

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.

“Roots, Relevance, Relationships”

This is my first communication with you as the president of Alpha Xi. Let me begin by saying how honored and excited I am to be chosen for this role. We have an amazing chapter with a strong heritage and wonderful, supportive members. I am truly looking forward to the next two years. The Alpha Xi officers and I have been planning chapter meetings that will allow us to celebrate who we



are as members of our stellar organization, Delta Kappa Gamma. As a matter of fact, we have some things to celebrate at our picnic. Alpha Xi received the Gold Chapter of Excellence Award at the Xi State Convention in June. We owe a great amount of appreciation to our outgoing president, Jeanette Esch, and her leadership team for motivating us to work together to achieve this level of recognition within our state organization. Other news from Xi State and tributes to some of our Alpha Xi members will be shared at the picnic as well.

Along with celebrating our heritage and accomplishments this year, we will also be connecting to some of the projects that are currently being promoted by Delta Kappa Gamma. Over the next twelve months, we will be discussing and implementing plans to mentor some new teachers in our area. We have heard the disturbing statistics regarding the rate at which new teachers are abandoning the profession. Our goal is to support and encourage teachers who are entering classrooms in hopes of retaining their talents for years to come. Also during this year, we will be learning about the Schools for Africa project. You don't want to miss our September meeting! This project will provide us with an opportunity to partner with DKG chapters to make a global impact. In fact, next spring, we will be enlisting some of the talents of our wonderful members to help us bring awareness to and raise funds for this worthy cause.

In closing, I would like to ask each of you to please be thinking about how you would like to connect to your chapter during the next two years. It's time again to sign up for committees and make plans for how we will carry out the society's

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purposes. Remember, that you get out of an organization what you put into it. We need you to help us be the best that we can be. I am proud to work with all of you as we remember our roots, respond to our world in relevant ways, and reinforce relationships with old friends and new. It's going to be a great year!

Sail Kuffstutler



MARGUERITE SANTICH HONORED

Marguerite Santich was honored for all her years of service to Alpha Xi, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the community at our July picnic. Marguerite has served in many offices, including president and treasurer, during her forty years of membership.



2012-2013 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- September 17 Hixson United Methodist Church, Asst. Superintendent Stacy Stewart will discuss recruiting and mentoring of new teachers, retaining teachers, teacher evaluation, etc
- October 18 Country Place Restaurant, legislative and vote on new members, Schools for Africa with Edna Clemons, a DKG member from Signal Mountain
- November Initiation, Tyner United Methodist Church
- December 11 Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's home in Chattanooga
- February 9 Ridgedale Baptist Church
- March 9 Red Bank Methodist
- April Founders' Day, TBA

Member Birthdays

JULY

- 1 Eloise Litz
- 7 Norma Cate
- 13 Mary Blackwell
- 13 Ann Pinion
- 15 Connie Howard
- 25 Janie Sue Massey
- 22 Samevelyn Rock

AUGUST

- 5 Marguerite Santich
- 7 Jeanette Esch
- 14 Betty Julian
- 15 Dorothy Bayless
- 21 Maxine Williams
- 15 Suzanne Rushworth
- 15 Julie Hughes

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Charlotte Lasater
- 21 Jane Brower
- 26 Ruth Benton



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IMPORTANT DATES



- September 1 Deadline to apply for International Cornetet Professional Development Award
- Monday, September 17 Chapter meeting at Hixson United Methodist Church
5:30 social hour, 6:00 dinner
- Monday, October 29 Deadline to pay chapter dues to Judy Leach
3817 Lerch Street, Chattanooga, TN 37411
- November 15 Deadline to send in 2012 Xi State Convention Workshop Proposals to Xi State First Vice President
- December 31 Deadline to apply to Xi State Vision Foundation For grants and/or Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Awards



CONCERNS



- MARY RICHARDSON'S HUSBAND IS RECOVERING AT NHC IN CHATTANOOGA.
- NORMA CATE'S SISTER-IN-LAW LOST HER BATTLE WITH CANCER THIS MONTH.
- LYNN MEYER IS STILL RECOVERING AND GAINING STRENGTH.
- FIFTY PLUS YEAR MEMBER MILDRED CHAPMAN PASSED AWAY THIS SPRING.





Members who attended Xi State this year included Rose Dover, Harriett Harris, Ernestine Eldridge, Beverly Smith, Eloise Litz, Nancy Bibler, Donna Lamkin, Maxine Williams, Jeanette Esch, and Gail Huffstutler.



Members after the Saturday morning Ceremony of Remembrance



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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March Meeting Charades/Literacy



Can you match the book to the charade?

1. To Kill a Mocking Bird
2. Red Badge of Courage
3. Gulliver's Travels
4. Romeo and Juliet
5. Crime and Punishment



Answers: 1B, 2D, 3E, 4C, 5A

