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President's Message

What a beautiful Christmas Brunch! I hope that all of you who attended enjoyed it as much as I did.

I cannot thank all of you enough for all that you did to make the Christmas Brunch so wonderful. Carolyn's meditation was so inspiring and meaningful. Mrs. Ollie and Joyce did a beautiful job of introducing the children and leading the angelic voices of the Liberty Choir. Emma, Pat, and her committee did an outstanding job on all of the decorations and Silent Auction. Elaine helped so much with providing for Nancy's transportation, lodging, and gift. Many of you came to the work session this fall,

making our decorating so much easier and our room looked beautiful. Some of you provided items for the Silent Auction and still others purchased items. With all of your help, we made around \$800! Many others pitched in to do the countless other things to make the day a success. I am so thankful to work with such a giving chapter!!!

I look forward to seeing you at our January 27th meeting, where Judy and Elaine will be sharing important legislative information with us, preparing us for the Legislative Symposium. We will also be collecting items for our grandparent's Babysitting Basket for Xi State Silent

Auction, so be looking for children's items on sale so that our baskets are full of exciting items for grandparents to have on hand and will attract some generous bids.

As I look back, last semester was filled with fellowship—greeting new members, welcoming other chapters, and remembering those who face health issues.

And now a new year begins! I wish you strength and hope that this year brings renewed health and commitment to our goals.

Sara

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"A Look at Legislation"



On Tuesday, **January 27th**, Rho Chapter will hold its first meeting of this year at Otey Hall in downtown Franklin. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Judy Jackson, Rho's Legislative Chairman, and **Elaine Warwick** will pro-

vide us an update about the National Legislative Forum as well as events for our upcoming state Legislative Symposium in February at the Millenium Maxwell House in downtown Nashville.

We will also catch up

on our Rho Chapter business, celebrate our success with the Silent Auction, share holiday happenings, and enjoy some delicious refreshments and lots of wonderful fellowship with each other. Make a resolution to join us!

December Brunch Enjoyed by All



The Christmas Brunch hosted by Rho Chapter this year was a huge success! The event was held on Saturday, December 6th, at the Inn at Walking Horse Farm on Lewisburg Pike. Sisters from Beta Rho in Columbia, Alpha Rho in Hohenwald, and Phi in Lawrenceburg were also in attendance and added to the wonderful fellowship and spirit of the season.

Rho President **Sara Davis** presided over the event, and **Carolyn Bingham**, Rho's First Vice-President, offered an inspirational meditation for everyone to ponder.

The breakfast buffet included a wonderful egg strata casserole, a garlic and cheese grits casserole, a

sausage and cranberry casserole with a crispy oat topping, fresh fruits, morning glory muffins, and hot beverages that included coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

During the brunch everyone could shop at our Silent Auction which had a nice variety of items for sale. Proceeds from the Auction will support our annual Grants-in-Aid to potential women educators from Williamson County.

Xi State President, **Nancy Davis**, was our guest speaker, and the delightful children in the Liberty Elementary Choir sang a selection of holiday songs to further add to the festivities. The table decorations and favors,

prepared by our own **Pat Tyree** and her committee, looked beautiful on the table.

Other Rho Chapter members who attended the brunch included **Sandra Posey-Juarez**, **Elaine Warwick**, **Judy Jackson**, **Ann Moran**, **Ollie McKenna**, **Lorrie Graves**, **Emma McElroy**, **Jo Booth**, **Kacky Johnston**, **Jackie Arthur**, **Jaci Stewart**, **Dianne Blair**, **Marian Oonk**, **Sylvia Coile-Lemay**, **Kay Awalt-Musgrove**, **Lynda Gunter**, **Pat Scruggs**, **Betty Smith**, **Quen Williams**, **Mary Lou Bryson**, **Melinda Dellert**, **Selma Hicks**, **Rosemary Hood**, **Mary Farrell**, **Ruth Wingfield**, **Sandy Shiveley**, **Karen Mauldin**, and **Joyce Waggoner-Herring**.

December/January Remembrances



Rho members celebrating December or January birthdays include:

Peggy Bryant—December 14

Kacky Johnston—January 9

Rosemary Hood—January 14

Lynda Gunter—January 28

Congratulations to **Sylvia Coile-Lemay** for being recognized in a re-

cent "Teacher Feature" on Channel 3. **Sylvia** is teaching first grade at Heritage Elementary.

Our thoughts and best wishes are extended to **Ann Moran** who fell recently and broke her hip. She had hip surgery and is recuperating. We are also keeping **Leigh Ann Pittenger** in our thoughts and prayers as she recuperates from her recent surgery and continued chemotherapy

treatments.

Congratulations also go out to **Ruth Ann Graveno** on the birth of her first great granddaughter,



Professional Growth Opportunity Available

On Saturday, April 18th, the Xi State Literacy Committee will sponsor a literacy workshop from 9:00—12:00 at the Williamson County Public Library on Columbia Highway. This opportunity is available to all Delta Kappa Gamma members and their colleagues who may not be members; it is free of charge and is de-

signed for K-5 teachers. Rho Chapter members are working together to present this workshop.

Literacy centers will be presented by **Tisha Sage** and **Allison Collier**; using writing to create comprehension connections will be shared by **Leigh Ann Pittenger**; using a word wall and expanding vocabulary will be

explored by **Carolyn Bingham**; literature links and ideas will be shared by **Mindy Cushenberry**; and **Lynda Gunter** will show how Readers' Theater can be used to enhance comprehension skills.

Registration forms will soon be available on the Xi State website or you may contact **Lynda** if interested.

Legislative Symposium in February

The Legislative Symposium and Breakfast sponsored by Xi State is scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 10th and Wednesday, February 11th. The Tuesday evening event and Wednesday morning breakfast will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville; Wednesday morning and afternoon meetings will occur at Legislative Plaza in downtown Nashville.

The Tuesday evening event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a panel of distinguished guests who will be available to discuss relevant issues and answer questions from our audience. A confirmed panelist for this event includes Jerry Winters from the Tennessee Education Association.

The Wednesday morning breakfast at the Maxwell House will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will cost \$20. The featured speaker for this event is Dr. Connie Smith, the Director of School Innovation, Improvement, and Accountability for the State Department of Education.

Judy Jackson, who chairs Rho's Legislative Committee, has been making reservations for both the breakfast and attendance on Tuesday evening.

Last year a group of Rho members who attended on Tuesday evening met prior to the 7:30 p.m. panel and enjoyed dinner together. The panel was very informative, and it was inter-

esting to hear the variety of issues of concern expressed by members in the audience.

Since this is a politically new year of major importance, it behooves all of us as key women educators to stay alert and remain aware of legislative agendas and actions which may impact us all in one way or another for many years to come. One of our Society's seven purposes is to remain involved in the legislative process as it affects education.

Stay current about the status of NCLB and the new Presidential leadership as well as our state's new testing plan and restructuring of administrative licensure requirements.

Legislative Forum Held at Liberty



Once again Rho Chapter proudly sponsored a Legislative Forum for all the educators in Williamson County. This Forum was held at Liberty Elementary School on Thursday, November 13. This Forum provided educators an opportunity to ask questions of professional concern and hear the answers and discern the viewpoints of the various state representatives and our state senator, Jack Johnson. Our representatives

included Charles Sargeant, Glen Casada, and Philip Johnson.

Kay Awalt-Musgrove, Judy Jackson, and Elaine Warwick served as moderators for the event that was videotaped for airing on local Channel 3. The ROTC from Franklin High School was present to present the flag.

We thank the principal of Liberty,

Jerre Ann Mathis, for providing us this central location for this event and our Rho sisters at Liberty for the delicious snacks and bottled water provided for the event. Our hostesses included **Ruth Wingfield, Judy Jackson, Olive McKenna, Gail Torrence** and **Joyce Waggoner-Herring**.



Help Wanted: Sisters to help fill two Grandparent's Baskets

Each year at Xi State, chapters are encouraged to provide items for a Silent Auction. The benefits support Xi State leadership efforts and participating chapters receive points toward the Chapter Excellence Award.

During our September meeting at Brentwood Middle School, **Alice Barnes** suggested that we provide two

grandparent's baskets for Rho Chapter's contribution to the Silent Auction with sisters providing the items for the baskets. One basket would be available for grandchildren ages birth to 4 years and a second basket would be for children ages 5-8. Since many items are on sale after the holidays, it would be a great time to make a

purchase that could be included in one or both of the baskets.

Suggested items might include board games, card games, age appropriate DVDs, stuffed animals, clothes, books and books with CDs, gift cards, children's cooking supplies, table blocks, playdough and tools, magna doodle, and arts and crafts activity kits.

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SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

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.



Member Spotlight

Karen Mauldin

Karen is presently serving as Rho Chapter's Second Vice-President. This is her second term in that position where she works hard to keep our yearbook up-to-date.

Karen graduated from Belmont College and is married to Tim Hornbeck who designed our Rho Chapter website. They have two boys—Jack, who is 12, and Matt, who is 11. Karen teaches chemistry at Franklin High School.

Karen enjoys gardening and loves to travel. If she didn't live in Nashville, she would move to Asheville, North Carolina because she loves the mountains.

She also enjoys the ocean, especially underwater. She scuba and has made 58 open water dives. She says that Cozumel, Mexico is a beautiful dive spot but her very favorite place to scuba dive is in the Florida Keys.

Rho Calendar of Meetings for 2008-2009

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, January 27, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Update provided by Judy Jackson and Elaine Warwick at Otey Hall in Franklin.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Community Outreach and Collection at Otey Hall

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

Spring Fashion Show by Janice

Swartz and The Cellar featuring Rho member models at Otey Hall in Franklin.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Cluster meetings & dinners in various locations.

Saturday, June 2009

Executive Board Meeting

Other Important Dates

Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

A literacy workshop presented by many Rho Chapter members will be provided at the Williamson County Public Library on Columbia Highway from 9:00-12:00. It is sponsored by the Xi State Literacy Committee for K-5 teachers in the middle Tennessee

area and is free of charge.

Thursday—Saturday, June 4-6, 2009 at the University of the South in Sewanee

Xi State conference with interesting workshops and sessions to attend and lots of great fellowship, good food, and tranquility!

July 15-18, 2009, Southeast Regional Convention, The Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas