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Creating a Brighter Tomorrow with Kappa



Congratulations to Debbie McLaurin of Beta chapter!

***Debbie was the winner of McCarty
Pottery's "Tupper's Mama"***

Mu State Special Project (2019-2020)

Last year's Special Projects drawing was held on **December 8th** by Kathy Green, 2019-2020 Special Projects Chair, and Beth Byrd, Mu State Recording Secretary. Debbie was presented with Tupper's Mama by Mu State President Andrea Barrett.



The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors (Past State Presidents, State Committee Chairs, and Chapter Presidents) took place via GoToMeeting on Saturday, February 6. The meeting was hosted online by Jan Eastman.

Chapter Presidents reported the various ways they have held meetings during the pandemic: outdoor "tail gating" style, drive-through events, as well as via Zoom and GoToMeeting. Chapters have also found ways to do philanthropic projects such as collecting Books & Bears for local Children and Family Service departments; and placing trays of wrapped snacks in lounges of teachers and healthcare workers. Local Chapter President Nancy White reported that Rho chapter in Brookhaven had an extremely successful fund-raising yard sale which raised \$1000.

Committee chairs also gave reports on their responsible areas. A few of these reports are as follows:



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The Bylaws Committee Report was given by Mitzy Johnson-Mills. Mu State Bylaws were due to be submitted this year for review by the National Bylaw Committee. Our updated state bylaws have been submitted, and Mitzy will report the results of the review as soon as they are returned. She also reported that there are a few redundancies and practices in the Mu State Standing Rules which need to be revised. These are in the Honorariums section and will be brought before the membership at State Convention in April. Mitzy, as Chair, thanked the Bylaws Committee (Jan Eastman, Beth Byrd, Cathy Higgins and Mu State President Andrea Barrett as ex officio member) for their work on the review prior to the submission to National.

The History Committee Report was given by Katherine Bumgarner. She needs history sent in from each local chapter for the Legends of the Violet, which is updated every 10 years. She also needs each chapter to submit two 12 x 12 scrapbook pages (one for 2019-2020 and one for 2020-2021) for the State President's scrapbook.

The Membership Report was given by Monica Nunn. She still needs chapters to submit videos. Monica requests that three members from each chapter do a short video clip (10 to 15 seconds clip) and send to her via email at monicalnunn@gmail.com. Monica is creating a Mu State Recruitment Video to be placed on the Mu State website and chapters' social media sites. The short clip shares "Why you are member or the reason(s) that you joined Kappa Kappa Iota"



As a reminder by the Scholarship Committee Chair, Bonnie Dalton, the state deadline for scholarship applications is April 1. The national scholarship application deadline is June 1. Please contact Bonnie at bonnie.dalton51@gmail.com or 919-274-7876 for information. Scholarship application may be found on the national Kappa website: <https://nationalkappakappaiota.org/scholarships> (use for state and national).

Mu State 2021 State Convention will be held online on April 23-24, 2021. Beta Chapter as our hosting chapter will be drawing for **door prizes throughout the Virtual Mu State Convention**, so don't miss out on the opportunity to win one of three \$50 gift cards being given out during the meeting or the grand door prize of \$100 gift card at the conclusion of convention. **KKI National President Brenda Morrison will be the keynote speaker at the Virtual Mu State Convention.** An online Executive Committee/Board of Directors meeting will take place the Friday night (April 23rd) before the Saturday's Convention. More detailed information about convention will be published in the next Mu State Muse newsletter.

(Special thanks to the Beta Chapter below for sharing the fun had by all at their Zoom Christmas Party meeting.)



Due to the necessity of conducting the 2021 State Convention online, this year's fundraising for Mu State will solely focus on Special Projects. The Executive Committee encourages each member to purchase at least \$30 in tickets (that's 42 chances!) to win the farmhouse style lantern and candle set. This is the popular décor style of Joanna Gaines from the show Fixer Upper and the Magnolia Home.



Mu State Special Project 2020-2021
2 Candlesticks | 2 Candles | Lantern | Small Potted Plant
Value \$140

Your name goes into the "drawing bowl" **once** for each **\$1.00 donation** OR **7 times** for each **\$5.00 donation**. This year's goal is for each member to get at least \$30 worth of donations. The winner's name will be drawn at the Mu State Convention in April. Please mail entry tickets along with a check made to KKI Mu State to **Karen Lott**, Special Projects Chair 2020-2021, to this address: **PO Box 382, Booneville, MS 38829**.

Questions? Contact Karen Lott at (662) 720-2291 or kklott@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Kappa Kappa Iota! Good Luck! (*Tickets for this beautiful set are included in this newsletter.*)



KKI National Spotlight

News from the KKI Ad hoc Grant Writing Committee :

Funds for Literacy Programs in Company Communities

[Dollar General Literacy Foundation](#)

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General in every state with the exception of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, and Montana. The Foundation provides support through the following grant programs: 1) Adult Literacy Grants support nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance. 2) Family Literacy Grants support family literacy service providers that combine parent and youth literacy instruction. 3) Summer Reading Grants help nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries with the creation or expansion of summer reading programs for students who are below grade level readers or readers with learning disabilities. Online applications for the three programs described above must be submitted by February 18, 2021. In addition, Youth Literacy Grants support nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries that work to help students who are new or below grade level readers or who have learning disabilities. The application deadline for this program will be available in February. Visit the Foundation's website <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/> to access guidelines.

If you need any assistance in applying for your school or local/state Kappa Chapter let us know. *The Adhoc Grant Writing Committee is available to help you.*

~Chris Hockert Grant Writing Chair, chockert@comcast.net



Local Chapter Reminders

Page references included are from the 2020-2021 Mu State Chapter Presidents book. Some reports may be emailed or sent via regular mail. **All reports are due by April 1, 2021**

- Submit **Philanthropic Report** to Marcy McMillan-Bryant, PO Box 426, Walnut, MS 38683, marcy@dixie-net.com (pgs 13, 14)
 - Submit **Membership Report** to Jan Eastman, 108 Alabama St, New Albany, MS 38652, jeastma1@bellsouth.net
 - Submit **Empathy Report** via **regular mail** to Jerrie Jackson, 940 CR 225, Walnut, MS 38683, (pg. 20)
 - Submit **Professional & Personal Development Report** to Patti Davis, 507 A. Davis Rd, Decatur, MS 39327, pdavis273@yahoo.com (pg 10)
 - Submit signed **Mu State Scholarship Applications** to Bonnie Dalton, 302 Afton Park Dr, Corinth, MS 38834
- *Application available online at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org

National Theme:



