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MU STATE ON THE MOVE!

Local chapters throughout the state of Mississippi have certainly been on the membership move. The following highlights membership initiations that have occurred during the months of August-November 2012. Your Mu State President, Mitzy Johnson-Mills has been honored to have performed some of the initiations throughout the state to include Gamma Chapter in Booneville, Beta Chapter in Columbus, Alpha Beta Chapter in Brookhaven, and Past State President (PSP), Marcy McMillan Bryant performed the Iota initiation in Ripley. Mu State Members, please be reminded that membership recruitment is still on the move and one of our objectives from our Mu State Strategic Plan is “To increase membership by 10% each year for the next five years.” Also, in April at the State Convention, the *Top Recruiter* will be announced and receive \$100 and the *Mentor of the Year* will be recognized. So Mu State Kappa members, let's keep moving on with our membership drive. Please make sure to submit the membership dues to Mu State Treasurer, Donna Geno at 384 CR 7100, Booneville, MS 38829.

GAMMA NEW MEMBERS:



During the month of August, Mu State President, Mitzy Johnson-Mills with the assistance of Gamma President, Andrea Barrett and Past National President, Eudora Kemp, initiated four new members into the Gamma Chapter in Booneville, MS. The new members are (l-r), Eloise Livingston, Mitzi Cox, Donna Wilkerson, and not pictured is Kim Perry.

GAMMA MENTORS with NEW MEMBERS:



Gamma Mentors and New Members are as follows (l-r): Karen Lott mentoring Kim Perry (not present), Cathy Higgins mentoring Donna Wilkerson, Opal Melvin mentoring Mitzi Cox, and Moise Jones mentoring Eloise Livingston.

"MU STATE ON THE MOVE" (CONTINUED)

BETA NEW MEMBERS/MENTORS



At the September Beta Chapter meeting in Columbus, MS, four new members were initiated by Mu State President, Mitzy J. Mills with the assistance of Beta Chapter President, Diann Carter. The members with their mentors are: Seated l-r: Evans Dawson, Kristi Davenport, & Sharon Fondren Standing l-r: Mentors- Debbie McLaurin, Melinda Lowe & Ann Sims (Not pictured are new member Leah Brackin and mentor Roselynn Rainey)

ALPHA BETA MEMBERS/MENTORS



At the November Alpha Beta meeting in Brookhaven, MS, the following members were initiated by Mu State President, Mitzy J. Mills with the assistance of Past State President, Rita Rich. The members with their mentors are:
Front Row (l-r): Laura Gary, Amy Burt, & Allison Reid
Second Row (l-r) Mentors-Rita Rich, Becky Smith, & Rita Long

IOTA NEW MEMBERS



Iota Chapter in Ripley, MS recently installed three new members. Cilla McCollum, Beverly Gaillard, and Tina Dowdy. They were initiated by Marcy McMillin Bryant, PSP; Emily Eaton, Iota President; and Janalee Leak, Iota Secretary. Their mentors are Jerrie Jackson, Wanda Nowell & Paula Phillips.



Blue Mountain Campus Kappa Update *(Submitted by Silvia Thompson)*

Reading opens doors and the Blue Mountain Elementary School classroom doors in Blue Mountain, Mississippi, were certainly opened through the generosity and the love of books by the Blue Mountain College (BMC) Campus Kappas. The Campus Kappa chapter partnered with the Blue Mountain College's educational honor society to provide books for the elementary students that could not afford to purchase a book for themselves in participation of the Scholastic Book Fair hosted by the Campus Kappas. Additionally, each teacher was able to select several books for their classroom. Approximately three hundred dollars worth of books were also given to the Guyton Library at Blue Mountain College to enhance the juvenile book collection.

Blue Mountain College Campus Kappa, Samantha McCall (back row-far right) delivers books to one of the classrooms at Blue Mountain Elementary School.

"SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES"



National scholarships were established to help deserving teachers have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth. Mu State Members, this is a great opportunity for you. Please take advantage of one of the many great things about Kappa. The National Scholarships available are as follows:

- **Mable Caldwell Scholarship** (\$1000-\$2000)
- **Iva Duggan Scholarship** (\$500-\$1500)
- **Jean Terrell Scholarship** (\$500-\$900)
- **General Scholarship** (\$500)

The above scholarships are established not only to help deserving teachers have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth but to honor persons who have made outstanding contributions to the development and extension of Kappa Kappa Iota.

- **Ruth Foster McClain Scholarship...** established to help deserving educators pursuing professional growth in a doctoral program.
(Admittance to a PhD program is required to be eligible for the Ruth Foster McClain Scholarship.) (\$1000-\$1500)
- **Retired Educator Grant...** established to help deserving retired educators have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth and to honor members who have made outstanding contributions to the development and extension of Kappa Kappa Iota. (\$1000-\$1800)
- **Scholarship Funded by Past State Presidents...** established to aid in furthering educational goals of an active member of Kappa Kappa Iota. (\$1000-\$1800)
- **Sara Sunderman Campus Kappa Scholarship...** established by the Past State Presidents of Kappa Kappa Iota to help deserving active Campus Kappas to have additional opportunities for furthering their personal and professional growth. (\$1000-\$2000)
- **Educational Grant...** established to assist non-member educators in pursuit of professional and personal growth. (\$500-\$1000)

(Source: The range of the national scholarship amounts was provided by National Headquarters based upon the 2007-2012 National Scholarship & Grant Recipients and will be based upon monies available each year.)

For an application and additional information, please see your local chapter president at your February/March meeting. An electronic version of the application is available at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org. (Click on the Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the Scholarship Application right below the National Scholarships header.) Please note that 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 National Scholarship Application to Mu State Convention in Philadelphia, MS on April 27th.

• **Mu State Scholarships:**

-Christine Reeves/Nannie Whitten Scholarship... this scholarship was established to aid in furthering educational goals of an active member within MU State (\$300-\$500). It was named in honor of Mu State founder Christine Reeves and Mu State's first National President, Nannie Whitten.

-Imogene Hardon Scholarship (Campus Kappa)... this scholarship was established to aid in furthering educational goals of a deserving Blue Mountain Campus Kappa (\$300). It was named in honor of Imogene Hardon, Mu State Past President for her efforts in establishing the Blue Mountain Campus Kappa.

The completed State Scholarship application should be mailed to State Scholarship Chair, Rosemary Ward (2121 CR 704, Blue Mountain, MS 38610) postmarked no later than April 15th, 2013. If you should have questions about the application, please contact Rosemary at 662-837-4277 or email her at rward102@bellsouth.net. An electronic version of the application is available at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org (Click on the Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the Scholarship Application right below the National Scholarships header).



HATS OFF to Mu State Members serving on National Kappa Kappa Iota Committees for 2012-2013:

- **Campus Kappa**
Renea Haynes, Chair (Iota)
Silvia Thompson (Sigma)
- **Membership**
REGION V Chair (MS & LA)
Tommye Walker (Alpha Delta)
- **Music**
Mitzy Johnson (Beta)



Songs of Kappa

KAPPA CHORAL GRACE (TUNE: **Doxology**)

Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant
that we may use our
strength always for thee

KAPPA PLEDGE (TUNE: **The World is Waiting for the Sunrise**)

To Thee, we sing our highest
praises, Kappa
Everyone is loyal and true.
The world has need of beautiful
ideals
So the World is calling you.

May we, the blue, blue
violet be wearing
As we pledge to Kappa; Anew.
It symbolizes courage, faith, and
honor
Calls to me and calls to you.

May Kappa's light be every
brightly shining
As we look for service to do:
It leads us onward, upward,
ever upward,
Guides our lives in all we do.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-SHARE YOUR TALENT

Professional Development Talent Pool Form

Mu State Members, we all have skills that we have mastered, and about which, we can call ourselves experts. Please think about your talents and how you can share them with fellow Kappas throughout the United States.

Please fill out the following form, and return to your Mu State President, Mitzy Johnson-Mills at P.O. Box 2086, Mississippi State, MS 39762 by Friday, February 15, 2013 for submission to the Mu State Executive Committee and the National Kappa Professional Development Committee.

Name (Please Print First & Last Name): _____

Mailing address (Include City and Zip Code): _____

Email address: _____

Kappa Chapter: _____

Area of Expertise: _____

Please check all that apply:

____ Would be willing to write for *The Profile*.


____ Would be willing to conduct a workshop at local, state, or national meetings.

Mu State Calendar of Events

- **February 23, 2013: Mu State Executive Committee Spring Meeting, Harvey's, 424 S Gloster, Tupelo, MS (10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.);** Mu State Nominating Committee to report a slate of proposed nominees for 2013-2014 Mu State Officers and finalize plans and reports for Mu State Convention (Mu State Officers, Mu State Standing Chairs, Local Chapter Presidents and Past State Presidents to attend). Please RSVP Mitzy Johnson-Mills by Friday, February 15th at mitzyjohnsonms@gmail.com or call 662-728-2619. As in past practices, the meal provided will be Dutch treat.

- **April 26-27, 2013: Mu State Convention, Dancing Rabbit Inn (13240 Hwy 16 W), Philadelphia, MS**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN:

 Happy New Year! What a year Mu State Kappa has had and what the new year 2013 brings with much excitement and membership activities occurring! I have had the wonderful opportunity to travel throughout the state to meet with local chapters and to perform initiations for our new members and recognize our mentors. A very heartfelt appreciation is expressed to the local chapters' invitations and for the wonderful hospitality extended to me. I must say that chapters Iota and Alpha Delta have certainly tried to get me to Ripley, MS, but due to the November election day or January snow, delay has prevailed. One of our objectives within our Mu State Strategic Plan was to contact Campus Kappa graduates and invite them for professional membership into local chapters. As your Mu State President, correspondence was mailed in October to 106 Blue Mountain Campus (BMC) Kappas who had dropped membership within the last five years based upon a list provided by National Headquarters. Only 21 of the letters were returned for insufficient addresses...probably due to the BMC Campus Kappa's address being changed upon graduation. Also, the list was provided to the local chapter presidents for possible recruits. Hopefully, some of our former Blue Mountain Campus Kappas have contacted local chapter presidents for interest in professional membership.

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Mu State Executive Committee Spring Meeting that will be held at Harvey's in Tupelo, MS on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The Spring Meeting is to include Mu State Officers, Mu State Standing Chairs, Past State Presidents and this year, we also wish to include the local chapter Presidents. Mu State Executive Officers and Mu State Standing Chairs, please make sure to bring copies of your forms (if applicable) to distribute to our local chapter Presidents or representative. This meeting will include the Mu State Nominating Committee Chair, Tommye Walker to report on a slate of proposed nominees for the 2013-2014 Mu State Officers. This year's Nominating Committee consist of Tommye Walker, Gale Taylor, and Imogene Hardon. Many thanks to these Mu State Kappa sisters for their service in this role. Mu State Convention Chair, Glenda Boler and Co-Chair, Cindy Todd, will report on the final plans for the upcoming Mu State Convention that is to be held in Philadelphia, MS. Mu State Executive Officers as well as Mu State Standing Chairs will give updates on activities within their areas and plans for the Mu State Convention. Also, we ask local chapter presidents to provide a brief verbal report on activities that have occurred in their chapters thus far. Again, please RSVP Mitzy Johnson-Mills by Friday, February 15th at mitzyjohnsonms@gmail.com or call 662-728-2619 for Harvey's needs a headcount to finalize room setup, meal planning, and appropriate number of servers. Again, it is an honor to serve each of you as your Mu State President. GO KAPPA GO!