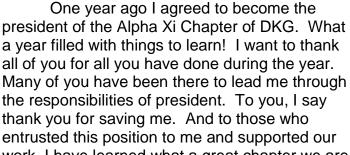
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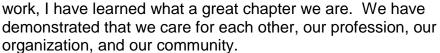
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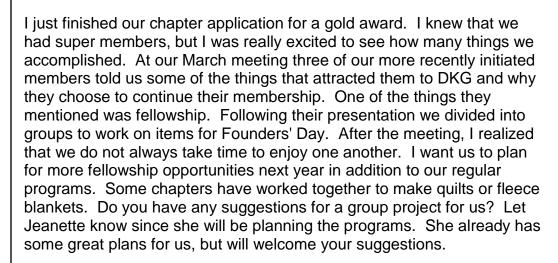
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Dear Sisters,







We still have one more meeting this year when we honor the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. The Founders' Day celebration will be April 25 (10:30 am) at the Red Bank United Methodist Church. The catered brunch will cost \$13.00. Judy Leach should receive your check (make it



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to Alpha Xi) by April 9. We are looking for a big turnout for a traditionally lovely morning. Please make an effort to be there.

Next up is Xi State Convention (June 4-6). Last year was my first year and what a fun, interesting three days. Beverly Smith will complete her term as Xi State President and we want to have as many members as possible to support her as well as to see how DKG works on a State level.

Mark your calendars for our July picnic (see dates to remember) at Camp Jordan. More details will follow on this event. We have had a busy year and your executive board is busy planning for the upcoming year to be an opportunity for fun, learning, service, and fellowship. Esther and Betty have already set dates for many of the meetings. Please mark your calendars for these meetings when they email the dates.

Sincerely, Deana James

MEMBER NEWS

Kim Thurman and Esther Clark Attend Leadership Seminar

Two of Alpha Xi's members, Kim Thurman and Esther Clark, participated in the Xi State Leadership Seminar held at Henry Horton State Park in March. Kim stated that it was everything she expected and more. The seminar centered around the personal and professional growth practices outlined in *The Art of Possibility* by Rosamund and

Benjamin Zander. Becky Sadowski facilitated the discussions that allowed each participant to consider the many ways we can "dwell in the possibility". Members left with heads swimming with all the ideas presented and eager to put to use what was learned in order to transform their personal lives, classrooms, and roles in their chapters, state, and Delta Kappa Gamma. Kim said she was grateful for the opportunity to attend and mindful of all the hard work required to have a seminar of this quality. She wants to give a heart-felt thanks to Jenny Lusk and all of the Leadership Committee.

BIRTHDAYS

April
3 Ellen Craig
10 Beverly Smith
17 Jennifer Allen
28 Harriett Harris
30 Ernestine Eldridge



Can You Help Find Our Lost Sheep?

One of the many activities prepared for us at the March meeting by Jeanette Esch was a tri-fold board displaying the names of former members as our "lost sheep". Members were encouraged to take the name and contact information of at least one former member to call and let them know we miss them. We were also asked to invite them to

May
5 Martha McMillan
14 Liz Morton

attend the July picnic at Camp Jordan, even if they have no interest in rejoining (but we hope they will).

If you were not able to attend in March or forgot to get your sheep to take home, please contact Jeanette and get a name. Many of these former members had reasons for not continuing that might have changed, and they would be willing to restore their membership. Remind them that there is no longer a reinstatement fee, so all they have to do to be a member again is let us know and pay their dues.



Congratulations! Your chapter has received the Highest Award for Communication and Publicity. Your chapter newsletters have been outstanding. You have submitted articles/pictures to the Xi State News. The members of the committee have found your chapter to be exemplary in communicating with your chapter members and publicizing your chapter members and activities. Your chapter will receive a certificate at Xi State.

Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame 2015 inductees

Our Ernestine Eldridge who was recently inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame was featured in an article in Metro Weekly insert in the Chattanooga Times Free-Press. A nice photo appears on page 2 of the insert.

Congratulations, again, Ernestine!

Ernestine Eldridge (basketball): Daughter of Ernest "Big Boy" Eldridge, a member of the Greater Chattanooga Hall of Fame, she accepted the girls' basketball coaching position at Sale Creek, one of the smallest schools in the area at that time In her 14 years as coach, Sale Creek had only one losing season and played in the District finals four times Each of those times, the school reached the region tournament Eldridge also coached the volleyball team, winning the Times Regional tournament three straight years She graduated from the University of Chattanooga, but the school had no women's sports team at the time She is in the Soddy-Daisy HS Hall of Fame.

http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/sports/local/story/2015/feb/08/charley-hannah-among-greater-chattanooga-hall/287187/



CONCERNS



Norma Cate – Her husband has had skin cancer removed and two more biopsies taken. His additional biopsy reports have returned benign. Keep him in your prayers.

Liz Morton -- She will be moving to Morning Point in Powell, TN just north of Knoxville. Liz is one of the cornerstone foundational blocks of Alpha Xi. Her zests for life and uncompromising generous spirit have been an inspiration to Alpha Xi for many years. Because Liz has not been well, she has made a tough, yet wise decision to relocate near her family.

Janie Sue Massey – She got a good report from her doctor and won't have to see him again for six months.

TOO NOT FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! HTTP://ALPHAXICHATTANOOGA.WEEBLY.COM

IMPORTANT DATES

April 25th Founders' Day

Red Bank United Methodist Church @ 10:30 a.m.

May 1st Xi State Convention Registration due (save \$30)

Visit xistate.org for more information

June 4-6th Xi State Convention at Sewanee

Visit xistate.org for more information

June 8th Deadline to register for Southeast Regional

Form and information in March/April DKG News

June 9th Carl's Family Restaurant @ 11:00 a.m.

Board Planning Meeting

July 15-18th Southeast Regional in Savannah at the Westin Resort and Spa

July 27th Chapter family picnic at Camp Jordan in East Ridge at 5:30

