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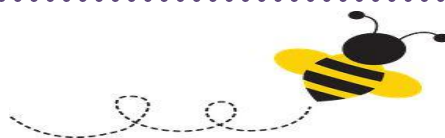
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## The Busy Bee

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### Hello Sisters!!

The School Bell has rung and I know many of you were just as excited as your students to begin another new year. It seems we just finished up the last school year -times seem to fly by. It is exciting to see the many pictures of kid's first day at school, and many of you have posted your room, ready and waiting their arrival. I hope this year be a truly exciting time for all!

We have been busy this summer with the Gulf Regional Conference held in Montgomery, Alabama in June. We had a great group of sisters to attend and enjoyed meeting old and new friends, attending workshops, training and gaining new information for the coming year. We were also very pleased to announce that our own Carol Ann Drane, winner of the Excellence in Education award for Mississippi was honored by being selected to represent the Gulf Region at International Convention in July, 2019. Congratulations again to Carol Ann for all her work with special children and a wonderful career in teaching. There were many deserving candidates and we were proud that Carol Ann was selected to represent the Gulf Region.

We recently held our membership training for officers on August 11 at Belhaven University campus. We had 14 of our 18 chapters represented with excellent workshops carried out by the executive board members. All enjoyed the time of questions being answered, friends being made, connections made with sister chapters and exciting ideas about recruitment and altruistic projects. We raised money for the Ronald McDonald House and for scholarship. Thanks to the generosity of all the sisters attending.

Board members are making plans now to attend as many October Founder's day meetings as possible. Please let me or another board members know when your founders day celebrations will be taking place. The president packets were sent via e-blast, so I hope your chapter has them now. Our next important form due is the **Chapter Needs Assessment** - due by **August 31**. Hopefully you can send those electronically to international headquarters.

If you have not joined our Mississippi Alpha Delta Kappa Facebook closed group, please go online and ask to be included. We often send updates using Facebook, and want to encourage you to post your chapter's news and photos. Let's keep connected and learn from our sister chapters.

*Sandra*

*Bee the Sunshine!*



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a Sunflower, so that even  
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sunlight.



*Sister Concerns: Please let your state Chaplin know of serious illness or concerns from your chapter. We want to be responsive and informed of chapter needs. Keep in your thoughts and Prayers.....*

Mary King, Kappa

Nan Christian, Alpha

Betty Neal, Tau

Barbara McCay – Alpha Gamma



At the 2018 Gulf Regional Conference, we received a report on the AΔK Foundation and it's earnings since the beginning of the biennium through June 1, 2018. Contributions from across our organization to the Alzheimer's Association from the foundation were \$35,000. Mississippi's Bee Strong Team supported "The Longest Day through various projects by individuals and chapters. Our state goal of \$1000 was exceeded by a few hundred dollars! Thank you to all who made a special effort to contribute to this cause.

### **Announcements and Deadlines**

#### **International or Gulf Regional:**

- Distinguished Program Award, DPA - due by August 31, 2018.
- Chapter Needs Assessment – due by August 31, 2018 – Thanks to those who have already sent theirs in!!
- 2019 Educational Symposium Application -due by September 1, 2018
- Gulf Regional Mini - Scholarship - due by October 15, 2018
- 990-N IRS E Postcard or (990-EZ) due by October 15, 2018
- Proposed Resolutions & International Bylaw Amendments due by October 15, 2018

#### **State:**

- Date –Time and Location of Founder's Day Programs – due September 1, 2018 – State President
- The following Dates are set: Pine Belt –Monday October 15 North Mississippi – Tuesday, October 20.

President Chapter Yearbook - due by October 1, 2028 – State President

- FUN DAY dates and place will be confirmed soon – March 30 is the tentative date, Jackson, MS

*Mississippi Sisters at Gulf Regional Conference  
June 28 to July 1, 2018*

**Mississippi sisters gathered before the banquet at the end of the Conference.**



**Our State Banner, Flag and Logo and Theme was presented to the Gulf Regional Conference**





## Members participated in and led workshops



**Sisters Assisted with Registration  
and Altruistic Sales**



**Alpha Epsilon raised money for Scholarships!!  
They sold out of many items!!**



**Mississippi's State Altruistic Table Raised over \$700 for Scholarships in sales!!**

**Mississippi sisters held a State meeting and shared information and ideas.**





**Mississippi's own Carol Ann Drane was selected as the Gulf Region Excellence in Education winner! Way to go Carol Ann!**



**Mississippi was recognized for Mississippi Chapter's Altruistic Reporting!!**



**The memorial service was very special!**





We were privileged to hear a dynamic speaker at our Luncheon. We were all brought to tears by Elizabeth Huntley's story of how School was her lifeline in the story of her early struggles in life --but because of teachers who cared -- she became an successful attorney and highly acclaimed author and advocate for children's rights.

*Our distinguished International President, Sue Pelchat and International Representative, Ann Marie Brown invited members to attend the International convention in 2019 to be held in Minnesota. Make your plans now to attend!!*



*Gulf Regional IVP, Sherry Sublett tracked our altruistic project for Puerto Rico – We exceeded our goal and raised almost \$28,000 with sales still being counted at the end of the convention! Thank you Mississippi Sisters for your donations so that the needs of the children of Puerto Rico will be improved.*





**Mississippi Sisters joined in singing during the conference!**



**Even a broken foot did not slow Gretchen down!**



**Our Mississippi group shared one meal together and of course we had plenty to eat all weekend!**





### **Leadership Training – August 11, 2018**

We had 13 of our 18 Mississippi chapters represented at the Officer Training Workshop, held at Belhaven University. Members were attentive, enthusiastic and participated by asking questions and sharing ideas with the group. A few photos of our sisters and executive board interacting and enjoying a time of learning and fellowship!



Members attending the 3 P's (President, President Elect, & Immediate Past President) Session were all business!!



**Elaine Bridges (above) and Brucie Williford (below) are shown with their groups giving information and answering questions.**







**Members shared ideas and projects with sister chapters!**



**Kat Hamiter and Julie Correro helped the 3 P's navigate the International Website and provided samples and timely information to the leaders of the chapters!**

Of course there was plenty of food to enjoy!



Sarah manned the table for door prizes with donations collected for the RMH and Scholarships!



*The Ronald McDonald House Charities is in need of the following 'Wish List' Items – Please include them in your altruistic projects this year:*

**Office:**

Office Depot Gift Cards; Toner Cartridge for Brother printers (TN-630 or TN-660); Postage Stamps

**Food/ Kitchen Needs:**

Individual-wrapped food items (Candy, Snack Cakes, Trail Mix); Disposable forks; Disposable Bowls

**Cleaning Needs:**

"Magic Erasers"; "Magic Eraser" mops; 33 gallon Trash Bags; Toilet bowl brushes with stand

**General:**

'Discount Store' gift cards; Home improvement store gift cards

**Bee the Sunshine this year!**