



# Alpha Lambda

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## President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

It is the time of year I have always associated with new beginnings, no doubt due to my 35 years as an educator. For many of you still working in education it is the start of a new school year, while for Alpha Lambda it is a new biennium. I would be remiss if I did not applaud the efforts of Debi Gray and her corps of officers who most ably carried out their respective duties through a successful 2016-2018 biennium. Our chapter thrived under their leadership and they are all to be commended.

Your new executive board and committee chairs have already been working diligently to plan and prepare for the first year of the new biennium. You will see some of the fruits of our labor within the pages of this newsletter. As we begin anew it is important to reflect on the past, focus on what was accomplished, and look for improvements or changes that need to be made. The membership will have an opportunity to review and give input for our updated Strategic Action Plan at our September meeting.

“Your Adventure Awaits...Be Involved and Enjoy the Journey” is the theme for the 2018-2020 biennium. It is an extension of Xi State President Elaine Alexander’s theme for her biennium “Explore, Dream, Discover...Your Adventure Awaits.” I very much look forward to enjoying this journey as I am involved with my Alpha Lambda sisters in programs, projects, special events, community endeavors, and wonderful fellowship.

Let us continue to recognize outstanding women educators offering them support, fellowship, and the special joys of membership in the sisterhood that is DKG.

*Jane Cummiskey*

*Your Adventure Awaits...Be  
Involved and Enjoy the Journey*

## Mark Your Calendar

### ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER MEETINGS 2018-2019

Thursday, September 6  
Saturday, October 20  
Thursday, November 15  
Saturday, December 1  
Monday, January 14  
Tuesday, February 19  
Tuesday, March 19  
Saturday, April 27  
Thursday, May 2

### XI STATE DATES

Creative Arts Retreat  
Casey Jones Village  
Jackson, TN  
September 28-29  
Registration Form due August 27

Beginning Leadership  
Management Seminar  
October 19-20  
Application due August 31

State Officer and Elected  
Committees Applications  
Due October 31 – forms on Xi  
State webpage

Cornet Seminar Professional  
Development Award  
Application due November 1

2019 Xi State Convention Dates  
May 30, May 31, June 1

# ALPHA LAMBDA PROGRAMS 2018-2019

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 4:30 PM

Program: "Taking Care of Business" Hostesses: Membership  
Colonial Middle School  
Donations: School Supplies for New Teacher Baskets, Refreshments: Social, Communications,  
Women's Abuse Shelter, and DeNeuille Learning Center State Projects

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 10:00 AM

Program: Induction and Brunch Hostesses: Legislation  
Speaker: Becky Sadowski, International First Vice President Professional Affairs  
Ridgeway Country Club

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 4:30 PM

Program: "Girls Night Out with Books" Hostesses: Communications  
New Member Pot Luck Dinner  
Speaker: Elise Rodriguez  
Mullins Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall  
Donations: Coats for Kids

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 11:30 AM

Program: "Just the Right Gift" Hostesses: State Projects  
Luncheon  
Chickasaw Country Club  
Donations: Children's Books for Porter Leath

## MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 4:30 PM

Program: "Wicked Plants" Hostesses: Telephone  
Salad & Dessert Supper  
Speaker: Genie Ashworth Refreshments: Membership  
Colonial Middle School Leadership Development  
Donations: Needs for Room at the Inn Archives

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 4:30 PM

Program: "Teaching Abroad" Hostesses: Finance  
Speaker: Dr. Denise Mason Refreshments: Legislation  
Colonial Middle School Professional Affairs  
Donations: Latino Memphis Special Events

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 4:30 PM

Speaker: Rev. Dr. G. Scott Morris, founder & CEO Hostesses: Archives  
Church Health Center Refreshments: Telephone  
Colonial Middle School International Projects  
Donations: Union Mission

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 11:00 AM

Program: "Founders' Day Celebration" Luncheon Hostesses: Chapter Projects  
Speaker: Beverly Hall, Xi State First Vice President  
Ridgeway Country Club

## THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 4:30 PM

Program: "Tea and Titles" Hostesses: Leadership Development  
Great American Read Refreshments: Chapter Projects  
Speakers: Linda Eller and Paula Marshall Finance  
DeNeuille Learning Center Social  
Donations: Gift bag items for students

# Alpha Lambda

# Committees 2018 – 2020

## **Chapter Archives**

Chair: Wanda Day  
Gail Barton  
Leslie Morgan  
LeCharle Harris  
Leslie Tarbett

## **Chapter Projects**

Chair: Mary Jo Wilson  
Alice Chandler  
Camille Dolan  
Beth Pitt  
Jane Cummiskey  
Laurie Holland

## **Communications**

Chair: Paula Marshall  
Janet Baldwin  
Mary Ransdell  
Teresa Jenkins  
Araxee Ross

## **Finance**

Chair: Linda Bond  
Martha Bailey  
Camille Dolan  
Jane Cummiskey  
Monica Sweatt

## **International Projects**

Chair: Denise Mason  
Fay Beth Broughton  
Elisabeth Silverman  
Amy Venckus  
Carolyn Warren

## **Leadership Development**

Chair: Linda Eller  
Ann Duckett  
Becky Sadowski  
Mary Helen Sinclair  
Kristine Sullivan

## **Legislation and Professional Affairs**

Chair: Carolyn Taylor  
Amy Epps  
Connie Mungle  
Carol Peterson  
Linda Roberson

## **Membership**

Chair: Janice Enck  
Celestine French  
Christy Sneed  
Shelia Stanley  
Tish Williams  
Jane Youngson

## **Nominations**

Chair: Debi Gray  
Alice Chandler  
Christy Sneed  
Janice Sorsby

## **Program**

Chair: Helen Erskine  
Chrissie Allen  
Linda Bond  
Wanda Day  
Linda Eller  
Janice Enck  
Debi Gray  
Susan Hoback  
Paula Marshall  
Denise Mason  
Dona Packer  
Kathryn Smith  
Carolyn Taylor  
Mary Jo Wilson

*“Teamwork  
divides the  
task and  
multiplies the  
success.”*

*Unknown*

## **Social**

Co-Chairs: Dona Packer  
Kathryn Smith  
Crystal Cook  
Becky Cooper  
Bonnie Cummings  
Helen Erskine  
Beverly Hooker  
Helen Perkins

## **Special Events**

Chair: Debi Gray  
Charlene Beeson  
Jennifer Bubrig  
Amanda Mallory  
Cathy Meredith  
Becky Taylor

## **State Projects**

Chair: Chrissie Allen  
Anita Cobb  
Tanya Dolman  
Janice Sorsby  
Clemmie West

## **Telephone**

Chair: Susan Hoback  
Becky Cooper  
Gloria Dahlman  
Julie Gutch  
Betty Lou Jones  
Martha Kage  
Lynn Tacker

*“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;  
Together we can do great things.” (Mother Teresa)*

## FYI ....

- ***DKG News***

Beginning with the July/August issue, the *DKG News* is now digital and all future issues will be available online only. Members can access the *DKG News* at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) by signing in with their member ID as username. This ID number can be found on your membership card. You can also refer to the address label of any International publication, though the number on these labels has one too many digits and you will need to drop the last digit. The default password is still *dkg2014society*. Once you sign in you will find the *DKG News* under Resources, Publications. If you wish to receive all International publications digitally simply sign into the My DKG area of the website and indicate your preference.

- **Nominations/Recommendations for New Members**

Although we typically think about recommending outstanding women educators for membership in August and September each year, remember that recommendations for membership can occur at any time and induction into the Society does not have to be in the fall. Consider using the DKG Prospect Card to identify educators that would be an asset to our chapter. Keep Alpha Lambda growing! Questions: Contact Janice Enck, Membership chair.

- **Alpha Lambda Dues - Active members \$80 Deadline - Oct. 19**
- **Oct. 20 Induction Ceremony and Luncheon – (\$25)**
- **Becky Sadowski was elected International First Vice President. We are so proud! Congratulations, Becky!**
- **Jane Cummiskey received the Order of the Rose at Xi State. Congratulations, Jane! Well deserved!**

## HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE LOVELY LADIES

### August

Alice Davis	2
Alice Chandler	11
Linda Eller	14
Beverly Hooker	19
Denise Mason	20

### September

Celestine French	2
Jane Cummiskey	8
Janice Sorsby	9
Carol Peterson	25
Amanda Mallory	27
Ann Duckett	28

## DKG Prospect Card

Name Jane Doe  
Address 123 Learn Street  
E-mail jane\_doe@comcast.net  
Employer Sample School District  
Position 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
Phone 717-123-4567  
Sponsor Dr. Lyn Schmid

## DKG Prospect Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_