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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Xi Members:

The holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. This is a season of sharing and caring so while we create new memories with our own families, please take time to help those who are less fortunate. Xi sisters have always shown their generosity through gift bags for the elderly at a Broward nursing home and special "stuff" boxes for the children at Women in Distress. Your ideas for other ways we can reach those in need are always welcome!

As this year draws to a close, please make a commitment to Xi chapter by attending our meetings and being an active participant as a committee member. Delta Kappa Gamma offers so many benefits to its members through grants and scholarships, fellowship, and leadership training. I encourage all members to take advantage of these benefits and encourage other young professionals to join us as we grow professionally and personally.

We are excited about our January meeting at the Art Museum of Fort Lauderdale. Please join us as we take a special guided tour and learn about local Hispanic artist, Carlos Luna who was greatly influenced by Pablo Picasso. We will also have an opportunity to view a private collection of ceramics by Picasso. Please reserve your place on the tour and RSVP to me at valovich@nova.edu. The tour is \$7.00 per person and can be paid to Louise Costello on the morning of the tour – Saturday, January 10th, 2009.

Prior to the tour Xi Chapter will hold a business meeting at 10:00 AM in the Broward County Main Library at 100 S. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale. A parking garage for the Library and Art Museum is located across the street on S.E. First Avenue. Parking is \$1.00 per hour at centralized meters.

Have a blessed holiday! See you in January!!

Diane Valovich, Ed.D.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mu State Leadership/Growth Seminar

Each Spring Mu State offers an opportunity for 30 members from throughout the state to participate in a unique opportunity for professional growth. During a weekend filled with interactive workshops, inspirational speakers and creative activities, members will develop the skills needed to be a leader within their chapter, within their profession and among their peers.

This year's seminar will be held from June 25 to 28, 2009 at the Tampa Airport Marriott. Applications are available on the Delta Kappa Gamma International website <http://www.deltakappagamma.net> and must be submitted to the Chairman of the Mu State Leadership Committee by March 1, 2009. Send to Angie Williams, 670 River Plantation Rd., Crawford, FL 32327.

SE Regional Conference – Delta Kappa Gamma International

This year's SE Regional Conference is in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 15-18, 2009. Anyone interested in presenting a workshop should contact me by the first week in February 2009. A short proposal of your presentation is needed and can be any topic of interest to educators and to women. The deadline for proposals is Feb. 16, 2009. Please email to valovich@nova.edu

Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship

Over thirty scholarships and grants are available through International to assist you in seeking an advanced degree. Information and forms are available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.net/displaycommon.cfm?an=12>

Additional scholarships are available through Mu State.

Get Published!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators is an established source of scholarly research by society members. Members are invited to submit materials appropriate to the Society's purposes: position papers, applied and/or data-based research and other topics of interest to educators. Interested members should submit materials to bulletin@deltakappagamma.org for consideration. A subscription to The Bulletin is included with membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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Attention All Shoppers!

Shop online with OneCause and participating vendors will donate a percentage of the purchases to Delta Kappa Gamma. Favorite stores like Lands' End, L.L. Bean, Nordstrom and many more participate in this program. Go to the society website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.net/> and click on Member Benefits, then Society Affiliations. Select OneCause and choose to support your favorite cause, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International!

Xi Chapter Projects

Each year Xi chapter members collect toiletries for Women in Distress. Soaps, shampoo, conditioner and cosmetics are appreciated by women who come to Women in Distress, often with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Save up those hotel give-aways and bring them to any of our meetings.

Kid's Special Stuff boxes are also collected for the children who come to Women in Distress. Fill a plastic shoe box with small items for a boy or girl ages five to twelve, with puzzles, games, pens, markers, hair clips, small stuffed animals, or books. Bring your boxes to any of our meetings as well, and Barbara Sabin will see that they find their way to a child in need of some "special stuff."

Cancelled Stamps

Save cancelled stamps for Mu State project and give them to Nancy Jackson.

Cookbook Sales



Neena Grosvenor still has a few copies of the Mu State cookbook, "Delta Kappa Gamma Entertains", with recipes from eleven states. The profits go to the Emergency Fund of Delta Kappa Gamma International and the Emergency Fund of Florida, which has helped many members in our state. Email Neena Grosvenor (ngros@bellsouth.net) and let her know how many you would like. They are still at the bargain price of \$15.00. Don't miss out.

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Technology in the Classroom

Xi Chapter members met on November 6 at the Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University. Director of Academic Technology Facilities, Josue Cuevas, explained the various technologies available for teachers to incorporate into their instruction. He demonstrated the functions of a fully equipped teaching podium that includes access to a Smart Board, multiple large screens for group viewing of Internet resources, video, or three dimensional objects projected through a document camera. Cuevas also described how technicians work in tandem with professors to operate the technology during class sessions and explained some of the challenges his technicians face in assisting professors and students in the use of technology.

In addition, Director of Technology Facilities Planning & Support, Angie Florez, described how video conferencing is connecting students from around the world to the NSU classrooms at the Davie campus. A live demonstration was provided.

Create A Buzz!

Many of our Xi sisters are accomplishing great things personally and professionally and we want to share the news with all our members. Please let us know about your accomplishments so we can give you the recognition you deserve.

This month we congratulate two of our Xi members -- Bonnie Goldstein of Atlantic West Elementary and Eileen Elicker of New Renaissance Middle School -- both of whom were nominated as Teacher of the Year by their schools. In addition, Bonnie is one of the district finalists for Teacher of the Year.

If you are too shy to toot your own horn, please let our newsletter staff know about the accomplishments of our colleagues. Email your news tidbits to Carole Lytle, carly328@comcast.net