



ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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A Year of Firsts

Sixteen years ago I was initiated into Alpha Phi not knowing what adventures were awaiting me. Just as students have anxiety about starting a new year of school, adults have anxiety when beginning something new. As I attend meetings, serve on committees, and now hold an office, friendships have been formed and strengthened. Participating in Alpha Phi has formed confidence as a leader within me.

This past school year was a year of firsts:

- ⇒ First to teach 2nd grade after eleven years of Kindergarten in the same room
- ⇒ First to serve on coordinating council as Secretary getting to know other local DKG sisters
- ⇒ First time attending Beginning Leadership Management Seminar in Memphis, looking at personality preference types and temperaments, getting to know other XI-State sisters
- ⇒ First time attending Officers Training in Knoxville learning the responsibilities of the office of President
- ⇒ First year to attend Xi-State Convention at Sewanee and was honored to carry the American Flag during the opening ceremonies
- ⇒ First year to attend International Convention in Nashville and was hooked even though it was for just one day....Austin, Texas 2018

From each one of these firsts comes the possibility for me to grow into a great person, teacher, friend, society member, and officer of this wonderful international organization of which we are all members.

You may ask why I moved grade levels, served on coordinating council, or attended the various workshops, trainings, and conferences. It was because I was asked. I was also encouraged to attend and offered support and even rides to the events so I would not feel out of place. Spending this time with each other is how the friendships have grown into something special!

So now, as I am beginning my Biennium as President, I am asking you as members of Alpha Phi to participate in your chapter. I am asking each of you to attend meetings, participate in chapter activities, serve on committees, call or write members, and remember each other through prayers. I would like us to focus on learning more about Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's history, going back to our roots and understanding the purposes of the society. Will you help as we grow the possibilities of our chapter?

Where have we come from and where are we going?

Cami

Upcoming Meeting

AUGUST MEETING

August

August 6, Saturday

10:00 A.M.

Jensi's house

Business and fellow-
ship

Hostesses: Sharon McMahan, Sandy Smith

Directions to the Jensi's House:

Take I-75 north to exit 10, the Ooltewah exit. Turn left and go under the interstate. Turn right at the light. Turn left at Publix on to Snow Hill Road. You will drive about 15 minutes out Snow Hill Road. When you cross a bridge, Savannah Shores subdivision will be on your left. Turn left there on to Twisting Creek. Jensi is the third mailbox on the left at 7622 Twisting Creek. Her phone number is 423-344-7120. Parking is limited in the driveway, so you may want to park on the road and walk down the driveway.

Note: Please reserve parking in the driveway for those who have mobility concerns. Please park on the road if you don't mind walking a little.

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

Note: Our Alpha Phi chapter meetings have not yet been scheduled except for the August meeting. Please plan to attend and provide your input into our new biennium!

2016-2017 Newsletter Notes

Sharon and I apologize for not having more information on the various events this summer - there have been a LOT! Please enjoy the pictures. We wanted to get this issue out so you would all be reminded of our next meeting - WHICH IS THIS SATURDAY! Please plan to attend! Next issue will cover committee business, special interest information on the summer conventions, and hopefully our calendar for 2016-2017! It will also cover all of the great plans and ideas that come out of Saturday's meeting! It is always so wonderful to kick off our new year at Jensi's house! So stay-tuned.

Alpha Phi Website

Please bookmark it for quick and easy access!



www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-alphaphi/

April, 2016 Spring Meeting Founders Day

held at the Chattanooga Choo-
Choo



Award Recipients

April, 2016 Leadership Training

held at the Schiebler Lodge near Memphis



**Cami Mitchell (our new president)
and Christina Atchley (our new 1st
VP) both attended**

And Lin Marten
came along as
part of the Xi
State Leadership
Committee



May 2016 Officers Training

Knoxville, TN

Officers who attended:
Susie Westbrook, Cami Mitchell and Jensi
Souders (shown in picture)
Lin Marten and Sharon McMahan (not
shown)



June 2016 Xi State



Sharon McMahan receives the Order of the Rose award

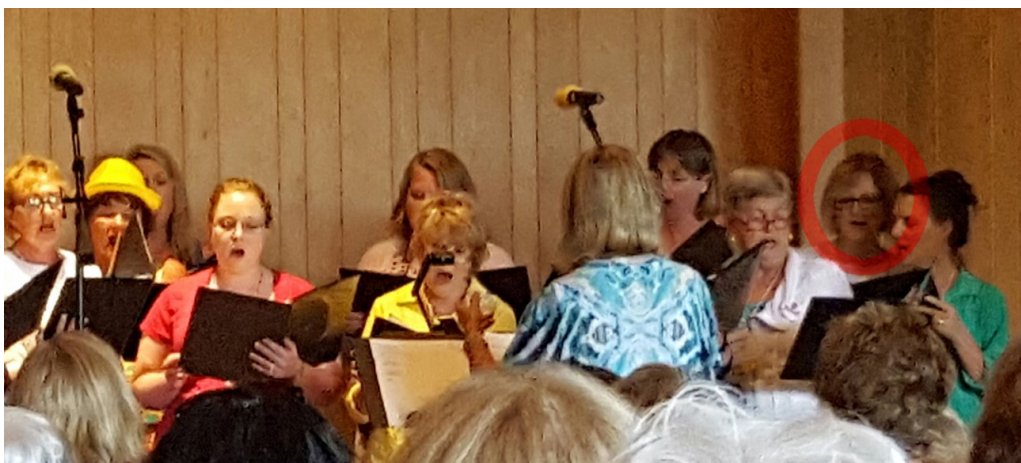
Cami presents the United States flag at the opening ceremony



Jensi presents Cami and the President's Banquet



Alpha Phi at Xi State: Barbara Northcut, Sharon McMahan, guest, Lin Marten, Cami Mitchell, Susie Westbrook, Ann Moore



Alpha Phi members participated in lots of things. Can you see our own Susie Westbrook (on the right) performing in the Xi State chorus?

July 2016

International Convention

Nashville, TN



Lin Marten, Sharon McMahan and Susie Westbrook pose with Beverly Smith



Alpha Phi members in attendance at International:
 Jenji Souders, Sharon McMahan, Cami Mitchell, Lin Marten,
 Susie Westbrook
 Not shown: Barbara Northcut



Cami Mitchell, Susie Westbrook, Lin Marten, Sharon McMahan at a session meeting. Nice hat, Sharon!



Our own Susie Westbrook did the decorations for several of the events at the convention. This is only one example!



The girls go out to dinner

Tennessee Night at International

Tennessee Night was special at the convention. DKG'ers from all over Tennessee volunteered and worked their "you-know-what's" off to make it a special night for all attendees. We had over 2,000 attendees at this convention! There was awesome Tennessee music that had women dancing in the aisles. Volunteers put together goodie bags full of Tennessee items. I am proud to say that our own Chattanooga business, McKee Foods (Little Debbie's), contributed over 2,000 Little Debbie items for the goodie bags!



Check out what 2,000 Goodie Bags look like!

Lin Marten (right) poses with her Tennessee Night Committee

Happy Birthday to our Members

May

6th: Pat Hartline
12th: Susan Howell
14th: Kim Shomaker

We are catching up with the summer birthdays! Hope you all had or will have great days!

June

1st: Ann Moore
28th: Barbara Northcut

July

18th: Christina Neighbors Atchley
27th: Sara Makemson
29th: Mary Holland



August

4th: Amy Wright
16th: Sandy Smith
19th: Pat Veldman
23rd: Marcia Christian