

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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Community Emphasis at October Meeting



The October meeting was held at Adele's Creperie in downtown Chattanooga and was hosted by the Planning Committee. The meeting provided a number of opportunities for members to contribute to various projects. Our generous members donated calendars to the Liz Morton Project, money to the victims of Hurricane Harvey, and books/supplies to the Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults, emphasizing our chapter's commitment to participating in programs of action.

Pam Ladd, CEO of the Partnership was the guest speaker. The Partnership is Chattanooga's oldest non-profit organization, bringing help and hope to the neediest of the city.

The Partnership, as part of their Youth Service work, assists other organizations to address the needs of foster children in our area. Recruiting foster families, providing supervised visitation, and helping foster children in their transition to work or school are just three ways the Partnership assists the foster system.

Their Victim Services program funds a Rape Crisis Center, a 24-hour hotline, a shelter for families who have suffered domestic abuse, an after-school care program for shelter children, and police training for serving domestic violence victims.

In their Elder Services work, the Partnership provides advocates for seniors who are in area nursing homes without family support.

Alpha Xi donations of books and supplies will allow the Partnership to stretch its funding for all programs.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 12th

PLACE: Nancy Bibler's Home

905 Oak Street

Chattanooga, TN

TIME: 4:30—6:00

Holiday Savories & Sweets provided by the Executive Board

PROGRAM: Fun Christmas activities and special time of honor and remembrance of Marguerite Santich and Harriett Harris. Jeni Sourders will be our special guest.

DECEMBER PROJECTS:

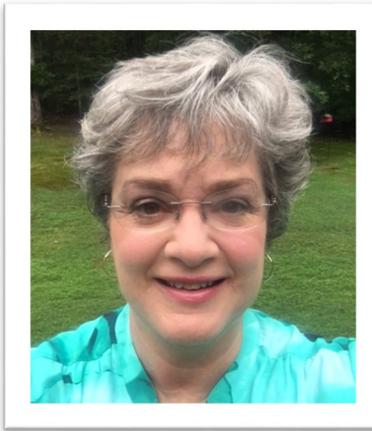
- Gift mugs for Woodmore Elementary Staff
- Hamilton County High School nurses care packages
- Donations for victims of Hurricane Harvey

{see pages 5 & 6 for details on these projects}

President's Message

Let's Be Recommitted!

What a special evening many of us shared when we initiated three new members into the Alpha Xi chapter of DKG. I hope you will make a concerted effort to get to know Renee, Lynda, and Brooke at future meetings. All three are impressive women educators and we are blessed to count them in our number.



During the initiation ceremony the seven purposes of the Society are read. When I hear them, I'm always impressed that the twelve Founders developed these with such vision, especially when communication was not as easy as it is now. While we generally don't think of these purposes often, I'd like to share with you a "modern translation" of the purposes that I found in a TX state organization leadership document a few years ago. As you read them, I hope you'll think, "They're talking about me!"

Purpose 1: To be an active member of a world-wide organization.

Purpose 2: To honor women of distinction.

Purpose 3: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

Purpose 4: To strive for the best legislation for our schools and education.

Purpose 5: To give financial assistance to women of excellence in their pursuit of higher education.

Purpose 6: To inspire our members to be excellent educators as well as to be women of integrity.

Purpose 7: To remain knowledgeable of current subjects and global issues.

As a part of that same document there is a brief explanation of DKG's symbols, and I'd like to share that as well:

The roses and the color gold: **Friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness**

The wreath of laurel leaves: **Achievements**

The color crimson: **Courage and leadership**

The cup: **Knowledge**

The lamp and open book: **Wisdom and scholarship**

The golden ellipse: **Working for the good of all**

Alpha Xi members, let's be recommitted to fulfilling these seven purposes and to being "human" symbols of the DKG symbols. I am thankful for all of you!

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2017 INITIATION



DKG 2017 Joint Initiation of the Chattanooga Chapters

Alpha Xi had 24 members in attendance at the November joint initiation. Back row from left, Beverly Smith, Norma Cate, Suzanne Rushworth, Deanna James, Wendy Morgan, Julie Hughes, Betty Thomason, Nancy Bibler, Diamond Kelley, Middle row from left, Kim Thurman, Jeannette Esch, Jeannie McKenna, Maxine Williams, Barbara Carlton, Joyce Campbell, Esther Taj, Karen Phillips, Front row from left, Rose Dover, Renee Ziemann, Brooke Hopkins, Lynda Russell, Ernestine Eldridge. (Dot and Melissa Bayless were unable to attend due to the weather.)



2017 INITIATION

New Member

SPOT LIGHT

Brooke Hopkins

Brooke currently works as the gifted teacher at Sale Creek Middle/High, Brainerd High, Soddy Daisy Middle, and Rivermont Elementary Schools. She is married to Mark Hopkins and has two daughters, Ruth and Grace. She has served as Girl Scout leader and trainer and board member of Camp Lookout. She is a life-long resident of Chattanooga and is planning a trip to Europe this summer with her husband to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Welcome to Alpha Xi, Brooke!

Lynda Russell

Lynda is a retired elementary teacher and has taught in both Tennessee and Georgia. She is married to Ray, has two children, Lee Ann and Ray, and twelve grandchildren, three of which are special needs children adopted by her daughter. Lynda was named Marion County teacher of the year and Graysville Elementary teacher of the year. She loves to travel, her most recent trip being to New York City, and her favorite areas to visit are Bar Harbor and Mackinaw. Another interest that keeps her busy is refurbishing vintage furniture in a business she runs with her sister. The pair sell their furniture and gifts in three area galleries. She is an active member of the East Brainerd Church of Christ. We are pleased to welcome Lynda to Alpha Xi.



New Initiates

(From left) Brooke Hopkins, Lynda Russell, Renee Ziemann

Renee Ziemann

Renee moved to Chattanooga eight years ago from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. She has a Master's Degree in Library Science and is the librarian at Sale Creek Middle High School. She is married to Bo Baker who is a librarian at UTC and has two daughters Josephine, age 5, and Eloise, age 1. One of her favorite pastimes is watching murder mysteries and when living in Minnesota, Renee spent her free time curling and cross-country skiing. Her new hometown has forced new outdoor activities to replace those frozen ones from the north, like doing yoga on a paddle board! Alpha Xi is excited to welcome Renee to our chapter.

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR GIVING AND INVOLVEMENT

"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation" Corrie Ten Boom



Hurricane Harvey Help

Members who would like to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey have four options:

- Donate to the Campus Helping Hands project organized by the TX state organization of DKG.
- Donate to the Salvation Army.
- Donate to the American Red Cross.
- Donate to the DKG Emergency Fund.

For any of these options, members can bring a check to the December meeting or send a check to Karen Phillips and she will make a group donation on behalf of the chapter.

Care Packages For High School Nurses

School nurses play a key role in our schools and Alpha Xi would like to help them stock their supply chests. Suzanne Rushworth worked with the school nurse at Hixson High School to compile the list below of needed items.

Kleenex

Plastic spoons

Clorox/Lysol wipes

Solo cups

Gallon-size zip lock bags

Hand sanitizer

Refreezable ice packs

Bottle water

Disposable wash cloths

Snacks (fruit cups, graham crackers, saltines, raisins, individual peanut butter servings)

Bring your donation to the December meeting. We will develop a plan to deliver the packages before and after the break.

Donation Scholar's Hat

At the Christmas Tea in December, members will have the opportunity to contribute to funding the Second and Third place awards for the **High School Essay Contest**. Due to a donation at the September meeting, the fund is short only \$47. Please consider making a donation that will encourage and reward essay winners.



Grant—in—Aid

Each year, the Educational Services Committee awards one education major who is in his or her senior year a \$500 scholarship.

A jar to collect loose change is available at each meeting to help fund this scholarship. Remember to bring your loose change for the jar!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

FOR GIVING AND INVOLVEMENT

Woodmore Gift Mug Project



Show our continued love and support for the Woodmore staff.

Bring a filled mug or items to contribute to filling mugs to the December Tea.

Ideas for mug items:

- Candy, candy canes, gum, mints
- Lotion, candle, hand sanitizer, sachet,
- Hot chocolate, cider, tea packets
- Pens, pencils, sharpies
- Cellophane, ribbons for wrapping

Liz Morton Hospitalized Veterans Calendar Project

Alpha Xi will collect 2018 calendars now through December. Please bring any 2018 calendar (either purchased or received by mail) to **Suzanne Rushworth**.



2018 High School Essay Contest Guidelines

THE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST IS MOVING TO THE FALL. The guidelines for submitting essays has changed. Essays will be submitted electronically, instead of being mailed. A gmail account has been set up to receive the electronic submissions. The contest information, guidelines, deadlines, and cover sheet are attached.

The student will email his/her essay to one school official (teacher, guidance counselor, instructional coach, etc.). The school official will email the essays to the contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter by December 8, 2017. The contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter will attach all of the essays from the school in one email and send them to xistate.essay@gmail.com by December 15, 2017.

In the case that a chapter is sending essays from more than one school, each school's essays should be sent in separate emails. In the subject line indicate your chapter name and the name of the school.

OPPORTUNITIES

For Professional Growth

XI STATE VISION FOUNDATION PROJECT/GRANT Guidelines

- I. All applicants must be a current member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Xi State Organization.
- II. Grant Criteria: to provide financial assistance to conduct educational research and/or to develop special projects related to the improvement of education in Tennessee.
- III. Only applications which meet grant criteria and are submitted on the correct form will be considered.
- IV. No grant will exceed \$1000.
- V. This application must be electronically dated by midnight CST on **December 31**. All applicants will receive notification of the decision of the Vision Foundation Board by March 1. Checks will be issued shortly thereafter.
- VI. A record of your experiences must be submitted to the Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Xi State Vision Foundation within two months of the completion of the project.
- VII. Grant recipients will present a workshop and/or report at the Vision Foundation Coffee at the next Xi State convention.
- VIII. Application must be submitted by email to: Nancy Hickey
nhickey@eplus.net

XI STATE VISION FOUNDATION

Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award Guidelines

- I. All applicants must be a current member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Xi State Organization and employed in an educational setting during the period covered by the award.
- II. Award Criteria: attend a seminar, workshop, or professional meeting.
- III. Only applications which meet award criteria and are submitted on the correct form will be considered.
- IV. No more than one applicant will receive the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award annually with the amount of the award not to exceed \$1000.
- V. This application must be electronically dated by midnight CST on **December 31**. All applicants will receive notification of the decision of the Vision Foundation Board by March 1. Checks will be issued shortly thereafter.
- VI. A record of your experiences must be submitted to the Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Xi State Vision Foundation within two months of the event.
- VII. Award recipients will present a workshop and/or report at the Vision Foundation Coffee at the next Xi State convention.
- VIII. Application must be submitted by email to: Nancy Hickey nhickey@eplus.net

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CHAPTER UPDATES

All Alpha Xi members renewed membership and we added three new initiates!

Chapter rules were submitted and positively reviewed at the state level.

2018 LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM



February 6-8

Nashville Maxwell House Millenium Hotel

Registration is available on the Xi State website (xistate.org) under Forms

Registration deadline is January 10th

**EXPLORE
DREAM
DISCOVER**

***Your Adventure
Awaits!***

Xi State

**Beginning Leadership Management
Seminar**

March 23-24, 2018

Learn more about the organization and valuable leadership skills to enhance and inform all of your leadership roles.

Download the application at

<http://www.xistate.org/forms.htm>

Deadline is January 10th



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Christmas Party at Nancy Bibler's Home
905 Oak Street, Chattanooga
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Executive Board Meeting at Beverly Smith's Home
1398 Spitzzy Lane, Soddy Daisy
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ronald McDonald House (200 Central Ave.)
Social Time: 5:00 p.m. Meeting 5:20 p.m.
Hostesses: Nominations and Finance Committees

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Program: Brain Dance (Purpose 3)
UTC Library Tour (600 Douglas Street)
Tour begins: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Hostesses: Educational Excellence Committee
Program: Literacy and Officer Installation
(Purposes 2 and 6)
Joint Founders' Day
Stuart Heights Baptist Church
10:00 a.m.
Program: Tribute to Founders (Purpose 2)

MEMBER CONCERNS



Our heart-felt sympathies go out to **Raja Bhandari** in the passing of her mother, Emilia Atkins Genter

Continue to keep your DKG sisters in your thoughts and prayers through the holiday season.



December

11 Mary Katherine Pace

25 Esther Taj

28 Donna Lamkin

January

2 Wendy Morgan

8 Joyce Campbell

10 Deana James

12 Barbara Nelson

25 Cynthia Blakemore

30 Judy Leach