



# ALPHA PHI INFORMER

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## A Note From the President

Fall is in full swing. We are still in southern Colorado, and believe it or not, the Aspen trees are beginning to turn. Our DKG meetings are in full swing as well. And I know school and all that goes with it is also in full swing. Even recognizing how busy you all are, I hope you will take the time to come to our September and October meetings.

The September meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup>, entitled "Why DKG; Why not?" We will be voting on new members and it will be a great time for catching up with old friends and renewing our commitment to DKG. The October meeting is very exciting. It is an educational forum to focus on education. Our panelists are Superintendent Rick Smith, Mayor Andy Berke, and PEF Director Dan Challener. It will be open to all chapter members in the Chattanooga chapters, as well as to the public. Bring friends. I think it will be fascinating.

In the meantime, I hope you are and will continue to have a good school year. I wish you a beautiful fall season.

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## Chattanooga Chapters Meeting

All members of the Chattanooga chapters are invited to attend Alpha Phi's October meeting. The meeting is October 3rd, Thursday, 5:30--7:00 pm. It will be at Brainerd United Methodist Church. The program will be a panel discussion entitled "Focus on Education." Closer to time we will be asking for questions you would like our moderator, Rachel Price, to present.

## Member Updates

~**Karla Riddle** retired from Hamilton Co. Schools after 39 years with them and Knox Co. on June 27th and then had a mastectomy on June 28th. She is presently undergoing chemo therapy treatments and her white blood count is so low that she is restricted to her house. She said, "Once I get through with all this I'll be back at the meetings". Continue to send her words of encouragement and prayers.

### 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.

## Budget News

Membership dues of \$75 are due to Susie Westbrook (2320 Green Valley Road, Soddy Daisy 37379) by the end of October. You may bring them to the September meeting. Thirteen members have already paid!

On a Special note:

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.

**Alpha Phi Chapter**  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**  
**REVISED Budget 2013-2014**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Chapter Available Fund Balance | \$2793.72        |
| Dues, Active Members: 42@\$75= | \$3150.00        |
| Dues, Reserve Members: 3@\$40= | \$ 120.00        |
| <b>Total Funds Available:</b>  | <b>\$6063.72</b> |

Anticipated Disbursements:

To International:

Active 42@\$58 = \$2436.00  
 Reserve 3@\$31 = \$93.00

Includes: Dues (\$54, \$27)

- Scholarship (\$.20 per member)
- World Fellowship (\$1 per member)
- Golden Gift II (\$1 per member)
- Emergency Fund (\$1 per member)
- Schools for Africa (\$1 per member)

To State (Contributions):

- CIEC (\$1 per member)
- Vision Foundation (\$1 per member)
- Scholarship (\$.20 per member)
- Imagination Library (\$1 per member)
- 2016 Convention (\$3 per member – includes arrears for 2011, 2012)

Total to Delta Kappa Gamma: **\$2997.00**

Chapter Expenses:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Conventions            | \$600.00         |
| <b>* Grant-in-Aid</b>  | <b>\$800.00</b>  |
| Meeting Expenses       | \$200.00         |
| Yearbook               | \$ 50.00         |
| Newsletter             | \$ 50.00         |
| Chapter Supplies       | \$ 50.00         |
| Membership Supplies    | \$ 60.00         |
| Meals for Initiates    | \$ 60.00         |
| Web Page Expenses      | \$ 35.00         |
| Joint Meeting Expenses | \$100.00         |
| Area Council Dues      | \$ 25.00         |
| Postage                | \$ 50.00         |
| <b>Reserve Funds</b>   | <b>\$ 986.72</b> |

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Budget and Reserve:          | \$3066.72        |
| <b>Total Reserve and Expenses:</b> | <b>\$6063.72</b> |

## 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 the date!"

## Membership News

### **Chapter Attendance/Participation Goal Set**

Our chapter has a new goal for success: "Have every chapter member attend at least one meeting or participate in one project activity per year." To have 100% participation/attendance, we need every member's help! We will list those members who have attended one or more chapter meetings/activities in each month's *Informer*. By the end of our April meeting, let's be 100% toward our goal!!

Those who have participated in a chapter meeting or project activity for 2013-2014:

As of September 1—Dr. Lena Engstrom, Dr. Barbara Fulmer, Pat Hartline, Dr. Joy Hudson, Sharon McMahan, Cami Mitchell, Ann Moore, Barbara Northcut, Laurie Richardson, Dr. Jensi Souders, Amy Swoope, Jeanette Underwood, Pat Veldman, Susie Westbrook, Patsy Woodham

Will your name be added to this list on September 14?

### **Who will You Nominate for Membership this Year?**

When did you last nominate someone for DKG membership? One year? Five years? Never!!!! Look around you and find those who have potential to give distinctive service to education, or those who already are giving distinctive service. Come to the September meeting to get a nomination form, or contact Jensi Souders to have one sent to you. Nominations are due to Jensi before the first of October.

## 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

Location is to be determined

**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

### September

13th Amy Swoope

### October

3rd Joanne Smith

4th Laurie Richardson

11th Martha Becton

12th Rachel Price

14th Amy Thompson

17th Faye Hitchcock

20th Adele Baker

Jessica Fulham (unsure of date)

## Mini Grant Application

Attached to the email is the application for the Mini Grant. Please help us share this information with those you know.

## 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.

## Minutes from meeting in August 17th

- \* Inspiration was given by Laurie Richardson
- \* 40 and 50 year members were honored with pins. 3 members celebrated 53 years and 4 members celebrated 40 years.
- \* Reports on State Convention and Regional Conference. Sharon reported that Alpha Phi received certificates at Xi State for: 2013 Strategic Action Plan, Newsletter, Positive Membership Growth, Highest Honors for Chapter Yearbook, and Silver Chapter Excellence Award. Sharon reported on Xi State and gave an overview of highlights.
- \* Jensi reported on the Regional Conference in Orlando at Gaylord Palms. The speakers spoke on women's courage. Barbara N., Lin, Sharon, and Jensi attended.
- \* 2014 conference will be in Indianapolis.
- \* Minutes were approved and seconded.
- \* Treasurer's report: the balance was reported and filed.
- \* The Finance Committee proposed budget was reported by Laurie, Jensi, and Susi. They explained highlighted points, which included the grant in aid and scholarship money. They proposed to bring the grant in aid money to \$800. Motion was approved and seconded. We are going to give more money to state this year. Motion to accept the revised budget was approved and seconded.
- \* There was a discussion on promoting the Imagination Library again as a chapter.
- \* Jensi gave the membership report. There are 3 potential members so far, and Jensi encouraged members to nominate potential candidates. Forms to be given to Jensi before October meeting (mail or email). Potential members can go to orientation and then decide whether or not to be a member.
- \* No old business at this time.
- \* Committees met briefly to plan and chairs gave a brief summary. Sharon handed out mini-grant applications. Jensi reported on a future survey about the Strategic Action Plan.
- \* No announcements or new business
- \* Next meeting is Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Wally's from 11:30 to 1:00.
- \* 15 attendees