

# Alpha Xi News

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Xi State

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

## Alpha Xi Welcomes Five New Members

Alpha Xi voted on five new members at our October meeting and all five educators were initiated at the November Joint Initiation with the other Chattanooga chapters. We had an outstanding turn-out of 31 members at the initiation. Our new members are Esther Clark, Emily Clegg, Diamond Kelley, Jeanie McKenna, and Martha McMillan.

Esther Clark is working on her advanced degree right now, but she is certified in Secondary Education and Special Ed. Esther is the daughter of member Esther Taj. Emily Clegg is a fifth grade teacher at East Lake Elementary School. Working at the same school are Diamond Kelley, third grade, and Martha McMillan, fifth grade. Jeanie McKenna is the Academic Coach at Sale Creek Middle/High School. She is a former English teacher.

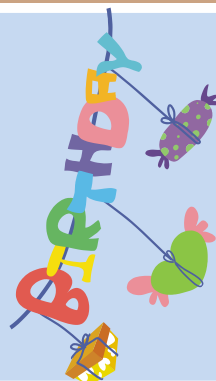


Alpha Xi members welcome our new initiates and hope to see them at our Christmas Tea in December.

### Member Birthdays

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

January  
1 Lynn Meyer  
8 Joyce Campbell  
10 Deana James  
12 Barbara Nelson  
21 Jennifer McElwain  
25 Cythia Blakemore  
30 Judy Leach





## IMPORTANT DATES

- December 10, 2013 Christmas Party from 4:30-6:00pm at Nancy Bibler's home  
905 Oak Street
- December 15, 2013 Workshop proposals for 2014 Xi State Convention due
- December 31, 2013 Deadline to apply to XI State Vision Foundation for grants and/or Liz  
Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Awards
- January 5, 2014 Registration for Legislative Symposium at Millennium Maxwell  
House Hotel due
- February 1, 2014 State and International Scholarships applications due
- February 4-5, 2014 Legislative Symposium
- February 8, 2014 Chapter meeting at The Tea Cottage
- March 15, 2014 Deadline to submit a nomination for Order of the Rose. See  
Xi State website for details.

## CONCERNS



- **DEBBIE STEVENSON'S MOTHER HAS HAD A STROKE IN VIRGINIA. DEBBIE IS HELPING TO TAKE CARE OF HER.**
- **LYNN MEYER HAS BEEN IN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HER HUSBAND SAID THAT HER AMMONIA LEVELS HAD INCREASED AGAIN, SO THEY WERE LETTING NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE. THAT WAS HER WISH.**
- **JANIE SUE MASSEY IS DOING WELL ENOUGH THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO GO ON A "FIELD TRIP" WITH THE WORKERS AT LIFE CARE OF RED BANK IN NOVEMBER.**



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

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



### **Additional News:**

**Anna Harrington finished her Ph.D in Composition & Rhetorica at Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

#### 2013 Alpha Xi Suggested Books

The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriane Trigione  
Life Code by Phil McGraw  
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society  
The New Sugar Busters by Leighton Steward,  
Morrison Bethea,MD and Sam Anders,MD  
Stolen Innocence  
No Angel  
It's All Over but the Shout'in by Rick Brag  
Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Mac Neal  
And the Mountains Waved by Khalid Hussein  
Burned and Smoke by Ellen Hopkins  
Light Between the Oceans by Stedman  
Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall

Big Russ and Me by Tim Russert  
The Girl and the Lamp  
Wild by Cheryl Strayed  
All Kinds of Minds by Mel Levine  
Prior Bad Acts by Tami Hoag  
The Dovekeepers by Hoffman  
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak  
Yardsticks by Chip Wood  
Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult  
Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts  
Shining Mountain by Peter Boardman  
Ruth: A Portrait by Patricia Cornwell

