

ALPHA XI NEWS



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Alpha Xi Members attend State Convention



Pictured from left, Donna Lamkin, Nancy Bibler, Beverly Smith, Maxine Williams, Kim Thurman (not pictured, Jeanette Esch, Deanna James, and Renee Ziemann)

Members of Alpha Xi attended the Xi State Convention June 7-9, 2018 at Sewanee. Attendees served as table hostesses and pages. Donna Lamkin and Jeanette Esch sold items in the mini-mall. A variety of breakout sessions offered members a chance to develop skills using Google applications, become more informed on changes to the DKG constitution, and learn how to “zentangle”.

The efforts of the chapter paid off earning Gold level for the Maycie Southall Chapter Excellence Award. The chapter display (created by Jeanette Esch and assembled by Beverly Smith) highlighted the many events and programs of our chapter in a whimsical “Alice in Wonderland” theme. Members can view the display at the summer picnic. Finally, our “Made in Tennessee” baskets for the silent auction brought in multiple bids. Each of these reflect a vibrant, active chapter dedicated the mission and purposes of DKG.

NEXT MEETING

Monday July 23, 2018

Annual Summer Picnic

PLACE: Greenway Farms (formerly known as Spangler Farm)

Hixson, TN 37343

TIME: 5-7 p.m.

MENU: Potluck Dinner

Visit perfectpotluck.com to sign up for a dish to bring.

Coordinator: Phillips

Password: alphaxi723

PROGRAM: Celebrate accomplishments and honor our High School essay contest winners.

Reminder:

⇒ Members are asked to bring donations for goody bags for teachers at Woodmore Elementary. Bring a bag already filled or just contents.

President's Message

This is the year I dedicate myself to learning the words to the Delta Kappa Gamma song. It's kind of a bear. I have been reading and re-reading the lyrics, noting the rhymes ("calling," "falling," "palling"), the oddly constructed phrasing ("To us pioneers have given"), and those poetic contractions seen nowhere else than in songs of yore ("ne'er, 'tis", "e'er"). Approaching the song as a text to decode is just part of committing the words to memory. There must be a moment when meaning is attached to those words: personal connections, connotations, associations.



As we begin a new biennium and I look toward the work we will undertake, I pause on the words of the song that offer acknowledgment to the past and a call to the tasks ahead:

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,
For our sisters' watch e'er keeping,
Deeds of others now we're reaping,
We for others stand!

We have a firm foundation on which to build. Loyal membership and a committed spirit of service are the hallmarks of Alpha Xi. Attendance has been excellent, with 20 or more members at every meeting.

Our chapter's outreach to others is evident in our continuing support of Woodmore Elementary School, the Northside Neighborhood House, and Ronald McDonald House. At every chapter meeting, members have made donations such as supplies for high school nurses, calendars for vets, money for Hurricane Harvey victims, and books for children.

At the recent State Convention, Alpha Xi received kudos for its participation in the Silent Auction, the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence Gold Chapter, and Highest Honors for Chapter Newsletters and Print Publicity.

By all measures, Alpha Xi is a healthy, thriving chapter. So here we are at the beginning of the 2018-2020 biennium, and our DKG song offers a call to action- a renewal of our vows to one another and to those we serve:

Hand in hand, our loyal band,
Forward moving, ever!
Onward! 'tis our sisters need us,
Courage, Faith, and Honor lead us!
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us!
Firmly, we shall stand!

See you at the picnic! Maybe we can solve the mystery of the last word in the DKG song, "aye." Is it pronounced "I" or "A"???

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



Make plans to attend the summer picnic at Greenway Farm in Hixson.

Directions: From Hwy 153 headed north, turn right onto Hamill Road (CVS will be on corner on your right). Those headed south on Hwy 153 will turn left onto Hamill Rd. Go approximately 1.7 miles to Gann Store Road. Turn right and continue making right turns on Gann Store Road to the former Spangler Farm House, not the North Chickamauga Conservatory. The Farm House sits near the creek.

Sign up to bring a dish at perfectpotluck.com

Coordinator: Phillips password : alphaxi723

Program: We will host and honor our high school essay winners (see list below).



First Place

Virginia Condry-Chattanooga High School
Center for the Creative Arts

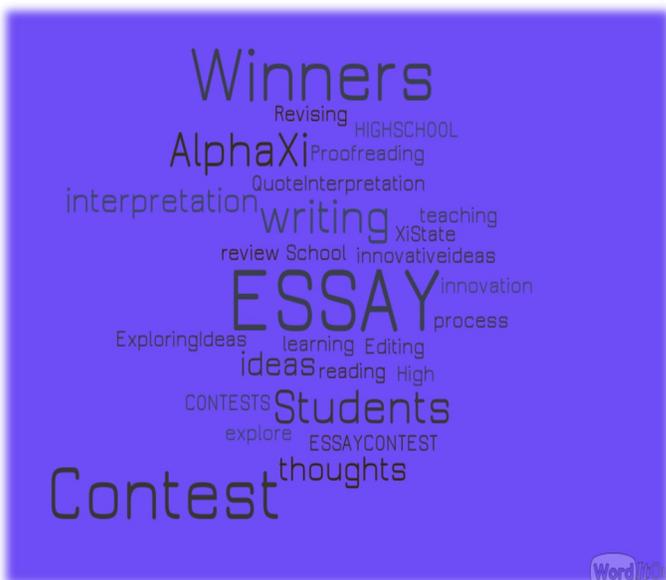
Second Place (tie)

Amari Ratliff-Tyner Academy

Graham Shults -Chattanooga High School
for the Creative Arts

Third Place

Taniya Nichols-Tyner Academy



MEMBER NEWS

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SPOTLIGHT

Judy Leach Is a Fifty-year Member of Alpha Xi

Judy Leach became a member of Alpha Xi in 1968. She taught English and was the librarian at four different Hamilton County schools—City High, Howard, Tyner Middle, and Brainerd Middle.

Judy is the only two-time president of Alpha Xi. She has served in other offices and on many committees over the years. She was also treasurer for six years. In 2011 she was awarded the Order of the Rose at Xi State for her service and commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Judy and her husband of fifty-two years Scott, whom she lost recently, attended Ridgedale Baptist Church. She served as the church librarian there for many years. Recent illness and surgeries have limited her ability to attend church services and chapter meetings, so she asked to be made a reserve member this past year.

Judy still enjoys reading, mainly mysteries. She has also spent time doing needlework since retiring after thirty years of teaching. She hopes her health will improve enough for her to attend meetings once in a while. She is planning to move to a new home in September, so be sure to look for her new address in the next yearbook.

(article contributed by Karen Phillips)



Judy Leach

50 Year Member of Alpha Xi

Looking Ahead...

- July 23 Annual Summer Picnic
- Sept. 13 Meeting hosted by Education Services Committee* Update on changes to DKG Constitution
- Oct. 16 Meeting hosted by Communications/Finance Committees*
- Nov. 13 New Member Initiation. East Brainerd Church of Christ
- Dec. 10 Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's Home

*(Locations and times to be determined)



Member Updates & Concerns

We express our heart-felt sympathies to Judy Leach in the passing of her husband, Scott.

Judy's Contact Info:

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Please keep Ernestine Eldridge in your prayers. She was briefly hospitalized with arthritis pain but is improving.

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July

1 Eloise Litz

7 Norma Cate

13 Ann Pinion

August

7 Jeanette Esch

14 Betty Julian

15 Dot Bayless

15 Julie Hughes

15 Suzanne Rushworth

18 Esther Clark

18 Pam Thompson

20 Raja Bhandari

21 Maxine Williams

31 Betty Thomason