



Alpha Lambda

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President's Message



Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

“But in this season it is well to reassert that the hope of mankind rests in faith. As a man thinketh, so he is. Nothing much happens unless you believe in it, and believing there is hope for the world is a way to move toward it.”
Gladys Taber

Gladys Taber was the author of 59 books and a columnist for both Ladies' Home Journal and Family Circle. It was from her column "Butternut Wisdom" that my Grandmother would send me clippings and quotes (including the one above) in letters during my college years. I recently came across this quote again, in author and artist Susan Branch's beautiful and colorful watercolor script, and wished I could have reproduced it here for you to see. However, it is the words themselves that impart the message I wanted to convey. I was reminded of the impact they had on me in the '60s and could not help but think that they are just as impactful and poignant today. In these divisive times there is a need for everyone to feel hopeful! You can not turn on the television without evidence of some group being disenfranchised by race, color, religion, political party, age group, and so on. As educators, wives, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and friends we have an opportunity to exhibit optimism to all, but most importantly to the young people entrusted into our care. The theme of this year's Rose Bowl Parade was The Power of Hope." We have that power within us, let's use it!

Jane Cummiskey

Important Dates to Remember

**Alpha Lambda
Zoom Meeting
May 18 at 3pm**

**Dues Are Due!
Send to
Martha Bailey
by June 30**

**2021
Tennessee State
Convention
June 3-5
University
of the South
Sewanee, TN**

Reminders

Committee Request Form - Let LeCharle Harris know your committee preference for the next biennium. Send your request form to her ASAP or drop her an email. Her email is drleoharris@gmail.com.

Programs Ideas - Send Chrissie Allen program topics that you would be interested in for this next year. Also, let her know what current activities/programs that you would like to see continued. Contact Chrissie at callen11@ymail.com.

Dues Are Due - The deadline for paying dues is **June 30, 2020**. We are all facing unprecedented issues and in this time of pandemic the organization will allow some flexibility. If you are not able to pay your dues by June 30th, please let us know so that we can work with you. Call or email Martha at 901-487-1622 or baileym26@comast.net.

Active Dues \$80.00

Reserve Dues \$40.00

Check or money order should be made out to Alpha Lambda and mailed to:
Martha Bailey 1551 Delmont Rd. Memphis, TN 38117

Upcoming Alpha Lambda Meeting via Zoom Monday, May 18 at 3:00 pm

Alpha Lambda's next meeting will be held by way of Zoom. Don't know how to Zoom. Don't worry! Jane Cummiskey has emailed details for the meeting and a Zoom Pamphlet Guide created for us by Becky Taylor. If you did not receive this email, please contact Jane. These two ladies are making sure you have instructions on how to Zoom. Looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend our next meeting from the comfort of your home. Sorry, the Social Committee says that this time you are responsible for your own refreshments. See you soon on Zoom!

Member News

Kudos...

Celestine French and Clemmie West attended the 2020 Beginning Leadership Management Seminar March 13-14. Did you see their picture in the April issue of Xi State News? Alpha Lambda salutes these two ladies for participating in this event!!!

Congratulations to our Incoming 2020-2022 Alpha Lambda Officers

Dr. LeCharle Harris - President
Chrissie Allen - 1st Vice President
Clemmie West - 2nd Vice President
Fay Beth Broughton - Recording Secretary
Gloria Dahlman - Corresponding Secretary

Happy Birthday Lovely Ladies, Best Wishes!!!

MARCH

LeCharle Harris	4
Clemmie West	6
Fay Beth Broughton	10
Jane Youngson	16
Cathy Meredith	20
Susan Hoback	22



MAY

Kathryn Smith	2
Paula Marshall	6
Becky Taylor	7
Cristy Sneed	8
Carolyn Warren	15

APRIL

Mary Helen Sinclair	3
Janice Enck	21
Amy Anderson	27

FYI - News from TN State Organization

85th Tennessee State Convention Update

Based on concern for the safety of the members, it was determined that the 2020 state convention will not be held this summer. The possibility of hosting a one-day Recognition Event in the fall was considered by the State Officer Team. The decision was made to err on the side of caution and not attempt to schedule a one-day event. Therefore, the 85th TN State Convention will be held June 3-5, 2021. Award recipients will be recognized during that time. Members who have not received their convention registration refund by May 15 should contact Marsha Brewer at gnash81@comcast.net.

Your opinion matters! Please take time to complete a survey regarding award recognition for the 2021 TN State Convention. Visit the state web page or go to this link: <https://forms.gle/uFMa5yksARMJoVXbA>

Historical Preservation

The TN State Historical Preservation Committee is collecting narratives regarding member and chapter experiences during COVID-19 in order to compile a document chronicling the educational and historical impact of this pandemic. Please share stories regarding the impact of this crisis on your life, your teaching, and how you and your chapter members coped during quarantine, self-isolation, and social distancing. The **COVID-19 Chronicles** form is available on the home page of the state website.

Creative Arts Retreat

The 2020 Arts Retreat is scheduled for September 18-19, 2020 in Rogersville, TN. The theme will be *Happiness is Homemade*. The Arts and Personal Growth Committee will monitor the COVID-19 situation and will make an announcement by July 1st regarding whether this event will be held or cancelled.

International Convention

The 2020 International Convention is planned for July 7-11, 2020 in Philadelphia. No decision will be made regarding the convention until after the Administrative Board meets. International President Cathy Daugherty has an informative video regarding the convention on the international website (**dkg.org**).

Nominations

The TN Nominations Committee is seeking dynamic chapter members to run for state officer and state elected committee positions. Forms are due Oct 31. See state webpage for application form.

Related Personnel Applications

Applications for **TN State Webmaster** for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022 are being accepted. Duties and roles of state webmaster are outlined on the state website. Application deadline is May 15, 2020.

Applications for **TN State Editor** for July 1 2021 - June 30, 2023 are also being accepted by the committee. Duties and responsibilities are on the state website. Editor application deadline is October 31.

Recap ...

Church Health Center Tour

Fourteen members and a guest signed up to tour the Church Health Facilities at the Crosstown Concourse on Saturday, February 14, 2020. We were instructed by our contact to meet at 10:00am at the entrance to the center in the West Atrium by following the green path from the parking garage. It was there we met our guide, Randy Kostiuk, who has worked for the Church Health Center for a number of years. He shared with us his background and how he arrived at his current position. As we entered the facility he explained the cornerstone of Church Health, the Model for Healthy Living, which was graphically depicted on the walls. Faith, Movement, Emotions, Nutrition, Friends, Family, and Medical... a balanced healthy life encompasses all of these. Since some of the areas were seeing patients those areas were described, but we did not enter them. We did have an opportunity to see some of the examination rooms and areas in departments not working that morning. We visited the Nutrition Hub and commissary kitchen, areas that see extensive use for Church Health cooking classes and may be rented out for private events. We had an opportunity to walk through the Church Health YMCA. As we walked from place to place we saw many of the huge framed photos of the condition the Sears building was in prior to its restoration. Randy said when he first saw it he questioned the sanity of his boss. With the completion of this massive project the Church Health Center, which had components spread all over town, was now under one roof. Church Health provides medical services through partnerships with healthcare providers, diagnostic centers, hospitals and nutrition experts. Simply an incredibly amazing place! Following our tour we had a lovely lunch and a bit of time to visit before heading our separate ways..



**DeNeuville Students Received Gift Bags
From Alpha Lambda Members**



Gift Bags Bring Smiles

Alpha lambda
strives to make a
difference
Mission Accomplished



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

