



# Alpha Gamma Matters

## President's Message

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As we begin this new biennium, the words from a song that Ray Stevens did many years ago pop into my head, "It's me again Margaret". I am taking it as a vote of confidence that you have elected me into this position for another year and I am astute enough to realize that probably no one else wanted the job. But I feel we have a strong chapter and have great educators, retired and active, in our membership and I am looking forward to the next two years.

For the first time (I think) ever I missed going to Sewanee to the Xi State Convention and I feel I am behind somewhat in everything that is going on but I did see many of our Xi State Sisters in Nashville at the International Convention. There were wonderful learning experiences and excellent speakers at the meetings. Probably the most well noted was Judith Viorst author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. She was a wonderful speaker that was enjoyed by all.

I appreciate all that came to the planning meeting and hope we have programs planned that will be appreciated by everyone. I know that Amanda is trying very hard to get the Yearbook together so we might get it soon. Our program at our first meeting is going to be the ABCs of Education and I have an assignment for you. **YES ALL OF YOU.** Please send me 4 or 5 acronyms that are used in education. Try to find some that will stump the others and I hope to have an activity that will include these. Mine will be all special ed so help me with some others. We will also get an overview of the year from Amanda.

Our new teacher reception will be this Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 3:30, at the Board of Education. Many of the new teachers have an inservice at 4:00 at the tech center so we hope this will improve our attendance. Please encourage any new teachers you have at your school to come by for refreshments. All of you are invited too. Come and met some of our new educators in the county.

**Be thinking about new members.**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



Fall is coming! Don't forget to add these beauties to your yard to prepare for Spring: Daffodils, Tulips, Allium Hyacinth, Crocus, Iris, Lilies, Star Flower, Snowdrop, Spider Lily, Buttercups, Wand Flower, Freesia, and Anemone.



*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.*

*-News of Interest-  
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*Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher. "*

*—Japanese proverb*

*The message: Studying is an important part of gaining an education, but reviewing and internalizing facts and data will only get a student so far. What they really crave are those moments where they truly connect with their teacher, and learn a lesson that no textbook or website could ever provide. Those experiences are like gold to any student. Make them happen as much as you possibly can.*

*Chapter Activities*

September 1, 2016 @ 3:30 The new teacher reception will be held at the Macon County Board of Education.



*Member News*

Donna McCrory and Sharon Fisher are both recovering from knee surgery. Congratulations to Melanie Tuck who has started a new job with Odysseyware. Vicki Pagan completed her EdS in Instructional Leadership. Linda McCrary was elected to NEA Retired Executive Council for 3 year term.

*Next Month's Meeting*

*September 13, 2016*

*Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church  
3:45 p.m.*

*Presiding.....Wynona Clayborne, President*

*Inspiration..... Ashley Willis*

*Program.....ABC's of Education*

*Music .....Mel Perdue*

*Public Relations.....Donna McCrory*

*Hostess Group.....Lafayette #1*

*Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events*

- September 23-24: Creative Arts Retreat in RBS
- September 30-October 1: Beginning Leadership Management Seminar

*Year Preview*

- 9-1-16 New Teacher Reception
- 9-13-16 September Meeting
- 11-15-16 November Meeting
- 1-10-17 Christmas in January
- 4-11-17 April Meeting
- 5-9-17 Founder's Day
- 6-1 thru 6-3-17 Xi State