#### Mississippi Kappa State Newsletter



# "MU STATE MUSE"



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Mu State Executive Committee for 2014 –2015

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### CALL TO FALL WORKSHOP



is the theme for this years Fall Workshop. The workshop this year will be held in New Albany, MS, at First United Methodist Church on August 22 — August 23. Sigma chapter is looking for-

ward to welcoming you to a time of fellowship and training for this new year. Ninabeth Capaning, Sigma's President, with her enthusiastic committee members, are working hard to provide a welcoming environment as we begin to put our dreams for Kappa into action.

Two years ago, MU State spent a lot of time in developing a strategic plan. One of our goals in the plan was to increase membership. Growth in membership will be vital if Kappa is to have a strong, visible presence in our state and nation. So, one of my dreams for Kappa is that we will begin to increase our membership across the state. Especially for those chapters that have less than 16 members.

On Friday, August 22, 2014, the Executive Committee Meeting will be held at the home of Bethany and Jack Dalton. Members of Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents are invited to this meeting. Casual attire will be appropriate for this meeting. My second dream for Kappa is to develop strong friendships across the state.

The meeting on Saturday, August 23, 2014, will be at First United Methodist Church in New Albany. Registration and a continental breakfast will take place in the social hall of the church. A new experiment, the Kappa Store, will be open during this time. Bethany Dalton and Karen Tuck will be exhibiting some of their crafted items. If this is successful we will open it to other Kappa crafters at the state convention. Please make your plans to attend.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Georgia was a fabulous host for the National Convention held in Atlanta this year at the Hilton Atlanta Airport from June 25—29, 2014. Nine Mississippians made the trip to Atlanta. Do not let anyone tell you that Jerrie Jackson cannot pack a car. Five women traveled in her car and we had a wonderful time of fellowship as we traveled.



Jerrie Jackson represented Mu State well at the First General Assembly as she presented Mississippi's flag and as a member of Sue Hagan's Flight team. The speaker for this meeting was Lisa Williams, Founder of Circle of Friends 'Living Water for Girls'. I encourage you to research this group and support them as they work with slave trafficking in the United States. Later that night, we attended the Welcome Party hosted by the Georgia Kappas and were entertained by Jodie-Helen Martin who played her guitar and sang.

Look at the awards received by Mu State and Jerrie Jackson! Mississippi also received three scholarships. Courtney Carter, Campus Kappa President, and Brittany Edgeworth, Campus Kappa Social Chair, received \$1,000 scholarships. A young man from Columbus also received a \$1,000 scholarship. Jerrie Jackson received one of only two Incentive Awards for recruiting 3 or more members. Region V received the Regional Membership award and we received an award for States With Net Gain.

Go, Mississippi!



Jan Eastman, Sigma, served on the National Scholarship Committee and Jerrie Jackson served on the National Campus Kappa Committee for 2013-2014. Silvia Thompson attended the Campus Kappa committee meeting and we have great plans for Campus Kappa this year.

On a sad note, Indiana has folded as a state. At this time we are not sure of what will happen to their Campus Kappas. The national dues will be increasing by \$10 next year. We are making plans to help with this cost in the state.

On Saturday night, Wanda Huhn was installed as the new National President and twenty-two state Presidents or their representatives were also installed.

This was the first National Convention that I have attended for the entire time. It was a wonderful time for making new friends and learning more about Kappa. We encourage you to attend the next National Convention in Branson, Missouri in 2015.

Kappa National Executive Committee for 2014-2015

- President: Wanda Huhn (Louisiana)
- President-Elect: Laurie Konrad (Nebraska)
- First Vice President: Melinda Sams (Georgia)
- Second Vice President: Janice Luce (Oklahoma)
- Recording Secretary: Jennifer Otradovec (Missouri)
- Immediate Past President: Sue Hagan (South Carolina)
- Parliamentarian: Charlotte Schneider (Louisiana)

National Theme:
"Kick Up Your Heels For Kappa!"

Mu State Theme: "Dreams For Kappa"

National Kappa website: www.nationalkappakappaiota.org

Mu State website: www.mskappa,.org



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#### Sigma Chapter

Cordially invites you to "Harvesting Kappa's Dreams" Mu State Kappa Fall Workshop August 22/23, 2014

Executive Committee Meeting Friday, August 22, 2014, 7:00Pm

Home of Bethany Dalton 302 Alabama Street New Albany, MS 38652 Phone: 662-316-2689

# Fall Workshop At First United Methodist Church

9:30 AM Registration and Coffee Social Hall

10:00AM Meeting Wesley Hall 12:00PM Luncheon Wesley Hall

Registration deadline: August 15<sup>th</sup>

Please send you chapter name, the names of members attending, and your check of \$30 per person, payable to Kappa Kappa Iota to:

Anita Buster phone 662-534-5124 305 Broad Street cell 662-316-2455

New Albany, MS 38652

Available motels

Hampton Inn: 320 Coulter Cove, New Albany, phone 662-534-

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**Directions:** Hwy 78, turn right at the Hospital exit, turn right on Hwy 30, Turn left at the second red light, go past Wendy's and turn left on Coulter Cove. The Hampton Inn is at the end of the cove.

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites: 300 Hwy 30 W, New Albany

phone 662-534-8870 \$79

**Directions:** Hwy 78, turn right at the Hospital exit. Turn left onto Hwy 30. Go past two red lights and turn left at the Holiday Inn.

## Directions to Bethany's House

From Hwy 78: take first exit to New Albany (there is a big Pilot Truck Stop on the left). Drive through the first red light, past the high school and turn left on to Highland at the next red light. Take the immediate next right on to Garfield. At the bottom of the hill turn right on North Street. Drive to Alabama and turn left. Drive past the park and the house is on the left 302 Alabama.

From Hwy 30E: Drive through the light at the intersection of Hwy 15 (Stokes Grocery) onto Highland Street and follow above directions.

From Hwy 15N: Drive to the light and turn right onto Highland Street and follow directions above.

From Hwy 15 S: Drive through town past the high school on the left to the next stop light. At the light turn left onto Highland Street then follow above directions.

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#### CAMPUS KAPPA CORNER

Blue Mountain College Campus Kappa Kappa Iota chapter is a great organization to be a part. With this chapter there are many opportunities to serve the community, give back, and even be awarded

some really good scholarships. Campus Kappa meets once a month and we have different speakers that come to give us advice about being future educators, eat some really good food, and we are given the chance to win some door prizes that we can use for our future classrooms.

Every year BMC Campus Kappa does a Scholastic book fair to where every student that comes through the book fair is guaranteed to receive a book regardless if they have enough money. The teachers are also given the opportunity to come and get books for their classrooms. This is one of the great opportunities we have as Kappa members to make a difference in our community. Annually we donate money to the upkeep of the KKI house in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hopefully spring break 2015, in March, we will be able to take a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma to meet with other Campus Kappa members which will be a great opportunity. I absolutely love being a member of Campus Kappa because it has given me the chance to get to know some really amazing people within my chapter and even at the state level from all other chapters.

Every year, as a member of Campus Kappa, you are given the opportunity to apply for two scholarships, one at the state level, and then one at the national level. People should always apply for these because its a great opportunity to be selected to receive one.

Kappa Kappa Iota, as a whole, is not just an organization but a sisterhood, I feel as if these people I have met from all different chapters are going to be life long friends.

#### Fall Workshop 2014 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 Mu State Standing Committee Chair Local Chapter President Local Chapter President Local Chapter 1st VP Local Chapter 2nd VP Local Chapter 3rd VP Local Chapter Secretary Local Chapter Treasurer Local Chapter Immediate Past Presider Empathy Other local chapter officer (list title	Year Served
Campus Kappa Officer (Registration being paid by other Mu S	State members)
Local Chapter Member	
First Time Member Attendee	
Please check appropriate response to Friday night's "Mu State Executive	
Yes, I plan to attend No, I do not plan to attend	
TOTAL \$30 REGISTRATION FEE E  Mail completed registration form an August 17th, 2012.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Make checks payable to Sigma. Send	
Anita Buster phone	662-534-5124

305 Broad Street cell 662-316-2455

New Albany, MS 38652

Questions? Contact Silvia Thompson at thompson3958@ bellsouth.net. or cell 662-538-2989, Anita Buster or Ninabeth Capaning at ninabethcapaning @gmail.com 662-534-4717.

(NOTE: If local chapter presidents are going to mail all registration forms in one mailing with checks, please use one form for each person attending and you may send one check.)