

# 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”

Dear Sisters,

The chill in the air reminds us that an end to the calendar year is near. Before the year ends we have the opportunity to give thanks for all we have in our lives. Each of us can reflect on our many blessings. Also I want us to give thanks for choosing to be an educator. Of course, we must thank those who encouraged us to choose this career, but remember all those students who, throughout the years, have added to the joy of our profession. Some of those have been truly blessed by your kindness and thoughtfulness as well as that extra push to reach for their dreams and succeed. How much we have shared with and learned from our fellow educators. Remember all those in-service meetings and then the chats in the lounge that helped us understand our students better. Then there are the parents who shared their talents with us. Our dedication to education led us to DKG. We are thankful to have been chosen as leading women educators and given the support as we work to improve education. And we are thankful for the sisters who have been there for us with understanding and mentoring. We are also thankful for the two new members we initiated on November 18. Look for more information on our new members in our next issue.

On December 11 Alpha Xi's officers welcome you to a Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's house. The program will begin at 5:00 with the officers meeting at 4:00. Refreshments will be provided by the chapter officers. Liz Morton and Eloise Litz will share some memories of Christmas on the home front during WWII. Following we will join in Christmas carols led by our talented sisters.



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The DKG News has just arrived. I was especially intrigued by the article "What's Working" on page 8. I encourage all of you to read the article and think how this might work for us.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Tea, but if you are not there "Happy, healthy holidays to you and your family".

Remember the Tea House in February.

Sincerely,  
Deana James

## Alpha Xi Hosts Reception for Xi State President

Alpha Xi member and Xi State President Beverly Smith was the guest of honor at a reception given by our chapter on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 Delta Kappa Gamma members from across the state joined Alpha Xi in honoring Beverly. Jeanette Esch, immediate past president of Alpha Xi, led the chapter in organizing the event. Many chapter members pitched in and helped with set-up, decorations, and food. Beverly was very appreciative of the effort it took for some members to drive several hours to attend the reception. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

## Chapter Initiates Two New Members in November

At the Joint Initiation in November, Alpha Xi joined the other three Chattanooga chapters in welcoming new members. Cheryl Crowe is a Spanish teacher at Hixson High School. Wendy Morgan is the art teacher at Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe High. Both came highly recommended by their sponsors Suzanne Rushworth, Deana James, and Jeanette Esch. We look forward to working with these two new members. Their contact information is included in the yearbook.

### Member Birthdays

#### December

10 Geraldine Lentz  
11 Mary Katherine Pace  
25 Esther Taj  
25 Tommye Chesney  
27 Peggy Wright  
28 Donna Lamkin

#### January

1 Lynn Meyer  
8 Joyce Campbell  
10 Deana James  
12 Barbara Nelson  
21 Jennifer McElwain  
25 Cynthia Blakemore

30 Judy Leach



## ALPHA XI SISTERS – ADDITIONAL NEWS

➤ Marguerite Santich and her husband Tom have moved to Knoxville. Their new address is Parkview Retirement Center, 10914 Kingston Pike, Apt. 222, Knoxville, TN 37934  
Taffe Bishop is on maternity leave and has a new e-mail, [taffe\\_bishop@yahoo.com](mailto:taffe_bishop@yahoo.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES



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| December 11          | Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's home – 4:30-6:30pm   |
| December 31          | Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Project deadline for applications<br><a href="http://xistate.org/">http://xistate.org/</a> |
| January 3, 2015      | Deadline for reservations for the Legislative Symposium  |
| February 1, 2015     | Xi State Scholarships application deadline. Forms can be found at <a href="http://xistate.org/">http://xistate.org/</a> .                                      |
| February 3 & 4, 2015 | Symposium at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel  |

### CONCERNS

- NANCY BIBLER HAD KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY RECENTLY.





Beverly Smith's Reception in October



Wendy Morgan and Cheryl Crowe

**Welcome to our new initiatives!**

