



ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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A Note From the President

Your wayward president has come home from her western sojourn. We just got home about four nights ago, and are still unpacking, organizing and sanitizing our little travel trailer. But we are home safe and sound with our health intact! Thanks to all of you that offered prayers for our safe travel.

I am so excited and so very proud of our chapter. Our chapter has initiated, organized and is hosting an Education Forum with key community leaders. Our forum is this Thursday with Superintendent Rick Smith, Dan Challener (Director, Public Ed. Foundation), County Commissioner Dr. Warren Mackey, and Lurone Jennings (Director, Dept. of Youth & Family Development for Chattanooga). It seems as though there is a lot of time and focus being spent on education within our county and city. With all that is happenin4g right now, wouldn't you like to speak directly to some of our leaders and get their views without the filters of our news media? See information in this newsletter as to time and place. Consider questions you would like to have presented to the panel. If possible, get them to Jensi prior to the meeting. Be a part of something exciting. Help your chapter demonstrate leadership in the local teaching environment. Please plan to attend. If you need a ride or assistance in getting to the meeting, let me or one of your chapter sisters know! We look forward to seeing you!

Remember that Halloween is coming our way. Any good witch knows that Halloween will fly by quickly, so I hope you will have the time to enjoy it. The same good witches know that you deserve the best Halloween there can be. Have a great month.

Lin

Member Updates

~We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Melba Whittacre, our good friend and co-worker, who passed away in her sleep last week. Services were held September 30th.

Xi State Scholarship Committee announces 2014 application

Are you beginning a program of graduate studies this Fall? Are you thinking that this is the year to enhance your teaching through additional certification or licensure? Are you considering pursuing a Master's or Doctorate degree? Consider how a Xi State Scholarship might assist you in the process! Please check out the requirements and application process by visiting the Xi State website. Applications have a February 1, 2014 postmark deadline.

Membership Dues

Membership dues of \$75 are due to Susie Westbrook (2320 Green Valley Road, Soddy Daisy 37379) by the end of October.

Mini Grant Information

We are now able to award with our mini Grant-in-Aid. We went from \$500 last year to \$800 by 1) finding \$200 in our budget for items for which the budget amount was more than needed (postage, yearbook and newsletter), and 2) receiving a generous donation of \$50 from Barbara Northcut's Cookie Lee earnings toward our Grant-in-Aid. When that check is deposited, our reserve amount will be above \$1,000. If anyone needs an application for the Sandra Allen Black mini grant, please contact Sharon at mcmahan530@bellsouth.net.

Initiation of New Members

The Initiation of new members will be **Tuesday, November 12th**, at **Brainerd United Methodist Church**. This is a change from our usual site of Tyner UMC. Rehearsal will be at 5:30 for initiates and their sponsors. The ceremony will be at 6pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. If you arrive early when the initiates are rehearsing, you are asked to remain in the hall until the rehearsal is finished. Last year we were so noisy that the initiates could not hear the directions! Cookie Lee Jewelry will also be stationed in the hall for your shopping pleasure. The cost of the meal will be determined once the menu is set. Please remember that your check is your reservation. Last year we had 7 people to show who had not made a reservation. We were

Rachel, Maryjo, and Sandy, volunteering for the Southern Brewerâ€™s™s Festival which benefitted Chattanooga Kidsâ€™™ on the Block,

On a hot Saturday afternoon in August, three of your Alpha Phi sisters volunteered at the Southern Brewerâ€™s™ Festival on the Tennessee River Waterfront. We all worked the late afternoon shift from 5 till 8. Maryjo and Rachel worked at the general admission gate and Sandy worked at the pre-paid and VIP gate.



All 3 of us volunteered for this to help Kids on the Block and for the fun and camaraderie that comes with volunteering and helping a good cause. After the volunteer shift ended, Maryjo and I met up, changed clothes and went in search of dinner. We both got bratwurst sandwiches and just as we were about to enjoy them, the heavens opened up and we took shelter under an empty vendor space, still enjoying the fun and fellowship.

Our next volunteer venture for Chattanooga Kids on the Block will be when our Alpha Phi sisters wrap gifts for Christmas. Hope you can join us then.

Sandy Smith



Membership News

Yeah, Us!

1) Nearly half our members have already attended at least one meeting this year! Remember our goal: **All members will attend or participate in at least one meeting or project during the school year.** Following are those who have already helped us reach that goal. Will your name be on the list the next time?

Those supporting Alpha Phi with their presence at meetings:

Adele Baker	Martha Becton	Marcia Christian	Danita Clark
Lena Engstrom	Barbara Fulmer	Pat Hartline	Joy Hudson
Warisa Jarrett	Sharon McMahan	Cami Mitchell	Ann Moore
Barbara Northcut	Marge Ogle	Laurie Richardson	Jensi Souders
Amy Swoope	Amy Thompson	Jeanette Underwood	
Pat Veldman	Susie Westbrook	Patsy Woodham	

2) We need your completed Member Profile!

Calling all members who have not returned your Member Profile! If you were not at the September meeting, Jensi emailed you an attachment called the "Member Profile"; she asked that you complete it, save it as a named document on your computer, then email it back to her as an attachment. So far, only four of you (Ava Warren, Karla Riddle, Susie Westbrook and Lin Marten) have returned the profile. Please check your email from September 15 and respond! It's very important!

3) Educational Forum Scheduled for October 3

Join Alpha Phi as we host Superintendent Rick Smith, Public Education Foundation Director Dan Challener, County Commission Education Chair Dr. Warren Mackey, and City of Chattanooga Family and Youth Development Director Lurone Jennings to our forum in the Fellowship Hall at Brainerd United Methodist Church.

The event is from 5:30 to 7:00 on Thursday, October 3. It replaces our regular October meeting, scheduled at the same time.

Your presence is needed, to hear the panel and to ask questions. We'll be taking roll for our participation challenge, so we'll look for you there!

Jensi

Calendar for 2013 - 2014

August 17th 10:30—12:00 Hixson UMC

Co-hosts: Laurie Richardson and Barbara Fulmer

Program: Membership, Xi State, SERC, committee reports

September 14th 11:30—1:00 Wally's East Ridge

Co-hosts: Jeni Souders and Sharon McMahan

Program: Why DKG; Why Not?

October 3rd 5:30—7:00 Brainerd UMC

Co-hosts: Rachel Price and Warisa Jarrett

Program: Panel discussion with Mayor Andy Berke, Supt. Rick Smith, chair of PEF

October 20th 3—4pm Jeni's house

Orientation for new members. All sponsors, officers, and new members are expected to attend.

November 12th 6 pm Joint initiation Brainerd UMC

December 7th 11-12:30 Tea Cottage on Hickory Valley Rd.

Co-hosts: Lena Engstrom and Pat Veldman

Program: Holiday joy

February 8th 11:00—12:30 Hixson UMC

Co-hosts: Cami Mitchell and Laura Belue

Program: Container gardening

March 13th 5:30—7 pm Bright School on Hixson Pike

Co-hosts: Ann Moore and Amy Thompson

Program: Bunko

April 26th TBA Founders' Day

Happy Birthday to our Members

October

3rd Joanne Smith
4th Laurie Richardson
11th Martha Becton
12th Rachel Price
14th Amy Thompson
17th Faye Hitchcock

20th Adele Baker

Jessica Fulgham (unsure of date)

November

8th Laura Burke
14th Susie Westbrook
29th Margaret Abernathy

Save Those Pop Tabs!!

Please continue saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

Membership Profile for Xi State

Xi State is working on a membership profile to assist in deciding on meaningful programs and ideas for the future of DKG. Jensi will be contacting you with a brief survey. PLEASE take a few minutes and fill it out when you get it. It's attached to email.

Officer Training Dates

Following are the tentative dates for the spring chapter officer training.

East TN: March 29/ Middle TN: April 12 /West TN: April 26

These dates are somewhat later than trainings in the past so chapters have ample time to get the new slate of offices in place. Although the specific list of those who will be trained is not definite, the following positions are being considered: presidents, program/education excellence chairs, treasurers, membership chairs, rules chairs, planning chairs, communications chairs, and webmasters. Please, "save

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