

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,

Thank you to all those who made our August meeting a success. The food was great and the decorations reminded us that we still had a little summer left.

Rachael Falu gave a super presentation full of interesting facts and fun experiences from her trip to South Africa. It was also great to see so many of you there for the meeting. We passed the budget and handed the Rules changes back to committee to prepare for a vote in September. A motion to change to grant in aid from a high school senior to a junior majoring in education at UTC was passed. Our September meeting will be on the 25th at Chattanooga State. Anna will send out specific directions via email. Those of us who did not contribute to the August meal will need to let Anna know what you will bring to the salad supper. We will vote on new members and the changes to chapter rules. In addition, we will also do the final planning for the October 18 reception for Beverly. Gamma Lambda would like to know the number of our members who will be attending the get together November 1. Please check your calendars to see if you will be able to go.

I want to encourage reading the DKG News (Sep/Oct14)--especially the articles about Jensi Souders and Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's article "85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educator's for Life". She has several suggestions we need to consider and possibly question. We must continue to plan for the future of DKG.

Wow! We have already done a lot and there is more yet to come. Let's share and make it fun! See you in October. I'm off to my only granddaughter's birthday in Maryland.



Sincerely,

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Items Needed for Service Projects

At the August meeting, several service projects were announced that are in need of materials. Members are asked to bring hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves for Orchard Knob Elementary, which is sending them to Africa to help with the ebola outbreak. They have an immigrant student whose family is affected. 2015 calendars are needed to honor our own Liz Morton who works with Hixson High and sends them to the Murfreesboro Veterans Hospital. Also, East Lake Elementary has a Christmas Store for their students to buy gifts for family members. They are in need of any suitable items that members may have at home. Please bring these materials to the September and October meetings, and the appropriate member will get them to the places they are needed.

Rules Changes and New Members to Be Voted On at September Meeting

It is time to update our rules. Most changes are minor ones to keep us current with Xi State and International Bylaws. However, two major additions will need to be voted on at the next meeting. These additions are the duties for the officers and the committees. They will be posted on the chapter website before the meeting so that members will have time to read them before we vote. If you have comments or additions, please let Deana James or Karen Phillips know.

Also at our September meeting we will be voting on new members. Recommendation for Membership forms were distributed at the August meeting. They are also available on line. Jeanette Esch, Membership Committee Chair, asks that you mail or e-mail forms to her by September 20 so that she can have the ballots ready for our September 25th meeting at Chattanooga State.

As you can tell, the September meeting will be a very important one. Make plans to attend!

ALPHA XI SISTERS – ADDITIONAL NEWS

- Gail and Judy have been in the local news – TV and newspaper insert!
- Judy Leach and her husband were featured in the Life Expo insert in the newspaper last week!

Member Birthdays

September

6 Kim Thurman
11 Charlotte Lasater

October

20 Billie Bacon
21 Jane Brower
23 Brenda Hooper



IMPORTANT DATES



- September 25 Reading Center (Chattanooga State) at 5:30
Presented by Brittney Davidson
Please bring a salad dish to share or a food dish of your choice.
- September 26 Applications due for the October Leadership Management Seminar at Henry Horton State Park
- October 18 Saturday -2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Beverly's Reception
- November TBA Joint Initiation

CONCERNS

- JANIE SUE MASSEY BEGAN RADIATION TREATMENTS THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER FOR HER LUNG CANCER.
- LIZ MORTON AND BETTY THOMASON WERE BOTH ABLE TO BE AT THE AUGUST MEETING AFTER LIZ'S RECENT HEALTH PROBLEMS AND BETTY'S EYE SURGERY.
- PEGGY WRIGHT HAS ALSO GOTTEN BETTER AND RETURNED HOME.



Do not forget to check out our new website!!!

<http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com/>



August Meeting



Grant-in-aid and Essay Guidelines

The requirements for the Grant-in-Aid applicant are the following:

1. A third-year female education major.
2. A brief explanatory paragraph giving applicant's reason for a career in education.
3. GPA
4. Resume
5. A signed statement that the recipient will notify the committee chair by postal mail of her educational status for three years.

