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President's Message

It was so good to see everyone at our September meeting, and this first meeting certainly lived up to its promise....great fun and warm fellowship! Attendees enjoyed making many absolutely gorgeous greeting cards—make room Hallmark!! **Pat** is so creative and we cannot thank her enough for sharing her creative talent with us. We all had such a wonderful time...laughing, sharing, stamping, and eating. What a relaxing way to end a hard day of work! Thanks, **Pat**!

Xi State is developing a new strategic plan to make improvements to its organization and operations. If you have any

suggestions for Xi State to be more effective and efficient in any area, please let **Judy Jackson**, **Elaine Warwick** or myself know. We would love your input.

The Rho Chapter rules are up for evaluation this year, and thanks to **Sandra Posey-Juarez**, revisions have been made. You may check these out on our website soon.

Lois Coles presented us with nomination forms from Xi State for the Musicians and Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in joining the State musical group or be a guest speaker/presenter around the state, please contact **Lois** or myself for

more information and an application.

A big THANK YOU is extended to **Alice Barnes** for suggesting an outstanding idea for our silent auction basket for Xi State Convention—a “Grandmother’s Babysitting Basket” and to **Charlotte Baird** for further encouraging that we provide two baskets—one basket for a younger baby and another basket for an older child.

A final thanks to **Peggy Bryant** for doing such a great job on our website and most importantly to **Lynda** for the fabulous newsletter she writes each month.

Sara

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“October Initiation”



On Saturday, October 11, Rho Chapter will initiate four new members. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Hills United Methodist Church on Old Hickory Boulevard in Brentwood (west of Granny White Pike). A

business meeting will precede the initiation and luncheon.

The featured speaker for our initiation is Tennessee’s own **Dr. Jensi Souders**, who is the new First Vice-President at the International level.

Our new initiates include **Allison Collier**, **Susan Miles**, **Mindy Cushenberry**, and **Susan Eads**.

Make plans to attend and welcome our new initiates and enjoy some fellowship with friends!

September Meeting was 'Note'worthy!



The first regular meeting for fall was held on Tuesday, September 16th in a classroom at Brentwood Middle School. We enjoyed a wonderful program of making various note cards by stamping designs and gluing on ribbons, flowers and tags. This crafty program was presented by our own talented **Pat Tyree**.

Everyone was touched and thoughtful at the truly meaningful meditation provided by **Marian Oonk**.

Regular business was transacted with a reminder to get dues to **Emma McElroy** in October. **Emma** also provided her first Treasurer's Report which is addressed in this issue of the newsletter.

Members who are ill and/or receiving chemotherapy were remembered by everyone present.

Members were asked to think about a theme for a Silent Auction basket for our chapter to assemble and offer at Xi State next June. A "Grandmother Basket" was suggested which would be filled with items that would be kept at grandma's house when the grandchildren come for a visit. It might contain games and books as well as treats, care items (baby and/or first aid), and other ideas as they crop up.

A delicious variety of refreshments were provided by **Sandy Shiveley**, **Rosemary Hood**, **Lois Coles**, **Sara**

Davis, and **Charlotte Baird**. We enjoyed the yummy treats!

First Vice-President, **Carolyn Bingham**, reminded everyone about the various scholarships that are available as well as monies for professional development opportunities.

Members in attendance included **Judy Jackson**, **Ollie McKenna**, **Peggy Bryant**, **Sara Davis**, **Marian Oonk**, **Karen Mauldin**, **Pat Tyree**, **Jaci Stewart**, **Sandra Jones**, **Jo Booth**, **Carolyn Bingham**, **Tisha Sage**, **Sandra Posey-Juarez**, **Emma McElroy**, **Lynda Gunter**, **Alice Barnes**, **Charlotte Baird**, **Lois Coles**, **Rosemary Hood**, and **Marty Haselden**.

October Remembrances



Rho members celebrating October birthdays include:

Charlotte Baird—October 21

Betty Smith—October 18

Ruth Wingfield—October 31

Leigh Ann Pittenger, **Judy Butler** and **Lois Keith** remain in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with their chemotherapy treat-

ments. **Michelle Contich** is in our thoughts and prayers also as she is scheduled for surgery on October 14th.

Congratulations are extended to **Kay Heep** who is the proud grandmother of a new grandson!

We are keeping **Mary Lou Bryson** and **Ruth Sanders** in our thoughts as they deal with medical issues.

Melinda Dellert's husband is being redeployed to Iraq for a second tour of duty.

We are all hoping that **Sandy Shiveley's** mother is recuperating from a recent fall.

Our own **Jane Covington** was recently aboard the military honor flight to Washington D.C.



Trea\$urer Gives Report

Emma McElroy provided somber financial news during her first Treasurer's Report. Due to the increase in International dues, money will be tight for us this year, but we have still budgeted money for all of our charities and scholarship funds. We will, however, need to do some fundraising to cover other chapter operating

expenses. The main fundraiser will be the sale of our note cards. We need to offer them for sale at our Christmas brunch as well as at the Xi State Convention in June. We are scheduling a card-making session on Saturday, October 25th, at Centennial High School. If you were unable to come to the September meeting,

you must not miss this opportunity again. **Pat Tyree** will bring all the materials for the cards. (You may bring your own materials, if you wish.) Just come ready to laugh, relax and have a great time while we work for Rho!!

Silent Auction is not too Silent!



Holiday shopping? Have we ever got a deal for you!!!! Get ready for the Annual Rho Chapter Silent Auction on Saturday, December 6th, in conjunction with our four-chapter seasonal celebration. This event has become a Rho Chapter tradition.

Our auction displays a variety of handcrafted items, home-baked goodies, treasured artwork, and many other gifts ready to be wrapped for gift giving. We're telling you now so that you have time to create/secure your items to contribute. Circle Saturday morning, December 6th, on your calendar and enjoy brunch at the Inn at Walking Horse Farm on Lewisburg Pike and enjoy the festivities in person!

If you are unable to attend in December, you might bring your auction items on October 11th or send them with a sister to the brunch itself. We are hoping for a great auction!! Remember that at the September meeting we discussed a new plan? We will allocate ALL Silent Auction monies that come from members of *other chapters* to our grants-in-aid with additional monies from Rho Chapter members to either supplement that amount to a minimum of \$500 or to go toward our operating budget, if needed. Since we only host the Christmas brunch every fourth year, this is a great year to make the Silent Auction the best it can be!

Look around for treasures that

would make a great gift for someone else or pull out the needles, thread, crochet hooks, and craft supplies and add your special touch to a really unique, one-of-a-kind treasure for someone to purchase. Homemade cookies, cakes, pies, breads, and candy are also popular purchases and sometimes never make it out the door and into the car (if you know what I mean!).

Our sisters from the other three chapters will be shopping in downtown Franklin that day after the brunch. Let's provide some REALLY great purchases for them before they leave the brunch!!!!



Yum! Broccoli and Orange Salad

Sandra Jones shared this delicious salad recipe that she brought to our August picnic. It makes 10 servings. Enjoy!

3/4 c. mayonnaise

1/4 c. sugar

2 tbsp. white vinegar

1 large bunch broccoli, cut into florets or 1 (16-oz) pkg broccoli

florets

1/2 c. golden raisins

1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings (Sandra chopped hers to make it easier to eat!)

4 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled

1 (11-oz) can mandarin oranges, drained

2 1/3 c. sliced almonds (may be toasted)

Stir together mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar in a large bowl. Add broccoli and raisins; toss well. Cover and chill thoroughly. Top with onion rings or blend in chopped onions with mayonnaise mixture to enhance the flavor. Also top with bacon and almonds.

Due\$ are Due



OCTOBER 15TH is the deadline for payment of dues for our chapter. A \$20 late fee will be assessed after that date. Any member whose dues are not received by **October 30th** will be dropped for non-payment, but please know that you can be reinstated the following year upon written request.

Active membership dues for '08-'09 will now be \$70. This increase may be a hardship for some, and active members who have personal or family physical difficulties may choose to request *reserve* status for medical reasons. Reserve membership dues are \$30, and a written request with explanations for a change

of status should be sent to Rho Chapter President, **Sara Davis**. Reserve members may be reinstated to active status as health issues improve.

Please mail or give your dues to our treasurer, **Emma McElroy**. Her address is 404 Ellington Drive, Franklin, TN 37064.

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Rho Chapter in Franklin, Tennessee (Area VI)

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



Websites:

www.deltakappagamma.net (international)

www.xistate.org (state)

www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-rho (chapter)



Member Spotlight

Leigh Ann Pittenger

Leigh Ann is a Tennessee girl who has a thirst for knowledge and exemplifies a quality educator. She received her B. S. from Belmont with a major in psychology and then pursued Master's level work at Peabody in Early Childhood Education. She completed post-graduate work at TSU in Administration and Supervision (21 hours) and online through the University of Phoenix. Leigh Ann also pursued Reading Recovery training which changed her style of teaching and continues to influence her philosophy to this day.

Leigh Ann enjoys reading fiction and professional literature, scrapbooking, watching movies, and playing games with her family and spending time with family and friends.

Leigh Ann is married to Barry and they have one daughter, Megan, who is in fifth grade at Kenrose.

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:

Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Initiation of new members at **Forest Hills United Methodist Church** on Old Hickory Blvd in Brentwood.

Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

"Legislative Forum"

Opportunity to meet with area legislators to discuss and get answers regarding educational issues at Liberty Elementary in Franklin.

Saturday, December 6, 2008 at

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Brunch and Silent Auction with Phi, Alpha Rho, and Beta Rho Chapters in Franklin, Tennessee at The Inn at Walking Horse Farm

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

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Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Rho Chapter Executive Board Meeting