

# Alpha Gamma Matters

# President's Message

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As this year comes to an end, I realize how blessed I have been this year. Is everything in my life the way I wish? No but I am in a fuzzy robe in my home, (which by the way looks like a herd of 3 year olds have been here) with a warm cup of coffee typing this message to you. The events in Gatlinburg have tugged hard at my heart. It is a place full of memories for me since I was a little girl going there with my parents. It is a yearly retreat for friends of 40 plus years and a place of long weekend trips with my children and a few with my grandchildren. So as I look at this disorganized mess I am going to tackle today I know I have been blessed. Please keep them in your prayers for the rebuilding will be for a long time yet. Our Christmas in January meeting will be here at Eddy and my home and we are pleased to invite you to come and enjoy one of most fun meetings of the year at our house. Please just let the hostess group know if you are coming so we will have enough food to feed the masses. I hope you are planning to attend the Legislative meeting on February 13-14. I will try to do a headcount at our meeting of those that want to attend so that we can register. Again I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and please cherish this time you have together with your families as I will with mine. See you January 3rd.

### **Daddy Daughter Dance 2017**

This year's theme will be Candyland. Items that are needed include 2 liter bottles (clear), tubes from wrapping paper, clear deli boxes or corsage boxes (clamshells), color cellophane wrap, multicolor Christmas lights, any candy decorations, candyland games, candyland colored construction paper and foam craft pieces, clear vases with colorful candy, If anyone has items that may be used, please let Donna know. This will help her prepare for what to get. Also, check out her Pinterest board, Candy décor, for ideas of items that we can use.



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### Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

### Vision

Leading women
educators impacting
education worldwide.
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# Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events

- Dec. 31: Liz Whorley Bradley PD Award & Vision Foundation Project Grant Application due
- Feb. 1: Xi State Scholarship application due
- June 1-3: Xi State Convention @ Sewanee

Year Preview

1-3-17 Christmas in January 4-11-17 April Meeting 5-9-17 Founder's Day 6-1 thru 6-3-17 Xi State

### Chapter Activities

Pecan money due Planning for Daddy-Daughter Dance, theme: Candyland (see previous information)



### Member News

December Birthdays: Margaret Cook(13), Linda McCrary (20), Nancy Greer (27),

Teresa Gregory (27),

January Birthdays: Beverly Reid (13)

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Cynthia Hudson, hope she recovering from her recent

bout of the shingles.

Remember Mel and Warden Perdue, as Mr. Perdue has been sick lately.

# Next Month's Meeting

January 3, 2017

Home of Wynona Clayborne
6:00 p.m.

Presiding.......Wynona Clayborne, President
Inspiration......Melanie Tuck
Program.....Dr. Elaine Alexander
Music.....Margaret Cook
Public Relations.....Donna McCrory

### Sweet & Salty Bark

Hostess Group......Lafayette #1

### Ingredients

saltine crackers (approx 40-50) 3/4 Cup butter

3/4 Cup light brown sugar 1 tsp pure vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Toppings (whatever you like - here are some ideas)

m&ms (I chopped the m&ms, optional) pretzel pieces nuts (pecans, almonds, peanuts) coconut peanut butter chips Heath pieces

### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350° Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Next, place crackers side by side, filling the cookie sheet. In a sauce pan, over medium to medium-high heat, melt butter and brown sugar, bringing it to slow boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 3-5 minutes. Next, add 1 tsp of vanilla and boil for an additional minute. Remove and pour mixture over crackers and spread evenly. Bake crackers for 10 minutes on middle rack of oven. When done in oven, remove and top with the chocolate chips. Allow the chocolate chips to stand for a few minutes, until they begin to melt, then spread them evenly over crackers. Next top with whatever you like You may need to press the toppings so they stick to the chocolate. Allow to cool for 4-6 hours. For quicker setting, place cookie sheet in the fridge for approximately 20 minutes. Once chocolate is set, break or cut into pieces.