

# 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,

Fall has arrived. The leaves put on their showiest colors and we anticipate the winter to follow. We in Alpha Xi can look forward to several fall and winter events. First, the November 1 picnic with our sister chapters from the Chattanooga area. A time for fellowship and an opportunity to get to know sisters in our local chapters. Instructions are to bring a picnic lunch to the Tennessee River Park Pavilion #4 from 10:00am - 2:00 pm. Bring your families. They even mentioned something called corn hole. If it's nice, I guess we could even take advantage of a little walk for exercise.

Then on November 18 At Brainerd United Methodist Church we will celebrate the initiation of new member with our local chapters. We have invited two deserving women to join our chapter. Sponsors and new initiates should arrive by 5:15 and all others by 5:30 or so. The price for the yummy chicken dinner will be \$15.00. Reservations with payments are due to Judy Leach by October 28. Alpha Xi will be providing the entertainment (thanks to Anna Harrington)--Jennifer Arbogast, an award-winning singer in musical theater and light opera. On December 11 all members are invited to a Holiday Tea at Nancy Bibler's house in Fort Wood. Your officers will provide refreshments and Esther Taj and Esther Clark will present information on scholarships and grants-in -aid from Xi State and how to apply.

It is truly exciting to have so much fun ahead of us. We have worked hard at our first meetings and have made some big decisions. Now it is



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time to relax and prepare for a busy 2015 beginning with our February 21st meeting at the tea house.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the reception and as many as can make it to the picnic. Please make an effort to attend the initiation to welcome our new members. We can still add members, so continue thinking about deserving women.

Sincerely,  
Deana James

## Beverly's Reception

The time is upon us and we are ready to celebrate our own Beverly Smith and her accomplishments. We are super proud to have the Xi State president from our chapter and we will show it this Saturday, October 18, at the Brainerd United Methodist Church. The event begins at 2:00 pm but we need to have our food there by 1:15 so that the setup can be completed before our guests arrive. Deana will return to Chattanooga on Thursday, October 16 and will make a trip to the Bread Basket in Hixson. Deana will be glad to pick up anything you would like to bring to the reception and either do not like to or do not have the facilities to cook. Deana think that the cookies are about \$6.00 a dozen for most of the varieties. You can check out the menu on their website. Remember that we need to show the state that we are proud of Beverly's achievements so make a special effort to be there and show you support.

## Anna Harrington Signs Publishing Contract

Alpha Xi's current First Vice President Anna Harrington signed a publishing contract for three novels in September with Hachette Publishing. The books will be released in November of 2015, February 2016, and May 2016. Three other well-known publishing companies were also interested in Anna's work, but Hachette won the contract. Anna is the new Regency Writer for their Grand Central imprint.

Anna already has one novel in print with Wild Rose Publishing. It is entitled *Saving Alexandra* under her pen name of Sabrina Howard. It is available on-line at [www.wildrosepublishing.com](http://www.wildrosepublishing.com).

### Member Birthdays

October	November
20 Billie Bacon	17 Taffe Bishop
21 Jane Brower	21 Harriet Bond
23 Brenda Hooper	23 Brenda Hooper
	27 June Bowling



## ALPHA XI SISTERS – ADDITIONAL NEWS

- Pam Thompson was elected to the TEA Board of Directors

### IMPORTANT DATES



- October 18            Saturday -2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Honoring Xi State President Beverly's Reception at Brainerd United Methodist
- October 30            Dues of \$80 paid to Judy Leach  
4586 Forsythia Way. Apt. 310, Ooltewah, 37363  
Reservations of \$15 due for Joint Initiation also paid to Judy Leach
- November 1           Picnic with other Chattanooga Chapters at Tennessee River Park Pavilion 4. Please let Anna Harrington know if you plan to go. Bring lunch and lawn chairs.
- November 18           Joint Initiation at Brainerd United Methodist Church at 6pm.
- December 11           Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's home – 4:30-6:30pm

### CONCERNS

- PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF RESERVE MEMBER GERALDINE LENTZ WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

