



## “MU STATE MUSE”



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## CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

This is your **official call** to the Mu State Kappa State Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016, in Columbus, MS, “the Friendly City “ at the Courtyard by Marriott (1995 6th Street North). With its rich historical heritage, it is the perfect destination for the Mu State Kappa Kappa Iota 55th State Convention with the theme being “Paint Mu State with Kappa Love.” Much has been planned by our hosting chapter, Beta, for Mu State Kappas to have a Grand Time.

Known for Columbus’s Spring Pilgrimage, a **Pre-Convention tour** (Friday afternoon, April 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.) has been planned to tour the **WhiteHall Antebellum Mansion**.



Built in 1843 by James Walton Harris, Whitehall was originally designed as a two-story Greek Revival townhouse. The stately mansion exhibits six square, paneled columns at the edge of a wooden porch. The banisters bordering the porch consist of identically-milled hardwood balusters. Inside the home, heart-pine floors and handsome woodwork provide the background for the Boggess' collection of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century antiques.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Boggess & Family are the current owners with Whitehall being listed on the National Register/Historic American Buildings.



### **Post Convention Tour** (Saturday afternoon, following convention)

Continuing with the rich heritage as you depart Columbus, MS, a post convention tour has been planned for Mu State Kappas to tour the **MSU Varsity Golf Center at Mossy Oak & Old Waverly Golf Clubs in West Point, MS.**

(See additional information on next page)

STATE CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

**Post Convention Tour (continued):** Old Waverly Golf Club, one of the South’s premier golf destinations has become the home of the Mississippi State University’s men’s & women’s varsity golf programs, a \$2.5 million project with private fundraising through the Bulldog Club.



Not only have Pre and Post Convention Tours been planned for this year’s State Convention, but for the **April 29th, Friday night “Welcome Reception,”** you will hear more details on the MSU Varsity Golf Center, and an inspiring message from MSU Women’s golf coach, **Ginger Brown-Lemm.** In her tenure, Coach Lemm has already accomplished what no other coach in the state of Mississippi has ever done by leading her team to three-straight NCAA Tournaments, including back-to-back championship appearances in 2013 and 2014. The Friday night “Welcome Reception” will also include Italian cuisine with surprises.

For **Saturday, April 30th,** our keynote speaker will be Jasmine Murray, Miss Mississippi 2014, who was also a finalist in the eighth season of the American Idol. The highlight to conclude the day will be the election and installation of the 2016-2017 Mu State Officers. Our Mu State Kappas will also honor our Kappa sisters in our Celebration of Life service for those who have joined our Omega Chapter with Beta member, Diann Carter, presiding over this service. Remember that the Eudora Kemp Chapter of the Year, the Myerl Langford Incentive Award along with the Christine Reeves/Nannie Whitten Mu State Scholarship and the Imogene Hardon Campus Kappa Scholarship will be announced. Also, the 2016-2017 Mu State Nominating Committee and delegates to attend the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina will be decided upon.



**So in summary, the agenda is as follows:**

Friday, April 29, 2016:

- 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Registration for early bird arrivals (Lobby in front of Castleberry I)
- 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Pre-Convention Tour-Whitehall Mansion-all who wish to tour the home will need to meet in the lobby of Courtyard by Marriott by 5:20 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. “Welcome Reception” (Castleberry II & II) with MSU Women’s Golf Coach, Ginger Brown-Lemm along with a tour of Italy pasta buffet.
- 8:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. Mu State Executive Committee Meeting (includes Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, & State Committee Chairs) (Castleberry I)

Saturday, April 30, 2016:

- 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (Castleberry I-III)
- 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mu State Convention (Castleberry I-III)
- 3:00 p.m. or before Post-Convention Tour-MSU Varsity Golf Center at Old Waverly in West Point, MS

Local Chapter Reminders

- Submit/mail yearly Philanthropic Report to Chair, Katie Draper 3016 Lake Terrace Dr. Corinth, MS 38834 or email: [kdramer@corinth.k12.ms.us](mailto:kdramer@corinth.k12.ms.us) by April 1 Page 28-30, Mu State Yearbook/ Local President Packet
- Submit/mail yearly Membership Report to Chair, Joyce Graddy, 116 Windridge Dr. Ripley, MS 38663-9060 or email: [jgraddy@dixie-net.com](mailto:jgraddy@dixie-net.com) by April 1
- Submit/mail yearly Empathy Report to Chair, Silvia Thompson 1026 CR 363 New Albany, MS 38652-9235 or email: [sthompson@bmc.edu](mailto:sthompson@bmc.edu) by April 1 Page 36, Mu State Yearbook/ Local President Packet
- Submit/mail names of deceased members to Chair, Diann Carter 751 Beersheba Rd. Columbus, MS 39702 or email: [dianncarter17@gmail.com](mailto:dianncarter17@gmail.com) by April 1
- Submit/mail signed Mu State Scholarship Applications to Chair, Janalee Leak 4017 Hebron Church Rd, Lamar, MS 38642 by April 15th (Application available online at [www.nationalkappakappaiota.org](http://www.nationalkappakappaiota.org) -Click on the Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the Scholarship Application right below the National Scholarships header.) Also, 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 Columbus, MS on April 30th.

MU STATE CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

**\*\*Registration form is enclosed (on the back) and is requested to be completed and mailed back to Ann Sims, Registration Chair, along with \$35 (Saturday only) OR \$40 (Friday & Saturday) by Friday, April 15th. Courtyard by Marriott has requested payment in full prior to the convention to ensure appropriate meal planning .....so, it is imperative that we send in promptly by April 15th. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING PROACTIVE TO REGISTER. Checks can be made payable to Beta Chapter.**

**Please reserve your hotel room at Courtyard by Marriott (662-245-1540) no later than Friday, April 15th. To receive group rate of \$99 (plus tax), you will need to state “KKI” as your reservation code when making hotel reservation. After April 15th, the room rates increase.**

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING

On February 20, 2016, approximately fourteen 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 discussion of the revision of the Mu State Bylaws and Standing Rules occurred. At the last year’s Mu State 2015 Convention, to correlate to the National Kappa bylaws, it was voted upon to remove the 3rd Vice President position. This action would take effect for the 2016 Mu State Convention election of officers.

Please continue to email Silvia Thompson, Mu State Empathy Chair at sthompson@bmc.edu of Empathy News to share. Local Chapter Presidents, please be reminded to collect chances/payment during your meetings for our State Special Project, and turn in at State Convention to Donna Geno or Katherine Bumgarner for the drawing is to occur at the State Convention.

The Nominating Committee (Wanda Nowell-Chair, Amy Hickman, and Rita Rich) proposed the following candidates for the 2016-2017 Mu State Officers:

- President: Katie Draper (Eta)
- President-Elect: Patti Davis (Upsilon)
- First Vice President: Joyce Graddy (Alpha Delta)
- Second Vice President: Andrea Barrett (Gamma)
- Recording Secretary: Janalee Leak (Iota)
- Treasurer: Jan Eastman (Sigma)
- Parliamentarian: Gale Taylor (Eta), appointed by incoming President
- Immediate Past President: Karen Lott (Gamma)

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)

1995 6th Street North  
Columbus, MS  
662-245-1540

From North Mississippi:

- Take US 45 South
- Merge onto US-45 S towards Columbus/Aberdeen
- Turn left onto 18th Ave N.
- Turn left onto 6th St. N.
- Hotel is on the right

From South Mississippi:

- If coming in on Hwy 25N, take exit toward US-82 E/ Columbus/West Point
- Merge onto US-82E
- Take 18th Ave. exit
- Turn slight right onto 18th Ave. N.
- Take the 1st left onto 6th St. N

-Hotel is on the right

Directions to Whitehall Mansion (607 3rd St. S)

- Start out going South on 6th St. N toward 18th Ave. N.
- Take 1st right onto 18th Ave. N

-Merge onto US-82 W/MS-12 W via the ramp on the left toward Starkville

- Take the Main Street/ Downtown/Columbus exit
- Keep left to take the ramp towards Main

- Turn left on Hwy 182W
- Turn right onto 3rd St. S

-Mansion is on the left

Directions to MSU Varsity Golf Center (1917 Old Waverly Rd., West Point)

- Take 6th St. N to Bluecutt Rd
- Head N on 6th St. toward Willowbrook Rd
- Turn right on Willowbrook
- Turn left onto 7th St. N
- Take MS-50 W to Old Waverly Rd in West Point
- Turn left onto Bluecutt Rd
- Keep right to continue to US-45

- Slight right onto US-45
- Turn left onto MS-373 N/MS-50 W, then left on MS-50 W
- Turn left onto Waverly Rd, continue onto Waverly Mansion Rd.

-Turn right onto Old Waverly Rd

-MSU Golf Center on left

**State Convention 2016 Registration Form**

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All That Apply:**

Mu State Executive Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Past State President \_\_\_\_\_

Year Served \_\_\_\_\_

Mu State Standing Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter Member \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Member Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Guest or Prospective New Member \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Convention Whitehall Antebellum Mansion (FREE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday night “Welcome Reception” with MSU Women’s Coach Ginger Brown-Lemm (includes pasta buffet)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday State Convention (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Post-Convention Old Waverly MSU Varsity Golf Center (FREE)

This is to assist the local planning committee on meal planning and seating arrangements along with providing a headcount 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 15, 2016.**

**Make checks payable to Beta. Send check and form to:**

**Ann Sims, 316 5th Ave. South, Columbus, MS 39701**

Questions? Contact Mitzy Johnson-Mills via e-mail at mitzyjohnsonms@gmail.com or cell 662-728-2619 or Ann Sims at annsims82@gmail.com or cell 662-574-9709.

(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 Columbus, MS (Paint Mu State With Kappa Love)!**