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UPCOMING EVENTS

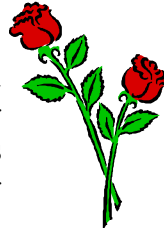
- JAN. 8, 2011 10:00 A.M.**
New Member Brunch
- FEB. 15, 2011 4:30 P.M.**
Program: "Bagpipes Anyone"
White Station Church of Christ
- FEB. 24, 2011 5:00 P.M.**
Paint Your Own Pottery!
Seize the Clay
3084 Poplar Avenue
- MAR. 22, 2011 4:30 P.M.**
Program: "Everything's Coming
Up Roses"
White Station Church of Christ
- APRIL 16, 2011 11:00 A.M.**
Program: "Founder's Day"
Holiday Inn University
- MAY 10, 2011 4:30 P.M.**
Program: "Unwrap the New
You"
White Station Church of Christ

President's Message



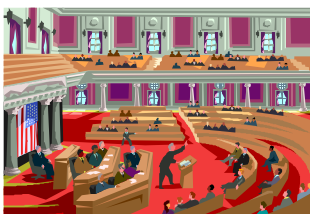
Dear Alpha Lambda Members,

I love the coming of the holidays. A chill in the air and the winter break signify the changing of yet another season. And change is good. I couldn't help but smile when Jensi Souders, our international president, made the remark at Initiation that we as DKG members must prepare ourselves for change because our world is not the world of 1929. A lot has happened. Sometimes it's the smallest decisions that can change your life forever. I know how my life has changed since joining Alpha Lambda chapter. It is and continues to be an amazing experience with extraordinary friendships and opportunities. "We must learn to view change as a natural phenomenon - to anticipate it, and to plan for it. The future is ours to channel in the direction we want to go ... we must continually ask ourselves 'What will happen if?' or better still, 'How can we make it happen?'" That's what DKG is all about. We now have five generations involved in the Society. Young women just coming into DKG want to belong to an organization that addresses their needs and their interests, personally and professionally. The reality is changes are coming. They must come to stay current in the world, and Delta Kappa Gamma must share in bringing them.



Chrissie Allen

Xi State Legislative Symposium



March 1 and 2, 2011 are the dates for the Xi State Legislative Symposium which will be held at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville. It gives us a chance to take advantage of opportunities that will strengthen our professional growth and our leadership skills. The Symposium brings together Delta Kappa Gamma members and members of the legislature to discuss pending legislation that affects us as teachers as well as the needs of the children we teach.

Forms are on the website to register, and the deadline is January 30, 2011. Participants (to date): Dr. Connie Smith, Tennessee Assistant Commissioner of Education; Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director Tennessee State Board of Education; Mr. Jerry Winters, TEA Government Relations; Tennessee Senate Education Chair; Tennessee House Education Chair; Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove, Rho Chapter, moderator, and more.

We're "counting on" seeing you there as we're "racing to the top on the 2011 legislative wave"!!!



SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

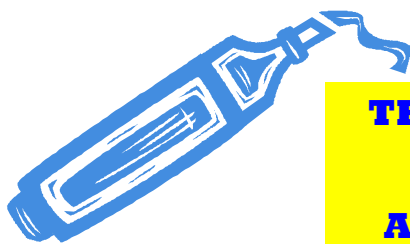
August ushers in the start of a new school year and September ushers in the start of a new Alpha Lambda year complete with new chapter officers, new committee members and exciting programs sure to appeal to one and all. Chrissie Allen presided over her first meeting as our new chapter president and Leslie Morgan, our new first vice president and Program Committee chair introduced our new “highlight” moment and the upcoming programs for the 2010-2011 year. At each meeting a selected chapter committee will “highlight” various chapter members and present aspects of their personal and professional lives. The Program Committee “highlighted” Charlene Beeson, Janice Enck, Jessica Orians, and Jeanette Saino.



Carrie Muldavin, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, presented deserving candidates for membership who were later voted into Alpha Lambda. They will be introduced to the members at the New Member Orientation and at Initiation. One of the highlights of the September meeting is the making of the New Teacher Baskets for a new elementary, middle and high school teacher. This year the members were so generous that the baskets were packed to overflowing. When these goodie baskets are delivered you can bet there will be some very happy new teachers! This year we started a new homework basket for the children at the Women’s Abuse Shelter. It was stuffed with all sorts of school and art supplies that should help these deserving children.



The meeting concluded with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song and refreshments and fellowship. It looks like this will be a very eventful, informative and fun year for all the members of Alpha Lambda.



**THE SEPTEMBER
HIGHLIGHT
AWARDS GO TO:**





Initiation - October 9, 2010



Initiation Saturday is always one of the most anticipated events of the year as it welcomes into our chapters new outstanding women educators. It is a coordinating Council event that includes all 5 Memphis chapters. This year Initiation took place in one of the ballrooms at the Holiday Inn University on a beautiful October Saturday. Alpha Lambda was responsible

for the initiation ceremony this year. Chrissie Allen, Susan Hoback and Celestine French did an outstanding job making the event dignified and beautiful. The ceremony was made even more memorable by the addition of two special guests that stepped in as extra participants in the ceremony. State President Dee Dee Rives presented each new member with a red rose and their certificate of membership. International President Jensi Souders pinned each new member with their Delta Kappa Gamma pin and spoke personally to each and every one of the new members. It was such a moving event for them and for us. Following the lovely brunch we were all treated to a speech by Jensi. She stressed that all of us have much we can give to Delta Kappa Gamma as members and there is much we can receive from Delta Kappa Gamma. She was motivating, humorous and sincere and we are very lucky to have her as our new International Presi-



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Alpha Lambda Members with Dee Dee Rives, Xi State President, and Jensi Souders, International President at the October Initiation.



Newest Members of Delta Kappa Gamma



Alpha Lambda—New Members



Race for the Cure



October 31st was more than Halloween this year it was also the date for the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This was a special occasion for all of us this year as the Walk was selected to be a Co-Coordinating Council special event. All of the five Memphis chapters were asked to participate in the event.

Alpha Lambda was well represented in the Walk and it was easy to pick us out in the large crowd as

many of us wore the DKG t-shirt that had been specially designed for the event. The members that participated in the Walk enjoyed the fellowship, the crisp autumn day, the exercise and the excuse to be photographed with Elvis!! Hopefully next year we can have even more members that part in this very special event.



November Soup Supper “Village Zambia and Schools for Africa”

On November 16, 2010 we had a great turnout for our 5th annual soup supper. Attendees were treated to fabulous soups and an informative program on DKG’s “Schools for Africa” project. Debi Gray, one of our new initiates, did an outstanding job giving a first-hand account of what it is like to teach in Africa.

In Sub-Saharan African, one-third of all children are deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender-separate sanitation facilities, often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Poverty also forces children to drop out of school early to help support their families. Debi, in traditional African dress, spoke passionately of the many hardships these children face every day.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa’s children, and Alpha Lambda did its share by raising \$210.00 for the project. Carol Hanson, Linda Roberson, and Susan Hoback were highlighted at the meeting and each received the coveted highlighter award. A big thank you goes out to the World Fellowship Committee, Charlotte Maybry (chairman), Betty Buchignani, Carol Hamm, Carolyn Taylor, and Debi Gray who served as hostesses.





Holiday Spirit with Delta Kappa Gamma Gifting for the Holidays December 4, 2010



Chickasaw Country Club with its glittering tree and seasonal decorations was the perfect setting for our December meeting that put all of us in the Christmas spirit. Each member was asked to bring a toy for the students who attend Brinkley Heights Urban Academy. Betty Only from Alpha Sigma was there to accept the toys for children who might not have a Christmas without the generous gifts from chapters like Alpha Lambda. Betty's car looked like Santa's sleigh leaving the parking lot.

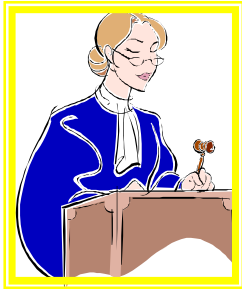


We were delighted to have Avis Foreman from Epsilon join our holiday celebration. During the luncheon, Janice Enck played Christmas carols on the piano, and later Leslie Morgan introduced John Hiltonsmith, choral director Memphis University School, who brought his renowned singing group, *Beg to Differ* to entertain us with favorite Christmas carols and some popular tunes that brought smiles and lots of applause. Linda Eller, from headquarters, dropped in to lunch and catch up on Alpha Lambda news. Carrie Muldavin announced that her son, the new executive chef at Chickasaw, had prepared our gourmet luncheon, so we coaxed him out of the kitchen to give him a standing ovation for his efforts.



After lunch, Stephanie Anderson was initiated into the chapter by Chrissie Allen, Susan Hoback, Celestine French, Paula Marshall, and Carrie Muldavin. It was the perfect gift to end our Christmas meeting – the gift of sisterhood!





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR

January 8, 2011 10:00 AM

New Member Pot Luck Brunch

Start off the New Year with Anna Mullins, the editor of *Skirt Magazine*. She 's our guest speaker and will talk on the “**unrules**” we should follow in the coming year. It should be informative and very entertaining. The sponsors will also highlight their new initiates with a “Did you know....?” and then tell the chapter some interesting things we might like to know about our newest members.

New Members

- Kameliah Amaya
- Stephanie Anderson
- Ginger Chamberlain
- Debi Gray
- Jinger Griner
- Undria McClendon
- Andrea Randolph
- Cathy Short
- Meagan Tate

Sponsors

- Judy Babb
- Beth Kaiser
- Leslie Morgan
- Leslie Morgan
- Susan Hoback
- Judy Babb
- Chrissie Allen
- Leslie Morgan
- Judy Babb

So make a dish, make a casserole, or make a dessert, and make a date to have brunch with your Alpha Lambda sisters on January 8, 2010 at 10:00.

The Membership Committee will serve as hostess for this meeting. Paula Marshall and Carrie Muldavin – Co Chairs, Judy Babb, and Laurie Holland.

Mark your calendar now:

***Xi State Convention
June 9-11, 2011***

Sewanee Tennessee



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Mark your calendar now:

***Southeast Regional Conference
July 13-16, 2011***

Louisville Kentucky