

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...”

Ladies,

I can hardly believe that we have already stepped into the month of February! It's difficult to fathom how quickly January passed. How are you doing with your 2013 resolutions and goals? While watching the Super Bowl on Sunday evening, I heard of a story, shared by the mother of the San Francisco 49ers quarterback, about a writing assignment her son had completed when he was in the 4th grade. In that paper, he wrote about his goal. He was so specific that he spelled out the height and weight he planned to reach one day...as well as the fact that he wanted to be a quarterback in the NFL. It never ceases to amaze me how beneficial it can be to create and record goals and dreams for the future!



In recent years, our leaders at the International level of DKG have established some lofty goals and initiatives for our organization. One of those goals is to raise funds for the Schools for Africa campaign. This February, we have an opportunity to learn more about this worthy cause. I hope you all can attend our meeting on February 9th where our program will revolve around this topic. Then, on March 9th, we have been invited to attend the first ever Alpha Xi Masquerade Ball, with all proceeds going toward the Schools for Africa project. This event, organized by our own Jeanette Esch, will allow us to support our DKG goal and to contribute to the educational opportunities of children living in places that are less fortunate than the

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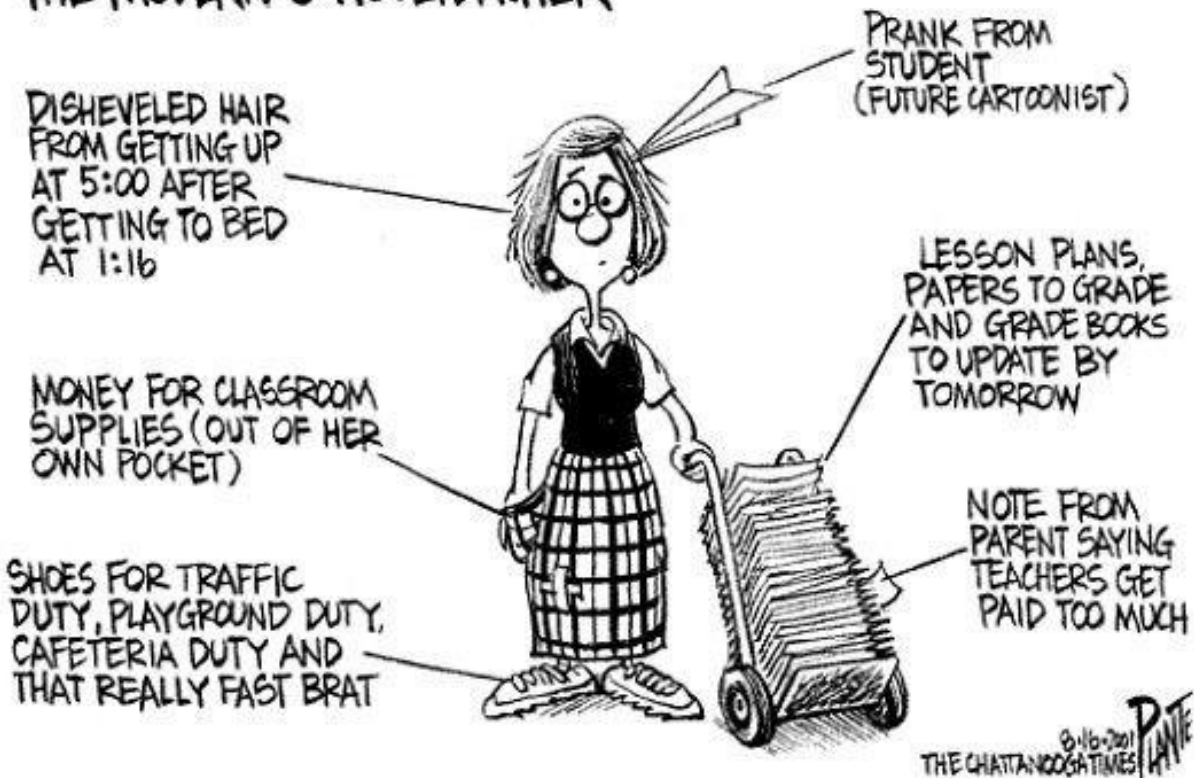


USA. I'm so excited to be a part of this event and about how our chapter can be a part of the bigger picture with DKG in the coming years!

Gail Huffstutler



THE MODERN SCHOOLTEACHER



Member Birthdays

JANUARY

- 1 Lynn Meyer
- 8 Joyce Campbell
- 10 Deana James
- 12 Barbara Nelson
- 21 Jennifer McElwain
- 25 Cynthia Blakemore
- 29 Mary Huddleston
- 30 Judy Leach

FEBRUARY

- 8 Carol Barnett
- 21 Rose Dover

MARCH

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



IMPORTANT DATES



- Saturday, February 9 Chapter Meeting at Ridgedale Baptist Church.
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Program: Schools for Africa
- February 19-20 Legislative Symposium at Millennium Maxwell House
Hotel in Nashville
- Saturday, March 9 Masquerade Ball Fundraiser for Schools for Africa
6:00 p.m., Red Bank United Methodist Church
Call or e-mail Jeanette Esch to make reservations
Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5
- Saturday, April 27 Founders' Day Brunch
- May 1 Deadline for reservations for Xi State Convention and
applications for Cornetet Professional Development Awards
- June 6-8 Xi State Convention in Sewanee
- July 10-13 Southeast Regional Conference in Orlando



Do not forget to check out our new
website!!!
<http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com/>



CONCERNS

- Beverly Smith had cancer surgery in January. She will be undergoing treatment for the next several weeks. If you want to help with food, contact Norma Cate or Jeanette Esch.
- Maxine Williams had cataract surgery in January.
- Mary Richardson's husband is now at home.
- Marguerite Santich's husband is feeling better after a recent illness.
- Karen Phillips' niece had surgery for stage 3 skin cancer.



Hundreds of students at Sale Creek Middle and High School are rallying around their teacher, Beverly Smith, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Monday, January 28th, was deemed Pink Day at the school. The below link is from WRCB Channel 3.

<http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/20756874/sale-creek-goes-pink-for-math-teacher-fighting-breast-cancer>



Left to Right: Donna Lamkin, Debbie Stephenson, Gail Huffstutler, and Rose Dover

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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Right to left: Gail Huffstutler; Kayla Boyer, Grant-in-aid recipient for 2012; Maxine Williams, Nancy Bibler, and Judy Leach

