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President's Message

Happy Fall to Yawl

The chill in the air and the bright sunny days welcome a much needed break from our hot, dry summer. Although Spring may be my favorite season, autumn is the most appreciated!

I want to express my pride in and appreciation to the members of our chapter for the outpouring of support shown at our previous meeting.

Our Silent Auction, benefits Rho Chapter's Scholarship Fund. While the "seed" money from our three generous donors is being wisely invested (thanks to Sara

Davis and the members of the Scholarship Committee) we all know the lack of secure investment opportunity in this current economic time. Your help to augment this program keeps the endowment intact, assuring funds will be available for the future.

Also at the last meeting we learned about Witt Dean, Kacky Johnston's grandson, who, at the age of 6 months, was awaiting a heart transplant. Our members collected over \$150 to be sent to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), in behalf of Witt's transplant ex-

penses. I'm glad to report that he has received his new heart, is now home with his family and is doing well.

Our new year will begin with three charming and talented new members: Ann Gordon, Diane McCord and Beth Stange. We welcome their addition and look forward to enfold them into our fellowship and putting them to work in the Rho Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma projects!

Wishing you all a Happy Fall...

Peggy

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"Fall into Crafts"

Rho Chapter has a busy meeting planned for October 26th at Otey Hall in downtown Franklin. The fellowship will begin at 4:30 with an opportunity to enjoy some delicious fall refreshments.

Pat Tyree will provide opportunities for members to jumpstart their holiday decorations & gift-giving by sharing craft ideas which can be made by the members.



We will also be initiating **Dr. Ann Gordon**, principal at Grassland Elementary, into Delta Kappa Gamma and Rho Chapter. Mark your calendars!



Rho Chapter Initiates Two New Members



Rho Chapter members gathered on a beautiful Saturday, September 18th, at the historic Epworth United Methodist Church to initiate two new members into Delta Kappa Gamma. The initiation was held in the sanctuary with **Mindy Cushenberry**, Initiation Chairman, orchestrating the sequence of events. Rho President, **Peggy Bryant**, presided over the ceremony with the help of Rho Vice-Presidents, **Brenda Standish** and **Karen Mauldin**, and Rho Treasurer, **Emma McElroy**. **Olive McKenna** played the piano and **Sylvia Coile-Lemay** was the vocalist for the ceremony.

Our two new initiates were **Dianne McCord**, a retired teacher in William-

son County, and **Beth Stange**, a teacher at Page High School.

After the ceremony members moved into the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by the Ladies of Epworth. The menu consisted of chicken salad, an orange congealed salad, mushroom puffs, and a strawberry trifle along with fruit tea. While members enjoyed this delicious meal and each other's company, they were able to survey the numerous items available for our Silent Auction which benefits our two grants-in-aid.

Our guest speaker for the luncheon was our own **Elaine Warwick** who updated us about the Interna-

tional Convention that was recently held in Spokane, Washington. After her update, there was a brief business meeting, and **Betty Smith**, Scholarship Chairman, awarded our two grants-in-aid. One recipient, **Mal-lory Stephens Morrow**, who graduated from Independence High School and is attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, was present to accept her award.

The following Rho members attended this meeting: **Sharon Hargrave**, **Melonye Lowe**, **Laurette Carle**, **Selma Hicks**, **Kay Awalt-Musgrove**, **Marian Oonk**, **Ann Moran**, **Carolyn Bingham**, **Sandra Juarez**, **Pat Tyree**, **Sara Davis**, and **Lynda Gunter**.

October Remembrances



Rho members celebrating October birthdays include

Sue Bailey—October 12

Betty Smith—October 18

Charlotte Baird—October 21

Jackie Arthur—October 24

Ruth Wingfield—October 31

Sympathy is extended to **Lois Coles** who recently lost her husband and to **Pat Scruggs** who lost her brother. Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are also extended to **Sara Davis** whose mother is beginning a regimen of chemotherapy, to **Judy Jackson** and **Betty Sue Ebner** whose mother is

at home after rehabilitative therapy, and to **Kacky Johnston** whose grandson Witt just had a heart transplant at Vanderbilt.

Silent Auction on September 18th



Rho Chapter held its annual Silent Auction during the luncheon and initiation on September 18th at Epworth United Methodist Church. The event raised \$387 for our grants-in-aid that we offer to two young women from Williamson County who are pursuing a degree in education.

There was a variety of items avail-

able for this event with very spirited bidding surrounding two homemade loaves of pumpkin bread baked by **Carolyn Bingham**. She had the loaves packaged in a fall motif, and the lucky bidders were **Ann Moran** and **Elaine Warwick**. We are hoping for a report about how delicious their purchases were at our next Rho

meeting in October.

There were necklaces, earrings, candles, books, fall decorations, Christmas decorations, and picture frames among the items for selection. Treasurer **Emma McElroy** indicated that **Melonye Lowe** was the one who got the red purse!

Report from International



During our fall luncheon after the initiation on September 18th, guest speaker and Rho member, **Elaine Warwick**, provided members with an update from the International Convention held in July in Spokane, Washington. Xi State's own **Jensi Souders** was installed as International President.

Elaine read an inspirational poem entitled "You" before she enumerated the many benefits of belonging to Delta Kappa Gamma. These benefits include the honor itself of being invited into membership, the networking opportunities with friends and professionals, avenues for research, opportunities for leadership and sharing talents and expertise, scholarship

opportunities, funds to support professional development, funds for classroom/school projects, and an Emergency Fund to help members who experience loss due to floods, hurricanes and other emergencies.

She talked about touring Spokane and told members about that city being the home of the glass artist, Chihuly, whose work is currently being featured at Cheekwood.

Elaine indicated that there had been some major revisions to the Delta Kappa Gamma constitution. Membership is being made open to retirees as well as new teachers who no longer have to have three years of experience before being invited to

join. Reinstatements no longer need to be voted on by members, and future increases in dues at the International level will be guided by COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) figures.

She also added that President Souders was emphasizing two new projects at the International Level. One is a UNICEF project called "Schools from Africa" which we will hear more about, and the other project involves a better focus on letting new teachers know about our society and its many benefits and opportunities. Jensi believes that our society needs to have a focus and be recognized for its efforts in this regard as a way of encouraging young women educators to join our ranks.

Chicken Salad Recipe



4. c. chopped, cooked chicken

1 15-oz can pineapple tidbits, undrained

1 11-oz can mandarin oranges, drained

1 8-oz can water chestnuts, drained

1 3-oz can chow mein noodles

1 c. chopped celery

1 c. seedless green grapes, halved

1 1/2 c. mayonnaise

1 Tbsp. soy sauce

1 tsp. curry powder

1 2 1/2 oz. pkg sliced almonds, toasted

Drain pineapple reserving 2 Tbsp. juice. Mix tidbits and next six ingredi-

ents and add the chicken. Combine 2 Tbsp. pineapple juice, mayonnaise, soy sauce, and curry powder. Stir well and add to chicken mixture. Chill. Stir in chow mein noodles just before serving so that they will be crunchy. Serve on a lettuce cup.

Mushroom Puffs Recipe



2 cans crescent rolls

1 8-oz cream cheese, softened

1 4-oz. can chopped mushrooms

2 green onions, chopped

1 Tbsp. seasoned salt

1 egg, separated and white beaten

2 Tbsp. poppy seeds

Lay out each can onto separate sheets of waxed paper. Do not separate triangles. Mix softened cream cheese, mushrooms, onions, and salt with mixer until well mixed. Spread mixture over rolled dough and roll up jelly-roll style. Freeze. When ready to serve, preheat oven to 375. Slice

rolls into one inch pieces and place on a slightly greased cookie sheet (easier to slice when partially thawed). Brush with egg white and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake 10-15 minutes or until just brown. Yields: 48 puffs

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**



Budget Report—September 2010

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 8-16-2010	\$438.41
Estimated Income	5810.00
Dues	5160.00
Silent Auction	350.00
World Fellowship	150.00
Iris Paper	150.00
Estimated Expenditures	6207.00
Dues	3821.00
Donations to various funds	448.00
Chapter expenses	1940.00
Estimated ending balance 7-1-2011	41.41

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, October 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at Otey Hall.

"Fall into Holiday Crafting" program presented by Rho members at Otey Hall. This program will allow Rho members to share respective craft-ing/cooking talents with members.

Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

"Legislative Forum"

Opportunity to meet with area legis-

lators and State Department personnel to discuss and get answers regarding educational issues at Liberty Elementary in Franklin.

Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Brunch and Silent Auction with Phi, Alpha Rho, and Beta Rho Chapters in Lawrenceburg hosted by Phi Chapter.

Monday, January 24, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Otey Hall

Rick Warwick, Elaine's husband, will provide a unique program about Williamson County Women in History and how their contributions have made a difference for the county.

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 in June.