



# Alpha Chapter Newsletter

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*From Our President.....*

Do you ever wake up on a Monday and think.....I just did this? It doesn't seem like a month has gone by, and it is time to write another message. So much has happened in a short span of time. Our September meeting was great with lots of history and tips for learning about our ancestors. If you were not there to hear Rufus Williamson, you missed a few laughs and some very interesting facts and genealogical resources.

The next weekend brought the training session in Nashville for committees and area directors. There is so much going on with DKG on the state level. Our Xi State President, Kathie Harned, has such a vision to move us forward. She inspires each of us to promote what is so important - each of our members. Alpha Chapter is important. I see it each month as we gather. I picked up a lot of ideas that will help our chapter.

This weekend brought fall officially, and the weather feels like the season is upon us. With the season changing, it brings another change ...new membership. We will be voting on, at least, five women at the October meeting. As new members are initiated in November, I challenge you to take these new members "under your wing" and mentor them. We are only as active as our membership. Each of you has so much to give our new members. Become the "ripple effect"! As you touch them, they will be encouraged to be active in our chapter and bring in other new members in the future.

For those of us who are still teaching..as we end September and prepare for our fall breaks, we are going to find that the days will fly by... November with the initiation...December with

Christmas and then a new year will be upon us. I am asking you to make your resolution early...be active in your chapter and prepare for our 75th Celebration that is right around the corner.

Have a great October. Enjoy fall. Make plans to attend the initiation of our new members. Don't forget the October meeting is on Thursday.

*Patti*



*Our next meeting ....*

**Date:** Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Christ United Methodist Church  
8645 East Brainerd Road  
(across from Publix)

Please park on the Morris Hill Road side of the church. Enter the building through the door closest to the track. The meeting room is the first room on the right (A-12).

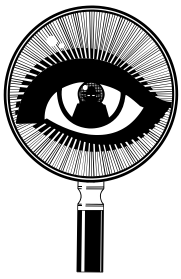
**Devotion:** Barbara Graham

**Program:** Cathy McCormick will be speaking about the IB program that has been instituted at some of the high schools in Hamilton County.

**Hostesses:** Betty Fassnacht, Sue Crowder, Sylvia Kubic, Kay Schwieger

*Please wear your name tag/ribbon to the meetings.*

**Remember the Alpha slogan for 2011-2012:  
*Motivate-Move- Momentum***



*Who is the Mystery  
Alpha Sister?*

*This mystery sister received an Associate degree from Elizabethtown Community College, a Bachelor's degree from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a Master's degree from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has taught at Central High School, Sequoyah Vocational/Tech, and Soddy Daisy High School.*

*She and her husband have two daughters and a son. They have grandchildren. She has traveled to the following countries: Germany, England, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Costa Rica, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and France. Her favorite vacation was to Australia and New Zealand.*

*Something you may not know about her is that she walks three and a half miles at least five days a week. She volunteers weekly at St. John's United Methodist Church and monthly at Meals on Wheels.*

*About Alpha Chapter she says: "I would like to see all members attend meetings and participate". She has recommended two women to become members of Alpha Chapter—one being our present treasurer.*

*Who is this Mystery Sister?*

(Answer above in the November newsletter)

Answer to the September Mystery Alpha Sister: Harriett New

**Our Trip Abroad**

Rufus, myself, his cousin Toni Sue, and her mom Mitsue', landed in Prague in the Czech Republic on September 15. This trip had always been on our "to-do list". It did not let us down. Prague is known as the city of 1000 spires. While there we visited the Prague Castle, a 1000 year old castle, which has a view of the Vlatava River. Next was the Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus. Prague's historic city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. That was just the first day, with a trip to the countryside and a visit with a local home for dinner on the second day. Other highlights were days in Vienna and Budapest. It was a whirlwind, but we had a fantastic trip. It would be difficult to choose a favorite of the three cities.

If you are interested in more information, just let us know. When we first started traveling abroad, we went on self guided tours. We now have decided that the organized tours offer a chance to see and do more, probably because of the group buying power!

Patsy Williamson



***It's that time again!  
Dues this year are the same as last year: \$70.  
Please give to Susan Grow no later than the October 6th meeting. Dues may be mailed to Susan 2417 Bending Oaks Dr. Chattanooga, TN 37421 Of this \$70...***

***\$40 goes to International, \$1 to the International scholarship fund, \$14 goes to Xi State, only \$15 stays with Alpha Chapter.***



**..to our September hostesses. ..Betty Lee, Angie Neely, Harriet New, and Nancy Thompson.**



The beautiful table and delicious food at our September meeting.

Rufus Williamson (our speaker) is in the background. More

September meeting photos can be found at

[www.AlphaChapterDKG.com](http://www.AlphaChapterDKG.com)

**Be the change you want to see in the world.**

**-Mahatma Gandhi**



## Don't Forget Our Service Projects!

**Please** bring any of the following to the regular Alpha meetings.

### \*General Mills' "Box Tops for Education"

For a limited time, Box Tops are being doubled on selected products. To see a list of products which have double box tops, go to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/learn/Default.aspx>

**[59 box tops were turned in at the September meeting]** Please be aware that box tops have expiration dates.

\*Campbell's "Labels for Education" - just bring UPC, not the entire label.

**[9 labels were turned in at the September meeting]**

\*Toiletries for Vets -any size toiletries. They can also use phone cards, white socks, and white T-shirts.

**[140 items were brought to the August and September meetings.]**

\*Magazines - **Cut off or mark over your personal information**

**{77 magazines were brought to the September meeting. They were taken to Manor House.}**

**If you have an assisted living and/or nursing home you would like the magazines to be taken to, please contact Serie.**

\*Hardback or paperback books to be bought by other Alpha Sisters for the scholarship fund.

\*Items for the Orphanage Emmanuel located in Honduras which is a new Alpha Chapter service project this year. [Diapers - all sizes, pull-ups, baby items such as formula, baby lotion, baby powder, baby shampoo, baby soap, diaper rash ointments, etc.]

**[80 diapers and 120 oz of baby products were brought to the September meeting.]**

*Thank you, Alpha Sisters, for bringing all of these items. Keep up the good work!*



Be sure to visit:  
[www.DKG.org](http://www.DKG.org)  
[www.XiState.org](http://www.XiState.org)  
and  
[www.AlphaChapterDKG.com](http://www.AlphaChapterDKG.com)

## Xi State--Tennessee



**October 1:** Deadline to submit articles and photos for possible inclusion in the *Xi State News* to Dee Dee Rives or Dr. Kathie Harned

**October 1:** Deadline to submit application for *Xi State News* Editor.

**December 1:** Workshop Proposal for 2012 Xi State Convention due to Dr. Dorrie Powell

**December 15:** Deadline to submit two paper copies or one paper and one CD of your chapter yearbook to Dr. Dorrie Powell

**December 31:** Deadline to apply for Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth and/or Vision Foundation Project

**February 1, 2012:** Deadline for Chapter President's Annual Report

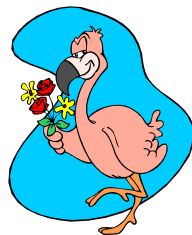
**February 1, 2012:** Deadline to submit application for Xi State Scholarships and DKG International Scholarships

**May 1, 2012:** Application Deadline for Cornetet Award for Professional Development

**June 7-9, 2012:** Xi State Convention The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

**July 19-21, 2012:** Seminar in Purposeful Living Hyatt Regency, Arlington, VA

**July 24-28, 2012:** Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers (7th Ave) New York, New York



*Keep in your thoughts  
and prayers...*

*Bobbie Ruth Hodges  
Betty Ball  
Pat Varnell  
Angie Neely's husband*

## Commentary from Andy Rooney

I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught the Theory of Evolution. Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game. So what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire Book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game. But, it's a Christian prayer, some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America and Canada, countries founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200 to one. So what would you expect--somebody changing Hare Krishna? If I went to a game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to a game in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit.

When in Rome.... But what about atheists? What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer! Unfortunately, one or two may make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we tell that one of two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want. It is time that the majority rules! It's time we tell them, "You don't have to pray; you don't have to say the Pledge of Allegiance, you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right; but, by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back, and we WILL WIN!

God bless us one and all..especially those who denounce Him, God bless America and Canada, despite all our faulty. We are still the greatest nations of all. God bless our service men who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

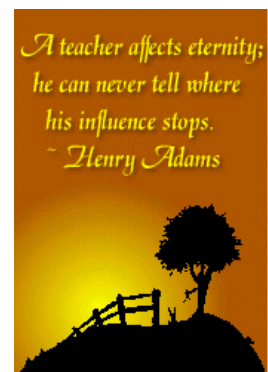
Let's make the silent majority heard and put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions...and our military forces come home from all the wars.

-e-mail from Nancy Klein

## Fifth Grade Assignment

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

- God is like Bayer aspirin. He works miracles.
- God is like a Ford. He's got a better idea.
- God is like a Coca-Cola. He's the real thing.
- God is like Hallmark cards. He cares enough to send His very best.
- God is like Tide. He gets the stains out others leave behind.
- God is like General Electric. He brings good things to life.
- God is like Wal-Mart. He has everything.
- God is like Alka-Seltzer. Try him, you'll like Him.
- God is like Scotch Tape. You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
- God is like Delta. He's ready when you are.
- God is like Allstate. You're in good hands with Him.
- God is like VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather.
- God is like Dial soap. Aren't you glad you have Him. Don't you wish everybody did/
- God is like the U.S. Post Office. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from his appointed destination.
- God is like Chevrolet..the heart beat of America
- God is like Maxwell House coffee...Good to the very last drop.
- God is like Bounty. He is the quicker picker upper..Can handle the tough jobs..and He won't fall apart on you.
- God is like the Energizer Bunny. He keeps going, going, and going.





## EVERYTHING JUST SO...

by Nancy Harrison

### 'But' out!

'But.' It's a simple conjunction, a word used to connect two clauses, or two sentences, into one sentence.

For example: "It's time for you to go to bed, but first you have to brush your teeth."

Before you tune out entirely, take heart; this is not a grammar lesson. Really. I propose we drop the word 'but' from our vocabulary as much as possible. Here's why:

1. 'But' is inherently negative. Removing it will make you more positive.

With so much negativity confronting us every day - The economy! The national debt! Terrorism! - who couldn't use some more positivity? Starting in small ways can have an impact. Instead of saying that you want to send your child to the best college but can't afford it, say you want to send your child to the best college and you are going to do the best you can. Semantics? Of course. Pollyanna-ish? Probably. It will make a difference, though. Try it.

2. 'But' is confrontational. 'And' has a collaborative spirit. Which do you want to project?

We often hear 'but' coming. You are praising your co-worker, ready to add on the 'but.' Then, it negates everything good that came before, while 'and' includes what came before. When you get to the 'but,' change to 'and.' Doing this will throw a mental switch that will help you keep your comments non-confrontational. You will find your conversations becoming more validating and accepting and less judgmental.

3. 'But' is a rejection. Using 'and' will open others up to sharing more with you.

Does this ever happen to you: someone presents an idea and you respond with 'but,' and list the reasons why their idea won't work. Are you encouraging that person to continue trying to help? No. Your child tells you they want to set up a lemonade stand. Do you respond with 'but' followed by the reasons their idea won't work? Instead, respond with 'and' followed by ways you can re-direct their efforts or otherwise help find a solution to any problems you're envisioning. This simple replacement keeps you from discounting an idea and brings promise back to your conversation. Even the most crazy ideas can be answered with 'and.' This is a great way to encourage creativity.

When you first begin swapping "and" for "but" in your writing and conversation it will feel awkward. However, you will find yourself being a more positive influence on those around you and others will communicate with you more freely. No buts about it, you should try it!

- The Family News Network September 2011

Experience is the teacher of all things.

by Julius Caesar

## New Members

Please consider recommending a professional educator you work with or know to become a member of Alpha Chapter. We need our chapter to grow!

Go to our website: [www.AlphaChapterDKG.com](http://www.AlphaChapterDKG.com) for the membership form. Please turn in the form no later than the October meeting to Nancy Klein. They will be voted on at the October meeting. There will be a new member orientation prior to initiation.

If you do not have a computer, call Serie and she will mail you the form.



I would like to recommend two books to my Alpha Sisters.  
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford  
Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

Enjoy!  
Serie

P.S. Let me know how you like them.



## Recipe of the Month

### Caramel Apple Bars

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3/4 cup caramel-flavor ice cream topping
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 3 cups apple-cinnamon flavor round toasted oat cereal
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apples (can be bought)
- 1/2 cup salted peanut, coarsely chopped

#### Directions:

1. Line an 8 x 8 x 2 baking pan with foil up over the edges of the pan. Butter the foil (can use vegetable spray).
2. In a large saucepan, combine 3/4 cup peanut butter, 1/2 cup ice cream topping, and the brown sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat just until mixture starts to bubble. Remove from heat.
3. Add cereal and apples; stir gently to coat. Transfer to prepared pan; press firmly into pan.
4. In a small bowl stir together remaining 1/3 cup peanut butter and 1/4 cup ice cream topping. Spread evenly over bars and sprinkle with peanuts, pressing lightly.
5. Let bars stand 1 hour to set. Use foil to lift from pan. Cut into bars.

*Please read the following minutes of the last meeting.  
They will be voted on at the October meeting.*

ALPHA CHAPTER MINUTES  
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
SEPTEMBER 2011

Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Rossville Public Library. The speaker was Rufus Williamson, husband of our sister Patsy Williamson, who spoke on "How to Do Genealogical Research." There were twenty members present and one visitor. Hostesses were Betty Lee, Angie Neeley, Harriet New, and Nancy Thompson.

Dr. Patti Skates, the president, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and Harriet New gave the devotion. Mr. Rufus Williamson, President of the Delta Genealogical Society, presented the program on how to do genealogical research and gave each person present a handout of many helpful hints and resources for beginning one's family search and outlining how the digital age has assisted in finding one's ancestors. He used his family history of their migration from England to the United States as the background for his visual presentation.

The minutes of the August meeting had been printed in the newsletter and extra copies were printed for those who might not have seen them on-line. They were approved as written with two small corrections--a misspelled name and the country that Nancy Thompson had visited being corrected.

Susan Grow, the Treasurer, said that twenty of thirty-five members have paid their 2011-2012 dues. At the end of June, she reported us as having \$595.84 in our bank account and that she has filed our tax report. She also reminded members that dues would also be accepted at the October meeting.

Old Business

Under Old Business, we discussed the changes that had been proposed for the Scholarship Committee. Marion Mossburg and Mary McLain have met and are trying to determine just how we need to structure our scholarship. Our greatest difficulty has been getting feedback from our recipients and how to identify just who should receive this grant. Consideration has been given to making the award available to a member who is working on an advanced degree or to make the grant to a new teacher in a needy school for use in her classroom. Serie Bland moved that we give the money to one or more first year teachers in a Chattanooga-Hamilton County area school and would not exclude a Georgia school of a member. The motion was seconded by Pat Plunkett. In the discussion, Mary McLain mentioned that we might consider giving the scholarship grants to elementary teacher(s) because they have so many different curriculum areas they must address and have to change the visual aids and bulletin boards more frequently which can be rather expensive for a new teacher. It was decided that Marion and Mary would work further to define the process for our selection(s) but that the grant(s) would be given to one or more first year teachers to be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Patsy Williamson reminded members that the 75th Birthday Tea Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Brainerd United Methodist Church. She also reminded members that each one of us should have a copy of the committees and plans for the event so that we will know what each of us needs to do and where we might also volunteer. The committee hopes to find a harpist to play for the celebration, and Carol Russell said that she would check with the harpist at her church to see if she could give us some suggestions.

President Skates reported that she has a friend who is working on a special commemorative pin for our 75th year that will be passed down from Alpha President to Alpha President. She is also exploring an enamel version of the pin that members might be allowed to purchase if they wished.

We decided that we will pass the hat every month toward raising funds to help with the anniversary celebration.

Reminders to bring magazines for shut-ins for Serie Bland to coordinate distribution; Marion Mossburg is to receive the Box tops for Education and Campbell soup labels for distribution; Nancy Klein will coordinate the books for our scholarship fund. We also are continuing our collection of toiletries for veterans.

President Skates reported that our donations for the orphanage in Honduras were very helpful and that the container was being packed as we met. The sponsors had obtained 12,000 diapers and 147,000 ounces of infant formula this month in addition to other items. We will continue to collect baby items throughout the year.

New Business

Dr. Skates reminded us that we will be voting on new members in October and asked each of us to try to find a new member to sponsor.

The Joint Chapter Initiation Banquet will be held on November 15, at Tyner United Methodist Church. Alpha Chapter is responsible for the menu for this event. We will receive further information about reservations and cost at the October meeting.

Sylvia Kubic has been ill, and Bobbie Ruth Hodges is still recovering at home from her recent fall and stint in rehab. We discussed ways in which we might reach out to these sisters. Several sisters volunteered to be members of our Telephone Committee.

President Skates closed the meeting with a reminder that our October meeting will be on October 6 at Christ United Methodist Church. We were asked to park on the Morris Hill side of the building and to go in the door by the track. The room in which we will be meeting will be the first door on the right. This will be a little different from where we have met in the past because there is some new construction at the church. Dr. Skates also told us that she will not be at our October meeting because she will be in England for her Fall Break, and Janice Nelms will preside.

Nancy Klein  
Secretary



If you retired at the end of the school year or you are at a new school this year, please inform Serie. Thank you!

### Generation What?

People born before 1946 were called  
The Silent Generation.

People born between 1946 and 1964 are  
called The Baby Boomers.

People born between 1965 and 1979 are  
called Generation X.

People born between 1980 and 2010 are  
called Generation Y.

Why do we called the last group Generation Y?

Y should I get a job?

Y should I leave home and find my own  
place?

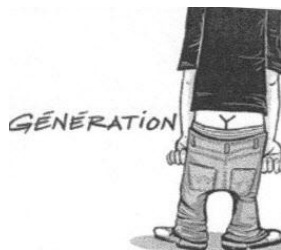
Y should I get a car when I can borrow  
yours?

Y should I clean my room?

Y should I wash and iron my own  
clothes?

Y should I buy any food?

But a cartoonist explained it very eloquently...



- e-mail from Nancy Klein



Happy Birthday  
to our Alpha  
Sisters....

*Sarah Jo Hudson*      *October 6*  
*Delores Vinson*      *October 10*  
*Lavene Guthrie*      *October 13*  
*Bobbie Blackshear*      *October 24*

Happiness cannot come from without.  
It must come from within. It is not what  
we see and touch or that which others  
do for us which makes us happy; it is  
that which we think and feel and do,  
first for the other fellow and then for  
ourselves.

-Helen Keller

### Things You Learn Living in the South

- An opossum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
- There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in the South.
- There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 of them live in the South, plus a couple no one's seen before.
- If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite cha.
- Onced and Twiced are words...in the South.
- It is not a shopping cart, it is a buggy!
- Jawl-P? means "Did y'all go to the bathroom?"
- Fixinta is one word. It means I'm fixing to do that.
- Backwards and forwards means I know everything about you.
- You don't have to wear a watch because it doesn't matter what time it is, you work until you're done or it's too dark to see.
- You don't PUSH buttons. You MASH 'em.
- Ya'll is singular. All ya'll is plural.
- You measure distance in minutes.
- You switch from heat to A/C in the same day.
- All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect, or animal.
- You know what a DAWG is.
- You carry jumper cables in your car...for your car.
- You find 100 degrees a bit warm.
- You know what a hissy fit is.
- Going to Wal-Mart is a favorite past time known as "goin' Wal-Martin'" or "off to Wally World".
- You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good chili weather.

-e-mail from Mary McLain

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.

- Unknown



Please mark **Tuesday, November 15** on your calendar for the **Joint Chapters' Initiation and Dinner**. More details re: cost and deadline to send your checks will be sent to you after the next **Joint Council meeting in October**.

### Health Facts

- Women have a better sense of smell than men.
- When you take a step, you are using up to 200 muscles.
- The levels of two stress hormone, cortisol and epinephrine, which suppress the body's immune system will actually drop after a good laugh.
- The human body contains over a billion miles of DNA.
- The adult human brain weighs about 3 pounds.
- Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- Our right lung takes in more air than our left lung.
- Pain occurs when sounds are above 130 decibels.
- The skin on your lips is 200 times more sensitive than your fingertips.
- On average, women have always lived longer than men.
- If your liver stopped working, you'd die within 24 hours.
- The average person's skin weighs twice as much as their brain.
- Your ears secrete more earwax when you are afraid than when you aren't.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Dieters who sleep more take off more fat than those who sleep less.
- Coughing can cause air to move through your windpipe faster than the speed of sound.
- Everyone has a unique tongue print just as everyone has a unique fingerprint.
- Humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin every hour. That works out to about 1.5 pounds each year.
- The air from a human sneeze can travel at speeds of 100 miles per hour or more

Teachers  
nurture the seeds of today  
so they might bloom into  
the flowers of tomorrow ♡

The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.  
-Unknown

### Computer Facts

- Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- On eBay, there is an average of \$680 worth of transactions each second.
- The first computer mouse was invented by Doug Engelhard around 1964 and was made of wood.
- There are approximately 1.06 billion instant messaging accounts worldwide.
- The average computer user blinks 7 times per minute, less than half the normal rate of 20.
- The first domain name ever registered was Symbolic.com.
- All the three founders of YouTube Steve Chen, Chad Hurley and Jawed Karim were working for PayPal when they started YouTube.
- Bill Gates math SAT score was a perfect 800.
- There are approx. 6,000 new computer viruses released every month.
- Sweden is a country with the highest percentage of Internet users (75%).

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.

Kahlil Gibran

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."

*William Cullen Bryant*

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

*Albert Camus*

"Autumn begins with a subtle change in the light, with skies a deeper blue, and nights that become suddenly clear and chilled. The season comes full with the first frost, the disappearance of migrant birds, and the harvesting of the season's last crops."

*Glenn Wolff and Jerry Dennis*

"How beautifully leave grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."

*John Burroughs*

"There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky,  
Which through the summer is not heard or seen,

As if it could not be, as if it had not been!"

*P.B. Shelley*

"No neither spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I  
have seen in one autumnal face."

*John Donne*

"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers  
we more than gain in fruits."

*Samuel Butler*

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to  
sit still and watch the leaves turn."

*Elizabeth Lawrence*

Happy Halloween

