



# ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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## Jots from Jensi

October was a busy month and November will be just as busy! If you didn't make Alpha Phi a part of your month, I hope you will make a special effort to make November and December the months you will participate in one of our events.

The H'Art Gallery was the scene for our October 21 meeting and, for most of us, it was a revelation in many ways: We'd not been aware it existed; we didn't realize its mission; we had an opportunity to purchase wonderful artwork at very low prices, each piece having its own story to tell. For those of us there (State Organization President Beverly Smith joined us because she was intrigued by the mission of the gallery), we learned about the gallery's services to the homeless and to those with mental challenges both emotional and physical. We learned about the successes that these individuals have been able to achieve through art and the outreach services the gallery provides. The meeting was an outstanding opportunity to learn more about our city. Thanks, **Sandy Smith**, for arranging this outstanding meeting.

We also had a baby shower for **Raquel Harris**, who brought one-month-old Bryson with her to the meeting and **Danita Clark**, who is expecting a boy in January. **Sara Makemson** made and presented baby quilts and matching mom-pillows for each of them in their nursery colors. The quilts were our chapter's gifts to them—we paid for the materials and Sarah did the sewing. Thanks, **Sarah**, for continuing to share your talent.

We voted in early October (by email and snail mail) to invite three outstanding young educators to membership; two have accepted and attended the orientation on October 25. They will join initiates from the other three Chattanooga chapters in the initiation and dinner on November 18. They are **Erin Grant** (Snowhill/Wallace A. Smith Elementaries) and **Dr. Jessie Beaumont Schid** (Loftis Middle School). **Mary Holland** is their sponsor.

I hope that you will choose to make Alpha Phi and DKG a priority in November and/or December. Read further of the interesting opportunities you have to serve students and the community.

## Upcoming Events

### November meeting -- November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Brainerd UMC

The initiation at Brainerd United Methodist Church. The event will be catered by The Big Table. The menu is listed below:

- Balsamic roasted chicken with a mushroom sauce. The mushroom sauce and a creamy cheese sauce will be on the side. Members may choose either one for their chicken or have no sauce at all.
- Vegetarian options will be Baked Tortellini Primavera or Vegetable Lasagna.
- Mixed baby green salad w/ crumbled blue cheese and walnuts.
- Vegetables—French cut green beans and roasted new potatoes.
- Desserts--a variety of mini bites; brownies, cheese cake squares, apple squares, etc.
- Tea and water to drink.

The initiates will rehearse from 5:30 until 6:00 pm. The doors to the Fellowship Hall will open at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. If you arrive early there will be seats outside the hall for your convenience.

**Hope to see you there!**

## Can you believe it is almost Christmas?

### December meeting -- December 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, Garden Gate Tea Room in Ooltewah

Our Christmas luncheon meeting will be at Beyond the Garden Gate Tea Room in Ooltewah. This is our most festive meeting of the year. It would be a good time to invite a potential member as a guest at the meeting. We will be meeting at noon on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to be in the larger rose room on the first floor. We need at least 30 reservations to secure that space. Please mark your calendars now so that we may have a good attendance. Details for the December meeting will be forthcoming at a later date.

## Kids on the Block

Are you ready to volunteer for Kids on the Block? Every year, our chapter has participated in wrapping gifts at the mall to help raise money for Kids on the Block (KOTB). It is a lot of fun and only takes a couple hours of your time. Plus, you get to meet lots of people, and spend some quality time with some of your DKG sisters. Please consider helping out. We asked for December 13, afternoon session. We have December 13, but the morning and afternoon sessions are already filled, so our time slot for wrapping is 5:30-10:00 p.m.

These are the slots we need at least three people for:

5:30-7:30

7:30-10:00

Please contact Jensi if you will volunteer for one or both of those times.

## Member News

- ⇒ **Sandy Smith** attended a private reception and the Annual Kefauver Dinner on October 18. The reception was a fundraiser for President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter's grandson, Jason Carter a candidate for Governor of Georgia. The Carters' were humble, witty, gracious, and friendly as they greeted guest at both events. After they left Chattanooga, they were spotted eating dinner at The Cracker Barrel in Ringgold, GA. Bet that surprised a few patrons. Next on Sandy's "bucket list" is to attend President Carter's Sunday School Class.

## In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to Susie Westbrook, who lost her beloved husband Jim on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Jim had fought a long battle with diabetes but lost due to complications from pneumonia. Our thoughts and



## What's happening with the mini-grants?

It has become our custom to announce the recipients of the **Sandra Allen Black mini grants** at the December meeting. The deadline for submitting an application is November 15<sup>th</sup>. However, since this newsletter is later than usual, applications will be accepted until Thanksgiving. If you know a teacher within the first three years of her career, please give her the attached application. It will take about 5 minutes to complete.

# Alpha Phi October Meeting **We Celebrate New Life**

The location for our October 21 meeting was the H'Art Gallery on Main Street.

Our guest speaker, Ellen Heavilon, told us all about the gallery, it's mission, it's services to the homeless and to those with mental challenges both emotional and physical. She shared successes that these individuals have been able to achieve through the art and the out-reach services the gallery provides.



*L to R: Susie Westbrook, Raquel Harris, Beverly Smith, Sara Makemson, Danita Clark, Sandy Smith*

Our celebration of new life already here and soon to come. Sara Makemson made baby blankets for Danita Clark, who is expecting and for Raquel Harris, who's new baby can be seen below. Sara chose the colors based on the planned nursery colors



*Bryan Lee Harris*



## Alpha Phi October Meeting Con't

Sara Makemson shows the baby blanket she made, on behalf of Alpha Phi, for Raquel Harris and her son.



*L to R: Sara Makemson, Raquel Harris, and Bryan Lee Harris*



*L to R: Sara Makemson and Danita Clark*

Sara also shows the baby blanket she made one for mother-to-be, Danita Clark.

# Website

[www.alphahidkg.com](http://www.alphahidkg.com)



Thanks to **Lin Marten**, our website has been approved for the next biennium , and will soon sport a new DKG certification. The letter from headquarters read as follows:

*Good evening Lin:*

*It is one of my duties as a member of the International Communications and Publicity Committee to evaluate websites. I have been looking at Alpha Phi's website. I really like the home page with the picture of the month and the rose animated gif. Cool.*

*I am approving your website for re-certification. I will forward this to the committee chair who will forward it to International. You should receive your new seal in the next couple of weeks. Congratulations. Dianne*

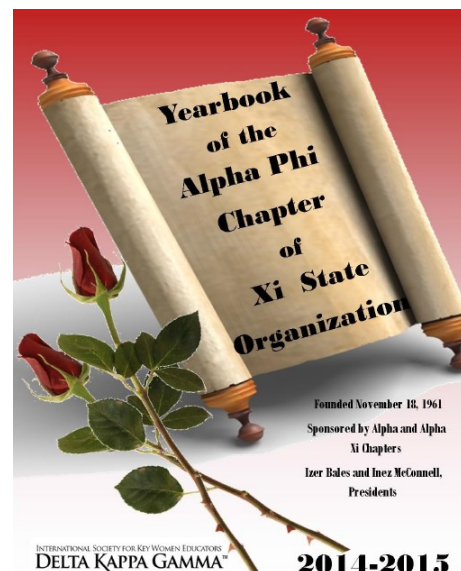
*Dr. Dianne Anderson  
2014-2016 International Communications & Publicity Committee  
Xi State Webmaster*

## Alpha Phi Yearbook

Jeanette Underwood has done an outstanding job with our new yearbook. If you haven't already gotten the word, there have been a couple of changes you may want to take note of:

- **Joanne Smith's** phone number is 423-413-7212;
- **Joy Hudson's** email address is [djlh426@epbf.com](mailto:djlh426@epbf.com)

Thank you so much, Jeanette, for all of your hard work.



## Chapter Activities

### Keep Alpha Phi Members busy

We have three projects that are on-going for Alpha Phi:

- I. Continue to save pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for a drawing for active chapter teachers.
- II. In December we will participate in our annual Christmas gift wrapping for Kids on the Block. We have participated in this event for years. It is a fun time with a lot of female bonding over scotch tape and scissors!

## Happy Birthday to our Members

### October

2nd: Jessica Fulgham  
3rd: Joanne Smith  
4th: Laurie Richardson  
11th: Martha Becton  
14th: Amy Thompson  
17th: Faye Hitchcock  
20th: Adele Marie Baker

### November

14th: Susie Westbrook  
29th: Margaret Abernathy

