

MU STATE KAPPA KAPPA IOTA NEWSLETTER



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Mu State Kappas.

I am excited to serve as your Mu State President for the upcoming year. We have many enriching events and philanthropic endeavors planned for 2013-2014. In this issue, you will find information about registering to attend our Fall Workshop at Blue Mountain College on August 23-24, as well as highlights from the Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention recently held in Omaha, Nebraska. I look forward to meeting with each of you throughout this year and deepening our Kappa friendships.

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Convention Highlights:

On June 25- 29, seven Mu State Kappas attended the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Imogene Hardon, Mitzy Johnson Mills, Patsy Johnson, Moise Jones, Wanda Nowell, Janalee Leak, and I enjoyed the wonderful accommodations of the Hilton Doubletree Hotel. There were 22 states represented, with 165 voting delegates in attendance. The theme of the convention was "Make Kappa Your Cup of Tea", with National President Chris Poole presiding.

- Empathy concerns, the heart of Kappa, were reported as 14,095.
- Philanthropy shows the love of Kappa with \$970,599.30 (monetary value) donated.
- Mu State was honored to receive a scholarship for a Campus Kappa member.
- Regional Membership Trophy was awarded to Region V Mu State/ MS.
- Mu State Kappa members Patsy Johnson and Mitzy Mills participated in the Kappa Chorus, with Patsy serving as pianist.
- Wanda Nowell served on the National Nominating Committee.

The convention activities culminated with the installation of the 2013-2014 National Officers and State Presidents. It was a great honor to be installed as your Mu State President. Sue Hagen, of South Carolina, was installed as National President. President Hagen has chosen "Soar with Kappa" as our national theme. In addition to the business and awards programs at the convention, members attended personal development workshops, and toured Omaha downtown areas. Kappa guys had the opportunity to go on day excursions to many interesting sites around the Omaha area. The Mississippi State Baseball team and fans had just left the Doubletree on the day of our arrival. The staff was very complimentary of the southern manners and conduct of the team and fans. It is great to see Mississippi receive the positive public relations that we know is so well deserved.



MU STATE KAPPAS & KAPPA GUYS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Front (L to R): Jerrie Jackson, Janalee Leak, Wanda Nowell,
 Imogene Hardon, Patsy Johnson, & Mitzi Johnson-Mills.
 Back (L to R): Douglas Jackson, Jimmy Nowell, Moise Jones,
 Ralph Johnson, & John Mills.



MU STATE KAPPA OFFICERS 2013-2014:

L to R: Wanda Nowell (Iota)- Parliamentarian, Jan Eastman (Sigma)- Treasurer,
 Renee Fortner (Alpha Delta)- Secretary, Patti Davis (Upsilon)- 3rd Vice President,
 Katie Draper (Eta)- 2nd Vice President, Karen Lott (Gamma)- 1st Vice President,
 Silvia Thompson (Sigma)- President-Elect, Jerrie Jackson (Iota)- President,
 Mitzi Johnson-Mills (Beta)- Immediate Past President.

Fall Workshop Information (Please return registration by August 8th):

Mu State Kappa Fall Workshop will be held on August 23-24, 2013, at Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, MS. The college campus is located on Hwy 15. Plans have been made for personal enrichment and leadership enhancement. Our state theme is "Kappas Add a Pinch of Salt to Life". One may see leadership positions as a small part of Kappa, but just as salt adds zest to food, your leadership will add zest for fellow Kappa members. As you sprinkle your attitudes, words and actions, you will set the tone for the coming year. Kappa members will have a special welcome by our keynote speaker, Dr. Barbara McMillin. Dr. McMillin is beginning her second year as President of Blue Mountain College.

Friday August 24, 2013:

On Friday August 24, 2013, an Executive Committee Meeting will be held for the Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, Mu State Past Presidents, and Chapter Presidents at 7:00 p.m. The Friday meeting will be held in the Guyton Library on the Blue Mountain College Campus. A treat for those attending will be the Blue Mountain Doll Collection that is on display in the library. A meal will be provided.

Saturday August 25, 2013:

All Mu State Kappa members are encouraged to attend the Saturday August 25, 2013, Fall Workshop to be held in the Ray Dining Hall on the Blue Mountain College Campus. Registration and refreshments will be from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. The Fall Workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. with activities including personal and professional development, lunch, committee updates, and door prizes. Meeting will adjourn by 2:00 p.m.

Point of Interest:

The Pineapple Shop is a great place to browse for unique gifts. Owner Bret Hopper is offering 20% off on most items, and 40% off on Christmas items. *The Pineapple Shop* will be open until 6:45 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday. Directions: turn at sign (directly across from the college on Hwy 15) and proceed to the top of the hill.

Accommodations:

Registration should be made by August 20th (mention *Kappa* when booking).

Comfort Inn and Suites
(15 miles S. in New Albany)
400 State Hwy 30 W.
Phone: (662) 534-5664
\$70.85, tax included

Best Western of Ripley
(4 miles N. in Ripley)
922 Hwy. 15 South
Phone: (662) 837-0002
\$79.45, tax included

~SAVE THE DATE~

February 22, 2014: Mu State Executive Meeting at Harvey's Restaurant in Tupelo, MS

April 25 & 26, 2014: Mu State Convention hosted by Eta and Gamma - TBA

June 24- July 2, 2014: National Convention at Atlanta Airport Hilton, Atlanta, GA.