



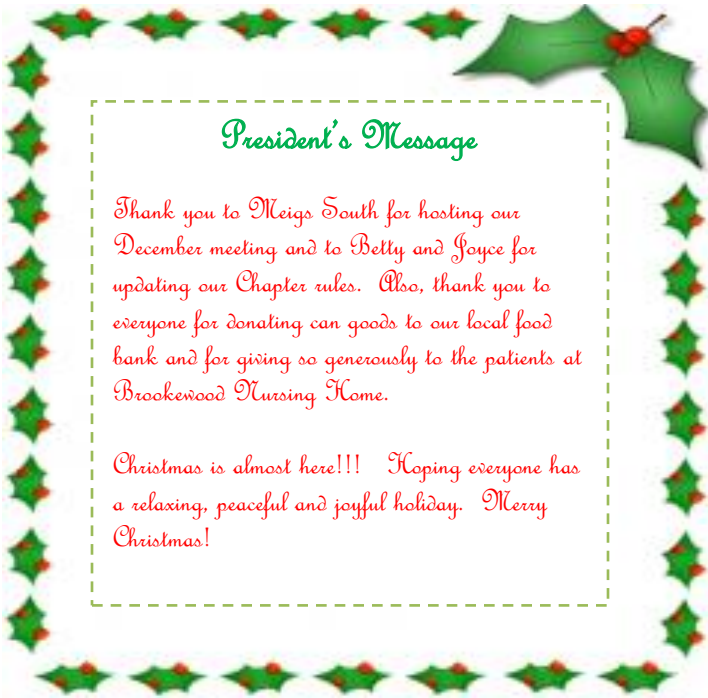
# GAMMA ZETA CHAT



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*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

November/ December 2011



## *President's Message*

*Thank you to Meigs South for hosting our December meeting and to Betty and Joyce for updating our Chapter rules. Also, thank you to everyone for donating can goods to our local food bank and for giving so generously to the patients at Brookerwood Nursing Home.*

*Christmas is almost here!!! Hoping everyone has a relaxing, peaceful and joyful holiday. Merry Christmas!*

### *Gamma Zeta Officers 2010-2012*

President: Joan Glasser  
First Vice-President: Amanda Pritchett  
Second Vice-President: Cyndi O'Daniel  
Recording Secretary: Missy Posey  
Corresponding Secretary: Laura Jennings  
Treasurer: Janna Cable  
Parliamentarian: Rebecca Burnette

### *Xi State Officers 2011-2012*

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## *Purposes*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven basic *purposes* that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the *purposes* of the Society. The seven *purposes* include.

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

## 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

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

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

**Program:** \*Amanda Pritchett, Jane Roberts, Cheryl Roberts

**Communications:** \*Lee Ann Cross, Connie Vincent, Iva Shields, Monica Key, Kristy Ward

## Society Mission and Purposes

**Personal/Professional Growth:** \* Amanda Pritchett, Robin Dodd, Marla Porter Stephanie Smith

**Legislation:** \*Rebecca Burnette, Patty Harris, Vickie Million, Cheryl Hill

**Music:** Cindy Mills, Marla Porter, Kara Lane

**Awards/Scholarships:** \*Cheryl Roberts, Trudy Templeton, Connie Vincent, Janna Cable

**Newsletter/Technology:** \*Joan Glasser, Mary Evelyn Perkinson, Sheila Yarborough, Monica Ward, Amy Woods

**High School Essay/Literacy:** \* Sue Parsons, Cindy Mills,

**Visual and Performing Arts:** \* Betty Lynn Thompson, Laura Jennings, Jennier McHone

**World Fellowship/Special Projects:** \* Judy Leamon, Jane Roberts, Shelly Ellison, Susan Barnett

**Arts:** \*Cyndi O'Daniels, Anna Jean Roberts, Jennier McHone



## Happy Birthday !



### 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

## Mission

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



## Vision

*Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.*

## Chapter Activities



Meigs South teachers host December meeting and ask members to bring can goods for local food bank. Items were also donated to Brookewood Nursing home in hopes of sharing a little extra Christmas cheer.





★**Officer Training Dates for new biennium** will be offered at these sites on the following Saturdays:

**Middle Tennessee** – Murfreesboro, Whitworth Middle School - March 10<sup>th</sup>

**West Tennessee** – Memphis, Bolivar Central High School - March 24<sup>th</sup>

**East Tennessee** - Knoxville, Trinity United Methodist Church - March 31<sup>st</sup>

New officers may attend training at any of the above locations.

### ★**Leadership**

It's your time to shine! Apply now for Xi State's Leadership Management Training

Seminar to be held **March 16-18, 2012**, at the beautiful St. Columba Retreat Center, just north of Memphis. Cost to you for two nights lodging, all meals, and a weekend full of fun and inspirational leadership training is only \$30. Your experience will be priceless.

Back by popular demand to lead the workshop is Cathy Daugherty, past Southeast Regional Director and current International Educational Excellence Committee member. Look for the application on the *Xi State Website* and in the *Xi State News*.

Application deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2012



The 2012 International Convention scheduled in **New York City**, offers sophisticated style, engaging workshops, and opportunities only found in New York City. Start planning to be part of an exciting convention. Face to face events connect members together through fellowship, learning and professional offerings.







Make plans now to attend the

**2012 Xi State Legislative Symposium**

Dates: **March 1-2, 2011**

Location: Millennium Maxwell House

2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

Nashville, Tennessee 37228

Times: **March 1, 2011 , 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (CST) (Legislative Symposium)**

**March 2, 2011, 6:30 A.M. -7:30 A.M. (CST) (Legislative Breakfast)**

**Registration form & payment for breakfast due: January 30.**

Our panelists/speakers for Tuesday evening include:

- **Dr. Gary Nixon**, Executive Director, TN State Board of Education
- **Dr. Connie Smith**, Assistant Education Commissioner
- **Jerry Winters**, TEA Manager of Government Relations
- **Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove**, Moderator
- *Legislators will be announced after the fall elections*

**Xi State Scholarships**

- These scholarships are awarded:
  - Special (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.
- Applicants must have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for at least **three** years.
- Service to Delta Kappa Gamma is an important criterion in the selection of a recipient.
- Regular attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be considered, as well as convention participation at all levels of the Society.
  - Former recipients of major (\$3,000) scholarships are not eligible again.

**Deadline Postmarked by February 1.**

Application found on Xi State site.



## *What Our Members Are Doing*

**Amanda Pritchett** - Over fall break, Doug and I explored. Our journey began in Memphis, Tennessee where we had some of the best ribs we have ever eaten. If you ever go to Beale Street, find a place called Silky O'Sullivan's. The ribs fall off the bones, and you may hear some great blues music. Grammy nominated Barbara Blue was singing the night we feasted on ribs.

The road then took us to Homa, Louisiana, located southwest of New Orleans. Here we attended a dedication ceremony for a church that had closed while serving as a distribution center for the Red Cross following Katrina. The church had been reopened after much effort about a year earlier. This was their dedication service, and we feasted on some real local Cajun food.

Next, we went to Biloxi, Mississippi looking for more good food. We ate at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, and enjoyed memorabilia from many great artists including Mic Jager and the Beatles.

December 5-7, 2012, I attended the Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education (TAASE) law conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Amanda, David Brown, Don Roberts, and Sarah Faulkner from Meigs County Schools learned much from sessions conducted by four lawyers from Tennessee. Sessions covered current issues and included facts about educational cases from across the country which are currently in court or where decisions have been rendered since the previous law conference. This conference is very helpful and reminds everyone that children with disabilities have protections under the law. An IEP is a legal document.

The conference was held at the Wilderness in the Smokies. I was able to spend the evenings with my husband either shopping or playing in the hotel's indoor water park. I encourage everyone to try this resort and take their families the next time they go to Pigeon Forge. We're already planning a trip with grandchildren.

**Cheryl Hill** - I am looking forward to spending Christmas with my family! As a mom of three boys, I am always on the go. I am looking forward to having some time to just relax, play board games, and watch Christmas movies with my family!

**Debbie Humphreys** - School is very busy. We are in the process of doing middle of the year benchmarks for mClass math, Star Math, and Star Reading. When we return from the holidays, we will start Dibels Reading for middle of the year. In addition, I have been conducting Response To Intervention meetings and Attendance Support Meetings. It makes the school year fly. We will complete 90 days of school in 2011.

On a personal note, we are excited about the new grandchild on the way. He is due on March 4. I sincerely hope he will not be born on February 29. My daughter-in-law has promised me it will not happen on the 29th. The name is up in the air. He will be joining his 3 year old sister, Ava.

**Amy Woods** - My family and I will be enjoying a short stay at the Wilderness in Pigeon Forge over Christmas Break. I looked forward to some much needed R&R. Amy

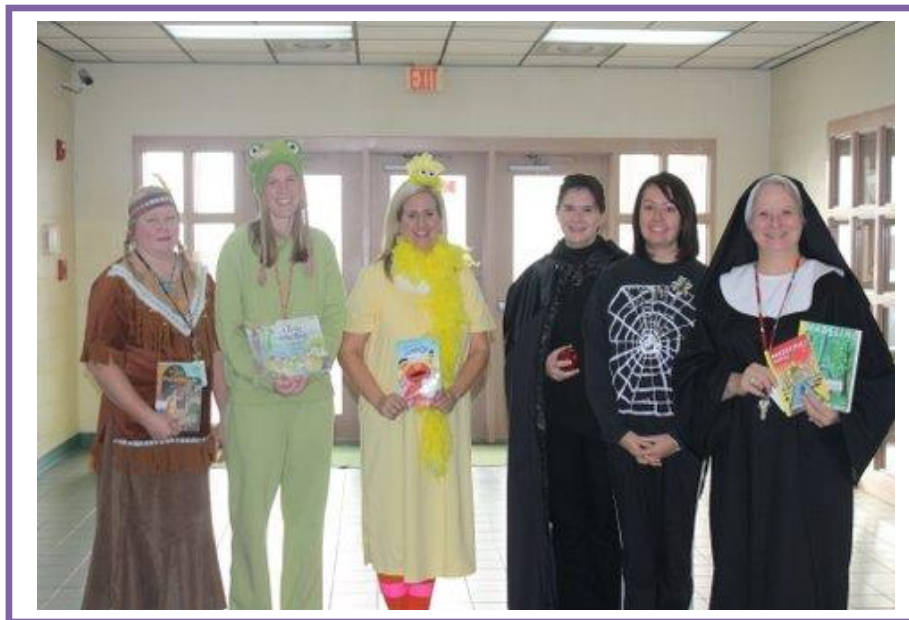
**Jennifer McHone** - I recently attended the East Tennessee Tile I Conference in Gatlingburg, Tennessee. This year's conference was overflowing with great ideas and presenters. Dr. Flora Joy from ETSU was presenting her book "Christmas Flavors". Educators can go online at [www.storytellingworld.com](http://www.storytellingworld.com) to see this book and others that she has written. Also, Tara Brown, an education consultant, presented a session on stress. You can go online to find the Holmes and Rahe stress inventory to see how susceptible you are to illness based on the stressors in your life. She reminded everyone to take more time for yourself and de-stress before it affects your body and behavior.

**Monica Key** - It is hard to believe, but this time last year, I was getting ready for a wedding! Josh and I are celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on December 18<sup>th</sup>. God has truly blessed our first year of marriage, and we look forward to everything that He has in store. I would like to say a special thank you to all of my Gamma Zeta Sisters who called, sent cards/flowers, and visited the funeral home during the loss of my grandfather. He was one of my heroes and we miss him dearly. We thank God for his promises in John 14 that we will see him again! I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and an incredibly Blessed New Year!

**Eda Howard** - My students have been very busy making Christmas ornaments for their parents, and are counting down the days until Christmas break. I too am really looking forward to Christmas and the time off to spend with Max and David, as well as to have some time to travel to visit my Mom and family! Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Blessed vacation!

**Susan Barnett** - I am working full time for Siskin Children's Institute.

**Joan Glasser** – Looking forward to relaxing and enjoying time at home. "Happy Holidays" to everyone.



Meigs North Teachers celebrate Literacy and  
**National Young Readers Day.**

*\*Believe...\**

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*\*Remember to Celebrate DKS\**

*Embracing Our Vision*

*Designing Our Future*

*Preview of Meetings*

*February Meeting*  
Meigs North Elementary  
February 2, 2012  
4:15

*April Meeting*  
Meigs Middle School  
April 5, 2011  
4:00  
Little Greenbrier School

*May Meeting*  
May 3, 2011  
4:00  
Founder Day Celebration

*Support International Projects*



**World Fellowship!**

**Early-Career Educators!**

**Schools for Africa!**





## *Dates to Remember!*

**December 31: Deadline to apply for Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth and/or Vision Foundation Project**

**February 1, 2012: Deadline to submit application for Spring Leadership Development training**

**February 1, 2012: Deadline to submit application for Xi State Scholarships and DKG International Scholarships**

**February 1, 2012: Application Deadline for Cornetet Award for Professional Development**

**May 1, 2012: Application Deadline for Cornetet Award for Professional Development**

**June 7-9, 2012: Xi State Convention** The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

**July 19-21, 2012: Seminar in Purposeful Living** Hyatt Regency, Arlington, VA

**July 24-28, 2012: Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention** Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers (7th Ave) New York, New York

**July 10-13, 2013: Southeast Regional Conference** Gaylord Palms Orlando, Florida

**July 28-August 1, 2014: Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention:** J. W. Marriott, Indianapolis, IN

**July, 2015: Southeast Regional Conference:** Georgia

**July, 2016: Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention:** Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, NASHVILLE, TN

