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CALL TO FALL WORKSHOP

This is your **official call** to the **Mu State Fall Workshop** to be held on **August 23-August 24, 2024, 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 Rhonda Green, retired educator and local entrepreneur of Rhonda's Sweets. Rhonda will speak to us about her business which specializes in custom designed cookies and decorated cakes. She will present a hands-on cupcake decorating



workshop for members. We will have our usual business meetings along with Local Chapter Presidents training.



The cupcake decorating 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 "Kappas Light the Way!"

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 23**, 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 24**, 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 16th.**

“HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION”



2023-2024 Mu State President
Donna Geno carrying MS Flag



MS Delegates: (front row-l-r): Jerrie Jackson (Iota), Gale Taylor (Eta), Beth Byrd (Gamma), Donna Geno (Gamma), Olivia Sansing (Beta), Wanda Nowell (Iota). Back Row (l-r): Karen Lott (Gamma), Mitzy J. Mills (Beta), Pegan Carter (Beta), Hannah Carter (Beta guest), Diann Carter (Beta), and Abbey Carter (Beta guest).

There were 185 attendees at the National Kappa Kappa Iota 75th Annual Convention in Montgomery, AL held June 25-28, 2024. Of the 185 attendees, there were 18 out of 21 states represented. Mississippi was represented by **Alpha Delta Members** Kathy Shappley and Tommye Walker; **Beta Members** Olivia Sansing, Mitzy Johnson-Mills, Diann Carter, and Pegan Carter; **Gamma members** 2023-2024 Mu State President, Donna Geno, 2024-2025 President Beth Byrd, and Karen Lott; **Eta member** Gale Taylor; **Iota Members** Jerrie Jackson and Wanda Nowell; who were among the 123 voting delegates at the “**Kappas ‘Sea’ the Beauty in Life**” convention. National President Kathy Smith (AL) presided. During the business session, items reported were as follows:

- **31,340** empathy items were reported for the 2023-2024 year.
- National Philanthropic Report consisted of **\$1,594,748.66** total monies or monetary value donated with **113,532.75** 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.
- Regional Membership Award was given to Alpha State/OK (Region 7).
- **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STATE WITH NET GAIN WAS MU STATE/MISSISSIPPI.**
- Mu State Kappa member Mitzy Johnson-Mills (Beta) participated in the Kappa Chorus.
- K Dollars collected was in the amount of \$2,563.00.



Mu State Kappas hosted the Annual Luncheon at National Convention in Montgomery, AL. Pictured at left is the banquet room filled with Kappa Members from all across the country enjoying the luncheon with décor based on the National Theme of “Kappas ‘Sea’ the Beauty in Life”

“HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION”(CONTINUED)



Kappa National Executive Committee for 2024-2025

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(South Carolina)



On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Mu State Kappas hosted the Annual Luncheon. Mu State provided tablescapes that went along beautifully with the the National Theme of “Kappas ‘Sea’ the Beauty in Life.” Along with the table décor of treasures from the sea, each Kappa member in attendance was provided with several favors including hand painted sailboats,

MSU pop out fans & hand sanitizer, hand painted oyster shells with a pearl inside, mini sailboats, and custom made hand lotion.

National Theme:

Kappas Walk in Beauty and Light the Way for Education

Mu State Theme:
Kappas Light the Way



Mu State Kappas enjoyed eating out together. Mitzy & Olivia enjoyed tours including the home of F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Smith-Byrd Tea Room.



The 2024-2025 National Kappa Kappa Iota Executive Officers were installed at the National Convention’s Annual Banquet along with the 2024-2025 State Presidents.



National Kappa web-site:

nationalkappakappaiota.org

Fall Workshop 2024 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 no later than Friday, August 9th.**

Single room occupancy: King \$85.00
 Double room occupancy: \$95.00
 (Complimentary breakfast is available at the hotel.)

(Make sure to state you are with Kappa)

**2024-2025 Mu State Special Project
 McCarty Platter with River Mark**



This McCarty jade platter with river mark is 13” 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 Karen Lott, Donna Geno, and Beth Byrd enjoying the McCarty Gallery



Mail completed registration form and payment by Wednesday, August 14th, 2024.

**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 cell (662-720-4317)