



ALPHA LAMBDA

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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

Chances are you wanted to be a teacher from a very young age. Chances are, another teacher just like you, ignited that spark in you to become an educator. He or she made it a joy to learn and encouraged your talents and skills. So the tradition continues, the torch is passed. It is up to those still in the classroom and those who have left their imprints to inspire, entertain, and enlighten a whole new generation of children. Delta Kappa Gamma's hats are off to you. Soon we will celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week. Whether you are a beginning teacher or a retired veteran, I hope you take the time to reflect on what the teaching profession has meant to you. Delta Kappa Gamma honors and reveres those of us who chose to become a teacher. I enjoy being with women who share my passion for education. Teaching has always been a profession that makes a difference because everyone was taught to be somebody special by a teacher. In my professional and personal opinion, Alpha Lambda has some of the most exemplary teachers in our society. See you all on Founder's Day.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14, 2012 11:00 A.M.
"Founders' Day"
Chickasaw Country Club

May 8, 2012 4:30 P.M.
"Little Dresses for Africa"
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



HATS OFF TO FOUNDERS' DAY!!!!

Plans are quickly being finalized for the Founders' Day Luncheon on Saturday, April 14th at Chickasaw Country Club. The theme for the occasion will be "Hats Off to Our Founders" and both Alpha Sigma and Alpha Lambda are using the theme to coordinate the program and decorations.

At our February chapter meeting, twelve members volunteered to take part in a skit about our founders. It should be great fun, as each one will wear a different hat to honor each of the founders. In addition to the skit, Alpha Lambda will be responsible for installing all of the new 2012-2014 chapter officers. We will also be recognizing chapter members who have been members of DKG for thirty or more years. Dr. Dorrie Powell, Xi State First Vice President will be our special guest for the occasion.



Reservations for the luncheon must be into Camille no later than Monday, April 9th. The cost of the luncheon is \$24. If you require a special diet, such as diabetic or gluten free, please make that information known to Camille at the time of your reservation.

Make plans now to attend!!! Wear your hat!!!!



WANTED!!!!

HO: Alpha Lambda Members

WHAT: Work Session

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8th at 4:30 pm

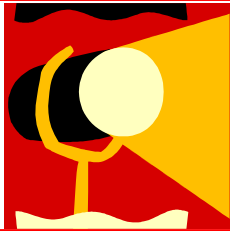
WHERE: White Station Church of Christ

WHY: To Finalize our Little Dresses for Africa Project

NEEDED: Two Gallon Zip Lock Bags

Please make plans to attend this important chapter meeting on the above date and time. We will be finalizing the Little Dresses for Africa project and we need all hands on deck!!! At this meeting we must measure and size all of the dresses and then roll and bag them by size for mailing. Since we have hundreds (yes that's right...hundreds) of dresses to process, we need as many of you that can to attend. Even if you have to come a little late, please come!!! Casual dress like jeans and comfy shoes will be acceptable as this will be a work session!! This meeting could run later than usual, so be assured that the Social Committee will make sure there are tasty goodies available to keep the energy level up and going.

As suggested at the March meeting, this would be a great meeting to invite a potential new member to since this will allow them to enjoy the fellowship of Alpha Lambda members and to get a firsthand view of what our chapter is all about!!



In the Spotlight:

Congratulations to **Debi Gray** for being chosen to receive the 2012 Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award, for \$1000 to use toward her China Silk Road tour this summer. Way to go Debi!!!

WORKSHOP PRESENTATION AT NORTH MS REGIONAL MEETING

By Mary Jo Wilson

Our little dresses project is not only becoming well known in TN but a DKG member in MS heard about the project from Martha Bailey and invited her to attend the North MS Regional Meeting that was held on Saturday, March 10th in Hernando, MS. So along with Mary Jo Wilson, the car was once again packed with the sewing machine, directions, fabric and notions along with many of our completed dresses and headed down I-55 south to the Hernando United Methodist Church.

Martha and Mary Jo conducted two workshops on the dresses project. The attendees heard about the origin of the



Little Dresses for Africa Project and how we became involved. They were told about the difference the dress will make in a little girl's life how once we found out a simple goal of 25 dresses had expanded to over several hundred. For each session, they gave the attendees a quick hands on demonstration on how to make the dresses. They explained how the project is ideal for a chapter since everyone can participate, even the non-sewers, since there is much to be done to the dresses that doesn't require any sewing. They shared that the project was also a good way to involve their community, since a lot of their fabric had been donated by non DKG members. Questions were asked and answered and some of the attendees even shared a MS resource, Dirt Cheap a cross between Dollar Tree and Big Lots, with Martha and Mary Jo that is not available in

Memphis. They told them that they often had good buys on pillowcases and sometimes even fabric. Needless to say, they will be checking it out sometime soon.

You must be told that there were a lot of oohhs and aahhs over the little dresses. There were so many kind compliments given and everyone was very impressed that our chapter had taken on this wonderful service project that will make such a huge difference in little girls' lives. Way to go Alpha Lambda!!!