



# Alpha Chapter Newsletter

September 2007

## From Our President.....

Dear Sisters,

The August meeting was an opportunity to reconnect with each other and share with each other the new events in our lives since we last connected. A special thanks to Dr. Patti Skates for chairing the meeting due to my required attendance at Princeton Review training. One of the best aspects of Alpha Chapter is that members are always willing to assist each other. I look forward to seeing each of you at our September meeting when we will be nominating exceptional educators for membership in Alpha Chapter. Please consider nominating your outstanding colleagues who demonstrate high standards of excellence in their profession, strong leadership skills, and have served three or more years in the field of education.

*Janice Nelms*

## Important: Do you wish to nominate someone for membership in Alpha Chapter?

Please mail the membership form to Nancy Klein 3516 Cherokee Avenue 37412 A.S.A.P. because new members will be selected at the September meeting. If you need the membership form, contact Nancy at 867-2923 or Janice Nelms at 877-4204 or e-mail Janice at [nelms\\_j@hcde.org](mailto:nelms_j@hcde.org).

## Our Next Meeting is:

Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m.  
Christ United Methodist Church  
8645 East Brainerd Road  
(Across from Hurricane Creek)

Directions: Turn off East Brainerd Road onto Morris Hill Road. Go to the entrance off Morris Hill Road on the far right of the church.

Agenda: 1) New member selection  
2) Deadline to pay dues (\$50)  
3) Program: Guest speaker: Sgt. Matt Vandergriff of Hamilton County Sheriff's Office SRO program.

Hostesses: Karen Wolfe, Patsy Malone, Shirley Moore, Janice Nelms, Marion Mossburg



Our Spotlight is on.....

*Alpha Chapter President  
Marcia Brown*

This summer I had the opportunity to represent the Alpha Chapter at the Southeast Regional Conference in New Orleans, LA. I took my husband, and we had a great time.

We started out on the morning of Tuesday, June 26, 2007. We went as far as Birmingham, and the check engine light came on. We determined that we would be able to drive into Birmingham and find a Saab dealership. We had it checked out and found it was minor and could continue on to New Orleans. We got there around 5:30 New Orleans time and checked in at the conference and the hotel. The facilities were great, and our room was very nice. The weather was hot and muggy!

There were many interesting workshop, and the general session was good. I especially enjoyed the first session speaker. I enjoyed wandering around the vendor area and the various information booths. We took a couple of tours. The "Katrina: Before and After" tour was very interesting. We visited areas that are still not inhabitable. The moonlight dinner cruise on the Mississippi was fun and so was Mardi Gras World. They make floats and figures for the Mardi Gras parades.

We ate a lot of great seafood and visited with Terry's cousin while we were there. The conference was fun and worthwhile. Save your money and consider going to the next one. The International Conference is in the Chicago area next summer. It should be a lot of fun.

# Looking Ahead

Alpha Chapter will meet on the following dates during the next year. Mark your calendar and save these dates in order to experience informative programs and great fellowship with your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. All meetings are at Christ United Methodist Church at 10:30 unless otherwise indicated.

October 20, 2007—Program: Rep. Richard Floyd from the Tennessee House of Representatives will be our guest speaker.  
New member orientation

November 13, 2007 Joint Chapters' Initiation/Dinner 6:00 p.m. at Tyner United Methodist Church  
[5:30 p.m.- Practice for Initiation (new member and their sponsors)]

December 8, 2007 Home of Jan Janczewski  
-10:30 a.m. Bring Toys for Tots

January 12, 2008 – Program: “Show and Tell”:  
Members will bring something or somebody to share with other members.

February 9, 2008

March 8, 2008 -- Birthday Tea Home of Patsy Williamson- Sunday 2:00 p.m.

April 19, 2008 -- Joint Founder's Day Brunch – Time & Location to be announced at a later date  
Speaker: Xi State President

June 3, 2008 -- 2:00 p.m. Officer's meeting at home of Mary McLain

August 16, 2008

September 13, 2008



Happy Birthday to..

Betty Fassnacht	September 4
Natalie Nelson	September 9
Janet Swofford	September 9
Sylvia Kubic	September 10
Chanta Smith	September 11
Nancy Klein	September 18
Joy Gensheimer	September 22
Serie Bland	September 25
Nell Eiselstein	September 27
Allison Fuller-Malloy	September 30

If you have not been attending the Alpha Chapter meetings.....



It's time to—

- take advantage of the opportunities for leadership, personal and professional growth;
- renew old friendships or make new friendships;
- Rekindle and nurture your leadership skills;
- revitalize yourself and our chapter;
- participate!!

Be an active member of Alpha Chapter!

It's time

I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold,  
service was  
joy.....

—Tagore



**Recipe of**

Susan Grow brought this wonderful dish to our August meeting. Many members requested the recipe.

**“Grape Salad”**

- 2.5 lbs. of green/red seedless grapes
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 cups chopped walnuts/pecans

Mix the sour cream, cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Add grapes. Place in a long shallow serving dish. Mix the brown sugar and nuts and sprinkle over grape mixture. Chill. (This also looks great layered in a trifle bowl.

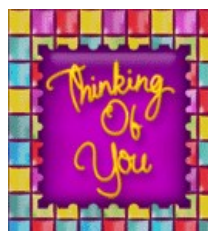
***Your Alpha Chapter Officers***

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| President:                       | Janice Nelms                      |
| First Vice-President:            | Dr. Patti Skates                  |
| Second Vice-President:           | Carolyn Attaway                   |
| Corresponding Secretary:         | Serie Bland                       |
| Recording Secretary:             | Marion Mossburg                   |
| Treasurer:                       | Susan Grow                        |
| Parliamentarian:                 | Marcia Brown                      |
| Membership:                      | Nancy Klein                       |
| Finance:                         | Susan Grow                        |
| Nominations:                     | Marcia Brown                      |
| Program:                         | Dr. Patti Skates                  |
| Personal Growth<br>and Services: | Barbara Graham                    |
| Professional Affairs:            | Marion Mossburg                   |
| Research:                        | Stacy Bandy                       |
| Communications/Publicity:        | Connie McDade                     |
| Scholarships:                    | Dr. Patti Skates<br>Serie Bland   |
| Technology:                      | --                                |
| World Fellowship:                | Betty Fassnacht                   |
| Devotions:                       | Marcia Brown                      |
| Legislative:                     | Patsy Williamson                  |
| Music: Chairman                  | Joy Billings                      |
| Remembrance<br>and Necrology:    | Naomi HaScrapbook:<br>Wanda Grant |
| Social Activities:               | Sue Crowder                       |
| Telephone: Chairperson           | Bobbie Ruth<br>Hodges             |



**Congratulation  
s to...**

Lavene Guthrie on the birth of her granddaughter, Mary Margaret Guthrie, who was born May 31. She is he daughter of Andee and Jonathan Guthrie of Chattanooga.



**Please keep the  
Alpha Chapter  
members who are  
ill in your  
thoughts:**

- Betty Ball
- Elizabeth Kenner
- Nell Ward

**And...**

If you would like to volunteer to be a hostess at one of the meetings, contact Sue Crowder at 886-6583.

If you would like to volunteer to do the devotional at one of the meetings, please contact Marcia Brown at 842-9275.



**Request...**

If any member plays 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](http://deltakappagamma.net) , click on For Members and Society Music. It's the first selection. This would be used to sing the song at the end of our meetings. It would be greatly appreciated!!

Please contact Serie Bland at 886-7096 or [smbland@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**Our members want you to know:**

Lavene Guthrie is co-founder and director of Holiday Hodgepodge Craft & Antique Show. You are invited to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday Hodgepodge show to be held at the Signal Mountain Town Hall gym on Friday, October 5, 9:30 a.m. -7 p.m. and Saturday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is 2 cans of food for Social Services or \$2 for the Mountain Arts Fund. Please join us....and have lunch with us!