



ALPHA LAMBDA

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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

I think I first heard the idea of an elevator speech at the International Convention in Chicago. What could a DKG member say on an elevator or anywhere that would explain to an inquiring mind what Delta Kappa Gamma is all about? I finally have mine, and I thought I'd share it with Alpha Lambda sisters who are most likely to be on that elevator with me at conferences, conventions, and seminars anywhere the Society gathers.



In the elevator someone spies the red ribbon name tag I'm wearing, and I'm asked, "What's Delta Kappa Gamma? Some kind of sorority?" I give a huge smile and say, "We are key women educators impacting education worldwide. Nowhere will you find a more passionate and dedicated group of grass-roots educators than those among the DKG members. As members in the society we are afforded opportunities to serve, lead, and grow both personally and professionally. We are inspired and inspiring women. Without a doubt, we are the fuel that drives our society's growth. We support and mentor young teachers, and we support educational programs that make the world a better place. To see the commitment and dedication of the leadership of DKG has made me particularly proud. I have a profound respect for all our professionals and the unparalleled enthusiasm with which they pursue the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. All told, DKG has enjoyed a great deal of success since 1929 and is poised for even more success and greater growth in the years to come. Our mission does not have a finish line, and the pursuit of our mission "impacting education worldwide" requires diligence and desire along with passion and purpose. DKG demonstrates all those qualities. Key women educators are fortunate to be part of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - and I will always feel fortunate to be one of them."

It was a long elevator ride

Chrissie Allen

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 9-11, 2011
Xi State Convention
Sewanee Tennessee

July 13-16, 2011
Southeast Regional Conference
Louisville, Kentucky

Applications for Xi State are now on line at

www.xistatve.org

If you want Camille to send it for you, she must have your application and check (payable to: Xi State) no later than **March 18th.**





Congratulations Dr. Taura Turner



After a successful defense on February 17, 2011, Taura was awarded her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from Union University. Her dissertation topic was "The Relationships Among Female Students' Aggressive Behavior and Overage for Grade Status and Academic Achievement." You can be sure there will be many smiles and hugs among her family and friends at her graduation on May 21, 2011.

Way to Go Dr. Turner!!!!

Xi State Advanced Leadership Seminar

Sixteen DKG members from across the state were chosen to attend the Xi State Advanced Leadership Seminar at Hachland Hill Vineyard & Corporate Retreat in Joelton, Tennessee on February 25-27th. Our own Chrissie Allen was fortunate to be one of the ones selected to attend the seminar. Two other Alpha Lambda members were also in attendance. As a member of the State Leadership Committee, Susan Hoback was responsible for planning and implementing the seminar. Becky Sadowski, the 2010-2012 International Leadership Committee Chair served as the presenter for the seminar. The seminar was based on the book, *The Art of Possibility*. Our sources have informed us that Becky did an outstanding job!!!!!!



Congratulations Are In Order For

Martha Bailey and Susan Hoback for being nominated to serve on a Xi State elected committee. Martha has been nominated to serve on the Personnel Committee and Susan has been nominated to serve on the Nominations Committee for the 2011-2013 binennium.

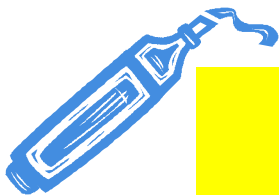


BONNIE SCOTLAND PAYS A VISIT TO ALPHA LAMBDA

Can't you see the morning fog gently lifting off the hills?? Can't you smell the lavender on the hill tops?? Can't you hear the haunting melodies of the bagpipes?? Well, maybe you can't see the fog or smell the lavender, but if you were at the February meeting you were able to hear the sounds of the bagpipes. Alpha Lambda was fortunate to have Bob Erskine as our special guest speaker and performer at the meeting. His wife, Helen, introduced him and told how they had met, and how she encouraged him to take up the bagpipes once again. Following his introduction, Mr. Erskine told about his Scottish heritage and how he learned to play the bagpipes as a young boy, but later turned his musical talents to another instrument. Later in life, he heard the bagpipes played at an event, and with Helen's encouragement started taking lessons and playing once again. He told all about the history of the bagpipes and then graciously treated us to several selections of Scottish tunes and their history. He later explained all about the Scottish kilt he was wearing and about the different types of hats and weapons that can be worn with it!! The entire event was informative and enjoyable.



Nora Capwell from Shelby County Books from Birth and Patsy Smith were additional special guests at the meeting. A special shout out has to go to the members of the social committee for continually arranging and organizing the hospitality portion of each of our meetings. These ladies ROCK!!!



**THE FEBRUARY
HIGHLIGHT
AWARDS GO TO:**



Jane Youngson and Tish Williams, members of the Historical Committee, highlighted Linda Bond, Camille Dolan, and Martha Kage.



AND AWAAAAAY WE GO!!!

By Mary Jo Wilson



Are you packed yet?? If not, why not?? After all Xi State Convention is only a mere three months away!!! It's time to travel down the highway to the Mountain Top Experience in Sewanee, TN, June 9-11th. For anyone that has never attended Xi State and for those that have attended, below is a recap of the fun and activities that you might expect:

Day One: Anticipation and Excitement: caravan from M-town... registration...lunch at the Sewanee Inn...move into your dorm (college days remembered)...tours of historic Sewanee...first timers tea and reception...display set ups...choir practice...executive board meeting...dinner at the university cafeteria (blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream, oh my!)...the parade of flags...opening session...silent auction bidding (bring your checkbooks and cash)...evening reception...

pajama party in the dorm (complete with cheetos, candy, laughter and fellowship)...And that's just Day One...Whew!!!

Day Two: Busy, Busy, Busy: breast cancer awareness walk...early morning breakfast...business meeting...informative workshops (many conducted by our own Alpha Lambda members)...goodies to buy (again, checkbooks and cash might come in handy)...last chance to view displays and bid on silent auction items (bid, bid, bid!!)...Awards Luncheon (always a highlight! where outstanding chapters are recognized for their work from the previous year)...more informative workshops...practices for various groups and committees...dress up time (our chance to get all dolled up and strut our stuff!!!)...President's Banquet...installation of new Xi State officers and elected committee members (congrats to Susan Hoback and Martha Bailey)...President's Reception (hopefully with chocolate and strawberries, yum, yum!)...final pajama party in the dorm... Have you had a chance to catch your breath yet????



Day Three: Reverent and Celebratory: a quiet early morning walk to All Saints Chapel...the Ceremony of Remembrance (so beautiful and moving)...the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song accompanied by the chapel carillon (tissues needed)...the Birthday Brunch...packing and moving out of the dorms (it seems like you leave with more stuff than you came with)...hugs and good byes...fond memories...catching your Sewanee guardian angel on your way out of the university gates...the long trip home (it always seems longer going back than coming)...Now didn't you have a terrific time!!!

I could go on and on and into a great more detail about Xi State, but suffice it to say, you really can't grasp the scope of what Delta Kappa Gamma truly is until you experience it from a larger perspective like a state convention, regional conference, or international convention. Registration applications are available on line at the Xi State website (www.xistate.org) under News and Events. The cost is \$225 and that includes your room and board. Remember to select St. Luke's as your dorm of choice. Please mark your calendars, complete your applications and join us in Sewanee---it won't be the same if you aren't there!!!





Mark Your Calendars for the March Meeting

Program: "Everything's Coming up Roses"
Historical Committee serving as Hostess

March 22, 2011

4:30 p.m.

White Station Church of Christ
1108 Colonial Road



Spring Founder's Day Luncheon

Date: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 11:00

Place: Holiday Inn University
3700 Central Avenue

Cost: \$25.00



Deadline for Payment and Reservations:

March 31st ...No Exceptions!!!!!!

Make checks payable to Alpha Lambda
Bring to March Meeting

or

Send to: Camille Dolan
6927 Surrey Lane
Germantown, TN 38138

Program:

Speaker: DeeDee Rives
Xi State President
Installation of New Council Officers
Presentation of Years of Service Pins

Pack your bags, pick up your buddy, and head to Louisville, Kentucky for the Southeast Regional Conference. Make your reservation for the Louisville Marriott Downtown at 1-800-266-9432. Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Southeast Regional Conference rates.

Rooms are going fast. Don't procrastinate!



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