



# The Rhozette:

A bimonthly newsletter of Rho Chapter



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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## THE WAY IT WAS... BACK IN THE DAY

**Williamson County Public Library**  
**1314 Columbia Ave**  
**Franklin, TN 37064**

**4:30 PM Tuesday, February 18**

Surprises are in store for you at this meeting! Think about what was memorable about your very first year of teaching. Members will share their memories of the highs and lows during "another time."

We will also select a day and time at the February meeting for Rho members

- To visit the Children's International Education Center at the Metro Davidson County Main Library
- To work on our chapter's display for the Xi State convention: pictures, newspaper articles, member highlights, and special projects.

**Come warm up with the  
fellowship of your Rho Sisters!**

### **DON'T FORGET!!**

February is our annual "DONATIONS" meeting. Bring

Teddy bears/stuffed animals

for Williamson County

Child Advocacy Center

**DROP YOUR DRAWERS DONATIONS**

diapers or children's underwear

for Williamson County Foster

Care Association

**WORLD FELLOWSHIP monetary**

donations to support DKG

international scholarship

recipients

## Pat's Pearls:

*A Message from our  
President...*



Making plans to attend

Xi State Conference June 5-7? If not, you should and here are a few good reasons why:

- #4 We rent a house, enjoy a beautiful view and have a good ole time getting to know each other better!
- #3 Sessions are fun as well as informative.
- #2 We need members to help us decorate for the Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 6. So, if you are able to attend only one day, please let it be Friday!
- #1 The best reason of all, you will enjoy meeting and networking with DKG members in other TN chapters.

Maybe our chapter can get an award for the chapter with the most attendees this year! Let's try for it!

Speaking of Xi State -

- Bring ideas for our Silent Auction basket to the February business meeting.
- Do you want to help Rho raise some funds by creating/selling items at the Xi State Mini Market? We will make a decision on this at the February Meeting.
- If you register for Xi State Convention, think about signing up to sing in the Xi State Chorus, be a table hostess, or a page at the Xi State Convention. Our chapter needs to be represented in these capacities.

## 2014 Schedule of Meetings

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| <b>February 18</b> | <b>4:30 PM</b><br>The Way It Was...<br>Williamson County Public<br>Library |
| <b>March 11</b>    | <b>5:30 PM</b><br>Cluster Dinner<br>Member's homes                         |
| <b>April 22</b>    | <b>4:30 PM</b><br>Initiation of Officers<br>Otey Hall                      |

## Dates to Remember

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| Feb 4, 2014        | "Beginning<br>Leadership<br>Seminar"<br>applications                      |
| March 1, 2014      | High School Essay<br>Contest submissions<br>due                           |
| April 12, 2014     | New Officer and<br>Committee chair<br>Training                            |
| June 5-7, 2014     | Xi State Convention<br>Sewanee, TN  |
| Jul 28-Aug 1, 2014 | International<br>Convention<br>J.W Marriott<br>Indianapolis, IN           |
| Sept 19-20, 2014   | Creative Arts Retreat<br>Dunlap, TN                                       |
| Oct 1, 2014        | Membership Dues<br>due  |
| July 14-18, 2015   | Southeast Regional<br>Convention<br>Westin Hotel<br>Savannah, GA          |
| July 5-9, 2016     | International<br>Convention<br>Gaylord Opryland<br>Hotel<br>Nashville, TN |

## Rho Cluster Dinners



Our Cluster Dinner meeting is always a favorite time for fellowship around the table in a small group setting. Put March 11 at 5:30, on your calendar for this year's get-together. Volunteer to be a hostess! It is the easiest hostess job you will ever have – someone else prepares the meal! You are responsible for only beverages. A helpful guest or two will provide desserts! Tell Pat Scruggs 517-8484 or Pat Tyree 210-3390 if you are the hostess we are looking for!



## High School Essay Contest

High School Essay contest entries are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Chapter English Teachers – please encourage your students to participate. Forms and more information are available on the state website but you can also check with Pamela Lankford [pamelal@wcs.edu](mailto:pamelal@wcs.edu) who is heading this project for Rho Chapter.

## Beginning Leadership Seminar: "Artful Leadership"

- This is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself as a leader, so please apply and/or encourage other members to do so.
- Dr. Kay Clawson, the chair of the International Leadership Committee, will be the facilitator for the seminar.
- Dates: March 7-9, 2014, at the Cumberland Mtn. State Park in Crossville, TN.
- Applications are available on the Xi State website and are due Feb. 4 to [jenni.lusk@hotmail.com](mailto:jenni.lusk@hotmail.com).
- New this year: participants will finish with the seminar on Saturday evening, but are encouraged to stay overnight.....more bonding time with fellow classmates!



Charlotte Baird and Lois Coles enjoy GNO at Buca di Beppa with Pat Tyree.



Pat Tyree, and Peggy Bryant visited Mecca Caron, Children's Librarian in Maury County to view the CIEC (Children's International Education Center) collection on a cold, rainy



## Member News

Congratulations! Karyn

Bailey and Bridget O'Brien were named Teacher of the Year for Lipscomb Elementary and Sunset Elementary Schools. Karyn continued to be chosen as WCS Elementary Teacher of the Year. She goes on to vie for Tennessee Elementary Teacher of the Year.



Bridget O'Brien  
Third Grade  
Lipscomb

### Thoughts, Prayers and Concerns:

Elaine Warwick's mother, Mrs. Ladd, is undergoing rehab at NHC.

Pat Tyree's husband is on the mend after eye surgery last week.

Tammie Wetherholt has just completed a move to her new digs.

Karen Mauldin's mother is recovering from a stroke.

Sylvia Coile-LeMay is recovering from foot surgery she had in December.

Peggy Bryant's mother passed away in November in South Carolina



Judy Jackson, Betty Smith, Bonnie Hall, Beth Stange, Emma McElroy, Pat Tyree, Peggy Bryant, Elaine Warwick, Sandra Juarez, Sara Davis, Karen Mauldin, Sylvia Coile-LeMay, Pat Scruggs, and Jennifer Wilson went to the Nutcracker Christmas Party in Columbia on December 7



#### Officers 2012-2014

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Pat Tyree

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Pat Scruggs

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Peggy Bryant

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### RHO CHAPTER HOSTS A FASHION SHOW!

A FALL FASHION SHOW held on Monday November 4, at the Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church at Five Points in Franklin highlighted stunning clothes from "The Cellar". Rho Sisters worked the runway with style. This event raised over \$400 for our Early Educator Professional Development Scholarship. Our Rho models were Sara Davis, Pam Lankford, Peggy Bryant, Diane Fender, Heather Hayes, Bridget O'Brien, Denise Sawyer, and Jennifer Wilson. Christy Summey set the stage with the elegant piano music. Janice Swartz, Rho member and "The Cellar" proprietor, coordinated the show and opened her boutique to us for after-hours shopping! Marian Oonk made adorable and stylish candy favors. Lynda Gunter and Pat Tyree provided felt flower corsages as favors. Sandra Juarez and Peggy Bryant coordinated venue, meals, beverages and, room set up, with the help of Marian and Sara. Karen Mauldin manned the ticket station. Any ticket sale money, or outstanding expenditure receipts should be sent to Karen Mauldin as soon as possible.

### Members Stay Busy with Rho Chapter Business

- Chapter Guidance Committee Chair Sandra Juarez and committee member Sara Davis met with Peggy Bryant and Pat Tyree to review and update Rho Chapter's Strategic Action Plan;
- Committee Chairmen (Peggy Bryant, Mindy Cushenberry, Judy Jackson, Sandra Juarez, Emma McElroy, and Pat Tyree) met to complete and submit Chapter Biennium Reports which were turned in Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>;
- Eight Rho members, Peggy Bryant, Sara Davis, Judy Jackson, Sue Jordan, Kay Musgrove, Pat Tyree, Elaine Warwick, and Ruth Wingfield will attend Xi State Legislative Symposium Feb. 4-5 and update the membership at the February meeting.





Laura Kim, Lynn Sawyer, Diane Fender, Bridget O'Brien and Amy Kate McMurry join Rho Sisters for Initiation Brunch



Beth Stange gives Jennifer Wilson a Rho Chapter welcome.



Denise Sawyer and Heather Hayes learn Rho Chapter fellowship with Rho members.



Chapter members enjoy lunch with initiate Christy Summey.

Not pictured: Melissa Estes, Debbie Gaidos, Susan Underwood, Suzie Albert Cooksey.

## Rho Chapter Grows with a Record Number of Initiates

Following chapter revitalization ideas proposed by Dr. Lyn Schmid at Xi State 2013, the Membership Committee of Rho Chapter embarked on a new membership recruitment plan. Following the September orientation, 20 key women educators committed to becoming Rho Sisters and Delta Kappa Gamma members. At the Initiation Brunch in October, 12 were initiated. Before the November Fashion Show, another 7 became members. Welcome to these new Rho Chapter members:

*Melissa Estes  
Debbie Gaidos  
Bonnie Hall  
Sue Jordan  
Laura Klug  
Amy Kate McMurry  
Sarah Reynolds  
Lynn Sawyer  
Susan Underwood  
Jennifer Wilson*

*Diane Fender  
Christi Gilliland  
Heather Hayes  
Laura Kim  
Debbie Mace  
Bridget O'Brien  
Denise Sawyer  
Christy Summey  
Tammie Wetherholt  
Suzie Albert-Cooksey \**

We are proud to add these key women educators to Delta Kappa Gamma and Rho Chapter.

\*To be initiated



Pat Tyree and Pat Scruggs

*Special people make Delta Kappa Gamma a special group.*



Debbie Mace, Laura Klug, Sue Jordan and Christi Gilliland learn Delta Kappa Gamma ways from Sherry Woods at the pre-Fashion Show ceremony.



Tammie Wetherholt and Sarah Reynolds learn of the "fruits and vegetables" of DKG.



Bonnie Hall enjoyed Christmas and the Nutcracker with Middle Tennessee DKG's.



Sandra Juarez, Mindy Cushenberry and Sherry Woods