



Alpha Lambda



President's Message

Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

With the holiday season on the horizon, I cannot help but reflect on how very blessed we all are. So often we take the many blessings bestowed upon us for granted, but at this time of year, we have been acclimated to bringing our thanks to the forefront. I remember vividly as a child hearing my grandfather instilling in each of his fourteen grandchildren that there were two parts to Thanksgiving. The first being the offering of thanks for our plentiful blessings, and the second the giving of oneself to help others... to be a blessing to another. There is no doubt that those early lessons have had a lasting impact on my life.

One of the things I love most about Alpha Lambda is our altruism! Our members donate time, talents and goods to numerous community agencies. None of this is required, but it affords us all the opportunity to help. The love of this season shines forth in every altruistic act we do, whether it be donating to Coats for Kids, volunteering at the Race for the Cure Store or working at the computers registering racers, donating school supplies for first year teachers, or any of our planned monthly opportunities.

Let us be mindful of those in recent months who have suffered greatly as a result of natural disasters...fires, floods, and hurricanes. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, and assist as you

So, at this season of Thanks and Giving, let us each give thanks for our abundant blessings. Let us be grateful for our family, for our friends and for the sisterhood we call DKG.

Jane Cummiskey

What do Our Committees Do?

*Continuing with our series of spotlighting Alpha Lambda committees and their duties, this month's focus is on the **Membership** and **Finance** committees.*

*Currently serving on the **Membership** Committee are Janice Enck (Chair), Celestine French, Sheila Stanley, Christy Sneed, Tish Williams, and Jane Youngson. It has been their responsibility to encourage members to nominate prospective members and accept recommendations for new members. After receiving these, the committee presents the names and qualifications of those recommended and then conducts the election for new members. The committee keeps an accurate record of invitations sent to prospective members, their written responses, and assists the chapter president with a "new member" orientation. The committee is responsible for the induction ceremony and securing mentors for the new members. Additionally, they keep a personal data file on each member, maintain up to date name tags for meetings, and contact members who have terminated their membership to encourage reinstatement.*

*The **Finance** Committee is charged with preparing an annual budget for the chapter. They work closely with the chapter treasurer and conduct an annual review of her books. If you are detail oriented, like working with numbers and figuring out how much money should be allotted for various activities, this might be the committee for you sometime in the future. Serving on Alpha Lambda's Finance Committee are Linda Bond (Chair), Martha Bailey, Jane Cummiskey, Camille Dolan.*

When you see the ladies serving on the Membership and Finance committees, please thank them for the excellent job that they are doing. The actions of both of these committees have been and continue to be a part of why Alpha Lambda is a growing, healthy DKG chapter.



FYI –

***Xi State High School Essay Contest –
December 15, 2018 Deadline***

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”- Nelson Mandela
Students are asked to think about the quote and reflect on one thing they would like to change in the world and how education would enable them to begin to accomplish this. Guidelines and details are available on Xi State webpage.

Xi State Vision Foundation Award and Grant Opportunities

*It is not too early to for all interested DKG members to start thinking about applying for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grants. Guidelines now include evaluation rubrics with section values. One Liz Whorley Bradley Award can be awarded each year, and up to four Vision Foundation Grants can be awarded. The maximum for each award/grant is \$1,000. Applications and guidelines are available on the Xi State website in the Forms section. All applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2018**.*

DKG Educational Foundation Award

*Are you searching for funds to participate in a professional seminar or project that would benefit you, your students, and your community? Consider applying for the DKG Educational Foundation Project Award **due January 3, 2019**.*

2019 Xi State Scholarship Application Now Available

*The Xi State Scholarship Committee has updated the 2019 application for members seeking financial assistance with expenses for earning advanced degrees. Several scholarships (\$1250 and \$3000) are available. The application and rubric are available on the Xi State web site. Submission date is **February 1, 2019**.*

2019 DKG International Scholarship

*Members may also apply for one of the 30 International scholarships granted nearly - \$6,000 for a graduate degree, \$10,000 for a doctoral degree. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.dkg.org>. Application deadline is **February 1, 2019**.*

***Xi State Legislative Symposium
March 5-6, 2019***

*The symposium will begin Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm with a Legislative Panel Discussion at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel (Nashville) and continue Wednesday, March 6 at 8:15 am with a Morning Assembly on Capitol Hill followed by visits to legislators. Information concerning hotel reservations and registration forms will be available on the Xi State website on December 1st. Deadline to register will be **February 12, 2019**.*

Mark Your Calendar

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER MEETINGS

2018-2019

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

XI STATE DATES

2019 Xi State Legislative Symposium
March 5-6 in Nashville
Millennium Maxwell House Hotel
& Capitol Hill
(Register by February 12)

2019 Xi State Convention Dates
May 30, May 31, June 1
The University of The South
Sewanee, TN

DKG Dates

2019 DKG Southeast Regional Conference
June 27-29
Asheville, NC



November Birthdays

Bonnie Cummings	5
Celia Pruitt	7
Dona Packer	11
Camille Dolan	13
Leslie Morgan	18
Lynn Tacker	19
Sheila Stanley	24
Linda Roberson	7
Deborah Gray	24

December Birthdays

Linda Roberson	7
Deborah Gray	24

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

"As You Like It"

Tennessee Shakespeare Company

7950 Trinity Road, Cordova

Upcoming Meetings

November Meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Mullins Methodist Church,
Fellowship Hall at 4:30 pm
New Member Pot Luck Dinner
(Honoring our new inductees)
Program: "Girls Night Out With
Books"
Speaker: Elise Rodriguez

December Meeting:

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Luncheon 11:30 am
Chickasaw Country Club
Program: "Just the Right Gift"
Entrée Choice (Chicken or Salmon)
Reservations and Payment (\$25)
due to Martha Bailey by
Wednesday, November 21

Alpha Lambda Cares Projects

November: Coats for Kids -
collecting new and gently worn
coats for kids. Check out Walmart,
Goodwill or clean out your
closets. Coats needed for all ages
(pre-school to high school).

December:

Bring children's books for Porter
Leath to the December luncheon.

Volunteer to address Christmas
Cards for Church Health Center.
Dates and details will be emailed.

Welcome to Our Newest Members - Casey, Shawneice, Racquel, & Amy

Ridgeway Country Club was the setting for the Memphis Coordinating Council Induction Celebration Brunch on October

