



“MU STATE MUSE”



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Mu State Executive Committee for 2012-2013

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CALL TO FALL WORKSHOP

This is your official call to Mu State Kappa Fall Workshop to be held on August 24-August 25, 2012 in Columbus, MS at Wingate by Wyndham (129 Brickerton Street). During our wonderful April 28th, 2012 State Convention, magnets were disseminated to approximately 60 Kappa sisters in attendance announcing the Fall Workshop dates with this now being your official invitation. The Beta Chapter along with Chair, Olivia Sansing, and Co-Chair, Debbie McLaurin, have much personal and professional development activities planned for each of you at our upcoming Fall Workshop as we “Live, Love, Laugh for Kappa-Everlasting Friendships” throughout this 2012-2013 Kappa year.



You are in for a treat for our keynote will be Vickie Greenway, motivational speaker and author of Humor ‘n’ Healing. She brings to us much personal and spiritual development during this keynote. Professional Development Break-out sessions will be held for local chapter officers. It is highly encouraged that all local presidents and local chapter officers (including Campus Kappa officers) be in attendance to enhance their leadership roles for this upcoming year and receive informative materials.

For local treasurers, our State Treasurer, Donna Geno along with Kappa sisters, Ann Sims and Diann Carter, will be assisting each local chapter in completing their on-line 990-N e-Postcard with the IRS to maintain your tax exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization. As local chapter officers are receiving professional development training, a special break-out session “Being a Masterpiece” will be provided for all other Kappa members by Vickie Greenway.

The agenda for the weekend is as follows:

- On Friday, August 24, 2012, an Executive Committee Meeting will be held for the Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents at Camp David at 7:00 p.m. (yes, you read it correctly, it is the camp ground of Olivia and David Sansing). Departure from Wingate hotel will be at 6:30 p.m. Olivia and David will be hosting this special meeting for Mu State and dinner will be provided. Casual attire such as jeans/comfortable clothing.
- On Saturday, August 25, 2012, all Mu State Kappa members are invited and encouraged to attend Fall Workshop with registration and refreshments starting at 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. with kick-off of Fall Workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. to include personal and professional development offerings, lunch, committee updates, and conclude by 2:00 p.m. Business casual attire.

****Registration form is enclosed and is requested to be completed and mail back to Ann Sims, Registration chair, along with \$30 registration fee by Friday, August 17th. Please make your hotel room reservation at Wingate (662-327-9999) no later than Friday, August 17th. To receive group rate of \$89 (plus tax), you will need to state Kappa Kappa Iota as your reservation code when making hotel reservation**.**

"HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION"



Fifteen Mu State Kappa members attended the National Kappa Kappa Iota 63rd Annual Convention in Chattanooga, TN from June 20-23, 2012. The Mu State Kappa members consisted of (front row l-r): Tommye Walker, Moise Jones, Wanda Nowell, Imogene Hardon, Eloise Livingston, and Barbara Fuller; (second row l-r) Rosemary Ward, Opal Melvin, Jerrie Jackson, Kathy Shappley, Mitzy J. Mills, Olivia Sansing, Ann Sims, Anita Buster, and Patsy Johnson. There were twenty-one states represented with 182 voting delegates. Approximately 273 people were in attendance for the "Threads of Friendship Run Through Kappa" convention with National President Jeanne Blain presiding.

During the business session, items reported were as follows:

- 24,051 empathy items had been reported for the 2011-2012 year
- National Philanthropic Report consisted of \$896,185.51 total monies or monetary value donated with 208,843 total hours volunteered. The Kempe Center which is a center for prevention and treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect located in Denver, CO was included in the donations. Each local chapter of Mu State is encouraged to support programs that provide shelter and counseling for victims of abuse and neglect. For future contributions, checks can be made payable to Kempe center and mailed to National Headquarters. Mu State was recognized for their Mu State Philanthropic Chapter of the Year competition.
- Regional Membership Trophy was awarded to Region V which include Mu State/MS and Eta State/LA (GO MISSISSIPPI)
- Special recognition with states with Net Gain were Mu State/MS, Theta/AL, Alpha Alpha/KY, & Alpha Beta/IN (GO MISSISSIPPI)
- No increase in national dues. However, National Parliamentarian, Anne Baker, announced with the national budget struggling every year and for dues not to be increased, the organization is to consider for next year during the business session reducing one person from the executive officers. The eliminated position would be the duties of Second Vice President. Hence, the original Third Vice President would then be known as Second Vice President. The National President would appoint the History chairperson with the other duties being given to the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary would hold a two year term. If approved next year, this would go into effect immediately. For Mu State local chapters, it is recommended that your chapters continue to maintain the same officer positions for the 2013-2014 if the national action is approved.
- Mu State Kappa members Patsy Johnson & Mitzy Johnson-Mills participated in the Kappa Chorus with Patsy serving as the pianist.
- Mu State Kappa member, Tommye Walker served as a page during the business session.

Kappa National Executive Committee for 2012-2013

- **President:**
Chris Poole (Iowa)
- **President-Elect:**
Sue Hagan (South Carolina)
- **First Vice President:**
Wanda Huhn (Louisiana)
- **Second Vice President:**
Laurie Konrad (Nebraska)
- **Third Vice President:**
Melinda Sams (Georgia)
- **Recording Secretary:**
Janice Luce (Oklahoma)
- **Immediate Past President:**
Jeanne Blain (Ohio)
- **Parliamentarian:**
Jean Adams (Oklahoma)

National Theme:

"Make Kappa Your Cup of Tea"

Mu State Theme:

"Live, Love, Laugh for Kappa-Everlasting Friendships"

National Kappa website:

www.nationalkappakappaiota.org



"HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION"(CONTINUED)

In addition to the business meetings, members had several workshops to choose from such as Nutrition & Fitness, Storytellers, Stress Reducer (Tommye loved the water aerobics), Advanced Technology...just to name a few...Another highlight of the convention was the Thursday night Dinner Cruise & Entertainment, even your Mu State President, Mitzy and her Kappa guy, John Mills braved the dance floor with surrounding camera lights (hope those pictures never surface☺)

Our very own Imogene Hardon (Iota) served as a member of the National Campus Kappa Committee for 2011-2012. ***Also, many thanks to all the Mu State members who contributed either a book or teddy bear to the National Convention. The bears were donated to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Chattanooga Police Department for children in crisis. The books were donated to the Northside Neighborhood House along with Family Housing and Learning Center to be used in GED programs or after-school tutoring programs.***

The biggest highlight of the convention occurred during the Saturday night installation banquet in which Mu State/Mississippi shined indeed! Of the 10 scholarships, Mu State received 5 of those scholarships and we want to CONGRATULATE the following:

- Emily Eaton (Iota) received the \$2,000 Mabel Caldwell Scholarship
- Janalee Jackson Leak (Iota) received \$1,000 Past State President's (in memory of Ruth Foster)
- Julia Casey, Sarah Elizabeth Cox, and Kim Sides (all from Blue Mountain Campus Kappa) received \$1,000 each from the Sara Sunderman Campus Kappa scholarship fund

So of the \$10,750 awarded, Mississippi received \$6000 of the national scholarships (56% of the funds this year)...Go Mu State! Kappa members, one of the most advantageous features of our organization are those scholarships so let's continue to soar!



DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FALL WORKSHOP)

Wingate by Wyndham
129 Brickerton Street
Columbus, MS

From Starkville:

Highway 82 East
-Exit right onto SR-12 South/
Military Road and immediately
bear right onto Military Road
(Lowe's exit)
-Wingate will be to your left

From Tupelo:

Highway 45 South (Alt)
-Turn left onto Bluecutt Road-
will be the 5th stop light (you
will see a Cadence Bank)
-Continue onto Bluecutt until
you reach stop light (Huddle
House on right)
-Turn left onto SR-12/Military
Road
-Turn right into Brickerton
-Wingate will be on your left

OR

Highway 45 South
-Continue into Columbus past
Wal-Mart
-Turn left on 18th Avenue
North (Wal-Greens)
-Take ramp left for US-82 East
(toward Tuscaloosa)
-Take ramp right
-Turn onto SR-12/Military
Road, then immediately bear
right onto Military Road
-Turn left onto Brickerton
-Wingate will be to the left

Directions to Camp David

From Wingate
-Take a right on Military Rd,
then a right onto Hwy 82 E
(toward Tuscaloosa)
-Take first exit (Hwy 12/50
Columbus exit)
-At the bottom of the ramp,
turn left at the stoplight. This
will be Hwy 50 E (6.4 miles to
entrance of Camp David prop-
erty)
-Continue east on Hwy 50,
through stoplight at Dutch
Village Shell on right
-Cross the MS/AL state line,
becomes Hwy 96
-Second drive on right
(Lamar County sign)

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT



During the summer months, much planning has occurred to lead our Mu State organization this year and for the upcoming years through an ad-hoc committee, the "Mu State Strategic Planning Task Force," that was appointed by Mu State President, Mitzy Johnson-Mills. In June, a *Kappa Assessment Survey* was mailed to Mu State Kappa members who had not renewed their membership over a period of time (from one to five years). This survey served as component of the Mu State Kappa's overall plan regarding retention of members. On July 21st, 2012, the Task Force consisting of Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, Past National President, and representation from Past State Presidents gathered in Columbus, MS to review the findings of the survey along with environmental scanning of a five year Membership Report, and review of the National Kappa Membership Recruitment PowerPoint presentation. The Task Force performed a Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges exercise and then broke out into teams to develop strategic long-range planning goals. Much time and dedication were given to Mu State Kappa that day. Many thanks to all who attended in the name of Mu State Kappa. What a great day of accomplishments occurred with the following four long-range strategic goals being developed for Mu State Kappa's review at Fall Workshop. (Please note during the Fall Workshop's Friday night Executive committee meeting, the objectives will be finalized to complement the long-range goals):

Strategic Goal 1 (Membership): To develop a membership plan to recruit new members, retain current members, and encourage growth of each local chapter

Strategic Goal 2 (Communication/Public Relations): To provide a stronger visible presence of Mu State Kappa throughout the state of Mississippi and beyond

Strategic Goal 3 (Advancement/Enrichment): To offer dynamic personal, professional and scholastic opportunities

Strategic Goal 4 (Service): To offer service and opportunities in civic, humane, and educational projects throughout the communities and state

Fall Workshop 2012 Registration Form

(Please Print)

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Local Chapter _____

Check All That Apply:

Mu State Executive Committee _____
 Past National President _____
 Past State President _____ Year Served _____
 Mu State Standing Committee Chair _____
 Local Chapter President _____
 Local Chapter President-Elect _____
 Local Chapter 1st VP _____
 Local Chapter 2nd VP _____
 Local Chapter 3rd VP _____
 Local Chapter Secretary _____
 Local Chapter Treasurer _____
 Local Chapter Immediate Past President/
 Empathy _____

Other local chapter officer (list title _____)

Campus Kappa Officer _____
 (Registration being paid by other Mu State members)

Local Chapter Member _____

First Time Member Attendee _____

Please check appropriate response to assist with meal planning of Friday night's "Mu State Executive Committee Meeting"

____ Yes, I plan to attend
 ____ No, I do not plan to attend

Please check below (if applicable) to assist with Saturday workshop's special acknowledgments.

____ Yes, I am a Cancer Survivor

TOTAL \$30 REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Friday, August 17th, 2012.

Make checks payable to Beta. Send check and form to:
Ann Sims, 316 5th Avenue S, Columbus, MS 39701

Questions? Contact Mitzy Johnson-Mills via e-mail at Mitzy_Johnson@yahoo.com or cell 662-728-2619 or Olivia Sansing via e-mail at ojsteach@yahoo.com or cell 662-386-4582.

(NOTE: If local chapter presidents are going to mail all registration forms in one mailing with checks, please do not use this form, use the form sent to local presidents. Otherwise, please use this form.)