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A Message from our Rho Chapter President…

Emma's Dilemmas:

We all realize how much richer our own lives are in giving to both our local and world-wide communities though DKG and Rho Chapter. ***Even if you can't be present, I hope you will find a way to join in***

- **Supporting the teddy bear drive, diaper and underwear collection, and the donation for Schools for Africa;**
- **Recognizing that fellow members need to be able to depend on you - It is so uplifting to attend the DKG meetings and experience the friendship and care of our other Rho sisters; and**
- **Reaching out to aid/mentor other teachers personally and professionally, especially the early career educators.**

Both individually and collectively we have so many gifts for which to be thankful and so much to offer to others!

Emma

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COMING ROUND THE BEND!

RHO CHAPTER MEETING

4:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24 2015
Otey Hall of St Paul's Episcopal Church
510 West Main Street

TEAM C Hostesses coordinate chapter service events
Program Schools for Africa, Betty Smith
Donations **Diapers & children's underwear** for *Wmsn County Foster Care Association,* **stuffed animals & teddy bears** for children in crisis at *Wmsn County Davis Center for Child Advocacy* (after Valentine's Day sales??), **$** to DKG's support for *Schools for Africa.*

If you cannot attend, please ask a Rho sister to bring your donations, contact Peggy Bryant peggyb@me.com to determine how you can deliver either prior to or after the meeting.

THANKS!

Christmas in Pulaski with Chapters Phi, Alpha Rho,& Beta Rho back row: Judy Jackson, Peggy Bryant, Marian Oonk, Sara Davis, Kay Musgrove, Sandra Juarez, Elaine Warwick; front row: Martha Johnson, Sylvia Coile-LeMay, Emma McElroy, Karen Mauldin, Debbie Mace

Judy Jackson shares that members enjoyed traveling together, the hospitality of Phi Chapter, entertainment by talented young students, networking with Area VI DKG members, Area VI Director Sherry Woods' clever presentation promoting the 2015 Xi State Convention, and Phi's handmade Silent Auction items.

Dates to Remember

***Feb 24, 2015 Rho Meeting 4:30 pm**
Mar 10, 2015 Rho Cluster Dinner 5 pm
***Apr 21, 2015 Rho Meeting 4:30 pm**
June 4-6, 2015 Xi State Convention Sewanee

***Otey Hall is in St. Paul Episcopal Church in downtown Franklin at 510 West Main St**

Rho Member News

Please keep these members in your thoughts.

- Selma Hicks has been ill with viral laryngitis since Dec. 1, 2014. Her voice is not back to normal and her vocal cords are still swollen.
- Pat Tyree lost her 91-yr old mother, Virginia Racker, Jan. 9.

Rho Member News continued…

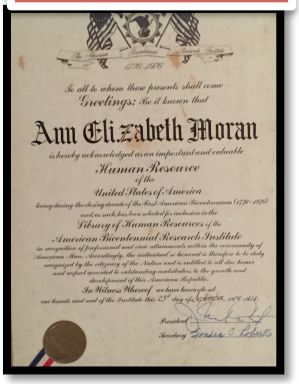
Congratulate these Rho members!

- Caron Johnson gave birth to baby boy Bennett Ryan on Dec.14, 2014. Caron also received Teacher of the Year from Chapman's Retreat and is on maternity leave until March, 2015!
- Amy Kate McMurry was awarded Teacher of the Year at Kenrose.
- Miss Ann Moran celebrates her 50th year of membership in Rho Chapter and DKG! (see article below)
- During Thanksgiving and Christmas Sue Jordan enjoyed visits from her son Stephen and his wife Whitney who married last summer and now live in Louisville. Sue likes having *another girl* in the house.
- Did you see Jaci Stewart's picture in the newspaper article about textbook adoptions?

Rho Chapter Recognizes Ann Moran for 50 Years of Delta Kappa Gamma Membership

by Marian Oonk

Miss Moran lives at HEARTH of Franklin, 1035 Fulton Greer Lane, Apartment 115, Franklin,TN 37064. She loves visits and cards; please call 905-8214 before you visit .



On October 6, 2014 Rho Chapter members presented Miss Ann Moran with a 50-year membership pin and enjoyed her reminisces of an eventful life in education in Williamson County. 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. After teaching for eight years in both McMinnville and Manchester, she returned to Williamson County, earned a masters degree in Library Science at Peabody College, and taught math at Franklin High School. She became the Williamson County-Wide Librarian Supervisor under the Federal Program Title 3. In that position Miss Moran set up libraries in all Williamson County schools and was put in charge of textbooks for the school system. She retired after 48 years in education.

Until recently Ms. Moran lived in the home place built by her grandparents in 1857, where she was born on July 13, 1919. 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.

Miss Moran is a member of both the Retired Teachers and the Historical Society of Williamson County. Besides Delta Kappa Gamma, she belongs to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and attends Berry's Chapel Church of Christ, in Franklin, TN. Ann's honors and achievements are many. In 1974 she was selected for inclusion in the Library of Human Resources of the America Bicentennial Research Institute. In 1976 and 1977, she was included in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. In 1977, John S. Wilder appointed Ms. Moran Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms of the Tennessee Senate. In 1997 the Williamson County Historical Society recognized her as a Notable Contributor.

At 95 years young, Ms. Moran continues to paint, read, and be a member in Rho Chapter. Our chapter is so much stronger for having a dedicated member such as Miss Ann Moran.

2015 Xi State Legislative Symposium

2015 Symposium Theme
"Cultivating Educational Relationships with Legislators"

Members (front) Sue Jordan, Judy Jackson, (back) Peggy Bryant, Sara Davis, Elaine Warwick, Emma McElroy, Ruth Wingfield, and Kay Musgrove represented Rho at the 2015 Xi State Legislative Symposium February 3-4.

By Judy Jackson

Rho Chapter members attended 2015 Xi State Legislative Symposium Feb 3-4. Tuesday evening's session at Millennium Maxwell House Hotel featured speakers/panelists Sen. Dolores Gresham - Chair of Senate Education Committee, Rep. Raumesh Akbari - member of the House Education Committee, Rep. Johnny Shaw, Donna Cotner - Executive Director of Tennessee Retired Teachers Association (also Beta Rho Chapter co-president), and Jim Wrye - TEA Government Relations Office.

Wednesday morning members were addressed by Xi State Legislative Breakfast keynote speaker Dr. Candice McQueen, Tennessee Education Commissioner. Rho members met with Sen. Jack Johnson, Rep. Jeremy Durham, and Rep. Charles Sargent at Legislative Plaza midday.

Education issues discussed during symposium sessions include BEP funding, standards/assessment, teacher training, teacher retention, teacher pay, technology needs, and the TN community college plan.

Xi State Reception Honors President Smith

Rho Members Betty Smith, Pat Tyree, Emma McElroy, and Elaine Warwick traveled to East TN for the delightful October Reception honoring Xi State

Xi State Approves Rho Chapter Rules

Chapter Rules were approved by Xi State during fall semester. The next time Rho Rules will be resubmitted is 2017. Thanks to Sandra Juarez and Rho Chapter Guidance Committee!

Rho Chapter Meeting in November informed members of legislation linked to education. Pictured are host Judy Jackson and moderator Kay Musgrove with Legislative Panel members Senator Jack Johnson, Representatives Glen Casada and Charles Sargent. Rep. Jeremy Durham attended but is not pictured here.

REGISTER for Xi State Convention at Sewanee

June 4-6, 2015

Access Registration Form at
http://www.xistate.org/forms.html

From DKG International…

Important Information from DKG International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid

Members will find database upgrade engaging

DKG will be enhancing the current database with new features and updated technology in 2015. The process is currently underway behind the scenes during "phase one" as the electronic registration forms for regional conferences are being developed. Although members may not notice many changes until after phases two and three are completed, its many new features will be designed to engage more members in an improved online member experience.

One feature will be a member portal that will allow members to log in to access personal data, interact in a secure social network, engage in member communities and interface with the Society Store. The public website will be available without logging in, but member interaction will only be accessible by logging in as a member. In order to create a secure environment and protect member data, the log in process will be given to members securely in the future. Be sure to watch for this information. For safety reasons, it will not be published online or in the *DKG NEWS*. Members can also call Society Headquarters or email mem@dkg.org for additional assistance.

We Want to Know YOU!!
Are you under 35 years old?

Do you know chapter members throughout your state organization who are? DKG International especially invites the under 35's to be engaged in a live webinar with Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, international president, on March 5, 2015 at 6 PM Central. Participants will be asked questions about their involvement, opinions, and vision for DKG in the future. Watch the website at dkg.org for more information to appear.

Please submit 2016 Convention Volunteer form found in the August 2014 edition of Rhozette.

2016 DKG International Convention July 5-9, 2016

2015 Southeast Regional Conference

July 15, 2015 - July 18, 2015, Savannah, Georgia

Mark your calendars now for the 2015 Southeast Regional Conference in Savannah where we'll meet at the luxurious Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa.
Find more Information at https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-southeast-regional-conference

Grants and Scholarships for Women Educators

Scholarships and grants are available for use by both members and nonmembers. State scholarships are available on the Xi State website for members. Find eligibility requirements and applications on Xi State Website http://www.xistate.org/forms.html Applications deadlines: Sept. 1, Feb. 1, Mar. 1.

XI STATE scholarships offered:

- The Lois Jones Special Scholarship (Stipend of $3000) for pursuing a doctoral program.
- Isabel Wheeler (Stipend of $3000) for pursuing a doctoral program.
- Maycie K. Southall (Stipend of $3000) for study beyond the Master's Degree
- Mary Hall (Stipend of $3000) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree
- Evengeline Hartsook (Stipend of $1250) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
- Lottye McCall (Stipend of $1250) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
- Louise Oakley (Stipend of $1250) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
- Eleanor Osteen (Stipend of $1250) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree

RHO CHAPTER offers grants and scholarships with applications accessible in the Rho yearbook and on the Rho Chapter website http://dkgrhochapter.weebly.com/projects.html Applications should be sent to Sara Davis, P. O. Box 495 Franklin, TN 37065-0495

- Arlene Peterson Professional Development Award $500 scholarship. Applications due: April 1 or Sept 1.

Rho Chapter offers two grants to nonmembers.

- The Professional Development for Early Women Educators is a grant for an early career women educator in any school inside Williamson County to use for assistance in attending workshops, seminars, conventions, and other non-degree opportunities. Please let eligible candidates who need this assistance know how to apply. The awardee may receive up to $500.
- The Warren/Farris Grant of $1000 is awarded to a female graduate of any high school inside Williamson County who has completed at least two years of university work preparing for the teaching profession. Application deadline: May 31. Let us know if you have suggestions for applicants.

Xi State Info from Jan/Feb Leadership Links

Apply for Advanced Leadership Management Seminar

- If you've participated in a beginning Leadership Management Seminar, take the next step: Apply for the Advanced LMS at Henry Horton State Park Mar. 20-21.
- Xi State's Becky Sadowski, currently SE Regional director and chair of 2016 International Convention Steering Committee, is the presenter.
- Application available on Xi State website under **Forms** > **Advanced Leadership Management Seminar**. **Due date: Feb. 21, 2015**.
- Questions? Leadership Committee Chair Jenni Lusk jenni.lusk@hotmail.com

Nominate for Xi State Achievement Award

- Nominate a member for the Xi State Achievement Award, the highest individual award on the state level.
- Visit the Xi State website to view the impressive list of past honorees and to access the nomination form. Submission deadline: **April 1, 2015**.

Xi State Committee Requests

- Only four months until the Xi State convention – time to gather donatons for the Silent Auction.
- Contact local high schools to encourage participation in the Xi State High School Essay Contest. Access forms on Xi State website. Essays **due March 1, 2015**.

Officers 2014-2016

President: Emma McElroy
First Vice President: Beth Stange
Second Vice President: Amy Akin

Recording Secretaries:
Karyn Bailey & Mindy Cushenberry
Corresponding Secretary:
Treasurer: Karen Mauldin
Parliamentarian: Elaine Warwick

Make Plans to Attend Annual Rho Cluster Dinner

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

by Beth Stange

On Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 pm, four Rho Chapter members will be hosting a cluster dinner catered by Marilyn Hartz. The menu and cost of the meal is TBD. For our literacy program at this meeting, members are encouraged to bring a children's book (birth to elementary age) to donate to GraceWorks' "Our Little Angel" ministry, which provides baby supplies to local families in need. It is critical that you respond to the Evite as soon as possible so that we are able to have an accurate count for the caterer. Include your **1st and 2nd choices** of hostess locations or state that you have **no preference** so we can equalize cluster sizes.

The options for hostess locations are:

Peggy Bryant
840 Willowsprings Blvd.
Franklin, TN 37064
(West off of Downs Blvd.)

Lois Coles
211 St. Andrews Drive
Franklin, TN 37069
(In Temple Hills)

Emma McElroy
404 Ellington Drive
Franklin, TN 37064
(E-W about half way between Lewisburg Pk and I-65; N-S half way between 96 east and 840)

Jenny Parkhurst
2341 Dewey Drive
Spring Hill, TN 37174
(east of Columbia Pk. in Spring Hill)

Rho Chapter Welcomes Fifteen 2014 Initiates

Kara Clark
Jessica Cole
Ashley Costner
Cynthia Dodd
Tracey Edwards
Miriam Hickman
Caron Johnson
Martha Johnson
Becky Jones
Kelli Myers
Francine Nunez-Pivacco
Jenny Parkhurst
Toni Peterson
Elizabeth Puryear
Diane Wauford

November Initiates

October Initiates

Teams Selected Chapter Responsibilities 2014-2015

Publicize your meetings and events in the Rhozette **before the event**; document them with pictures and a quick write up **after the event**.

Send by email to pat_tyree@brentwoodacademy.com.

TEAM A	TEAM B	TEAM C	TEAM D	TEAM E	Executive Brd
Meeting	**Meeting**	**Meeting**	**Meeting**	**Meeting**	**Meeting**
Orientation for prospects **Sept 23**, Franklin Public Library 4:30-6:30 pm **Coordinate w/ Membership Committee**	**Nov 13 Legislative Meeting** Otey Hall 4-6 pm Invite Panelists Publicize Welcome/Intros Water & snacks **Coordinate w/ LegislativeComm**	**Feb 24 Meeting** Team selects program Idea Inspiration & Hostesses Rhozette article/picture **Coordinate with Program Committee**	**March 10 Cluster dinners** Program Idea Secure 3-4 hostesses, Caterer/menu Invite, place people at choices **Coordinate w/ Program Comm**	**Initiation Oct 4** *Secure speaker/Speaker intro Inspiration Table décor Caterer/menu (maybe) **Coordinate w/ Membership Comm**	**April 21 Meeting** Program Idea/ place Inspiration & Hostesses Rhozette article/picture **Coordinate w/ Program Comm**
Society Project	**Society Project**	**Society Project**	**Society Project**	**Society Project**	
Coordinate Xi State basket Your choice **Coordinate w/Program Comm**	Support Schools for Africa Your Choice **Coordinate w/Program Comm**	Community Service Project Your Choice **Coordinate w/Program Comm**	Literacy Project Your Choice **Coordinate w/Program Comm**	Early Career Educators Your Choice **Coordinate w/Educational ExcellenceComm**	
Fundraising	**Fundraising**	**Fundraising**	**Fundraising**	**Fundraising**	**Fundraising**
Event to generate $ to benefit Rho Grant-in-Aid	**Event** to generate non-dues revenue **Coordinate w/ Chap. Guidance Comm**	**Iris Note Cards Sales** **Coordinate w/Treasurer**	**Event** to generate $ for International World Fellowship Donations	**Event** to generate $ for ECE Professional Development	**Silent Auction** Publicize Solicit items Tables bids **Coordinate w/Treasurer**
Communication	**Communication**	**Communication**	**Communication**	**Communication**	
Xi State Newsletter one submission Jan to April **Coordinate w/ Communication Comm**	Local News once Jan to April **Coordinate w/ Communication Comm**	Xi State Newsletter one submission Sept to Nov **Coordinate w/ Communication Comm**	Gather and submit electronic pictures for Rho website **Coordinate w/ Communication Comm**	Local News once Sept to Nov **Coordinate w/ Communication Comm**	
Scholarships	**Scholarships**	**Scholarships**	**Scholarships**	**Scholarships**	
Grant-in-Aid Media announcement Evaluate apps select winner Invite Initiation Rhozette Article Media article **Coordinate w/Educational Excellence Committee**	**Scholarship Opportunity Awareness** publicize date due encourage applications **Coordinate w/Educational Excellence Committee**	**Rho member PetersenAward** Publicize/Solicit Applicants Evaluate applications Present Award Rhozette Article Media article **Coordinate w/Educational Excellence Committee**	**High School Essay Contest** **Coordinate w/Educational Excellence Committee**	**Early Career Educator Prof Dev** Solicit recs from administrators Review and Select awardees Rhozette Article Media article **Coordinate w/Educational Excellence Committee**	