

# 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 am so excited about our upcoming Masquerade Ball. We are going to have such a wonderful time! I hope that all of you are able to join us for the evening this Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Red Bank United Methodist Church. The festivities will begin at 6pm. Thanks to Jeanette Esch, not only will we be having a great time listening to talented people, but we'll be raising money for the Delta Kappa Gamma initiative, Schools for Africa.

Speaking of Schools for Africa, what an amazing job Edna did sharing with us about the incredible contribution DKG is making in the lives of students and families through this worthy cause. I want to say a huge thank you to our February hostesses, Tommye Chesney, Judy Leach, & Donna Lamkin. Also, congratulations to Marguerite Santich who was recognized at the meeting for being our chapter's representative for the Order of the Rose. A luncheon will be held in her honor on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at the Windstone Country Club. Members and their families are invited to join us for lunch @ 1pm. Cost will be \$12 per person which includes lunch, a drink, and dessert. (Reservations need to be made with Donna Lamkin.)

In addition to Marguerite, we are also celebrating Beverly Smith's nomination for Xi State President. Hopefully, many of us will be able to attend her installation to this office at the Xi State Convention on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Conference Registration is now open, and forms can be found in the most recent copy of the Xi State News or downloaded from the Xi State website.

Have a happy spring...hope to see you all often!

Gail Huffstutler



### Message from President

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## ALPHA XI MEMBERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM

Harriett Harris and Donna Lamkin represented Alpha Xi at the Legislative Symposium on February 19 and 20. Harriett is our chapter Legislative Committee Chair and a member of the Xi State Legislative Committee. On Tuesday evening, a panel consisting of Ron Pendergrass of the Retired Teachers Association, Stephen Smith of the Tennessee Department of Education, Representative Charles Sargent of the House Finance Committee, and Jera Summerford from TEA answered questions submitted by DKG members from across the state. Questions were compiled by former Alpha Xi member Diana Womble, and Kay Muskrovo from Rho Chapter was the moderator. At the Wednesday morning breakfast, Representative Vince Dean honored former DKG International President Jensi Souders for all her work in the society. Harriett, Donna, and around 100 members from state chapters then went to the hill to speak with senators and representatives about current issues facing teachers. It was a busy time with many groups vying for the attention of legislators, but Harriett and Donna had appointments and managed to speak with many of the Hamilton County Delegation. They left feeling the day had made a positive impact, and they want to encourage other members to plan to attend next year.

## HARRIETT AND WINTON HARRIS RECEIVE NATIONAL HONOR

Alpha Xi member Harriett Harris and her husband Winton are the first couple to receive the highest honor given to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge members—the Spirit of '76 Award. They were nominated by the Chattanooga Chapter of Freedoms Foundation for their work in that group and in the community. Harriett and Winton are active members of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga and Ronald McDonald House volunteers. Winton's military service and work at the Medal of Honor Museum plus Harriett's commitment to teaching and Delta Kappa Gamma also helped them to be chosen above others nominated from across the country. They will travel with family and friends to Philadelphia on April 4 to receive their award during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Chapter Conference. Congratulations!



### Member Birthdays

#### MARCH

2 Carolyn Payne  
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



- Saturday, March 9 Masquerade Ball Fundraiser for Schools for Africa  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Red Bank United Methodist Church  
Entertainment and door prizes
- March 15, 2013 Deadline for High School Essay Contest  
Order of the Rose nominations due
- Saturday, April 27 Founders' Day Brunch, Brainerd United Methodist Church 10:00a.m
- May 1 Deadline for reservations for Xi State Convention and  
applications for Cornet 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!!!

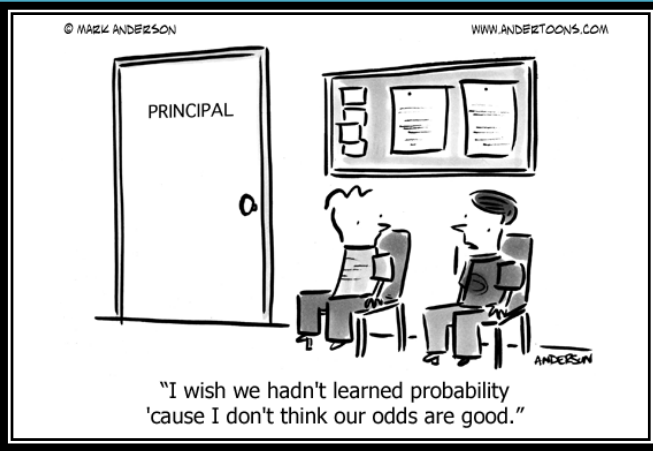
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## CONCERNS



- Lynn Meyer is doing well but is still taking treatment for cancer.
- Beverly Smith is also doing well with her chemo. She has a great new hairstyle.
- Mary Katherine Pace fell and broke her shoulder.
- Harriett Harris and her husband have both been ill, but are improving.
- Barbara Nelson is in Smyrna, TN taking care of her father





Order of the Rose  
Marguerite Santich

**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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Schools for Africa Program  
Speaker: Edna Clemons