

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.

“Focus on the Real Common CORE: Cultivating Our Renewed Excitement”

Greetings!

The rain showers scattered around us on July 22, but brought some cooler breezes as we had our annual picnic. As I reflect on the evening, I saw women working together with a purpose. That night it was a picnic and a meeting, but it is also true of Alpha Xi and DKG. We are a group of women educators working together with a mission--"promoting professional and person growth of women educators and excellence in education." That is a heady mission and as we begin this year together, we rededicate ourselves to this mission and follow in the steps of those who have gone before. It is now time to nominate new members. This is vital to our future and the continuation of our mission.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26 at the Friendship House behind the Hixson United Methodist. We will be sharing pot luck sandwiches, salads, and soups (Please sign up with Anna Harrington for this meeting.) We will divide the pot luck responsibility between the August and September meetings. Choose one. We will welcome our speaker Rachel Falu as she shares her adventures in South Africa. So sign up now, nominate a new member, check on the one you have not seen in a while, and plan to spend an evening learning, sharing, and working together to Cultivate Our Renewed Excitement (thanks Bev) in DKG.



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Grant-in-aid and Essay Recipients

Alpha Xi Grant-in-Aid and High School Essay Winners were recognized at the annual Summer Picnic with awards. Krista Smith, a 2014 graduate of Silverdale Academy, received the \$500 Grant-in-Aid, which she will apply toward expenses at Lee University as an education major. Expressing her desire to become a teacher, Krista stated, "I want to be a teacher to help students succeed beyond what they can imagine." Alexandra Myers, a junior at Sale Creek High School researched and wrote an argumentative essay relating how Frederick Douglass' learning to read affected him positively and negatively as an American slave. She received the \$100 First-Place Award in the High School Essay Contest. Helping a prospective teacher and promoting outstanding writing skills, Alpha Xi is holding high the Delta Kappa Gamma Banner!



Maxine Williams
Kim Thurman
(teacher of essay winner)
scholarship winner
and her parents

Member Birthdays

August

5 Marguerite Santich
7 Jeanette Burkhart-Esch
14 Betty Julian
15 Dorothy Bayless
15 Julie Hughes
15 Suzanne Rushworth

18 Pam Thompson
21 Maxine Williams
31 Betty Thomason

September

6 Kim Thurman
11 Charlotte Lasater



IMPORTANT DATES



- August 26 5:30 p.m. at Friendship House – behind Hixson UMC
Speaker: Rachel Falu (S. Africa)
Vote on new members
- September 19-20 Creative Arts Retreat in Dunlap
<http://www.xistate.org/forms.html>
Registration deadline is Fri., Aug. 15.
- September 25 Reading Center (Chattanooga State – Brittany Davidson)
- October 18 Saturday -2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Beverly's Reception
- November TBA Joint Initiation

CONCERNS

- JANIE MASSEY'S SISTER, HELEN JANETTE FERGUSON, PASSED AWAY. PLEASE KEEP THEIR FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.
- JANIE MASSEY ALSO HAD TESTS RUN AND SHE HAS LUNG CANCER.
- KAREN PHILLIPS NEPHEW HAS HAD BLOOD CLOTS IN HIS LUNGS AND THEY ALSO FOUND A TUMOR ON HIS THYROID.
- BETTY THOMASON DOES HAVE A DETACHED RETINA. SHE WILL BE HAVING SURGERY ON AUG. 13TH.



Do not forget to check out our new website!!!

<http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com/>



July Picnic

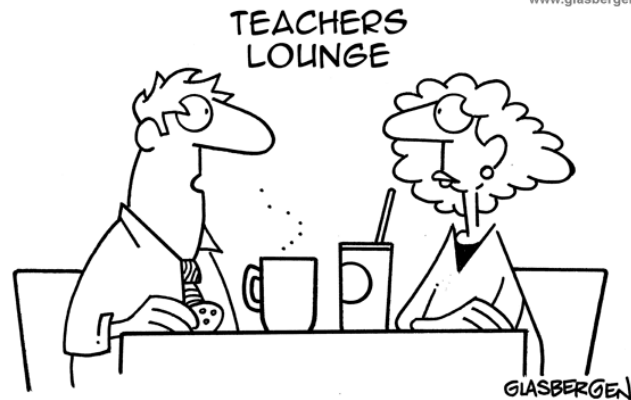


As explained at the July picnic, we are trying something different this year in order to keep costs low for our members and increase the variety of locations where we can host our programs. We are asking members to sign up to bring food to either the August or September meetings. (not both)

Hostesses for the August meeting are Holly Bohmfalk, Diamond Kelly, Pam Thompson, with Donna and Beverly helping.



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"The kids don't listen, so I have to repeat myself. I'm always repeating myself. You know, always saying the same thing more than once. I say it once, and then they make me say it again..."

Congratulations

Jensi Souders has been awarded the International Achievement Award at the International Convention.

