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President's Message

What a great picnic we had on August 23rd! Many thanks go to **Sandra Jones** and her orientation committee for the informative and delightful orientation for our prospective initiates. We all enjoyed sharing fond memories of members and events and talking about our Rho Chapter and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Thanks also to everyone who attended, as we celebrated our fellowship of sisters while enjoying such delicious food. In fact, the food was so good that we will be sharing some of the recipes in this issue of *The Rhozette* as well as future issues.

Our September 16th

meeting promises to be filled with fun! We will meet at Brentwood Middle School located at 5324 Murray Lane in Brentwood. **Pat Tyree** will lead us in crafting stationary cards. The short business meeting will begin around 4:30, but Pat will be ready to start at 3:30. So plan to come early, if you like, and craft your cards sooner. We will also be making cards for our chapter to sell at the Xi State Convention to raise money for our scholarship funds. Come ready to relax after a hard day at work and take home some beautiful hand-made cards of your own to send out for special occasions.

Please send any changes in name, address, email, or position to **Karen Mauldin** so that our yearbook will be up-to-date and accurate. Karen's email is karenm1@wcs.edu.

Xi State is offering a Leadership Management Seminar on November 14-16 at Natchez Trace State Park in Wildersville, TN. There is no charge and school systems should give 2 days of professional growth credit. Applications are available on the Xi State website or contact me for more information. The application deadline is September 15.

Sara

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"Crafts & Notes"



On Tuesday, **September 16, 2008**, Rho Chapter sisters will meet at Brentwood Middle School located at the intersection of Granny White Pike and Murray Lane at 4:30. Our own **Pat Tyree** will coordinate and lead our chap-

ter's efforts to stamp designs and create note cards which can be sold next June at Xi State in Sewanee. Proceeds from these sales will allow Rho Chapter to raise money for our scholarship funds.

This fun opportunity to

have fellowship will be held in Room B-4 at Brentwood Middle so that we have access to some long tables for creating some of Pat's great designs! Plan to come and join in on the fun!

Rho Due\$ are Increased!



This summer, International Headquarters raised their portion of our dues by \$20. To help keep your expenses low this year, Rho Chapter will absorb half of this expense in the chapter budget, but we may have to increase our dues by the additional \$10 next year.

Active membership dues for '08-'09 will now be \$70. This increase may be a hardship for some, and active members who have personal or family physical difficulties may choose to request *reserve* status for medical reasons. Reserve membership dues are \$30, and a written request (with explanations) for a change of status should be sent to the president, Sara Davis. Reserve

members may be reinstated to active status as health issues improve.

Active membership in Delta Kappa Gamma means that you will make a commitment to attend meetings and work on committees to advance the programs of our chapter. So, as you submit your dues for active membership, please recommit yourself to do your part to uphold the ideals of our Society with your attendance and effort. (Please mail or give your dues to our treasurer, Emma McElroy, at our September meeting. Emma's address is 404 Ellington Drive, Franklin, TN 37064).

October 15th is the deadline for payment of dues for our chapter. A

\$20 late fee will be assessed after that date. Any member whose dues are not received by October 30th will be dropped for non-payment, but please know that you can be reinstated the following year upon written request.

If you have any questions or concerns about the dues or payment of dues, please feel free to contact Rho President, Sara Davis. Her telephone number is 790-1976 and her email is l.vaden@att.net.

September Remembrances



Rho members celebrating September birthdays include:

Cyndy Howes, September 18

Naomi Norman, September 29

Julie Sparrow, September 3

Sara Davis, September 6

Sympathy is extended to **Michelle Contich** who recently lost her father

and to **Ruth Ann Graveno** who lost her father-in-law in May.

Leigh Ann Pittenger, **Judy Butler** and **Lois Keith** remain in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with their chemotherapy treatments.

Judy Jackson will soon be removing her boot from the foot that she broke just before school started.

Judy always loves a challenge! The boot has only slowed her down a little. **Joyce Waggoner-Herring** was in our thoughts as she dealt with medical issues involving her husband and her mother.

Congratulations to **Susan Ramsay** and **Ruth Sanders** who are now officially enjoying retirement!



Shhh! Silent Auction is just around the Corner

Rho Chapter's annual Silent Auction is just around the corner so start thinking about and looking for those special items that will be sought after by everyone. Our Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, December 6th**, in conjunction with the Christmas Brunch that Rho is hosting for three other area chapters—Alpha rho, Beta

Rho, and Phi. The brunch will be held at the Inn at Walking Horse Farm on Lewisburg Pike in Franklin. The sisters from the other chapters really LOVE to shop and will be ready to purchase some early holiday items.

In the past people are drawn to home baked goodies, handmade cards, novelties to use as stocking

stuffers, items with an iris motif, decorative holiday items, unusual tree ornaments, hand stitched items, beaded bracelets and matching earrings, and any other items that may entice a bid. Proceeds from this Auction will benefit our two grants-in-aid to two young women who are pursuing careers as teachers.

August Picnic was “Scooper”



On a very warm Saturday morning/afternoon, many of our Rho Chapter sisters braved the heat to attend our fifth annual beginning of the year picnic at the Shelter at Crockett Park in Brentwood. Rho Chapter provided the delicious fried chicken as well as the paper plates and cutlery. Each member in attendance brought their favorite picnic side item so we had a most delicious offering of home cooked and prepared dishes to accompany our chicken.

Sara Davis offered a meditation before we began chowing down on the delicious array of goodies. Those in attendance included **Elaine Warwick**,



Ann Moran, Betty Smith, Judy Jackson, Pat Tyree, Carolyn Bingham, Sandra Posey-Juarez, Michelle Contich, Sandy Jones, Peggy Bryant, Sylvia Coile-Lemay, Melonye Lowe, Dianne Blair, Jo Booth, Rosemary Hood, Sandy Shiveley, Emma McElroy, Olive McKenna, Brenda Standish, Tisha Sage, Lynda Gunter, Karen Mauldin, and prospective members Allison Collier, Mindy Cushenberry, Susan Miles, and Susan Eades.

Sara Davis made home-made yogurts in the flavors of plum, peach, and apple for everyone to enjoy. The individual offerings were all delicious and enjoyed by all.

Those present visited with each other in small groups while they enjoyed the feast. They talked about summer vacations, family news updates (**Peggy Bryant** was showing off her new pictures of those new twin grandsons) and beginning-of-the-year classroom situations and expectations.

The shelter at Crockett Park was shaded by some nearby trees and some light breezes made the otherwise sultry day more bearable. The laughter and conversational buzz added to a most enjoyable “Scoops of Summer” picnic and new start to this biennium! **Elaine Warwick’s** name was drawn to receive the door prize—a Smoothie machine!



Yum! Chocolate Cranberry Bars

Brenda Standish shared this picnic recipe with us. This recipe makes 36 bars. Enjoy!

2 c. vanilla wafer crumbs (about 60 wafers, crushed)

1/2 c. Hershey’s cocoa

2/3 c. cold butter, cut into pieces

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

1 c. Reese’s Peanut Butter Chips

1 1/3 c. (6-oz. pkg) sweetened dried cranberries

1 c. coarsely chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Stir together the vanilla wafer crumbs, cocoa, and sugar in medium bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Press mixture evenly on bottom and 1/2 inch up

sides of 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture; sprinkle evenly with peanut butter chips and dried cranberries. Sprinkle nuts on top; press down firmly.

Bake 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cover with foil; let stand several hours before cutting into bars and serving.

Books from Birth Registration Begins



The Governor’s Books from Birth/Imagination Library will be emphasized during the week of September 14-20 across the state of Tennessee. Xi State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma is a recognized partner in this endeavor to register children between birth and five years of age to receive free books in the mail. Sponsoring agencies within each county

have been enlisted to fund this important opportunity for children to have their own libraries at home for reading before they enter kindergarten.

Carolyn Bingham, Tisha Sage, and Lynda Gunter will be setting up a table at the Family Fun Night fundraising event at Kenrose on Friday, September 26th.

If you would like to register students at your school’s fall fundraising events, please contact **Lynda** (373-9694) and she will send you the registration brochures. Also if you have friends, neighbors or relatives in the area who have children under the age of five, check to make sure that these children are registered to receive these free books each month.

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Member Spotlight

Lynda Gunter

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.



Websites:

www.deltakappagamma.net (international)
www.xistate.org (state)
www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-rho (chapter)

Lynda was initiated into Rho Chapter in September 1997 and has served as both President and Vice-President and has served as chairman of the Personal Growth committee and Professional Affairs committee. She is currently serving as the chairman of the Xi State Literacy Committee.

Lynda was born and raised in Nashville and returned to the area in January 1994. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a B. S. in Elementary Education & from Tennessee State University with an M. Ed. in Administration and Supervision. She has two children—a daughter, Danielle, who is 35 and lives and works in Denmark and a son, Matt, who is 23, and lives and works in Atlanta.

Lynda enjoys reading, needlepoint, cooking, classic old movies, biking, and sailing.

Rho Calendar of Meetings for 2008-2009

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:

Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Initiation of new members at **Forest Hills United Methodist Church** on Old Hickory Blvd in Brentwood.

Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

“Legislative Forum”

Opportunity to meet with area legislators to discuss and get answers regarding educational issues at Liberty Elementary in Franklin.

Saturday, December 6, 2008 at

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Brunch and Silent Auction with Phi, Alpha Rho, and Beta Rho Chapters in Franklin, Tennessee at The Inn at Walking Horse Farm

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Update provided by Judy Jackson and Elaine Warwick at Otey Hall in Franklin.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Community Outreach and Collection at Otey Hall

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Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Spring Fashion Show by Janice

Swartz and The Cellar featuring Rho member models at Otey Hall in Franklin.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Cluster meetings & dinners in various locations.

Saturday, June 2009

Rho Chapter Executive Board Meeting