

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 Ladies,

I trust that you are all staying well and warm in spite of our recent weather event. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with us this weekend so that we can enjoy our February meeting this Saturday at The Tea Cottage. Mr. Rick Smith will be our guest speaker, and we are anticipating a great turnout! Thanks to Harriett Harris for arranging our speaker for this meeting. Thanks also to Maxine Williams and Donna Lamkin for volunteering to hostess and to Maxine for agreeing to lead the devotion for us.

Also, at this meeting, we will be updated on the Xi State Legislative Symposium which is being held in Nashville this week. It is imperative that we remain active and informed regarding the actions of the Tennessee Senate regarding education reform. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the Symposium. We look forward to your report! We will also be voting on officers for the 2014-2016 Alpha Xi Biennium at this month's meeting.

On another note, we are saddened by the recent passing of our sister, Lynn Meyer. The family will be holding a Memorial Service on Feb. 16th. Lynn was a bright light in Alpha Xi and in the schools where she taught. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Saturday morning!



Gail Huffstutler



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ALPHA XI REPRESENTED AT XI STATE SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, February 4th almost 100 members of Delta Kappa Gamma from across the state traveled to Nashville for the Legislative Symposium. Alpha Xi was represented by Xi State President Beverly Smith, Donna Lamkin, and Karen Phillips, who also serves as Xi State Legislation Committee Chair this year.

Tuesday evening the group asked questions of legislators and representatives of TEA and the Department of Education about recent laws and concerns. Wednesday morning's breakfast speaker, Attorney Chuck Cagle, spoke of the implications these laws have in our schools. Afterwards, the members traveled to the capitol building to discuss these matters with the Hamilton County delegation.

One of the purposes of the society is to influence legislation concerning women and children. Xi State members take this opportunity each year to fulfill this purpose. Please consider adding your voice by contacting your legislators by phone or e-mail.

ADDITIONAL NEWS:

CONGRATULATION TO BEVERLY SMITH WHO HAD HER LAST CHEMO TREATMENT IN JANUARY!!

Member Birthdays

February
21 Rose Dover
29 Diamond Kelley

March
2 Carolyn Payne
15 Holly Bohmfalk
20 Gail Huffstutler
24 Karen Phillips
27 Barbara Carlton





IMPORTANT DATES

- February 4-5, 2014 Legislative Symposium
- February 8, 2014 Chapter meeting at The Tea Cottage – Hickory Valley Road
10:30am – 12:30pm.
- March 6, 2014 Chapter meeting at Red Bank Methodist Church at 6:00 pm.
- March 15, 2014 Deadline to submit a nomination for Order of the Rose. See
Xi State website for details.
- April 26, 2014 Founders' Day – Brainerd United Methodist Church at
10:30am.
- July 2014 Family Picnic TBA

CONCERNS



- JANIE SUE MASSEY HAD SURGERY RECENTLY FOR A SKIN CANCER ON HER HEAD. SHE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS AT LIFE CARE OF RED BANK.
- DONNA LAMKIN'S FATHER HAS BEEN PUT ON HOSPICE CARE IN KNOXVILLE.
- HARRIETT HARRIS RECENTLY UNDERWENT A BIOPSY AND TWO DAY SURGERIES. SHE HAS RECEIVED A GOOD REPORT.
- HARRIETT'S HUSBAND, WINTON, IS EXPERIENCING NECK PAIN AND HER COUSIN BY MARRIAGE HAS LEUKEMIA.



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

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



December 2013 Christmas Tea



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