



ALPHA LAMBDA

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

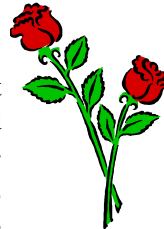
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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

Today, effective mission statements are quite simple and do not include how the organization expects to meet it. Boards are encouraged to design mission statements that “fit on a T-shirt.” Expert Peter Drucker says, “A mission cannot be impersonal; it has to have deep meaning, be something you believe in- something you know is right.” Disney’s “To make people happy” and Mary Kay’s “To give unlimited opportunity to women” are great examples that inspired Delta Kappa Gamma International to create something all DKG’s could easily embrace and articulate – something personal, something we believe in and know to be right.



The vision really wraps it up for us. It’s everything about who we are based on our core values and standards of membership.

- We promote lifelong commitment, intellectual and personal growth and service to humanity.
- We perpetuate our heritage as we commit to the growth of our Society.
- We foster enduring friendships.
- We advocate ethical behavior, respect, and authenticity, accountability, and integrity.
- We aspire to excellence in all we do.

By embracing the call “to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education,” our members will continue to connect, impact, and shine in ways that will promote the best in Delta Kappa Gamma now and in the future.

Aye in DKG,
Chrissie Allen

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7, 2012 4:30 P.M.

Program:
“Travel Tips”
White Station Church of Christ

FEBRUARY 22, 2012 5:00 P.M.

Paint Your Own Pottery!
Seize the Clay
3084 Poplar Avenue

MARCH 5, 2012 4:30 P.M.

Program:
“Inspiring Future
Memphis Leaders”
White Station Church of Christ

April 15, 2012 11:00 A.M.

“Founders’ Day”
Chickasaw Country Club

May 8, 2012 4:30 P.M.

Program:
“Hat Skit”
White Station Church of Christ

June 7-9, 2012

Xi State Convention
Sewanee, TN

July 24-28, 2012

DKG International Convention
Sheraton Hotel
New York, NY



LET’S GET READY TO TRAVEL!!!



The application for the June 7-9th Xi State Convention is currently on line!! Camille will be accepting applications and payment at the February meeting. She will forward all of the applications and payment to Xi State. We usually try and send in our applications together to ensure that we all end up in the same dorm. If you are going to convention for the first time, make sure you sign up for St. Luke’s Dorm. It is one of the newest and it is perfect for the Alpha Lambda late night parties that take place after the daily events are over.

Make plans to attend the convention and to see what DKG is all about at the state level. The fellowship, workshops, scenery and ceremony that you will experience over the two day period can’t be beat!!



AND THE NOMINEES ARE:

The Nominations Committee has nominated the following talented and capable ladies to serve as chapter officers for the 2012-2014 biennium:



President: Cathy Meredith
First Vice President: Carolyn Taylor
cond Vice President: Martha Bailey
Recording Secretary: Debi Gray
Corresponding Secretary: Jane Youngson



Election of officers will take place at the February 7th meeting.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE DRESS AT A TIME



Want a quick update on our Alpha Lambda Cares Project?? Chapter members have been busy cutting, pressing and sewing our little dresses for Africa. We haven't stopped long enough to get a really accurate count, but estimates have us at over 400 and still sewing!! Thanks to all of you that have donated your time, money, fabric, trim, encouragement and enthusiasm for our project!! It would not be possible without you.

Mary Jo has shared our project and showcased the dresses when she spoke recently at the Senior Adult Ministries group at Janice Sorsby's church in Collierville and at the monthly meeting of the Collierville Contemporary Women's Group. Mary Jo enjoyed sharing information about Delta Kappa Gamma and our Schools for Africa Project. She explained how we selected our dress project and provided information on the founder of The Little Dresses for Africa Project. Everyone present at both gatherings enjoyed hearing about our project but they really enjoyed seeing the dresses and seeing the results of all our hard work.

WHO KNEW????

By Mary Jo Wilson

Who knew that Saturday, January 7th would bring blue skies and pleasing temperatures instead of snow or ice and freezing temperatures like we have had the last few years for our annual New Members Brunch?

Who knew that Alpha Lambda members are culinary geniuses that can take ordinary ingredients like grapes, sausage and crescent rolls and create delicious mouthwatering yummy dishes for the brunch that everyone thoroughly enjoyed?

Who knew that Charlene Beeson and her Social Committee could once again organize and present such a wonderful event for all of us?

Who knew that DKG International had created the informative power point presentation "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture"? The power point helped to re-orientate all of us to the multitude of benefits one receives by being a member of DKG. (cont. p.3)





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Who knew that Becky Sadowski could add even more to the power point by telling us about the leadership opportunities that are available when you participate on a state or international committee? Becky informed us that these committees are the backbone of our organization and everyone should take advantage and sign up at the first opportunity they can to be a member on one of them. There are many committees to choose from and one that can surely use your talents and skills. There is a committee out there just waiting for you and all that you can offer!!

DKG chapters and the friends she has met and kept because of these travels. As she explained, she would never have traveled to these countries or met so many outstanding women, if not for DKG. This is one adventurous lady and we keep telling her she needs to write a book and share her stories with everyone. She is our guest speaker at the February meeting and I am sure she will have even more experiences to share with all of us about her travels. Can't wait!!



Who knew that DKG could provide you with wonderful opportunities to travel and see the world? Carolyn Taylor shared stories and pictures of her travels through countries with

Who knew that our new member Amy Venckus is one of the librarians at Colonial Middle School and a wife and mother? According to Chrissie Allen, who highlighted Amy, if you have a technology problem arise in your classroom, Amy is your go-to-girl! Faye Beth Broughton who nominated Amy had to leave the brunch early, but will bring us even more information on Amy at a future meeting. Stay tuned.



Who knew that an unexpected illness in her family would keep another new member Sharon Hall away from our meeting? But not to fear, Connie Mungle who nominated Sharon, will tell us more about her at a future meeting. Again, stay tuned.

Who knew that Wanda Day would get the chance to highlight one of her former CLUE students, Becky Cremer, at our brunch? Leave it to Wanda to bring a lot of laughter to her highlight complete with information on Becky's new boyfriend, her impressive weight loss (you go girl!), the break in of her apartment and her experiences as a relatively new third grade teacher. Wanda shared with everyone a creative writing assignment that Becky wrote when she was in Wanda's Grahamwood class. I don't know what was more impressive, Becky's lovely writing on the color green or the fact that Wanda had and could find the assignment from so many years ago. Very impressive ladies!!

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Who knew that Alpha Lambda could be so fortunate to have these three lovely and talented ladies as new member of our chapter? How lucky can we be????



Who knew announcements and business could cover every area of DKG from chapter to International? Budgets and minutes were approved and correspondence was read. Updates were given on our little dresses project, New York was discussed, committee reports were given and nominations for chapter officers were announced. WHEW!!

Who knew that the closing activity that Chrissie selected for our meeting would be so moving and appropriate for this occasion? She had all of us line up by the date of our initiation and she led all of us in the Recommitment Ceremony. After the ceremony, we passed a candle from person to person and told our names and the year we were initiated. The Delta Kappa Gamma song concluded the ceremony. So lovely.

Who knew that our event would be so much fun, so informative but over so quickly? No sad and gloomy faces members because it won't be long before we get to do it all over again!!