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Closing the Books... Opening New Pages

Installation of New Officers
For 2014-2016

4:30 PM Tuesday, April 22
Otey Hall
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Franklin

Our main order of business is installation of the new Rho officers. We all want to support these women who have agreed to take on the responsibility of leading our chapter in the next biennium. Even if you can't stay for the whole meeting, come for the important beginning of this meeting and beginning of the next biennium.

Member News

Judy Jackson and Elaine Warwick will be travelling to Washington, DC to the US Forum sponsored by DKG. Thanks for your efforts to inform legislators and monitor actions pertinent to education. Safe trip ladies!

Sharon Hargrave is serving on a state committee investigating differentiated compensation strategies for educators in the state of Tennessee.

Members Laurette Carle and Terry Rogers have lost fathers during this past month. Laurette's father passed away on Feb. 22 and Terry's on Mar. 10. Keep these families in your prayers.

Pat'sPearls:

A Message from our President...



At our next meeting we will begin constructing our chapter's basket for the Xi State Convention Silent Auction. We'll keep our theme of a "grandparent basket" because it is usually a big hit! Bring something that interests or entertains children: board games, card games, reading/coloring books, CDs, learning toys, etc.

Our chapter will be in charge of table décor and favors for the **Awards Luncheon** at Xi State. After the installation we will begin work on this project. We will need many hands to assemble and bring the theme idea to fruition. Be sure to read the plans and needs outlined in the article on the next page. If everyone contributes we can provide a pretty table without deflating our treasury and have fun and fellowship in the process. Win-win!

Enjoy delightful Spring weather that is sure to be around the corner. Have a relaxing and safe Spring Break with family and friends. See you on April 22 at Otey Hall.

DON'T FORGET...

...to return the book you borrowed out at the Cluster Dinner Meeting. You might decide to return it through the courier or bring it to the next meeting or meet the owner of the book at Starbucks one afternoon where you can then discuss it! Just make sure the book gets back to the owner unless she told you that you could keep it or pass it along to another reader.

Rho Chapter Decorates for Luncheon

The Awards Luncheon at Xi State Convention always boasts unique table decorations created by member Chapters. This year Rho shares this responsibility

with Sigma Chapter. Our theme, pretty summer flowers, will be expressed through table centerpieces and favors. We plan to create fabric flowers as favors for each guest. To accomplish this we will need willing hands. You will not have to be crafty to do this! There are jobs for everyone and the instructions will be easy to follow.



We will also need materials to create our blossoms. Here is a list of those things that can possibly be found around your home:

- Bits of fabric in spring and summer colors that you can find around your house: calico, solids, gingham, etc. – any size scraps can be used.
- Spring and summer colored T-shirts (old) or T-shirt fabric that can be cut up to make the petals of one of the flower designs
- 5"-8" flower pots in a variety of colors and shapes (used is fine). Put your name on masking tape on the bottom so we can return it to you after June 7 unless you are donating it we'll need 35 but they can all be different
- Needles/thread
- Colorful buttons
- Sahara dry foam bricks (the kind used in artificial flower arrangements).
 Okay, this is probably not something you have around the house but if you have Michaels, Joann's, or Hobby Lobby coupons, they could be purchased at half price. Both Michaels and Joann's have teacher discounts!
- A twig or two with several branches that are sturdy enough to allow us to pin flowers on those branches and large enough to be a table centerpiece of a 10 person table.
- Craft store discount coupons from newspaper or internet

For the work session after the April 22nd meeting, we will need these supplies/items:

- Scissors or pinking shears that will cut fabric
- Iron and/or a portable (small) ironing board
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Just come determined to put together some delightful flowers and expect to be wowed by what you can do. Our chapter will need to be producing about 225 of these so if everyone can get about 4 made at the next meeting, that will give us a really good start. We will have some extra workshops between April 22 and June 1 to complete the rest of the flowers.

2014 Schedule of Meetings

April 22 4:30 PM
Initiation of Officers
Otey Hall

Dates to Remember

April 12, 2014	New Officer and
	Committee chair
	Training
June 5-7, 2014	Xi State Convention
	Sewanee, TN
Jul 28-Aug 1, 2014	International
	Convention
	J.W Marriott
	Indianapolis, IN
Sept 19-20, 2014	Creative Arts Retreat
	Dunlap, TN
Oct 1, 2014	Membership Dues
	due
July 14-18, 2015	Southeast Regional
	Convention
	Westin Hotel
	Savannah, GA
July 5-9, 2016	International
	Convention
	Gaylord Opryland
	Hotel
	Nashville, TN



Lois Coles, Charlotte Baird, Denise Sawyer, and Karen Mauldin enjoy discussing their leisure reading at Cluster Dinner.



Rho Cluster Dinners

Twenty-four Rho girls enjoyed one of the three Cluster Dinners hosted

by Peggy Bryant, Sylvia Coile-LeMay, or Lois Coles – we thank them for opening their homes to us for these meetings. We focused on literacy through awareness of Xi State Projects and enjoyed sharing books with our sisters. Proceeds over the costs of food for the dinner will be donated equally to The Governor's Books from Birth program and Xi State's CIEC program. Thanks to all who attended and helped us support these two worthy literacy efforts.



Yolanda Blackburn, Denise Sawyer, Karen Mauldin, Charlotte Baird, Pat Tyree, and Sandra Jones enjoy dinner at Lois Coles' home.



Officers 2012-2014

President Pat Tyree

First Vice President Pat Scruggs

Second Vice President Peggy Bryant

Recording Secretary Jackie Arthur Karyn Bailey Sandra Jones

Corresponding Secretary Beth Stange

> Treasurer Karen Mauldin

Parliamentarian Elaine Warwick



Pat Tyree and Area 6 participants with Dr. Kay Clawson (in blue) leader of the Xi State Leadership Management Seminar March 7-8 at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville.

Make plans to attend Xi State Convention Sewanee, TN June 5-7