



# ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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## Jots from Jensi:

Time and events seem to pass so rapidly!! Here we are in November and the leaves are past their fall-color prime and I haven't even had much time to enjoy them. I know you probably feel the same way.

I attended an international convention steering committee meeting on October 24 at Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Tennessee Night plans are mostly in place and the musical entertainment is going to be fantastic! Thursday evening will present a special treat, from the Educational Foundation. They have booked the entire evening for members and guests at the Wild Horse Saloon in downtown Nashville for a dinner buffet, line-dance instruction, dancing, games, etc. Part of the ticket price will be tax-deductible as a donation to the Foundation. Look for news about speakers and breakout sessions in upcoming editions of the **DKG NEWS**.

I want to encourage you to volunteer to assist with the convention. We have seven (7) chapter members so far who are planning to attend and do at least one thing to help make the convention a success. Xi State members get a discount on registration, \$160 rather than the regular registration of \$175. There will also be one and two-day registration prices for those who can't come for the full convention.

**Please put July 5-8, 2016, on your calendar.** Fill out the volunteer form (in this newsletter) and give it/send it to me by the end of this year.

I hope to see many of you at our joint, four-chapter initiation dinner on November 17 at the East Brainerd Church of Christ (address and directions in this issue of the *Informer*). Deadline for reservation was November 1st. Call Susie to see if you can register late.

Also, we will have our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary/Christmas celebration on December 12 (Saturday), at 11:30 at Broad Street Grill in the Chattanooga Hotel. Your \$17 check to Susie by December 1 is your reservation for this wonderful event that will be all ours and our guests. We'll have a special anniversary cake, wonderful entertainment, and, of course, presents and fellowship! Do plan to be there.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. I am thankful for each of you, your friendship, membership, encouragement and support.

# Upcoming Meeting

## NOVEMBER MEETING

**November 17, Tuesday, 6:00 P.M.**

East Brainerd Church of Christ 7745 East Brainerd Road Chattanooga	Chattanooga combined chapter meeting and Initiation of new mem- bers
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Our new members, to be initiated November 17, are **Olivia Bagby** (CGLA), **Amy Dendy** (ERMS), and **Susan Howell** (Bright). We hope to have a large turnout of our members at the initiation dinner to meet and welcome these new members to our chapter.

### Directions to the November meeting:

Drive east on East Brainerd Road from I-75. Pass Gunbarrel Road. Continue past the Food Lion on the left, Dunkin Donuts and Edison's Bagels. The church is on the left at the top of the crest of the hill—a big church, hard to miss. The address is 7745 East Brainerd Road.

## 2015-2016 Calendar of Events

<b>December</b>	December 12, Saturday	11:30 A.M.	Broad Street Grill, The Chattanooga	Christmas luncheon and 55th Anniversary celebration
	<i>Greeters: Lin Marten, Danita Clark</i>			
<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>February</b>	February 18, Thursday	5:30 P.M.	HCEA building	Prevention and man- agement of diabetes and weight
	<i>Hostesses: Patsy Woodham, Susie Westbrook</i>			
<b>March</b>	March 12, Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Hixson United Meth- odist Church, Friend- ship House	Legislative Update Mini grant presenta- tions
	<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>			

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

<b>June</b>	June 2 - 4, Thursday - Sunday	Xi State Convention	Sewanee, TN	Includes training for International Conven- tion volunteers
<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*

## CHAPTER PROJECTS Belk Charity Sale

Don't forget about the Belk Charity Sale, held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This fund raiser helps to provide grants-in-aid for beginning teachers. Remember you can go earlier in the week before the sale to reserve discounted items. Tell the shop clerk you are shopping the charity sale and she/he will put your items aside for you. You can then pick your items up on the sale day.

### 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). This is an annual service project for our chapter. Kids on the Block is a wonderful service organization that presents programs free of charge in our local schools. Please contact Jensi and let her know which days you can wrap Christmas presents. We need two, maybe three people to be at the kiosk at all times.



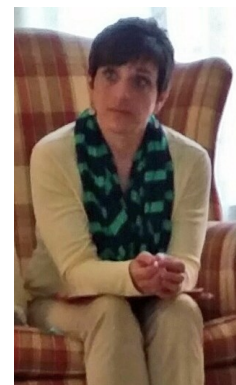
### Ronald McDonald House

Alpha Phi also supports the Ronald McDonald House through our ongoing collection of pop tabs which helps to pay for chemotherapy treatments and provide for the housing of victims' families. Sharon will be happy to deliver your pop tabs to RMH.



## Member News

⇒ Ouch! Ow! Oh!!! Please send cards to Amy Thompson, who took a fall, broke her jaw, and chipped a tooth. Her address is 92 Robin Ann Lane, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742. Please send her your prayers and love. Amy had surgery and now has her jaw wired. She is on a liquid diet. Can you imagine a teacher not being able to talk? Well, we understand she CAN talk - just between her teeth!



⇒ Our new members, to be initiated November 17, are Olivia Bagby (CGLA), Amy Dendy (ERMS), and Susan Howell (Bright). We hope to have a large turnout of our members at the initiation dinner to meet and welcome these new members to our chapter.

⇒ In other news, Alpha Phi has regretfully accepted the resignations of Barbara Fulmer and Joanne Smith. Barbara has 11 grandchildren scattered all over the United States. Joanne is a grant writer and consultant for magnet schools. Both ladies travel a great deal and have not been able to attend meetings. Hopefully, they will reinstate when their schedules allow. Reinstatement is easy. Just pay dues!

## Vision Foundation Scholarships Available

- Want to get on the bandwagon with Xi State in “Growing Possibilities” through enhancing student learning and creating teacher leadership opportunities?
- The Xi State Vision Foundation provides grants for educational research, educational projects, publication of research, and professional development opportunities to promote the personal and professional growth of Xi State members and excellence in education.
- Applications for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and for Vision Foundation Grants are available on the Xi State website, [www.xistate.org/Forms](http://www.xistate.org/Forms) and attached to this email
- **Due date is December 31.** Submit applications to Lynn Caruthers at [lcarruth68@gmail.com](mailto:lcarruth68@gmail.com).

## November Xi State News

The November issue of the *Xi State News* is now available on the Xi State website ([www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org)).

# We Need YOU to Help Make 2016 a Success!

July 5-9, 2016, DKG International Convention is coming to the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

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 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!!

*(Tear at dotted line and return upper portion to  
Jensi Souders, 7622 Twisting Creek Lane, Ooltewah TN 37363 or jsouders3@comcast.net)*



## Do you have your shots?

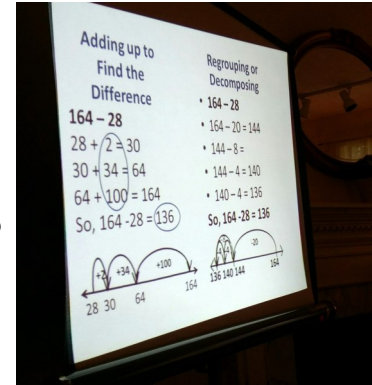
To take care of everyone, you must first take care of yourself. Which brings me to the question, have you had your shots? Not the dpt or the tetanus! Have you had the flu shot or the pneumonia shot? If you are over 65 (and some of us are), it is recommended to have the pneumonia shot. Many drug stores will give the shots and file your insurance. A doctor's visit is not necessary. So get your shots!!



Does  $1+1=2$  ???

## Does one plus one still equal two?

Mary Holland presented a slide presentation at our October meeting concerning how math is being taught in the lower grades in support of the new standards. For many of us, this is a new trend in the teaching of math. Through visual diagrams students are taught how to add and subtract. It is hoped that students in the primary grades will be able to carry the concepts learned into the more advanced grades. Members of the chapter were concerned regarding test results. Mary said that Hamilton County scored a five last year ( a very high score) but because there was such a small improvement, the county is now scored one. It begs the question: If you score 99 on a test, you can only improve one point. Are you penalized for only improving one point?



## 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**

# DKG Mini-Grant Application

## What you need to know . . . .

**Eligible applicants:** Educators in their first three years of classroom instruction.

**Application deadline:** November 15 of each calendar year, with notification of status by December 1 of each year.

**Award amount:** Up to \$250



## What we need to know . . . .

**Name of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School System:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject/Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Years' Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Description of project: Explain how you will use grant funds to enhance classroom instruction or strengthen your professional knowledge.

**Proposed Budget:** Include a list of proposed expenditures, giving a total of amount requested.

**Total Amount requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Now what? . . . .

Mail this application to **Sharon McMahan, 979 East Valley Drive, Rossville, GA 30741**, or scan it and send as an attachment to **mcmahan530@bellsouth.net**. Recipients will be recognized at a spring meeting, where they will be asked to give a brief talk about the outcomes resulting from the grant award. At that meeting, receipts/documentation of grant expenditures must be submitted.

## DKG Member Portal

The member portal, currently available through a tab on the front page or a button in the DKG APP labeled “My DKG,” provides access to the member’s account, including a personal profile and contact data.

When the Society completes revision of the website next year, members will sign in using a “Sign In” area on the home page. Through the member portal, members can create a profile, allow other members to connect with them electronically, change personal contact information in the Society headquarters database(international but not state organization), and engage in social and professional communities.

The member ID is the username and the default password has been made available through chapter and state organization presidents. For security reasons, the password is not published in the *DKG News* or on the website. Members should contact Society Headquarters for assistance.

## Collegial Exchange debuts

The first issue of the new DKG publication, *Collegial Exchange*, will arrive in members’ mailboxes at the end of November 2015. More than 40 submissions were received for this inaugural issue, which is currently in production.

The *Collegial Exchange* complements the familiar *DKG Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators*. While the *Journal* focuses on academic, scholarly, research-based articles, the *Exchange* features practice-based articles and creative work. Categories for submissions to the *Exchange* include classroom and DKG practices and programs; viewpoints on current issues; personal reflections or anecdotes; inspirational pieces; biographies and interviews; book and technology reviews; and poetry or other creative expressions.

The next deadline for submitting articles to the *Exchange* is December 15, 2015. Information about submitting to the *Journal* and the *Exchange* may be found on the Editorial Board page of [dkg.org](https://www.dkg.org/editorial-board) at <https://www.dkg.org/editorial-board>. All submissions should be sent to [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org).

## Happy Birthday to our Members

### October

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



### November

14th: Susan Westbrook  
29th: Margaret Abernathy

## New Website

Please bookmark it for quick and easy access!



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