



# GAMMA ZETA CHAT



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## *President's Message :*

*I hope everyone enjoyed their "Fall Break". We surely couldn't have ask for more gorgeous weather. Every fall I look forward to seeing the leaves change color and somehow, I'm never disappointed. It's such a beautiful time of the year. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their break and had time to relax.*

*Please take note of the changes in membership and the fifth Purpose concerning scholarship aid.*

*Joan*

## Gamma Zeta Officers 2010-2012

President: Joan Glasser  
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## *Society Business Committee*

**Rules:** \*Betty Mason, Joyce Woods, Billie Sue McKenzie

**Finance:** \*Janice Jolley, Nancy Mercer, Carolyn Arndts, Anna Jean Roberts

**Membership:** \*Missy Posey, Patty Harris, Edna Howard, Cyndi O'Daniel

**Nomination:** \*Chris Ziegler, Amanda Pritchett, Sandra Ariks, Kristy Ward

**Historian/Scrapbook:** \*Brenda Harmon, Robin Dodd, Sharmin Baker, Leigh Clark

**Leadership Development:** Mary Evelyn Perkinson, Betty Mason, Jane Roberts



## *Program of Work*

**Program:** \*Amanda Pritchett, Kay Ledford, Joan Glasser, Cheryl Roberts

**Personal/Professional Growth:** \*Tammy Kerley, Robin Dodd, Marla Porter, Stephanie Miller

**Legislation/Forum:** \*Rebecca Burnette, Patty Harris, Vickie Million, Chery Hill

**Music:** \*Kay Ledford, Cindy Mills, Marla Porter



### *December Meeting*

*Meigs North Elementary*

*December 7, 2010 4:30*

*Program: Donate Items to  
Decatur Nursing Home*

Please bring Christmas items for the Decatur Nursing Home to the December meeting at Meigs North. We will deliver these items the following week. If you would like to be a part of the delivery team, please contact a Gamma Zeta member at Meigs North.



### November

- 5 Leigh Clark
- 5 Kristy Ward
- 15 Mary Evelyn Perkinson
- 21 Janna Cable

### December

- 1 Debbie Humphreys
- 3 Laura Jennings
- 12 Joan Glasser
- 18 Shelly Ellison
- 18 Edna Howard
- 24 Janet Irvin
- 31 Christy Armour

Need money for your classroom or to attend a special professional event? Apply for a V.F. Grant or the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award. Information can be found at [www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org)

**Purpose:** The Xi State Vision Foundation shall provide funds for members of Xi State (Tennessee), The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, to conduct educational research and to develop special projects related to the improvement of education, principally in Tennessee, and for the publication of the results of research and projects.



Remember the Vision Foundation is selling \$5.00 chances on a beautiful off-white handmade crocheted bedspread made by Mary Evelyn. It is absolutely gorgeous!!! Anyone interested buying a chance, send name, address, chapter, phone number and check to Nancy Davis, Xi State Treasurer, 941 A. Davis Lane, Mountain City, TN 37683. You may also buy a chance at any Gamma Zeta meeting. Winning name will be drawn at the 2011 Xi State Convention.



Several of our members represented Gamma Zeta at the Meigs County Fair and “The Relay for Life Event.” We had displays explaining “Give A Kid A Chance” and Delta Kappa Gamma’s programs and missions. We were also lucky enough to sign up 17 new children for the imagination library. “Books from birth to five.”

For every pair of shoes purchased through the TOMS Web site using the code DKGSI - Women’s, Men’s or Children’s - five dollars will be returned to the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. It is very simple: link to the TOMS site through the Society Web site or go to [www.toms.com](http://www.toms.com) - make your shoe selection. During the payment process, enter the code **DKGSI** in the discount code box. It is that simple. Three things will happen: you will receive wonderful shoes for yourself or your family. A child will receive a pair of shoes - One for One. The Foundation will receive funds which will be used to further literacy and other projects. All of this honors our chapters who worked so hard to maintain or grow their membership

### *Scholarships*

Eight (8) Xi State Scholarships available to members who have been members of the society for three (3) years. The information and application are available on the Xi State website and in the next issue of the Xi State News. The deadline for submitting an application is February 1, 2011.

Twenty seven (27) international scholarships are available, preferably for pursuit of a doctoral degree. Applications are available on The Delta Kappa Gamma International Web, and the deadline for application is February 1, 2011.



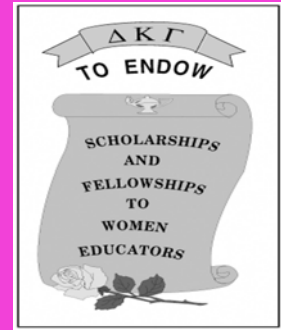
## *Updates*

### **The 5th purpose now reads:**

“To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to nonmember women educators.”

### **The requirements for membership now reads:**

“An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.”



## *Calendar of Events*

November 12-14, 2010	Leadership Management Seminar, Tansi Lodge, Townsend
November 15, 2010	Workshop Proposals for the 2011 Xi State Convention due to Beverly Smith
December 15, 2010	Chapter Yearbook due to Beverly Smith
January 10, 2011	Deadline to submit any proposed amendments to the Xi State Rules and Bylaws to Joy Branham
January 31, 2011	Deadline to submit registration forms for the 2011 Legislative Symposium & Breakfast to Judy Jackson.
February 1, 2011	Chapter annual reports due from chapter president, communication, necrology, finance, membership, nominations, program, scholarship, and world fellowship chairs
February 1, 2011	Deadline to submit application for Xi State & International Scholarships
February 1, 2011	Deadline to submit application for Cornet Award For Professional Development
February 25-27, 2011	Advanced Leadership Management Seminar, Middle Tennessee
March 1-2, 2011	Legislative Symposium, Millennium Maxwell House, Nashville
March 15, 2011	Deadline to submit Legislative Award form
March 15, 2011	Deadline to submit Communications Award form
March 15, 2011	Deadline to submit Order of the Rose Nomination form
April 1, 2011	Deadline to submit Achievement Award form
April 7, 2011	Deadline to submit Visual Arts & Display form
April 15, 2011	Deadline to submit Chapter Excellence form
July 13-16, 2011	Southeast Regional Conference Marriott Downtown Louisville, Kentucky

Convention June 9-11, 2011 University of the South, Sewanee  
Members are encouraged to present a workshop on Friday, June 10, 2011 at the Xi State Convention. Share with your DKG sisters in workshops dealing with professional growth, personal development, and society business. The proposal form can be found on the society website. Submit it electronically or mail it to Beverly Smith, Xi State 1st VP, at the address listed on the form. Proposals should be made by November 15, 2010. You will be notified when your workshop proposal is received.  
Any suggestions as to workshop topics please contact Beverly.



## *What Our Members Are Saying*



**Missy Posey:** Went on a cruise to the Western Caribbean over Fall Break and loved it. Enjoying watching college football and getting outside and enjoying the fall weather. Practicing with my students for our Christmas Program.

**Leigh Clark:** I have been very busy this month. It is hard to believe that fall break has already come and gone. My children at school are wonderful. They are learning new and exciting things everyday. I forget sometimes how much I love teaching kindergarten. My two daughters are keeping me on the run every night now that basketball has started, but I do love it. I wouldn't have it any other way. I am truly blessed.

**Sharmin Baker:** I had a wonderful, restful fall break. Now our family is back to our busy schedules, but I wouldn't have it any other way. God has given me so many wonderful blessings that I could not begin to name them all. Thank you to all my friends in this society who support me!

**Amanda Pritchett:** I am preparing to go out of town for some other First to the Top meetings. I'm excited to learn more about formative assessment and how to use the T-CAP information better. Race to the Top, or as it is known in Tennessee, First to the Top is very demanding and is taking up a lot of my time; however, it is one of the most exciting things to happen during my career. I am looking forward to coming back and sharing what I learn with everyone in the system.

On a more personal note, I am looking forward to the holidays and decorating. The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is my favorite time of the year. Doug and I are already talking about what to get for the grandbabies. It is fun to have little ones around.

**Robin Dodd:** After enjoying a relaxing Fall Break, I am trying to get back in the swing of things. It seems like this time of year is extremely busy. I am so thankful for God's answered prayers concerning some personal health matters. Please pray for Josh as he continues to battle with his IBS and new medications.

**Amy Woods:** I am loving all the new things going on in the Library this year. We have several new programs and books. Most of all I am thrilled to see the love of reading developing in the students. I am anxious for basketball to begin. We will be kept busy traveling between Middle School & High School basketball games. Mamaw Woods is keeping Kyndal busy with a trip to the Library & Kindermusik each week. I am thankful for my family. God has truly blessed me☺

### *What Our Members Are Saying*

**Cheryl Hill:** I really enjoyed spending fall break with my family! We had a nice relaxing vacation to Myrtle Beach. Now, I am back to my busy schedule, both at school and outside of school.

**Joan Glasser:** I enjoyed spending time and relaxing with family and friends during Fall Break. It's hard to believe that it is November already and Christmas is just around the corner. Having a great school year but, always looking forward to another break.

**Edna Howard:** I enjoyed Fall Break, it gave me a chance to get away and spend some time with David and Max as we took a cruise to the Bahamas. One of the best parts was having a good excuse to leave the cell phones turned off, so that we could have a true "old fashioned" vacation! (Ha!Ha!) On our way home I was glad to be able to stop and see my Mom for a few days before returning back to work...the Real World!