

BETA PI NEWSLETTER

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Xi State...Growing Possibilities

Letter from Kim

New Years Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. I just want to thank everyone for their efforts and accomplishments for this past year.

It is now time for us to be thinking of the upcoming officer election. We will need to decide on positions to fill for our officer team. **Please be willing to fill these positions.** We need to step outside our boxes to fill these offices. We are growing in numbers with our membership enrollment. Let's keep it going. Keep on telling about and promoting DKG. The more members we gain the better, and we can accomplish more with growing membership. Again, Thank you all for what you do for DKG!

-Kim

Be positive

& Move



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Important Dates

Scheduled Meeting - Jan. 11

UCHS Library

Snack at 4:30/Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Symposium - Jan. 26-27

Biennial Reports, Scholarship Applications,

Convention Breakout Proposals Due - Feb. 1

Leadership Management Applications Due - Feb. 12

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Xi State: www.xistate.org

And ΔΚΓ: www.deltakappagamma.net

Chapter Strengthening Recommendations

- Communicate often with every member
- Nominate new officers as early as possible to allow job shadowing
- Formulate chapter procedures for clear guidelines
- Try the New Recruitment Plan
- Regularly contact dropped members about reinstatement
- Provide each new member with a mentor
- Engage new members in the work of the chapter

January Meeting

We will meet at UCHS Library on Monday, January 11th, at 5:00. We will have snacks at 4:30, and start the meeting as soon as everyone arrives. The most important part of this meeting is to elect new officers. The training is April 9. Please keep in mind that we **have to have** new officers to continue. Hostesses: Lana Booker, Hannah Richardson & Rachel Hodges

Dues

Active Dues - \$85
Reserve Dues - \$58

Education Bill Signed Into Law

The new education bill which was passed and signed into law is now being referred to as ESSA. It will not take effect until the 2017-18 school year. Any state waivers which were granted under NCLB will expire August 1, 2016. The 2016-17 school year will be transitional between NCLB and ESSA as states develop policies to comply with the new law. Major issues which the new law addresses are testing and accountability, teacher evaluation, grants and fiscal accountability.

One of the provision states:

"The bill provides states with increased flexibility and responsibility for developing accountability systems, deciding how federally required tests should be weighed, selecting additional measures of student and school performance, and implementing teacher evaluation systems."

For more information, visit the US Forum DKG page: <http://www.usforumdkg.org>.



Christmas Selfie at Club LeConte:
Back: Donne, Pat, Lana, Sherrie, Pam
Front: Kim, Bonnie, Donna, Maegan

Attendance Drawing

We will again be doing an attendance drawing this year. Each time you attend a meeting, you can enter to win.

Registration Fees Set for Nashville 2016 Convention

The International Administrative Board has approved registration fees for the 2016 Convention that should make it possible for at least 400 TN members to volunteer at the convention, even if only for one day. While registration will not open until spring, please keep these fees in mind:

Registration Fee- \$175.00

Late Registration Fee- \$263.00

Registration Fee Host State Organization

Volunteer- \$160.00

Member One Day Fee- \$76.00

Member Two Day Fee- \$140.00

Member Spotlight Lana Booker

If you know me, you know I don't like to shop for Christmas presents but I do like to crochet for Christmas. I belong to the Women's Missionary Union at my church and we have knitted and crocheted for the needy for the last 5 years. I crochet and knit but crocheting a toboggan only takes 60-90 minutes and requires less brain power, so I crochet more. The last two years we have given away our scarves and toboggans here in Union County at Under the Tree (Toys for Tots in other counties). My total of crocheted items for 2015 was 34; our grand total was 424 items. Knitting and crocheting are hobbies I enjoy and having an opportunity to help the children in our county by doing something I enjoy is a blessing.

Birthdays Pat Phillips 1/1