



## President's Corner

By Ashley Witt

Happy Fall to each of you!

It is one of my favorite times of the year! Cool crisp air, leaves falling down, and soon it will be time for trick or treaters. Where has the year gone?

In keeping with the season, we hope that each of you will not play any “tricks” and will start looking for “treats” among your women colleagues. It is time for our membership drive. Last year we concentrated on our membership. This year we want to focus on building our membership.

Because each of you is a fantastic educator, you probably have at least one fellow colleague that you feel would make a good member in DKG. You are welcome to invite any prospective new members to our meeting this week at Walter Hill. We look forward to a wonderful program, “A Walk in Her Shoes.” This will be a wonderful opportunity for any new prospective members to meet our current members and get acquainted with our society.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at Walter Hill. Snacks will be served at 4:45, and the meeting will begin at 5:00 pm.

See you then,  
Ashley

## *Xi State . . . Growing Possibilities*

October  
2015

### October Meeting

Thursday, September 15

Refreshments at 4:45 and Meeting at 5:00

**Location:** Walter Hill School

**Program:** A Walk in My Shoes

**Activity:** Group Share Session, share a memorable event from your teaching career to motivate and connect with others. Come ready to share!



### Meeting Dates

October 15, 2014—Thursday

November 9, 2014—Monday

December will be a brunch hosted by Beta Epsilon.  
Date to be determined.

February 8, 2015—Monday

March 10, 2015—Thursday

April will be a brunch hosted by Delta Chapter.  
Date to be determined.

**If you missed the September meeting, please contact your committee chairman about your committee and program responsibilities.**



## Member News

**Dr. Mary Tom Berry** has recovered from her fall and is back to her apartment. If you would like to send her a card or note, her mailing address is:

The Blake  
608 Steed Road Apt 228  
Ridgeland, MS 39157

**Patti Dodd** retired from the Murfreesboro City Schools in May. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement, Patti!

Laura Watts, sister of **Joan Howell** and **Sandra Pineault**, donated a kidney. She and Sandra traveled to the Mayo Clinic for the operation in mid-September. She has been home in Missouri for two weeks and is doing well.

**Joan Howell** is enjoying a beach vacation in Port St. Joe, Florida with her husband, daughter Hannah and husband Ben, and son Ryan and wife Nova.

**Sandra Pineault** has been traveling for nearly six weeks. She enjoyed a trip to Massachusetts to see her daughter Leah, her Ben, and 20 month old twins Eddie and Rory. She was home briefly before going with her sister Laura when she donated her kidney. Then she came home for two days before leaving for a trip to South Carolina just as the storms and flooding started moving across the state. She and her husband made it just ahead of the worst of the storm and are staying south of the area with the worst flooding.



**Joan Howell, Alina Wolf, and Dr. Elaine Alexander** attended the Xi State Committee Planning session on September 26. Alina and Joan are serving on the Steering Committee for the convention. Elaine is Xi State Membership Chairman. **Sandra Pineault** is serving on the Xi State Vision Foundation Board which met at an earlier date.

## Stay in Touch with DKG

Beta Epsilon website—  
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-betaepsilon/>

Xi State website—<http://www.xistate.org/>

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

## Win Gift Card by Paying Dues

If Kim Day receives your dues (\$85) by the October meeting, your name will be placed in a drawing for gift cards. You can pay in person at the next two meetings or you can mail your dues to Kim at:

3404 Belle Chase Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

## DKG Introduces New Recruitment Plan for Chapters

Beta Epsilon's own **Dr. Elaine Alexander** is serving as the Xi State Membership Chairman for the 2015-17 biennium. She shared the following about a new initiative from International to help chapters find and initiate new members.

International has recommended that we gather the names of as many possible members, vote, and then invite them to an orientation / introduction to DKG. If they are interested, we would give them the information about the December initiation meeting and welcome them right then and there.

Texas, Washington (state), and Pennsylvania have added literally hundreds of members using this plan. The state membership committee members will work with every chapter this year explaining and supporting chapters to implement the plan. Tennessee lost 239 and added only 149 last year, so we are not replacing the people who drop their memberships.

