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President's Message

As the daffodil peaks out to brighten our hill-sides, it also brightens our spirits and brings us the hope of renewed strength and new beginnings. January was so cold, but we eagerly anticipate the warm weather that awaits us in the months ahead.

January 27th may have been a cold day outside, but inside Otey Hall, our meeting was filled with warm fellowship and good food. Thank you **Sharon, Sue,** and **Lynda** for the delicious munchies, and **Judy** and **Elaine** for the enthusiastic and informative program. They are so dedicated to the legislative aspects of education, and they encourage

each of you to become involved in the process by contacting your representatives about educational issues that concern YOU!

Kay Heep, our Membership Chairman, passed out forms for membership recommendations for next year at our February meeting. These forms are available from Kay or me or on the International website. Please take time to evaluate the teachers around you and recommend those you feel would enjoy our fellowship and be active, working members. Recommendation forms are due to Kay by **April 10th**.

Our annual cluster meetings with delicious

dinners are just around the corner. **Lynda, Jo** and **I** are hosting the dinners this year, and a delicious dinner will be prepared by our frequent cook, **Marilyn Hartz**. Mark your calendars now for April 28th so that you don't miss out on the delicious food, laughter, and wonderful fellowship. This is our last scheduled meeting for this school year.

Information about the Xi State convention is in this newsletter. Rho Chapter is prepared to help you with expenses to minimize your cost so plan to take advantage of this opportunity to retreat to the 'mountain'.

Sara



"Spring Fashions"



On Tuesday, March 24th, Rho Chapter will host its first ever fashion show at Otey Hall. The spring and summer fashions being modeled by Rho members will be featured by The Cellar in downtown Franklin which is owned by

Rho's own **Janice Swartz**.

The event will begin at 4:30, and delicious tea-style refreshments will be offered. This meeting is open to all Rho members and their guests.

Come and take a look at

some of those new colors and styles that you will be seeing this spring and summer! What a wonderful way to get ready for those warm (doesn't that sound great?) days ahead!

February Meeting was 'Beary' Nice



Our February 26th meeting at Otey Hall was full of wonderful happenings and lots of laughter and fellowship.

Our meditation was offered by **Sylvia Coile-Lemay** who provided us with a touching passage for reflection and thought.

Delicious refreshments were provided by our hostesses **Mary Lou Bryson, Melonye Lowe, and Karen Mauldin.**

This meeting showcased our collection of cuddly teddy bears for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. We were able to deliver 56 of the cutest furry teddy bears that

one can imagine to potential children in crises. A representative from the Advocacy Center was on hand to tell about how they use these stuffed animals for children who come for counseling and support. She took our bear collection and will make sure that they each find a loving owner.

We also collected LOTS of underwear and diapers for our foster children project. A foster mom with infant in tow was also present to share how our donations make life easier and better for the little ones who are moved to safe and secure environments.

World Fellowship also used this meeting to collect money for potential

scholarships. **Selma Hicks**, our World Fellowship Chairman, collected \$189 in donations during the meeting.

Membership Chairman, **Kay Heep**, reminded us to recommend deserving teachers for membership in Rho Chapter. Forms are due by April 10.

Other members who braved inclement weather included **Elaine Warwick, Brenda Standish, Judy Jackson, Sandy Jones, Pat Tyree, Sara Davis, Peggy Bryant, Carolyn Bingham, Lynda Gunter, Ollie McKenna, Kacky Johnston, and Sandra Posey-Juarez.**

March Remembrances



Rho members celebrating March birthdays include:

Georgia Walker—March 5

Jaci Stewart—March 26

Emma McElroy—March 29

Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Leigh Ann Pittenger, Judy Butler, and Lois Keith** as they continue to gain

strength from recent radiation and chemo treatments.

In our thoughts also as they gain strength are **Ruth Ann Graveno, Ann Moran, Charlotte Turner, Jo Booth, Cyndy Howes, Michelle Contich, Jane Covington, and Judy Jackson.**



World Fellowship Contribution Boosted

Selma Hicks, Rho's World Fellowship Chairman, reported that \$189.37 was collected at our February meeting and wants to thank each of you who contributed. Our World Fellowship contribution helps to support 48 women from around the world to further their education in American universities.

This program fulfills the first and fifth purposes of our society—to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship and to grant fellowships to women from other countries.

Rho's World Fellowship adoptee for 2008-2009 is Omar Hawthorn. She is from Jamaica and is studying Interna-

tional Relations for a Ph.D. She is attending Old Dominion University. Her address is 7257 Wilby Street, Norfolk, VA 23505. Her email is jao-marh@yahoo.com. Perhaps you would like to send her a card, note or email to encourage her in her studies here in America!



Literacy Workshop Being Offered

The Xi State Literacy Committee is offering a Literacy Workshop in our area on **Saturday, April 18th**, at the Williamson County Public Library located on Columbia Avenue in Franklin. This workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until 12:00 noon.

Rho Chapter members are involved in the presentations which address various facets of literacy at the K-5 level of instruction. The theme for this workshop is "Join the Adventure Up Mt. Literacy" by choosing one of the various trekking opportunities.

These 'trekking' opportunities include the following presentations:

Trek #1—Using Writing to Build Comprehension Skills presented by **Leigh Ann Pittenger**. Leigh Ann has presented at several IRA conferences and will share lots of ideas for using writing as a way to communicate comprehension.

Trek #2—Stepping Stones to Literacy: Using Centers to Make Meaningful Connections between Reading and Writing presented by **Lynda Gunter** and **Allison Collier**. This workshop has been presented at several IRA conferences and most recently Allison and Lynda shared this one at the Southeast Regional IRA in Nashville this past December.

Trek #3—Building a Word Play

Foundation and Making Meaning Using the Word Wall presented by **Carolyn Bingham**. Carolyn has also presented at several IRA conferences and will show you how to use the word wall as a way to learn spelling tips and ideas and build vocabulary.

Trek #4—Literature Links related to Teaching Literacy presented by **Mindy Cushenberry**. Mindy has presented at conferences also and is National Board Certified. She will share best practices and recent literature with attendees.

Trek #5—Using Readers' Theater to Remember and Retell presented by **Lynda Gunter**. This is a fun way for students to share comprehension!

Coming Soon—Xi State at Sewanee



A wonderful mountaintop experience is just around the corner! This is an opportunity to meet and network with other women educators from across the state of Tennessee and to form new friendships and renew and refresh existing friendships. Registration forms are available online and were mailed in the Xi State News. If you register before May 1st, the registration cost is reduced. This opportunity begins on Thursday, June 4th

and continues until midday on Saturday, June 6th. There will be General Sessions which include business concerns and displays of talent, the ceremony for the Order of the Rose, various workshops to promote personal and/or professional growth, a Ceremony of Remembrance for members who have passed away, an Awards Luncheon, a Birthday Brunch, tours around Sewanee and the University of the South, and the President's

Banquet on Friday night, June 5th.

There is a Silent Auction happening to raise money for Leadership Seminars, and one can often find early birthday or Christmas gifts by purchasing one of the theme baskets or individual offerings.



Needed: Items for Silent Auction Basket!!

Each year at Xi State, chapters from across the state of Tennessee organize themed baskets or provide individual items for sale during the Silent Auction. Proceeds from this endeavor support Xi State's Leadership activities.

This year Rho is working to create two grandparent baskets. One bas-

ket would be for children birth to three years old while the second basket would target children four to seven years old. These baskets would provide games, books, and activities that could be enjoyed when the grandchildren come to visit at their grandparents' homes.

Suggestions for these baskets

include card games, board games, movies, books, books with tapes, stuffed animals, squeaky toys, crayons, watercolors, craft ideas, cooking ideas, aprons, tea set, rocks and minerals, and building materials, like duplos or legos. **Please bring your contribution to the March meeting** so they can begin to be arranged into a container!

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
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

Sandy Shiveley

Sandy received her B. S. degree in Elementary Education from Middle Tennessee State University as well as her M. Ed. In Administration. She has taught at Brentwood Middle School for 27 years and loves teaching science and reading, especially literature. She is currently teaching sixth grade science.

She has been married to her husband Frank for 43 years, and they have three children—Scott, Eric, and Kristie—and one granddaughter, Reagan, who is 16 months old. This precious one has put a sparkle in Sandy's eye and a lilt in her voice!

Sandy likes "sewing things when I have time" and being outdoors and relaxing by reading a book. She gets to the beach for a vacation once or twice a year.

She has been a member of Rho Chapter since 1991.

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, 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.

There is no scheduled meeting in May. Enjoy your summer! See

you at the picnic in August!!

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!

Saturday, June 13, 2009—Rho Chapter Executive Board Meeting

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