



Incoming President Linda McCrary and outgoing President Sandra Smith at the President's Banquet

## President's message

We begin by congratulating Sandra Smith, President 2008 – 2012, on an extraordinary two biennia in which Alpha Gamma Chapter was recognized by Xi State with Highest Honors. The chapter received numerous other awards for work and accomplishments in various areas. Sandra, we congratulate you for your leadership and thank you for your service to Alpha Gamma Chapter.

Alpha Gamma Chapter members have had busy summers. Members attended the Xi State Convention in June where they participated in business sessions, attended / presented workshops, and decorated for the Presidents' Banquet, attended the Vision Foundation Coffee, Ceremony of Remembrance and Birthday Brunch. Linda McCrary also attended the Seminar in Purposeful Living in the Washington, D. C. area and the international convention in NYC. In addition to DKG activities, active teacher members have busied themselves with preparations for the new school year, taken classes, participated in in-service training, and vacationed with family and friends. Wynona Clayborne traveled abroad with a local group of students and teachers. Annette Cothron continued to grow and share her beautiful flowers!

The Alpha Gamma Chapter Executive Board and some committee chairs met on August 20 in a business session that opened with a beautiful and inspirational message by Mel Perdue entitled "On Leadership." Minutes of the meeting are included as an attachment. A few significant actions included changing the time and place of the meetings. The group will meet at the Welcome Center for regular meetings beginning in October. We will meet at 3:30 PM beginning in September. We will meet at 3:30 PM in Room 304 at MCHS on September 11. The board recommended eliminating decorations and serving only beverages. The Rules Committee (Margaret Cook, Chair) recommended the adoption of updated Policies and Procedures and the Finance Committee recommended the adoption of the budget. The recommendations were unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

Carolyn Winn, Fundraising Chair, and her committee are once again gearing up for a huge pecan sale. The new budget contains ambitious goals for the pecan sale. Carolyn is talking with the pecan company to determine firm prices.

GeorgiaAnn Boles, Educational Excellence Chair, presented ideas gleaned from the group in May and other ideas for programs for 2012 – 2013. The plans are relevant, interesting, and professional. Sandra Smith is chairing the State and International Projects Committee. The committee is recommending the implementation of a mentoring program for teachers new to the Macon County School System. Plans will be shared at the September meeting.

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Xi State 2012



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# Alpha Gamma Matters

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September 11, 2012      Room 304, MCHS  
3:30 P.M.

Presiding.....Linda McCrary

Inspiration.....GeorgiaAnn Boles

Minutes.....Cynthia Hudson

Treasurer's Report.....Teresa Gregory

Old Business

New Business

Program

    Overview of Program of Work  
        GeorgiaAnn Boles, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Music.....Cynthia Hudson

    "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song"

Hostesses.....Lafayette #1

Public Relations.....Wynona Clayborne

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

### 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.

(President's Message cont.)

I was pleased to circulate information from our state president regarding the Arts Retreat and Xi State Leadership Seminar. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

I look forward to working with you as together we improve opportunities for women educators and work for educational excellence. I look forward to seeing you on September 11, MCHS Room 304, 3:30 PM. I am always an email or a phone call away. Please do not hesitate to call or write with any idea or concern. Alpha Gamma is OUR chapter!

Love and best,

Linda

## Dates to Remember

- September 1, 2012 Deadline for submitting online application for Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award
- September 21-22, 2012 – Creative Arts Retreat, Colliverville, TN
- October 12-14 – Beginning Leadership Management Seminar, Joelton, TN
- November 1, 2012 – Deadline for submitting online application for Cornetet Professional Development Seminar Award
- January 3, 2013 Deadline for submitting online application for Project Grant Award from the DKG Educational Foundation
- February 1, 2013 Deadline for submitting online application for Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award
- 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
- July 28- August 1, 2014 International Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- July 2015 Southeast Regional Conference, Georgia
- July 5-8 2016 International Convention, Nashville, TN

## Alpha Gamma Leaders

2012 – 2014

President.....Linda McCrary

1st Vice Pres.....GeorgiaAnn Boles

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.....Donna McCrory

Recording Sec.....Cynthia Hudson

Corr. Sec.....Wynona Clayborne

Treasurer.....Teresa Gregory

Parl. Adviser.....Mel Perdue

Everyone  
Be  
Thinking  
About  
Potential  
New  
Members.

Please discuss  
Delta Kappa  
Gamma with  
women  
educators in  
your  
School and  
community.

We are  
Encouraged  
To talk  
About  
Our group  
With  
Others  
And  
Find people  
Who are  
Interested  
In joining.

## *Attracting New Members*

- Invite members from professions that are involved in education outside the traditional classroom in order to bring diversity into the chapter.
- Publicize the chapter projects in every possible way. Educators want to be involved in doing good works, and such projects attract them to ΔΚΓ. Inspire them to membership.
- Create a CHAPTER brochure to attract new members.
- Create “goodie bags” to give to newer educators in local school districts. Include a recently designed chapter brochure, a brochure on membership obtained from International Headquarters, and other small items.
- Newspaper articles with educational spotlights are used to recruit new members. A special letter to those in the news can be composed by the Chapter or State Membership Committee and shared with all chapters for this purpose.
- Send letters to school administrators of area schools, encouraging principals’ recommendations for new chapter members. Include area schools that currently have no members in the chapter.
- Celebrate community members who contribute their time and talent to education; consider them for chapter honorary membership.
- Send letters to members who resigned from the chapter some years ago and encourage them to be reinstated to membership.

Membership Success Stories/Attracting New Members [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



## Convention News

The summer started off with a bang with 9 members attending Xi State Convention at Sewanee. Linda McCrary, Sandra Smith, Marylin Roberts, Jayne Watson and Wynona Clayborne attended the 3 day convention with GeorgiaAnn Boles, Leslie Goad, Cynthia Hudson, and Andrea Flynn joining the others on Friday for meetings and the decorating for the President's banquet. Our group decorated the tables with a New York theme as a prelude to the National Convention that was held in New York in July. It was a great hit.

**Congratulations to Andrea for receiving the Eleanor Osteen Scholarship at the convention.**

**Mary Evelyn Perkinson** was awarded the 2012 Xi State Achievement Award at the Convention. She is a friend to many in our chapter. Mary Evelyn is pictured on the previous page with Linda and Doris Hendrix, president of Beta Chapter, in their beautiful hats at the Ceremony of Remembrance.

Alpha Gamma came home with many awards. The chapter was recognized for its contribution to the Silent Auction, the Highest Percentage Members attending Xi State Convention, the Visual Arts Display, Highest Honors Yearbook, Highest Honors Communications, and the **GOLD Chapter Excellence Award.**

**Way to go Alpha Gamma!**