Dr. Ouida Fay Paul died on May 24, 2016. She was an active music educator involved in their national organization. She received her B.S. degree in

music education from Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL, and completed M.A. and Ed.D. degrees in music and music education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She taught at public schools in Alabama and Tennessee, the University of Florida and Greensboro College. Dr. Paul retired from the University of Hawaii where she taught music education and voice.

Elva "June" R. Speir
Beta Eta Chapter
Pensacola, FL



June R. Speir, 95, passed away on June 16, 2016. She was born in Chicago, IL on October 2, 1920. She grew up in Indiana and graduated in 1942 with a B.A. in Music Education from Manchester College. She taught high school band and English in Indiana. During World War II, she worked in Washington, D.C. and taught elementary school in Maryland. She moved to Kissimmee in 1955, where she began teaching Music in Osceola Schools. She earned her Master's degree in Education from the University of Florida. In 1962, she was named Osceola County Teacher of the Year and initiated as a DKG member, June was both a founding Charter Member and a past president of **Beta Eta Chapter**. Following her retirement in 1971, June continued as an activist in her community having founded Meals on Wheels and Council on Aging in Osceola County.

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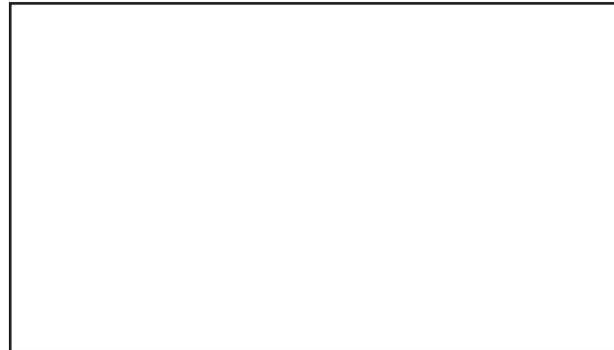
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Form 6, Report of the Death of a DKG Member, is to be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. A copy is to be sent to each of the following:

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Future Meeting Dates

Mu State Convention

April 28-30, 2017
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
Lake Mary, FL

**2017 DKG Southeast
Regional Conference**

July 19-22, 2017
Sheraton Myrtle Beach
Convention Center
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**Mu State Fall Workshop/
Executive Board Meeting**

September 22-23, 2017
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
Lake Mary, FL

**2018 DKG International
Convention**

July 16-20, 2018
JW Marriott
Austin, Texas