

The Rhozette:

A bimonthly newsletter of Rho Chapter



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### **Upcoming Activity**

Rho Chapter's October Meeting October 25, 2012 4:30 Otey Hall, St Paul's Episcopal Church Franklin

New members will be added to our chapter through the Initiation Ceremony at this meeting. We are happy to welcome these key women educators into our "fold" and look forward to their insight and involvement in our group.

We will also be continuing to work and plan for our joint, 4chapter, Christmas meeting that will be held on December 1 at Forest Hills Methodist Church in Brentwood. Be sure to mark your calendars for this big event to begin the holiday season.



Make your plans now to attend and don't forget to continue scouting your colleagues for women who embody the Delta Kappa Gamma ideals. New members are always valued at any time.

### **Quick Reminder**

Rho Chapter dues are payable now through October. There has been no increase for this year. You may send your check for \$75 at any time, made to Rho Chapter/DKG, to Karen Mauldin, 404 Lynn Drive, Nashville, TN, 37211.

### Pat's Pearls ... A message from our President



When a friend told me her Bull Mastiff **Murdock** is named for character from the old TV series *The Ateam*, I was reminded of the line used in every show, "I love it when a plan comes together!" That describes

my delight when I note the progress we are making on our many activities and projects.

- Legislative Forum Plans: Judy Jackson has organized Legislative Forum, scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Elementary and plans to publicize with a newspaper article. Mark your calendars!
- Christmas Plans: Elaine Warwick has invited Jensi Souders to speak at our December 1<sup>st</sup> "Angels in Our Lives" Christmas Party; Kay Musgrove has donated the paper goods; and Santa's elves (a.k.a. Sara Davis, Betty Smith, Laurette Carle, Marian Oonk, Mindy Cushenberry, Karen Mauldin, Judy Jackson, Pat Scruggs, Pat Tyree) created 90 angel sachet party favors. If you missed the fun and fellowship, bring your little elf aprons, Santa caps, and stripped stockings when you join us at one of our upcoming workshops!
- Membership Plans: Mindy Cushenberry leads the membership committee in preparing orientation for three prospective members Please help if Mindy calls on you. Initiation is planned for the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in Otey Hall. Our new transfer member, Susan King, dropped by the workshop on Saturday. As a Franklin High School graduate, Susan already knows several of our Rho members!
- Early-Career Educator Plans: Thanks to Sharon Hargrave, Laurette Carle, and Pat Scruggs for presenting the September panel discussion on mentoring early-career educators. Rho chapter plans to follow-up with supportive actions and encouragement for FSSD and WCS new teachers!
- World Fellowship Plans: We have just received the name of Rho Chapter's World Fellowship adoptee. Feel free to correspond with Zaninab Mouivi, 2748 Campus Walk Ave. 19A, Durham, NC 27705. She is from Pakistan attending Duke University working toward a Masters in Liberal Studies. Her email is zainabmoulvi@gmail.com and her birthday is 6/8.
- Financial Plans: Karen Mauldin has been collecting dues and preparing reports to meet Delta Kappa Gamma deadlines. Send \$75 Karen at 404 Lynn Dr., Nashville, TN 37211-3614.
- **Communication Plans:** Peggy Bryant compiles our newsletters and welcomes your input. The communications committee has lost a few members and welcome a few extra volunteers isn't that what Tennesseans are all about?

I LOVE IT WHEN ALL OUR PLANS COME TOGETHER! Thanks to all for all the hard work you do!

Pat Tyree

Rho Chapter's 2012 Legislative Forum Liberty Elementary School November 13, 2012 4:30-5:30

Get your questions about education in the state of Tennessee answered at the upcoming Legislative Forum. On hand to provide those answers will be

- Tennessee House of Representative Candidates Charles Sargent (61<sup>st</sup> District), Glen Casada (63<sup>rd</sup> District), and Jeremy Durham (65<sup>th</sup> District)
- Tennessee Senator Jack Johnson (23<sup>rd</sup> District)
- Ms. Emily Barton, Assistant Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction for the Tennessee Department of Education

The panel discussion will be emceed by Mrs. Judy Jackson and moderated by Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove. As in the past, Mrs. Jackson is asking for written questions for the panelists to be submitted in writing to her before November 7. Send them to her at <u>jfoxf2@gmail.com</u>. For more information about this yearly event, please call Mrs. Jackson at 615-794-9646 or 615-948-5286

## Mentors Support New Educators

On September 18, Rhozettes learned about mentoring efforts for new teachers. Members Laurettte Carle, Sharon Hargrove, and guest, Janet Carroll talked about programs currently in place for new teachers in FSSD and WCS. They brought packets for members to detail the mentoring process in each district. Question posed to the panel included "What can DKG do to help mentor new teachers? " From the discussion some possible solutions included giving notes, providing affirmation throughout the year, and provide refreshments at the end of the school year to celebrate accomplishments of the new teachers. All great ways to support early career educators.





### Member Spotlight on



# **Ann Moran**

Rho Chapter is privileged to have as its most senior member, Ms. Ann Moran, a living history of not only education in Williamson, but of the county itself. In 1964, charter members Addie and Julia Eggleston sponsored Ms. Moran's initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma.

Ms. Moran graduated with a BS from Middle Tennessee Teachers College and began teaching as a math teacher/librarian at Hillsboro School in 1940. She then taught eight years in McMinnville and eight vears in Manchester. Returning to Williamson County, she received her Masters degree in Library Science from Peabody College and taught math at Franklin High School for several years. Mid year she was asked to be the Williamson County-Wide Librarian Supervisor under the Federal Program Title 3. She set up all the libraries in Williamson County schools, first having to process 3,000 books.

As if she didn't have enough responsibilities, Ms. Moran was put in charge of textbooks for the schools. When Ms. Moran retired, Nanny Curry took her position as textbook coordinator, a position Nanny still holds today. Ms. Moran currently lives in the "home place" built by her grandparents in 1857. The house has had several additions, including part of an old schoolhouse. She tells the story of her



grandmother leaving food on a window for hungry soldiers during the Civil War. She never looked to see who was on the other side.

At 94 years young, Ms. Moran continues to paint, read, and be an active member in Rho Chapter. Our chapter is so much stronger for having dedicated members such as Ms. Ann Moran.

Xi State Organization Rho Chapter in Franklin, Tennessee (Area VI)



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honorary

Society of women educators. The Society promotes professional and

personal growth of its members and excellence in education.

#### ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! MONIES AVAILABLE!!!!

Teachers, would you like to add to a project you have going in your classroom or maybe start a new project that would be of benefit to your students?? Would you like to start an event in your school or community that would get parents more involved with the students? Then you need to apply for a **VISION FOUNDATION GRANT**.

Teachers, would you like to travel to a national or international conference to learn things that would benefit you and your students? Then you need to apply for a

#### LIZ WHORLEY BRADLEY PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AWARD.

The Vision Foundation fulfills two Society purposes: To advance the professional interest/positions of women in education and stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

#### So, you have a desire and we have money. Let us hear from you.

Application forms will be on the Xi State website, <u>www.xistate.org</u> in October.

Deadline December 31st



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