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CALL TO FALL WORKSHOP

This is your **official call** to the **Mu State Fall Workshop** to be held on **August 22-August 23, 2025, at the Northeast MS Community College Nutrition Center, 600 North Second St., Booneville, MS 38829**

The **Gamma** chapter is looking forward to hosting the upcoming Fall Workshop. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Amelia Gardner, local artist and art instructor at Booneville High School. She will present a hands-on workshop with each Kappa being able to paint a watercolor piece. All supplies will be furnished through your registration fee. The



watercolor workshop will count as a personal development activity for members. Gamma looks forward to seeing you at our upcoming Fall Workshop as we learn more about how “Friendship Blooms in Kappa!”



Our lunch will be catered by Ricky Prather from The Front Porch Restaurant. We will enjoy fried fish filets and chicken strips with all of the trimmings. This will be a treat for all to enjoy.

The **Executive Committee meeting** for Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents will be **Friday, August 22**, beginning with a meal at 6 pm at the **Little Blackland Church, 307 County Road 7301, Booneville, MS, 38829** (event venue owned by members Patsy Johnson and Mitzy Johnson-Mills).

On **Saturday, August 23**, the **Fall Workshop** will be held at the **Northeast MS Community College Nutrition Center**. Registration is at 9:30 am (includes continental breakfast) and the Fall Workshop **begins at 10 am** and concludes by 2:30 pm.

****Registration form is on the last page of this newsletter and is requested to be completed and mailed back to Teresa Green Registration chair, along with \$40 registration fee by Friday, August 15th.**

“HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION”



2024-2025 Mu State President
Beth Byrd carrying MS Flag



MS Delegates: (l-r): Kathy Shappley (Alpha Delta), Tommye Walker (Alpha Delta), Beth Byrd (Gamma), Mitzy J. Mills (Beta), Pegan Carter (Beta).

There were 186 attendees at the National Kappa Kappa Iota 76th Annual Convention in Chattanooga, TN held June 23-26, 2025. Of the 186 attendees, there were 19 out of 21 states represented. Mississippi was represented by **Alpha Delta Members** Kathy Shappley and Tommye Walker; **Beta Members** Mitzy Johnson-Mills and Pegan Carter; and **Gamma member** 2024-2025 President Beth Byrd; who were among the 125 voting delegates at the “**Kappas Walk in Beauty and Light the Way for Education**” convention. National President Carolyn Garretson (NM) presided. During the business session, items reported were as follows:

- **41,938** empathy items were reported for the 2024-2025 year.
- National Philanthropic Report consisted of **\$1,496,509.55** total monies or monetary value donated with **84,921.5** 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 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 Children’s Foundation and mailed to National Headquarters.
- National Professional/Personal Development hours totaled 15,893.25.
- Regional Membership Award was given to Alpha State/OK (Region 7).
- Special recognition of states with Net Gain were Psi State/TN and Maryland Chapter.
- Mu State Kappa member Mitzy Johnson-Mills (Beta) participated in the Kappa Chorus.
- K Dollars collected was in the amount of \$2,888.



Pictured at Left: Mu State group presenting gift of pottery to National President, Carolyn Garretson, at the National President’s Reception.

Pictured at Right:
Mitzy Johnson-Mills, recipient of VIP Award





The 2025-2026 National Kappa Kappa Iota Executive Officers (pictured above) were installed at the National Convention’s Annual Banquet along with the 2025-2026 State Presidents (pictured below).



Mu State Kappas enjoyed touring the Chattanooga area with a Tea and Train Ride..

Kappa National Executive Committee for 2025-2026

- **President:**
Brenda Hope
(North Carolina)
- **President-Elect:**
Carolyn Wilkins
(Georgia)
- **First Vice President:**
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- **Recording Secretary:**
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- **Immediate Past President:**
Carolyn Garretson
(New Mexico)
- **Parliamentarian:**
Brenda Morrison
(North Carolina)

National Theme:

Kappa, Forever Friends

Mu State Theme:

Friendship Blooms in Kappa

National Kappa web-site:

nationalkappakappaiota.org



Fall Workshop 2025 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 Immediate Past President/Empathy _____

Local Chapter Member _____

Local Campus/Collegiate Member _____

First Time Member Attendee _____

- **Please check appropriate response to assist with meal planning of Friday night's "Mu State Executive Committee Meeting"** (Little Blackland Church, 307 County Road 7301, Booneville, MS)
 _____ Yes, I plan to attend _____ No, I do not plan to attend

- **Saturday Meal**
 Lunch will be catered by Ricky Prather, Front Porch Restaurant.
 Meal will consist of Fish Filets or Chicken Strips with trimmings.

- **Registration: \$40**

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

- **Five hotel rooms have been allotted for Mu State Kappas at the Super 8 Hotel, 110 Hospitality Ave. HWY 145, Booneville, MS, 38829. Reservations can be made directly to the hotel by calling 662-720-1688.**

Single room occupancy: King \$85.00
 Double room occupancy: \$85.00
 (Complimentary breakfast is available at the hotel.)

(Make sure to state you are with Kappa)

**2025-2026 Mu State Special Project
 McCarty Serving Piece with River Mark**



This McCarty square bowl with lip is in the light jade color with the river mark, and is 11" across from outer rim to outer rim. This piece of pottery is beautiful and would make a wonderful addition to your home. Special Projects Co-Chairs, Karen Lott and Katherine Bumgarner, will be selling tickets at the Fall Workshop. Completed tickets along with check payable to Mu State KKI may be mailed to Karen Lott, Special Projects Co-Chair, P.O. Box 382, Booneville, MS 38829



Kappas Mitzy Johnson-Mills, Beth Byrd, and Donna Geno enjoying lunch at Airport Grocery, Cleveland, MS, after obtaining special project item.



Mail completed registration form and payment by Friday, August 15th, 2025.

Make checks payable to: Gamma
Send check and completed form to:
Teresa Green
100 Glenwood Dr.
Booneville, MS 38829

Questions? Contact Beth Byrd via e-mail at bbyrd@nemcc.edu or