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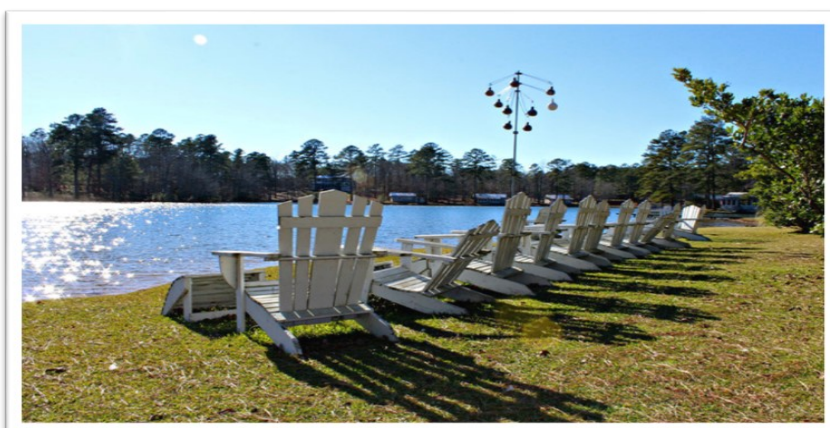
Invitation to Fall Workshop

This is your official call to **Mu State Fall Workshop** to be held on **August 23-August 24, 2019**, at **Lake Tiak O'Khata, 1290 Smyth Lake Road, Louisville, MS**. The Gamma chapter is excited to host this meeting at Lake Tiak O'Khata which is centrally located for Mu State chapters and has a great reputation as a relaxed, family oriented resort which is a favorite among locals for the seafood buffet.

The Executive Committee meeting for Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents **will be Friday, August 23**. The meal is at 6 pm followed by the meeting at 7 pm in the resort's VIP room which is located inside the restaurant.

On **Saturday, August 24**, the **Fall Workshop will be held in the Flamingo room. Registration is at 9:30 am and the Fall Workshop begins at 10 am**. It will include a business meeting, committee updates, lunch, chapter pictures, and separate break-out groups for chapter president, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, as well as members. **It's important that each chapter officer attend her break-out group or send a representative. This is the time chapter officers will receive information and materials to help their Kappa year be a success.**

Come join us as we begin a great year and make plans to Create a Brighter Tomorrow for our communities and for Mu State!



National Convention Highlights

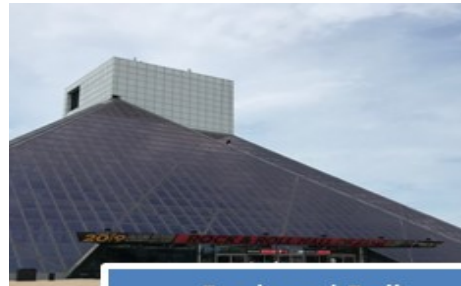
The 70th National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention was held from June 17 – June 21, 2019, in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Cleveland Marriott East. Kappas from across the United States certainly were “Making Memories and Friendships” as they came together in Cleveland.



Mississippi was represented well by seven Mu State Kappa members: Kim Hardy, Andrea Barrett, Patti Davis, Tommye Walker, Kathy Shappley, Katherine Bumgarner, and Joyce Graddy. The Cleveland Marriott East had undergone recent renovations which provided comfortable, ultra-modern rooms; a spacious, beautifully decorated great room area complete with a Starbucks; and several meeting rooms and a ballroom. The hotel location offered a variety of restaurants and shops within walking distance and easy access to downtown. Kappas were given many gifts and mementos from the Ohio hostesses and handmade items from National President Jennifer Otradovec .



Patti and Katherine



Rock and Roll
Hall of Fame

Several tours were offered, and Mu state ladies participated in the Nautica Queen dinner cruise on Lake Erie, took in the sights of downtown on Lolly the Trolley, toured the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and took advantage of the post tour to the magnificent Niagara Falls.



Niagara Falls Tour

National Convention Highlights (Continued)

During the convention, Kappa members were able to attend three General Sessions, workshops, and other informative meetings. A very moving **memorial service** was also held. After beautiful hymns, a memorial message, as well as the reading of poems written by Helen Steiner Rice and Mu State's own Past National President, the late Eudora Kemp, each Kappa member who joined the Omega chapter during the past year was remembered as her name and respective state was called. A representative from each state went forward to chose an item from a memory chest to place in honor that state's late member. Andrea Barrett chose a beautiful silk violet to represent the bright, lovely spirit of Opal Melvin Hinkle, a member of Mu State's Gamma chapter.

In one of the general assemblies, Kappas were saddened to hear of **severe damage done to Kappa National Headquarters** as a result of extensive flooding in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Representatives from Kappa states came forward during assembly and made donations to help with much needed repairs. Mu State 2018-2019 President Joyce Graddy made a donation on behalf of Mu State in memory of Opal Melvin Hinkle and Past State President Dr. Neola Cleveland. The National Executive Committee will send out updates on the progress of the repairs.

During the third general assembly, Mu State member, Mitzy Johnson Mills (Beta), was recognized for her offer to assist in the **creation of a National Strategic Plan** for Kappa Kappa Iota. To help with this effort, all members are encouraged to complete a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges Survey.

Please take a moment and complete this short survey by copying the link below and pasting into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9P2DCXY>

An invitation to the **2020 National Convention in Memphis, TN**, was given by Convention Committee Chair Joyce Graddy. Members of the 2020 host states, Mu/Mississippi, Psi/Tennessee, and Epsilon/Arkansas performed an entertaining skit filled with music, Minnie Pearl, and fun to energize Kappas for the upcoming 2020 National Convention to be held June 22-26, 2020.

The **2019 National Convention concluded** with a dinner for Kappas and guests and the installation of the 2019-2020 National Officers and State Presidents. Andrea Barrett was installed as the Mu State President. Chris Hockert of Psi State/Tennessee was installed as the National President. She presented each State President with a classic 45 vinyl record to commemorate the beginning of an exciting new year to "Twist and Shout for Kappa."

National Executive Committee 2019-2020

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- **President-Elect:**
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National Theme:



Twist and Shout for Kappa

Mu State Theme:



Kappas Create a Brighter Tomorrow

Convention 2019 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 President-Elect _____
- Local Chapter 1st VP _____
- Local Chapter 2nd VP _____
- Local Chapter Secretary _____
- Local Chapter Treasurer _____
- Local Chapter Imm. Past Pres/Empathy _____
- Local Chapter Member _____

To assist with meal planning of Friday night's Executive Committee Meeting, please check one:

_____ Yes, I plan to attend. _____ No, I do not plan to attend.

Saturday only Registration: \$20.00

Friday and Saturday Registration: \$30

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Lake Tiak O'Khata motel has a very limited number of rooms open for August 23rd. For information call 1-888-845-6151 or go to ltok.com

Starkville has several hotels including Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites (110 B Highway 12 West, Starkville, MS 39759, 1-877-859-5095) and Hampton Inn Starkville (700 Highway 12 E, Starkville, MS 39759, 1-855-605-0317).

Just south of Louisville are Pearl River Resort (422 Clyde Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350, 1-866-447-3275) and the Dancing Rabbit Inn (13240 Highway 16 W, Pearl River Resort - Choctaw, Philadelphia, MS 39350, 1-866-447-3275).

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BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Monday, August 12, 2019.

Make checks payable to
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