

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,

Another school year has begun and like the students, we also begin the work of our new year. We have accomplished a lot as a chapter which is evidenced by our "Gold Awards" presented at the annual Convention. However, we must continue our past successes and expand our activities. The International Office has charged each chapter to adapt so that we can retain our current members, young and not so young, and attract new ones. After a year of research, International has found that younger members want more interesting programs which are of value to them in their careers. In response, Jeanette is planning some exciting meetings this fall. On September 22, the meeting will focus on Hispanic Heritage with a Hispanic Fiesta. The meal will be catered by Salsaritas and will be held at Red Bank United Methodist Church. Not only has she scheduled a Latino meal but also Peruvian dancers. At this meeting dues of \$80 may be paid and membership forms picked up from Jeanette.

The October 22 meeting will bring a multicultural festival with a guest from Chattanooga's Sister Cities organization. Check your cookbooks as this meeting will be pot luck. Find an interesting ethnic dish to prepare to share. We will meet at Hixson United Methodist Church Friendship House at 5:30.

Younger members also said that they want to be involved and want to do something as a chapter that will help our communities. This year we are planning to do Christmas mugs for East Lake Elementary School at our December 12 meeting at Nancy Bibler's home. The Joint Council has also proposed a project for involvement with the Girl Scouts. We will discuss the project at our October meeting. Jeanette will have a few copies of this proposal for board members and other interested members at the September meeting. Of course we will continue to collect calendars



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(2016) for veterans hospitals and books for Northside Neighborhood House.

We will continue to look for interesting projects for our chapter. What are your ideas for programs, projects, discussions, and work sessions? Please give some thought for things we can do together to promote fellowship as well as contribute to our communities.

I have a couple of target dates from the Joint Council Board meeting--November 17 for Initiation and April 23 for Founders' Day. Remember these are target dates and may change due to availability of locations.

Once again I'm off with family for five family birthdays. I will definitely miss the Hispanic Fiesta and being with you. I am available through email if you have any questions or concerns. Please remember our sick; we have had several this summer.

Sincerely,
Deana James

MEMBER NEWS

ESSAY WINNERS RECOGNIZED

In the Xi State High School Essay Contest, Tennessee students were given the opportunity to respond to Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" by explaining the poem's central idea or theme and make a personal connection to it. Writing an informative/explanatory 450-600 word essay, three local students received Alpha Xi recognition for their compositions. First-Place Winner, Alexis Nolan, a graduating senior from Tyner Academy, noted, "Decisions are hard to make when you are confused about the choice to make." Describing vividly Frost's two paths, Alexis also told of a crucial decision in her own life. Second-Place Winners (a tie) were Gang 'Victor' Il Ahn, a South Korean rising junior at Notre Dame High School and Chelsea N. Johnson, a graduating senior from Sale Creek High School. Gang concludes that ... "right or wrong' is not determined by which road we choose to go...it is determined by how we walk down the road." Chelsea saw the poet as a decision-maker faced with many possibilities; she hopes that ... "as I travel down the road I choose...I will be able to adapt to my choices, knowing they will make all the difference." Monetary awards for the winners are First Place-\$100 and Second Place-\$75. Congratulations to these Alpha Xi recipients.

The High School Essay Committee: Barbara Nelson, Kim Thurman, and Maxine Williams, Chair.

September
6 Kim Thurman
11 Charlotte Lasater

Happy
Birthday

October
20 Billie Bacon
21 Jane Brower

Left to right—Kim Thurman, Heather Johnson, Chelsea Johnson (2nd place), Maxine Williams, Alexis Nolan (1st place), Demeetrus Coonrod, and Rhonda Fears.



Not Pictured: Gang Il Ahn, second-place winner





CONCERNS

Harriett Harris had back surgery and then pneumonia. She is at home now.

Judy Leach has had pneumonia and is in rehab at Life Care of Ooltewah.

Suzanne Rushworth's husband had eye surgery in July and they also welcomed a new granddaughter, born July 20th named Rowling Marie.

Barbara Nelson is recovering from a broken hip.

Esther Taj had a fall at the beginning of the summer and has had pain in her side.

Ernestine Eldridge had cataract surgery in July.

Do not forget to check out our
website!

<http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com>

IMPORTANT DATES



September 22 Chapter meeting at Red Bank United Methodist Church 5:30, Spanish Fiesta \$15, Dues \$80

October 1 Deadline for dues (\$80) to be paid

October 22 Chapter meeting at Hixson United Methodist Church 5:30
International Pot Luck
Vote on new members

November 17 Joint Initiation, East Brainerd Church of Christ

December 1 Deadline to send in workshop proposals for 2016 Xi State Convention.

December 14 Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's home 4:30-6:00.

