

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.

“Roots, Relevance, Relationships”

How quickly the summer has passed! It is hard to believe, but school has been in session in Hamilton County for nearly a month. All of the new clothes have been worn, notebooks have begun to fill with various notes and assignments, and freshly sharpened pencils with squared off erasers are probably much shorter and show signs of use. Students and teachers have undoubtedly begun to settle into a daily routine. Now that some of the sparkle has faded, it is crucial that we continue our quest to support teachers who are new to the profession. In August, several of our members prepared and delivered lunch to the faculty of East Lake Elementary. Response was so very positive from both the new teachers and our own Alpha Xi members. So, where do we go from here? I'm so glad you asked. This month, on September 17th, our chapter will be bringing unused school supplies for those neophyte educators. We want to let them know that we have not forgotten them, and we are here to support them through their first year(s) in the classroom. This DKG project is such a timely and effective way to further the best education for all students by doing our part to mentor and sustain quality teachers.



Along those lines, our speaker for the September meeting is Stacy Stewart, Hamilton County Department of Education Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Ms. Stewart will be presenting our Legislative Program for the year and discussing the current State of the Schools, especially in relation to the recruitment and retention of the best teachers for Hamilton County Schools. If you have specific questions/topics you would like Ms. Stewart to address, please forward them to our first vice-president, Beverly Smith, prior to the meeting. Our meeting will be held at Hixson United Methodist Church, and dinner will be served at 6pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

On a final note, I'd like to encourage each of you to be thinking about women you know who would benefit from the opportunity to become a member of Alpha Xi. Our chapter has many wonderful members who work hard and have terrific gifts and talents to share. However, we are always looking for new ladies to join our organization and come alongside us in our endeavor to support and promote key women educators all over the globe. If you are interested in

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nominating someone for membership, forms will be available at our September meeting or can be downloaded from the Xi State website, www.xistate.org.

Until September 17th, enjoy the last few days of summer and remember to watch for sales on school supplies so that we can restock the cabinets of our new friends at East Lake Elementary!



Sail Kuffstutler

East Lake Academy Luncheon

Alpha Xi Chapter served lunch to the faculty of East Lake Elementary School on August 10th. The menu consisted of chicken salad croissant sandwiches with lettuce & tomato, fruit, choice of potato salad, potato chips or tortilla chips, cookies, cake and iced tea. Serving and providing food were Maxine Williams, Nancy Bibler, Jeanette Esch, Barbara Carlton, Norma Cate, Lynn Myer, and Donna Lamkin. Beverly Smith and Ann Pinion sent food, and Harriett Harris provided tea.

The faculty gathered for a group photo with our members who were present. During the meal, our members who served talked and visited with faculty members. Leftovers were packaged to go to a faculty member who was absent after being hospitalized. Delta Kappa Gamma brochures were available for interested teachers, and several took one. The school principal gave us a thank you letter to bring back to the chapter.

Donna Lamkin

Member Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

11 Charlotte Lasater
26 Ruth Benton

OCTOBER

20 Billie Bacon
21 Jane Brower
25 Mary Richardson



Member News

Lynn Meyer has announced her retirement due to continued health concerns.

Karen Phillips is now full-time at Shepherd Elementary and is trying to fill Lynn's shoes.

Connie Howard was showcased on WDEF with her innovative methods of teaching math.

Channel 12 "What's right with our schools" Sequoyah Math Segment

<http://www.wdef.com/news/story/Sequoyah-Math-Video/DgTRxFpxbk2CJNbN-4nP7g.csp>

Here is a link to view the entire math music video <http://bit.ly/Q6irki>.

If you were not at the July picnic and have had changes in your address, phone, e-mail, work status or location, please e-mail Karen Phillips at Phillips_Karen@hcde.org or phone 855-0637 and leave a message. We need to update the yearbook.



Important Dates



- September 17 Chapter meeting at Hixson United Methodist Church 5:30 social hour, 6:00 dinner
Bring teacher items for East Lake Elementary
Speaker: Hamilton Co. Asst. Superintendent Stacy Stewart
- October 18 Chapter meeting at Country Place Restaurant
5:30 social hour, 6:00 dinner
Vote on new members
- October 30 Deadline to pay chapter dues (\$80 active/\$45 reserve) to Judy Leach
3817 Lerch Street, Chattanooga, TN 37411
- November Joint Initiation, Tyner United Methodist Church 6:00 initiation, 6:30 dinner
- December 1 Deadline to send in 2012 Xi State Convention Workshop Proposals to Xi State First Vice President
- December 11 Christmas Tea at Nancy Bibler's home in Chattanooga
- December 31 Deadline to apply to Xi State Vision Foundation for grants and/or Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Awards
- February 9 Ridgedale Baptist Church
- March 9 Red Bank Methodist
- April Founders' Day, TBA

Please RSVP for the September meeting by the 11th and to bring school supplies for new teachers. The cost of the dinner for the meeting will be \$17.

CONCERNS

Janie Sue Massey has been released from NHC Healthcare and has returned to her apartment at Parkwood Retirement Apartments. (phone # 779-1021)

Judy Leach's 98 yrs. old mom is currently at NHC Healthcare for therapy on her broken leg.

Mary Richardson's husband, Fred, is back at home after amputations of both feet



The faculty and some of our DKG members at the luncheon provided by our Alpha Xi chapter of DKG at East Lake Elementary



Member Spotlight

Do you write poetry, tell stories, do needlework, do paper-crafting, etc.? If so, please let me know so that we can spotlight your talent at a meeting. These segments will be designed to take no more than 2-3 minutes but I think it will be a great way to help others get to know us better.

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Alpha Xi's annual family picnic was held at the Tennessee River Park in July.

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"If knowledge is the ultimate weapon, wouldn't that be a violation of the school's security policy?"

