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# ZETA DATA




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### Light the Way: Lead, Laugh, Learn

The blazing heat of summer ushered in the 2007-2009 Zeta State biennium. The soaring temperatures could not suppress members' enthusiastic participation in a variety of leadership opportunities. The Zeta State Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Karen Rhodes, conducted the state officers' training held June 18-19 at beautiful Lake Tiak O'Khata and the Leadership Management Seminar June 19-22. Since it is customary for the outgoing and incoming state presidents to attend this seminar, Lynn Holliday and I were roommates that week. Lynn presented me with a lot of helpful materials, but two of the notebooks I dubbed, "Everything You Need to Know about Being a Zeta State President and More." Thank you again, Lynn, for all your hard work and dedication as you served as our 2005-2007 Zeta State President.



Jeanette Reinike  
Zeta State President

What a delightful and creative group of women the Leadership Management Seminar participants were! By graduation time Friday afternoon, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry with them. That was a ceremony I won't soon forget! Each of them has agreed to serve on a state committee during this biennium. Their desire to serve Zeta State and our Society was quite evident.

As the Leadership Management Seminar ended, the Southeast Regional Conference in New Orleans began. The week started with a whirlwind of training opportunities for state officers and committee chairmen. Presidents, executive secretaries, treasurers, Program of Work Committee Chairmen, and Membership Committee Chairmen attended in-depth leadership sessions. It was such a treat for me to meet and get to know each of the Southeast Regional State Presidents. We named ourselves, "The Jazzy Jewels," a term which perfectly fit our personalities.

Following the Southeast Regional Conference, the Zeta State committee appointments were completed. I am so impressed with the progress these first committees have made. Be sure to look at the list of state officers, state committee chairmen, and state committee members. How many of these women represent your chapter?

As summer gives way to fall, I know that the Zeta State members will continue to exhibit the fire of enthusiasm that began in June. I encourage each chapter to help us achieve the six Zeta State goals for the 2007-2009 biennium: (1) Scholarship funds shall be increased by 5 percent of endowment per year. (2) Each chapter shall have a NET gain of two members during the biennium. (3) All chapters shall have a representative attend at least one meeting above the chapter level (district meeting, state convention, chapter leadership training, Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar, Zeta State Executive Board Meeting). (4) Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar shall have twenty participants. (5) Two or more Zeta State members shall apply for the International Golden Gift Leadership Seminar and/or an International Golden Gift stipend. (6)

Each chapter shall implement a mentoring program.

I challenge each of you to live the President's theme: Light the Way: Lead, Laugh, Learn.

Dear Members of Zeta State Organization:

Forty-five of your members helped make our 2007 Southeast Regional Conference a resounding success by their attendance and participation! More than 600 members and guests were professionally enriched through the pre-conference leadership seminars, the pre-conference Cornet *Sell Your Success!* seminar, 62 professional and personal interest workshops on five different thematic strands, the U.S. Forum, and five speakers at three general sessions and the two conference meal functions.

Your members were very visible in the conference program: Dr. Sharon Enzor coordinated the presentation of flags, exhibited in the Info Fair, and presented two workshops; Betty Oswald exhibited at the Infor Fair, presented a workshop, and played piano for a general session and the banquet; Evelyn Barron presided at a general session; Sylvia Haver and Brenda Jones presented their musical talents for the Celebration Luncheon; Sandra McKiernon gave an inspiration on caring at the banquet and presented a workshop; Dr. Aleta Sullivan presented a workshop and was recognized as a 2006-07 Cornet Award recipient and facilitated a workshop; Janis McCoy, Linda Lightsey, Anna Faye Kelley-Winders, Jeanette Reinike, Linda Hollingsworth, Karen Fayard, and Lynn Holliday presented or facilitated workshops.

I am very grateful to all of you. I am also thankful that you invited me to attend your Mississippi Luncheon on Saturday, and I apologize that conference business kept me from attending, at the last minute.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting our sisters in Louisiana and the city of New Orleans. I know that you will share your experiences with Zeta State members who were unable to attend, and let them know what a wonderful conference, and city, they missed. I also am confident that you will share the knowledge you gained from the conference with members at the chapter, district and state levels as you share the wisdom and passion you brought home with you from the conference.

Your outgoing president and officers receive my appreciation for all they did to help me plan and implement the conference program. Your 2007-2009 state officers have a wealth of knowledge and support from those retiring officers and from all of us at the international level. You know that I am just a phone call or email away, and within driving distance of Mississippi! Let me hear from you.

I look forward to seeing those 45 members and more at our international convention next summer in Chicago.

In great appreciation,

**Jensi Souders**

Southeast Regional Director

**Reflections ..... By Lynn Holliday**

Fried shrimp, grilled oysters, gumbo – oh my! Our Louisiana sisters and Southeast Director, Jensi Souders showed us a wonderful time at the Southeast Regional Conference. Louisiana Night at Mardi Gras World, outstanding workshops, and entertaining sessions made the conference unforgettable. Friendships were made and renewed and knowledge was gained from the Pre Conference Seminar and Society presentations. As your Immediate Past President, I would like to thank those of you who participated as presenters, facilitators, and attendees as well as those who provided music to help make the pre-conference and conference in New Orleans a SUCCESS. Those of you who could not attend the New Orleans event should make an effort to go to the next Regional Conference. Forty-five Zeta State members were able to attend the 2007 conference; let's double that for the conference in Little Rock in 2009.

Going above the chapter level to such events as our regional conference really makes us realize what our Society stands for and the potential we can attain in the organization. In the next few months Zeta State members will have the opportunity to attend District Meetings and LAMP as well as attend the International Convention in Chicago. Plan to do something for yourself and learn more about yourself and the Society.

**Zeta State Officer Training**

When we are asked to assume positions of leadership and responsibility in Zeta State and in our chapters, two things are givens: that guidance and support will be provided and that resources are abundant, available, and accessible. Karen Rhodes and the 2005-2007 Leadership Development Committee facilitated such training when the incoming and the outgoing state officers gathered at Lake Tiak O'Khata on July 18-19 for State Officer Training Retreat.

The opening session provided an opportunity for the newly-elected officers to receive from their predecessors files, folders, tips, and suggestions for continuing the work of Zeta State. Sharon Enzor, Chairman of the newly-established Policies and Procedures Review Committee, reviewed the updated *Policies and Procedures Manual*. Immediate Past Zeta State President Lynn Holliday focused on recent changes in the duties of some state officers.

In addition to explaining the 2007-2008 budget, State Treasurer Sarah Smith gave details about the nine Zeta State funds and their administration and the state's financial policies.

Encouraging the team approach to leadership in 2007-2009, incoming President Jeanette Reinike sought input in establishing, refining, and implementing goals for the biennium and in developing a calendar for 2007-2008.

Each member of the leadership team left the workshop feeling confident and prepared to tackle the duties and responsibilities of her office.



**More Thank You notes...**

Dear Zeta State Members,

On behalf of Linda McCrary and myself, I would like to thank all of you who participated in our collection of money for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Emergency Fund. Thanks to those who contributed items for the raffle or contributed money for the fund by buying raffle tickets, joining in our auction and by dropping money in the collection bags. We never would have been able to pull it all together without your help. You know who you are and so do we. If I tried to name everyone, I would be sure to leave someone out. Just know that because of you, Southeast Regional director Jensi Souders was able to hand a check in the amount of \$8809 to Corlea Plowman at the Presidents' Banquet in New Orleans. Thanks to you our sisters devastated by natural disasters will find a helping hand through the Emergency Fund. God bless all of you,

Vera Jo Henegar,

Co-chair SE Regional Conference  
Emergency Fund Collection

Dear Friends in Zeta State,

It was such a pleasure to be with you at your Spring Convention in Jackson. I couldn't have come at a more appropriate time to see the beauty of your State. I can truly say that you went "Above and Beyond" in your hospitality.

Thank you for for the gorgeous "dogwood pin" that will be treasured by me as a memory of the outstanding members in Mississippi.

Congratulations to your outgoing officers and chairmen. I was impressed with the quality of the actions and reports. Best wishes for a successful biennium to your incoming officers. I know you are in good hands and will look forward to hearing of future accomplishments.

Warm regards,

Jackie Cuppy  
Immediate Past International President



Sarah Smith, Edna Cupit, Dot Rieves  
Louisiana Night

ZETA STATE OFFICERS' CHAPTER VISITATION SCHEDULE

NAME	OFFICE	CHAPTER	DATE
Karen Fayard	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Psi	September 8, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Zeta	September 29, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Eta	October 9, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Pi	October 13, 2007
Linda Lightsey	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gamma	November 3, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Theta	November 5, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Alpha Chi	November 10, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Rho	November 27, 2007
Jeanette Reinike	President	Beta/Tau	January 12, 2008
Jeanette Reinike	President	Alpha Upsilon	April 26, 2008

**M & M's: Membership & Mentoring**  
**Toni Cook, Zeta State Membership Chairman**

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce your new ZETA State Membership Committee. Toni Cook (Alpha Upsilon) is serving as Membership Chairman. Mary Jane Jackson (Alpha Psi ) is serving as Northern District Representative, Nikki Musgrove (Beta Alpha) and Tracey Crawford (Alpha Chi) are serving as Central District Representatives, Debbie Rogers (Zeta) is serving as Southern District Representative and Marsha Cummings (Alpha Lambda) is serving as Consultant.

The Membership Committee met in September to plan the upcoming year. Our main focus for this biennium is "M & M's: Membership and Mentoring." We want to encourage and support chapters in establishing mentoring programs for new members and/or new teachers. Many chapters already have some type of mentoring program in place, whether it is through the chapter or through the local schools. We would like to encourage you to share these ideas by compiling a list of best mentoring practices and emailing them to [tlcook1212@aol.com](mailto:tlcook1212@aol.com). We would like to use this information as we prepare for our mentoring workshops at the upcoming district meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are excited to be a part of the 2007-2009 biennium as we "Light the Way: Lead, Laugh, Learn." We plan to do all of this and more. Won't you join us?

**Share the Future**

The Share the Future Committee met in September to discuss the Headquarters and the Red Rose Award. For those of you who don't know, our new Headquarters is located in the Physical Plant building on the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College. The directions to Headquarters are available at [deltakappagamma.org/MS](http://deltakappagamma.org/MS). Please feel free to contact Zeta State President Jeanette Reinike if you would like more information about Headquarters.

Please remember that Red Rose Award information is due by February 1<sup>st</sup> to Carol Rigby, Chairman of

Share the Future Committee. Those chapters giving a Red Rose Award will be recognized at the upcoming district meetings. Janice Puckett has red rose pins available for purchase. The cost of the pins is \$10 plus shipping and handling. Please email Janice at (deleted for web safety) if your chapter would like to purchase a pin. Pins will also be available at each district meeting.

#### **Zeta State Scholarships Available**

The Clytee Evans and the Amanda Lowther Scholarships are available to members pursuing graduate degrees. Contact your chapter president for the forms and send completed packet to Zeta State Scholarship Committee Chairman Betsy Sullivan. **Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2008.**

#### **Zeta State Grant-in-Aid**

An incoming college senior who has received your chapter's grant-in-aid is eligible to apply for the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid. Contact Zeta State Professional Affairs Chairman Kathy Drummond for additional information. **Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2008.**

#### **Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship Available**

The Mary Stuart Harmon Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 is available to members enrolled in degree programs above that of the Master's Degree. Contact Liesa Weaver, Chairman of the Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees for more information. **Application materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2008.**

### **2007 Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar**

On June 19-22, 2007 Zeta State held its Leadership Management Seminar (LMS) at Lake Tiak O'Khata. The Leadership Development Committee members Karen Rhodes, Carol Rigby, Sharon Enzor, Toni Cook, Nancy Jay, Betty Barrett, Sandra McKiernon and Sarah Smith along with the several guest speakers provided opportunities for both personal and professional growth to the selected applicants. There were thirteen participants from all across our state. They included Annette Taylor, Xi; Becky Campbell, Alpha Theta; Devon Sellers, M; Janis McCoy, Eta; Susan Berryhill, Iota; Nikki Musgrove, Beta Alpha; Mary Jane Jackson, Alpha Psi; Charlynn Harvey, Omega; Tracey Crawford, Alpha Chi; Betty Moak, Alpha Nu; Marlynn Martin, Pi; Betty Lindsay, Nu; and Barbara Fulton, Nu. Many of these participants applied for the CEUs that were available for participation in the Seminar.

The 2007 LMS participants had the opportunity to learn about physical fitness with Sarah Smith and medical issues that effect women by Dr. Melinda Rush. Linda Davis, Assistant Attorney General talked with us about identity theft. Betty Oswald reminded us that the image we show in our appearance and manners, communicates many things about ourselves to everyone we meet. We were also fortunate to have Dr. Jensi Souders, Southeast Regional Director, to challenge us as to how to set and achieve personal and professional goals. Always a treat was Chef John Pelton's Heart Healthy cooking demonstration and tips as well as the "tasting" at lunch. Law From a Woman's Perspective by Betty



Leadership Management Seminar  
2007

The graduation ceremony was a very special time. The participants created a powerpoint of the highlights of the seminar. Be sure to come to the district meetings where we will share their presentation.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REGISTRATION

**Send Registration to:** **Ms. Jean Ricks**  
(Address deleted for web safety)

OFFICE/POSITION HELD: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter President  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Stand-In for  
 \_\_\_\_\_ President  
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DIETARY RESTRICTION:



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Zeta State District Meetings  
Registration**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration/Refreshments: 8:00-9:00

Meetings/Luncheon: 9:00-2:00

Indicate which meeting you will be attending:

- ☐ Central District (March 29, 2008), Brandon High School, Brandon  
☐ Northern District (April 5, 2008), Indianola Academy, Indianola  
☐ Southern District (April 19, 2008), Mississippi Gulf Coast College, Perkinston

Check if applicable:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President    | <input type="checkbox"/> State Committee Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restriction      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | Please Specify _____                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending First Time |   |

Registration and Luncheon Fees: \$25 before deadline/\$40 after deadline

Central District Deadline: postmarked March 15, 2008

Northern District Deadline: postmarked March 22, 2008

Southern District Deadline: postmarked April 5, 2008

Make checks payable to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - District Meeting

Mail Registration Forms to:

Northern District

Billy Jo Box

Southern District

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