

Alpha Gamma Matters



President's Message

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2013 is now history! 2014 brings opportunities! We have opportunities for leadership, opportunities for service, and opportunities for growth. I hope you will avail yourself of the many opportunities offered by Delta Kappa Gamma.

Alpha Gamma Chapter members will begin 2014 with "Christmas in January" on January 14. Area V Representative Marsha Brewer will be our special guest. Central to the event will be fellowship and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the hostess group. New members will be initiated and welcomed to the chapter and chapter officers for the next biennium will be elected. Thank you for accepting the challenge and opportunity of leadership and service. In keeping with our tradition of donating children's books to a deserving institution, please bring one or more children's books to donate on January 14. Newbery and Caldecott Award books or other books of quality would be appropriate as the committee is considering donating them to the children's section of the newly renovated Macon County Public Library in Lafayette.

A Member Profile is to be completed by each member between September and January. If you have not sent me your profile, please do so immediately. The form is available on the Xi State website (www.xistate.org). Click on Xi State Resources and then Leadership Links.

I received an email from International President Beverly Helms regarding the reports which need to be filed. Forms are on the DKG website (www.dkg.org) under "Forms". Please watch for an email from me regarding your report if you are an officer or committee chair of Alpha Gamma Chapter. The deadline for all reports is February 1. Xi State President Beverly Smith is asking us to "... set the standard for other state organizations with a goal to have 100% of the chapter reports filed!!!!"

Alpha Gamma Leaders

2012 – 2014

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The Xi State Legislative Symposium will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel on the evening of February 4 and February 5. The panel discussion on Tuesday evening will include legislators, a TEA representative, and a TN Department of Education representative. Please send questions for the panel to Karen Phillips at kdpchattn12@yahoo.com or call her at (423) 855-0637. Wynona Clayborne and Andrea Flynn plan to attend the Symposium. If you want to attend, please call me ASAP (615.699.2705).

Alpha Gamma Chapter will host its first Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 8 or 22, from 6 – 8 PM at the Ray Goad Building in the Macon County Fairgrounds. Tickets will be available soon from Donna McCrory, Andrea and David Flynn, Linda McCrary, and Wynona Clayborne. The cost of the tickets will be \$10 per couple with \$5 for each additional daughter. Funds will be used to provide gifts of school supplies to new teachers.

The basic leadership seminar sponsored by Xi State has “Artful Leadership” as its theme. It offers a great opportunity to learn more about yourself as a leader. Dr. Kay Clawson, the chair of the International Leadership Committee, will be the facilitator for the seminar to be held March 7-9, 2014, at the Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN. Applications are available on the Xi State website and are due Feb. 4 to jenni.lusk@hotmail.com. Participants will finish with the seminar on Saturday evening, but are encouraged to stay overnight affording the opportunity for more bonding time with fellow classmates!

Alpha Gamma Nominations Committee is preparing a slate of chapter officers for the next biennium.

I encourage members to “step up” if you are asked to serve your chapter. What an honor! Training will be in the spring: East TN (Mar. 29), Middle TN (Apr. 12), and West TN (Apr. 26).

I am excited to continue our work. I look forward to seeing you on January 14 as we celebrate “Christmas in January.”

Linda

Personal Notes

Congratulations to Andrea Marsh and Leslie Goad on completing their EDS degree.

**Congratulations to Leslie Goad on the birth of her son, Easton Jedediah Goad,
12/27/2013, 6 lb. 15 oz., 18.5 inches**

**Our thoughts of sympathy go out to Andrea Flynn for the loss of her grandmother,
Mrs. Caroline Loftis and to Leslie Goad over the loss of her father, Wayne Holland.**

**Cynthia Hudson recently traveled to California to see her granddaughter participate in
the NAM National Pageant**

Remember Mel and Wardean Perdue – he is having some health issues.

6:00 PM

Presiding-Linda McCrary, President

Inspiration – Donna McCrary

Dinner

Old Business

New Business

Initiation of New Members

Membership Committee – Cynthia Hudson, Chair

Nomination of 2014-2016 Officers

Seasonal Music – Wynona Clayborne

Hostesses – Lafayette #2

Public relations – Beverly Reid

Please bring a child's book for one of our projects

Birthdays

Beverly Reid – January 13

Amanda Groesbeck – February 5

Dale Reid and Dawn Thompson – February 11

Marion Casady – March 14

Sandra Smith – March 26

Robbie Trent – March 27

GeorgiaAnn Boles – March 28

Donna McCrary – March 30

Dates to Remember

February 1 – Reports due to the state

February 4,5 – Legislative Symposium

February 8 or 22 – Father Daughter Dance

March 7-9 – Basic Leadership Seminar, Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville

April 12, 2014 – New Officers Training

June 5-7 – Xi State Convention at Sewanee

July 28- August 1, 2014 International Convention, Indianapolis, IN

July 2015 Southeast Regional Conference, Georgia

July 5-8 2016 International Convention, Nashville, TN



Copied this off of facebook and thought it was too cute to not share – Pay attention to the wrapping paper.

A big Alpha Gamma thank you to Carol Gunter and Tammy Marlow for sharing information about the Common Core Standards. It was full of information from a teacher's point of view.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. See you on the 14th.

Wynona