

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”

Beautiful Ladies,

As fall approaches, school is well underway here in Chattanooga. Students and teachers have settled into daily routines and are probably already counting down to Fall Break. In previous years, the month of September was just the beginning, as the Labor Day holiday signaled the end of the summer season and the reopening of a new school year. However, since teachers now report at the beginning of August, September has become a long month that is often associated with a bit of a morale dip for many teachers.

As a result, it is crucial that we make contact with and encourage our teacher friends during this time of year. Early career educators may be feeling a little discouraged as the “new” of the year has faded and the hours spent planning, grading, and dealing with the various classroom management chores are taking a bit of a toll on their morale. Our mission of support is more important now than ever. Thanks to everyone who has been a part of providing supplies or volunteering in classrooms at our “adopted” school, East Lake Elementary.

On another note, I am looking forward to our September meeting. It’s always uplifting to spend a few hours with our Alpha Xi sisters. The Grandma’s Apron program promises to make us joyful as we revisit our roots while planning for the future. Thanks to Beverly for scheduling this program, to Deana for coordinating the details of our evening, and to Liz for helping to secure our meeting location and caterer.



Gail Huffstutler



President:
Gail Huffstutler
Huffstutler_gail@hcde.org

First Vice President:
Beverly Smith
bevsmith88@hotmail.com

Second Vice President:
Deana James
Gjames8@bellsouth.net

Recording Secretary:
Julie Hughes
KSTXTN@comcast.net

Corresponding
Secretary:
Norma Cate
nrcate@comcast.com

Treasurer:
Judy Leach
judyjoy@bellsouth.net

Parliamentarian:
Jeanette Esch
j_burkhart55@hotmail.com





IMPORTANT DATES

- September 16, 2013 “Grandma’s Apron” presented by Beta Zeta members Molly Ann Hamblen and Patsy Pope---This workshop was presented at the 2011 Xi State Convention and was a hit with the membership. Here’s the description that was printed in the convention book: “Let’s look at the many ways Grandma used her apron. This presentation brings back memories in a humorous way. Come join us for the many laughs while you reminisce.”
- October 15, 2013 Brainerd BX: 5:30 with dinner at 6:00
Literacy program presented by Alpha Xi member Suzanne Rushworth
- November 2013 Joint Initiation
- December 1, 2013 Deadline to send in 2013 XI State Convention Workshop Proposals to state First Vice-President
- December 2013 TBA (December 3rd or 10th) Christmas Party at Nancy Bibler’s home
- December 31, 2013 Deadline to apply to XI State Vision Foundation for grants and/or Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Awards

Additional News...

- ✓ Charlotte Lasater (Reserved Member) took a road trip in July to Michigan & Wisconsin with her daughter & grandson to visit her sister & special friends
- ✓ Eloise Litz was treated to a birthday meal by a former student, Dr. Timothy George, chancellor of the Beason Seminary at Samford University
- ✓ Marguerite Santich spent a couple of weeks in Knoxville visiting with her family and celebrating her 90th birthday.

CONCERNS



- KAREN PHILLIPS’ MOTHER DIED IN JULY
- LYNN MYERS – WEEKLY TRIAL TREATMENTS @ SARAH CANNON CANCER CENTER IN NASHVILLE
- LIZ MORTON – REPORTED TO US @ JULY PICNIC THAT SHE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED W/ LUPUS



Beverly Smith Leads Tennessee Delegation to Southeastern Conference

Xi State President Beverly Smith led a group of over 40 members from Tennessee to the Southeastern Regional Conference in Orlando in July. Other Alpha Xi members in attendance included Donna Lamkin, Karen Phillips, and Barbara Carlton. The conference took place at the beautiful Gaylord Palms Hotel. It began on Wednesday evening when Beverly presented the state flag at the opening ceremony. Conference attendees were entertained by very talented young and veteran performers during Florida night. Then we enjoyed a reception with conch fritters and key lime pie, in addition to other state specialties.



Thursday morning's general session speaker Sandra Ford Walston spoke to the members about courage. Luncheon speakers were society headquarters' administrators, including Tennessee's Linda Eller, who "ignited" members with their enthusiasm. Breakout sessions included two by Donna on creating a better classroom culture and the "Shine" method.

Friday morning's speaker, Kate Campbell Stevenson, used costumes and drama to take us through history with several extraordinary women who changed our country. The U.S. Forum speaker, Siobban Bennett, encouraged members to become politically active and even run for office. We also got into state groups to discuss issues facing educators in our own area. (It was interesting to hear how other states are struggling with some of the same issues we are in Tennessee.)

Saturday included more breakout sessions, another general session with Carolyn Fennell speaking on women heroes, and the President's Banquet. The current international president, Dr. Beverly Helms, was the speaker for the banquet.

The Florida members made everyone feel very welcome and were great hostesses for a wonderful and informative conference.

Member Birthdays

October	November	December
20 Billie Bacon	14 Sharon Fischer	10 Geraldine Lentz
21 Jane Brower	17 Taffe Bishop	11 Mary Katherine Pace
25 Mary Richardson	21 Harriet Bond	25 Esther Taj
	23 Brenda Hooper	25Tommye Chesney
	27 June Bowling	27 Peggy Wright
		28 Donna Lamkin





Do not forget to check out our new website!!!
<http://alphaxichattanooga.weebly.com/>



Left to Right: Donna Lamkin, Beverly, Karen Phillips, Barbara Carlton



Beverly Smith Leads Tennessee Delegation to Southeastern Conference



Jennifer is enrolled in Elementary Ed at UTC and Anna will study Communications at Lee University.
Grant-in-Aid: \$500.00
High School Essay: \$100.00

Left to Right: Jennifer Smith; Grant-in-Aid Recipient, Deborah and Blake Smith, Margaret Gilbert, Anna Huffstutler; High School Essay contest winner, Gail, Katie, and Denver Huffstutler.