



2011-2013 Xi State President
Dr. Kathie Harned
will join members of
Alpha Gamma Chapter for the annual
Founders' Day Celebration.



Photo compliments of Cynthia Hudson
2011 Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation
at Red Boiling Springs Elementary School
(Info for 2012 Pre-K and Kindergarten
Orientation on Page 3)



Alpha Gamma Matters is the newsletter of Alpha Gamma Chapter, Xi State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Alpha Gamma Chapter was organized May 19, 1951 to serve Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson Counties. Expansions occurred in 1964 and 1978.

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From the President

Ladies,

Alpha Gamma is once again busy, busy, busy. Our chapter has applied for several awards. We are hoping to receive top honors at Xi State Convention this year. Thanks to all of you for your hard work.

Kindergarten Orientation will be April 24, 2012 at 6:30. The location of each orientation is located in the "Highlights of Kindergarten Orientation" on Page 2 with more information on page 3 of the newsletter. All members will be needed to assist with the Orientation. We are having more and more parents and children to attend the meetings. Thus it is taking more members to man the event. Please make plans to attend the event. If you are unsure where you need to go, please contact Cynthia Hudson at 699-2489 or clhudson@nctc.com.

Our Founders Day Celebration is promising to be a wonderful event. Dr. Katie Harned, 2011-2013 Xi State President will be attending our meeting. She will be sharing information from the state with us. We will be installing the 2012-2014 officers on the date. The invitation and RSVP information are located on Page 2 on the newsletter. We will also be discussing our Visual Arts display. Hope to see all of you there.

Xi state Convention will be June 7th – 9th. If you are planning to attend, please send in your registration soon. Alpha Gamma is responsible for the table decorations at the President's Banquet on Friday night. Please make plans to attend. We need and can use the help. We are being encouraged to wear hats and gloves at the Xi State Birthday Brunch on Saturday morning, June 9. Sounds like a shopping trip to me.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for my time as Alpha Gamma President. Alpha Gamma has always been dear to my heart. There is now a deeper appreciation for Alpha Gamma, Xi State and Delta Kappa Gamma. I have enjoyed working with each of you during the last 4 years.

THANKS,
Sandra

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

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Linda's Cakes and Catering
218 Public Square, Lafayette, TN

Presiding.....Sandra Smith

InvocationMel Perdue

Dinner

K / Pre-K Orientation....Cynthia Hudson

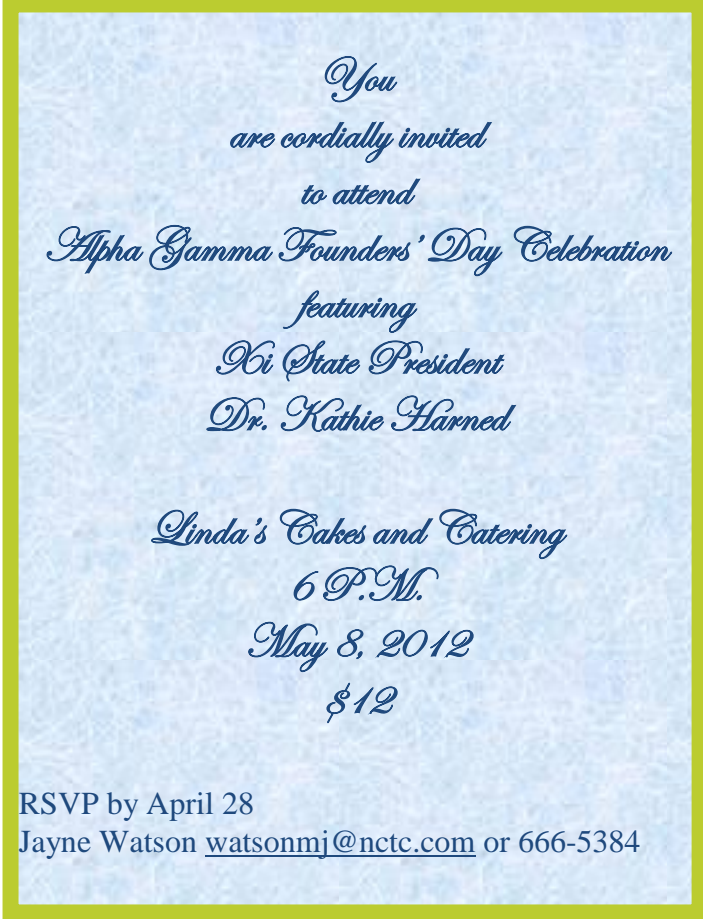
Speaker.....Dr. Kathie Harned

Installation of 2012-2014 Officers

.. Music.....Mel Perdue

Hostesses.....Lafayette #2

Public Relations.....Nancey Greer



Dates to Remember

- May 1, 2012 Deadline for submitting online application for Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award
- June 7 – 9, 2012 Xi State Convention, University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- July 18-22, 2012 Seminar in Purposeful Living, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
- July 24-28, 2012 International Convention, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, New York, NY
- September 1, 2012 Deadline for submitting online application for Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award

Highlights of Meeting- March 13, 2012

- Lafayette #2 Hostess Group
- Legislative Symposium Report
- Discussion of Plans for K Orientation
- Discussion of Plans for Presidents' Banquet
- Music - Margaret Cook
- Public Relations – Mel Perdue

Highlights of Kindergarten Orientation

April 24, 2012 6:30 p.m.

RBS Elementary, Westside Elementary, and Fairlane Elementary (MCJHS)

- Cynthia Hudson, Chair
- Donna McCrory, Chair, Children's Activities
- Presenters: Principals, Teachers, Central Office Staff of Macon County School System
- Public Relations – Donna McCrory



Alpha Gamma Leaders

2010 – 2012

- President.....Sandra Smith
- 1st Vice Pres.....Carroll Gunter
- 2nd Vice Pres.....Donna McCrary
- Recording Sec.....Cynthia Hudson
- Corr. Sec.....Linda McCrary
- Treasurer.....Teresa Gregory
- Parl. Advisor.....Mel Perdue

Kudos

to
Alpha Gamma
Chapter!!

Carroll Gunter
and
Linda
McCrary
were notified
that
Alpha Gamma
Chapter
received

Highest Honors

from
Xi State
for
**Yearbook
and
Newsletter!**



*The garden with its little gate of green,
Invites you to enter, and view mysteries
unseen,
Its vine laden bowers and overhanging trees,
The air filled with sweetness, the hum of the
bees,
The flagged walks with Iris galore,
Of most beautiful coloring, unknown before,
Pink, white, purple, yellow, azure blue,
Mixed and mingled of every hue,
You come away wondering, can more beauty
be seen
Than in the garden with its little gate of
green.*

Winstead (1931 Catalog of "Green Gate Gardens")

PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

It is time to help our youngest students in Macon County prepare for a successful school year! On **April 24, 6:30 PM**, Alpha Gamma Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will launch the fourteenth annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation /Information Program at three locations in Macon County. **Fairlane Elementary has outgrown its previous location at the Fairlane Elementary School and will host its Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation at Macon County Junior High School on Highway 52 this year.** Westside and RBS Elementary Schools will continue to present the Orientation Program at their respective schools. **Members should meet at the schools by 6:00 PM to prepare for the arrival of parents and children.**

Thank you for volunteering to assist at the following schools:

Fairlane @MCJHS
Teresa Gregory, Chm
Mel Perdue
Carroll Gunter
Robbie Trent
Marion Casady
Margaret Cook
Marylin Roberts

Westside Elementary
Andrea Flynn, Chm
Leslie Goad
Donna McCrary
Jayne Watson
Wynona Clayborne

Red Boiling Springs Elementary

Cynthia Hudson, Chm
Georgia Ann Boles
Linda McCrary
Nancey Greer
Sandra Smith

Members who have not indicated a school preference will be contacted or you may contact Cynthia Hudson to volunteer. Please attend an Orientation Program and support this community project. For more information please contact Cynthia Hudson, 699-2489 or clhudson@nctc.com.

Xi State History...

In the fall of 1935, around Thanksgiving time, a strange event was taking shape in Tennessee. A new frontier was being formed. Forceful leaders were summoned to Nashville where the first stronghold was to be established. Those leaders called to the front were not keen marksmen to fend off an enemy; neither were they hardy woodsmen to break new trails. They were key women teachers who had been invited by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, founder of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, for the purpose of organizing Xi State.

Mary Hall had no idea what Delta Kappa Gamma was all about, but the invitation she received from Dr. Blanton was so impressive she wanted to accept.

Maycie Southall first declined the invitation but later tore up her note declining the invitation and mailed an acceptance instead.

Evangeline Hartsook, Ada Earnest and Ina Yoakley left Johnson City the day before the organization was to take place in response to Dr. Blanton's invitation. The first leg of their journey took them as far as Crossville where they spent the night. At the Hermitage Hotel, they were warmly greeted by Dr. Blanton and soon the other women arrived, seventeen of the twenty invited. Thus, on November 30, 1935, the following women became founders of Xi State: Ada Earnest, Mary Frizzel, Mary Hall, Julia Harris, Evangeline Hartsook, Julia Hodgson, Helen Lacy Shane, Julia Green, Mary Mackinlay, Elizabeth Oehmig, Nell Parkinson, Elizabeth Randall, Amanda Russell, E. May Saunders, Maycie K. Southall and Ina Yoakley. Their first official act was to initiate Tommie Reynolds as the first member of the newly formed Xi State organization.

Excerpt from *Frontiers: A Xi State History* by Pearl Cross



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