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MU STATE NEWSLETTER

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2015-2016

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Call to Fall Workshop



This is your official call to Mu State Kappa Fall Workshop to be held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville on August 21-22, 2015. During State Convention, Save the Dates cards were disseminated to Kappa sisters in attendance announcing the Fall Workshop including date and city, now this is your official invitation. The Co-Chairs, Donna Wilkerson, and Vickie Gentry, along with other Gamma members have planned personal and professional development activities to start this 2015-2016 Kappa year off right.

- ♥ On Friday, August 21, 2015, the **Executive Committee Meeting** will be held for the Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents at Grambo's Grill and Pizzeria, 613 North 2nd Street, Booneville, Mississippi, at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Duncan and Karen Lott. Casual attire.
- ♥ On Saturday, August 22, 2015, all Mu State Kappa members and Campus Kappas are invited and encouraged to attend **Fall Workshop** at Northeast Mississippi Community College, Frank Haney Union, Black & Gold Room, 100 Cunningham Boulevard, Booneville, Mississippi, with registration and light breakfast starting at 9:30 a.m. Fall Workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. to include personal and professional development offerings, lunch, committee updates, chapter pictures and will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Business casual attire.

Recommended Lodging in Booneville:

Super 8

110 N 2nd Street
Booneville, MS 38829
(662) 720-1688

1 King Bed \$55.00 + tax OR 2 Queen Beds \$65.00 + tax

NEMCC Alumni & Friends Guest House

104 W Veterans Dr., Booneville, MS 38829

1 Unit Available, which includes:

2 bedrooms w/2 full beds per room, 1 living room, 1 kitchen and 1 bathroom

This unit has already been reserved for the first person who texts or calls to let me know they want it. It will sleep from 1-4 people, depending on whether or not you want to share a bathroom and beds. (Secured at a special rate for Kappa, \$25 per night. Normal rate, \$75 per night!)

Call, text, or e-mail Karen Lott (662) 720-2291, karenklott@gmail.com to reserve this unit.



HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION



Seventeen Mu State Kappa members and Kappa Guys attended the National Kappa Kappa Iota 66th Annual National Convention in Branson, Missouri from June 22-26, 2015. The Mu State members con-

sisted of (front row l-r): Imogene Hardon, Karen Lott, Silvia Thompson, Moise Jones; (second row l-r) Richard Hinkle, Opal Melvin Hinkle, Cathy Higgins, Bob Higgins, Wanda Nowell, Jerrie Jackson, Rosemary Ward, Kathy Shappley, Katherine Bumgarner, John Mills, Mitzy Johnson-Mills, Tommye Walker, and Jan Eastman. (Not pictured, Les Bumgarner) There were twenty-two states represented with 187 voting delegates. Approximately 355 people were in attendance for the "Kick Up Your Heels for Kappa" convention with National President Wanda Huhn presiding.



During the business session, items reported were as follows:

- 302,428 total empathy contacts made for the 2014-2015 year
- National Philanthropic Report consisted of \$1,008,387.80 total monies or monetary value donated with 148,277 total hours volunteered. The Kempe Children's Foundation which is a center for prevention and treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect 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 The Kempe Children's Foundation and mailed to:

The Kempe Foundation
ATTN: Peggy Sands Weston
The Gary Pavilion
13123 E 16th Ave, B390
Aurora, CO 80045

- Regional Membership Winner was Region V which included Mu State/MS and Eta State/LA (GO MISSISSIPPI)
- Mu State Kappa member, Karen Lott served



National Executive Committee 2015-2016

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(Nebraska)
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- Advisor:
Linda Smith
(Ohio)

National Theme:

Kappas Paint the World With Beauty

Mu State Theme:

Kappa Starts with the Heart

Mu State Website:

www.mskappa.org

National Kappa website:

www.nationalkappakappaiota.org



HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

In addition to the three business meetings, and the somber memorial service for members who joined the Omega Chapter during the past year, members had a variety of workshops to choose from such as Storytelling, Writing, Water Aerobics, and Growing Herbs, just to name a few. A trip to Branson would not have been complete without checking out some of the sites and varied theatrical performances. Some saw the live stage performance "Jonah," while others took a ride on the Branson Scenic Railway yet others toured the Ralph Foster Museum, on the campus of the College of the Ozarks. Most of the Mu State members went to the Dolly Parton Dixie Stampede and were served a full meal with NO utensils. Now that was true cowboy style!



It was fun watching 2014-2015 Mu State President, Silvia Thompson, Kicking Up Her Heels in the skits performed by the State Presidents, also known as, "Twinkle Toes." The convention activities culminated with the installation of the 2015-2016 National Officers and State Presidents. Laurie Konrad of Bellevue, Nebraska was installed as the National President. Karen Lott, Gamma Chapter, was installed as Mu State/Mississippi President.



MU STATE KAPPA FALL WORKSHOP**August 21-22, 2015****Registration Form**

Name _____

Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ 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 _____

Questions? Contact:**Donna Wilkerson, Co-Chair**

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Please check appropriate response to assist with meal planning for Friday night**Executive Committee Meeting**

_____ Yes, I plan to attend

_____ No, I do not plan to attend

TOTAL Registration Fee \$30.00

Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

Please make **checks payable to GAMMA**. Mail to:**DONNA WILKERSON****Fall Workshop Registration Chair****100 Boone Drive****Booneville, MS 38829**