



# ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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## Jots from Jeni

As the Christmas holidays draw nigh, I find my calendar busier than ever—which means decorating, shopping, gifting, cooking, entertaining, etc. I’ve been busy making Rollo pretzels for hostess gifts, Christmas gifts, and favors, and have taken advantage of cyber deals on line to do a lot of shopping.

I attended Christina Neighbor’s bridal shower on December 6 and met her mother, future mother-in-law and others. Christina is lovely and gracious, as usual, and doesn’t seem harried by all the wedding plans and events at all!

I look forward to celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> chapter birthday as well as celebrating the season at our Christmas luncheon with members. I hope your holidays are well spent with all the things that matter, family, friends, and celebrating the reason for the season.

Have a wonderful holiday and I hope to see you at our February meeting, if not sooner.

## Kids On the Block (KOTB)



Our chapter’s dates for wrapping for Kids on the Block (KOTB) are Saturday, Dec. 12 (5:30-10:00) and Thursday, December 17, (5:30-10:00). We still need volunteers. We need people to help the late shift (7:45-10:00) on December 12 and 17. Jeni is, so far, wrapping by herself! Let her know if you can help. Kids on the Block is a wonderful service organization that presents programs free of charge in our local schools.

# Upcoming Meeting

## DECEMBER MEETING

<b><u>December 12, Saturday, 11:30 A.M.</u></b>	Broad Street Grill  The Chattanooga 1201 Broad Street Chattanooga	Christmas luncheon and 55th Anniversary celebration  <i>Greeters: Lin Marten, Danita Clark</i>
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**Directions to the December meeting:**

From the intersection of I-24 and I-75, take I-24 W toward Nashville. Go approximately 6 miles and then take the US-27 N exit, EXIT 178, toward Market St/Downtown/Lookout Mt. Keep right to take the Market St/TN-58 N ramp. You will merge onto S Market St, then turn left onto E 20th St. In .3 miles, turn right onto Broad St. In .5 miles, the Broad Street Grille and Foundry will be on the left. It is part of the Chattanooga Hotel.

## 2015-2016 Calendar of Events

<b>December</b>	December 12, Saturday	5:30 - 10:00 P.M.	Hamilton Place Mall	Wrapping for Kids on the Block
<b>December</b>	December 17, Thursday	5:30 - 10:00 P.M.	Hamilton Place Mall	Wrapping for Kids on the Block
<b>January</b>	January 26 - 27	Legislative Symposium	Nashville, TN	
<b>February</b>	February 18, Thursday	5:30 P.M.	HCEA building	Prevention and management of diabetes and weight
	<i>Hostesses: Patsy Woodham, Susie Westbrook</i>			
<b>March</b>	March 12, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Hixson United Methodist Church, Friendship House	Legislative Update Mini grant presentations
	<i>Hostesses: Mary Holland, Amy Thompson, Barbara Northcut</i>			
<b>April</b>	April 23, Saturday	Time TBA	UTC Chattanooga Room	Joint Founders' Day brunch
	<i>Hostesses: Patsy Woodham, Jensi Souders</i>			
<b>June</b>	June 2 - 4, Thursday - Sunday	Xi State Convention	Sewanee, TN	Includes training for International Convention volunteers

# 2015-2016 Calendar of Events (con't)

<b>July</b>	July 5 - 8, Tuesday - Friday	2016 International Convention	Opryland Hotel	Nashville, TN
<b>August</b>	August 6, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Jensi's house	Business and fellowship

*Hostesses: Sharon McMahan, Sandy Smith*

## 2015 - 2016 Mini - Grant Recipient

Our mini-grant recipient for 2015—2016 is **Shaneka Hunt**, a guidance counselor at Cloud Springs Elementary in Catoosa County. Shaneka has requested funds for her fifth grade students to attend a workshop at UTC called “CK, Now.” Students will see a college dorm, choose “electives” for the day, and interact in classrooms with professors and college students. In her application Shaneka stated that her school has a Title I designation. Many of the parents have not attended college and are in low income jobs. She would like to “provide an experience that informs and encourages students” to raise their aspirations. Her hope is students will work hard to make the grades that will enable them to enroll in college after they graduate from high school. Shaneka is an early career educator in her second year in the profession.

## Member News

- ⇒ Margaret Abernathy had back surgery on November 24 and is at home recuperating. She is doing well, recuperating at home and watching/enjoying Alabama football.
- ⇒ Amy Swoope Quillen (Justin) is expecting baby Josephine Quillen on December 7.
- ⇒ Marge Ogle and Jensi Souders are both getting over respiratory infections that made their Thanksgiving less than pleasant.
- ⇒ Christine Neighbors is getting married December 26.
- ⇒ Jensi Souders and Sharon McMahan, along with Jim Souders and friend Carole Cox, are spending Christmas in London. They depart on December 19 and return January 31. They will tour the movie sets where Harry Potter films were made, attend several West plays and musicals and, on Christmas Eve, attend Lessons and Carols at Westminster Abbey and a Christmas Eve Concert at Royal Albert Hall. (And of course, there's shopping!)
- ⇒ Anne Moore's mother is in hospice. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.
- ⇒ Danita Clark, Amy Thompson and Jensi Souders invite you to MidSouth Symphonic Band's Christmas Concert on December 13 at 3:00, Ringgold High School Performing Arts Center. No charge. Come and get in the Christmas spirit with us, and see the most beautiful performance venue in the Tri-State area!!



Good Friends from the November Meeting

Jensi Souders and Barbara Northcut

## DO YOU NEED MONEY?

**This month there are two deadlines for state awards - Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Project Grant.**

**Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award.** Liz Whorley Bradley was Xi State President from 1981-1983. While president, she started our state leadership management seminars. She served on numerous state and international committees and was chairman of the International Leadership Committee in the early 1980's. She was principal at the MTSU Campus School until her retirement.

Whorley Bradley started this award because she wanted to continue Xi State members' growth. She started it with \$5000 and has put more into it over the years. This award is administered through the Xi State Vision Foundation. It provides financial assistance for one or more of the following: a national or international seminar, workshop, or professional meeting, a new classroom practice you plan to initiate, a new supervisory practice that you plan to initiate, a new administrative practice that you plan to initiate, a new workbook, textbook, or other professional writing that you plan to undertake.

All applicants must be current members and employed in an educational system during the period covered by the award.

**Vision Foundation Project.** This award is administered through the Xi State Vision Foundation. It provides financial assistance to conduct educational research and to develop special projects related to the improvement of education in Tennessee. The first grants were given in 2004.

**Applications for both awards can be found on the Xi State website:**  
[www.xistate.org/forms.html](http://www.xistate.org/forms.html)

If you are viewing this newsletter electronically, simply click on the web address above, and it will take you to the correct web page to retrieve the application forms.

## Registration Fees Set for Nashville 2016 Convention

The International Administrative Board has approved registration fees for the 2016 Convention that should make it possible for at least 400 TN members to volunteer at the convention, even if only for one day.

While registration will not open until spring, please keep these fees in mind:

Registration Fee- \$175.00

Late Registration Fee- \$263.00

**Registration Fee Host State Organization Volunteer- \$160.00**

**Member One Day Fee- \$76.00**

**Member Two Day Fee- \$140.00**



## The Butterfly Effect



Beverly Smith, our past Xi State president, spoke at our November meeting. It was an outstanding speech. She gave an amazing account of how each and every one of us can make a difference in the lives of all members of DKG and all educators around the world. Below, is a synopsis of it. This may seem like a long article, but OMG - it is worth reading! You can find the complete speech on our website.

Do you make a difference in Delta Kappa Gamma? Does your membership and your involvement in the chapter really matter? As you consider those questions, let me tell you about an idea that Edward Lorenz had in 1963: his theory was that a butterfly could flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion which would move other molecules and which could eventually be capable of starting a hurricane on the other side of the planet. Needless to say, Mr. Lorenz's proposal was considered ridiculous. Known as the "butterfly effect" the idea became a staple of science fiction in comic books and bad movies. Yet, more than 30 years later, physics professors from across the world concluded that the butterfly effect was authentic, accurate, and viable. In fact, the theory was accorded the status of a "law" and is now known as the Law of Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions. Science has shown the butterfly effect to engage with the first movement of any form of matter---including people.

There once was a man whose single move more than a century ago affects how we live today. Josh Chamberlain was a colonel in the Union Army at Gettysburg. His orders from his commanding officer were simple: "Whatever you do, you can't let the Rebels come through here." The Rebel forces made their first assault, then the second, third. . . By the seventh assault, Col. Chamberlain was down from 1000 men to 80. He was out of ammunition. He could retreat or act. He chose to act. He ordered his men to fix bayonets. Then he stood up and yelled "Charge! Charge! Charge!" The 80 men who were left roared "Charge! Charge!" The Rebels were in shock. They assumed the Union Army had been reinforced. The Rebels retreated or surrendered. In less than five minutes a group of 80 men had captured over 400 Confederates.

This true story is amazing but here's what most people never consider... Historians have determined that had Chamberlain not charged that day, the Rebels would have won at Gettysburg. And had they won, the South would have won the war. Most people think if the South had won the war, today we would exist as two countries: the Union and the Confederacy. But historians insist that if the South had won the war, we would now live on a territorially fragmented continent much like Europe. North America would be divided into nine to thirteen countries.

Which means: When Hitler swept across Europe in the 1940s, had Chamberlain not charged that afternoon so long ago, there could not have existed a United States of America to stand against him. When Hirohito systematically invaded the islands of the South Pacific, there would not have been a country big enough, strong enough, wealthy enough, and populous enough to fight and win two wars on two fronts at the same time. The United States of America exists as it does today because of a single man: One 34 year old schoolteacher and one move he made more than a century ago. Joshua Chamberlain is a human example of the butterfly effect. One man who made one move whose effects still ripple through your life today.

Beverly wrapped it up by telling us that we are and can be an example of the butterfly effect. Here are just a few of the ways she identified where we make a difference every day:

- When you invite someone to be a member, it might lead to that person earning scholarship money to work toward a higher degree.
- When you donate products or pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House, you are helping to provide free chemo treatments for children with cancer.
- When your chapter awards mini-grants for early-career educators, you help teachers enhance classroom instruction or strengthen their professional knowledge.
- When you participate in these and other chapter activities, you might be making a difference to someone in the community who really needs a lift.

Beverly ended with the following: "One idea....one action....one project...one flap of a butterfly's wing...can make a difference in our chapters and in our world. Everything you do matters to all of us forever. I urge you to start the movement which can escalate to hurricane proportions. Take action....flap your wings....start a storm!"



# Highlights from our November Meeting

Our November meeting was held at East Brainerd Church of Christ to induct and honor new members. Alpha Phi new members and Alpha Phi attendees at the meeting are shown below.



l to r: Olivia Bagby, Amy Dendy, Susan Howell

## New Members



l to r: Marcia Christian, Ann Moore, Pat Hartline, Olivia Bagby, Patsy Woodham, Amy Dendy, Jensi Souders, Susan Howell, Jeanette Underwood, Lin Marten, Barbara Northcut, Joy Hudson, Mary Starnes, Susie Westbrook and Sharon McMahan

## Alpha Phi Attendees



# Happy Birthday to our Members

## December

- 8th: Jensi Souders
- 16th: Jeanette Underwood
- 23rd: Lena Engstrom
- 31st: Louise Bruce



## January

- 5th: Cami Mitchell
- 6th: Judy Nixon
- 15th: Maryjo Baughman
- 30th: Lin Marten

## New Website

Please bookmark it for quick and easy access!

[www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-alphaphi/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-alphaphi/)

