



The Rhozette:

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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Emma's Dilemmas:

A Message from our Rho Chapter President...

Hello! Welcome to a new school year and a new year for Delta Kappa Gamma!

I've titled this column 'Emma's Dilemmas' because we identified chapter challenges as a result of our chapter reports and I am positive that I will need your help to address them.

DILEMMA #1: We don't have every school in Williamson County represented in our chapter and would like to expand our reach.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Before you come to the August meeting, think of key women educators that you know at other schools within Williamson County (public and private) as well as at your own school and nominate someone for membership.

DILEMMA #2: Improve attendance at chapter events.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Come to as many meetings/events as your schedule allows and encourage other members to attend – especially your team members (See p. 3 for teams/committees)

DILEMMA #3: Last year we established teams and committees but we didn't really get all of our members involved.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Come to our August meeting so you will know how you and your team can determine what small piece you can contribute to the chapter. If everyone will do a small thing, then no one has to do anything massive!

I'm counting on you to help me lead our chapter through a good year!

Emma

Grant-in Aid Recipient

Abigail Meredith Sawyer is the 2014-2015 recipient of our Rho Chapter Grant-in-Aid and will be invited to our Initiation Luncheon in October. She is the daughter of Tim and Denise Sawyer, a graduate of Independence High School and a senior at the UT Knoxville with a major in Psychology and minor in Elementary Education. Of her time spent in the classroom of a teacher in Knox County she says, "I really enjoy gaining as much experience as possible, especially since teaching is what I love." Can we ask more than that?

OFF AND RUNNING!

Back to School
Back to Rho Chapter
1st Meeting of 2014-15

11:00 Saturday August 16
STOVEWORKS at
The Factory
230 Franklin Road
Franklin, TN 37064
(Dutch treat)

RSVP at the online evite or to
Beth Stange at (931) 628-6952

For this meeting please

1. Bring teacher supplies (scissors, stapler, chocolate, small gift card, etc.) to add to bags for beginning teachers.
2. Know names of teachers at your school who are brand new to our profession.
3. Identify and bring the name of a key women educator who might become a prospective Rho member.

DON'T FORGET...

...to bring dues \$75 to the lunch meeting in August or send to our treasurer
Karen Mauldin
404 Lynn Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

Summer with DKG...

July-August **DKG International Convention**...by Elaine Warwick

I attended the DKG international convention which was held at the JW Marriott hotel in Indianapolis July 28-August 1. Over 1500 members participated in general meetings, workshops and meal events. As this was a constitutional convention, much time was spent considering possible changes. The biggest issue was electronic voting for elected officers, which was defeated. Xi State member Dr. Jensi Souders received the prestigious international achievement award for her many contributions to DKG international. Our own **Judy Jackson** was elected chair of the US Forum committee. An invitation to the 2016 international convention in Nashville was given by the 47 Xi State members in attendance by staging a flash mob with each wearing a red hat with flashing lights and dancing to "Rocky Top". Members left energized and excited!

June Xi State Convention



From left to right: Elaine Warwick, Beth Stange, Sylvia Coile-LeMay, Sara Davis, Judy Jackson, Sandra Juarez, Ann Gordon, Betty Smith, Yolanda Blackburn, Peggy Bryant, Marion Oonk, Emma McElroy, (and Pat Scruggs pictured below.) Not pictured but also in attendance: Karen Mauldin and Pat Tyree

See the flower corsages pinned on the members at the Awards Luncheon? Notice the centerpiece flower pots with the little trees we made to display the Rho Chapter cloth flowers. Thanks to all who donated, created, assembled, decorated, and disassembled; we make a great team!



Member News

Please keep these members in your thoughts.

- **Sylvia Coile-LeMay** recently suffered a stroke affecting her balance; she will be home from the hospital soon.
- **Judy Jackson** broke both wrists after a fall in her yard; surgery on the right one was Aug 1.
- **Sandra Juarez** incurred a tibia plateau compression fracture (fall from ladder) in June and is healing.
- **Elaine Warwick** experienced an allergic reaction requiring hospitalization at Xi State June 6 and has recovered.

Congratulate these Rho members!

- **Judy Jackson** was elected chair of the US Forum committee at International! US Forum is in CAPABLE HANDS!
- Bridget O'Brien got married this summer and is now Mrs. Keener! BEST WISHES!
- Promotions! Now **Carol Cortez** is Assistant Principal at Brentwood Middle School and Lynn Sawyer is Assistant Principal at Winstead Elementary. YAH, CAROL and LYNN!
- GOOD LUCK to **Pat Scruggs** pnjscruggs@bellsouth.net who retired and moved to the Knoxville area in July; her daughter Jennifer welcomed her with the birth of granddaughter Marley Grace, Aug 4. Pat's other daughter, Elizabeth, will follow suit soon with another granddaughter!
- **Lynda Gunter** has her first granddaughter born to daughter Danielle on July 22 but her name is pending approval by the Danish government. Lynda is going to meet her later this month. CONGRATULATIONS GRANDMAS!
- **Mary Farrell** retired from Grassland Middle School. HAPPY RETIREMENT!
- **Emma McElroy** retired from BGA at the end of July. She and her husband Larry were surprised at graduation by the naming of the BGA math building **McElroy Hall**. JOBS WELL DONE!

Rho Committees as of 5/14
We ask that new members of 2013-14 select a committee to join and tell Emma. Members can make requests for committee changes to Emma McElroy at (615) 478-6838 emmajeanmcelroy@gmail.com

Chapter	Program
Guidance	Stange
Juarez	Bailey
Mauldin	Ebner
Baird	Haselden
Davis	Lankford
Gordon	Richards
Smith	Standish
Turner	Swartz
Membership	Legislation
Cushenberry	Jackson
Stange	Jones
Coile-Lemay	Musgrove
Contich	Wingfield
Cortez	Eades
Hillicki	Farrell
Moran	Educational Development
Oonk	Gunter
Tyree	Warwick
Communication	Carle
Stewart	Coles
Bryant	Goodwin
Aiken	Williams
Arthur	Hargrave
Blackburn	Blackwell
Rogers, T	
King	

Teams as established in 2013

Adjustments will be made when membership changes this fall.

A	B	C	D	E
Arthur	Akin	Blackwell	Baird	Carle
Coles	Bailey	Bryant	Hayes	Sawyer, D
Jordan	Davis	Cooksey	Blackburn	Jones
Cortez	Underwood	Eades	Contich	Juarez
Gaidos	Goodwin	Gordon	Ebner	Solano
Cushenberry	Gunter	Wetherholt	Farrell	Lankford
Sawyer, L	Mcmurray	Haselden	Stange	Fender
Jackson	Hargrave	Hicks	Wilson	Hall
Estes	Summey	Kim	Stewart	Musgrove
King	Smith	Mauldin	Gilliland	Standish
Moran	Turner	Mace	Warwick	Swartz
Oonk	Rogers, T	Coile-	Reynolds	Tyree
Klug	Wingfield	O'Brien	Richards	Williams
Hillicki	Rogers, J		Keith	Pittenger



Officers 2012-2014

President: Emma McElroy
First Vice President: Beth Stange
Second Vice President: Amy Akin
Recording Secretaries:
Karyn Bailey & Mindy Cushenberry
Corresponding Secretary: Pam Lankford
Treasurer: Karen Mauldin
Parliamentarian: Elaine Warwick

Make plans to attend

Xi State Fall Arts Retreat

September 19-20, 2014
Ewtonville Baptist Church
2420 Old Union Road
Dunlap, Tennessee 37327
"Celebrate Your Core"

Registration form and payment due by August 15, 2014 (See p. 5 of this newsletter)

2016 DKG International Convention July 5-9, 2016 Opryland Hotel

Please submit 2016 Convention Volunteer form as directed on p. 6 of this newsletter.

*The Alpha Xi Chapter
of Delta Kappa Gamma
requests your presence
at a reception honoring
Xi State President
Beverly Smith*

*October 18, 2014
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. EDT
Brainerd United Methodist
Church
4315 Brainerd Rd
Chattanooga, TN*

Rho members will carpool for this event. If you choose to attend this event, please respond by September 30 to Pat Tyree at (615) 210-3390 or pat_tyree@brentwoodacademy.com

Dates to Remember

Aug 15, 2014	Arts Retreat registration due
Aug 16, 2014	Lunch Mtg. Stoveworks at The Factory in Franklin, 11 am
Sept 19-20, 2014	Arts Retreat Dunlap, TN
Sept 23, 2014	Orientation, Wmsn Co Public Library 4:30-6:30 pm
Oct 1, 2014	Rho membership dues
Oct 4, 2014	Initiation
Nov	TBD
Dec 6, 2014	Joint Christmas Party, Giles Co.
Feb 24, 2015	Rho Chapter Meeting
Mar 10, 2015	Rho Cluster Dinners
Apr 21, 2015	Rho Chapter Meeting
June 4-6, 2015	Xi State Convention

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Registration Form

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Registration Fee – Entire Retreat \$35.00, Saturday Only \$25.00
(Make check payable to: **Xi State**)

Registration Fee includes:

- Friday evening activities beginning at 5:30 p.m.
 - Supper – Cookie Jar Restaurant, 1887 Kelly Cross Rd., Dunlap
- Saturday–8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. – Workshop Sessions and Field Trip
 - Snacks and drinks – breakfast will not be provided
 - Lunch – catered at the church
 - Travel Bag
 - 2014 Xi State Arts Retreat Souvenir T-Shirt

T-Shirt Size (please circle one): Small Medium Large X Large 1X 2X

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Hotel Reservation Information (need to be made by August 15, 2014)

Mountain Inn & Suites
17260 Rankin Ave. North
Dunlap, TN 37327
(423) 949-2184

www.mountaininnandsuites.com

Mail Registration Form and Fee to:

Edna Clemons
116 Palisades Drive
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Questions: clemonsE@mailcity.com or (423)886-3725 (home)

Registration form and payment due by August 15, 2014

We Need YOU to Help Make 2016 a Success!

July 5-9, 2016, DKG International Convention is coming to the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

As the host state organization, we need **YOU** to attend the convention **AND** to volunteer to help make it a success!

Put the dates on your calendar right **NOW** and then check one or more of the volunteer positions you will be happy to fill. The 2016 state convention will be used to orient all volunteers, so check below all that you would be happy to do to make the 2016 international convention a great success!

- _____ Table hostess for the Celebration Luncheon (help people find assigned table & make them feel welcome)
- _____ Table hostess for the Presidents Banquet (help people find assigned table & make them feel welcome)
- _____ Hotel greeter (know hotel layout and help attendees find their way around)
- _____ Airport Greeter (meet and greet early convention arrivers Sunday-Tuesday and help them find way to baggage claim and ground transportation)
- _____ General Session Page (check badges as people come in doors and keep people from leaving or entering during voting)
- _____ International President's Page (one-day assignment to do whatever Int. President needs you to do!)
- _____ Workshop Pages (be in workshop area, in hall, to troubleshoot as necessary [get AV personnel, medics, etc.]
- _____ TN Night Page (handout programs, favors, as needed before and after)
- _____ "Big Wigs" Basket Delivery (deliver hospitality baskets to lodging rooms on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday)
- _____ Volunteer your chapter to make a hospitality basket (guidelines to be provided)

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Name	Email address
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More opportunities may be available as the convention draws closer. You will not be assigned to jobs to the extent that you have no time to attend convention events. Whether you're able to come only for one or two days, or for the entire convention, we need you to come--and volunteer!!

*(Tear at dotted line and return upper portion to
Jensi Souders, 7622 Twisting Creek Lane, Ooltewah TN 37363 or jsouders3@comcast.net)*



Are you Connected?

Do you know someone whose company might be willing to support the 2016 International Convention?

Might they sponsor Tennessee Night? A reception? A speaker?

If you or someone you know has connections, please let Becky Sadowski, 2016 convention steering committee chair, know. She will help you make that connection work for DKG! Connect with Becky at beckysadowski@hotmail.com or (M) 901-603-4994.

