



ALPHA LAMBDA

**THE DELTA KAPPA
GAMMA SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL**

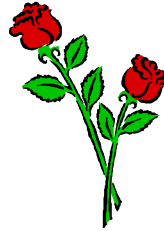
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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Members,

You can't deny we are doing something right. Our chapter continues to grow and bloom with 11 new applications for membership. And that's because we're an active chapter that expects involvement from all our members. Over the summer, the Executive Board came up with some innovative ideas to keep our chapter one of the best, and no one worked harder than Leslie Morgan, our Program Chair, who has come up with the most creative and fun chapter programs for an entire year. No one wants to be overworked, overwhelmed, or overlooked, and that won't happen in our chapter if all of us "embrace our vision and design our future."



I'm asking each of you to honor your commitment when you joined Delta Kappa Gamma, and I want your promise to work for the Society. Everyone wants to be part of a great chapter, but no one person can do it alone. I don't think two can do it either. Nor do I think the six of us on the Executive Board can run the chapter on our own. So when you are asked to serve or lead, wherever or whenever you're needed, your answer will be a happy "Yes!" Come to meetings, read the emails, and share with friends. Connect. Impact. Shine.

With those words in mind, I look forward to another fabulous year of Alpha Lambda programs and activities, and most of all, seeing 100% of you at our chapter meetings.

Chrissie Allen



DUES ARE DUE



As we begin another exciting year of Alpha Lambda activities, one of the first orders of business is to collect chapter dues. The amount for active members is **\$80.00**; for reserve members, it is \$40.00. They should be sent to our chapter treasurer by **October 1st**.

Please make your check payable to *Alpha Lambda Chapter* and mail it as soon as possible to:

Camille Dolan

6927 Surrey Lane

Germantown, TN 38138

If you have any questions, please give Camille a call (753-5513) or send her an e-mail (ccd753@yahoo.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 31, 2010
Registration Deadline
Xi State Creative Arts Retreat

SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 4:30 PM
Program: "Just Our Business"
White Station Church of Christ
1106 Colonial Road

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
Registration Deadline
Xi State
Leadership Management Seminar

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 6:00 PM
New Member Orientation
Janice Enck's Home
4877 Lynbar Memphis 38117

OCTOBER 1-2, 2010
Xi State Creative Arts Retreat
Columbia, TN

OCTOBER 9, 2010 10:00 AM
Program: "Welcome to Delta
Kappa Gamma"
Holiday Inn University
3700 Central Avenue

OCTOBER 30, 2010
Race for the Cure
Saddle creek Mall

NOVEMBER 1, 2010 5:00 PM
Registration Deadline
Xi State - Advanced
Leadership Management Seminar

NOVEMBER 4, 2010 5:00 PM
Cooking Demonstration
Holiday Appetizers
Interim Restaurant
5040 Sanderlin Avenue

NOVEMBER 15, 2010
Deadline to sign up to present
at Xi State 2011

NOVEMBER 16, 2010 5:00 PM
Program: "Village in Zambia and
Schools for Africa"
"Soup Supper #5"
White Station Church of Christ
1106 Colonial Road

DECEMBER 4, 2010 11:00 AM
Program: Holiday Spirit with DKG"
Chickasaw Country Club



Congratulations - 2010 Order of the Rose Recipient

Paula Marshall was recognized at the 2010 Xi State convention with the Order of the Rose Award. Paula was initiated in 1995 and has been an active member since day one. Paula has served as chair of our chapter's Telephone, Communication, Nomination, Finance, and Membership Committees. She has held the offices of Recording Secretary, First Vice -President, and President. During her presidency, she started the new member mentoring program, developed the first orientation packet for new members, and represented our chapter on the Memphis Coordinating Council. She has also been active in our chapter's involvement with the Governor's Books from Birth Program, service project crafts nights, and collecting items to support the women's abuse shelter. Our chapter has benefited from the leadership skills she acquired from the Xi State Leadership and Advanced Leadership Training Seminars.



It wasn't long before her abilities and skills were recognized by Xi State. She has served on the state Leadership Development Committee, Communications Committee and is currently the state Nominations Committee Chair. From 2005 -2007, she served as the Area IX Director.

To call her active is an understatement. Before retiring she was a kindergarten teacher which she admits is her first love. She has served as a girl scout leader, volunteered at her church's recreational center, and wrote grants that helped establish an outdoor garden and classroom. Her newest project is being grandmother. Her willingness to serve and to lead makes all of us in Alpha Lambda proud to have her in our chapter!

Congratulations Paula!!!!

New Chapter Project



The "Schools for Africa" campaign is a partnership between UNICEF and the Nelson Mandela Foundation to promote child-friendly schools in Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. The goal is to provide quality basic education to all children with special focus on girls, orphaned, and other vulnerable children. Leslie Morgan, our Program Chair, has planned an informative, entertaining program for our soup supper in November. Debi Gray, who has taught in an African village in Zimbabwe will be our guest speaker for the evening's program. Make plans to come out and support this Delta Kappa Gamma International Society Project.

October Initiation Brunch

Holiday Inn University
 3700 Central Ave
 Oct. 9, 2010
 Practice 9:30
 Initiation 10:30



Cost \$20.00
 Money Due to Camille
 By Sept. 25

Ta Da!!!!



Just Married (50 years ago). - Our own **Martha Kage and her hubby Ed** just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Her dress and the pattern she used to make it were on display at the reception. Their nieces and nephews decorated their car with tin cans and signs saying "Just Married - 50 years ago".



Just Retired - Janice Enck retired from Memphis City Schools after 27 years. Her last official position with Memphis City Schools was as a PDSCC/Facilitator at Snowden School. Before becoming a facilitator she was an elementary and middle school science teacher. **Celestine French** retired from Memphis City Schools in January 2010 after 40+ years as an elementary teacher. Her last position was at Georgia Avenue Elementary School. **Mary Jo Wilson** retired after 37 years of teaching Family and Consumer Sciences. Her most recent teaching position was at Overton High School.



New Grandmothers - Paula Marshall became a grandmother for the second time in June. Granddaughter Angelina welcomed her new baby brother Ethan.

Carrie Muldavin became a grandmother for the first time in June. Her new bundle of joy is Adelaide.



XI STATE GOES DIAMOND



Alpha Lambda just loves going to Xi State and this year was no exception. Big festivities were planned for one and all to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Xi State, and you know how Alpha Lambda loves to celebrate!! We were there in numbers –20 to be exact, and our members were out and about all over the campus attending, presenting, registering, organizing and directing. Busy, busy ladies!! We had three first time attendees this year: Celestine French, Carolyn Taylor and Clemmie West. They really enjoyed the Orientation Tea in their honor and everything else that was Xi State.

The highlight of the Opening Session had to be the 75th Anniversary skit written and directed by Jensi Souders. The skit covered the years from 1935 to the present. Alpha Lambda had the responsibility of the 50's decade. Chrissie Allen and Martha Bailey delivered their speaking parts like pros, but personally I think Celestine French, Susan Hoback, Janice Sorsby and Mary Jo Wilson had more fun as “those rowdy teens” dancing in the background. If the laughter, applause and standing ovation at the end of the skit were any indication than everyone in attendance had a great time. Way to go Jensi!!



Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, TX

Dr. Carolyn Rants, International President, was the guest speaker for the convention. She spoke on several occasions and even took part in a workshop where she presented the proposed changes to the constitution to be decided on at the International Convention in Spokane in July. Our own Linda Eller was also in attendance from International headquarters. It was great seeing her again and catching up on all that has happened since her “big move” to Austin, Texas. The international life seems to be agreeing with her.



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The days at Xi State are packed with duties and responsibilities from early, early morning to night. But “oh, those summer nights” at Xi State!! You know how Alpha Lambda girls come alive at night!! Put two or more of us together in a room and you have an instant event! Get togethers were held nightly in the dorm rooms where everyone could catch up on the latest gossip, laugh, hear first timers observations, laugh, critique events, laugh and eat. Who knew that Cheetos could taste sooooo good at two o'clock in the AM!! There is nothing like the fellowship that develops among your Alpha Lambda sisters in the wee hours of the morning in a dorm room at Sewanee. Next year,

you should make plans to attend and take part in all of the learning and fun!! Try it you might like it!! Mark your calendars for June 9-11, 2011. See you there!!

Mary Jo Wilson

Mark your calendar now:

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

***Sewanee
Tennessee***



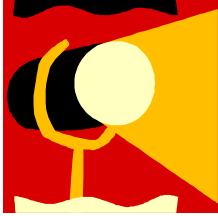
Mark your calendar now:

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

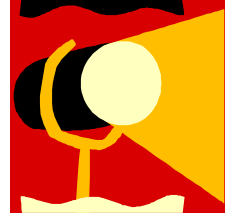
***Louisville
Kentucky***



Alpha Lambda Shines at Xi State



Wherever you looked at Xi State you were sure to see one or more members of our chapter excelling in their responsibilities for the convention.



- **Becky Sadowski**, Parliamentarian, had the responsibility of keeping the business portions of the convention running according to parliamentary procedure.
- **Martha Bailey**, Membership Chair, and her committee members were instrumental in presenting a beautiful and moving ceremony of remembrance. Their selection of Nancy Davis as the tribute speaker, and the addition of a hand bell ringer for the ceremony, added special touches to this wonderful ceremony
- **Cindy Schepman**, Achievement Award Chair, and her committee selected and presented Dee Dee Rives with this prestigious award.
- **Janice Sorsby**, Scholarship Chair, and her committee presented numerous scholarships to deserving Xi State members. Janice was also instrumental in compiling and posting on the website a complete list of Xi State scholarship recipients.
- **Mary Jo Wilson**, Special Events Chair, and her committee raised over \$5,000.00 through the Silent Auction and the sale of Iris Note Cards which benefits the Leadership Committee's seminars.
- **Beth Kaiser**, member of the CIEC Committee, presented a workshop on CIEC. She also had the distinction of ringing the hand bell at the Ceremony of Remembrance.
- **Janice Enck**, member of the Music Committee, played the piano at various functions throughout the weekend.
- **Camille Dolan**, Member of the Steering Committee, was one of the forces behind the monumental tasks at registration.
- **Alice Chandler** and **Jane Cummiskey** manned the Alpha Lambda crafts booth. Jane also created and assembled our silent auction items.
- **Paula Marshall** assisted in lighting the candles at the Ceremony of Remembrance.
- **Chrissie Allen, Martha Bailey, Janice Enck, Celestine French, Susan Hoback, Becky Sadowski, Janice Sorsby, and Mary Jo Wilson** participated in the 75th Anniversary Skit.
- **Beth Kaiser, Vicki Kaiser, and Carolyn Taylor** sold Xi State Memory Books.
- **Celestine French, Carolyn Taylor, and Clemmie West** attended the Orientation Tea for first time attendees.
- **Chrissie Allen, Wanda Day, Susan Hoback, Beth Kaiser, Vicki Kaiser, and Mary Jo Wilson** served as pages and/or table hostesses.
- **Linda Eller** represented the staff from International Headquarters Staff.

MORE TA DA'S!!!



Congratulations To:

Chrissie Allen for being awarded the Carolyn Phipps Master Teacher Award at the SMCTE Conference.

Beth Kaiser for being identified as an outstanding Stanford Math Middle School Teacher.

DKG'S NEW VISION STATEMENT:

LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



BECOMING A GOLDEN GIFTED PEARL GIRL



I was looking for an experience that would help me build confidence and develop leadership skills like I have observed in so many of the Delta Kappa Gamma sisters that I have met at meetings, workshops and conventions. With the encouragement of Martha Bailey and Mary Jo Wilson and the help of Becky Sadowski and Janice Sorsby, I found it through Golden Gift. I was extremely fortunate to be one of the 30 members selected from the US and our inter-national countries to attend the Leadership Seminar in Austin, Texas. My class quickly bonded together through laughter, tears, sharing, self-study, and personal growth to become known as the “Pearl Girls” of the class of 2010. From this wonderful opportunity I learned, I changed, I grew. That's what's so amazing about DKG. You are offered life-changing experiences just by filling out an application.

It is my personal mission to use my newly, acquired skills to create a chapter of excellence. With your active participation in Alpha Lambda, we will all learn, change and grow personally and professionally while promoting excellence in education. Because you believed in me, I believe in me.

Chrissie Allen

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR CHAPTER CHAIRS

On July 13 at Café Palladio, President Chrissie Allen hosted an appreciation luncheon for the chapter members that have graciously accepted the responsibilities of committee chairs for her binennium. In attendance were Martha Bailey, Charlene Beeson, Linda Bond, Alice Chandler, Susan Hoback, Beverly Hooker, Vicki Kaiser, Paula Marshall, Charlotte Maybry, Leslie Morgan,

Carrie Muldavin, Janice Sorsby, Clemmie West, and Mary Jo Wilson.



Unable to attend were Fay Beth Broughton, Ann Duckett, and Jane Youngson. There is no doubt that through the leadership of these outstanding women, the work of DKG and Alpha Lambda will continue.

Committees will take turns hosting our chapter meetings this year. Leslie Morgan and Chrissie Allen presented a brief skit on how the committees will carry out this responsibility. As with many of our chapter activities there was delicious food, laughter, fellowship, brainstorming, and sharing of ideas. If the enthusiasm at the luncheon is any indication, Chrissie's binennium is off to a great start!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR “JUST OUR BUSINESS”



The first meeting of the new binennium, “Just Our Business”, will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at White Station Church of Christ at 1106 Colonial Road. During this meeting, the business of Alpha Lambda will be conducted. The budget, upcoming programs, committee reports, and International, State, and Coordinating council updates will be presented. The important tasks of voting on new member nominations will take place at this meeting. You are also asked to bring donations for our new teacher baskets and the new homework basket. The new teacher baskets will be presented to a new elementary, middle and high school teacher. If you know of any brand new teachers, bring their names and school locations to the meeting. The homework basket will be donated to the Women's Abuse Shelter. Supplies for the homework basket should meet the needs of students from kindergarten through high school.

Jensi's Theme for the 2010-12 Binennium

EMBRACING OUR VISION - DESIGNING OUR FUTURE



Come Walk with DKG

Race for the Cure

Oct. 30, 2010

On line registration: www.komenmemphis.org



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Let's see, what's not to like about a trip that takes you from 100+ degree temperatures and heat indexes near the boiling point to the balmy 80 degree temperatures in beautiful Spokane, Washington with NO HUMIDITY!! Nothing that's what!! The trip across the mountains was truly impressive and you really got to appreciate the grandeur of Mother Nature. We arrived at the Double Tree Hotel, one of the three convention hotels, and were quickly presented with the first of our many, many yummy chocolate chip cookies. We took a city tour of Spokane and were impressed with the lovely gardens, the walks in the park, the ride on the historic Merry-Go-Round, the choo choo train ride, the water falls, the sky ride and the really fast slide down the front of a really, really big red Radio Flyer wagon. Fun time had by one and all!!

But let's face it; the convention is all about the business of DKG, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers. Oh, yes, they did provide time for shopping from the many vendors in attendance (get a few of the ladies to show you some of their sparklies). This year we had some wonderful guest speakers who spoke on topics that ranged from leadership, to education legislation and technology. Probably the favorite speaker at the convention was Amanda Gore. A dynamo of energy and enthusiasm packed in a small body, but with a message full of important life changing attitudes. Just ask anyone that attended her speech about her "Ta Da" moments; her fairy wand; her "build a bridge; get over it" and her "look on the bright side" song. What a treat for all of us!!

The workshops and seminars were plentiful and on a variety of subjects and interests. Our own Carolyn Taylor presented a workshop on travel and safety for women that was well attended. She seemed pleased with the response she received from her attendees. Alpha Lambda members attended workshops that ranged from program ideas, to creating and maintaining a website, to the new International Schools for Africa project, to membership, just to mention a few.



Of course, one of the major components of any International Convention is the "business of DKG"! Many hours were spent over changes to the International constitution and by-laws. There was much debate and discussion over the changes with red, yellow and green cards in abundance. Check out the International website to read about all the new changes that were voted on at this convention.

The ladies from Tennessee enjoyed the Tennessee Breakfast hosted by Dr. Kathie Harned who presented a fun ice breaker for the group along with some lovely Tennessee mementos. We also enjoyed the Southeast Regional Breakfast that spotlighted some of the outstanding ladies from our region. The presentation from the Louisville, KY group complete with race horses and silk jerseys was fun. They will host the Southeast Regional Conference in July, 2011. But the highlight for all of us had to be the President's Banquet and the installation of the 2010-2012 International officers. Tennessee's own Jeni Souders was installed as the incoming International President!! She was radiant in her acceptance, and we know through her biennium theme "Embracing Our Vision, Designing Our Future" that she will lead our organization with grace and dignity. Congratulations Jeni! We are so proud of you and know you will do an excellent job in your new office!!



Before you knew it the convention was over and the suitcases were being packed to return home. Everyone was excited about the upcoming 2012 International Convention to be held in New York City in July 2012. Don't you know that one will be well attended!! The shopping, the plays, the sights, the cheesecake ---oh my!! I wonder if it is too early to make my reservations now??!! Why don't you start making plans now to join your DKG sisters at the Sheraton Hotel in NYC for all of the fun and events of an International Convention? Hope to see you there!

Mary Jo Wilson