



Alpha Lambda

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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ WELCOME 2020

It is my wish that Peace, Hope, Health, and Prosperity will find their way into each of your lives in the New Year. To quote Dr. Seuss, "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." We each are granted 365 days in this year. May yours be filled with purpose, contentment, and joy!

Each New Year is a chance at a new beginning or a fresh start as we reflect on the year just past and make plans for the near future. It is likewise a time to make resolutions, and set new goals and aspirations for the year ahead. It is my hope that you will each resolve to make your Alpha Lambda Membership a priority by regularly attending meetings and supporting our projects and activities. Give some consideration as well to a willingness to accept a leadership role within the chapter; if not as an officer, then as a committee chair for the next biennium. Working together we can accomplish so much!

Let's not just hope for a great year ~ let's make it one!!

Jane Cummiskey



Mark Your Calendar Important 2020 Dates

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

4:30 PM DeNeuville Learning Center

Program: Women Helping Women

Donations: Gift bag items for DeNeuville Students

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:30 PM Colonial Middle School

Program: Educational Alphabet

Speakers: Dr. Cathy Meredith

Dr. Dona Packer

Amy Epps

Donations: Children's Books for Porter Leath

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

4:30 PM Colonial Middle School

Program: From The Ground Up

Speaker: Debbie Grist-Evans

Donations: Girls Inc/Urban Farming

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 10:00 AM

Chickasaw Country Club

Program: Induction and Founders' Day Luncheon

Speaker: Dr. Beverly Hall



Member News

Kudos...

Great News - Alpha Lambda Second Vice President, Wanda Day, received an email from Tennessee State First Vice President, Dr. Elaine Vaughn congratulating Alpha Lambda on receiving Highest Honors on our Chapter's 2019-2020 Yearbook. She commended us for the projects and programs planned for the year. Thank you, Wanda, for compiling all of the information for the yearbook and making this honor possible. Woo Hoo Wanda and Alpha Lambda!

Reminder

The Tennessee State Organization offers a Beginning Leadership Management Seminar twice during each biennium. The next seminar, March 13-14, is in our backyard at Natchez Trace State Park, less than 2 hours from Memphis. Members that have not attended need to apply for this opportunity. The seminar will help you develop useful skills for your professional and everyday life. Go to the state web page for the application form or see Chrissie Allen or Jane Cumiskey. February 1 is the application deadline. So what are you waiting for...**apply now!**

XI State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar March 13-14, 2020

Happy Birthday
Lovely Ladies,
Best Wishes!!!

JANUARY

Crystal Cook	7
Betty Lou Jones	8
Rhonda Martin	13
Connie Mungle	13
Janet Baldwin	18
Gloria Dahlan	24
Wanda Day	25



FEBRUARY

Rebecca Cooper	2
Martha Bailey	15
Beth Pitt	22

Recap...

Christmas Cheer Sold to the Highest Bidder

by Chrissie Allen

Reading Around the Christmas Tree

Several Alpha Lambda members took part in the Shelby County Schools inaugural Read Around the Christmas Tree on December 12 at New Direction Christian Church. The event was designed to promote early literacy for the district's pre-school students and to help build their personal libraries. Participants were asked to bring an age-appropriate Christmas or winter book in a gift bag. Each adult was paired with a pre-school student and at the appointed time we all read to our student in unison. The child was then gifted the book.

Alpha Lambda member Crystal Cook was on the team planning this event and is likewise a member of the 3rd Grade Commitment Task Force, a literacy campaign promoted during the morning program. Other members who participated as readers included Martha Bailey, Carolyn Taylor, Jane Cummiskey, Helen Perkins, and Clemmie West.

In recent years Alpha Lambda members have been involved in similar events at both Alcy and Cherokee Elementary schools.

The Yuletide season started for Alpha Lambda, December 7 at Chickasaw Country Club with a divine luncheon of baked chicken, grilled veggies, and a vanilla Crème Brule' dessert, followed by a Silent Auction that brought out good natured bidding from chapter members. At 11:30, a steady stream of women showed up with items of interest and value. Members signed in with President Jane Cummiskey who provided a Bid Sheet for a description of each item, a value for the item, and a minimum bid.

Throughout the luncheon bids were doubled and tripled. The most sought after items were a brand new, still in the bag "My Pillow" won by Carolyn Taylor and a white porcelain casserole dish still in the box purchased by Anita Cobb. Chrissie Allen was the winning bidder for a never worn Coldwater scarf that was a steal for what she paid for it. The auction offered jewelry, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, serving bowls, toys, cheese dishes, books, Christmas decorations, and a one of a kind curio doll. If you were a shopper looking for a bargain, the Silent Auction provided the perfect venue for holiday gift shopping.

The tables were beautifully decorated with glass painted snowmen with LED lights that made the luncheon glisten and sparkle with Season's Greetings. Twenty-four members attended and raised \$207.50 from the Silent Auction for the Church Health Center.

For Your Information

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

4:30 pm

DeNeuille Learning Center

190 Cooper Street

Program - "Women Helping Women"
Donations - Gift bag items for DeNeuille Students. We will be making gift bags for 100+ students.

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Dr. Dona Packer, & Amy Epps

Donations: Church Health Center

TN State Legislative Symposium

Nashville March 3-4, 2020

Best Western Plus Sunrise Inn

825 Murfreesboro Pike

Nashville, TN

Hotel Contact # 615-499-4443

Registration Deadline - February 3

(See state website for registration form)

**85th
Tennessee State
Organization
Convention
June 4-6, 2020
University of the South
Sewanee, TN**

Upcoming Deadline

State Scholarship Deadline - February 1

Numerous State Scholarships are available to members. Applications must be received by February 1. Check the state website for details and application forms. If you need help - **ASK for it**. We have several members who have been awarded DKG scholarships. They will be happy to assist you.



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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

**DKG
International
Convention
July 7-11, 2020
Philadelphia
Marriott
Downtown**

For Your Information cont.

Refreshment / Hostess Committee Responsibilities

January 23 Meeting

Refreshments: Chapter Projects
Finance
Social

Hostess: Telephone

February 20 Meeting

Refreshments: Communications
Membership

Hostess: Leadership Dev.

March 24 Meeting

Refreshments: Special Events
Telephone

Hostess: Legislation &
Prof. Affairs

April 4 Meeting

Hostess: State Projects

May 4 Meeting

Hostess: Finance

Alpha Lambda Cares Projects for 2020

January: DeNeuille Learning Center Goodie Bags - note cards, pocket calendars, candy, pens, pencils toiletries; hand sanitizer, note pads, etc.

February: Books for Porter Leath

March: Girls Inc./Urban Farm

Classroom Happenings

Araxee Ross (Cordova Elementary Optional School) is loving the excitement and energy of her Kindergarten classes. After reading The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind students conducted wind and energy science experiments.

What's going on in your classroom? We would love to see what you are doing with your students. Please share with us.

Retired, no longer in the classroom.....we want to know what is going on in your life. Many of you are involved in community projects, do volunteer work, travel, and do all sorts of interesting things. Please share your adventures and experiences with us.





ALPHA LAMBDA MEMBERS IN ACTION PROMOTING LITERACY

Reading Around the Christmas Tree 2019

Jane Cummiskey (top) , Martha Bailey (right),
Carolyn Taylor (bottom) reading to preschoolers
at New Direction Christian Church.



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professional and
personal growth of
women educators
and excellence in
education**