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President's Message

Is Spring finally around the corner? What a memorable winter this has been. I'm ready for warm and green. I promise to never complain of being "too hot" again.

At our April meeting we will be deciding on new Rho Chapter / DKG members. I see this year's recruitment as an important one. Our chapter becomes stronger as our collective experience increases. New members bring new ideas, the life-blood of an organization

Be thinking of educa-

tors who would further our purposes, who exemplify the DKG commitment, and who will expand our chapter horizons. We currently have no representatives from higher education or some of our local schools. By the Constitution change made at the 2010 DKG International Convention there is no longer an experience restriction for membership into the society.

Bright, ambitious, enthusiastic women would be a positive influence in our chapter. Rho Chapter and Delta

Kappa Gamma would be an enriching influence to them as well. All in all, an equally positive relationship.

An online Membership Recommendation form is available at the International web-site at this link: <http://www.dkg.org/atf/cf/%7B70E631E4-44B9-4D36-AE7D-D12E4520FAB3%7D/LFCM-RecommendationFor-MembershipForm11.pdf>

Hope to see you "bearing it all" at our next meeting,

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"Bear It All"



On Tuesday, February 22nd, Rho members will gather at Otey Hall in Franklin to share fellowship and to enjoy some cooking tips from our favorite area cook, **Marilyn Hartz**. Marilyn will be preparing and sharing ideas

about 'repurposing left-overs' to create delicious and easy meals for a family which can maximize our budgets.

Members will also bring teddy bears for one of our community outreach projects for Children in Crisis

and new underwear and diapers for the Children's Foster Care program. We will also be collecting money for our World Fellowship support of a female educator from another country who is studying in the U.S.

January Meeting was Informative



The January meeting was held on Monday, January 24th, at Otey Hall in downtown Franklin.

President **Peggy Bryant** called the meeting to order, and **Brenda Standish** provided a thought-provoking meditation about friendship for our members.

Delicious refreshments were provided by hostesses **Mary Lou Bryson, Sara Davis, Selma Hicks, Marian Oonk, and Betty Smith**. Members enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches, ham biscuits, pimento cheese sandwiches, fruit salad, nuts, an assortment of yummy cookies, and fruit punch or coffee. The refreshment table was adorned with a

winter motif of snowmen and snowflakes.

Williamson County historian, **Rick Warwick**, was our featured speaker and shared the accomplishments of key women educators in the past who influenced instruction in Williamson County. These women included Mary Trim Anderson, Marion Grigsby Warren, Mary Mills, Jonnie Nichol Baugh, and Mary Kate Ladd Zimmerman. Rick enumerated their respective contributions and shared stories about these women pioneers. Some of these women were members of Delta Kappa Gamma and Rho Chapter!

Emma McElroy shared a budget

report which is provided on the last page of this issue of the *Rhozette*.

A committee was selected to offer ideas about ways to mentor and support new teachers in WCS and FSSD. This committee will make a report at the April meeting.

Other Rho members who attended included **Judy Jackson, Elaine Warwick, Mindy Cushenberry, Karen Mauldin, Pat Tyree & her sister, Sandra Posey-Juarez, Sandy Jones, Olive McKenna, Jaci Stewart, Laurette Carle, and Lynda Gunter**.

February Remembrances



Rho members celebrating February birthdays include:

Brenda Standish—February 13

Sylvia Coile-Lemay—February 18

Dianne Blair—February 20

Amy Akin—February 27

Mindy Cushenberry—Feb 28

Naomi Kiern—February 28

Karen Mauldin—February 29

Congratulations to **Jaci Stewart, Joyce Waggoner-Herring, and Kay Heep** on the birth of new grandchildren into their families!!!!

Congratulations to **Lois Coles** who was named a Middle School Math Mentor for Williamson County

Schools and recognized as a Texas Instruments Top Educator Award!

Thoughts and prayers are extended to **Ann Moran**, who is recuperating at NHC; **Selma Hicks**, who recently had eye surgery, and **Kacky Johnston**, who had double knee replacements.

Sympathy is extended to **Chris Hilicki** who lost her father-in-law.



Pack Your Bags for Xi State in Sewanee

Information will soon be mailed to you about Xi State which is held each year at the University of the South at Sewanee. The dates for this year are June 9, 10, and 11.

There will be a General Session on Thursday evening, June 9, welcoming attendees to the University setting.

On Friday, June 10th, there is another morning session along with many workshops addressing a variety of topics. The Awards Luncheon is also held on this day. After the Awards Luncheon, there will be afternoon workshops available. The President's Banquet will be held on Friday evening honoring Rho's president for

this biennium.

The Ceremony of Remembrance for deceased members and a Birthday Brunch will be held on Saturday morning, June 11th.

Good fellowship, support and lots of laughs will be shared throughout!



Rho on the Go!

Rho Chapter has always been known for its involvement in and awareness about legislative issues and this year's Xi State Legislative Symposium will be no exception. Rho Chapter will be well represented at the March 1st and 2nd events thanks to our Legislative Chairman, **Judy Jackson**. She has secured the money for the breakfast and made sure the attendees are registered.

On Tuesday evening, **Rho members** will attend the Panel Discussion arranged by Xi State Legislative Chairman, our own **Judy Jackson** and moderated by our own **Kay Awalt-Musgrove**. The panel will consist of **Jerry Winters** who works for teachers through the Tennessee Edu-

cation Association, **Delores Gresham**, who chairs one of the Education Committees in the legislature, **Dr. Connie Smith**, who has been in charge of Curriculum & Instruction at the State Department, and another legislator who chairs an Education Committee. This Tuesday evening session will be held at the Maxwell House Hotel and will provide Delta Kappa Gamma members an opportunity to ask questions of concern. At the Wednesday morning breakfast at the Maxwell House, members will hear from **Patrick Smith**, who has been appointed as Commissioner of Education by new Governor Bill Haslam. After the breakfast meeting, Rho Chapter attendees will be able to

meet with area legislators at Legislative Plaza and attend various meetings of committees. They will meet with Representatives **Glen Casada**, **Charles Sargeant**, and **Phillip Johnson** and State Senator **Jack Johnson**; these gentlemen have been involved in the sponsorship of many recent proposals which will definitely impact teachers throughout Tennessee in a variety of ways if the bills move through the respective committees and come to vote by the whole legislature.

It behooves us all to stay alert, informed, and involved about what is happening in the political arena that will affect teachers for years to come!!

Wanted: Cuddly Teddy Bear Friends



The February meeting was designated by our Rho Chapter Board as the month to bring cute and cuddly teddy bears to support one of our community outreach projects. These furry friends will be donated to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center where they will be distributed to children in crises.

These teddy bears may be big or small and any color as long as they

have a warm heart and fuzzy arms to wrap around our special little friends who need to know that someone out there does care about them. Many area stores had special bears for sale during the Valentine events, and many of these have been reduced in price. These furry friends are looking for a good home with a child who is experiencing some difficulties in life and just needs to be "hugged" and have something to hold.

This is one of our special community projects that directly benefits the children in Williamson County. Please remember to purchase a teddy bear and bring it to the meeting on February 22nd at Otey Hall. Make a difference in the life of a child!!!! Last year we collected 35 teddy bears. This year we would love to have an overflow crowd of "beary" important visitors that day!!!!

"Drop Your Drawers" on February 22nd!



Rho Chapter has been collecting diapers and new underwear for several years now to benefit children in the Williamson County Foster Children's program.

Many times children are removed quickly from environments that may be dangerous for them and they do not have enough time to pack a suit-

case with clothes and personal belongings. Wearing used clothing for a short time is not traumatic, but wearing used underwear is not hygienically advised. Rho Chapter tries to help out by donating disposable diapers in a range of sizes as well as new underwear in various sizes for various ages. The underwear may be

for boys or girls and should still be in the packaging.

Your Rho Chapter Executive Board decided to make both of our collection service projects during the month of February so that members would only need to remember their donation once for the year. Please plan to "drop your drawers" by Otey Hall on February 23!

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

**Delta Kappa Gamma Budget Report
January, 2011**

Xi State Organization
Rho Chapter in Franklin, Tennessee (Area VI)

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



Balance as of October 2010 \$3710.48

Deposits

Dues (1135.00), Luncheon (250.00),

Interest (7.69). \$5103.17

Withdrawals

Dues (3152.00), Luncheon (240.00),

Printing (139.42), Transfer to CD (387.00),

New Member Pins (37.00) \$3955.42

Balance as of January 2011 \$1,147.75



Rho Calendar of Meetings for 2010-2011

The following dates, times and places for the meetings and fellowship of Rho Chapter are provided so that **YOU** can mark your calendars and plan to attend and join in the fellowship and support of your sisters:

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Otey Hall

"Bear It All"

Community Outreach and Collection of teddy bears and underwear along with a cooking presentation by our favorite chef, Marilyn Hartz.

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Cluster meetings & dinners in various locations.

Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Otey Hall

We will elect new members into Rho Chapter and prepare our baskets for the Silent Auction at the upcoming Xi State Convention in June.

June 9-11, 2011

Xi State Convention at the University of the South in Sewanee.

July 13-16, 2011

Southeast Regional Conference for Delta Kappa Gamma in Louisville, Kentucky at the Marriott Hotel.

Rho Chapter Executive Board Meeting during the summer

August 2011

Rho Chapter's Annual Picnic and New Member Orientation