

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....”

I want to thank Nancy Bibler for hosting our annual Christmas Tea at her home in December. Her home was lovely, as usual. The board members did a great job of providing luscious treats, and wonderful fellowship was provided by all who attended!



I hope that you called or e-mailed Nancy Bibler or Harriett Harris to represent our chapter at the Legislative Symposium. The symposium is February 21-22. I am concerned about several issues they are debating and hope our attendance will make a difference.

In a past president’s message, I used the analogy of comparing our chapter to a tree putting out new roots and leaves. I am relieved that tree will continue to flourish as a new president has accepted that challenge! I see my position as president as the source of water for our tree and I am pleased someone wants to provide that water as I have done so our tree can continue to grow. It will not die. Being the president is giving back to our chapter. Thanks to everyone who agreed to be on the board and to the new president who will be sworn in at the March 15th meeting at Red Bank United Methodist Church. Also, a big thanks to Nancy Bibler and Julie Hughes of the nominating committee for their hard work!

I promise I will help the new president every step of the way as others have helped me. I have organized the presidential procedures as our chapter does them to make it as easy as following a recipe for cooking dinner. We are so blessed by sisters in our chapter that do so much automatically that the president does not have to worry about correspondence of concerns, meeting details, newsletters, yearbook, or any financial deadlines and responsibilities. These sisters do such a great job to help out that it takes a lot of weight off my shoulders! Honestly, I thought this job would interfere with my travels with Joe, but I was able to set up the meetings to fit my own travel schedule. As a result, I haven’t missed a meeting in two years! That is my best attendance record in all the years I have been a member.

Message from President

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Please put on your calendar to attend our sister chapter Alpha's 75th anniversary! It will be on March 18th from 3 to 5 pm at Brainerd United Methodist Church. You must RSVP to me by March 1 so I can let them know how many from our chapter will be attending. There is no cost.



Jeanette Esch

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The following have agreed to serve for the 2012-2014 biennium.

President—Gail Huffstutler
Second Vice President –Ann Pinion
Recording Secretary—Julie Hughes
Parliamentarian—Jeanette Esch

First Vice President—Beverly Smith
Corresponding Secretary—Norma Cate
Treasurer—Judy Leach



"Welcome to Parent Teachers Night. Now sit up straight and be quiet or there'll be a detention or two!"

Member Birthdays

February

21 Rose Dover

March

2 Janette Crawley
2 Carolyn Payne
3 Mary F. Churchwell
13 SuzAnne Deacon
15 Holly Bohmfalk
20 Gail Huffstutler
24 Karen Phillips
27 Barbara Carlton



2012 International Convention
New York City, New York
July 24-28



IMPORTANT DATES



- February 4, 2012 Chapter meeting at The Tea Cottage, 10:30 a.m.
Mad Hatter's Tea Party and election of officers
- February 21-22, 2012 Xi State Legislative Symposium, Nashville
- March 15, 2012 Chapter meeting at Red Bank United Methodist Church,
Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.
Literacy Program and installation of officers
- March 16-18, 2012 Leadership Management Seminar
St. Columba Retreat Center, Memphis
- March 18-20, 2012 National Legislative Seminar
Arlington, VA
- April 30, 2012 Founders' Day meeting, Brainerd United Methodist Church
10:30 a.m. Brunch
Tribute to Founders
- May 1, 2012 Deadline for Xi State Convention registration
Deadline for Cornet Professional Development Award
- June 7-9, 2012 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

CONCERNS



- HARRIET BOND HAS BEEN ILL BUT IS RECOVERING AT HOME.
- BETTY JULIAN IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR A TUMOR IN HER LEG.
- BARBARA CARLTON'S MOTHER HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED LAST WEEK WITH CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.
- KAREN PHILLIPS'S MOTHER RETURN HOME FROM REHAB ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND IS DOING WELL.
- LYNN MEYER HAD GALL BLADDER SURGERY ON JANUARY 17TH AND HAS BEEN IN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EVER SINCE. BECAUSE SHE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS FOR HER LIVER CANCER, SHE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY ILL. THE INFECTION SPREAD TO HER INTESTINES AND HER HEART HAS GIVEN HER PROBLEMS. SHE HAD ANOTHER PROCEDURE ON JANUARY 27TH TO REMOVE THE INFECTION AND AS OF MONDAY WAS DOING BETTER.





Alpha Xi officers join Nancy Bibler in front of her Christmas tree



Members enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by the officers

