



Beta Omega News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Mu State

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President's Message...

Reflections of Excellence was the theme of our Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2006 Convention in San Diego. The name could not have been more appropriate. We know the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, however, it was truly exemplified throughout this convention. Women educators from different parts of the globe were united in fellowship. Our International President, Jacklynn Cuppy from Alberta, Canada, presided over five general session meetings with enthusiasm, grace and the spirit of fellowship that is not often noticed in our national political leaders. Committee reports, legislative action, and workshops served to advance the professional interest and positions of and for women in education. Scholarships that had been granted were recognized, legislative action was endorsed, educational issues were reviewed and I could go on and on. I am truly grateful to be a part of this dynamic organization and I thank you, Beta Omega members, for the privilege being your president and attending this 2006 International Meeting.

The school year is now in full swing and you might be noticing that there are not enough hours in the day to "get it all done". As you prioritize, remember to put **Beta Omega** near the top of your list. The time we give ourselves to participate in the fellowship and professional growth our chapter offers will be what lifts our spirits and our hearts throughout the year.

Your officers and committee chairs held a transition meeting April 29th and a preplanning meeting August 26th in preparation for our first chapter meeting, September 23rd, at Freedom Square. Pat Williams, First Vice President, will lead the Program of Work Committees in the planning of programs and events for the upcoming meetings during this time. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our Mu State Fall workshop is scheduled for September 15-17, at the Orlando Airport Marriott. Make your reservation to attend now! Registration forms can be found on our Mu State web site. Members are asked to bring school supplies to be used as table decorations for the luncheon. They will be donated to those still in need as a result of our last hurricane season.

I wish you a happy and successful year.

Dr. JoAnn Stowers, President
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Bylaws update... Beta Omega's bylaws will be updated over the next few weeks. Once the proposed changes are ready they will be posted on the chapter's website (address at the top of this page). Bylaws proposals will be presented at the September meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Chapter officers 2006-2008

President

Dr. JoAnn Stowers

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First Vice President

Patricia Williams

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Second Vice President

Bobbie Khoury

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Recording Secretary

Mary O'Brian

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Corresponding Secretary

Linda Susens

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Treasurer

Alma Griffith

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Parliamentarian

Irma Norman



First Meeting

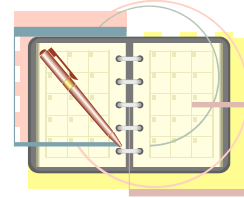
September 23rd @ 9:00 - Freedom Square

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the year as we have a chance to meet new members and finalize plans for the year.



Upcoming Events

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| September 15-16 | Mu State Fall Workshop, Orlando |
| September 23 | Meeting #1 (<i>Membership, Committees Planning</i>) |
| October 6 | Newsletter Deadline |
| November 11 | Meeting #2 (<i>Boutique, World Fellowship, Personal Growth, Arts/Crafts</i>) |
| December 1 | Newsletter Deadline |
| January 20 | Meeting #3 (<i>Professional Affairs, Membership</i>) |
| February 17 | Meeting #4 (<i>Fashion Show at Wine Cellar</i>) |
| March 9 | Newsletter Deadline |
| April 21 | Meeting #5 (<i>Research, Awards & Scholarships</i>) |
| April 27-29 | Mu State Convention, Orlando |
| June 21-24 | Leadership Conference, Tampa |
| June 25-30, 2007 | Southeast Regional Conference (New Orleans, LA) |



Happy Birthday!

August

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| 3 | Diane Kort |
| 16 | Charlotte Higgins |
| 17 | Pat Kalach |
| 18 | Betty Walton |

September

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| 2 | Darlene Jansen |
| 9 | Ann Buehler |
| 11 | Paula Texel |
| 18 | Cindy Gavin |
| 22 | Louise Crowder-Neri |
| 27 | Joni Jonas |

October

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| 6 | Kim Denman |
| 13 | JoAnn Stowers |
| 14 | Pat Williams |
| 16 | Jean Johnson |
| 19 | Lili Shields |
| 28 | Cynthia Szirmai |



2006-2007 Dues

Have you paid your 05-06 dues yet?

If not, please send your check for **\$54.00** (made out to Beta Omega) to Alma Griffith as soon as possible. You may also bring your check to the September meeting.

THANKS to the following members who have already turned in their dues:

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| Arlene Burrows | Eda Chappell |
| Fern Cleary | Peggy Drizd |
| Alma Griffith | Kate Herrington |
| Doris Howell | Jean Johnson |
| Patricia Kalach | Susan Murphy |
| JoAnn Stowers | Linda Susens |
| Jackie Thornton | Elizabeth Walton |
| Helen Ware | Helen Wilcox |
| Pat Williams | |

Send checks to:

Alma Griffith
13501 91st Avenue North
Seminole, FL 33776



It's Time to Update Our Yearbook

We need **your help** in updating the information **about you** in our yearbook. Please check out your information in the previous yearbook and notify Bobbie Khoury, (bobbie_khoury@places.pcsb.org) or Pat Williams (patricia_williams@places.pcsb.org) of needed changes.

GET INVOLVED!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven visionary purposes.

TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship

TO HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education

TO ADVANCE the professional interest and position of women in education

TO INITIATE, ENDORSE AND SUPPORT desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators

TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries

TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action

TO INFORM the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Every member is needed to create and present meaningful programs that meet the purposes above and make membership in Beta Omega worthwhile. If you haven't signed up on a committee, do it today. Call Pat Williams (596-2042) and let her know your interests. Make a difference!

State Fall Workshop

The centerpieces for the September 15-16 State Fall Workshop will consist of **school supplies**. If you have any extra pencils, markers, glue, etc., please bring them with you to the workshop. If you have extras and won't be attending the workshop, please get those supplies to JoAnn or another member that is going and they will take them for you.

Thank you!



Membership Update

We extend our sincere sympathies to **Irma Norman** who lost both of her sisters this summer. Norma's sister, Grace Bryant age 93 passed on June 23 and Dorothy Boyles 98 died July 11.

For those members who missed our May meeting, **Mary Sue Covert's** mother passed away this spring. We hope Mary Sue's sadness will someday be lightened by sweet memories of wonderful times spent with her mother.

Bernice Berry fell and broke her hip. She is recovering nicely after hip surgery.

Ruth Brown will soon begin chemotherapy and radiation to treat pancreatic cancer. We extend our thoughts and prayers as she faces the difficult days ahead.

Kathee Mello went into the hospital August 24 for surgery to unblock her carotid artery. We wish her a successful and quick recovery.

Janet Poling had her 12th eye surgery August 22. She is hopeful that this treatment will repair her retina

Carmen Sagnella broke several ribs on July 28 when she was in an automobile accident. She is on the road to recovery and beginning to feel much better.

Doris Howell, one of Beta Omega's founding members, sends her regards to our chapter. She has been diagnosed as legally blind and therefore, unable to attend our meetings. She wants everyone to know that she thinks of Beta Omega members often and invites you to visit her in Plant City if you're in the area. She just had her 90th birthday July 31.

Two of our members, **Darlene Jansen** and **Joan Herndon**, had knee replacement surgery this summer. Both are recovering and looking forward to feeling much better when their knees heal completely.



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
BETA OMEGA CHAPTER
MINUTES

April 29, 2006

Our President, Bonnie Kelley, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. She welcomed guests.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes - Bonnie proposed that the Minutes from the last meeting be approved. She asked if there was any discussion. Being that there was no changes/corrections, Bonnie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded. The Minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report - Bonnie Lehlbach reported that for the months from Jan. to April, 2006, the balance brought forward was \$7,616.05. The total receipts were: \$4,188, Expenses were: \$7,690.42. The new balance brought forward, as of April 28, 2006, was: \$4,113.63. Bonnie Kelley asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. The Treasurer's Report was then approved.

Bonnie asked Petey Henning to report on the Fashion Show. She informed the members that it was a great success and that the Wine Cellar will remain until the condos are built. The restaurant will be in the condos.

Correspondence - Bobby read a letter from the Pinellas Foundation—thanks for \$5,000 donation in memory of Betty D. and Flo Davis to the Doorways Scholarship.

Jerrie Hacker, District III Director, wrote a note of thanks to our chapter for help with the District 3 meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership - Pat Williams reported that there are no new membership applications. She urged us to find people that would be interested in joining. She asked that Committee Chairs to meet before our first meeting to plan for the year.

Leadership - Irma moved that money roll over to next year budget as there is no one going to leadership this year. Bonnie asked for any discussion. There was none, therefore, Bonnie made a motion to accept the money to be rolled over to next year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Yearbook

Petey Henning—update the format of the yearbook. The new format would be in a notebook, 5" x 8". Discussion: Irma the cost would be approximately \$300. Judy Cook said that she belongs to another organization and they have their yearbook in this manner. Pat Williams also confirmed this.

Leadership Donation Dedication - Jackie Thornton reported that Mary Sue Coover's mother recently died. She made a motion that we make a donation of \$50 to Leadership. Bonnie asked the members for any discussion. Linda Gregg informed the group that Standing Rule #9 states that, "A \$15 contribution shall be made to a designated Delta Kappa Gamma fund in memory of a deceased member." Linda proposed that our annual donation to Leadership be given in memory of Mary Sue's mother. Jackie accepted the amended motion. Bonnie Lehlbach, treasurer, stated that the donation has been made for the year. Linda moved that the memory be made next year. Bonnie made the motion to approve the next year memory donation. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

Announcements

- Bobby Khoury will be taking member pictures today for yearbook.
- Pat Williams will send two clipboards around to members to collect information.
- Bonnie will give information to the new officers. She would like to see a committee created to maintain the chapter's historical facts. She wanted a veteran member chair this committee within the Research Committee.
- JoAnn Stowers reminded the new officers that there will be a short transition meeting after lunch.



This is just a reminder that our chapter pays \$15 towards your State Workshop registration. Send your name or receipt to Alma Griffith, treasurer, and you'll be reimbursed!

Minutes (continued)

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of Officers

Installing Officer: Cindy Szirmai

New Officers:

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| President: | JoAnn Stowers |
| First Vice President: | Pat Williams |
| Second Vice President: | Bobbie Khoury |
| Recording Secretary: | Mary O'Brian |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Linda Sussens |
| Treasurer: | Alma Griffith |

Upon the completion of the Installation, Bonnie asked the new and retiring officers form a reception line and have the offer the members their congratulations.
The members sang the Delta Kappa Song and Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

PROGRAM

Kim Denman introduced our program regarding Safe and Drug Free Schools. Ms. Claudia Hunter facilitates various programs for the Safe and Drug Free Schools. This is a federally funded program that helps students stay drug free and out of trouble. Ms. Hunter's main focus is Character Ed. This program not only supports students but teachers as well. We received informative brochures regarding the various programs that can be implemented within schools.

Charter Membership Presentation

Joan Herndon presented the members:

Gracie Cameron, Eda Chappell, Joan Herndon, Irma Norman, Fran Hoffman

This is our 35th year as a chapter. Joan told us about the beginning of our chapter and how they all became lifelong friends. At the end of the presentation we sang two songs written by past member Dottie Terrell (deceased).

Bonnie gave her presidential farewell and thanked all the members who inspired her and helped her in this biennium and encouraged all of us to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives. JaAnn Stowers and Pat Williams presented Bonnie Kelley with a token of appreciation and thanked her for her service to our chapter as President.

Ken Denman facilitated the grant presentations. She also informed us about the MU State scholarships that are available for members to apply for use in programs. The recipients of the grants this year are: Judy Cook, Bonnie Lehlbach, and Bonnie Kelley.

Judy Cook utilized the \$250 grant purchased the program "Make Meaning" at her school Curtis Elementary. Judy is a curriculum specialist at the school. She showed a video of the program being used. Along with the \$250 grant, Judy was able to receive a grant from Walmart so that they could purchase a total of four of the programs.

Bonnie Lehlman used her \$250 grant to purchase cassette player/recorder so that the children can hear themselves read. This helps to increase reading fluency.

Bonnie Kelley applied the grant to the Bookarama program, where students tell a story about the book they read. That is a student literacy program in Pinellas County. This year, she started the program in high school. Bonnie sent an e-mail to Kim telling her how the participating schools found the program to be very beneficial to help increase reading in the schools.

At 11:55, the members came together for the meditation and enjoyed lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Mary O'Brian

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| <p>The 2006-2007 Budget will be presented at the September meeting.</p> |
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Luncheon Reservation Form

PAY FOR THE YEAR....Remember, you can pay for the entire year's luncheons all at once! We have 4 regular meetings at Freedom Square this year (Sept. 23, Nov. 11, January 23, April 21). Each meal costs \$5.00* per person. Please be sure to mark the correct line below before sending in your money to Alma!



Alma Griffith
13501 91st Avenue North
Seminole, FL 33776
727-393-9188



Regrets, reservations and checks (payable to **Beta Omega**) must be received by **September 8th**

Member's name: _____

_____ I will be attending the September meeting, but won't be staying for lunch.

_____ Enclosed is a check for the September meeting luncheon only.

_____ Enclosed is a check for all 4 meetings luncheons. (\$20.00)

_____ Please reserve an additional meal for the following guest(s):

Name: _____ Date attending: _____

Name: _____ Date attending: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

REMEMBER: RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN September 8th!

*prices subject to change



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