

# Alpha News

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INTERNATIONAL THEME: Leading with Wisdom and Passion

STATE THEME: **Believe, Engage, Learn, Lead**

### President's Corner

I just love the smell of a new school year! Even if I'm not in a school room this year, it's always great smelling the erasers and wax crayons whenever I walk into HEB or Target. The children's excitement is contagious as they anticipate a new teacher, classmates, and new grade. So it is with a new year for Alpha Chapter. We've had a planning meeting with the committee chairs prior to their initial meeting with their committees. Ideas are flying, people are sending emails all around and members are looking forward to another year of activities, learning, and sharing. The Yearbook will soon be delivered and you will be able to see the plans for fabulous programs that will engage you. If your committee isn't "doing" anything, give me a call...your ideas are always welcome.

Did you get a chance to read the new Lone Star News? It also added an element of excitement as it describes how Vicky Davis, Alpha State President and her Board embark on the 2009-2011 Biennium. I was really impressed with the theme Vicky chose to remind us of how we can advance the work of the Society. I have secured the use of an authentic 19<sup>th</sup> Century brass school bell to remind us of the theme: **Believe, Engage, Learn and Lead**. That certainly calls for a very high level of involvement from each of us. I know our founders pondered on each of the purposes they initiated; they were totally engaged in learning and leading. Are we ready for a similar call to action?

Last night we initiated ten of the twelve women invited into membership in Alpha chapter (Sheryl Prater and Janine White fell ill and will be initiated at 6:30pm, Monday, October 5.) With about 60 members present to receive them into our Chapter, you could feel the excitement as each mentor spoke on the qualities that brought their

nominee to our Society. Not only are these women well accomplished as educators with many years of experience but several are continuing their post graduate education. We are very blessed to have these women with us as we advance the Society.

**Ring the bell to advance the society!**

*~ Linda Elliott, President*

### *Program on Sharing Experiences*

Come to our meeting this month ready to share fun experiences with your fellow DKG members. After our Social Time at 6:30 (with goodies provided by the Archives Committee), the program will begin at 7:00. Our program, facilitated by Maureen Zingaro and Lupe Chavez, is titled **"If you could go back to only one place you have visited, where would you go?"** The goals of the program are to encourage members to share their own experiences in order to enrich the personal and professional lives of others, and to increase an understanding of the importance of how life experiences shape our lives.

Members will put a sticker on a world map as they come in, and will be randomly assigned to tables labeled by continents. Each person will be handed a "ticket" to her table. During the program, using timers placed on each table, each person will get to share a favorite experience from their favorite travel location. The end of the program will be a summary of the numbers/different locations that were put on the map by the group.

Members of the Personal Growth and Services Committee will then share important information about a year-long project for our chapter.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn more about your sisters, and a great opportunity to serve!

*~ Mollie Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> VP*

## *Membership Welcomes New Initiates*

Aimee Suzanne Cabatingan  
Montserrat Garibay  
Lisa Harris  
Jodi Rae Kuhn  
Zulema Lopez  
Diana Leigh McMillan  
Lisa Tiller Medina  
Sheryl Lyn Prater  
Jana I Stowe  
Kathryn Allee Stuart  
Janine Friskel White

### **Honorary Member**

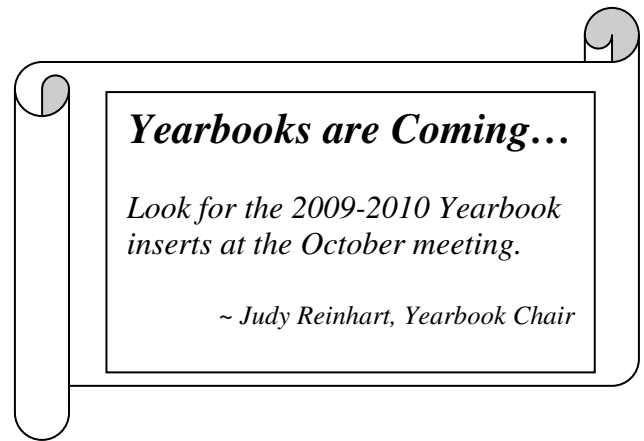
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## **Contribute Ideas for UP**

"As local chapters are encouraged to collaborate with other community groups to achieve a significant goal, chapters throughout Texas are encouraged to come together to fulfill a common purpose. Through active collaboration at the state level, the Texas State Organization can achieve more than through unaligned projects. The power of one is awesome, but the inclusion of many for a common goal can produce stupendous results. Chapter programs may generate ideas for a statewide project." Texas needs a unifying project (UP) so member ideas for needed! "Please email ideas for a Unifying Project for the Texas State Organization to President Vicki Davis. Sharing ideas will stimulate others to think outside the box as well as inside the box. Contribute to "what's up" by submitting ideas for a unifying project for the Texas State Organization."

~ Lone Star News (Fall 2009)

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## **A Child's Perspective.....on a Police Officer!**

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, a police officer was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old.

Looking up and down at his uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?'

'Yes,' he answered and continued writing his report.

'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?'

'Yes, that's right,' he told her...

'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward the officer, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

~ Author Unknown

## **A Note to Past Presidents**

Please start gathering all archives from your presidency to be brought to the October or November meeting. The Archives Committee (Chair: Veronica Covington; Janie Maldonado; Carol Reese; Lupe Ramos; and Ann Powell) will need these materials to prepare items to add to the repositories.

~ Veronica Covington, Archives Chair

## OCTOBER MEETING

Monday, October 5

6:30 Refreshments ~ 7:00 Program

Bring your Alpha Chapter Yearbook binder to the meeting so you can insert the 2009/2010 content!

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
3208 Exposition Blvd, Austin, 78703

**DUES are DUE**

**October 31 Deadline**

**Send in your dues to Novella Wiley  
3200 Greenlawn Parkway,  
Austin, 78757  
(512) 459-0873**

### News from The Courtesy Committee

This year we will once again be contacting you before each meeting to give you friendly reminders of the date and time for the meetings. Our committee goal is to maintain personal contact with all members and extend courtesies when the need arises.

Your contact will be made either by phone or by email by one of our committee members. These are *Linda Harvey, Cami Jones, Susan Hetzler, Virginia Woods, Linda White* and *Evelyn Farmer*.

We want to especially say "Thank you!" to the committee members for giving their time and energy to accomplish this important task.

~ Evelyn Farmer, Chair

## October Birthdays

Hazel Forester	1
Dorothy Smith	4
Mary Kevorkian	6
Ana Salinas	9
Linda Johnson	11
Sandy Cox	12
Bonnie Cross	15
Lynn Franzen	15
Pat Wolff	16
Linda Roberts	16
Kerry Ballast	18
Madge Simmons	18
Aimee Cabatingan	19
Glenda Black	23
Jane Garner	23
Lel Hawkins	29
Marcy McNeil	30
Carolyn Gregory	31
Linda Wysong	31

### A Child's Perspective.....on the Elderly!

While a mother was working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, she used to take her 4-year-old daughter on her afternoon rounds. The daughter was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers & wheelchairs.

One day the mom found her daughter staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As she braced herself for the inevitable barrage of questions, the little girl merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

~ Author Unknown

### Business Meeting Time Changes Considered

The Executive Board is reviewing the possibility of rescheduling our monthly business meetings to an earlier time. The Board would like your input in the decision so either send in your email responses to Linda Elliott or be prepared to discuss it at the October Meeting.