

# ALPHA XI NEWS



## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL XI STATE

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL PROMOTES PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL  
GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

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### Alpha Xi Members Tour UTC Library



Virginia Cairns, UTC librarian, leads the tour of the UTC library. Members are pictured here on the third floor study area of the library.

On March 15th, Alpha Xi members were treated to a tour of the new, high tech, UTC library. Virginia Cairns, librarian, led the tour that included all four floors.

The library is an inviting place that encourages study and learning. Students have access to a writing center and tutoring services as well as production studios on the third floor. There are a number of study rooms; computer labs; and meeting rooms, large and small; available to the UTC learning community.

In addition to these accommodations, students can find numerous quiet areas, including the traditional reading room, that encourage study. The architecture of the building takes advantage of stunning views of the city, the river, and the campus. The tour provided abundant information about the services and advantages that today's students, and even alumni, can enjoy.

### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday, April 21st**

#### Founder's Day Celebration

PLACE: Stuart Heights Baptist  
Church—Hixson Campus

1505 Cloverdale Drive  
Hixson, TN 37343

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PROGRAM: Founder's Day Celebration. Chattanooga Area Coordinating Council of Delta Kappa Gamma will honor Representative JoAnne Favors with the Distinguished Service to Education Award.

Becky Sadowski, DKG International 2nd Vice President, will be the keynote speaker

Reminder:

⇒ Members may still bring items made in Tennessee for the silent auction basket.

## President's Message

As the 2016-2018 biennium draws to a close, I think it's a good time for all of us to reflect on the chapter's work and accomplishments over the past two years. Programs have been very informative. We learned more about efforts to prevent bullying schools, the work and history of the PTA, the Chattanooga Department of Youth and Family Development, the Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults, the downtown library and the UTC library, and Brain Dance. We are all better informed about some of the service organizations in our area, about the amazing technology which has re-shaped libraries, and about projects that are done to keep our students safe and engaged. These programs made us more aware of opportunities for service and involvement in our city.

When I stop to think of the money and the many items donated by our chapter members during the past two years, it's overwhelming! Community groups have been able to restock their shelves with personal hygiene items, with children's books, with paper goods, and more. The Woodmore Elementary staff was reminded of our love and support when we them staff shirts following the terrible bus tragedy. We brightened their days at Christmas with treat-filled mugs. Donations were made to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and to assist DKG members who needed help from the Emergency Fund. The chapter also awarded grants-in-aid to deserving college education majors and made monetary awards to talented writers in the high school essay contest.

And talk about fun! We had it all! Our picnics and Christmas parties gave us time to step away from business. Who can forget the images of members holding paper plates on their heads while they attempted to draw a Christmas tree? We laughed and laughed! We discovered who the best detectives were when we guessed items in the stockings at Christmas. Initiations during the past two years gave us the opportunity to welcome six new members to DKG. I hope they benefit from their membership as much as I have!

Finally, Alpha Xi knows how to party! Our 60th Birthday Celebration was a much anticipated event and did not disappoint. The decorations were phenomenal, the food was delicious, the video of Alpha Xi's history was enjoyable, charter members honored, and the remembrance of those whose legacy we value as past Alpha Xi members was thoughtful. It could not have been better!

I hope you are sitting a little taller and prouder after reading a quick summary of the past two years and realizing all that a close and generous group of women educators have accomplished. Alpha Xi is strong because of its members.... because of YOU and your commitment to make our chapter the best possible. On behalf of the officers from this biennium, THANK YOU for your support, your involvement, and your love for education. I can only imagine what the future holds for Alpha Xi!



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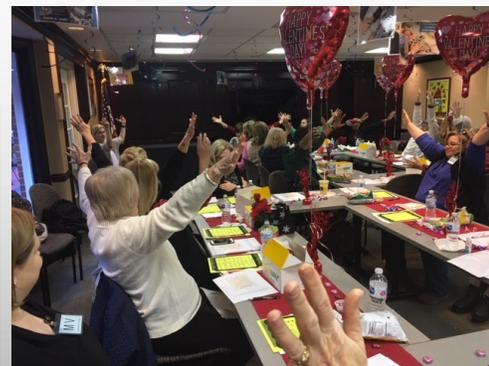
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# BIENNIUM IN REVIEW



# MARCH MEETING RECAP

## 2018-2020 Officers Installed



Alpha Xi officers for the 2018-2020 biennium were installed at the March 15th meeting. From left are Jeanine McKenna, President; Diamond Kelley, First Vice President; Raja Bhandari, Second Vice President; Kim Thurman, Recording Secretary; Barbara Carlton, Corresponding Secretary; and Karen Phillips, Treasurer. Officers will assume their new duties July 1st.



Any member who has not completed the chapter survey which Jeanie McKenna, the new chapter president, sent out earlier is encouraged to do so. This will help the officers with their plans for the new biennium.

MADE IN  TN

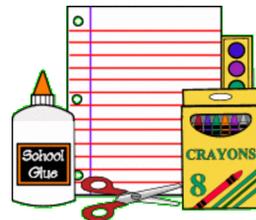
You still have time to bring items made in Tennessee to contribute to the Alpha Xi “Made in TN” basket for the Xi State Silent Auction.

## Grant – in – Aid Recipient Honored

The chapter honored Lauren Leisenning as the 2018 Grant-in-Aid recipient. Lauren is an Early Childhood Education major at UTC. Her qualifications for the grant were evident as she has a very strong background from high school and university work related to teaching. She has served in a mentoring program with MOCS PAWS as a classroom coordinator and then teacher. Other roles include assisting teachers at Brown Academy and at East Brainerd Elementary. In addition, she is a member of the Chattanooga Student Alumni Council. Lauren views teaching as a profession where can have a positive impact on students; moreover, she has a heartfelt belief that she is meant to be a teacher.



Pictured with the recipient are, from left, Karen Phillips, Linda Russell, Lauren Leisenning, Maxine Williams, and Beverly Smith



You know you're a teacher when...

You are obsessed with office supplies, ask for binders, sheet protectors, sharpies, colored pens, and a variety of post-its for your birthday!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Council to Honor Representative JoAnne Fa-

The Chattanooga Area Coordinating Council of Delta Kappa Gamma will be honoring Representative JoAnne Favors with the Distinguished Service to Education Award at the Founders' Day Celebration.

Representative Favors serves District 28 in the Tennessee General Assembly. She serves on the House Business and Utilities, Health, and Rules Committees and has sponsored or co-sponsored numerous bills related to education and healthcare.

Ms. Favors is a retired health administrator and professor of nursing. She has four children and six grandchildren.



Alpha Xi member Donna Lamkin with Rep. Favors at Legislative Symposium 2017



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**April 14**      **Training for new chapter officers (Knoxville)**

**April 21**      **Founders Day Celebration**

**June 7-9**      **Xi State Convention (Sewanee)**

Online registration opened February 1st. Go to [xistate.org](http://xistate.org). Members may pay online through PayPal, or there is a hard copy of the registration form available in the February *Xi State News*. Remember to register before May 1st to avoid late fees.

**July 16 - 20**      **International Convention (Austin, TX)**



## *Member Updates & Concerns*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cheryl Crowe in the passing of her brother-in-law*

*Winton Harris, widower of Harriet Harris, suffered a house fire but family reports that he is doing well.*

### **May**

5 Catie Wills

### **June**

14 Jeanie McKenna

17 Kay Sullivan

18 Nancy Bibler

23 Nancy Franks

26 Cheryl Crowe

