



September/October 2022

## President's Message

Dear Alpha Lambda Sisters,

It's hard to believe that fall is already here! In this unusual, unprecedented, and unexpected time, we are still doing semi-normal things. Schools have been back in session- with adjustments and precautions- for almost two months, and the trees and grass are taking on a decidedly golden tint. After a blazing hot summer season, fall brings the high point of the growing season and along with it an awareness of abundance, a sense of gratitude, and a season of sharing our bounty with those we love.

It's *Time to F-A-L-L in Love* with DKG and our Alpha Lambda sisters. We have so much to look forward to for 2022-23 as we begin our next biennium with our monthly theme, "*Let's Get Together!*". There is so much in store for each of us. Our first September meeting was **AWESOME!** We had 27 members in attendance. It is evident that many have missed *Falling in Love* to learn about new educational experiences, participate in community outreach activities, and fellowship with our sisters.

A big thank you to those who contributed to our first Alpha Lambda Cares Project with the teacher supplies for the goodie baskets. We had approximately 20 baskets that were overflowing. I know we made so many teachers happy.

Since I began in this role in July with Linda, it has been nothing short of fun, excitement, and so much to learn about the Coordinating Council, the Executive Board, the various Committees, and DKG International. A big thank you to Martha and Mary Jo for being so gracious and opening their beautiful home for many of our DKG activities.

**Our next *Let's Get Together* DKG Coordinating Fall Council Event is coming up on October 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Germantown United Methodist Church- 2323 Germantown.** The cost is only \$15 per person. Please make sure you pay by October 10<sup>th</sup> to Martha Bailey. Don't forget to wear your fall attire and bring monies to purchase tickets for one of four "Fall" baskets. You can also donate items or monies toward Alpha Lambda's basket. Please do so by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Again, I would like to thank our past-president, LeCharle Harris, and her chapter officers for doing a fantastic job navigating us through an incredibly challenging time in DKG with the pandemic. A big thank you to Debi Gray for once again securing Mullins United Methodist Church for our chapter meetings.

I challenge each of you to *F-A-L-L in Love* with DKG and Alpha Lambda. We have so much planned, and we hope that you will participate in our monthly activities to make each an immense success.



*Tanya Dolman, co-president*

*Advice from a PUMPKIN  
Be well-rounded  
Get plenty of sunshine  
Give thanks for life's bounty  
Have a thick skin  
Keep growing  
Be outstanding in your field  
Think big!*

*Ilan Shamir*

## Next Meeting's Activities

Alpha Lambda's next – 'Let's Get Together' is  
**DKG Coordinating Fall Council Event**  
October 22, 2022 @ 11:00 AM  
Germantown United Methodist Church  
2323 Germantown, TN  
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## Member News

- It was noted that Susan Hoback was scheduled for surgery on the September 16<sup>th</sup> and could use some *Alpha Lambda Cares* (cards, phone calls, visits when appropriate, etc.). We wish Susan a speedy recovery and hope she'll soon join us at chapter meetings.
- Chapter member, Elizabeth Silverman passed away recently.
- There is a community garden in Binghampton, where Alpha Lambda will donate seeds and garden tools to ensure this chapter/community project is a success.
- A practice session was held at Martha Bailey and Mary Jo Wilson's home on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the TNSO Personal Arts and Enrichment Retreat in Nashville that was held the following weekend. Thanks to the practice session they were a huge success and managed their time wisely. Alpha Lambda members Martha Bailey and Linda Eller presented on making cards. Each attended left with at least 2 special occasion cards.
- On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> several Alpha Lambda members attended an evening with a *Flashback Band* at Neil's Music Room. It was a great evening of fun and old time Rock & Roll.

## Alpha Lambda Cares Project- "New" Teacher Baskets



September 2022 Meeting - A big thank you to those who contributed to our first **Alpha Lambda Cares Project for the year**. Each basket was filled with 'new' teacher supplies. We had approximately 20 baskets that were overflowing. I know we made so many 'New' teachers happy.

## Future Chapter Events

**Oct. 2022 thru May 2023** – Teachers supporting Teachers Project: Retired Teachers will contact active teachers monthly with notes and phone calls of encouragement.  
**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Fall Coordinating Council Event, October 22, 2022, 11:00 AM at Germantown United Methodist Church, 2323 Germantown - cost \$15 due to Martha Bailey by October 10<sup>th</sup>.  
**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** – TNSO Nominations are due  
**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** – Next chapter meeting 'Let's Get Together with Friends and Be Thankful' Mullins United Methodist Church, 4:30 pm

## Congratulations – Mary Jo Wilson

September meeting was the chapter's first chance to congratulate Mary Jo Wilson for being selected the **Star of the Southeast**. Mary Jo was chosen for this honor competing with nominees from eleven states in the Southeast region. Mary Jo works diligently for the DKG Society. She is the pride and joy of Alpha Lambda, and we celebrate Mary Jo's recognition of a job well done. A dozen red roses were presented to Mary Jo in appreciation for all she's done for Alpha Lambda, TNSO, and DKG International Society.



Pictured above: Co-presidents Linda Eller & Tanya Dolman, honoree Mary Jo Wilson, and Julie Gutch (Program Chair)

## Alpha Lambda Chapter Members socializing & handling business at September chapter meeting



## Leadership Links Announcements

Tennessee State Organization Member Saga Links October 2022 - If you would like to see the entire edition of the October Leadership Links, please go to [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website Resources/Leadership Links.

October and November Virtual Events

### Virtual Legislative Forum

Facilitator: Kay Moss, Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST Kay Moss will lead this Forum with information about two Amendments to the TN State Constitution that are on the November ballots. The presentation will clarify the "Yes or No" voting options on the 1st Amendment and the 3rd Amendment. Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Efp6dgR3ecpC2wXa8>

- **Vision Foundation Virtual Event**

Facilitators: Vision Foundation Board of Directors Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST The Vision Foundation will also hold a virtual workshop to assist with filling out the applications and any questions a member may have. Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/YgiBtNALGDpuNVqE8>

- **Virtual Pumpkin Instapot**

Presenter: Sherrie Collins  
Date and Time to be Determined

### Nominations Due Date: October 31, 2022

Tennessee State Organization Needs You!  
Nominations for an elected state office, either as an officer, an elected state committee member, or the Vision Foundation Board of Directors are now being accepted. State officers serve two-year terms while members of an elected state committee serve four-year terms. There are three elected committees which are Finance, Personnel and Nominations. Applications for these elected positions can be found on the state website at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) Click on the Resources tab then click the tab titled Officers and Related Personnel form or click on the Calendar. For more information or questions contact Elaine Warwick, nominations chair, at [elainewarwick@att.net](mailto:elainewarwick@att.net). Step Up for Tennessee!

## Chapter Activities

### September Meeting in Review (9-15-22)

- 27 members present
- Agenda cards were passed out with all the meeting themes, special events, and projects throughout the year.
- Committees broke out for a brief session to see new members and decide on what we're going to do in the coming year.
- Martha Bailey presented our co-presidents, Tanya Dolman with a president's pin and Linda Eller was given a gavel attachment to put on her president's pin since Linda has served as chapter president twice.
- A cake was brought to celebrate August and September member birthdays. Alice Chandler, Linda Eller, and Beverly Hooker were wished Happy Birthday for August, and Celestine French, Jane Cummiskey, Janice Sorsby, Ann Duckett, and Lasheba Hilliard received birthday wishes for September.

## Useful Links to Resources

DKG International website: [dkg.org](http://dkg.org)

TNSO website: [tnkdg.org](http://tnkdg.org)

Chapter Facebook Page: Xi State -Alpha Lambda

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