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Florida Members at 2010 International Convention

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Gerry Hacker performing at the Convention.



Dr. Carolyn Rants, above, left, presenting the *International Achievement Award* to Dr. Beverly Helms



Peggy Dubose, left, recognized by Ruth Pridgen, Mu State President, as Florida's *Star of the Southeast*.



Left, Ruth Pridgen, Chair, International Educator's Award Committee, as she recognizes the recipient.
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Our remembrance of these
gives light in this world
even after they have passed.

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Ruth Pridgen
Mu State President
2009-2011

In May, Florida reached a very significant anniversary. We have been a Delta Kappa Gamma State Organization for 75 years. It started my thinking about what it takes, besides the passing of years, to reach such a milestone.

As in any relationship that is long-lasting, there are four key characteristics that make it work for the long haul. I believe that commitment, mutual caring, communication, and maintenance of a balance between tradition and change are essential. Consider with me how these qualities can strengthen our chapters.

Over these last 75 years we've had many members who are committed to DKG. They have worked in whatever spot they were needed. Many have hung on though lean times in their chapters to keep the light burning and to help them grow strong again. My challenge to you is to have that same commitment now.

Is membership in your chapter declining? It is time to reach out and initiate additional members. Consider holding more than one initiation in a year. Take advantage of the membership changes in our international constitution which

gives your chapter more options. Now you can identify potential members in their early years of teaching as well as retired educators, who might add a new dimension to your membership.

When members have to limit their participation because of situations and responsibilities in their personal lives, the caring response of chapter members can make the difference in whether they continue or drop out. Expressions of care by individual members, understanding the reason for less involvement at the moment, volunteering for an extra chapter responsibility are the caring responses. When we demonstrate our caring, an added benefit is that a member is usually motivated to return to active participation, when she can.

How does your chapter communicate? How often? It is hard to feel commitment to a group if you feel out of touch. It is exciting to see how many chapters are using web sites and sending newsletters electronically. These can be updated easily, and the information for members is kept fresh. I'm hearing about more chapter programs that have built-in opportunities for members to talk to one another. Do your members know one another well enough that they look forward to seeing friends at meetings? How important this will be in keeping the communication flowing!

As our organization continues to stay relevant in 2010 and beyond, we have moved toward less formality in many ways. There

may be differing opinions on these changes but if we are to continue for another 75 years, we need to examine the "things we've always done" in the light of their value for today's members. Have some discussions about these in your chapter. Is it a tradition that your members want to continue, or is it time for a change?

I challenge you to reflect with me on what we can do to keep our organization strong for another 75 years.

Moving Forward With SPIRIT and Vision

Upcoming Dates

Mu State Convention

April 29-May 1, 2011
 Orlando Airport Marriott

Southeast Regional Conference

July 13-16, 2011
 Marriott Downtown
 Louisville, Kentucky

International Convention

July 24-28, 2012
 New York, New York

Southeast Regional Conference

July 10-13, 2013
 Orlando Gaylord Palms

BETTY THORNTON ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT

**Mu State Convention
April 29- May 1, 2011
Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type one name per form

Name _____ Chapter _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

**I plan to enter the following item(s) in the Arts and Crafts Exhibit:
(Check all that apply)**

Painting(s): ☐ oil ☐ watercolor ☐ photography ☐ other (Specify)

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☐ embroidery ☐ sewing ☐ other (Specify.)

Literary work(s): ☐ poetry ☐ short story ☐ other (Specify)

Miscellaneous arts, crafts and/or musical arrangements: _____ (Specify)

Send completed form to: **Carolynne Fooshee**
1703 8th Street
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Deadline for application: March 1, 2010

An acceptance letter and directions will be sent upon receipt of this form.



Mu State Personal Growth and Services Committee Standing (l to r), Barbara Thompson, Beverly Stagg, and Chair, Carolynne Fooshee. Seated, Ann Perrine and Nancy Marmesh. Not pictured, Ann Scheib.

The Personal Growth and Services Committee is soliciting items for the **Betty Thornton Arts and Crafts Exhibit** to be held at the Mu State Convention, April 29-May 1, 2011.

In addition, **Beverly Stagg**, contact for the Native American Project, requests members' involvement in securing applicants for the Native American Project Grants of \$1000 each. Native American women who are attending a college or university majoring in Education or who are conducting research into the history of Native Americans in the state of Florida should apply. One award will be made in each of the six Mu State districts.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

**Mu State Convention
April 29-May 1, 2011
Orlando Airport Marriott**

WHAT IS NEEDED?

1. Name of Presenter/s
2. Contact Information
Address
Telephone numbers
Email address
3. Title of workshop with a brief description or outline of content

4. Equipment needed (All efforts to provide your own will be appreciated)
5. Availability to present
☐ Friday night
☐ Saturday morning
☐ Both

Deadline date for submitting proposal: January 1, 2011

Send proposal to **Carrie Frye**,
212 Hammock Oak Circle,
DeBary, FL 32713

Or email her at: cfrye@att.net

Do you enjoy sharing your talents, experiences, favorite subjects, successes, help-tips or other topics? If so, we want to learn from you!

Do you prefer co-presenting with someone who shares your interest and expertise? Great! We are hoping you will join each other to make a difference to members.

**SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL
TODAY!**

Nominate Now for 2010-2011 Mu State Achievement Award

Sarah B. Ferguson Mu State Achievement Award will be given at the 2011 Mu State Convention for 2010 and 2011. This is the most prestigious award Mu State can give to active members of the state organization who are outstanding educational leaders and who have exhibited exceptional service to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Chapters must submit nominations to the Awards Committee Chairman, **Barbara Van Diepen**, on or before **February 1, 2011**. The chapter must endorse the candidate at a regular chapter meeting. The nominee shall be an active member who has contributed outstanding service to our Society. Further guidelines and a nomination form can be found on the state web site.

Five members of our state organization, who exemplify dedication and service on the chapter, district and state levels, will be inducted into The **Mu State Hall of Fame** at the 2011 Convention. Past state presidents, current and immediate past district directors, current elected officers and state organization committee chairs will be involved in the process of identifying Hall of Fame winners.

Deadline: February 1, 2011

Send nominations to: **Barbara Van Diepen, Chair**
Mu State Awards Committee
2400 St. Andrews Road
Hollywood, FL 33021



**Cathy
Daugherty
2008-2010
Southeast
Regional
Director**

Dear President Pridgen and MU State members:

So much transpired at our recent 2010 convention in Spokane! MU State members certainly were front and center in the activities and the recognition, especially that of our newest Achievement Award recipient, Beverly Helms! All of us in the Southeast Region rejoice with you in celebrating her well deserved selection!

Many MU State members led and participated in presentations throughout the week and contributed much toward realizing the vision of International President Dr. Carolyn Rants throughout the biennium and the convention. Take pride in your accomplishments and spread the news of this most successful convention to all of your chapters and members.

2010 Fall Workshop/Executive Board - Outstanding

Photos from the Fall Workshop/Executive Board can be seen on the Mu State Website and in the Winter 2011 issue of the **Florida Rays**. It was reported as one of the best ever. More than 240 members were present.

Twenty two chapters were reported as showing an increase in membership. **Gamma Theta**, **Gamma** and **Gamma Phi** had the highest percentage gain, while **Gamma Theta**, **Gamma Beta**, and **Gamma Phi** had the highest by number. **Gamma Alpha**, **Beta Xi**, **Gamma Phi**, **Beta Chi**, and **Gamma Theta** had the most initiates. **Gamma Theta** also had the highest number of reinstatements. Way to go chapters and especially, **Gamma Theta**.

Action taken by the Mu State Executive Board included

- the adoption of the 2010-2011 Mu State Budget
- the approval to replace the Mu State Headquarters roof using monies from the Permanent Fund, while maintaining the fund at 30% of the available fund balance
- the approval of \$1,000 donations from the Native American Project Account to Native Paths Cultural Heritage & Resource Center, Perdido Bay Tribe of the Muscogee Creek Indians and to the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs.
- the adoption of the Mu State Strategic Action Plan.

Workshops were standing room only, and members were overheard describing them as "awesome" and "unbelievable."

Camraderie was evident at the social hour, and members resisted leaving, even, when being ushered out.

Leslye Mann shared a memorable presentation, *Mu State --- A Living Legacy*, at the luncheon. District Directors gave the dates of the district meetings for 2012, and **Meghan Starling** and **Celeste Stewart** received a standing ovation for their impressions and experiences of the IMPACT that Delta Kappa Gamma has had on their young educational careers.



Chapter Communications

Neena Grosvenor
Chair, Mu State
Communications Committee

Who is your chapter's Communications Committee Chair? It is recommended that each chapter have a Communication Committee Chair or someone who will be the contact person for the Mu State Communications Committee. The person should be adept in using the computer and online tools since communications are primarily in electronic format. Having a chapter committee chair or contact will ensure that chapters are kept abreast of updates and can share with chapter members. A link to the Chapter Communications Committee Guide is <http://bit.ly/dtIm8F>. The chair should submit the Chapter Communication Profile. A copy of the profile form can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/bTEh1q>

Did you know that Delta Kappa Gamma has a social network? DKG is moving forward by embracing the use of the latest and most popular 21st Century Web Tools. Visit <http://www.dkg.org> to sign up for your membership in the DKG Network. This is a wonderful way to stay connected with members and chapters across the nation and the world. Just think of the possibilities for sharing ideas and innovative teaching methods and tools. Have your chapter's Communication Contact create a group for your chapter in the DKG Network. Visit the Mu State Chapter Communications Committee Group for updates and ideas. <http://www.dkg.org>

To Access the DKG Network follow these steps: On the www.dkg.org site, click on the DKG Network link in the upper right hand corner. You will need to create a username (which is your e-mail address) and password (delta01). You can change your password to something you will remember. Only DKG members are allowed access to the network. Once you are in the network you will see a menu of selection choices across the top. To view the Chapter Communications group, click on "Groups," and scroll to Mu State Chapter Communications Group and click the link.

Buzz...Has your chapter submitted an article to the *Florida Rays*? Toot your own horn to let others know of your chapter activities and accomplishments. Continue to Create a BUZZ.



Kris Sternberg
Mu State
Headquarters
Administrative
Assistant

Isn't it terrific? Two chapters have already made plans to visit our state headquarters this season, and several chapter presidents plan to discuss this idea with their chapters. It's gratifying to see this interest in our historic house in downtown DeLand. If your chapter would like to visit, please contact me. I will not only put you on the calendar, but will give you a tour of the facility and help you plan the rest of your day in our area.

Downtown DeLand is brimming with great things to do. You can stroll the Main Street, have lunch "al fresco," take a walking tour of our murals depicting local history, visit one of the local museums or cultural arts center, or go antiquing—all within a couple of blocks! Or, consider including a side trip to one of our local springs or taking a boat tour on the St. Johns River.

I am ready to help you arrange any—or all—of the above. Contact me at kris.sternberg@news-jrn.com or call my cell at 386-748-8157. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kris Sternberg



From the Desk Of...

Judith Mix
Mu State
Executive
Secretary

It has been a busy summer. The incoming district directors had their planning session, and materials were prepared for that meeting. During July, I attended the International Convention in Spokane. The International Executive Board met and as your Executive Secretary I am a non-voting member. I have been getting materials ready for our Fall Workshop & Executive Board Meeting, checking email addresses and copying materials

Regardless of my other assigned duties, I am always happy to be of assistance to members of Mu State.

Stay in touch! Judith

Mu State Members & Chapters "Buzzing"

Dr. Janice Novello's Interview "Education Innovator": An Interview with Dr. Sarah (Sally) M. Butzin" has been selected for inclusion in the Fall 2010 Volume 76-5 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Beverly Kelley, Delta Kappa Chapter, was installed as District 2 Trustee of the Florida Retired Educators Association. The position is for 3 years, but she can serve a subsequent term. Her main responsibilities will be fundraising and selection of scholarship recipients.

District I Director, 2008-2010, **Geraldine DeFelix**, installed the 2010-2012 officers for **Delta Theta** and **Phi** chapters at their joint meeting. **Martha Compton** of Phi presented an excellent Founders' Day program. Outgoing presidents, **Joli Hartzog** of Delta Theta and **Susan Lockey** of Phi, expressed their gratitude and encouraged members to attend state, regional, and international meetings.

Dr. Sheri Nickell, a former member of **Delta Beta** is the newly appointed Superintendent of Polk County Public Schools.

Anna Baralt and Wendy Drexler, Alpha Chi, earned their Doctoral degrees from the University of Florida.

Rita Osborn of **Kappa** Chapter had her book, *Toxic Teacher*, spotlighted in the Spring 2010 edition of *The Human Ecologist*.

Grace Wilhelm, Upsilon, presented training sessions for educators in Papua, New Guinea, and Australia during the summer.

Mina Sutton of **Gamma Eta** Chapter was her school's Teacher of the Year.

Linda McGill, Alpha Xi was selected as Holm School's Teacher of the Year.



Pictured, l to r, are **Vanessa Menhennett, Naomi Gilliard, Goldie Fralick, President, Violet Noyes; Wynyard McDonald, Jennifer Campbell, Pat Roberts, Becky Jo Adams, Lisa Gray and Pat Brantley.**

Delta Iota's College Fans Hand in Hand project opens doors to a future with boundless possibilities, according to Delta Iota President, **Violet Noyes**. The \$3,500 grant from the International Education Foundation was awarded to the chapter, who documented support from their local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. Twenty at-risk high school students are paired with mentors from Delta Iota and then accompanied on a tour of the University of Florida campus. In addition, the students are paired with college students. The goal is to encourage the at-risk students to dream bigger and strive for better in their lives.

Lisa Gray, Delta Iota, was selected as Swanee Primary School's Teacher of the Year. This chapter is definitely *Creating a Buzz*!

Shown at right, **Violet Noyes** (left) presents Suwannee High School Principal Jim Simpson, with snacks and drinks for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) retakers. Local businesses, including CVS, Publix and Wal-Mart, joined **Delta Iota** in providing items in an effort to reduce test anxiety, provide nourishment and support students retaking the test.



Gamma Kappa Chapter had no one apply for its Grant-in-Aid this year, so the members donated the money to Cambridge Elementary School to benefit students. Hilah Mercer, Principal and chapter member, reported that the funds were used to provide a lunch of pizza and soda, an incentive to attract children to the Saturday School Program. The remainder was used to purchase school and classroom supplies.



The media specialist for one of the best library media programs in Florida is **Kim Miskowski**, Media Specialist at Coppergate Elementary School in Clay County. She is a member of **Beta Mu** Chapter. Her media center earned a 2009-2010 Florida Power-Library Award. Congratulations, Kim.



Scholarship Funds Available

by LeAnn Pollard
Chair, Mu State
Scholarships Committee



If you've been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 3 years or longer and haven't begun working on a Master's or Doctoral degree - why are you waiting? Additional education and certification is the next step for key women educators who will impact the future of education around our world.

Mu State Scholarships. There are scholarships available for members who are currently enrolled in a graduate program seeking a Master's degree or higher. Several scholarships are awarded each year. Last year's awards were \$2500 each.

Application forms are available on the Mu State Website. Under Scholarship Committee, look for the application form; click on it to download the packet. **Applications are due January 15th of each year.** The applications require time and effort to complete. Don't wait until the last minute to apply. Applications for scholarships may be sent in at any time.

International Scholarships. There are twenty-nine \$6,000 scholarships that are available for members who are pursuing any field of graduate study. Applications may be obtained from the International website, www.dkg.org. This application is due on Feb. 1st of each year.

As a recipient of both a Mu State and an International Scholarship, I'm aware the application process can be a daunting task. Allow me to assist you in designing your future with Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship dollars. You need to be enrolled in an approved program of graduate study, and then apply for a Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship! It's that easy! If you need additional information or assistance, contact me at

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Mu State Headquarters

Tanna Gartside, Chair,
Headquarters Administrative
Committee



Headquarters is located in Delightful DeLand, and your visits are welcomed. On September 24, the Museum of Florida Art is loaning 12 sculptures to the downtown DeLand area for an inaugural DeLand Sculpture Walk. The sculptures and wall murals all over the downtown area provide an aesthetic experience for all visitors. Main street DeLand offers many quaint shops and cultural restaurants that put your headquarters in an ideal spot for a visit. A new roof will be placed on our building in the near future to give it a new look. Come and see.

Contributions to Leadership Growth

The following contributions have been made to the Mu State Leadership Growth Fund.

Beta Nu Chapter, Lonnie Kirsch, President.

Mu State in memory of Merle Jones' (Mu State Second Vice President) step-mother, **Estell Stiller**.

Beta Omega Chapter gave two contributions; one was in memory of **Bernice B. Berry**.

Jesslyn McBride in honor of **Dr. Beverly Helms'** receipt of the International Achievement Award.

Alpha Beta, in memory of **Cleo Nickens**

Psi Chapter dissolved and contributed the remaining funds of \$1,673.34 to Leadership Growth.



How Valuable is Membership in DKG?

Debi Morgan,
Membership Committee

Friendships in 17 Countries
Scholarships/Stipends
Leadership Development
Personal Growth Strategies
Professional Advancement
Authorship Opportunities
Funding for Projects/Grants
Support of Non-Member Educators
Mentoring of New Teachers
Outstanding Workshops
Camaraderie and Networking
Involvement with UNICEF Projects
Validation by Fellow Members
Recognition
Making A Difference
Impacting Education Worldwide



Angie Williams, Chair, Mu State Leadership Growth Committee

I must report that some members of the Leadership Committee experienced withdrawal symptoms as June 2010 came and went without the annual trek to Tampa for our labor of love, the Leadership Growth Seminar. It is now being held once each biennium. We missed the three-night "get away" to a nice hotel, the scrumptious food, and the time to learn, grow, and feel the pride of accomplishment that always comes with seminar attendance. But most of all, we missed the chance to be together, pulling strength from one another, and forging new relationships with our Mu State sisters.

We are more excited than ever to be back in the planning stages for next June's seminar. As always, some things will change, but much will remain the same. One can expect to experience the same timeliness of topic, depth of content, and attention to detail for which we are well-known. If you are a chapter president, you are encouraged to attend during your term. Attendance is not limited to chapter presidents and officers. All Mu State members are invited to apply. It will be one of the best experiences you've ever had!

The seminar will be held **Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2011**, at the Tampa Airport Marriott. The cost is \$150, and chapters are encouraged to pick-up the cost if officers are attending. The application can be found on the Mu State website by clicking on the Leadership Chairman's name.

A word of advice—don't delay your decision. We must receive your application no later than **January 14**. You wouldn't want to miss this chance and have to wait another two years! Get your application in before others beat you to it. (**Note:** Word has it that **many** submitted their applications at the Fall Workshop/ Executive Board meeting. If you didn't, do it now.)

Constitution Revisions - Implications for changes in Mu State Bylaws and Standing Rules

The *International Constitution/ Standing Rules* was revised. Many changes provide increased flexibility at the chapter level. Among the changes are the following:

Any woman who is employed as a professional educator or who is retired from an educational position is eligible for membership.

A former member shall be reinstated in any chapter without the vote of a chapter.

Members may transfer to any chapter of their choice.

A reserve member, requesting same, shall be restored to active membership without a vote.

Other revisions included the restructuring of international committees into two categories; Society Business which includes Communication and Publicity*, Constitution, Constitution Interpretation, Expansion, Leadership Development, Membership*

Finance* Nominations and Non-dues Revenue and Society Mission and Purposes includes Educational Excellence*, Educator's Award, Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund, Scholarship*, and World Fellowship*.

State organizations and chapters are responsible to international for the work of certain international committees* but have the flexibility to decide, themselves, how this is accomplished.

There is no longer the long established Program of Work Committee. The new Educational Excellence Committee is organized to function as a committee of the whole or, at the discretion of the chair, in groups to accomplish its responsibilities for personal and professional growth. This committee also promotes programs and projects for excellence in education.

The Mu State ByLaws Committee, under the leadership of Chair **Gerry Hacker**, is reviewing the *Constitution* revisions, and suggested amendments to the Mu State Bylaws and Standing Rules.

All state committees have been asked to review the revisions to the *International Constitution /Standing Rules* and make recommendations as to how the *Mu State Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* should be changed to comply with specific requirements and/or how to structure state-level committees to address the work of certain international committees.

Any member may provide input to the Bylaws Committee and all Mu State committees are requested to send suggestions for changes to **Gerry Hacker** on or before **November 1, 2010**. Her email is pianosteel@hotmail.com

Reflections from the 2010 International Convention

by Sally Finley, Mu State Corresponding Secretary

An International Convention is always an exciting place to be, and Spokane was one of the best ones I have ever attended. On Monday, six chartered busses took us on a city tour where we learned about the history of Spokane. We visited a beautiful botanical conservatory with Japanese and English gardens. Another stop included a visit to an Episcopal cathedral with medieval stained glass windows.



Dr. Ann Lumsden and Merle Jones looking at the beautiful flowers.

On Tuesday evening, Coca Cola sponsored an outdoor jazz concert on the banks of the river adjacent to our hotel. At the opening session, John Brock, CEO of Coca Cola, spoke about leadership. John grew up in a Delta Kappa Gamma family where his mother and aunts were all active members of the Society.



Ann Blossfield, Merle Jones, Dr. Ann Lumsden and Dr. Elsie Gross.

An International Convention offers many opportunities to network with educators around the world. I talked with teachers from Alaska and Iceland. I enjoyed the

jazz concert with teachers from Washington, shopped until I dropped with sisters from Sweden and Germany, and dined with sisters from North Carolina and Tennessee.

On Wednesday evening, the Florida delegation and state organization presidents from the southeast region enjoyed a delicious dinner at Hills Restaurant. We had 58 sisters in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the chance to relax and network.



Mildred Thomas, Anita McDonough and LeAnn Pollard at the Florida Dinner.

Thursday's general meeting showcased 187 women of vision and action. Those submitted from Florida were **Ann Blossfield, Marjorie Cenower, Fern Cleary, Dr. Joanna Cocchiarella, Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow, Dr. Linda Eads, Sally Finley, Carrie Frye, Dr. Elsie Gross, Dr. Beverly Helms, Merle Jones, Connie Kostyra, Nancy Marmesh, Ruth McCrary, Yvonne McShay, Judith Mix, Myra Ponder, Sandra Smith, Dr. Carleen Spano, Marjean Therian, Jess McBride and Dr. Lynda Wolverton.**

Florida was recognized as one of five states to meet the challenge of adding a new chapter. Twelve chapters were recognized for having at least 3 press releases. The Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2010-2012 biennium. Florida members watched proudly as **Dr. Beverly Helms** was elected Second Vice President.

Beverly also received the International Achievement Award for 2010. This prestigious award is given to one person each year.



Dr. Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir installs Dr. Beverly Helms

A massive revision of the *International Constitution/Standing Rules* occurred. The requirement that a woman have three years experience before joining the society was removed as well as the limitation on years of retirement. The international committee structure was revised and an Educational Excellence Committee created with 13 members who may work as a committee of the whole and/or in groups.

The Southeast Regional Breakfast was held Thursday and **Peggy DuBose** was recognized as *Florida's Star of the Southeast*. **Carrie Frye** invited all members from the southeast to Florida in 2013 and was assisted



Carrie Frye



Peggy DuBose

by the famous "flamingo" and other Disney characters (Carol Ann Casey, Roxanne Berger and Gerry Hacker).

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More Reflections from Spokane



Carol Ann Casey, Roxanne Berger and Gerry Hacker join in welcoming southeast members to Florida in 2013.

Photos by LeAnn Pollard
and/or Beverly Helms



Ruth Pridgen, Dr. Carolyn Rants and Dr. Blum during the Educator's Award presentation.



Myra Ponder as she volunteers at the cookbook table.



Seated (l to r) Debbie Thomas, Peggy Dubose, Bea Wilbur. Standing Judith Mix, Ann Scheib and Gerry Hacker enjoy the Southeast Breakfast.

Over \$13,000 was collected by the southeast states for the International Emergency Fund.

Workshops occurred on several days. **Sally Finley**, right, presented the workshop, "Unleashing Your Creative Self."



Celeste Stewart, Meghan Starling and Brenda Johnson presented a workshop, "Tapping Today's Techies -Using the SMART." **Celeste** and **Meghan** received Cornet Awards.

Both **Ruth Pridgen** and **Beverly Helms** chaired international committees and gave reports or made a presentation on behalf of the committee. Ruth presented the recipient of the Educator's Award, Dr. Susan D. Blum with \$2,500. Her book, **My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture** was published by Cornell University Press.

Some of the action taken at the Convention included adopting the **Schools in Africa** project in conjunction with UNICEF; applying for tax exempt status as a 501C3 organization, which will allow contributions to certain DKG funds to be tax deductible; and disseminating the third Volume of **Our Heritage**.

DKG is also partnering with **Tom's Shoes** Project. Members purchase a pair of shoes, and a pair is donated to a child in need. In addition, for each pair that is purchased, the Educational Foundation receives \$5.

The revision of the International **Constitution** was an exciting process to watch. Several Florida members were involved in the debate and making of motions. See page 9 for more information on these revisions.

The market place was frequented by Florida members and several offered their assistance at the **Delta Kappa Gamma Entertains** cookbook sales table. **Dr. Ann Lumsden** and **Merle Jones** headed up this successful effort to remove the boxes of cookbooks from the warehouse in Tampa to avoid further storage fees.

The culminating event of the Convention was the banquet. Mu State

President **Ruth Pridgen** was sparkling as she represented Mu State in the Presidents' Processional.



Ruth Pridgen
Mu State President

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Thanks to all Mu State members who attended the 2010 International Convention. Those who presented information, conducted workshops, provided music, sang, sold cookbooks, etc., are listed below.

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Deadlines are

December 1....Winter

February 1.....Spring
 May 1.....Summer
 September 1.....Fall

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www.orgsites.com/fl/mustatedeltakappagamma

Folding the **Florida Rays** reduces costs.
 Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Nominations for State Officers due December 1, 2010

Nominations for Mu State Officers for 2011-2013 must be sent by certified mail and postmarked no later than **December 1, 2010**. A photo of the nominee must be included. The form is on the Mu State web site. Go to Nominations Committee, Sandra Smith, and click on the link to the Nomination Form.

Send the completed packet to

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District Directors Announce 2012 Dates. Put on Your Calendar.

2012 District Meetings

District I - May 5, Pensacola
 District II - March 3, Jacksonville
 District III - February 11, Pasco Co.
 District IV - March 24, Okeechobee
 District V - April 28, Boca Raton
 District VI - March 10, Arcadia



Shown above are the 2010-2012 District Directors (left to right) **Sheila Knoche (VI)**, **Elizabeth Decker (V)**, **Lonnie Kirsch (IV)**, **Pat Hazellief (III)**, **Marilyn Russell (II)**, and **Clancy O'Donnell (I)**