

Mu State: Beta Alpha Banner

Possibilities for the Chapter

Literacy Project Stories for Sunland Park Elementary is underway with books being delivered last December and in February. As a way to extend our literacy project and members involvement, discussions are taking place with school personnel to invite Beta Alpha members to participate in the **"Fall Festival"** next year to make special presentations on some favorite storybooks to the students

Toot Our Own Horn at the 2012 District V Meeting Please send information ,including photos to Judy Zelinski about your individual awards, achievements , and community service by **August 1, 2011**

Mu State Communication Award Beta Alpha received the Mu State Chapter Communication award at the 2011 state convention in April.

Possibilities for Members

Chapter Strategic Plan
All chapters are being asked to develop a **Strategic Action Plan (SAP)** that will be reviewed and revised at the beginning of each chapter biennium. A first draft of our chapter SAP, based on (1) a survey of chapter member needs & (2) the Mu State SAP will be sent to all chapter members for review , input, and approval this fall. Next year, a permanent SAP review committee, will be appointed based on suggestions from chapter members. The SAP Review Committee will evaluate and revise the SAP at the end of each chapter biennium . Chapters are being asked to present their first SAP at the 2012 District Meetings .

Sally Finley will be presenting her popular *Iris Folding Workshop* at the SE Regional Conference this summer.

Beta Alpha Birthdays

May

- 13 Carol Finlayson
- 24 Laura Saef
- 27 Kathy Henderson

June

- 1 Linda Banton
- 17 Elaine Burns
- 17 Myrna Santos
- 29 Dena Wolfisch

July

- 3 Agnes Shine
- 9 Betty Fagen

Thank you Elaine for the beautiful hand-made cards



Up-coming Meetings and Programs

May 17

- Founders' Day
- Observation
- BUNCO PARTY
- Business Meeting
- Planning Session for
- Initiation Breakfast

July 13-16
SE Regional

August 8

New Member Tea

August TBA
Back to School
Dinner

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President's Message

In March Beta Alpha Chapter celebrated its birthday and honored long-time chapter members.

In April Chapter members Sally Finley & Peg Dunn-Snow attended, participated and were recognized at the Mu State Convention in Orlando. See some photos on page 4.

In May The first year of this chapter biennium will culminate with the May 17 meeting . Please bring your new member application forms to the May meeting (or send them to Peg in the US mail prior to the meeting) so we may complete the first step in the invitation process by a membership vote of acceptance .

This summer the audit and finance , nominations, and the fall initiation and executive committees will meet to plan for next year. Members (who have not already done so) will be encourage to send in their biographical sketches for the chapter website and District V display . Also, please send Judy information about your activities, awards and achievements by August 1 for the display board. Mark your calendars to attend the annual **new member tea** on August 8 at Susan Teller's home.

Please bring your storybooks to the chapter meetings during this biennium and support the chapter literacy project

“Story Books for Students”

At Sunland Park Elementary School

World Fellowship Raffle Baskets

Please continue to donate your items to Sally (baskets too) for the raffle baskets , supporting our chapter contribution to the **DKG World Fellowship Fund** . Thanks goes Sally for her willingness to make up the baskets so one can be raffled off at each meeting during this biennium **Jane Barcelo** won the Birthday Basket



Founders' Day Meeting May 17

Please join us on **May 17** at the home of **Judy Zelinski** for a chapter **Founders' Day meeting**. Become acquainted with the remarkable women who were the founders of our Society during some fun featuring a game of Jeopardy following by a great game of Bunco. We will also officially welcome Jeri Jo Florez to our chapter during a brief business meeting that will focus on our responsibilities as host of the next Broward District V Initiation Breakfast later this year. **Please RSVP** to the May Evite

Let's Toot Our Horn at the District V Meeting



2010-2011 chapter community projects

*DKG International
World Fellowship Fund*

Gateway Food Bank

Holiday Toys for Tots

*New literacy project
Storybooks for Students*

Sunland Park

Elementary School

Please email **Judy Zelinski** and let her know about the kinds of community service activities you are involved in, especially if you are mentoring a new teacher. In addition... Are you a Girl Scout Leader? Do you participate in a ministry in your religious community? Do you volunteer at a hospital, or a food bank?

If you have photographs please send your pictures to Judy too.

Also, if you are the recipient of a recent award, let Judy know that too

Information is needed by **August 1, 2011** so Judy can begin work on our presentation. Our Digital Board will go on display at the next **District V Meeting**.

Meet Elaine Burns

Elaine was born and raised in the Indianapolis, IN area but moved to Florida in 2009. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Spanish from Purdue and a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Butler University. She taught grades K-3 in the Indianapolis Public Schools for 41 years before retiring. She has a daughter and son and a Siberian Husky. Elaine is collector of

seashells, dolls, and tea cups. She loves to cook, craft (especially card-making), and travel. Her favorite vacation spot is Sanibel Island. Elaine holds membership in 3 educational groups that sponsor scholarships: Delta Kappa Gamma, PEO, and Alpha Delta Kappa. She is also a member of the Southern Handcraft Society. Currently she is serving as an officer in each of them



Annual Birthday Meeting

Alice Schmidlin (46 years) and Nancy Wengren (38 years) were honored at the Beta Alpha Annual Birthday Meeting in March.



