

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 Sisters,

March is here and you can spot the early flowers blooming by the roadside. This sight makes me think of spring planting with the expectation of the bright flowers of summer. How do these tiny buds become beautiful flowers? They need to be tended and nourished with care. They are much like our beginning teachers who flourish with the care of those who have been where they will soon enter---the classroom. If we see ourselves as gardeners for the future of education, how can we add just the right amount of wisdom and care to encourage beautiful blooms? My father-in-law always referred to his children as his garden. Can we find ways to cultivate both the garden already in our care (our members) as well as those we would like to see become healthy, beautiful flowers. We need to find more ways to coach these struggling flowers into brilliant blooms! How can we manage that? We are always searching for things we can do. Can you help us with ideas/suggestions that we might not have done in the past or have done and have not continued to do? Let's get out our gardening tools and cultivate some flowers.

At our March 14 meeting, we will hear from two of our younger members about their expectations on joining DKG. The meeting will be a catered breakfast (cost \$8.00) at the Red Bank United Methodist Church. 10:00 am will be the time to gather. Bring books for Northside Neighborhood House as well as one to share. Suzanne will give us a quick literacy activity which we always enjoy. Jeanette has also requested help with the decorations for the Founders' Day Brunch (April 25). There will be plenty to do, especially cutting--so bring a good pair of scissors. The Founders' Day celebration will be shared with the other chapters in the Chattanooga area. We will begin at 10:30 am at the Faculty Dining at



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Chattanooga State. This is a thoughtful and fun event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Keep in mind the Xi State Convention is just around the corner (June 4-6). Registration is already in progress (see state website). Let's have a good representation at Sewanee (on the mountain) as Beverly completes her term as state President.

Reminder: We are still looking for contributions for our basket at the Silent Auction (proceeds go to the state scholarship funds). Our theme is apples.

Sincerely,
Deana James

MEMBER NEWS

ERNESTINE ELDRIDGE INDUCTED INTO THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Alpha Xi's own Ernestine Eldridge was inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the Trade Center on Monday, March 2. Ernestine was honored for her work as an educator and girls' basketball coach. Around 500 attendees were at the dinner to honor several inductees in all sports. Ernestine was supported by 30 or more friends, DKG members, church members, and several former players. To commemorate the honor, she received a framed certificate and book with all the honorees' stories. We are very proud of this fifty-year plus member!



ELOISE LITZ TO BE HONORED IN APRIL

Members who attended the Christmas Tea were let in on a big event in Eloise Litz's life. One of her former students, Dr. Timothy George, who is now a dean at Sanford University plans to honor Eloise by proclaiming April 28th "Eloise Litz Day" at Sanford. This celebration is in conjunction with the university's 100th anniversary. Dr. George said he has never forgotten Eloise and all she did for him many years ago. We all know how unforgettable she is. We are very happy that she will be recognized in this way.

BIRTHDAYS

March

15 Holly Bohmfalk
20 Gail Huffstutler
24 Karen Phillips
27 Barbara Carlton

April

3 Ellen Craig
10 Beverly Smith
17 Jennifer Allen
28 Harriett Harris
30 Ernestine Eldridge



IMPORTANT DATES

- March 13th High School Essay Contest
- March 14th Red Bank United Methodist Church @ 10:00 a.m.
Catered: Southern Restaurant (\$8.00)
- March 15th Order of the Rose Nominations due
Visit xistate.org for more information
- March 20-21st Advanced Leadership Management Seminar
Visit xistate.org for more information
- April 15th Maycie Chapter Excellence Forms due
Visit xistate.org for more information
- April 25th Founders' Day
Chattanooga State Faculty Dining Room @ 10:30 a.m.
- May 1st Xi State Convention Registration due (save \$30)
- June 4-6th Xi State Convention at Sewanee
Visit xistate.org for more information
- June 9th TBD @ 11:00 a.m.
Board Planning Meeting
- July 15-18th Southeast Regional in Savannah



Jeanie McKenna was honored by News Channel 9 as the Tennessee Lottery Teacher of the Week. Voting is now going on for Tennessee Lottery Teacher of the Month. You can go Online to <http://www.seehowitaddsup.com/educator/> and vote now.



Grant-in-Aid Recipient

Miss Sarah Caroline Crawford was the recipient of the Alpha Xi 2015 Grant-in-Aid. She was presented with a certificate and check for \$500 at the Alpha Xi February meeting. Caroline is a junior at UTC majoring in Exceptional Learning K-12. Miss Crawford is a Brock Scholar, has been a member of the UTC Jazz Band, and currently serves on UTC's College of Health, Education and Professional Studies advisory committee. She is an active volunteer in the community with activities ranging from summer day camps, to mission trips working with Habitat for Humanity, to providing meals for the homeless through Mustard Tree Ministries at First Centenary United Methodist Church. Alpha Xi is proud to help her achieve her goal of becoming a professional educator. We wish her much success.

Pictured at The Tea Cottage are: Maxine Williams, grant committee member; Caroline Crawford, Grant-in-Aid recipient, Kim Thurman, committee chair; and Deana James, Alpha Xi president. Not pictured is Jane Brower, committee member.



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[HTTP://ALPHAXICHATTANOOGA.WEEBLY.COM](http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com)

CONCERNS

Billie Bacon -- low energy, but has an indomitable spirit of perseverance with a contagious heart of gratitude; husband, Rev. John, is now on the recovered side of laparoscopic surgery and challenging, painful drug interactions between his chronic leukemia meds and temporary meds following surgery.

Nancy Bibler -- at home with consistent progress in physical therapy following her second knee surgery

Janie Sue Massey -- will have additional follow-up scans next week after completing 5 apparently successful radiation treatments for lung cancer

Liz Morton -- improving with physical therapy for her back

Kay Sullivan's mom -- progressing well after returning home last Wed. after hospitalization in B'ham

Peggy Wright -- maintaining her usual positive attitude as she courageously copes w/ Parkinson's and recovery from a fall several months ago

