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A Message from our Rho Chapter President...

Emma's Notes:

Welcome to another new year for Delta Kappa Gamma! It was wonderful to reunite with members at the August meeting and especially great to see team members work so well together at that first meeting! If you weren't present, please be in touch with your team leader/members so you can be involved in helping your team with its designated meeting, project, scholarship, and communication responsibilities. This promises to be a good year and we want all members to be involved! Every contribution you make as a DKG member benefits both you and Rho Chapter.

Thank you for all the work you have done in the past. Please attend all the meetings you can this year and encourage your team members to attend with you. I look forward to another GOLD year with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Emma

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NEW MEMBER INITIATION

10 am October 3, 2015

Epworth Historic

United Methodist Church

4241 Arno Road, Franklin, TN 37064

Remember these items

- 1. \$15 for brunch**
- 2. Items for Silent Auction and shopping list!**
- 3. Individual cartons of shelf-ready milk (see page 2.)**

Dates to Remember 2015-16

Sept. 25-26 – Xi State training, Murfreesboro

**Oct. 3, '15 – Initiation with Silent Auction 10 am
Historic Epworth UMC, Arno Rd, Franklin**

**Nov. '15 – TEAM Fellowship date & location TBD
by team members**

Dec. 5, '15 – Christmas Brunch, Hohenwald

**Feb. 23, '16 – Guest Speaker (tentative time &
place 5 pm Grassland Elem)**

**Mar. 2nd or 3rd week, '16, TEAM Cluster Dinners
date & location TBD by team members**

**Apr. 26, '16 – Officer Installation, Barnabas
Room, St. Paul Episcopal Church, 510 West
Main St, downtown Franklin**

June 2-4, '16 – Xi State Convention, Sewanee

**July 5-9, '16 – International Convention Gaylord
Opryland Hotel, Nashville**

SILENT AUCTION: Support the 2015 Rho Chapter Silent Auction by bringing your donation to Initiation Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:45 or to Lois Coles in Publix Parking lot on Friday afternoon, Oct. 2, between 4 and 5:30. Plan to shop at the Silent Auction to help fund two Rho Chapter Projects, including Grant-in-Aid (p. 2) and Early-Career Educator Professional Development Award (p. 3).

**IF YOU'VE PAID DUES, THANK YOU! PLEASE SEND DUES BY SEPT. 30
\$75 Active/\$28 Reserve to Karen Mauldin, 404 Lynn Dr, Nashville, TN 37211**

GOT MILK? PROJECT



Please bring several single serving cartons of shelf ready milk (chocolate, white or both) to Initiation on Oct. 3. Sylvia Coile-LeMay will deliver our cartons to *The Well*, a food pantry in Spring Hill, which prepares “Jet Packs” with sufficient food for a child to eat two breakfasts and two lunches during a weekend. After food packs are delivered to schools in the Spring Hill area, school guidance counselors discreetly place Jet Packs in backpacks of children enrolled in the program, thereby protecting the dignity of the children and their families. You can locate shelf ready milk at any large grocery store; Costco even has packs of 24 cartons, if you are so inclined! Thanks to Sylvia for her idea to involve Rho Chapter in this worthwhile program. If you have questions, call Sylvia Coile-Lemay (615) 202-5650 or Martha Johnson (615) 400-6276 of TEAM C.

Rho Chapter has three community projects this year, including this one, supporting its belief that caring for students' physical and emotional health is crucial to meeting their academic needs.

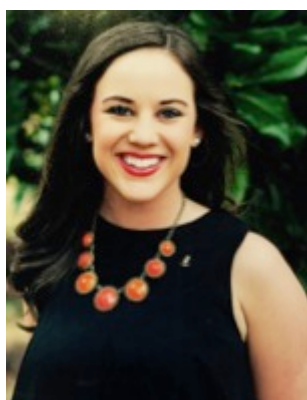
Rho Member News

Please keep these members in your thoughts.

- **Jackie Arthur's** husband, Steve, is recovering from a prolonged leg infection.
- **Lois Coles** returned to work 9/21 after surgery 9/11 to remove her parathyroid and left lobe of her thyroid. She received a good path report!
- **Selma Hicks** is getting over the shingles and will start chemo soon. She will be unable to attend Rho meetings for a while.
- **Pam Lankford's** husband continues to fight cancer with aggressive chemo treatments.
- **Kelli Myers** just lost her grandfather.
- **Pat Tyree** is recovering from back surgery; husband Frank is being treated for cancer.

Congratulate these Rho members!

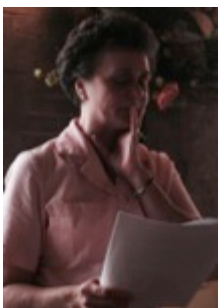
- **Jackie Arthur**, after a 37-year career, retired from Grassland Elementary this spring and is keeping busy with several projects including nursing her husband (see note above).
- **Carol Cortez** is now the Asst. Principal at Lipscomb Elementary.
- **Ruth Wingfield** enjoyed 42 years of teaching and also retired this past spring from Liberty Elementary. She is loving working part-time at Chico's in downtown Franklin. Monday, 9/21, she welcomed grandchild #6 Hank Carter!
- **Emma McElroy's** first grandchild, Lily (20 in. & 7 lbs 3 oz) made her appearance Tuesday 9/22!



Rho Chapter Awards Grant-in-Aid to Karis Renee Hicks

Karis Renee Hicks of Franklin has been awarded Rho Chapter's Farris-Warren \$1000 Scholarship. A graduate of Centennial High School, she is the daughter of Joe and Michelle Hicks and granddaughter of our own Selma Hicks. She is presently attending Mississippi State University majoring in Elementary Education. Karis comes highly recommended for this award: “Karis is a conscientious and enthusiastic leader with a steadfast commitment to a career in teaching.” She is invited to our chapter brunch after initiation October 3.

The scholarship is given in memory of two highly respected key women educators and dedicated Rho Chapter members: Margaret Farris, teacher in WCS, and Marian Warren, teacher in FSSD. Each year, Rho Chapter awards this \$1000 scholarship to a female graduate of a high school (public or private) located within Williamson County who is beginning at least her 3rd year of study in preparation for a teaching career at any level. If you know a young lady who might be a candidate for this award in 2016, please direct her to the application on Rho's website <http://dkgrhchapter.weebly.com>



RHO TEAMS GO FOR THE GOLD!

At the August meeting President Emma McElroy announced Rho Chapter earned the **Maycie GOLD Award for Chapter Excellence** for 2014-15 at the Xi State Convention in June. Each activity or event you and your teammates attend or coordinate helps Rho chapter toward the 275 points required for this distinction. Your participation and involvement show that you are committed to making our organization the best it can be and that means **GOING FOR THE GOLD!**



Rho's August Meeting finds **Team A's** Marian Oonk, Susan King, Lynn Sawyer, and Mindy Cushenberry planning the Oct. 3, 2015 Initiation together.

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Team E not pictured: Led by Kay Musgrove, members Sandra Juarez, Jessica Cole, Laurette Carle, Denise Sawyer, and Pat Tyree made plans to assemble the 150+ goody bags that the mentoring teachers will deliver to teachers new to the profession in WCS and FSSD. Laurette also constructed and sent a letter to principals and headmasters in the county informing them of the opportunity to apply for assistance to send a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year teacher to NCTM's Regional Conference in November in Nashville as part of the Early-Career-Educator Professional Development Award. Applications are due September 30.



Team C members, Sylvia Coile-LeMay, Miriam Hicklin, Debbie Mace, and Karen Mauldin discuss the Apr. 26, '16 Officer Installation and the 2015-16 community project **Got Milk?**

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Parliamentarian: Elaine Warwick

State Committees, Committee Planning

Elaine Warwick, who constructed the training notebooks for all Xi State committees, was instrumental in the coordination of the Xi State Leadership Conference for Committee Planning held Sept. 25-26, 2015, at Whitworth-Buchanan Middle School in Murfreesboro. Pat Tyree met with other area directors.

RHO MEMBERS and TEAM LEADERS

Please submit member news, meeting plans, and project/activity information for the **November Rhozette** to Pat Tyree by **October 15**. Thank you.
pat_tyree@brentwoodacademy.com

Make plans to attend

In **November** all teams will meet individually and need to start now planning when and where they will enjoy their fellowship. The activity for the evening will be making a seasonal homemade sugar hand scrub. Plan your snacks, inspiration, and make sure all your team members can join in the fun!

THE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please contact Elaine Warwick asap to sign up to be a volunteer **even if you cannot attend the convention** – there are lots of jobs that need to be completed prior to the event. All DKG members in TN need to be involved in helping to make this an event to remember!

Word is:

BLUE CHRISTMAS

After visiting Alpha Rho Chapter Monday 9/21, Pat Tyree and Judy Jackson learned that guests will be entertained, well-fed, and delighted at the December 5, 2015 four-chapter Christmas Party hosted in Hohenwald by Alpha Rho. And, yes, they are asking all attendees to wear **BLUE**. If you have never joined in this event with Rho, Alpha Rho, Beta Rho, and Phi chapters, put it on your calendar now – you won't want to miss it! I have been told they have enough door prizes for almost half of the attendees to win one!

And remember this: if the host is Alpha Rho this year, the host is RHO next year. We'll want to start thinking about plans for the 2016 Christmas party we will host.