



ALPHA PHI INFORMER

OCTOBER, 2014

EDITED BY
LIN MARTEN AND SHARON
MCMAHAN

IN THIS ISSUE:

Jots from Jeni	1
Upcoming Events	2
Don't Forget your Flu Shot	2
Member News	3-4
Dates and Deadlines	4
Mini Grants for Early Career Educators	5
Our September Meeting	6
Chapter Activities	7
Birthdays	7
Website	7

Jots from Jeni

It seems as if school just started and cool weather is already turning leaves their fall colors!

We are so excited to have Bryson Lee Harris as our newest chapter baby! Mom **Raquel Harris**, our newest member (two “newests” in the same family!) and son are doing well and plan to be with us at our October meeting.

We are also thrilled that **Danita Clark**, our chapter secretary, and her husband, Lance, are expecting their first child in February. Might there be something in our Alpha Phi water? Don't worry, seasoned members—I think not!

We are looking forward to seeing the three colleagues who were invited to our September meeting, and others who were not able to come, as candidates for membership this fall. Please get your completed recommendation forms to Membership Chair **Amy Thompson** by October 1, or contact her if you're going to be late with your form(s). You will find an interactive form at dkg.org [click on “forms;” then “membership forms;” then “Recommendation for Membership (Form 11)”]. Complete the form online, save it on your computer and then send it to Amy as an email attachment. Or, print the form from the website and fill it out by hand and mail it to Amy. Her address is in your yearbook that was emailed to you on September 22.

Remember, members who are in the classroom, for every meeting you attend, you get another chance on the **\$100 giveaway** at the March meeting!

Thanks to 1st Vice President **Sandy Smith** for arranging our October meeting at the H'Art Gallery on the Southside (see info in this newsletter). We'll enjoy a cultural program and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres with dessert. We'll also have a chapter baby shower (of sorts) for **Raquel and Danita; Sara Makemson** is making our gift from the chapter, and feel free to bring a small gift for them from you!

I'm looking forward to seeing you October 21!

Upcoming Events

October meeting—October 21st, 5:30, H'art Gallery

Our next meeting will be October 21st at 5:30 pm at the H'art Gallery at 110 East Main Street, 37408. This is a very unique institution. It is a 501c3 organization that showcases artwork by local homeless and non-traditional artists. The organization supplies art materials and mentoring classes. The artwork is sold and money from these sales is returned to the artist and the local agency. We will have a tour of the gallery and further explanation of the purposes of the organization. There is a parking lot and a side entrance. Refreshments will be provided. This would be a great meeting to bring a guest!!

November 1st -- Chapter picnic at the Tennessee River Front Park, noon until 3:00. This is an area picnic for families of chapter members from all Chattanooga chapters. Each family will need to provide its own food and beverage. More information will be given at the October meeting.

November meeting -- November 18th, 6:00 pm, Brainerd UMC

The Joint Council has been searching for a location for our initiation of new members. All of our area churches have increased their usage fees. After much discussion and diligent research, the council has decided to hold the initiation at Brainerd United Methodist Church. Future meetings may be held at other locations. 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 price of the meal is \$15. Your check made out to Alpha Phi is your reservation. Checks are due to Susie by November 1st. Susie's address is 2320 Green Valley Road, Soddy Daisy, 37379.

The initiates will rehearse from 5:30 until 6:00 pm. The doors to the Fellowship Hall will not open until 6:00pm. If you arrive early there will be seats outside the hall for your convenience.

Don't Forget!

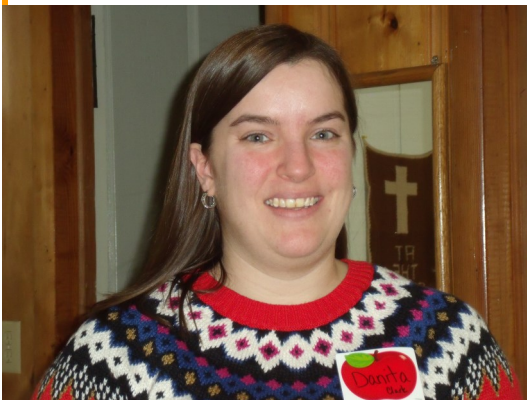
It is that time of year again to get your flu shot. Do it sooner rather than later.

Member News

⇒ Congratulations to **Raquel Harris** on the birth of her son in September.



Bryson Lee Harris



⇒ Congratulations to **Danita Clark** who is also expecting her first baby.

⇒ **Pat Hartline** and her husband are taking a driving tour through the Northeast.



⇒ Congratulations to the father of **Marcia Christian**, who celebrated his 91st birthday in September.

⇒ **Lin Marten** and her husband have returned from their sojourn out west. They were gone for more than 4 months and 8,800 miles.

Member News (cont.)

⇒ Congratulations to **Dr. Joy Hudson** who is piloting a new program in Cleveland which will offer students with disabilities an occupational Diploma. It offers Tennessee students a third option for graduation. It is being piloted at Cleveland High School in the 2014-2015 school year. As Supervisor of Special Services, Joy is in a position to play a key role in the program's roll-out. Joy was quoted in a recent article

"I am happy to pilot this program because it is going to give our students an opportunity for employment," she said. "It gives the students an opportunity to gain employment skills, to earn a living, to live independently and to be social with their peers so they can be productive tax-paying citizens."



Dates and Deadlines

October 1st is the deadline to submit recommendations for membership. The form can be found online at dkg.org or xistate.org. The recommendations for membership need to be sent to Amy Thompson at 92 Robin Ann Lane, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. We will vote by email on potential members with a paper ballot used by members who do not have a computer.

October 31st is the deadline to pay Alpha Phi and DKG dues. You may pay at the October 21st meeting or mail a check for \$75 to Susie. If you have allowed your membership to lapse, it is easy to be reinstated. Just send your dues to Susie. The check should be made to Alpha Phi.

November 1st is the deadline for reservations for the Joint Council Initiation on November 18th. The price of the meal is \$15. Your check made out to Alpha Phi is your reservation. Checks are due to Susie by November 1st. Susie's address is 2320 Green Valley Road, Soddy Daisy, 37379.

November 15th is the deadline for submission of mini-grant applications.

December 20th is the date of our Christmas meeting at Beyond the Garden Gate. This is our most festive event. Please mark your calendar.

February 3rd-4th is the Nashville, Legislative Symposium

June 4-6, 2015 is the Xi State Convention at University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Mini Grants for Early Career Educators

Alpha Phi has already received two applications for the **Sandra Allen Black mini grant for early career educators**. Chapter members, please share the application form with any educator in her first three years of teaching. The application is a short one page form. It does not take long to complete. Applications can be emailed to Sharon; or you can simply answer the questions below and email that to Sharon; or you may scan it and send as an attachment to an email; or you may deliver it via the post office (Sharon's address: 979 East Valley Drive, Rossville, GA 30741).

Sharon's email address: mcmahan530@bellsouth.net.

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 the teacher 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.

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.

The deadline for the application to Sharon is November 15th.

Alpha Phi September Meeting We Welcome Our Guests

Mary Holland brings her friend, Erin Grant.



l to r: Erin Grant and Mary Holland



Dr. Jessie Schmid flashes a beautiful smile as guest of **Cami Mitchell**.

l to r: Cami Mitchell and Dr, Jessie Schmid

Angie Shelby and **Christina Neighbors** lean in to each other for their picture.



l to r: Angie Shelby and Christina Neighbors

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 November we will participate in the Belk Charity Sale. Each ticket will be five dollars and the chapter keeps the entire amount. The money will be used to fund the mini-grant for early career educators.
- III. 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

September

13th: Amy Swoope



October

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

Website

www.alphahidkg.com

