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Xi State...Growing Possibilities

Letter from Sherrie

I am writing Kim's letter this time to help her out. As you probably know, her father passed away unexpectedly. Please keep Kim and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our November meeting is an important one as we are trying to expand our membership. Please make every effort to be there to greet potential new members and make them feel welcome. Be thinking about our Christmas party – it'll be here soon!

-Sherrie





Nov. Hostesses: Donna Campbell, Susan Bolinger, and Bonnie Dalton **Important Dates** Scheduled Meeting – Nov. 9 RMUMC Family Life Center 5:00 p.m. Nov. 10 – Treasurer's Report due

Xi State - Tennessee

Dec. 10 – Yearbook due Dec. 31 – VF Scholarship apps due Visit Beta Pi: <u>www.xibetapi.weebly.com</u> Xi State: <u>www.xistate.org</u> And ΔKΓ: <u>www.deltakappagamma.net</u>

Member Spotlight Susan Bolinger

Recently, Susan was one of 144 high school counselors in the nation selected to attend the centers of influence program at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis MD. The four day program ran from October 19-22 and included tours and special sessions on admissions at the highly selective institution. Way to go, Susan!

November Meeting

We will meet at Rutherford Memorial Methodist Church Family Life Center on Monday, November 9th, at 5:00. We will set up and be ready for any potential members to show up at 5:30. We will be finished at 6:30. We will try to have a super quick business meeting right before 5:30 to take care of any urgent business.

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Dues

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

Legislative Update: FEDERAL COLLEGE AID FORMS REVISED

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms have been revised to make the process easier. Filling out this form allows students access to grant opportunities, work study and student loan information. The form is now available at

http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/a ttachments/112114Draft20152016FAFSA FormInstructionsAttach.pdf. A form which can be filled out on line is available at www.fafsa.gov. Because these forms have so recently been revised, this latter site may not be available right now. The new forms allow applications to be submitted months earlier, and the financial information required is more easily supplied. (Tax returns may be used. A toll-free number is given on the form where questions about the financial information can be answered.) Also online are several organizations which offer free help in filling out and submitting the forms. It is estimated that 1.3 million students who would have been entitled to the maximum Pell Grant in 2011-12 did not even apply for the grant.



Attendance Drawing

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

<u>Coming Down to the Wire for 2016</u> <u>Convention Volunteers!</u>

There are still 14 chapters without a single volunteer for the international convention, July 5-8 at Opryland! Hard to believe, but some still haven't made up their minds to attend and help make this the best convention ever!

The volunteer committee will end its solicitation for volunteers the end of December and begin to contact all who have volunteered to get a commitment for days they are planning to be at the convention. Duties will be assigned in the spring and members notified in time to plan to come to the training sessions at the state convention in June.

We need 50+ more volunteers to meet our goal of 400. If your chapter is one of the 14 with no volunteers yet, please urge your members (and you, too!) to put July 5-8, 2016 on your calendars, and volunteer!!

See Sherrie Collins to sign up now!

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**