



Alpha Chapter Newsletter

JANUARY 2008

OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

From Our President.....

Dear Sisters,

The December meeting was held in Jan Janczewski's home. We can not thank Jan enough for opening her home to us once again. As any of you know who have attended our December meetings, Jan's home is a perfect place to be inspired with the spirit of Christmas. Her home was filled with not only beautiful decorations and a fabulous view of the lake but with Alpha Chapter members who epitomized the giving spirit of Christmas. Thanks to each and every Alpha Chapter member for thinking of others and bringing their Toys for Tots. This project grows every year through the generosity of our members. There was no lack of great fellowship and delicious food. A very special thanks to our hostesses: Wanda Grant, Betty Fassnacht, Serie Bland, and Sandy Hughes and to Marion Mossburg for the inspiring devotion. Happy New Year and may each of your New Year resolutions be fulfilled.

Janice Nelm



**Have you gotten your
Alpha Chapter
yearbook?**

If you have *not* gotten your Alpha Chapter yearbook, please remember that the yearbook cannot be mailed. Active members must pick up their yearbook at the next Alpha Chapter meeting, January 12, OR call Mary McLain at 344-5643 to make arrangements to get your yearbook. Mary said she'd be happy to deliver the yearbook to any reserve member.

Our Next Meeting is:

Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church at 8645 East Brainerd Road (across from the new Publix Supermarket).

Devotion: Janice Payne

Program: We will be having Member Sharing Experience ("Show and Tell"). Bring anything of interest...a person, a craft, a scrapbook, photos of people or travel....anything you wish to share. This will be a chance for the "sisters" to get to know each other better. *Come join the fun!!*

Hostesses: Janice Johnston, Jane Swofford, Marcia Brown, Janice Payne, Natalie Nelson



Alpha Chapter is now on-line.

Please check out our new website at www.AlphaChapterDKG.com.

Please send any suggestions re: the website to smbland@comcast.com.



..to our Alpha Sisters

Pat Varnell	January 6
Miriam Taylor	January 13
Angela Neeley	January 19
Jan Janczewski	January 22
Nelle Ward	January 23
Robbi Moorhouse	January 26
Annette Parker	January 30
Harriet New	January 31



Remember:

Xi State Convention will be at The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee June 5-7, 2008. You may obtain your registration form on-line at www.xistate.org.

The International Delta Kappa Gamma Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois July 22-27, 2008.



Recipe of the Month

“Colossal Caramel Apple Trifle”

- 1 (18.25 oz.) package yellow cake mix
- 6 cups cold milk
- 3 (3.4 oz) packages of instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1 (12 oz) jar caramel ice cream topping
- 1 ½ cups chopped pecans, toasted
- 2 (21 oz) cans apple pie filling
- 2 (16 oz) containers frozen whipped topping thawed

- 1) Prepare and bake cake according to package using two greased 9 “ round baking pans. Cool 10 minutes in the pan; take out and cool completely.
- 2) In large bowl, whisk milk, pudding mixes, and apple pie spice for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set.
- 3) Cut one cake layer if necessary to fit in trifle bowl (or whatever bowl you are using). Poke holes in the cake; gradually pour a third of the caramel topping over the cake. Sprinkle with ½ cup pecans and spread with half of pudding mixture. Spoon one can of pie filling over pudding; spread with one carton of whipped topping.
- 4) Top with remaining cake and repeat layers. Drizzle with remaining caramel topping and sprinkle with remaining pecans. Refrigerate until serving.

→ *If you have a recipe you'd like to share with your Alpha sisters, e-mail it to smbland@comcast.net.*



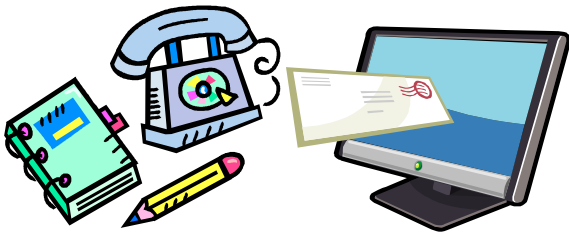
Would you like to fill a basket?

At every regular Alpha Chapter meeting this academic year, we have a basket filled with goodies that is auctioned. All money from the sale of the basket goes to Alpha Chapter's Scholarship Fund. If you would like to volunteer to provide a basket in the future, please notify Janice Nelms.



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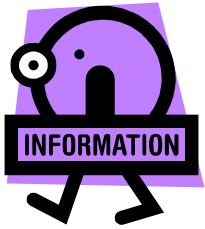
If you play the piano and would be willing to tape or put on CD the music to the Delta Kappa Gamma song, please call Janice Nelms at 877-4204. The music can be found on-line at deltakappagamma.net , click on For Members and Society Music. It's the first selection. This music would be used to accompany our singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song at the end of our meetings. **It would be greatly appreciated!!**



**Alpha
Chapter
wants you!!**

IMPORTANT: Please contact Serie Bland at 886-7096 or smbland@comcast.net if you have news for the newsletter OR if you know of any member who is ill, injured, has a death in the family, etc. Alpha Chapter would like to support our members.

The nominating committee is ready to begin the process of establishing a ballot of officers for 2008 - 2010. Please say "YES" if you are asked to serve as an officer or on a committee.



➤ Because Linda McCrary's term as Xi State Treasurer expires in 2009, a **Treasurer-in-Training** is needed who will train for a year with Linda and assume the role of Xi State Treasurer on July 1, 2009. If, after reading the complete job description (see XiState.org), you are interested, please submit your application by February 1, 2008.

➤ The deadline for submitting your application for the **2008 Leadership Management Seminar** is February 1, 2008. The Seminar is scheduled for April 25-27, 2008, at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg. If you have ever wanted to hold an office or be in a leadership role but were too timid to do so, Xi State has a great opportunity for you to improve leadership skills! See XiState.org for more information.

➤ If you are pursuing or thinking of pursuing a graduate degree, Xi State offers **scholarships**. Deadline is February 1. Information and applications on XiState.org.

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Time for New Beginnings

This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,

Remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge that you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.

Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life.

- Taylor Addison

May the year ahead bring peace, good health, and much happiness to you and yours.

