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CALL TO FALL WORKSHOP

This is your official call to **Mu State Fall Workshop** to be held on **August 26-August 27, 2022**, at **Lake Tiak O’Khata, 1290 Smyth Lake Road, Louisville, MS**. The Beta chapter has much personal and professional development activities planned for you at our upcoming Fall Workshop as we “Shine a Smile for Kappa!” throughout this 2022-2023 Kappa year. Lake Tiak O’Khata was selected for it is centrally located for our Mu State chapters and is a family-owned resort with a full service restaurant (known for its fabulous food buffet) and a lakeside hotel. When the recent poll was emailed to the members of having our Fall Workshop in person, several members voiced to be COVID conscious that we wear masks. Please be considerate of your Kappa sisters.

The Executive Committee meeting for Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents **will be Friday, August 26**, beginning with a meal at 6 pm in the restaurant followed by the meeting at 7 pm in the resort’s VIP room which is located inside the restaurant.

On **Saturday, August 27**, the **Fall Workshop** will be held in the **Honeysuckle Convention Hall**. Registration is at **9:30 am** and the Fall Workshop **begins at 10 am** and **concludes by 2:30 p.m.**



You are in for a treat for our keynote will be the award-winning manager of The University Florist at Mississippi State University (MSU), Mrs. Lynette McDougald AIFD, CFD, will be presenting a “Floral Fashion” workshop sharing tips on floral design. She is also a horticulture instructor for the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. MSU is among only a very few United States universities offering a degree in floral management. The MSU program operates a full-service florist on campus which serves as a working laboratory for the program’s students.

Just to name a few highlights in her career, McDougald has been named Mississippi’s floral designer of the year and selected for a nationally prominent floral design team preparing New York’s Rockefeller Center for the HBO Network’s gala launching “The Sopranos” crime drama series. Lynette is a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), the oldest and largest non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and promoting the art of floral design. In addition to coordinating floral design displays for many major campus events, McDougald serves as coordinator for the state Future Farmers of America’s floriculture competition and participates in the Garden Clubs of Mississippi’s summer horticulture seminar.

As local chapter presidents and treasurers are receiving professional development training, a special hands-on mini-workshop “Kappa Art in Bloom” will be provided for all other Kappa members by Lynette McDougald.



National President Kay Palush

“HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION”

catch the Wave!



MS Delegates: Anne Cross & Mitzy Johnson-Mills

There were 169 attendees at the National Kappa Kappa Iota 73rd Annual Convention in Palm Springs, CA from June 20-23, 2022. Mississippi was represented by Alpha Delta Local Chapter President, Dr. Anne Cross, and your 2022-2023 Mu State President, Dr. Mitzy Johnson-Mills who were among the 121 voting delegates at the “**Catch the Wave!**” convention. National President Kay Palush presided. During the business session, items reported were as follows:

- **68,731** empathy items had been reported for the 2021-2022 year.
- National Philanthropic Report consisted of **\$1,242,876.05** total monies or monetary value donated with **176,337.15** total hours volunteered. The Kempe Center which is a center for prevention and treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect located in Denver, CO 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 Kempe center and mailed to National Headquarters.
- Regional Membership Award was given to Delta State/Texas.
- Special recognition with states with Net Gain were Beta State/New Mexico, and Eta State/Louisiana, Psi State/Tennessee along with Alpha State/Kentucky.
- No increase in national dues.
- The National Executive Committee brought forth that the name of Campus Kappa be changed to Collegiate Kappa. During the Business Session, much discussion occurred and it was amended and approved to be “Campus/Collegiate Kappa.” The rationale is to continue to recruit the traditional on-campus students and to expand recruitment to non-traditional and distance learning (virtual) students. Therefore, the Mu State Bylaws and Standing Rules will need to be updated in 2022-2023 and local chapters’ Bylaws/Standing rules (if applicable).
- Mu State Kappa members Mitzy Johnson-Mills and Anne Cross participated in the Kappa Chorus.
- Mu State Kappa member Mitzy Johnson-Mills served on the National Bylaws Committee.
- At the Annual Banquet, four \$500 Educational Scholarship Grants were awarded to non-Kappa members from OK, TN, and NE & one \$1,000 National Scholarship awarded to a Kappa member, Taylor Lloyd (TN).



Anne Cross & Mitzy Johnson-Mills with LA Kappa sisters Mary Lou Hughes & State President, Louise Walsh, at the Annual Books and Bears Luncheon.

“HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION” (CONTINUED)



One of the tours included Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the world’s largest rotating tram car that travels over 2 1/2 miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting (Anne and Mitzy—yes, we did this) to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Once, we reached the Mountain Station, elevation of 8,516 feet, we enjoyed dinner on top of the mountain. What a breath-taking view (literally) it was indeed!



Elizabeth Reid was the inspiring keynote speaker during the First General Assembly. Elizabeth serves as the Director of Immanuel House Institute of Higher Learning (a non-profit organization) that she founded in 2007. She went from being a workaholic Retail Executive to helping homeless and previously incarcerated persons. The vision as she shared of this organization is “to take the broken and disenfranchised students and restore a sense of dignity through education, providing them an opportunity for a fruitful life.” She thanked Kappa members stating “for each of you as a teacher influence the lives of so many to have fruitful lives.”

The 2022-2023 National Kappa Kappa Iota Executive Officers were installed at the National Convention’s Annual Banquet along with the 2022-2023 State Presidents.



Kappa National Executive Committee for 2022-2023

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National Theme:
“Radiate the Kappa Spirit”



Mu State Theme:
“Shine a Smile for Kappa!”



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Fall Workshop 2022 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 _____ 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 Immediate Past President/Empathy _____

Local Chapter Member _____

First Time Member Attendee _____

- **Please check appropriate response to assist with meal planning of Friday night’s “Mu State Executive Committee Meeting”**

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

- **Saturday only Registration (no overnight hotel stay): \$40**
- **Friday and Saturday Registration (overnight hotel stay): \$25**
(Hotel price includes your Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, & lunch-all meals at the restaurant)

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

- **Hotel rooms at Lake Tiak O’Khata have been allotted for Mu State Kappas to make reservations directly by calling **1-888-845-6151 no later than Friday, August 5th.****
 Single room occupancy: \$128.24 per person
 Double room occupancy: \$90.09 per person
 Triple room occupancy: \$75.92 per person
 Quad room occupancy: \$69.38 per person
 (Price includes Friday night dinner, Saturday morning breakfast, & lunch)
(Make sure to state you are with Kappa)

**2022-2023 Mu State Special Project
McCarty Pottery Nutmeg
Christening Bowl**



This bowl is 5 1/2” high, 8” in diameter, and the mouth is 6 1/2” wide. Consider it for punches, chips, large salads (holds 4 quarts), or a beautiful centerpiece. The bowl is complete with the river mark and signature on the bottom. The long black line at the rim, the river mark, is McCarty’s trademark and it represents the Mississippi River. Chair, Moise Jones, and Co-Chair, Patsy Johnson, will be selling tickets at the Fall Workshop. Just drop off your completed entry tickets with money to Moise or Patsy at the Special Projects table. Also, tickets are enclosed in this newsletter. You may mail your entry tickets along with check payable to Mu State KKI to Moise Jones, Special Projects Chair, 102 Boone Dr., Booneville, MS 38829.



Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Friday, August 19th, 2022.

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