

# 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 would like to thank Barbara Nelson, Beverly Smith, and Joyce Campbell for the great job they did as hostesses of the tea in February. The decorations were lovely, and the door prizes were an extra touch. Everyone looked so smashing in their hats! In fact, I haven't seen so many great looking women in hats since William and Kate's wedding! We were honored to have our state president, Dr. Kathie Harned, as our guest. We made progress on our mentoring to new teachers strategic action plan and voted in our new slate of officers.



Next, I want to tell you what a wonderful job Harriett Harris does as our Legislative Committee Chair. I truly did not appreciate her until I went to the Legislative Symposium in February. It is amazing what a lot of planning goes into every one of these events. Harriett was part of the state committee for this year's symposium. She has a special gift to have a relationship with these politicians and knows so many of them personally. We are fortunate to have her work so hard and represent our chapter so well! Also, Beverly Smith gave a beautiful invocation at the breakfast. Donna Lamkin and I walked with Beverly and Harriett for miles to visit every legislator Harriett had appointments with. It was an eye opening view into the political arena, and if you have not attended, I strongly urge you to do so in the future.

As a reminder, if you turned in your name to me about attending the Alpha 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I will see you at Brainerd United Methodist on Sunday, March 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. Also, Founders' Day is April 28<sup>th</sup> at First Centenary Methodist Church (not Brainerd) at 10 a.m. If you are planning on going, send your check to Judy Leach or give it to her at the March meeting.

Lastly, I am looking forward to installing the new officers for our chapter and the great things to come in the months ahead. I have enjoyed being the president of this group, and it has only brought me closer to the members, both old and new. I thank you for going along the creative road with me and never complaining about wearing your pajamas to a meeting or any other unusual request that may have put you out of your comfort zone! My goal was to make members not want to miss a meeting

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because of the fun and fellowship they would miss. I feel I have accomplished that in a small way. I want to make every sister share my belief that our friendship in Alpha Xi is priceless, and we should appreciate it as much as we can. I want to thank everyone who helped me along the way!

*Jeanette Esch*

## ALPHA XI MEMBERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM

Delta Kappa Gamma members, over 100 strong, met in Nashville in February to attend the yearly Legislative Symposium. Alpha Xi was represented by Harriett Harris, Beverly Smith, Donna Lamkin, and Jeanette Esch. Tuesday evening a panel of legislators and TEA executives answered questions compiled by former Alpha Xi member Diana Womble. The format differed from past years in that a moderator asked the questions sent in earlier by members. Many concerned the evaluation system.

Wednesday morning's breakfast speakers included Xi State President Kathie Harned and the Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman. After breakfast, members went to the capitol to speak with all of Hamilton County's legislators. Our chapter was well represented by these members who made our thoughts and concerns known to our Representatives and Senators.



Alpha Xi members with Hamilton County Senator Andy Berke



Alpha Xi members with Senator Bo Watson



### Member Birthdays

#### March

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

#### April

10 Beverly Smith  
17 Michelle Lewis  
17 Jennifer Allen  
28 Harriett Harris  
30 Ernestine Eldridge



## IMPORTANT DATES



March 15, 2012 Chapter meeting at Red Bank United Methodist C  
Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Literacy Program and installation of officers

March 15, 2012 Deadline for High School Essay Contest  
Order of the Rose nominations due

March 16-18, 2012 Leadership Management Seminar  
St. Columba Retreat Center, Memphis

March 18-20, 2012 National Legislative Seminar  
Arlington, VA

April 28, 2012 Founders' Day meeting, First Centenary Methodist Church  
10:00 a.m. Brunch  
Tribute to Founders

May 1, 2012 Deadline for Xi State Convention registration  
Deadline for Cornetet Professional Development Award

June 7-9, 2012 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

July 2012 International Convention, New York City



## CONCERNS



- **LYNN MEYER IS HOME BUT STILL RECOVERING.**
- **LIZ MORTON HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL WITH BLOOD PRESSURE PROBLEMS.**
- **MAXINE WILLIAM'S NIECE HAS HAD CANCER SURGERY AND IS GOING THROUGH CHEMO.**
- **HARRIET BOND HAS BEEN ILL.**
- **MILDRED CHAPMAN HAS HAD SURGERY AND IS IN REHAB AT LIFE CARE OF EAST RIDGE.**
- **BARBARA CARLTON'S MOTHER HAS BEEN PLACED ON HOSPICE.**

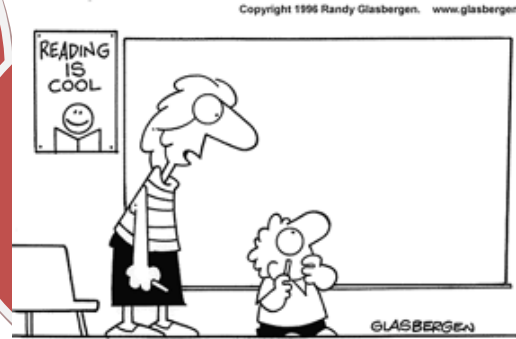




Alpha Xi members sport their best chapeaux at February's Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Guests at the tea included Xi State President Kathie Harned



"There aren't any icons to click. It's a chalk board."

