

ALPHA XI NEWS



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Reaching Out to Woodmore



Alpha Xi members deliver shirts to Woodmore faculty
From left, Nancy Franks, Diamond Kelley, Maxine Williams, Karen Phillips,
Wendy Morgan, and Beverly Smith

In the aftermath of the Woodmore Elementary School bus tragedy, Alpha Xi President Beverly Smith asked members for suggestions on how we could help the school. A tremendous community support had already occurred for the victims' families and the school. With input from member Diamond Kelley, a member of the Woodmore faculty, it was learned the faculty would like to have staff t-shirts. After determining the preferred design, securing a t-shirt company, and presenting the project idea to members at our Christmas Tea, Beverly received enthusiastic support and suggestions for sponsoring the t-shirts. On the first day of in-service after Christmas break, members Nancy Franks, Wendy Morgan, Karen Phillips, and Maxine Williams joined Diamond and Beverly at the school to distribute the shirts. Meeting the teachers and staff, offering encouragement, and delivering the shirts forged a bond as Woodmore personnel responded to Alpha Xi with joyous gratitude and an optimistic outlook for the new year.

-Submitted by Alpha Xi member Maxine Williams

NEXT MEETING

Saturday February 11th

Alpha Xi's 60th

Birthday Celebration

PLACE: Ridgedale Baptist Church

1831 Hickory Valley Rd.

Chatt. TN 37421

TIME: Social time is 10:30 a.m.

Program begins at 11:00 a.m.

BRUNCH MENU: Soup, Quiche,
Salad, and Birthday Cake

COST: \$12.00 for members not
providing food

RSVP: Mail check to Karen Phillips
6603 State Line Road, Chatt., TN
37412 or pay at the door.

PROGRAM: A celebration of Alpha Xi's members and history. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Jeni Souders, daughter of founding member, Dot Peck. She is a past Xi State president and past DKG International president.

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Christmas Tea

The December Christmas Tea was held at the beautiful home of Nancy Bibler. This cozy and warm setting put everyone in the Christmas mood as members fellowshiped with one another.

A beautiful table was set with delicious sweets and savories provided by the Executive Board, and Nancy's punch was the perfect complement. After a brief business meeting, Wendy Morgan led the group in a fun game challenging members to draw a Christmas scene on a paper plate— on our heads!!

Members took turns filling and wrapping Christmas mugs with goodies for our friends at Woodmore Elementary, our first outreach to show them our love.

Finally, we were led in the singing of carols by our lovely and talented Julie Hughes and Betty Julian, who accompanied us on the accordion.



~ALPHA XI'S CONTINUING PROJECTS ~

How you can be involved

Bring Children's books to donate to Northside Neighborhood House

The Change Jar
Donate your extra change at each meeting to help fund Alpha Xi's Grant-in-Aid scholarship

Sign up children for the Books from Birth program

President's Message

Allow me to boast a little...



I am so excited about the February 11th celebration of Alpha Xi's 60th birthday, and I hope that every member will turn out for the big event! We have invited VIPs from across the state to be a part of our celebration, including Dr. Jensi Souders who will be our guest speaker. Jensi's mother, Dot Peck, was a charter member of Alpha Xi. It will be a time to reflect on the legacy of Alpha Xi's past members and to celebrate the current membership. This event would not be possible without the dedication and service of Alpha Xi members.

I think that is the beauty of the Alpha Xi chapter...the giving spirit of its members. We never have to beg someone to help with something; there are always willing volunteers. When we prepared the Christmas mugs with goodies for the Woodmore faculty, there was an abundance of mugs and fillers. In fact, we kept finding more boxes of mugs as we cleaned up that night, so three different people made the deliveries to the school. When we proposed sponsoring shirts for the Woodmore staff as an expression of our love and support after the horrific bus accident, members readily stepped up to make that a reality, even when we actually ended up needing twice the original number of shirts. (Be sure to read Maxine Williams' article about the delivery.) When we asked members to prepare food items for the birthday celebration so that we could hold down costs, there were no blanks left on the sign-up sheet. I couldn't be prouder of our group!

I've said it before and I'll say it again: **We are Alpha Xi!** Try saying that out loud (with spirit) and see if it doesn't bring a smile to your face. It certainly does to mine!

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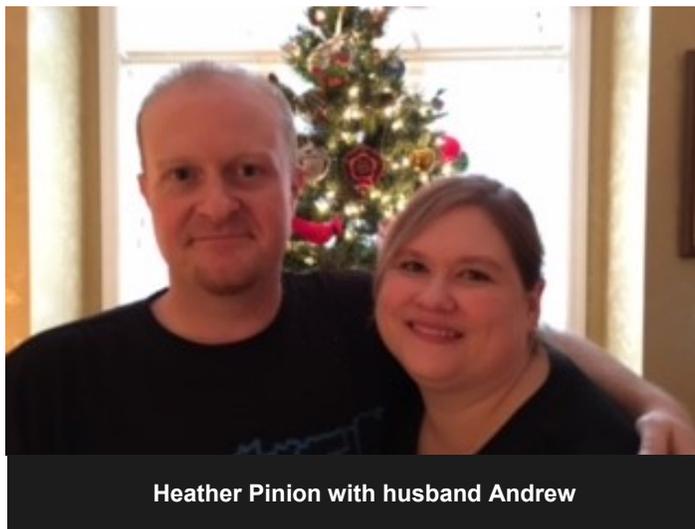
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know...

Heather Pinion

Alpha Xi is excited to welcome new member Heather Pinion. Heather was initiated at the November joint initiation ceremony. We first met Heather at the summer picnic when she came with her mother-in-law, member Ann Pinion. Heather was born in Clarksville, Ten-



Heather Pinion with husband Andrew

nessee and moved to Signal Mountain at age five. Ann Pinion writes of Heather and her family, “I have known her since she moved in two doors away from us. She and her husband Andrew have known each other since that age. They have a sixteen-year old daughter Caitlyn, who is now driving and attends Signal Mountain Middle high School as a sophomore and is saving money for a Haiti mission trip. Heather has an older brother who attended McCallie and lives in the Memphis area and an older sister who also lives in Signal Mountain and works as a nurse. Heather attended MTSU and graduated from UTC with a bachelor’s degree in Education, concentration in science. Her first job was an interim position teaching chemistry at CSAS. She then taught at Ridgeland High School for eight years before moving to Red Bank Middle School. Her mother, Mary Seay, was a librarian in Hamilton County.

In her spare time, Heather represents Rodan + Fields skin care products. She would be happy to give you a sample or do a facial for you. She is an avid animal lover and has two cats and a dog. On weekends, you may find her shopping.”

-Submitted by Ann Pinion



ALPHA XI 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2017

**Ridgedale Baptist Church
1831 Hickory Valley Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421**

Social Time 10:30 a.m.

Brunch 11:00 a.m.

Please note the following information regarding the celebration:

- Table **hostesses** are needed, please contact Jeanette j_burkhart55@hotmail.com or 332-4153, if you can help.
- If you would like to help **decorate**, please arrive by **9 a.m.**
- If you are providing **food**, please be there by **10:15**.
- The cost to members not providing food is **\$12.00**

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Feb 11— 60th birthday celebration planned by ad-hoc committee

Thursday, Mar 16 — Tour of UTC library—hosted by the Educational Excellence committee/ literacy focus/5:30

Apr/May— Founders Day with other chapters/ Alpha Xi's responsibility is Decorations; hosted by Membership committee/ 5:30 pm

Concerns

Please keep our friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Esther Taj spent a few days in the hospital in December with a wound that wouldn't heal. But she is home now and feeling better.

Please send concerns and corrections to Joyce Campbell
jckhanum@comcast.net



January Birthdays

2 Wendy Morgan

8 Joyce Campbell

10 Deana James

12 Barbara Nelson

25 Cynthia Blakemore

30 Judy Leach

February Birthdays

21 Rose Dover

28 Diamond Kelley