

# Alpha Gamma Matters







Founders' Day 2014

## President's Message

It does not seem possible but the month of August is almost gone and some would say it is the end of summer, but the temperature is still telling us it is not ready to be over yet. It has been a busy and eventful summer for all of us with traveling near and far, training on all the new programs coming from the state, gardens that sometimes keep giving and giving, and fun with our family and friends.

I must begin by saying that writing is one of my least favorite things to do and keep Dawn in your thoughts as she must wait on me to do my part for her to finish the newsletters. Can I say I am a bit of a procrastinator when it comes to some things? But I am looking forward to this next biennium and being the chapter president because I know that Alpha Gamma is a wonderful group of educators and I feel all your support as I start this journey.

The summer started with Linda McCrary, GeorgiAnn Boles, Donna McCory and me going to Sewanee to the Xi State convention. I was very blessed to be honored with the Order of the Rose recognition and I appreciate the group (Marilyn Roberts, Teresa Gregory, Margaret Cook, and Jayne Watson) that came for the ceremony and to Margaret Cook and Mel Perdue for their beautiful write up.

The chapter brought home many awards including the Gold Award for Chapter Excellence, Legislative Award, Yearbook Award and Highest Honor for Communications. We were recognized for Positive Chapter growth and had an attractive display with our chapter picture for the Visual and Performing Arts display. Your contributions made two great items for the silent auction. It was a very good year for the chapter under Linda McCrary's leadership.

Linda McCrary attended the Seminar for Purposeful Living and the International Conference in Indianapolis at the end of July. There are many pictures of the event on Facebook and the Xi State Website.

Our next meeting will be at the Macon County Public Library, September 9, 2014 at 3:45 in the meeting room. Dale will present the overview for the next year. We will also be looking at committee members and the responsibility of these committees. Our program will be the County's

Backpack program. On September 18 we are having a reception for all the new teachers in the county with refreshments and a presentation of a gift for each of the new teachers. Hope you can all be here to meet all the new teachers and hopefully we will plant a seed of the purpose of our organization in these new teachers.

When I became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma over 20 years ago, I found I had joined an organization that made me feel that what I do daily is not just a job, it is a profession and this group helps to promote growth in that profession like no other group and I am blessed to be a part of this group.

## Next Month's Meeting

September 09, 2014

3:45

Macon County Public Library

Presiding......Wynonna Clayborne, President

Inspiration.....Mel Perdue

Program.....Backpack Program, Coordinated School Health

Hostesses.....Lafayette #2

# Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events

- September 18, 2014 Meet & Greet New Teachers
- October 15, 2014 Deadline for Alpha Gamma Dues
- October 17-18, 2014 Xi-State Beginning Leadership Development Seminar at Henry Horton State Park Registration deadline September 26
- October 31, 2014 Deadline for Xi State Nominations Recommendations
- June 4-6, 2015 Xi State Convention, Sewanee, TN
- July 14-18, 2015 Southeast Regional, Savannah, GA
- July 5-9, 2016 International at Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN

## Staying in Touch

Remember Leslie Goad as her son, Easton, begins treatments.

Mrs. Casady is recovering from hip replacement surgery. She is at home and doing well.

Linda McCrary is serving on the TEA Board of Directors.

Wynonna Clayborne has a new granddaughter, Reagan Jordon.



Beverly Smith, Xi State President with Linda McCrary, outgoing Alpha Gamma Chapter President



Wynonna Clayborne receives Order of the Rose recognition at the Xi State Covention in Sewanee.

Xi State recognizes twelve members each year across the state who have made outstanding contributions to chapter and community. Page 3 of 3

## Delta Kappa Gamma

#### 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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## Links of Interest

www.xistate.org
https://dkg.org
www.dkgef.org
www.maconcountyschools.edu
www.tn.gov/education
www.deltakappagamma.org/TNalphagamma



## 2014-2016 Alpha Gamma Chapter Officers



Donna McCrory-Recording Secretary, Teresa Gregory-Treasurer, Wynonna Clayborne-President, Dawn Thompson-Corresponding Secretary, Dale Reid-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Linda McCrary-Parliamentarian Advisor, not victured Andrea Flynn-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President