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Iota



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Beta Lambda



Angie Williams
Gamma Eta

More Convention Highlights

The 2009 Mu State Convention, held in Orlando, May 1-3, was replete with exciting workshops, great speakers, interesting business sessions, professional networking, delicious food, marvelous music and an outstanding arts and crafts exhibit.

Ann Blossfield and Fran Marinari received the Sara B. Ferguson Achievement Award. See page 9.

Gamma Theta chapter gave birth to **Delta Iota** which is located in Monticello in District I. Unfortunately **Beta Gamma** chapter was dissolved.

The position of executive secretary was divided into two positions; executive secretary and administrative assistant. The executive secretary will provide secretarial services and support for

the Mu State president and other state leaders. The administrative assistant will oversee the headquarters building and property. The current salary will be equally divided between the two positions.

The executive board approved a contract with **Kris Sternberg** as the administrative assistant. The executive secretary position is vacant. If you are interested, see page 5 for details.



**Southeast
Regional Conference
July 15-18, 2009
The Peabody
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Join your Mu State sisters in Little Rock, Arkansas. Go to the international website for everything you want or need to know about the 2009 Southeast Regional Conference. You can also check your March/April Δ K Γ NEWS for the registration form and related information.

Cathy Daugherty, Southeast Regional Director, has planned an amazing conference that you will not want to miss.

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Chapter Presidents!

It is very important that the chapters send **Form 6** immediately following the death of a chapter member. No information can be shared in the *Florida Rays* until this form is received.

There are many members whose deaths are observed in chapter newsletters but the editor cannot list them in the *Florida Rays* until Form 6 is sent by the chapter to:

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(Please note change.)



Barbara Van Diepen
Mu State President
2007-2009

In one of my first columns I spoke about the need for change and how important it is to change those things that can be put aside and keep those things that give the Society its unique characteristics and exemplify the purposes for which it was founded.

I have found inspiration for many of my columns on a website called, Motivateus.com. Here are some excerpts of a selection by Jim Rohn of New Jersey. He writes, "Any day we wish, we can discipline ourselves to change it all. Any day we wish, we can open the book that will open our mind to new knowledge.....And if the idea of having to change ourselves makes us uncomfortable, we can remain as we are. We can choose rest over labor, entertainment over education, delusion over truth, and doubt over confidence. The choices are ours to make....We created our circumstances by our past choices. We have both the ability and the responsibility to make better choices beginning today."

Over the past two years we have studied the structure and make-up of the Society and now are preparing to make some changes that we hope will lead both to growth and expansion as well as to the enrichment of all

our members. Our International President, Dr. Carolyn Rants, is asking us to move the Society forward from "Vision to Action" by developing a strategic plan for our chapters and our state.

At the recent Mu State Convention, we made a move to streamline our sessions by combining the executive board meeting and the general session into one seamless meeting. You, the members, will be the judge of the success of this change and by your evaluations will let the leadership know if they should continue on this path. You have elected a new leadership cadre to continue to evaluate how and what we do in Mu State.

The Mu State website continues to evolve and members are able to access more and more electronically. Chapters conduct an increasing amount of communication by e-mail and as a result have been able to decrease expenditures for mailings. State committees are able to meet by telephone and/or by computer saving both paper and gas.

For the first time, the Mu State Directory was made available on CD or flash drive in addition to paper copy. Workshop handouts often take the form of CD. We are definitely in the midst of change. Only time will tell if this change is for the better.

The future is bright and our state is strong. These past two years have flown by and been an enriching experience as I have traveled to every area of the state and met hundreds of enthusiastic caring members. Thank you for

allowing me to serve as your Mu State president. It has been an honor and a joy.

Barbara

Mentoring has been the cornerstone of my biennium as Mu State President and I wrote an article for each issue of the *Florida Rays* highlighting mentoring projects in Mu State.

Chapters are nurturing future members by mentoring college students in schools of education. They invite them to their meetings, encourage and give them grants-in-aid. We introduced a couple of these students at the recent Mu State Convention in Orlando.

Other chapters "adopt" a new teacher's classroom. They give her materials and volunteer in her classroom. Some chapters prepare gift baskets and take them to area schools along with a brochure explaining the Society.

Whatever your chapter does to encourage, inform and mentor young and prospective educators, make sure to let them know about Delta Kappa Gamma and what it can do for them. Please continue to expand your mentoring projects and don't forget that once these young people become members, they will need your continued support and encouragement.

I do believe that "mentoring is a basic key to membership."

HIDDEN NAMES CONTEST

This issue of the *Florida Rays* contains the hidden names of five members. The next issue will have the pictures of the members. In order to be "eligible" for a prize, members must locate the hidden names and contact the editor. It's worth your time. Find the five names that are hidden in this issue.



Pat Eckstein
Beta Chi



Merci Hagins
Alpha Rho



Janice Novello
Gamma Upsilon



Michele Severino
Eta



Terry Turner
Gamma Mu

The winners of the Hidden Names contest receive a 20% reduction in the registration fee for state meetings. **Dr. Janice Jaen** who was initiated into Gamma Mu in November, 2008 was the winner for the spring issue. Take a few minutes and find the **five** names that are hidden in this issue. **There's a new contest. It's called "Create a BUZZ"**. For every five (5) articles that you publish in your local media and submit to the editor, you receive a "prize". The article may be about your activities or those of your chapter. If about you, mention must be made of your affiliation with our professional organization for women educators. (You may combine individual and chapter articles for the five. Articles published as of July 1, 2008 are eligible.)

2009 Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar



Members of the Mu State Leadership Development Committee planning the 2009 seminar, (standing l to r), Irma Norman, Ann Blossfield, Angie Williams. Seated, Dr. Joan Lutton, Roseann Verheyen, Dr. Carleen Spano, Babs Bailey and Dr. Ann Lumsden.

The following have been selected to attend the 2009 Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar at the Tampa Airport Marriott, June 25-27.

Grace Wilhem, Upsilon
Heather Rudolph, Delta Alpha
Michelle Robinson, Beta Chi
Lisa Myers, Lambda
Michelle Bonar, Beta Sigma
Sue Huttig, Alpha Psi
Kerry Grayson, Beta Xi

Loneita Kirsch, Beta Nu
Paula Wilson, Delta Theta
Kathy Yarbrough, Delta Theta
Joli Hartzog, Delta Theta
Dana Mitchell, Delta
Mary Greer, Delta Beta
Missy Jungling, Alpha Kappa

Susan Kaplan, Beta Alpha
Fay Murphy, Kappa
Davina Kidwell, Delta Gamma
Sheila Knoche, Alpha Gamma
Elizabeth DeShazor, Delta Beta
Janice McClung, Alpha Kappa

Contributions to Leadership

Contributions are always accepted. **Jess McBride** gave one in memory of **Hazel Zibell** and another in memory of **Dr. Lynn Cleary**.

Leaders' Learning Suite

Purchasing a "seat" in the suite allows you 1 year of access to 10 courses for only \$49.95. There are 5 core courses and 5 of your choice. You may also receive professional development credit. To purchase your seat or to find out more, go to www.deltakappagamma.net, click on *Resources* or *For Members*, then on *Leaders Learning Suite*. (Ann Ottaviano)

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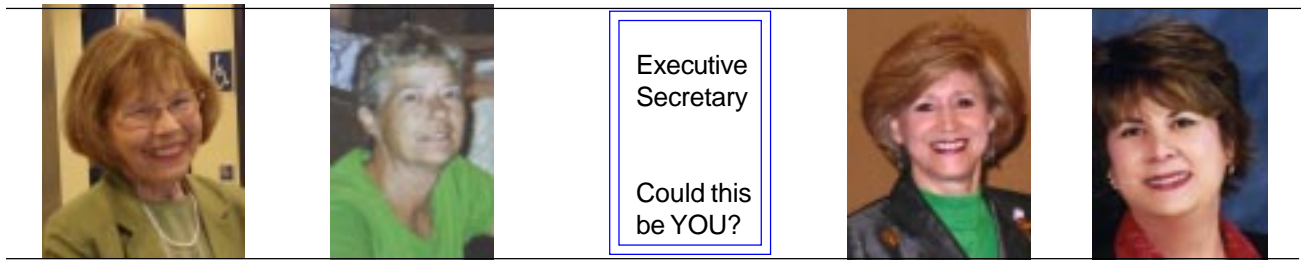
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Executive Secretary Position Available

The Mu State Executive Board approved the division of the current executive secretary position into two positions. One will be an executive secretary and the other an administrative assistant. The administrative assistant will oversee the headquarters building and property and the executive secretary will assist the Mu State president and other state leaders in their duties. Specifically she will provide secretarial services and perform support duties for them. The funding that is currently going to the position will be divided so that each position will be paid \$3,332.94.

Kris Sternberg, the current executive secretary, will

assume the position of administrative assistant as of July 1, 2009. The personnel committee has begun its search for an executive secretary.

Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, the following.

1. Will be an active member of the Society and of Mu State.
2. Will have leadership experience at the state and chapter levels and have demonstrated effective interpersonal, communication and time management skills.
3. Will have strong secretarial and computer skills and be prepared to update them. Initially she will provide her own equipment.
4. Will have sufficient time to

- perform her duties.
5. Will have a good working knowledge of the structure of the Society and of Mu State leaders.
6. Will be able to travel to headquarters as appropriate and needed to perform required duties.

If you are interested, the job description and application are on the state website. Deadline is **July 25, 2009.**

Send application to:

Dr. Ann Lumsden
Chair, Personnel Committee
2057 Cynthia Drive
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If you have questions, you may contact her at 850.386.3224 or at lumsden@bio.fsu.edu



Members & Chapters Create A Buzz



Mu State chapters are busy as bees creating a buzz about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They are getting the word out about the great things they do to help others as well as the phenomenal benefits members receive. You should be proud to be a member of your chapter and actively promote the mission and purposes of the Society.

Remember to read the "Tip of the Month." It is always on the Mu State website and many chapter websites are posting the tips from the International Communications Committee. Place copies of your chapter newsletter or brochures in public places and publish, publish, publish. If you or your chapter place articles in the local media, be sure to send copies to the international president and to your state editor.



Sheila Knoche, president of **Alpha Gamma**, believes a picture is worth a thousand words. The members toured the Ringling Museum. A nice "press release" was prepared and featured in *The Sun*. A few more press releases and the chapter will be recognized at the International Convention in Washington. Shown above, from l to r, Amy Crews, Sheila Knoche, Ellen Heleski, Grace Martin, Janet Beckley, Jolaine Konstantinidis, Carol Brush, Sue Ellen Smith, Louise Jones, Darlene Head, Cindie Fischer, Connie Bateman, Cason Bateman, Jenny Cornell and guest, Ann Pepper.



Joyce Svabek, President of **Alpha Iota** was named an Excel Award winner and a top educator in Florida. She received \$1500 in cash, \$1,000 for the school and a cruise for two.



Geraldine DeFelix, Phi, was one of 35 participants in the Oxford Round Table Symposium on Early Childhood Literacy at Lincoln College of Oxford University in Oxford England.



Kathy Yarbrough, Delta Theta, was a presenter at the First National Literacy Coaching Summit in Corpus Christi Texas. Her handouts are available online.

Start **Creating a Buzz** about the **Southeast Regional Conference** to be held in **Orlando, July 10-13, 2013** at the **Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center**.



New Gamma Nu initiates shown above are, (l to r), **Judy Haynes, Elaine Richmond, Diane Yankowski, Gale Carter, Terri Whitacre, & Vicki Marton.**



Susan Womble, Alpha Kappa, wrote a book, ***Newt's World: Beginnings***. It received the Gold Medal Winner award in Children's Literature at the Historical and Cultural Awards Ceremony sponsored by the state of Florida. The book is about special needs kids, tolerance, friendship and overcoming obstacles.

Alpha Gamma had 3 members selected as Teacher of the Year. **Merilyn Strickland** was the Hardee County District Teacher of the Year, **Kerry Terrell**, Hardee Junior High Teacher of the Year and **Amy Crews**, Desoto Middle School Teacher of the Year.



Merilyn Strickland, Hardee County School District Teacher of the Year



Beta Pi highlighted key women educators in its Red Wagon that was in the parade benefiting Wolfson Children's Hospital. Shown here, l to r, **Marilyn Russell, Myra Pattishall, Carolyn Foosee, Rita Haven and Judy Rees.**

Three members of Mu State are newly elected District Directors of the Florida Retired Educators Association. They are **Maurine Harrison**, (District 10) **Epsilon**, **Stephanie Athens**, (District 5) **Beta Mu**, and **Fay Murphy**, (District 7) **Kappa**.



Vicki Reis, above, right, President of **Gamma Gamma**, visiting with **Phyllis Hull** a member of the chapter and currently a resident at the Bayview Samatha Wilson Care Facility. Vicki, along with 12 members of her chapter, visited the facility, sang, played the piano and brought cheer to all of the residents, and especially to their own, Phyllis.

Delta Beta's Judy McLaurin of the Harrison School of the Arts, is the newly elected state president of the Florida Vocal Association. Congratulations, Judy!

(See pg. 10 for more member news.)

Reflections of Mu State Convention

Orlando Airport Marriott
May 1-3, 2009



Barbara Van Diepen, Mu State President, presiding at Executive Board and General Session



Members ready for both business sessions



Sandra Smith, left, and Sherry Snarr visit with Wynyard McDonald



Left to right, Ruth Pridgen, 1st Vice President, Jean Gray, International Parliamentarian, with Barbara Van Diepen, Mu State President, at business session



The arts and crafts exhibit was a huge success



Fern Cleary, (l to r), with Judy Shostrom and Barbara Corbett



2008-2009 Sara B. Ferguson Achievement Award Winners

**Ann Blossfield
2008**

Initiated into Beta Theta chapter in 1981, **Ann** has been chosen as Teacher of the Year three times and was a finalist at the county level. She is described as dependable, an inspiration, professional, intelligent, insightful, warm, thoughtful and unselfishly dedicated to Delta Kappa Gamma at all levels.

**Fran Marinari
2009**



Fran is described as one who emulates all the characteristics that our founding sisters hoped all members would possess. Initiated into Epsilon chapter in 1974, transferring in 2000 to Kappa, Fran's organizational, leadership and research skills are invaluable to Mu State. As finance chair, Fran brought her skills, experience, wisdom and dedication to move Mu State forward.



Edie Smith, left, was the luncheon speaker. She is seen chatting with Finance Chairman, Fran Marinari



The outstanding Mu State Chorus

Above, (l to r), Beverly Stagg, Jane Hart and Dr. Joan Lutton, facing camera. Angie Williams and Dr. Carleen Spano with backs to camera.



Inducted into the Mu State Hall of Fame were (l to r), Beverly Stagg, Sandra Smith, Linda Ellis-Pinkerton, Beverly Kelley, Merle Jones, Shandra Boyette, Donna Heald and Angie Williams

Chapters the Heart of the Society. Members - The Lifeblood

Gamma Gamma supports the Betty Griffin House for battered women, St. Francis House for homeless adults, the Leader Dog program and provides books to the homeless children as well as those who are housed in foster homes in the area. They also award grants in aid to students entering education.

Beta Upsilon members, **Bernadine Rice, Cheryl Steele** and **Virginia Pearcey** celebrated the achievements of a select group of African American male high school students as *Young Men of Excellence*. The three members were featured in the Sarasota *Herald Tribune*.

Pam Fritz, of **Alpha Rho**, was nominated for the Golden Apple Award. She is working on her master's degree along with **Charlotte Eaton**. **Nadine Thompson** is working on her doctorate.

Kathleen Martin, President of Delta chapter, reports that she "always returns from Mu State events feeling that it is such an honor to represent her chapter and wants to persuade more chapter members to attend state meetings."



Iota chapter members, **Jan Graham, Nancy Henning, Linda Hewett**, with guest speaker, **Dee Counts, Sandra Smith and Claudette McCrae**.

Mu chapter had three members who completed the Scope It Out - Debbie Hudson Memorial Walk/Run as members of the Delta Kappa Gamma team. They were **Bonnie Ignico, Florence Helt** and **Bonnie Rybak**. What a way to partner with the community and give visibility to the Society. **Cynthia Speight** recently attained National Board Certification and **Peggy Wendling**, 2006 Gifted Teacher of the Year, is a new member of the chapter.

Omicron's Nancy Blye was selected as the Vice Chairman of the Department of Education Committee for the Evaluation of Language arts and Writing Materials K-5.

Gamma Delta chapter has much about which to brag. **Margie Hunt** was featured in the March 2009 edition of *The Village Magazine*, **Carolyn McGowan** will present a workshop at the 2009 Southeast Regional Conference, and **Joyce Stevens** was recognized as a Volunteer of the Year for Seminole Springs Elementary School.

Johncyna McRae was honored as the first African American to earn a degree at UF (1966). She and sister, **Debra Thomas** are the daughters of Annie L. Williams and **Kappa** members.

Alpha Chi chapter continues to partner with other agencies to meet many needs in its community. They sew tote bags and quilts for the Salvation Army's emergency shelters and have assisted Sallie House for several years. They are taking action to win the *Shoe In Challenge* as they reinstated **Tempest Booth** who moved to Atlanta but is now back in St Petersburg. **Robin Elliott** is president of the chapter.

Karen Odom was honored as Gulf County Teacher of the Year. She is a reading coach at Port St. Joe Elementary and High Schools. She is a member of **Delta Epsilon** chapter.

Linda Lawson, initiate of **Beta Omega** was a finalist in the 2009 Outstanding Educators Recognition Program.

Check out page 7 for a photo of **Beta Pi** and one of its wagons that participated in the Red Wagon Parade to help raise funds for the Wolfson Children's Hospital. **Rita Hazen** encouraged the members to participate. The wagons were on display at the Jacksonville Public Library during December. Members of **Beta Pi** and local students walked in the Gator Bowl parade pulling their wagon. This parade was shown on local TV stations. What a great way to **Create a Buzz**. Way to go **Beta Pi**.

Sheila Knoche, Alpha Gamma was recognized as the first person to complete the online *Leaders Learning Suite*.



Jean Henry,
Chairman,
Scholarships
Committee

Jean Henry and the Mu State Scholarships Committee, **Sharon Lasseter, Joan Penland, Mickey Stout, Linda Black** and **Linda Lentin** announce the three 2009 Mu State Scholarship recipients. They are shining examples of young key women educators .



Carol Bell,
Gamma Rho,
was awarded the Dorothy Oliver Scholarship. Carol is science department chair and

the science fair coordinator at Martha B. King Middle School in Manatee County. She attended the Mu State Leadership Growth Seminar in 2006 and is pursuing her Masters in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling.

Lindsay Lynch,
Gamma Alpha,
received a Mu State Scholarship. She is vice president of her chapter and enrolled in the Master of Arts in Educational Technology. She is Director of Grants Development at South Florida Community College. Lindsay is very involved in professional and community activities especially the Highlands Little Theatre.



Jennifer Nzeza,
is **Beta Upsilon's** recording secretary. She is pursuing her Doctorate in Educational

Leadership at Argosy University. She received the Mu State Past State Presidents' Scholarship as well as an international scholarship (both, nearly \$9,000.) Way to go, Jennifer. Congratulations to you!

Mu State Headquarters

Kris Sternberg
Executive
Secretary



Your Headquarters Committee has worked hard this biennium to make our building a more viable place for committee members to work and stay. We've got the outside in ship-shape as well. Trees and shrubs are trimmed and new mulch has been applied. Now all we need is some rain...

We had a flurry of activity prior to the Mu State Convention, as officers stopped in for information and supplies prior to the Convention. Two chapters continue to hold their meetings at Headquarters, but we would like to see even more usage! Please call me at 386-748-8157 or email me at kris.sternberg@news-jrnl.com to arrange a visit.

Mu State Breakfast Southeast Regional Conference Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR Thursday, July 16, 2009

Shandra Boyette is coordinating the Mu State Breakfast in Little Rock. Please make your reservation now. The deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**. Send this form along with **\$30.00** to Myra Ponder, Mu State Treasurer. NOTE: The regional conference events form in the Delta Kappa Gamma NEWS does not contain the Florida Breakfast event. Send your check for \$30 made payable to **Delta Kappa Gamma**. Send it to **Myra Ponder, 253 Prado, Apalachicola, FL 32320**.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Check # _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

Indicate any special dietary requirements _____

Complete this form and return it with your check for \$30 made payable to **Delta Kappa Gamma** to **Myra Ponder, 253 Prado, Apalachicola, FL 32320** before **July 1, 2009**. You may reach Myra at 850-653-9457 or mpond@mcshi.com. You may reach Shandra at 305-888-2275 or boyetteemm@aol.com

Communications Award

Four chapters received the Communications Award at the Mu State Convention in May 2009. These special chapters were **Beta Lambda** - district I in Pensacola; **Beta Mu** - district II, Clay County; **Pi** - district V, Miami; and **Alpha Gamma** - district VI, Wachula.

Seven chapters were recognized for developing a chapter website. They were **Alpha Chi**, St. Petersburg; **Alpha Kappa**, Tallahassee; **Alpha Zeta**, Miami; **Beta Iota**, Pinellas; **Delta Beta**, Lakeland; **Gamma Upsilon**, Sarasota; and **Nu**, Lake City. Congratulations chapters for increasing your visibility and *creating a buzz*.

World Fellowships



Carol Ann Casey
Chairman

Prior to May 1, \$9,115.30 had been collected for World Fellowships. The amount raised at the Mu State Convention was \$350, making a total raised of **\$9,465.30**. The committee's goal for the biennium is \$10,000. Chapters may still contribute to the fund prior to June 30 and assist Mu State in reaching its goal.

Resources Available

The Professional Affairs Committee shared numerous website addresses in their handout in the convention packets and the Research Committee gave 47 ideas for research. Check them out!

Mu State Convention Actions

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All proposed amendments to the Mu State Bylaws and Mu State Courtesies were adopted as follows:

- (1) The Executive Board must approve any proposed expenditure not contained in the adopted budget.
- (2) The Mu State credit card will be used by the president, treasurer and executive secretary only when immediate payment is required and funds have been budgeted. The bill is to be paid upon receipt.
- (3) The free air travel earned by use of the card will be used for the Mu State president's travel.
- (4) The Mu State president can only approve expenditures that are within the executive board's adopted budget.
- (5) The executive board must approve all state projects and
- (6) The "Order of the Orange Blossom" will be presented to each outgoing Mu State president.

The Mu State budget for 2009-2010 was adopted.

Contracts for the Mu State editor, treasurer and webmaster were renewed. **Kris Sternberg** was hired as the administrative assistant. The executive secretary's position will be advertised. Deadline for receipt of applications, July 25. (See page 5 for specifics.)

Mu State approved the purchase of two additional Infocus projectors for use in district and state presentations.

The motion to rescind the standing rules which automatically provides for the cost of living raise for employees failed.

The Convention voted to nominate Dr. Beverly Helms for international first vice president.

Delta Kappa Gamma Entertains



At the Mu State Convention, Dr. Ann Lumsden, Cookbook Committee Chairman, encouraged chapters to continue to sell as many of the Mu State cookbooks as possible. "Everytime you sell a book," Lumsden said, "you are contributing to the state and international emergency fund. Once bills are paid all proceeds will go to these two funds."

Awards were given to Mu State members (and one in each category for a person outside the state) who had sold the most cookbooks. Top prizes went to **Nancy Henning** and **Marcia Kirkland**. Nancy was the highest sales person in Florida and Marcia, outside Mu State.



Marcia Kirkland Nancy Henning

Kris Kelly, Florida, won the weekend in the mountains as well as **Chris Waters** from North Carolina. **Fran Marinari** won a painting by Dr. Toni Matthews.



Fran Marinari with her painting.

Get your *Florida Rays* Online ?

In an attempt to reduce costs associated with the printing and mailing of the *Florida Rays*, a proposal is being considered to provide for the deletion from the mailing list that goes to the printer, of the addresses of those members who have email. Because it is necessary to delete *all or none* of the mailing labels of members with email addresses, a proposal will be presented to the executive board in September to address this.

The initiate card has a space for the email address. This information goes into the data base at international headquarters. When it is time to run the mailing lists that are sent to the state editor, two lists will be printed. Those members without email will be on a standard mailing label list. Those not on the mailing list will be on a separate list and will be notified by email that the *Florida Rays* can be accessed online.

The use of a list serv is being explored to assist with the mass notice to those with email addresses. It could also be used for any communication with all Mu State members with email addresses. The cost of providing a list

serv should not be significant as compared to the cost of printing and postage. However this information will be made available prior to the motion to change the current practice.

The *Florida Rays* has been posted on the Mu State website for the last two- three years. Many members prefer this means of receiving the state newsletter as evidenced by the results of the survey at the Mu State Convention in May. Of those responding, 98% indicated a willingness to receive their copy via email or by accessing the Mu State website. The remaining 2% indicated that they had email but would prefer a print copy. There are many members who do not have email and no access to the website, so plans for their continued receipt of the *Florida Rays* would be made until such time as Mu State voted to provide only electronic copies of the state newsletter as some states currently do. (*Virginia Walkup*)

Since the *Florida Rays* is posted on the Mu State website, many members have requested that the mailed copy not be sent to them. Without board approval



such changes cannot be made.

Recognizing that the state newsletter is one benefit that impacts all members, there is no intent to remove this from anyone. However, with the frequent increases in the cost of postage and printing, loss of membership and need to contain and perhaps reduce costs, the proposal to limit the mailing of the *Florida Rays* to only those members without email addresses will be made at the fall 2009 executive board meeting.

Share your thoughts with the editor who will work with the Mu State Communications Committee in determining whether or not a motion will be submitted in September 2009.

Many chapters are already using the online version of their newsletters to reduce costs and save the planet.

Yes, I am willing to receive my copy of the *Florida Rays* online. I will access it at the Mu State website.

No, even though I have email, I do not want to access it via email or on the website.

I do not have email and wish to continue receiving my printed and mailed copy.

Comments:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Chapter _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete and mail the form to: **Dr. Beverly Helms, PO Box 728, Bonifay FI 32425. Or email your response to helms_b@firn.edu** (*Glenda Henderson*)

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

MU STATE FALL WORKSHOP
 SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009
 ORLANDO AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL

Do you enjoy sharing your talents, experiences, favorite subjects, successes, help-tips or other topics? If so, we want to learn from you! You are the person we are looking for to present at Fall Workshop.

Do you prefer co-presenting with someone who shares your interest and expertise? Great! We are hoping you will join each other to make a difference in the lives of our attendees.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL TODAY!

What is needed?

1. Name of Presenter/s
2. Contact Information
 Address
 Telephone numbers
 Email address
3. Title of workshop with a brief description or outline of content
4. Equipment needed (All efforts to provide your own will be appreciated)
5. Availability to present
 ___ Friday night ___ Saturday morning ___ Both

Deadline date for submitting proposal: July 1, 2009

Send proposal to Carrie Frye, 212 Hammock Oak Circle, DeBary, FL 32713 or email: cfrye@att.net

Forward with Spirit and Vision

Ruth Pridgen, Mu State President 2009-2011, challenged members to join her and move forward with spirit and vision. She shared 6 underlying elements she saw as constants through the years and she believes they make up the *spirit* of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sisterhood - the caring, support and fun $\Delta K \Gamma$ sisters have together.

Purpose - Our purposes are timeless.

Information - Knowledge is power. Research that impacts teaching, learning, or women educators needs

Relevance - We must stay relevant.

Involvement - Members are drawn to groups where they are engaged.

Teaching/Education - We exist to "*promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*"

Ruth said, "I believe when we keep this **spirit** alive, enthusiasm grows and members are attracted to such a vibrant organization. We must be open to envision a future where we stay relevant in today's world, and adapt to meet changing needs."

She asked the group three questions:

1. What needs to happen in Mu State this next biennium to keep the spirit strong?
2. Can we do what it takes to keep the spirit strong?
3. What will you personally do to see that the spirit continues to future members?

Do you...

...have your $\Delta K \Gamma$ credit card from Bank of America yet?

Call toll free 1.866.438.6262

Code: FACCQB

The Society gets a percentage of all sales and \$50 after you keep it for 90 days.

No Parking Fees



Even though the Airport Marriott now charges other guests for parking, Mu State has a contract which provides for free parking for those in attendance at a Mu State function. **You will not have to pay for parking!**

Inservice credit available for 2009 Fall Workshop/ Executive Board

If you are interested in receiving 10 inservice points to use toward the extension or renewal of your teaching certificate, you must go online prior to September 11, 2009 and register for the **2009 Fall Workshop/ Executive Board**. Go to www.paec.org/deltakappagamma and complete the form. At the convention registration table you will receive the instructions to complete your follow up. Follow up must be completed by December 1, 2009. If you have questions you may contact Dr. Beverly Helms at helms_b@firn.edu

Mu State Fall Workshop & Executive Board

September 11-12, 2009

Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel

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 mtg** Current Chapter President District Director
 State Officer or Related Personnel:(_____) Past State President
 State Committee Chairman: (Name of Committee) _____
 State Committee Member - (Name of Committee) _____
 Special dietary needs:(Please indicate) _____

Registration \$45.00 _____
 (includes Luncheon)
 Late registration \$53.00 _____
 (Postmarked after August 18, 2009)
 Friday night dinner \$ 27.00 _____
 Total \$ _____

Make check payable to : **Delta Kappa Gamma**

Check # _____

Carolyn McGowan
230 Overlook Drive
Clermont, FL 34711-2428
Phone: 352 394 5336
Email: MMCDM1@aol.com

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 ΔΚΓ publication.

NO, I do not want my photo or contact information used in the **Florida Rays** or any ΔΚΓ publication.

Refunds **will not** be made unless you notify the Mu State President (or meeting registrar) on or before 9/8/2009.



Directions: From the airport: Follow 436 North (Semoran Blvd), turn right at TG Lee Blvd., turn right onto Augusta National Drive. (Courtesy transportation to and from the airport available 24 hours a day.)

From I-95: Exit Hwy 528 West (Bee Line Exp.), then exit at 436N, turn right at TG Lee Blvd., turn right onto Augusta National Drive.

From I-4 and Florida Turnpike: Exit Hwy 528 East (Bee Line Exp.), then exit at 436 N. (Semoran Blvd.), turn right at TG Lee Blvd., turn right onto Augusta National Drive.

Orlando Airport Marriott

7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32812
Phone: 407-851-9000 or 800-766-6752

Group Reservation

The ΔΚΓ Society International
September 11-12, 2009

Rates: Single- \$115.00 Double- \$115.00 Triple - \$115.00
 Quad - \$115.00 (Rooms rates will also include an 11.5% tax)

Date of Arrival: _____ **Date of Departure:** _____
 (Check in Time : 3:00 p.m.)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type Credit Card _____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Each reservation must be guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-766-6752. Please specify the group name to receive your group rate. (Martha Sibons)

Reservations must be received at the hotel by **August 20, 2009**. Any reservations after that date will be subject to availability.

Refund Policy: Full refund of deposit will be forfeited unless cancellation is received 48 hours prior to arrival date. Rates effective 3 days before and after depending on availability.

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Florida Rays Deadlines

Members are encouraged to call or send information to be used in the *Florida Rays*.

Deadlines are:

- December 1....Winter
- February 1.....Spring
- May 1.....Summer
- September 1.....Fall**

How many press releases has your chapter submitted to local media outlets? Is your chapter well known in the community? Do you leave Society publications in public places?

Important Dates/Deadlines

Leadership Growth Seminar

June 25-28, 2009
Tampa Airport Marriott

National Legislative Seminar

March 14-17, 2010
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA

Southeast Regional Conference

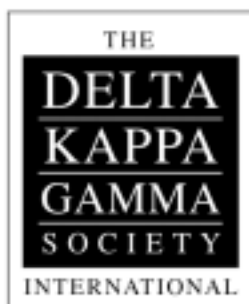
July 15-18, 2009
The Peabody
Little Rock, AR

AKI International Convention

July 20-24, 2010
Spokane, Washington
The Davenport Hotel and Tower
Spokane Convention Center

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- February 6 - District I - Marianna
- February 20 - District II - Jacksonville
- March 6 - District VI - Port Charlotte
- March 20 - District IV - Cocoa
- April 17 - District III - Parrish
- April 24 - District V - Hollywood