



Alpha Chapter Newsletter

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OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

From Our President.....

Dear Sisters,

At the October meeting, Alpha Chapter enjoyed hearing from Sergeant Matt Vandergriff, one of the officers in charge of the School Resource Program. He shared with us the programs goals, current status of the resource program in the various schools, and plans for the future. With the emphasis on the theme of *Passion for Learning* for the current biennium, it is important that the school environment is one of safety where students can pursue the goal of developing a lifelong passion for learning. Thanks to Dr. Skates for arranging this informative program. Our new yearbooks were distributed and a big *hats off* to Mary McLain for the beautiful job in creating our new yearbooks. Thanks to our hostesses, Marion Mossburg and Karen Wolfe for the tasty refreshments. Check out the recipe in this newsletter for one of the delicious treats. We look forward to seeing each one of you in October as we vote on new members for Alpha Chapter.

Janice Nelms

Our Next Meeting is:

Saturday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Christ United Methodist Church

8625 East Brainerd Road

(Turn off E. Brainerd Road onto Morris Hill Road. Go the entrance off Morris Hill Road on the far right of the church.)

Devotion: Susan Grow

Program: *Legislative Action in Education*

Rep. Richard Floyd, Tennessee House of Representatives

Hostesses: Bobbie Blackshear, Chanta Smith
Pamela Blackwell, Sandra Cox



Our Spotlight is on ..

Nancy Klein

Even in retirement, Nancy Klein is a true educator. Currently serving as the president of the Chattanooga Hamilton County Retired Teacher's Organization, Nancy is still working for the causes of educators. Even when Nancy served as vice-president of this organization, she unselfishly performed the tasks of her office as well as handling the duties of president due to health issues faced by the then president. If you know Nancy, this act of kindness is no surprise. Nancy Klein is the type of individual who always has a kind word for a friend or someone in need and will volunteer to help before the request for assistance goes out.

Initiated in 1996, Nancy currently serves as the chairperson of the membership committee. Before her retirement in 2004, she taught American History at Ooltewah and organized seminars on Tennessee History and World Geography. She has also been a special education teacher. When she moved to East Ridge Middle, Nancy continued to be a positive influence on young people through her service as a guidance counselor. Many are aware of the county-wide College Fair that juniors and seniors attend in preparation for helping them make decisions concerning the college they will be attending. Nancy Klein planned and organized this tremendous event for four years. Besides taking excellent care of her mother who resides in a retirement home, Nancy Klein serves as a circle leader for the women in church at First Presbyterian. Nancy Klein is a dependable and great all around person.

Janice Nelms



Announcement...

Applications are now being accepted for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and for the Xi State Vision Foundation Project Grant. Guidelines and forms are on the Xi website, <http://www.xistate.org/>. Links to the form in the menu on the left side of the homepage. They are also in the September issue of the Xi State News. \$1000 for each project. Check *this out!!*

You can also request applications from:
 Leigh Anne Durham
 Chairman, Xi State Vision Foundation Selection Committee
 900 Anderson Drive
 Paris Tennessee 38242
 Phone: 731-642-3943 or durham89@bellsouth.net
 Deadline for postmarked application is December 31, 2007.

One of our members wants you to know..

Every summer our family goes to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. It is a long, hot drive, but the adult children and the nine grandchildren look forward to it every year. Of course, we have some indoor activities planned. Aunt Lynn brought some flash cards with pictures of the United States presidents. Adults and kids alike were trying to identify them, but it was five year old Anna who observed, "Are they all boys?"

Patsy Williamson

New Retirees in 2007..

Congratulations!
 Lavene Guthrie
 Carol Russell



Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole

- 1 package Uncle Ben's Long Grain & Wild Rice mix (6 oz)
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 4 cups chicken, cooked and cubed (or you can use the canned chicken)
- 1 cup chopped celery (optional)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento
- 1 can water chestnuts (5 oz), drained & chopped
- 1 can French-style green beans, drained
- 1 can mushrooms (4 oz), drained

Cook rice mix according to directions except use the can of chicken broth as part of the liquid. While this cooks, blend cream of chicken soup and other ingredients. Blend in the chicken, green beans, and rice mix. Pour into casserole dish. Bake uncovered at 350° F. for one hour.

Option: Some like to top with bread crumbs.



Happy Birthday

Sara Jo Hudson	October 6
Delores Vinson	October 10
Lavene Guthrie	October 13
Elizabeth Fossett	October 14
Bobbie Blackshear	October 24

Correspondence to Alpha Chapter...

Dear Alpha Chapter Sisters,

Thank you so much for the nice card you sent to me while I am recovering from surgery. I really needed a lift and that card gave me a good dose of medicine.

I am walking fine, but my knee is not bending like it should. It has been 6 weeks. My doctor is doing a manipulation procedure on Friday, Sept. 21. I will go to Memorial and he will put me to sleep. He has to do this so he can move my knee to loosen up my knee. I will go home the same day. Thanks again for the care.

With love,
 Nelle Ward

Education Quotes

A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.

- Anonymous

Experience is not what happens to you. It is what you do with what happens to you.

- Aldous Huxley

"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn."

-- John Cotton Dana

"An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life."

-- Anonymous

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

-- Malcolm Forbes

I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand.

-- Chinese Proverb

The kids in our classroom are infinitely more significant than the subject matter we teach.

-- Meladee McCarty

Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.

-- W. B. Yeats

It's not what is poured into a student, but what is planted.

--Linda Conway

Learning is not a spectator sport.

-- Anonymous

You learn something every day if you pay attention.

-- Ray LeBlond

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

-- B.F. Skinner

We learn...

10% of what we read

20% of what we hear

30% of what we see

50% of what we both hear and see

70% of what is discussed

80% of what we experience personally

95% of what we teach to someone else

- William Glasser



Safety

- If a predator approaches you, remember that the elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!!
- If a robber asks for your purse, **DO NOT HAND** it to him. Toss it far away from you..chances are that he is more interested in your purse than you, and he will go for the purse. Run in the other direction!
- If someone gets in your car with a gun, **DO NOT** drive off, repeat: **DO NOT DRIVE OFF!!** Instead, gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. If he person is in the back seat, he will get the worse of it. As soon as the car crashes, bail out and run. You are worth more than your car!!



Reminder!

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

IMPORTANT!! The deadline for submitting membership forms for new members has been extended to our next meeting, October 20. Contact Nancy Klein at 867-2923 or nklein0918@aol.com OR Janice Nelms at 877-4204 or Nelms_j@hcde.org for a membership form.



Please keep the
Alpha Chapter
members who are ill
or injured in your
thoughts.

Betty Ball
Elizabeth Keener

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.

