

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.

“Believe...”

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Ladies,

I trust you all are enjoying this holiday season! In my opinion, being with family and friends is the best gift anyone could receive. This is a month of celebration for us for many reasons. I hope that all of you are able to join us at Nancy Bibler's home on Tuesday, December 11th for our annual Christmas Tea. Our Alpha Xi board members will be bringing some delicious goodies for everyone to share as we welcome our Grant-in-Aid recipient, Kayla Boyer. She is a graduate of Ooltewah with a 4.0 GPA and several outstanding activities. She will be arriving at 4:30pm so that we can all greet her before presenting her award.

Also, we will be celebrating a new member who will be initiated at our Christmas Tea. Ms. Debbie Stevenson was unable to join us in November for our joint Initiation, so we will be welcoming her to our chapter with a special ceremony this Tuesday. I so hope that all of you can be there to meet her. Along with Debbie, we welcome Brittney Moore, Pat Thompson, and Kim Thurman as new members of Alpha Xi who were initiated in November.

Please remember to bring gently used trinkets or items that can be donated to the East Lake Elementary School Christmas Store. Students are given the opportunity to shop at the store for gifts for their family members and themselves.



I am so proud of the way you all have embraced the faculty and students of this school. I believe that our efforts to let them know that we care are encouraging many young teachers. Thank you so much for giving of your time, your possessions, and yourselves. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gail Huffstutler





"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

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Member Birthdays

December

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

January

1 Lynn Meyer
8 Joyce Campbell
21 Jennifer McElwain
25 Cynthia Blakemore
29 Mary Huddleston
30 Judy Leach



IMPORTANT DATES



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| December 31 | Deadline to apply to Xi State Vision Foundation for grants and/or Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Awards |
| January 1, 2013 | Deadline for Educational Foundation grant applications |
| January 10, 2013 | Deadline for reservations for Legislative Symposium, 2/19-20 |
| February 1, 2013 | Deadline for International Cornetet Professional Development Award, application deadline for Xi State and International Scholarships, spring Leadership Development Seminar applications due |



2012-2013 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- Tuesday, December 11 Christmas Tea at Nancy
 Bibler's home
 905 Oak Street, Chattanooga
- Saturday, February 9 Chapter Meeting at Ridgedale
 Baptist Church.
 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Program: Schools for Africa
- Saturday, March 9 Masquerade Ball Fundraiser for
 Schools for Africa
 6:00 p.m., Red Bank United
 Methodist Church
 Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5
- April Founders' Day, TBA



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

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



CONCERNS

- Ernestine Eldridge's cousin, Almeda Frazier, passed away. Ernestine has also had heart and blood pressure problems.
- Judy Leach's mother left rehab.
- Mary Richarson's husband is in rehab at Siskin. He is also having heart problems.
- Lynn Meyer has been undergoing treatment again for her cancer.
- Nancy Reed lost her mother in November.
- The chapter lost long-time members Sharon Fischer and Janette Crawley. A remembrance service will be held for them at a chapter meeting.
- Janie Sue Massie is at Life Care of Red Bank, room 224B, 1020 Runyan Dr., 37415



ALPHA XI INITIATES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

At the November 17 Joint Initiation, Alpha Xi added three new members. Brittany Moore, a reading teacher at Chattanooga State, is from Cleveland, Tennessee. She has been teaching at Chattanooga State for three years. She is young and energetic.

Kim Thurman is a teacher and head of the social studies department at Sale Creek High School. She is very active in school and community activities. Pam Thompson, a teacher at East Lake Elementary, has 38 years as a professional educator. She teaches in the ABC/ISS Program and is very involved with children's activities.

Debbie Stevenson was unable to attend the November meeting, so she will be initiated at the Christmas Tea. Debbie is a school psychologist. She has a real estate license and is a volunteer tutor for Community Kids.

Alpha Xi is very happy to welcome all these outstanding women educators into our chapter. We feel they have all the qualifications needed to become strong members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Let's all show them what an outstanding organization this is!

Rose Dauer

Member Spotlight

Do you write poetry, tell stories, do needlework, do paper-crafting, etc.? If so, please let me know so that we can spotlight your talent at a meeting. These segments will be designed to take no more than 2-3 minutes but I think it will be a great way to help others get to know us better.

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