



Delta Kappa Gamma Phi Chapter Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Nov. 16- Tuesday
Southside Elementary, Pulaski
Social – 5:00
Meeting begins – 5:30
Speaker: Hallie Bensinger, DNP, APN, FNP-BC, is a former instructor and assistant professor from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, having served in those roles from 2007-2017. She received her bachelor's of science in nursing in 1986 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and worked as a registered nurse from 1986-2001. In 2001, she attained her masters of science of nursing, family nurse practitioner degree focus from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). She worked as an advanced practice nurse from 2001-2013 in women's health. Dr. Bensinger received her doctorate in nursing in 2013 from UTHSC with a focus on vulvovaginal diseases and female cancers.

Dec. 4 - Saturday
Beta Rho Chapter invites you to Christmas with Santa
Highland Church of Christ
497 East James Campbell Blvd.
Columbia, TN
10:30 AM
See brochure on page 2

A Word from our President...

Dear Phi Sisters,

Although many of us thought last year was challenging, the beginning of this school year has proved to be even more challenging. I hope that this message finds you well. As we work through this school year, our chapter will be focusing on strengthening our membership. We will begin by meeting in November at Southside Elementary School in Pulaski. I am grateful for the opportunity to begin meeting in person, however, to provide a safe meeting opportunity for all members, I will share information for virtual meetings as well during our regular monthly meeting times.

I look forward to working with you and serving as your Phi Chapter President and appreciate your support and understanding this year. As life changes, new challenges and transitions present themselves. I completed my Education Specialist degree in August while my oldest, Kolton, started his freshman year of college. My girls, Katelyn and Krysten have had a busy soccer season, and Kolton is playing soccer for the University of Tennessee Southern. Along with these responsibilities, I had the honor of representing Tennessee in the standard setting process with the National PRAXIS exam board for the school counselor's exam. This with many other responsibilities has consumed much of my time over the past few months, but I am grateful for these experiences. I am excited about making the rest of this year the best possible and working together to strengthen our chapter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hood

Get To Know:

Barbara Jennings



Barbara Jennings has been a member for 21 years in phi chapter. She is a retired Giles preK director. Before that she was a long time first grade teacher at Pulaski Elementary. She has one daughter Mollie Jennings. Her late husband retired from First National Bank in Pulaski. She received the order of the Rose at XI State in 2019. She has been on state convention steering committee. She has been the coordinator for several of the joint Christmas brunches. Barbara is in charge of the Care Ministry at First Baptist church in Pulaski.

Barbara is always more than willing to help in numerous ways in our chapter.

Feb. 10 - Thursday
Pulaski Street COC, Lawrenceburg
Social – 5:00
Meeting begins – 5:30
Heart Health

March 10 – Thursday
Southside Elementary, Pulaski
Social – 5:00
Meeting begins – 5:30
Orientation/Reorientation
Founders' Day

April - TBA
Mt. Moriah Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
Initiation/ Officer elections
10:00 AM



Happy Birthday

October

6- Patricia Marston
6- Glenda Burdette
12- Nina Brewer
15- Debra Barnett
24- Cynthia Ripp
26- Sherry Woods

November

5-Marjorie Wiseman
6-Jennifer Hawkins
17-Teresa Marston
21-Jean Bryan
28-Anita Winters

Virtual Workshops

Good Neighbor Award
Host Chapter: Gamma Mu
Monday, November 15, 8:00 p.m. EST/7:00 p.m. CST
Come listen about how Gamma Mu has developed the Good Neighbor Award for recognition of students in schools and including the community and state. What a great way to spread the word about how TNSO is representing our state!
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/3Bn2bJTw9zYpW5kz5>

Thanksgiving Instapot
Presenter: Sherrie Collins, Beta Pi
Monday, November 22, 8:00 p.m. EST/7:00 p.m. CST
Sherrie's Instapot presentation during last year's Virtual Creative Arts Retreat was a huge success and you wanted to see more so here is your chance to try your hand at Thanksgiving with an Instapot. Watch Sherrie create Thanksgiving dinner using her many Instapots. I'm sure everything will be scrumptious and fun!
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EWmdJnX6CpDnKWkW7>

Arts and Personal Growth
The Arts and Personal Enrichment Committee invite you to join us at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville on Sunday, December 12 at 3:30 p.m. EST/2:30 p.m. CST for Scrooge, the Musical. Cost is \$30. Send checks to Tara Younger at 607 Westcrest Drive, Nashville TN 37211.



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10:30 am
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Guest Speaker: Beverly Hall, Former TN State Org. President
Special Guests : Elaine Vaughan, TN State Org.
President and Belinda Juergan, Area VI Director

Beta Rho Silent Auction with
Baskets and Container Gifts for sale

Luncheon Caterer by Dannie Holmes, Cost \$25.00

Please make checks payable to your Chapter Treasurer

Reservation Deadline:
November 15, 2021
Any questions janerayburn@att.net



Mission:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

In Charge of Programs:

August:

Officers/Finance/Rules

September:

Membership/Legislation

October:

Arts/Strategic Action Plan

February:

Scholarships/Nominations

March:

Communications & Publicity/International Projects

April:

Educational Excellence/Research

Notes of Interest:

- 11/8/2021 Good Neighbor Award Virtual Event, 7 pm
- 11/22/2021 Thanksgiving Instant Pot Virtual Event, 7 pm
- 12/12/2021 Arts and Personal Enrichment Committee Outing to Cumberland County Playhouse, 2:30 pm
- 12/15/2021 DKG Ignite (LMS) Application Due
- 12/31/2021 Vision Foundation Applications Due
- 2/1/2022 TNSO State Scholarship Due
- 2/1/2022 International Scholarship Due
- 3/15/2022 TNSO Achievement Award Due
- 3/15/2022 TNSO RoseBud Award Due
- 3/31/2022 Silent Auction Donation Due
- 6/2-4/2022 TNSO Convention, Sewanee, TN
- 7/12-16/2022 International Convention: New Orleans, LA

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