



# ALPHA LAMBDA

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

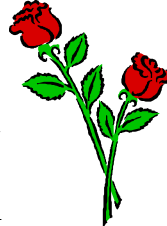
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## President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

It's not too late to make plans for 2011. Here are 11 ways that you can be more involved with Delta Kappa Gamma this year. Maybe you can't do everything on the list - - but do as many as you can and you will be greatly rewarded!



1. Show off your Delta Kappa Gamma pride by polishing off your key pin and wearing it to all Alpha Lambda meetings and DKG events.
2. Set a goal to attend as many meetings as you possible can.
3. Participate in *Books from Birth* by volunteering to enter 25 applications a month.
4. Celebrate Founders' Day.
5. Contact the Program Committee with your suggestions for program ideas for 2012.
6. Make plans to attend the Xi State Convention in Sewanee, TN.
7. Get together with a chapter sister over lunch or coffee.
8. Volunteer to serve on a state committee.
9. Apply for a scholarship, a grant, or the leadership seminar.
10. Pack your bags for the Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, KY.
11. Nominate an outstanding woman educator for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Happy New Year,  
*Chrissie Allen*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

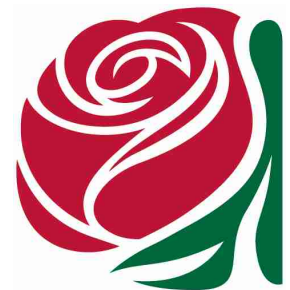
**FEB. 15, 2011**      **4:30 P.M.**  
Program: "Bagpipes Anyone"  
White Station Church of Christ

**FEB. 24, 2011**      **5:00 P.M.**  
Paint Your Own Pottery!  
Seize the Clay  
3084 Poplar Avenue

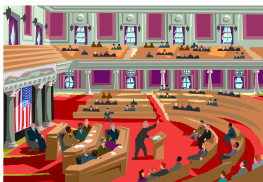
**MAR. 22, 2011**      **4:30 P.M.**  
Program: "Everything's Coming Up Roses"  
White Station Church of Christ

**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



### Xi State Legislative Symposium



The Xi State Legislative Symposium and breakfast will be held at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville on March 1st and 2nd. The Symposium directly relates to several of our Society purposes. It provides an opportunity for DKG members from across the state to hear from professionals who are knowledgeable on current and upcoming educational issues. Participants (to date) include 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 and House Education Chairs. Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove, Rho Chapter, will serve as the moderator for the symposium. You can personally arrange to meet with your state legislators to discuss pending legislation that affects all of us as teachers and the children we teach. Forms are on the website to register, and the deadline is January 30, 2011.



## BOOKS FROM BIRTH

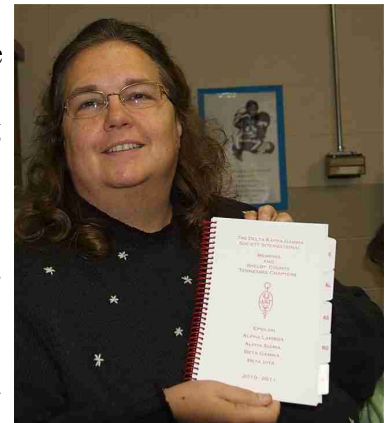


The newly appointed Director of Shelby County Books from Birth, Nora Capwell, was a special guest at our November meeting. She took time to thank our chapter members for their dedicated service to the children of Shelby County. Through our efforts of entering applications over one million children in Shelby County now have access to monthly books that will help promote literacy across our county. Nora is excited about her new position and is working to make the on-line application entry process more user-friendly. Since assuming her new position she has been working with Martha Bailey, who has been responsible for coordinating Alpha Lambda's involvement in the Books from Birth State Literacy Project for the past four years. Now Nora will be working very closely with the members of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. The committee includes Ann Duckett (chair), Carol Hansom, Vicki Kaiser, Sandy McKnight, Cathy Meredith, Pallie Shelton, and Meagan Tate. If you are not currently entering Books from Birth Applications but would like to volunteer, contact Ann Duckett at 277 -4839 or [annduckett@ymail.com](mailto:annduckett@ymail.com).

## HATS OFF TO BETH KAISER



Beth Kaiser has a lot to smile about these days. As Second Vice President, she is responsible for the updating, correcting, and proofing of our chapter year book. Because of her dedication and persistence, the yearbook was completed on time and we received "Highest Honors" from Xi State. The yearbook includes important information to remember about international, state, coordinating council and chapter events and business. It's a great resource for keeping up with activities and your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. Your yearbook includes the names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, and email addresses for our members and the other four Memphis chapters. So you won't miss out on any chapter happenings, the yearbook includes all chapter meetings and special events dates and times. So keep it handy and refer to it often!



**Thank you, Beth, for doing such an outstanding job!**



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met January 6, 2011 at Davis-Kidd Bookstore to evaluate past chapter programs and upcoming programs and special events for the remainder of the year. In attendance were Chrissie Allen, Leslie Morgan, Martha Bailey, Mary Jo Wilson, Linda Bond and Vicki Kaiser.



## NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

Most individuals welcome the New Year with the expected resolutions and maybe a yearning for traditions of the past. The annual New Members Brunch is one of Alpha Lambda's favorite traditions. This year the brunch took place on a very chilly day in early January at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Germantown. Fellowship was enjoyed by all as they caught up with everyone's holidays and time off. There was hot cider and coffee and tables laden with goodies for the brunch to come later in the morning. Of course the main purpose of this meeting is to recognize and welcome the new members of our chapter. This year we initiated nine outstanding women educators.



The new member highlights were given by the mentor members that nominated each member. Leslie Morgan asked Ginger Chamberlain, Cathy Short, and Debi Gray to come up and play "What's My Line?" and we guessed who was from "down under," who was a world-class camper, and who could turn you on to a really good book. To introduce her good friend Jinger Griner, Darlene May told a funny and endearing story about finding a roommate. Undria McClendon, Meagan Tate, and Kameilah Amaya stood next to Judy Babb while she gave us the 411 on these multi-talented young teachers. Andrea Randolph radiated as Chrissie Allen spoke of her teaching successes with her inclusion classes and her love of her students. Beth Kaiser introduce Stephanie Anderson and told how they met through their church handbell choir. Chrissie welcomed back former member, Taura Turner. She shared Taura's journey from Saturn marketing analyst to her recent promotion as a Memphis City Schools Instructional Supervisor for Marketing and Media teachers. We learned that Taura has authored a book [Sleeping with the Lights On](#), a treasury of her grandmother's wise sayings. Her grandmother, Ernestine Hunt, our special guest, beamed with pride as Taura's accolades were given.



Following the highlights we broke for brunch! Yummy appetizers, casseroles, desserts, veggies and fruits, breads and beverages---more than enough to tantalize anyone's appetite. One thing you can say about Alpha Lambda members is we know how to put on a feast!! The social committee continues to organize our refreshments and display them in appealing and appetizing ways. Good work ladies.



After the brunch Chrissie called the business portion of the meeting to order. Minutes and treasurer reports were approved and committee reports were given. Handouts, events and deadlines relating to international, state, co-coordinating council and chapter business were passed out and discussed. Yearbooks were passed out to the members present, others will be mailed to members who were not able to attend. The meeting ended with the singing of the DKG song and the anticipation that this tradition will continue for many years to come.





# Alpha Lambda's Newest Members



Kameilah Amayah



Stephanie Anderson



Ginger Chamberlain



Debi Gray



Jinger Griner



Undria McClendon



Andrea Randolph



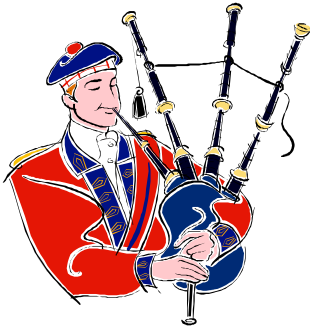
Cathy Short



Meagan Tate



## 11 PIPERS PIPING....



Actually, for the February 15th meeting, we'll have only one. The February program will feature our guest piper, Bruce Erskine, the husband of our own Helen Erskine. Alpha Lambda sisters will get to hear and appreciate a traditional bagpipe performance. Played in king's courts and during presidential processions, bagpipes are enjoying a resurgence of popularity. Ask anyone who attended the 2010 International Convention in Spokane what they thought of 75 bagpipers playing in unison. It was amazing.

Since the 1960's bagpipes have made appearances in all forms of music, including rock, metal, jazz, hip-hop, punk, and classical music. And Delta Kappa Gamma is all about keeping up with the times. Bagpipes were once used to frighten away enemies in the battlefield. Think of what a bagpipe could do for classroom management? Chances are right now you have one question in mind as do most people when they think of bagpipes. *"How do they keep the continuous note?"* Satisfy your curiosity and come to February's unusual chapter program. The pipes are calling..... Mark your calendar for **February 15th, at 4:30 at White Station Church of Christ.** See you there.



**Applications for Xi State are now on line at [www.xistatve.org](http://www.xistatve.org). Bring your completed application and check to the February meeting.**

**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***