



# Alpha Lambda



## *President's Message*

*Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,*

*Recruiting new members is an important part of maintaining any vibrant professional organization and ours is no exception. If you were in attendance at our September meeting, you heard the Membership Committee report on twelve prospective new members... from the glowing reports, outstanding educators all!*

*It is yet to be seen how many of these women will choose to become members of Alpha Lambda, but no matter what number, once Inducted the work of retention begins. That responsibility falls to all of us, not just their sponsors or the Membership Committee or the chapter officers, but to each and every one of us.*

*The chapter meeting following Induction is our New Member Pot Luck. This is an opportune time for us to meet them and make them feel welcomed, but it must not stop there! We need to make every effort to get to know each of our new members so they quickly develop a sense of belonging and fellowship. It behooves us to make connections with our new members.*

*If as members we exhibit a sense of pride in DKG, and enthusiasm in fulfilling our purposes, it will make a positive impact on new members. They too will find value in our purposes and begin to recognize the numerous benefits of membership, and perhaps become promoters of membership in DKG as well.*

*Keep in mind that we each have the potential to be agents of the retention and growth of our membership and in turn, help strengthen our chapter. In actuality, we are all members of the*

*Membership Committee!*

*Jane Cummiskey*

### **What do Our Committees Do?**

*Alpha Lambda has 14 committees each charged with various duties to complete the work of the chapter and our Society. Each member is asked to serve on at least one committee each biennium. You may not always know which committee to volunteer for since you may not really be sure what each committee does. Alpha Lambda committees and their duties will be highlighted in future issues of the newsletter. Hopefully, this will help all chapter members have a better understanding of each chapter committee.*

*In this issue, two committees are in the spotlight – **Communications and Telephone**. Both play an important role in keeping members informed. Our chapter rules charge the Communications Committee with assisting the chapter president with the publication of a minimum of five chapter newsletters yearly. This committee relays pertinent chapter news to the Xi State editor and the state communications committee. Additionally, this committee helps the second vice president update and distribute the chapter yearbook.*

*The Telephone Committee is charged with contacting each chapter member one week prior to scheduled chapter meetings. This committee provides monthly direct one on one contact with each chapter member. In a nutshell, keeping chapter members informed and in the know is the goal and responsibility of both of these committees.*

*Serving on the Communications Committee for the 2018-2020 biennium are Paula Marshall, Janet Baldwin, Teresa Jenkins, Mary Ransdell, and Araxes Ross. Telephone Committee members are Susan Hoback, Becky Cooper, Gloria Dahlman, Julie Gutch, Betty Lou Jones, Martha Kage, and Lynn Tacker.*

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**FYI –**

*Attention High School Teachers or those with High School Age Children*

**2019 High School Essay Contest**

*Xi State Projects Committee has announced the 2019 topic for the high school essay contest. Students are asked to think about the following 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.*

**Deadline is December 15th for submitting essays.**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”– Nelson Mandela.*

**Lucille Cornetet and Educational Foundation Awards**

*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 Lucille Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award (**due November 1, 2018**) or the DKG Educational Foundation Project Award (**due January 3, 2019**).*

**See Xi State webpage for applications and details.**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**2018-2019**

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**

Beginning Leadership Management Seminar

October 19-20

Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, TN

Applications due NOW! See Xi State webpage for the application.

(A few spots are still open.)

State Officer and Elected Committees Applications

Due October 31 – forms on Xi State webpage

Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award Application due November 1

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



**October Birthdays**

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|----------------|----|
| Amy Epps       | 7  |
| Anita Cobb     | 8  |
| Mary Jo Wilson | 10 |
| Becky Sadowski | 14 |
| Amy Venckus    | 22 |
| Monica Sweatt  | 23 |
| Linda Bond     | 19 |
| Tish Williams  | 28 |
| Teresa Jenkins | 31 |

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 6:00 PM**

New Member Orientation and Dinner  
Home of Janice Enck

**OCTOBER 18-26, 2018 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM**

Volunteer at Susan G. Komen Race Store and Race Registration  
Carrefour at Kirby Woods Mall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018 7:00 AM**

Race/Walk for the Cure  
AutoZone Park, Downtown Memphis

**NOVEMBER 5, 2018 – CHRISTMAS**

Volunteer to address Christmas cards for  
Church Health Center - Dates TBD

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018**

"As You Like It"  
Tennessee Shakespeare Company  
7950 Trinity Road, Cordova

#### Next Meeting

Induction Ceremony and Brunch  
Saturday, October 20, 2018, 10 AM  
Ridgeway Country Club  
Speaker will be Becky Sadowski,  
International First Vice President  
Reservations and payment (\$25)  
due to Martha Bailey by Monday,  
October 8

#### Membership Dues (\$80)

Send to Martha Bailey by October  
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#### Alpha Lambda Cares Projects

**October:** Make tutus for Komen  
Race Store. Contact Mary Jo for  
more details and work times.  
Volunteer to work at the Race Store.  
Contact Pat Russell at 901-494-  
6845 or [pbr20@aol.com](mailto:pbr20@aol.com)

**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).

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#### New Social Media Signature Forms

As Delta Kappa Gamma continues to increase its presence in social media...Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and beyond, we as a chapter must protect ourselves from any liability. This needs to be done before delving further into social media as we are being encouraged to do by the Society.

To that end, we have these new signature forms that once signed will either permit or deny permission to post your name, email, or photo or news about you on our website, Facebook page, or any future social media sites of Alpha Lambda. You can read over the form, make your decision, sign and turn it in at the November meeting. Copies of the form will also be available at that time. The link below will allow you to view and print the form.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/msey9rlk3b86kr6/social%20media%20signature%20form%20%20AL-1.docx?dl=0>



**Congratulations to Becky Taylor and family on the birth of their second son. Adam Daniel Taylor was born on Friday, August 24.**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

