



# ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Feb. 11th  
Dr. Sarah Heyburn
- Legislative Symposium
- Alpha Phi Member Information

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## A Note From the President

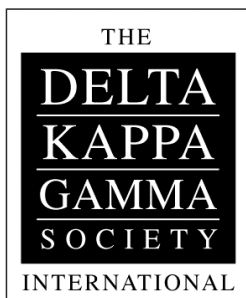
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! We were all so busy during that time and the days just flew by. Unfortunately, our feeling of euphoria did not last. January found us all back in our routines and work. However, spring is on the way and the days are already getting longer. I do have some good news for everyone. At the December meeting we voted to change our chapter rules so that the chapter could vote for new members by either paper ballot and/or electronic ballot. We made this change for several reasons. Electronic ballot can be done when the chapter is not meeting. Not everyone is able to attend all meetings so that an electronic ballot would reach most of our chapter members. We had a recommendation for membership this month and we were able to vote by either electronic or paper ballot. I am very pleased to announce that Laura Kelley Belue has been accepted for membership and she will be inducted at our March meeting!

Our February meeting is going to be February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Wally's. This is a time change from 10:00 to 11:00 am. This will give Wally's time to clear and clean the room from the prior meeting. Wally's has seven standing meet-

ings on that Saturday and this will give them time to "shoo out" the previous diners and clean the room for us. February is also a great time to bring a guest. Our guest speaker is Dr. Sara Heyburn from the Governor's Office of State Planning and Policy. Sara is a policy advisor to the governor! It will be very interesting to hear what she has to say in light of what has been happening in Nashville lately. Sara is also Barbara Northcut's future daughter-in-law!! So remember February 11 at 11:00!

The nominations committee is carefully choosing a slate of officers for the next biennium. If you are asked to serve please give it thoughtful consideration. Just as it "takes a village to raise a child," it takes everyone in the chapter to make sure it is active and growing. I could not have done it without the help of Warisa, Cami, Sherry, Barbara, Laurie, and Susie. I also want to thank those of you who served as hostesses or gave the devotional. It takes all members doing what they can to make a chapter! Please don't say no, if you are asked to serve. We will "have your back!"

See you in February! Sharon



FOR KEY WOMEN  
EDUCATORS

## February 11th: Meeting with Dr. Sarah Heyburn

Make plans to attend our next meeting February 11th. We will be meeting at Wally's in East Ridge at 11:00 am. Dr. Sarah Heyburn **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, TEACHERS AND LEADERS**, Tennessee Department of Education, will be visiting with us and sharing what is happening in Nashville.

Dr. Heyburn joined the State of Tennessee in July 2010 as a K-12 policy advisor in the Governor's Office. Since February 2011, she has served as both a policy advisor at the Tennessee Department of Education and more recently as Assistant Commissioner of Teachers and Leaders where she directs and oversees policy and implementation related to increasing teacher and leader effectiveness. Before moving to the State, she worked for two years as a policy analyst under Dr. Matthew Springer at The National Center on Performance Incentives at Vanderbilt University. Heyburn began her work in education as a high school English teacher and cross-country coach in Nashville, TN. She also taught English and served as literacy lead at a large public high school in Louisville, KY. In 2007, she earned her National Board Certification in Adolescent English Language Arts. Heyburn has also worked as a curriculum writer, directed Vanderbilt's participation in the TEDS-M study of international teacher preparation, and consulted with several private foundations to facilitate public school partnerships. Her research and policy work focuses on teacher and leader effectiveness and the use of research and data to drive instruction and reform in K-12 education. In May 2010 she earned an Ed.D. from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. Dr. Heyburn also has a BA in English and a MAT, both from the University of Virginia.

Door greeters are Warisa and Kimberly and the Inspiration will be led by Karla Riddle. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Legislative Symposium

The Legislative Symposium is February 21 and 22nd in Nashville at the Millennium Maxwell House. There is a Tuesday night session February 21 at 7:30 at the hotel which is FREE. The breakfast is on the 22nd at the hotel and is \$20.00. Members contact Rachel Price who is in charge of registration if you are interested in attending.

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# Leadership Management Training

*It's your time to shine!*

Apply by February 1st for Xi State's  
Leadership Management Training Seminar

March 16-18, 2012

at the beautiful St. Columba Retreat Center  
just north of Memphis

Cost to you for two nights lodging, all meals, and a weekend full  
of fun and inspirational leadership training is only \$30.  
Your experience will be priceless.

Back by popular demand to lead the workshop is Cathy Daugherty, past Southeast  
Regional Director and current International Educational Excellence Committee member.

Look for the application  
on the Xi State Website [ [www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org) ] and in the Xi State News.

## Alpha Phi Member Information

- ~ **Pat Veldman** is reportedly doing well following cataract surgery.
- ~ Welcome new member **Laura Kelley Belue**.
- ~ We extend sympathy and prayers for **Maryjo Baughman** in the passing of both her parents this past fall.
- ~ Special thanks to **Barbara Fulmer** for all you do for the Children in our community.

## Meeting in March

March 15th, at 5:00 pm, plan to attend "Teaching English in Tokyo; Making Sushi in Chattanooga". We will meet at First Christian Church located at 650 McCallie Ave. We also will initiate our new member Laura Kelley Belue. Our Inspiration will be brought by Pat Veldman.

## Happy Birthday to our Members

### January

Cami Mitchell — 5th  
 Dr. Judy Nixon — 6th  
 Mary Jo Baughman — 15th  
 Lin Marten — 30th

### March

Dianne Kelehear — 3rd  
 Patsy Woodham — 3rd  
 Sharon McMahan — 26th

### February

Mary Starnes — 3rd  
 Teresa Wilhoite — 3rd  
 Marjorie Ogle — 9th

### April

Karla Riddle — 3rd  
 Mary Ann Voss — 3rd  
 Sherrey McCullough — 13th  
 Joy Hudson — 26th

## Alpha Phi Calendar

- ~ March 15th 5:00 P.M. “Teaching English in Tokyo; Making Sushi in Chattanooga”  
 at First Christian Church      Inspiration: Pat Veldman
- ~ April 30th Founders Day: Brainerd United Methodist Church

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- [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)
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*Please Save the Date!*

*March 18, 2012*

*Celebration of Seventy-five Years*

*Alpha Chapter*

*Xi State*

*Delta Kappa Gamma*

*Brainerd United Methodist Church*

*Chattanooga, Tennessee*