Kappa Communiqué

*Delta Kappa Gamma*

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and

personal growth of women educators and educational excellence.

**Upcoming Meeting**

March 7th, 2019

Program: ***Lessen Your Stress with Yoga***

Presenter: Shelia Pierson

Location: Libby Center, Camden

Hostess: Jeanette Brandon\* (djbrandon@hughes.net), Crystal Nelson, April Petreman, Lindsey Jordan, Emily Pierce

Inspiration: Crystal Nelson

\* This hostess receives the RSVP.

**NOTICE FROM KAPPA TREASURER**

**SUSAN WOODS**

 DKG International decided at the 2018 convention to change the scheduling of dues collection to match their fiscal year.  What this means to you, a member, is that dues will be collected toward the end of the school year for the following school year.  While Xi State has not decided on an exact date for dues to be in to the Xi State treasurer, you need to expect to pay your dues to me, your Kappa treasurer, no later than the May meeting.

 The amount of dues, $80.00 has not changed.  As usual, it will be fine for you to split your dues payment into two payments of $40.00 each.  If you want to do this you should make your first payment at the April meeting and the 2nd payment at the May meeting.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGe**

Ladies,

I have been enjoying all of this liquid sunshine that we have been getting lately. Hopefully we will be seeing more of the actual sun soon. I am proud to say that all of our prospective members were voted in this month. I hope that everyone comes out to our next meeting so that you can meet these key women educators.

See you soon!

Lots of love!

Lynn

**Dates to Remember**

Forms and applications are available at: <http://www.xistate.org/>

May 30- June 1, 2019 Xi State Convention- University of the South

June 27-29, 2019 International Conference

 Asheville, NC

**Member News**

**ROSES**

-Lynn Cole was selected as the Elementary School Teacher of the Year by VFW Post 2109 in Camden.

-Denise Baker’s son Ryan was awarded the Governors’ Volunteer Star Award.

- Kim Denman’s son, Nelson, was selected to attend Governor’s School this summer. He will be attending International Studies at the University of Memphis! Kim’s daughter, Braden Clare and Nelson, both qualified and will be attending the State Convention in FBLA in March.

**Member News**

**THORNS**

From Dr. Joyce:

 Larry is doing much better now that chemo is done. He is on a pill, Casodex, for the Prostate cancer, an Xgeva shot for his bones and an every 6 month Lupron shot. He is cooking some, working on puzzles, and getting back to his ornery self!

 Dr. Joyce is slowly coming back from the epidural injection in her spine. I realized that I have not driven my car all year! The original pain is gone, although I have soreness at times in my back and tend to overdo some days. I just thank God I am not limping around anymore.

 When Mary Johnson was driving me to my doctor appointments we talked some about Delta Kappa Gamma and I realized that I have been a member for 30 years this spring! (Someone might want to verify that.)

 I miss everyone and hope to be getting around starting in the next week if I can.

All of your thoughts and prayers are and will continue to be appreciated!

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

Chalkbeat

 Governor Bill Lee plans to expand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics offerings in Tennessee’s K-12 schools. He plans to set aside $4 million in his proposed budget to pay for his *Future Workforce Initiative*. This proposal would launch new STEM-focused career and technical education programs at 100 middle schools.

 Lee also wants to increase the number of educators qualified to teach “work-based learning” and advanced computer science courses.

 “Lee said. “By exposing Tennessee students to computer science in their K-12 careers, we are ensuring our kids have every chance to land a high-quality job.”

Proposed legislation this week:

* **HB383/SB488 (Weaver/Bowling)**-Permits LEAs to use ACT, Aspire, or SAT suites of tests in lieu of the EOCs for math and language arts in grades 9-12. \*Members will be receiving a poll shortly to gauge teacher support for this concept.
* **HB315/SB443 (Hicks/Bell)**-Requires TCAP scores used for student final grades to be delivered by the state at least five school days before the end of the year.

House Ed Admin Sub- 4:30PM- HHRIII

* **HB399/SB1261 (Parkinson/Gresham)**- requires all school boards and charter schools to adopt a code of conduct for all persons entering a school

***Wednesday, 2/20***
House Ed full-9AM- HHRI

* **HB177/SB295 (Love/Akbari)**-Prevents local funding bodies from spending interest earned on school fund balances for non-educational purposes.

Senate Ed- 2PM- SHRI

* **SB917/HB294 (Southerland/Hawk)**-Allows students to take ACT WorkKeys tests in lieu of required post-secondary readiness test in grade 11.
* **SB953/HB1261 (Yarbro/Dixie)**-directs department to reimburse parents of economically disadvantaged students for the cost of one AP test.
* **SB784/HB928 (Johnson/Lamberth)**- See above description
* **SB790/HB934 (Johnson/Lamberth)** Administration bill making various changes to special ed law; transfers control of state special schools from SBE to TDOE
* **SB443/HB315 (Bell/Hicks)**- See above description.
* **SB295/HB177 (Akbari/Love)**- See above description

House Ed K-12 sub- 3:30PM- HHRI

* **HB405/SB170 (Love/Robinson)** Requires an adverse childhood experience (ACE) assessment prior to any suspension, expulsion, in-house, or referral to alternative school
* **HB767/SB820 (Love/Akbari)** Requires in-service training on restorative justice discipline practices for all LEA employees.
* **HB808/SB1242 (Kumar/Gresham)**- Assigns school nurses the same classification of certified as teachers if they are deemed classified employees by an LEA.

**CHAPTER WEBPAGE**

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