

Alpha Gamma Matters



President's Message

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As we conclude the first year of the 2012-2014 biennium, we can be proud of our accomplishments. Pat yourselves on the back for updating the Chapter Rules, creating and approving the first Strategic Action Plan for Alpha Gamma Chapter, growing the chapter by initiating four outstanding women educators in December, Amanda Groesbeck, Glenda Smith, Linda Smith, and Ashley Willis, naming the first Honorary chapter member, Reba Bellar, planning another initiation in May for Tammy Gose and other deserving women educators, submitting reports in a timely fashion to Xi State counterparts, conducting a successful pecan sale, contributing to Xi State and International funds, and implementing a mentoring program for new teachers

Please nominate other women educators deserving of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma in April. Please send the completed form to Cynthia Hudson (clhudson@nctc.com) in

advance of the meeting or notify Cynthia of your intent and bring the completed form to the meeting. We will propose and vote at the April meeting. Another Orientation will need to be planned by the Membership Committee and initiation will occur at the May meeting.

The program for April will highlight our experiences with new teachers. Please be prepared to share your thoughts briefly.

The Educational Excellence Committee will soon receive applications for the Alpha Gamma Grant-in-Aid awarded to graduating high school students planning to major in education. In May we will celebrate Founders' Day with a program/speaker and meal function.

I hope you are planning to attend the Xi State Convention, June 6-8, 2013 on the beautiful campus of the University of the South in Sewanee. Please complete your registration form and mail ASAP to facilitate more desirable housing. The Southeast Regional

Conference at Gaylord Palms in Orlando beckons in July. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this event July 10-13.

The Tennessee General Assembly is in session and "educational reform" is in full swing. Stay tuned for actions that may affect you including the creation of Charter Authorizer Board, "opportunity scholarships" for low income students to attend private schools, and changes to one of the best pension plans in the nation. Please let us know how the Sequester voted by Congress affects you personally or professionally.

It is and continues to be a busy year for all of our members. As we near spring, please find time to enjoy the season that awakens the earth to a new beginning. I look forward to seeing you on April 9, 3:30 PM for our chapter meeting at the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church. Thanks to the Red Boiling Springs members for serving as hostesses.

Fondly,
Linda

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Legislative Symposium

On February 19 and 20, members of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society traveled to Nashville to participate in the Xi State Legislative Symposium.

Linda McCrary, Wynona Clayborne, Donna McCrory and Andrea Flynn represented our chapter. We heard from a panel of representatives from the State Dept. of Education and the general assembly on

Tuesday night with the focus of the discussion being about current legislation moving through our state government.

Wednesday morning our group listened to the Assistant Commissioner of Education, Kathleen Airhart. We then had the opportunity to meet with our legislators, Sen. Mae Beavers and Rep. Kelly Keisling.



Membership committee news

We will be having another Initiation Ceremony at the May Meeting to include the new members who were not able to attend the December Meeting. This will enable chapter members to

consider recommending other possible new members. New member recommendations could be made and considered at the April meeting if the chapter desires to add to the membership at the

May Initiation Ceremony. Recommendation forms can be downloaded at the www.dkg.org web site or may be obtained by calling Cynthia Hudson at 615-699-2489.

Kindergarten Orientation

We will be making final plans for the Kindergarten Orientation Meeting at the April 9th Alpha Gamma Meeting. Please be prepared to offer suggestions and help make the Orientation meeting successful again this year.

Rules Committee

A recommendation from the rules committee for Rule 11H #3

Now Reads: Recommend appropriate gifts in the event of deaths

Proposed Change: Recommend appropriate memorial gifts as follows: 25.00 for member and 20.00 for husband, child or parent.

April 9, 2013

Church Fellowship Hall

Presiding-Linda McCrary, President
 Inspiration – Teresa Gregory
 Minutes – Cynthia Hudson
 Treasurer's Report – Teresa Gregory
 Old Business
 New Business
 Program – Mentoring New Teachers
 Cynthia Hudson and Sandra Smith
 Seasonal Music –Leslie Goad
 Hostesses – Red Boiling Springs
 Public Relations - Beverly Reid

Birthdays

Beverly Reid – January 13
Dale Reid – February 11
Dawn Thompson – February - 11
Marion Casady – March 14
Robbie Trent – March 27
Sandra Smith – March 26
Georgiann Boles – March 28
Donna McCory – March 30
Carroll M. Gunter – April 17

Dates to Remember

May 1, 2013 Deadline for
 submitting online application for
 Cornetet Individual Professional
 Development Award

June 6 –8, 2013 Xi State
 Convention, University of the
 South, Sewanee, TN

July 10-13, 2013
 Southeast Regional Conference,
 Florida

July28- August 1, 2014
 International Convention,
 Indianapolis, IN

July 2015 Southeast
 Regional Conference, Georgia

July 5-8 2016 International
 Convention, Nashville, TN

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