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CALL TO MU STATE CONVENTION

This is your **official call** to Mu State Kappa State Convention to be held on April 28-29, 2023, in Corinth, MS where Mu State Kappas will continue to “Shine a Smile for Kappa!” Much has been planned by our hosting chapter Eta and co-host chapter Gamma. A very special thanks goes to Convention Chair Dale Ables and Registration Chair Gale Taylor of Eta and Co-Chairs, Janis Burns and Beth Byrd of Gamma chapter for all the preplanning. Please make plans to join in the fun!

For this year’s State Convention, a **FREE Pre-Convention Tour** has been planned:
Historic Corinth Depot and Crossroads Museum

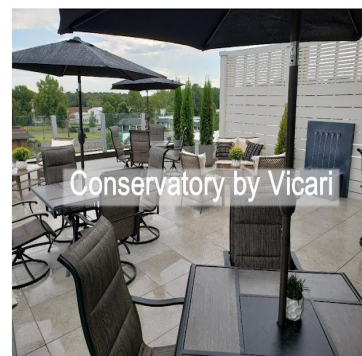
Address: 221 N Fillmore St. Corinth, MS

(Friday afternoon -April 28th at 5:30 p.m. -all who wish to tour will need to meet at the actual location)



In 1854, Corinth, MS was called the “Crossroads of the South” during the Civil War because of its strategic railroad importance-two rail lines intersected at city center, making the town one of the most heavily contested transportation hubs fought over by both the Union and Confederate armies. Today, the Historic Corinth Depot and Crossroads Museum sits only a few feet from the original railroad tracks that remain busy with frequent traffic from freight trains. In addition to railroad and Civil War History, the museum is home to thousands of artifacts detailing the city’s rich history in both cultural and industrial pursuits.

After the tour of the Corinth Depot and Crossroads Museum, Mu State Kappas will walk across the street to the **Conservatory** which has an incredible rooftop patio to view the entire city. After the viewing, Mu State Kappas will travel to First United Methodist Church (Address: 3161 E. Shiloh Rd, Corinth, MS) for dinner at 6:45 p.m. Following the dinner, the Mu State Executive Committee including State Chairs will meet in the church.



CALL TO MU STATE CONVENTION (CONTINUED)



For Saturday, April 29th, the Mu State Convention will be held at the Pizza Grocery (Address is 800 Cruise St. Corinth, MS) in the Banquet Room with registration beginning at 9:30 am and the actual convention starting at 10 am. The **keynote speaker** will be **Miss Mississippi Emmie Perkins** who will share her platform “Music is Medicine” with the Mu State Kappas. Our Mu State Kappas will honor our Kappa sisters in our Celebration of Life service for those who have joined our Omega Chapter with Beta Chapter & Past State President, Diann Carter, presiding over this service. Several awards will be given out to include: Eudora Kemp Chapter of the Year, Mu State Magnolia Membership Awards, Top Recruiter of the Year, Mentor of the Year, Mu State Story Board Chapter Winner (Local chapters...share your story of the great things happening this year), election of the 2023-2024 Mu State Officers along with the election of the 2023-2024 Mu State Nominating Committee and delegates to attend the National Convention in Baton Rouge, LA. The finale of the State Convention will be the Installation Ceremony of our newly elected 2023-2024 Mu State Officers.

So in summary, the schedule is as follows:

• Friday, April 28, 2023:

- 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Tour—Historic Corinth Depot and Crossroads Museum (221 N Fillmore St., Corinth, MS) along with rooftop view at the Conservatory—all who wish to tour the Depot & Museum will need to meet at the actual location
- 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. “Dinner/Welcome Reception” at First United Methodist Church (3161 E. Shiloh Rd, Corinth, MS)
- 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Mu State Executive Committee Meeting (includes Mu State Officers & State Committee Chairs) at First United Methodist Church

• Saturday, April 29, 2023:

- 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration and refreshments—Pizza Grocery (800 Cruise St., Corinth, MS) (Bring Local Chapter Story Board and 2 silent auction items per chapter)
Local Chapters: Turn in completed Eudora Kemp Chapter of the Year form to Gale Taylor at the Registration Table (pg. 50 of the 2022-2023 Mu State Local Chapter President’s Handbook)
- 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mu State Convention

Registration form is enclosed on the last page of this newsletter and is requested to be completed and mailed to Gale Taylor, Registration Chair, along with \$40 (Saturday only) OR \$45 (Friday & Saturday) registration fee by Friday, April 14th. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING PROACTIVE TO REGISTER to assist in planning of meals and hand-outs.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please reserve your hotel room at Hampton Inn-Corinth (662-286-5949) no later than Friday, April 14th. Address is 2107 Highway 72 West, Corinth, MS. To receive a group rate of \$114 (plus tax) which is a total of \$124.26, you will need to state Kappa Kappa Iota as your reservation code when making a hotel reservation. Guests receive a free hot breakfast.

SPRING 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETING



Additional Highlights from the Spring 2023 Meeting



Local Chapter Gamma President, Janis Burns, found the baby trinket in her piece of the king cake. The baby symbolizes luck and prosperity and the finder is responsible for providing the king cake for the next year. Enjoy Janis!

On February 18, 2023, approximately 18 Mu State Kappa sisters, representing your Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, Standing Committee Chairs, and Local Chapter Presidents met in Booneville, MS at the Little Blackland Church (venue owned by Patsy Johnson & Mitzy Johnson-Mills) for the Spring Executive Committee/Council meeting. Plans were discussed for the upcoming State Convention, progress reports from each committee, and local chapter reports (great things happening throughout our state) were shared. Delicious soups and salad along with a King Cake, fried pies, and cupcakes were served to a Mardi Gras theme. Special Projects Co-Chair Patsy Johnson in the absence of Chair Moise Jones reported that \$394 has been raised thus far for our State Special Project, a McCarty Pottery Nutmeg Christening Bowl. Local Chapter Presidents, please be reminded to collect chances/payment during your meetings (pg. 52 in the 2022-2023 Mu State Local Chapter President's Handbook) and turn in at State Convention to Moise Jones for the drawing is to occur at State Convention. The Nominating Committee (Marcy Bryant-Chair, Gale Taylor, and Kathy Shappley) proposed the following candidates for the 2023-2024 Mu State Officers:

President: Donna Geno (Gamma)
 President-Elect: Beth Byrd (Gamma)
 First Vice President: Emily Eaton (Iota)
 Second Vice President: Dale Ables (Eta)
 Recording Secretary: Madeline Smith (Eta)
 Treasurer: Jan Eastman (Alpha Delta)
 Parliamentarian: Donna Wilkerson (Gamma)
 Immediate Past President: Mitzy Johnson-Mills (Beta)

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 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.



Past State President & Gamma member, Cathy Higgins (front) along with Mu State Recording Secretary & Eta member, Madeline Smith, assist with serving the delicious food. Kappa sisters helping each other.

SPRING 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETING (CONTINUED)

During the Spring 2023 Executive Committee/Council Meeting, Mu State Parliamentarian, Olivia Sansing, shared the proposed changes that had been made at Fall Workshop and are to be voted upon at the State Convention.

At the 2022 National Convention, the body approved that “Campus Kappa” should now be referenced as “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.

Mu State Bylaw changes:

- Table of Contents:
 - Section 4-Classification of Members change to Campus/Collegiate Member
 - Article V- Fiscal Year, Fees and Dues change to Dues for Campus/Collegiate Kappa Member
 - Article X-Committees change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa
- Page 6: Section 1- Eligible Membership, Section B change to: Campus/Collegiate Membership; Section 4-Classification of Members-Section A introduction and item 2a and 2b change to Campus/Collegiate members
- Page 9: Section 2-Fees and Dues, item 7 change any reference to Campus/Collegiate Kappa and Campus/Collegiate member
- Page 13: Section 2-Standing Committee-Introduction paragraph change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa
- Page 14: Section 4 Duties-C change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa and items 1-3 reference to Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapters or graduates.
- Page 15: L, item 2 change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa Scholarship

Mu State Standing Rules:

- Table of Contents: Fees and Dues Section change from Campus Kappa to Campus/Collegiate Kappa
- Page 3: Fees and Dues Section, item 3 change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa along with any reference in a and b
- Page 6: Scholarship Section, in item 1 and item 4, any reference to Campus Kappa change to Campus/Collegiate Kappa

At the Spring Executive Committee/Council meeting, the Mu State Executive Committee proposed an updated schedule on Page 5: Meeting of the Mu State Chapter, item 4. Rotation Schedule of State Conventions
Rationale: Due to the reduction of local chapters from nine to six, rotation of hosting will be less frequently with one chapter hosting the State Convention, the schedule is as follows:

2024	Region 3	Rho-Brookhaven
2025	Region 1	Alpha Delta-Ripley
2026	Region 4	Beta-Columbus
2027	Region 2	Gamma-Booneville
2028	Region 1	Iota-Ripley
2029	Region 2	Eta-Corinth



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE 2022-2023 MU STATE YEAR

It has been an honor this year to have served as your Mu State President and what a great year it has been traveling throughout the state receiving invitations to meet with local chapters, install local chapter officers, initiate new members and help with the organization of a newly created Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapter at the Mississippi University for Women with 13 new members. A very special thanks to Penny Mansell of the Beta Chapter whose vision became a reality of the "W" Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapter. Penny and Rose Ford will serve as faculty advisors of the chapter.



Installation of 2022-2023 Local Chapter Gamma Officers in Booneville, MS



Installation of 2022-2023 Local Chapter Beta Officers in Columbus, MS



Initiation of new Beta Chapter member, Pegan Carter (l) and mentor, Penny Sansing Mansell (center) with Mu State President, Mitzy J. Mills

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE 2022-2023 MU STATE YEAR



November 2022 Joint Meeting with Alpha Delta Chapter in Ripley, MS



November 2022 Joint Meeting with Iota Chapter in Ripley, MS



September 2022 Meeting with Rho Chapter Members in Brookhaven, MS



March 1, 2023 Initiation of Mississippi University for Women Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapter members



"SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES"

National scholarships were established to help deserving teachers have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth. Mu State Members, this is a great opportunity for you. Please take advantage of one of the many great things about Kappa. The National Scholarships available are as follows:

- **Mable Caldwell Scholarship** (\$1000-\$2000)
- **Iva Duggan Scholarship** (\$500)
- **Jean Terrell Scholarship** (\$500-\$2000)
- **General Scholarship** (\$500)

The above scholarships are established not only to help deserving teachers have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth but to honor persons who have made outstanding contributions to the development and extension of Kappa Kappa Iota.

- **Ruth Foster McClain Scholarship...** established to help deserving educators pursuing professional growth in a doctoral program.
(Admittance to a PhD program is required to be eligible for the Ruth Foster McClain Scholarship.) (\$1000-\$2000)
- **Retired Educator Grant...** established to help deserving retired educators have additional opportunities for personal and professional growth and to honor members who have made outstanding contributions to the development and extension of Kappa Kappa Iota. (\$200-\$1000)
- **Scholarship Funded by Past State Presidents...** established to aid in furthering educational goals of an active member of Kappa Kappa Iota. (\$600-\$1800)
- **Sara Sunderman Campus Kappa Scholarship...** established by the Past State Presidents of Kappa Kappa Iota to help deserving active Campus Kappas to have additional opportunities for furthering their personal and professional growth. (\$1000-\$2000)
- **Educational Grant...** established to assist non-member educators in pursuit of professional and personal growth. (\$500-\$1000)

(Source: The range of the national scholarship amounts was provided by National Headquarters based upon the 2008-2023 National Scholarship & Grant Recipients and will be based upon monies available each year.)

For an application and additional information, please see your local chapter president. An electronic version of the application is available at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org. (Click on the National Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the 2022-2023 National Scholarship Application OR 2022-2023 Educational Grant Application both at the bottom of the webpage). Please note that all National Scholarship applications must be signed **in blue ink** by the applicant, Local President, State Scholarship Chair and State President, so please bring your National Scholarship Application to Mu State Convention in Corinth, MS on April 29th.

Mu State Scholarships: (Use the same application for national and state)

-**Christine Reeves/Nannie Whitten Scholarship...** this scholarship was established to aid in furthering educational goals of an active member within MU State (\$300). It was named in honor of Mu State founder Christine Reeves and Mu State's first National President, Nannie Whitten.

-**Imogene Hardon Scholarship (Campus Kappa)...** this scholarship was established to aid in furthering educational goals of a deserving Campus Kappa (\$300). It was named in honor of Imogene Hardon, Mu State Past President for her efforts in establishing the Blue Mountain Campus Kappa.

The completed State Scholarship application should be mailed to State Scholarship Chair, Tommye Walker, 105 Walker Lane, Ripley, MS 38683 postmarked no later than April 1, 2023. If you should have questions about the application, please contact Tommye at 662-587-1076 or email her at walker.tommye@yahoo.com

An electronic version of the application is available at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org



Local Chapter Reminders

(Page references included from the 2022-2023 Mu State Local Chapter

President's Handbook given out at Fall Workshop.)

- Submit/mail yearly Philanthropic Report to Chair, Donna Geno 384 CR 7100 Booneville, MS 38829 by April 1 (pg. 19)
- Submit/mail Membership Report to Mitzy Johnson – Mills, PO Box 2086, MS State, MS 39762 (Hand-outs provided at Fall Workshop for Top Recruiter, Mentor of the Year, and also submit names of local members who recruited at least one or more new members) If you need forms, please email Mitzy at mitzyjohnsonms@gmail.com by April 1
- Submit/mail yearly Empathy Report to Chair, Marcy M. Bryant P.O. Box 426 Walnut, MS 38683 by April 1 (pg.23)
- Submit/mail names of deceased members to Chair, Diann Carter, 751 Beersheba Rd, Columbus, MS 39702 by April 1 (pg. 24) or email dianncarter17@gmail.com
- Submit/mail yearly Professional/Personal Report to Chair, Andrea Barrett 2301 E. Church St., Booneville, MS 38829 by April 1 (pg.20)
- Submit/mail signed Mu State Scholarship Applications to Chair, Tommye Walker, 105 Walker Lane, Ripley, MS 38683 by April 1 (Application available online on the national website)



State Convention 2023 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 _____

Campus Kappa Officer _____
(Registration being paid by other Mu State members)

First Time Member Attendee _____

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

_____ Pre-Convention Tour-Historic Corinth Depot and Crossroads Museum

_____ Friday night "Dinner/Welcome Reception"

_____ Saturday State Convention (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

This is to assist the local planning committee on meal planning and seating arrangements along with providing a headcount to local merchants on the Pre-Convention Tour.

Friday and Saturday Registration \$45

OR

Saturday Only Registration \$40

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Friday, April 14, 2023

Make checks payable to Eta. Send check and completed registration form to:

Gale Taylor, 2104 Downing Street, Corinth, MS 38834

Questions? Contact Mitzy Johnson-Mills via e-mail at
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