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Emma's Dilemmas:

A Message from our Rho Chapter President...

I have two dilemmas this month. I'm waiting to hear your thoughts on #1 emmajeannmcelroy@gmail.com

DILEMMA #1: Our chapter excellence form last spring reports our member attendance at just about 30% on average. How can we increase meeting attendance?

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Tell me what will make you want to or be able to attend meetings. Should meetings always be on the same day of the week (Tuesday?) Should meeting locations change? What types of program interest you? Need childcare? Need a ride?

DILEMMA #2: Members have stated that Rho should publicize its events and community service projects.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please take pictures at a chapter, district or state event/meeting. Submit the photo with an article to local news or to the Xi State newsletter. Help us to gain name recognition in our community.

I'm counting on you to tell me the direction you want our chapter to go during this biennium! Thanks!

Emma

THE FIRST HURDLE!

Initiation of New Members
Honor 50-year DKG Member
Ann Moran

10 am Saturday October 4
EPWORTH UMC Historic site
4241 Arno Road

Guest Speaker: Beverly Smith,
Xi State President

- Friday Oct 4 pm Come help set up at Epworth UMC, if you are available.
- Bring Silent Auction item before 9:45 Saturday or drop off your auction donation 4-5 pm on Friday Oct 3. For ideas, see p. 3.
- Bring \$15 for brunch.
- Pay chapter \$75 dues, if you haven't.
- Bring your checkbook because you know you will want to shop!

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Dates to Remember

- Sept 30, 2014 Send \$75 dues to Karen Mauldin, 404 Lynn Dr, Nashville, 37211
- Sept 30, 2014 'Books from Birth' bus at State Capitol, 10am
- Oct 4, 2014 Initiation 10am Historic Epworth UMC Arno Rd
- Oct 31, 2014 Deadline Xi State nominations
- Nov 13, 2014 Rho Meeting with legislators at *Otey Hall
- Dec 6, 2014 Joint Christmas Party, Giles Co.
- Feb 3-4, 2015 Xi State Legislative Symposium, Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville
- Feb 24, 2015 Rho Chapter Meeting 4:30 pm
- Mar 10, 2015 Rho Cluster Dinner 5 pm
- Apr 21, 2015 Rho Chapter 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 Street

Enough Goody Bags to Fill a Carle Car!

By Laurette Carle /Pat Tyree



In August Team E members Laurette Carle, Sandra Juarez, Bonnie Hall, and Pat Tyree met at Brentwood Academy to assemble over 100 goody bags for brand new teachers (men, women, elementary, middle, high) in Williamson County Schools. The bags

contained desk supplies pens, pencils, rulers, push pins, gift cards, index cards, pencil cases, dry erase markers, highlighters, scissors, staplers, staples, staple removers, paper clips, note pads, note cards, rubber bands, paper weights, sticky notes, stickers, white out, and more donated by Rho members at the August meeting. Between August 25 and September 4, the five system-wide mentor teachers in Williamson County Schools delivered goody bags from Delta Kappa Gamma's Rho Chapter to teachers new to our profession. The

new teachers were very thankful and happy to receive the timely welcome. When one new teacher opened her bag to find a small stapler, she said,

"A stapler! How did you know I needed a stapler?" Others commented on how thoughtful it was and were amazed that our group would take the time to make the bags. They were especially impressed with the handmade felt flowers decorating the bags. Many asked about what kind of organization DKG was and some expressed interest in being part of it one day. This project



helped our early career educators feel supported by the professional education community.

Start a collection of teacher desk items to donate next August so we can provide a little pick-me-up for new teachers in 2015!



SEVEN EASY WAYS

You Can Support Early Career Educators in Your Building

- Put a Goo Goo bar in a new teacher's mailbox with a post-it note saying "Welcome" or "Have a Goo-Goo-Good Day!"
- Prepare a Q & A brochure: "Important information you'll want to know about our school"
- One afternoon invite new and veteran teachers to your classroom. Answer questions from newly hired teachers. Serve pumpkin cupcakes!
- Decorate a file folder and label it "sunshine folder." It's a receptacle for sunshine: nice things kids say, supportive parent notes, encouraging comments from administrators, list of kind acts done in appreciation of her work, etc. She'll have tangible, accessible memories to offset the more frustrating days!
- Encourage life-long learning: plan to attend a professional development event together and offer a ride.
- Provide a PD notebook to save documents that provide proof of attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.
- Pass along this tip from a veteran educator and administrator: "Do your best each day and, when you leave your classroom at the end of the day, look forward to the next day without fretting over things that didn't get done today."

Member News

Please keep these members in your thoughts.

- Two members, **Leigh Ann Pittenger** and **Joan Blackwell** are resigning from Rho Chapter because of family demands and health concerns.
- **Sylvia Coile-LeMay** is improving from the rare cerebellar stroke of Aug 2. She is now on medical leave but will return to the classroom on Oct. 2.
- **Pam Lankford** lost her mother, Eva Imogene Gilliam, whose service was September 24 in Pulaski. The Lankfords moved in August – the new address is 3805 Somers Ln, Thompsons Station 37179.

Congratulate these Rho members!

- Congratulations to **Amy Kate McMurry** who is one of only 22 teachers to be selected for the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) inaugural Tennessee Educator Fellowship. The program provides an opportunity to learn and communicate about student-focused education policy issues. After her participation, Amy Kate will work to inform her peers, policy makers and her community about issues affecting students and teachers.
- **Jennifer Wilson** welcomed Lyle Ogden Wilson Sept 22. Mom & baby are well. Word is “He’s adorable!”
- **Judy Jackson**, chair of the U.S. Forum, attended the International planning meeting held in Austin, TX for administrative board members/international committee chairs. Judy represents us well!
- Did you see **Lynda Gunter’s** article “Mentoring New Teachers” in the September issue of the Xi State Newsletter? Rho Chapter thanks Lynda - her article informs mentors and helps Rho earn points for Chapter Excellence! Great job, Lynda!
- Welcome transfer member **Kathryn Milliken**, 2nd grade teacher at Johnson Elementary FSSD.

GETTING LOUD ABOUT OUR SILENT AUCTION!

‘Ideas for auction items’ you say?
Well, almost anything is quite okay.
Bring handicrafts that you make,
Or delicious treats that you bake,
Offer an hour to tutor a lesson,
Or a group creative hands-on session!
Necklace, bracelet, pin, or ring,
Wreath for fall or holiday bling!
Give a pet, houseplant, or tree,
Cookbook, novel, or mystery!
Bring gear for a favorite team,
Compile a basket with a theme!
Purses, tote bags, fine new sweater,
Scarf, hat, gloves for cooler weather.
Pillow, housewares, home décor
Or any donation from any store!
Gift card from a restaurant?
Sure...anything that you would want!
Think stocking stuffer, gift for mother,
Gifts for sister, dad, or brother!
By now you’ve auction ideas galore,
You might bring two or three or four!
You’ll want to buy if you take a look,
So don’t forget – bring your checkbook!

Please support this fundraiser for our
Rho Chapter Grants and Educator
Professional Development.

Nominate Leaders for Xi State Positions

Nominations are open for the 2015-2017 biennium state officers (president, first VP, second VP, recording secretary, corresponding secretary) and elected committees (Personnel, Nominations, Finance) with three positions for each committee. You may self-nominate or be nominated by a Xi State member. The Nominations form is at <http://www.xistate.org/forms.html> Completed forms must be postmarked or sent electronically by Oct. 31 to Susan Hoback, 6709 Garden Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38120 or suehk@aol.com. If you have questions, call (901) 753-7045.



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

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

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

Make Plans to Attend

November Rho Chapter Meeting Thursday Nov. 13 4-6 pm

By Judy Jackson

Senator Jack Johnson, Representatives Glen Casada, Jeremy Durham, and Charles Sargent, current state legislators for Williamson County, are scheduled to attend our Rho Chapter meeting in Otey Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Franklin at 510 West Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with Williamson County legislators before a new legislative session begins in January. The legislators will apprise us of educational legislation that is being proposed as well as current legislative issues affecting educators and students. If you have questions that you would like these officials to address, please send those to Judy Jackson by Nov. 1, 2014 at jfoxj2@gmail.com. Mark your calendars to attend on Thursday, November 13 at 4:30. Please extend an invitation to teachers and administrators in your schools.

"Books from Birth Tenth Anniversary Tour"

Delta Kappa Gamma members state-wide are invited to celebrate Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by visiting the 45' elaborately decorated touring coach in front of the State Capitol in Nashville on Wednesday September 30, 10 am.

Prospective Member Orientation

Thanks to TEAM A, Rho Chapter conducted a successful orientation for potential new members on Tuesday, Sept 23, at the Williamson County Library. Rho members passionately informed a delightful group of teachers about projects, scholarships, legislative connections and ideals of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Xi State Organization, including our own Rho Chapter traditions and events. We are still receiving responses, but immediately after Tuesday's orientation, we received commitments to membership from Kelli Myers, Analee Pinnegar, and Jessica Cole – CO, Caron Johnson – Chapman's Retreat Elementary, Melinda Leake – Spring Station Middle, Jenny Parkhurst – Summit High, Francine Pivacco-Nunez – Oak View Elementary, Laura Roy and Diane Wauford – Lipscomb Elementary, and Cindy Dodd – Sunset Elementary.

Teams Selected Chapter Responsibilities at the August Rho Chapter meeting

Remember to publicize your meetings and events in the Rhozette before the event and document them with pictures and a quick write up after the event 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 Collect \$ 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	