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CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

This is your official call to Mu State Kappa State Convention to be held on April 26-27, 2013, in Philadelphia, MS “Vegas with Sweet Tea” at Dancing Rabbit Inn (13240 Hwy 16 W). Mu State Kappas, you are in for a *sweet treat* indeed. Much has been planned by our hosting chapters, Tau, Upsilon, and Alpha Iota. A very special thanks goes to Chair- Glenda Boler, Co-Chair-Cindy Todd, Registration Chair-Bobbie Hodgins, and Linda Guraedy for the preplanning that has occurred.

For this year’s State Convention, **FREE** special tours included:



Pre-Convention Tour-Hester House

(Friday afternoon, 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.):

One of the beautiful Philadelphia historical homes that was built by Nathan Cramer, Jr. has been reserved for Mu State Kappas to tour. The original stained glass windows are located in the wraparound gallery. The house has been occupied by only two families, the Hester and the Hitt family. Bobbie Hitt and her husband are the current owners.

Post-Convention Tour:

Williams Brothers General Store

(Saturday afternoon, following convention):

Here’s something that you won’t find anywhere else still in operation. It is a true old-fashioned store founded in 1907 by brothers Amazie and Brown Williams which is now in the hands of second and third generation Williamses. The store has served farm and city population continuously through changing times. In 1939, National Geographic featured it as a “needles to horse collars” store. Today,



groceries, shoes, clothing, Peter’s pottery, and farm needs such as fence posts, seed, grain are in the inventory. On any Saturday afternoon, two men slice bacon and cut off hunks of hoop-cheese for 10 hours a day. The crowds would make Walmart blush. Archie Manning’s wife, Olivia, is the daughter of one of the founders. It has been told that Peyton and Eli had summer jobs during their earlier years. They may still visit now and then, but they’ve found better jobs (word has it)! The state theme of “Live, Love, Laugh for Kappa-Everlasting Friendships” will be shared among us at State Convention! Come Join Us!

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STATE CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

Not only are Pre and Post Convention Tours planned for this year's State Convention, but for the Friday night "Welcome Reception," Cindy Todd's niece, Lisa Strickland, local owner of "Flowers from the Heart" will present tips in creating spring floral designs to our Mu State Kappa sisters. Also, all who attend the Friday's reception will have the opportunity to participate in a drawing for a piece of Peter's Pottery, compliments of the Williams Brothers General Store.

For Saturday, we have the Choctaw Indian Princess to be our speaker for Philadelphia, MS is in the heart of the Choctaw Nation. Our Mu State Kappas will honor our Kappa sisters in our Celebration of Life service for those who have joined our Omega Chapter with Upsilon member, Maudeen Sanders, presiding over this service. Several awards will be given out to include: Eudora Kemp Chapter of the Year, Philanthropic Chapter of the Year, Top Recruiter of the Year, Mentor of the Year, Mu State Brag Board winners (Local chapters...share your story of the great things happening this year), election of the 2013-2014 Mu State Officers along with the election of the 2013-2014 Mu State Nominating Committee and delegates to attend the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The finale of the State Convention will be the Installation Ceremony of our newly elected 2013-2014 Mu State Officers. **So in summary, the agenda is as follows:**

• Friday, April 26, 2013:

- 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Pre-Convention Tour-Hester Home-all who wish to tour the home will need to meet in the lobby of Dancing Rabbit Inn by 5:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Welcome Reception" (Dancing Rabbit Inn-Hickory Room) to include a pasta buffet along with presentation from local florist on tips in creating spring floral designs with a drawing for a piece of Peter's pottery
- 8:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. Mu State Executive Committee Meeting (includes Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, & State Committee Chairs)-Hickory Room

• Saturday, April 27, 2013:

- 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration and refreshments-As you enter the lobby, turn left down the hallway, and registration table will be set up in the corner (Brag Boards to be displayed in Oak (Magnolia/Dogwood) Room, remember to bring easel)
Local Chapters-turn in completed Eudora Kemp Chapter of the Year Form (pg. 24 of the 2012-2013 Mu State Yearbook/Local President's Packet) to Anita Buster at the Registration Table
- 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mu State Convention (Oak Room-Magnolia/Dogwood)
- 3:00 p.m. or before Post-Convention Tour-William Brothers General Store

****Registration form is enclosed and is requested to be completed and mailed back to Bobbie Hodgins, Registration Chair, along with \$35 (Saturday only) OR \$40 (Friday & Saturday) registration fee by Friday, April 12th. Dancing Rabbit Inn has requested payment in full prior to the convention to ensure appropriate meal planningso, it is imperative that we send in promptly by April 12th. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING PROACTIVE TO REGISTER.**

Please reserve your hotel room at Dancing Rabbit Inn (601-389-1044) no later than Friday, April 5th. To receive group rate of \$79 (plus tax), you will need to state DGKKI as your reservation code when making hotel reservation. After April 5th, the room rates go up to \$129 plus tax. (Please note that a \$50 refundable security deposit is required at time of check-in like many hotels require. It will be refunded upon check-out within 72 business hours on your credit card.) Hotel has an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, and guests receive a free continental breakfast.



Local Chapter Reminders

(Page references included from the 2012-2013 Mu State Yearbook/Local President's Packet given out at Fall Workshop or mailed to local chapter presidents)

- Submit/mail yearly Philanthropic Report to Chair, Jerrie Jackson
940 CR 225 Walnut, MS
38683 by April 1 (pg. 28 & 30)
- Submit/mail yearly Membership Report to Chair, Katie Draper,
3016 Lake Terrace Dr.
Corinth, MS 38834. (Hand-outs provided at Fall Workshop for Top Recruiter, Mentor of the Year, and also submit names of local members who recruited at least one or more new members) If you need forms, please email Katie at
kdraper@corinth.k12.ms.us
by April 1
- Submit/mail yearly Empathy Report to Chair,
Marcy M. Bryant
P.O. Box 426 Walnut, MS
38683 by April 1 (pg.36)
- Submit/mail names of deceased members to Chair, Maudeen Sanders, 10130 Rd. 505, Union, MS 39365) or email
msanders@eccc.edu (pg.39)
- Submit/mail signed Mu State Scholarship Applications to Chair, Rosemary Ward, 2121 CR 704, Blue Mountain, MS 38610 by April 15th
(Application available online at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org -Click on the Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the Scholarship Application right below the National Scholarships header.)

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING



On February 23, 2013, approximately 25 Mu State Kappa sisters, representing your Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, Standing Committee Chairs, and Local Chapter Presidents met in Tupelo, MS, at Harvey's. Plans were discussed for the upcoming State Convention, heard progress reports from each committee, and local chapter reports (great things happening throughout our state), and unveiled our Mu State Kappa Website (Yes, you read it

correctly, we have a State Website). **Mu State Website address is now:**

www.mskappa.org

One of our objectives of our Mu State Strategic Plan was to develop social media tools such as a website, listserve, etc. for stronger visibility to enhance communication across the state and beyond.

The members who viewed the draft website are submitting suggestions to assist in finalizing the website prior to unveiling to all Mu State members at the State Convention. We were fortunate to have received expertise/consultation from Jeffrey Powell, Northeast Mississippi Community College's Webmaster who was recently named Apple's Distinguished Educator (only 75 in the nation have received such distinction). Also, during the meeting, Empathy Chair, Marcy Bryant, stated thus far, Mu State has sent out 669 correspondences regarding Empathy news such as honors, marriages, births, anniversaries, deaths, etc.) Please continue to email Marcy at marcy@dixie-net.com of Empathy News to share. Moise Jones and Patsy Johnson reported that \$145 has been raised thus far on our State Special Project consisting of the Kappa Quilt. Local Chapter Presidents, please be reminded to collect chances/payment during your meetings (pg. 25 in the Mu State Yearbook/Local President's Packet) and turn in at State Convention to Moise Jones for the drawing is to occur at State Convention.

The Nominating Committee (Tommye Walker-Chair, Gale Taylor, and Imogene Hardon) proposed the following candidates for the 2013-2014 Mu State Officers:

President: Jerrie Jackson (Iota)

President-Elect: Silvia Thompson (Sigma)

First Vice President: Karen Lott (Gamma)

Second Vice President: Katie Draper (Eta)

Third Vice President: Patti Davis (Upsilon)

Recording Secretary: Renee Fortner (Alpha Delta)

Treasurer: Jan Eastman (Sigma)

Parliamentarian: Wanda Nowell (Iota), appointed by incoming President

Immediate Past President: Mitzy Johnson-Mills (Beta)

As the Mu State Bylaws state in Article VII-Elections, Section 1-Nomination, Mu State President in a newsletter is to announced the proposed candidates to local chapter presidents by March 20 so members will be informed prior to State Convention. Nominations may be made from the floor of the State Convention, provided consent of the nominee is provided. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work and to the proposed candidates agreeing to be brought forth to the body at State Convention to serve in a state leadership role.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

(State Convention)

Dancing Rabbit Inn

13240 Hwy 16 W

Philadelphia, MS

(601-389-1044)

From North Mississippi:

- Take US 45 South
- Merge onto US 82 W toward MS 25 S/Starkville
- Merge onto MS-25 S toward Louisville
- Merge onto MS-15 S toward Philadelphia
- Turn right on Hwy 16 W toward the casinos
- Pass by the Pearl River Resort
- Dancing Rabbit Inn is on left

From South Mississippi:

- Take I-55N via Exit 46 (Grenada/Memphis)
- Merge onto MS 25-N via Exit 98B toward Carthage
- Turn East on Hwy 16 toward the casinos
- Pass by the Pearl River Resort
- Dancing Rabbit Inn is on the left

Directions to Hester Home

(520 Holland Avenue)

From Dancing Rabbit Inn

-16 East to Hwy 15/16/21 bypass, turn left (McDonald's on corner)

-Continue on 16 east to historic downtown Philadelphia (16 will veer off to the right)

-Turn right on Holland (will go by Courthouse downtown, Deals store on corner)

-520 Holland Ave will be located on left side of street (Victoria style home, light pink in color)

Directions to Williams

Brother General Store

(10360 Road 375)

From Dancing Rabbit Inn

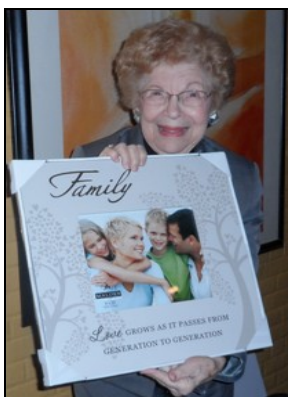
-16 East to Hwy 15/16/21 bypass

-Continue straight at bypass

-Go through stop sign

-Store located on right side

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING COUNCIL MEETING



Imogene Hardon, Past State President, received a gift to frame the picture of her first great granddaughter, Vivienne Vail Black. Congrats Imogene!



Immediate Past President, Marcy Bryant shares Kappa baby boy, Walker, with the Mu State Executive Council members at the February 23rd meeting. He is a Cutie!



Mu State Secretary, Patti Davis (l-r) greets Tommye Walker (Alpha Delta Chapter President, Special Projects Co-Chairs, Patsy Johnson & Moise Jones, and Past State President, Neola Cleveland at the February 23rd Mu State Spring Executive Committee/Council Meeting.

ETA NEW MEMBERS/MENTORS



At the February Eta Chapter meeting in Corinth, MS, two new members were initiated by Mu State President, Mitzy J. Mills with the assistance of Eta Chapter President, Mary Fowler and Past State President, Gale Taylor. The members with their mentors are: l-r: Katie Draper, new member-Anita Mills, Debbie Marolt, and new member-Dale Abel.

State Convention 2013 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 Member _____
 Campus Kappa Officer _____
 (Registration being paid by other Mu State members)
 First Time Member Attendee _____

Please check all the events below that you plan to participate:

_____ Pre-Convention Hester Home (FREE)
 _____ Friday night "Welcome Reception" (includes pasta buffet)
 _____ Saturday State Convention (includes continental breakfast & lunch)
 _____ Post-Convention Williams Brothers General Store (FREE)

This is to assist the local planning committee on meal planning and seating arrangements along with providing a headcount to local merchants on the Pre and Post Convention Tours.

Saturday Only Registration \$35
 OR
 Friday and Saturday Registration \$40
 TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Friday, April 12, 2013.

Make checks payable to Tau. Send check and form to:
Bobbie Hodgins, 10390 Rd 561, Philadelphia, MS 39350

Questions? Contact Mitzy Johnson-Mills via e-mail at mitzyjohnsonms@gmail.com or cell 662-728-2619 or Glenda Boler at cell 601-416-2131.

(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.)

Join Us In Philadelphia, MS (Vegas with Sweet Tea)!



REMEMBER: All National Scholarship applications must be signed by the Local President or Campus Kappa Sponsor, State Scholarship Chair, and State President, so please bring your completed National Scholarship Application to Mu State Convention in Philadelphia, MS on April 27th.