



Xi Chapter of Mu State Florida District V Summer 2011

President's Message

Dear Xi Sisters:

I've just returned from attending the South-East Regional in Louisville, Kentucky. Florida was well represented by 58 enthusiastic members. What a positive experience! Speakers included activist Jodee Blanco, one of the country's pre-eminent voices on the subject of school bullying and Tori Murden McClure, President of Spalding University, the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. I also attended interesting sessions on developing a chapter Strategic Action Plan and Training for Chapter Parliamentarians.

The Executive Board had an open meeting on June 12th. We explored a tentative 2011-2012 calendar for Margie and Eileen to finalize with dates and locations. It was decided to support the International Schools for Africa project and expand our efforts to aid recent teachers.

This year Xi members will be busy. We need to develop a chapter Strategic Action Plan; reexamine our Chapter Committee structure and update our Chapter Rules to conform with any changes in International and State bylaws. It's important that members attend all scheduled

Meetings. Your input and vote on these issues is needed if we are to keep our chapter viable.

I look forward to seeing you on September 3 at the Fall Initiation to welcome our new members.

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Xi Calendar of Events 2010-2011

Sept. 3.....Fall Initiation Breakfast
Renaissance Hotel Plantation



November Meeting

Paula Miller has suggested we have a book review and discussion for our November meeting. Broward County is Recommending all reading coaches read *Whispers* by Donalyn Miller. Some schools have already formed study and discussion groups. Since reading is such an important skill for all learners and needs to be encouraged, the Executive Board has decided it would be beneficial to include a book review in our 2011-2012 calendar. Learning Resources has 40 E-Book copies of *Whispers* available. Copies can also be found in the Broward County libraries and in book stores.

We look forward to a lively discussion at our November meeting.



2011 Fall Initiation

The Broward County Joint Initiation is scheduled for September 3, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel in Plantation at 8:00 AM. This is much earlier than usual. Checks for \$26.00 must be sent to:

Paula Miller
8696 S.W. 52 St.

Cooper City, FL 33328

Please send your check as soon as possible as Paula will submit one check for the chapter by August 15th.

We have 5 initiates this year. Plan to come and give our new members a warm Xi welcome!



LOOKING AHEAD:

Florida Mu State Workshop
September 15 & 16
Orlando, Florida

Chapter News:

Dues Are Due!

Save a stamp and send your dues With your Fall Initiation registration check! It's that time of year again! International and Chapter dues should be sent to our chapter treasurer Paula Miller. Yearly dues for active members are \$80.00. The yearly dues for those members designated as "Reserve" are \$30.00. Checks are payable to Xi Chapter – Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mail to:

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8696 SW 52nd Street
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Support for Early Career Educators

During the last Board meeting it was decided To expand our support of first year teachers to include any recent or early career teachers needing help.

The International Educational Excellence Committee has started a project named THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher). The committee plans to present an over sized check that represents the total amount of money (with volunteer hours translated into dollars) that DKG members around the world would have given in 2011-2012. All chapters are being urged to keep up with hours and money spent in support of early career educators and to be ready to report totals to the committee by April 2012.

Louise Costello and Neena Grosvenor are firming up the details of how Xi members can help teachers at Silver Lakes Middle School.



Schools for Africa

Last year chapters throughout the Society collected approximately \$10,000.00 for the Schools for Africa project. This is a partnership among UNICEF, The Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society that is helping African boys and girls to get a quality education. Delta Kappa Gamma is a long standing US Fund for UNICEF partner.

The Executive Board voted to show Xi support by an ongoing "Buck a Book" fund raiser. Members are encouraged to bring books for recirculation to all 2011-2012 chapter meetings. Donations of \$1.00 for hard cover and \$.50 for paperback books will be collected. A check will be mailed to UNICEF in May.

