

ALPHA XI NEWS

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GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.



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October Meeting focused on PTA



Gail Phillips, president Tennessee PTA

Supporting parents, teachers, and providing an association that connects school to home is the role of PTA, according to Gail Phillips.

At the October 4 meeting, Suzanne Rushworth introduced Gail Phillips, current Tennessee state president of PTA. Gail has a long history of working with PTA at the school and local levels and also works for HCDE in the federal programs department.

Gail spoke about the mission and goals of the PTA, among them to encourage family engagement with schools and the larger community, to act as advocates for all children, and to support families and schools in helping each child reach his or her potential.

Gail also discussed programs and operations of the state organization. Since 1911, the PTA has been active in championing children's causes such as kindergarten for all, immunization programs, and juvenile justice. The state PTA also sponsors the School of Excellence program, the Reflections Arts awards, and student scholarships. State PTA officers make a yearly trip across Tennessee to meet with and support local chapters. PTA accomplishes all of this with a bare bones budget; only \$1.50 of local dues goes to the operation of the state organization.

Kudos to PTA and to Gail!

(submitted by Jeanie McKenna)

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 15th

Joint Chapter Initiation

PLACE: East Brainerd Church of Christ, 7745 East Brainerd Road

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Please plan to arrive a little early.

DINNER: Menu: Roast beef, vegetarian lasagna, green beans, baked potato, rolls, tea, strawberry cake, yum yum cake, and banana pudding.

COST: \$17.50

RSVP: Mail check to Karen Phillips 6603 State Line Road, Chatt., TN 37412 **by Nov. 1st**

PROGRAM: Joint initiation for Chattanooga area chapters. Alpha Xi will have two initiates; please plan to attend to show your support and welcome these new members.

More Meeting Highlights and Notes



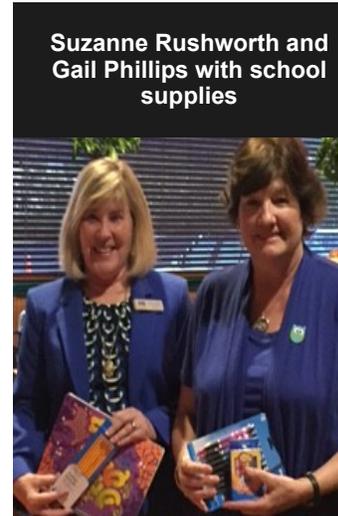
Maxine Williams provided the inspiration



Educational Services Committee hosted the meeting



President Beverly Smith presided over the meeting



Suzanne Rushworth and Gail Phillips with school supplies

Dues can be paid to Karen Phillips. Please send to: 6603 State Line Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37412 . Active members: \$80, Reserve members \$45

Deadline is October 31st



School Supply Project Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our school supply project this year. Alpha Xi members have donated over \$125 in supplies so far. October's donations went to the Soddy Daisy Branch of Northside Neighborhood House.

Book Swap Success!



We hope you have been enjoying a new book compliments of the Alpha Xi book swap project! We will continue our swap at the December meeting. Happy Reading!

President's Message

I have to admit that I am probably not the typical Facebook user. One of my sisters apparently “trolls” the site, because she often seems to know everything about everybody....all because she saw it on Facebook.



Although I rarely post on Facebook, I had a message from a friend last weekend that piqued my interest. The idea was for an individual to post a “reunion of friends” on her wall. Others are asked to give one word which tells how they met that individual. After I posted the game, I was amazed by two things: 1) how many people responded to the post and 2) how many people listed DKG as the source of our connection. Afterwards I was moved to post this comment:

“Wow!! DKG has certainly enriched my life! Just one of the many benefits of membership....”

When I consider the amazing members of Alpha Xi, I realize that I would probably only know about three people if it were not for our connection through DKG. I can't imagine that! So here's my challenge to you: In November, we hope to initiate two outstanding women educators into the Alpha Xi chapter of DKG. I hope you will make a special effort to attend initiation so that you can start building that connection with these two ladies. I want them to be blown away by the “strangers” who come for the sole purpose of showing them support. And within a short amount of time, I am confident that these “strangers” will become “sisters and friends” who will enrich their lives. Just one of the many benefits of membership.....

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DKG

The leader within...

I was fortunate to attend the Beginning Leadership Management Seminar on Oct. 1 at Henry Horton State Park. In a day and a half, Dr. Beverly Helms and Dr. Dorrie Powell shed light on the keys to orderly meetings thru parliamentary procedure, utilizing each member's potential per their strengths and familiarization with all sixteen personality types according to the Myers-Briggs scale. Now, I'm not telling you ladies anything you don't already know, but if you're like me your type might have changed since the last time you took the test. The abbreviated free version can be calculated at www.humanmetrics.com. Compare your results to your friends and family for real answers as to why that favorite niece always knows the right thing to say.



Dr. Beverly Helms, Wendy Morgan, Dr. Dorrie Powell

In our group work, we were tasked with creating a teacher training session, but the real goal was subtle analysis of group members with personality differences and altering our tendencies to achieve true group collaboration. I used to be introverted and in new situations I still tend to revert to the that safety-net. It was interesting to be grouped with true introverts and extroverts side by side with a task to complete where one person sprang to lead and another sat quietly in agreement. The biggest mistake an effective leader can make, per Dr. Helms, is allowing only those who volunteer to lead.

Robert's Rules of Order seek to provide a framework to organize social decision making where chaos in heated discussions might ordinarily take place. Knowing the rules makes all the difference. Visit www.robertsrules.org for a procedural guide to the hierarchy of each meeting action and find out if you should "second" to promote a point of view or "call for the previous question" and end the debate.

Depending on your life perspective, you approach the task of leadership differently than anyone else in your chapter. Understanding personality and organizational differences are the key to harmony within interpersonal and collective group relationships. In the words of Dr. Helms, "I will let you be you, if you let me be me." Aren't we lucky to have a chapter comprised of so many different ladies? Where would we be without so much diversity in hue?

— Wendy Morgan



ALPHA XI 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Ridgedale Baptist Church

Social Time 10:30 a.m.

Brunch 11:00 a.m.

Please sign up to help with any of the following. You can email your choice to Beverly Smith
bevsmith88@hotmail.com

I. **Food** (coordinator, Karen Phillips)

II. **Decorations** (coordinator, Jeanette Esch)

A. *Centerpieces* (teapots)

B. *Favors*

C. *Printed Programs*

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN AREA OF FOCUS:

Promoting Literacy and Numeracy: volunteer readers at local elementary schools.

Principal Jacquie Hauth at North Hamilton Elementary School has expressed a desire to have our members come and read to her students. If you are able, please contact her at hauth_jacquie@hcde.org to schedule a time to volunteer.

Halloween Jokes for Teachers



What do you
get when you
cross a
Teacher
and a
Vampire?



A: A Lot of Blood Tests!



SAVE THE DATE!

Dec 8— Christmas tea at Nancy Bibler's home

Feb 11— 60th birthday celebration planned by ad-hoc committee

Mar 14 — hosted by the Educational Excellence committee/ literacy focus/5:30

Apr/May— Founders Day with other chapters/ Alpha Xi's responsibility is Decorations; hosted by Membership committee/ 5:30 pm

Concerns

Please keep our friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Norma Cate's husband Jim has had good report from the doctor regarding his cancer. We all rejoice with them!

Please send concerns and corrections to Joyce Campbell
jckhanum@comcast.net



November Birthdays

17 Taffe Bishop

21 Harriet Bond

23 Brenda Hooper