



ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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Dear Alpha Phi members:

The following inspiration was given at SE Regional in Savannah last summer. I excerpted it with the author's permission and read it at our August meeting. For those of you who couldn't attend, I believe it is very worth your while. I hope it inspires you as it did me. (Kinja is a young, single-mother-of-two-boys, beautiful black DKG educator.)

"Me, We, You" by Kinja King, Georgia State Organization

We may hear a great deal about how DKG needs us, but I need DKG. Let me tell you why.

Where else can you go and enter a room, filled with ladies, looking beautifully and poised? Where else can you go and the entire room be filled with knowledge, experience, and ideas of value to you? Where can you go, after a long, long, long day of unexpected intensities and intense expectations, but everyone in the room understands exactly what you've endured?

Go to a chapter meeting. Our DKG sisters know what you have been through that day and every other day before. They know what you will go through and may experience in days to come. I'm so thankful for the support of my chapter.

These examples are remarkable reasons why attending monthly meetings, state conventions, and regional conferences is beneficial. "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in ... love" for education. That's so DKG.

I am inspired to do great things because of the support of my DKG sisters. I have hope. HOPE is simply "H.onoring O.ur P.ossibilities E.verywhere." It is one of the many characteristics that we as stewards of excellence share, and I choose to celebrate and honor the possibilities. That is so DKG.

Perhaps, these next three examples of hope are familiar to you:

"Oh...I hope she passes this class..."

"Whew...I hope our faculty meeting has food..."

"Eek...I hope that parent isn't here to see me..."

I hope that we go beyond today, believing that we can all inspire achievement of some set task...whether it be curricular, personal, or otherwise. That's so DKG.

The potential and the possibilities in starting a movement of conscientious change exists. We can inspire excellence, achievement, and change among us and others. That's so DKG.

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Jots from Jeni (con't)

Do it. Do it daily. Do it now. That's so DKG.

Dedicated. Kind. Generous. That's so DKG.

Daring. Kindred. Great. That is so DKG.

Delta. Kappa. Gamma. That is DKG.

What is DKG to you? And...

Will you accept this charge as a chance to inspire and achieve great things beyond what challenges you face (Face it: we're all going through something)...? Let's spread our love and our light right where we are, using DKG as the torch to be held high and revered by us, for all.

Upcoming Meeting

OCTOBER MEETING

October 10 th	Chapter Meeting	10:00 am	Susie Westbrook's House 2320 Green Valley Road Soddy Daisy 37379
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Hostesses for the brunch are Susie, Sharon and Sandy Smith. Program is Mary Holland, "Teaching Middle School Math Today." We'll have a tribute to Martha Becton by Mary Starnes and vote on new members. Those who can't attend will have a ballot emailed or mailed to them.

From Hwy 27/Corridor J: Exit at the Sequoyah Access Exit, at the stop light, turn left. Pass Soddy Daisy High School. At the 4-way stop, turn right. At Hixson Pike, turn left. Go over two small hills, turn right at Lakesite Drive where the stone Lakesite marker is. Stay on Lakesite Drive as it curves left. You will see the street sign for Green Valley Road. Turn right. Go over the hill; it will be the 4th house on the right. The number 2320 is on the mailbox.

From Hwy 153/Northgate Mall: Driving north on 153, take the Hixson Pike exit just after Northgate Mall. Stay on Hixson Pike for approximately 5 miles, passing Valleybrook Golf & Country Club. You will eventually drive into the Dallas Bay area, where there is a Food City on the right and an Ace Hardware and a McDonald's on the left. Go through both stop lights, driving over two small hills. Turn right on

Calling All Readers!!!

Do you like to read?

You're a teacher—of course you like to read!

Check this out!

Are you interested in a "good read?" Do you have books you have read that have become dust collectors at your house? If so, bring no more than two books with you to the meeting at Susie's house on Saturday. We will have a book swap. Books not swapped will be donated to a non profit. This is your opportunity to pick up a good book without damaging your purse!

2015 Calendar of Events

November	November 17, Tuesday	6:00 P.M.	East Brainerd Church of Christ	Chattanooga combined chapter meeting; Initiation
December	December 12, Saturday	11:30 A.M.	Broad Street Grill, Downtown Chattanooga	Christmas luncheon
February	February 18, Thursday	5:30 P.M.	HCEA building	Prevention and management of diabetes and weight
March	March 12, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Hixson United Methodist Church	Legislative Update Mini grant presentations
April	April 23, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	UTC Faculty Dining Room (to be confirmed)	Joint Founders' Day brunch
August	August 6, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Jensi's house	Business and fellowship

Belk Charity Sale Grant -in-aid Fundraiser November 7, 6:00-10:00 a.m.

Alpha Phi Chapter will participate once again in this year's Belk Charity Sale, held on November 7th, from 6:30 am until 10:00 am at all Belk stores. Eighteen members have already committed to selling tickets at \$5.00 each. However, if all other members would sell just one ticket each, Alpha Phi could raise over \$500 in ticket sales alone. This amount would go far in providing grants-in-aid for beginning teachers. Susie will have tickets at the October 10th meeting for members to pick up. Contact her at westbrookjs@aol.com, 842.6779.

If customers can't attend the sale on the morning of November 7th, they can reserve discounted items with tickets as far ahead as October 27. Also, if you would be able to work at Belk for a two hour period on November 7th, Alpha Phi will earn an additional percentage of the sales that morning.

Believe it or not, the Christmas holidays will soon be upon us!

Put this on your calendar! Our brunch this year will be at the Broad Street Grille in Chattanooga at 11:30 A.M. We are not only celebrating the holidays, but also our chapter's 55th birthday. We will have a storyteller on the program. Our mini-grant recipients will receive their awards, and you will get to meet them. The cost will be between \$15- \$17. Stay tuned for more information in up-coming newsletters!

Member News

⇒ Congratulations to Vern Hotchkiss, husband of Lin Marten, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday.



⇒ Congratulations to Jessica Fulgham, who also celebrated a BIG birthday. The picture shows her now 3 month old baby Lillian, who is also the granddaughter of proud grandma and Alpha Phi member, Barbara Northcut.



⇒ Jim, husband of Jensi Souders, had successful cataract surgery.

⇒ Mary Starnes also had cataract surgery, and she is doing fine.

⇒ Patsy Woodham's granddaughter received her masters degree in Occupational Therapy

⇒ Our thoughts and prayers to the following:

- ◇ Judy Nixon is caring for her husband who is undergoing chemo.
- ◇ Teresa Wilhoite is caring for her father who has Alzheimer's.
- ◇ Karla Riddle is taking care of her husband who has a broken back.



Nashville 2016

**International Convention at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN
July 5-9, 2016**

We Need You to Help Make 2016 a Success

As the host state organization, we need **YOU** to attend the convention **AND** to volunteer to help make it a success! Put the dates on your calendar right **NOW** and then check one or more of the volunteer positions you will be happy to fill. The 2016 state convention will be used to orient all volunteers, so check below all that you would be happy to do to make the 2016 international convention a great success!

- Table hostess for the Celebration Luncheon (help people find assigned table make them feel welcome)**
- Table hostess for the Presidents Banquet (help people find assigned table & make them feel welcome)**
- Program support pages (assistance for lineups, flag procession, educator's award book sales, properties room. etc.)**
- TN Night "goody bags" (Arrange for students/members to decorate bags--guidelines to be provided)**
- General Session Page (check badges as people come in doors and keep people from leaving or entering during voting)**
- Reporters for convention newsletter (assigned topics plus things of interest seen around the convention)**
- Workshop Pages (be in workshop area, in hall, to troubleshoot as necessary [get AV personnel, medics, etc.]**
- Pre-convention bag stuffing**
- Tour/Information Table staffing (hand out brochures, answer questions about Nashville area/hotel/ tours)**
- Marketplace Helper(help with any vendor needs during market hours)**
- Volunteer your chapter to make a hospitality basket (guidelines to be provided)**

Name	Email address
Phone number	Chapter

You will not be assigned to jobs to the extent that you have no time to attend convention events. Whether you're able to come only for one or two days, or for the entire convention, we need you to come--and volunteer! !

*Fill out form and mail to
Jensi Souders, 7622 Twisting Creek Lane, Ooltewah TN 37363
Or email jsouders3@comcast.net*

Karla Riddle's Magic Cookie Bars

Ingredients:

1 1/2 graham cracker crumbs
 3 T sugar
 1/2 c. melted butter
 1-12 oz pkg of chocolate chips
 1 1/3 c. flaked coconut
 1 c. chopped nuts
 1 can sweetened condensed milk

Directions:

Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter.
 Press into 9 x 13 pan.
 Scatter chocolate chips, coconuts and nuts over graham cracker crumbs.
 Pour the sweetened condensed milk over.
 Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes.
 Cool.

Karla's comment: Easiest things in the world to make.

Happy Birthday to our Members

September

13th: Amy Swoope



October

2nd: Jessica Fulgham
 3rd: Joanne Smith
 4th Laurie Richardson
 12th Rachel Price
 14th Amy Thompson
 17th: Faye Hitchcock
 20th: Adele Baker

New Website

Check out our new website address!! Please bookmark
 it for quick and easy access!



www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-alphaphi/