

# 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 Celebrates Year of Accomplishments at Annual Summer Picnic



### High School Essay Contest Winners

From left, Karen Phillips, treasurer, First place winner Elizabeth Scott (Tyner Academy), Second place winner Linsy Devlin (Sale Creek High School), and Third place winner Aveiona Allen (Tyner Academy); Back row from left, Julie Hughes, hostess and member, Beverly Smith, chapter president, Maxine Williams, Educational Services committee chair

President Beverly Smith welcomed members and guests to the home of Julie Hughes. After introductions of the guests and a blessing by Norma Cate, the group enjoyed a meal together. Members were encouraged to view the table of awards which the chapter received at Xi State convention.

Iris notecards, rose pins, and paintings were available for donations to the chapter's funds. Members generously donated a multitude of paper goods for the Ronald McDonald House.

During the last part of the meeting, committee members met together to plan their work for the upcoming year.

*Look for members' favorite quotes throughout this edition.*

## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday September 21st**

PLACE: O'Charleys Restaurant  
5031 Hixson Pike  
Hixson, TN 37379

TIME: Fellowship begins @ 5:00

Meeting will begin at 5:20

MENU: O'Charley's menu

Hosted by Membership Committee. If not contacted by communication tree, RSVP to Ann Pinion know by Sept. 7th

PROGRAM: Chris Brown of Chattanooga Department of Youth and Family Development. (See page 2 for info.)

**\*\*Note: we will vote on the updated Rules at the September meeting. An email with that attachment was sent out during the summer but members can contact Beverly if you need another copy.**

# President's Message

## You Asked....

### The Executive Board Listened!

The strength of our chapter depends on the involvement of our members. The Executive Board makes decision based on what they feel would be best for our members and our chapter as a whole. There are two changes that I hope you'll find beneficial:

1) Last year it was suggested that we implement a "pay in advance" plan for members' convenience. For some events during the year, members are asked to respond as to whether or not they will be attending and are then asked to send a check to Alpha Xi treasurer Karen Phillips. Although her address is usually provided, that means a member must respond and then remember to write a check, address and stamp an envelope, and mail their payment before the deadline. Since we're all busy people, it's easy for us to respond electronically but then we may forget to follow through with the payment.

So here's the plan: If you choose to do so, you may make an advance payment this fall to apply to your "account". This year the two events that require a reservation are Initiation and Founders Day. Last year the cost for each event was approximately \$18. We haven't yet received information about the cost of this year's events, but I predict a slight increase. If you'd like to take advantage of this new plan, please give/send Karen an advance payment of \$40 (or so) to cover these two events. When the time comes for reservations, you'll only need to respond that you plan to attend. If you can't attend the event(s) and you've participated in the plan, Karen will refund your money at the end of the year. Since I'm estimating the cost, there's a possibility that a member may have a balance of a few dollars left over at the end of the year. At that time the member can ask for a refund or just donate that amount to the chapter's general funds.

We're doing this new payment plan on a trial basis. I really like the idea and think that it may grow in popularity. I'd especially like to thank Karen Phillips for being willing to try this idea, since it will mean more bookkeeping for her. If you choose to participate, please remember to thank her!

2) Our members come from all over the county: Ooltewah, East Ridge, downtown, Hixson, Soddy Daisy, etc.) Some observed that we had a lot of meetings in the Ooltewah area last year, and the request was made to have more meetings in a more central location. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ann Pinion made a special effort to change that this year. You'll find that most meetings are in the Hixson and downtown area. Since attendance at meetings is important, we hope you'll find these new locations convenient and make it a priority to attend. We're stronger when we're all together!!



## Alpha Xi Officers 2016-2018

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# 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 have contacted Beverly to ask if Alpha Xi has plans to do something for the hurricane victims in Texas. She has contacted HQ in Austin and asked if they have a plan. One suggestion was to make a donation to the Emergency Fund which will provide \$500 to each member who suffered damage to their property. Someone else suggested that we make a donation to the Red Cross. A Facebook post by a DKG member in another state posted a site where someone can adopt a classroom in Texas and help provide supplies. Since recovery and rebuilding will be a long, ongoing process, we are not going to take any action yet, but we'll discuss a plan at the Sept. 21st meeting. Members can be thinking about the best course of action and be ready to suggest some options for the group to consider.

### Ronald McDonald Donations

The August meeting yielded the following donation from Alpha Xi to the Ronald McDonald House:

- 3 pkg. of paper plates
- 1 pkg. of bowls
- 4 pkg. of napkins
- 2 boxes of cutlery
- 2 pkg. of cups
- 16 rolls of paper towels

Varying sizes of rolls of toilet paper with an equivalency of 220 regular rolls!!

Thank You, Alpha Xi!

### Let Your Voice Be Heard

New Hamilton County Superintendent Bryan Johnson held a series of community forums during the month of August. At the meeting, he encouraged people to give him input and provided a web address. It's a short survey and it's open to any Hamilton County resident. As teachers, past and present, it's important that we take time to share our thoughts. Please consider taking a moment to reply to the four question survey. Follow the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Av4e6AYoP8hXRRHg1>.

# 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](mailto: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.
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member



The tag line from a former credit card commercial touted that “membership has its privileges”. This month’s member spotlight highlights the benefits of membership in DKG, Xi State and Alpha Xi. Membership provides opportunities to grow, contribute, and belong. When you think of the benefits and blessings you’ve received by being a member, consider how membership could do the same for other educators you know. These could be your children or grandchildren’s teachers, Sunday School teachers, music teachers, neighbors, etc. We must continue to grow our membership if we wish to remain strong.

Opportunities to grow as a professional. At Xi State convention, members are able to choose from excellent workshops. Delta Kappa Gamma International and Xi State offer scholarships to help members obtain advanced degrees. Xi State Vision Foundation offers

Opportunities to grow as a leader. Leadership Training Seminars help members prepare for roles as leaders within and outside the organization. Yearly training conferences help committee chairs become oriented to the position.

Opportunities for diverse experiences. Our Alpha Xi officers work hard every year to put together a calendar of programs that provide members with information about various projects and programs in our own community.

Opportunities to meet incredible women educators. Many of our members are instrumental amazing community projects that bring hope and comfort to our neighbors.

Opportunities to serve. Whether you serve on a committee or participate in one of our many service projects, members have many opportunities to contribute their talents.

Consider helping other educators meet their potential and grow personally and professionally by inviting them to join Delta Kappa Gamma.

Yearly dues of \$80 can be paid at the  
September meeting or mailed to:

Karen Phillips

6603 State Line Rd., Chattanooga 3741



## A Look at the Year Ahead

**Monday, October 16, 2017**

Adelle's Creperie

(400 E. Main St., Chattanooga)

Social Time: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:20 p.m.

**November Dates TBD**

Orientation, Hixson Panera

4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

Joint Initiation

East Brainerd Church of Christ

6:00 p.m. Initiation ~ Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**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

Program: Brain Dance (Purpose 3)

UTC Library Tour (600 Douglas Street)

Tour begins: 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Hostesses: Educational Excellence Committee

Program: Literacy and Officer Installation  
(Purposes 2 and 6)

Joint Founders' Day

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Stuart Heights Baptist Church

10:00 a.m.

Program: Tribute to Founders (Purpose 2)



## YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

The September meeting will include speaker Chris Brown from the Chattanooga Department of Youth and Family Development. The organization's website describes their purpose:

The Department of Youth and Family Development's top priority is providing a better quality of life for the citizens of Chattanooga, through education, recreation, social services, leadership and career development. Chattanooga YFD offers a large variety of programs, activities, classes, and opportunities for youth, adults and seniors at numerous

Members are asked to donate books for preteens and teens for their reading lab. New and used books in good condition are appreciated. To learn more visit <http://www.chattanooga.govyouthandfamily/>

### 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](mailto: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.

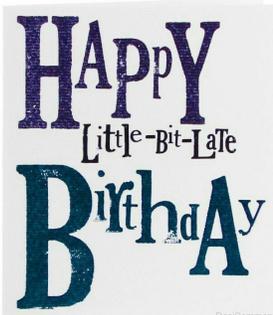
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## MEMBER CONCERNS

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Please contact Joyce Campbell with member concerns

### Editor's Oops!



Julie Hughes name was mistakenly left off the August birthday list. Her birthday was August 15th.



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