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President's Message:

We've had such a pleasant fall, with chapter and multi-chapter events providing us with plenty of opportunities to visit and enjoy our organization. Now, we enter December, which, at least for our chapter, is traditionally a time when we can take a moment to breathe and regroup.

In this month without a scheduled meeting, though, I thought that it would be a great time to remind you of opportunities that are available and plans that are being made for the upcoming months. Please see the brief article in this newsletter about application deadlines for grants and scholarships. There are scholarships available for

graduate study as well as research projects, conferences, and new classroom, supervisory, or administrative practices. Deadlines for application are approaching, so please check out these resources.

We have special plans for the January meeting, so I hope that all of you will make plans to attend on Thursday, January 7th. This meeting will be open to **anyone** who is interested in education in Tennessee, so please be sure to invite your colleagues and anyone who has a stake in education. Jim Wrye, TEA Assistant Executive Director and head of Government Relations, will be our guest speaker. Our purpose in having Jim come to speak is to inform anyone who wants to have a voice in

education legislation the latest developments and the backgrounds of educational issues. I know that early January is not when we typically meet, but with the opening of the legislative session drawing near, early January is the only time that Jim could fit us into his schedule. I heard Jim speak at last year's DKG Legislative Symposium in Nashville. He is a charismatic speaker who can help us know more about "how sausage is made." Just like sausage making, the legislative process can be ugly, and often the product that comes out looks nothing like what went in. The more we know about the ins and outs of "The Hill," the more prepared we are as teachers and citizens. Our meeting will be at 6pm at the Hardeman County Board of Education.

I'll be in touch soon with hostess committees and others who can help plan for the January meeting.

In the meantime, enjoy December, and have a blessed Christmas!

Terri Tims
Chapter President

Welcome New Member:



Brenda Gray lights her candle at the initiation ceremony held November 10th at the Pillars.

Xi State (Tennessee) Scholarship opportunities:

- 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.

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.

The deadline for the scholarship application is February 1, 2016. Application forms can be found at <http://www.xistate.org/forms.html>

Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Grant

This award is administered through the Xi State Vision Foundation. It provides financial assistance for one or more of the following:

- a national or international seminar, workshop, or professional meeting
- a new classroom practice you plan to initiate
- a new supervisory practice that you plan to initiate
- a new administrative practice that you plan to initiate
- a new workbook, textbook, or other professional writing that you plan to undertake

The deadline for application is December 31, 2015. The application information and

form can be found at
<http://www.xistate.org/forms.html>

New Members Want to Know



A question I have heard recently is where members can purchase a membership pin. While there is no rule in our chapter requiring members to purchase or wear a pin, a pin is a meaningful symbol of our membership. Pins are available through the international organization. The order form can be found at <https://www.dkg.org/content/official-jewelry-collection-order-form> Most members choose the DKG Small Official Member Key Pin that costs around \$15.00. As you grow as a DKG member, you will receive other pins for participating in leadership training and holding some offices. As you acquire pins, a convenient way to wear them is with a ribbon pin holder that also serves as a name tag. Pin

holders can be ordered from the Omicron Chapter here in Tennessee. The order form can be found at

<http://www.xistate.org/redribbonpin/pinorderform.pdf>

Hardeman County Multicultural Museum Hosts Lecture Series

Through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, you are invited to attend screenings and discussions focused around four powerful documentaries designed to inspire conversations about the meaning of freedom and equality in America. The films are presented by the Hardeman County Commission for Black History and the Multicultural Museum of Hardeman County. On December 13, 2015 from 3:00-5:00pm, the film *Slavery By Another Name* will be shown followed by a discussion led by Dr. Charles McKinney, Associate Professor of History and Director of Africana Studies, Rhodes Colleges,

Memphis.

This event is held at the Multicultural Museum of Hardeman County, 500 W. Market Street, Bolivar, TN.



Mark your Calendars:

December 13, 2015:

Hardeman County
Multicultural Museum Lecture
Series 3:00pm to 5:00pm

January 7, 2016: Chapter Meeting at Hardeman County Board of Education at 6:00pm

July 5-9, 2016: International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee

June 2-4, 2016: State Convention in Sewanee, Tennessee



December Birthdays:

Deana Sain - 2
Jessica Kennedy - 12
Helen Johnson - 13
Angela Galloway - 27
Nancy Johnson - 28

We can be found on the Web!



Check out our chapter webpage at www.betasigma.org for up-to-date events and information!

Note from your Corresponding Secretary!

Have a wonderful holiday!

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Regards, Shelly

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