“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.” Alexander the Great

Three events recently have had me thinking about excellent teachers. The first event was the Anderson County Teacher of the Year banquet. It was so exciting to be with teachers who are being recognized as being top-notch, and to see the videos each school made to honor their Teacher of the Year. We truly have some magnificent teachers in Anderson County. The speaker at the banquet was Alan Williams of WVLT. He said that the greatest teacher he ever had was his father, who was a university professor. Over the years many people have told Alan Williams what a brilliant teacher his father was, and he also was a wonderful father, unlike Alexander’s father, Philip. (Alexander felt he had to go into exile when his father married Cleopatra, a much younger woman who might produce another heir and would want Alexander killed. A few years later Philip was assassinated and Alexander inherited the throne.)

The second event is an essay contest, “Why I am Thankful for My Teacher.” My English teacher has shared some of the entries with me and it is wonderful to hear from students how an educator has touched them positively. I am so blessed to work with educators who care deeply about their students and want to help them succeed. I had to grin - one student wrote of our counselor, ”I have never seen anyone so hell-bent on helping students succeed” - not exactly your typical tribute but you get the idea. I am sure that all our Zeta sisters would have wonderful tributes from some of their students, too. Not all educators are as famous as Alexander’s teacher, Aristotle, but we all have a very important job.

The third event is our upcoming initiation. We are so happy to welcome three outstanding women educators to Zeta! Leigh Anna McCann, Joanna Merritt, and Whitney Schmidt, we are glad to have you join us! We will be initiating these new members at Trinity United Methodist Church on April 27. Be sure to be on time because we will start promptly at 5:00. After initiation we will enjoy a delicious dinner, and I am really looking forward to hearing Robin Goddard.

President’s message is continued on page 5.
APRIL MEETING

Date: April 27
Time: 5:00
Place: Trinity United Methodist Church.
Cost: $15.00

Program: This month's joint meeting will be on April 27 at Trinity United Methodist Church. The initiation ceremony will be at 5:00, followed by dinner at 5:30 and the presentation by Robin Goddard about her experiences as a child with the Walker sisters of Little Green Brier in the Smokies.

REMINDER

If you make a dinner reservations and can not attend, you will need to pay for the meal. Due to a tight budget, we need to pay for the meal with in a week of missing the meeting.
Thanks

Articles, information etc. needed for future newsletters. Please submit to Connie Silvey at cfsilvey@bellsouth.net by the 10th of each month.

SPOTLIGHT ON AN EDUCATOR:

At our January Zeta meeting, Robin Jarman, a science teacher at Powell High, was the winner of the drawing to be spotlighted for the second semester. Listed below is her "Wish List" of items that she can use in her classroom. Members may bring items for Robin to our meetings for the remainder of the school year.

* Copy paper
* Colored pencils
* Glue sticks
* Scissors (adult-size)
* 1 or 2 large Rubbermaid totes w/ lids
* College-ruled paper
* Hot glue sticks (skinny ones)
* Masking/painters tape
* Duct tape
* Pipe cleaners
* Any craft supplies that could be used for making sea creatures
* Dark blue streamers

CALANDER

04/27/15  Initiation Trinity United Methodist Church
05/18/15  We will wrap up Zeta's year on May 18 at Puleo's at Strawberry Plains. Kitty Pruett and Tracy Cagle will present the program about their trip to Hawaii.
05/16/15  Children's Reading Festival World’s Fair Park
06/4-6/15  Xi State – Sewanee
07/14-18/15 Southeast Regional at Westin Hotel in Savannah, GA
07/5-9/16  DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville
Concerns

Keep in our thoughts and prayers:

Judy Fleenor (mother)
Trish Groves
Connie Silvey (mother)
Bonnie Burnette
Linnie McMillian
Tricia Jones (mother)
Micky Perry
Sara Key (husband)
Kitty Pruett

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Awards

Remember if you have received an award this past
**Legislation**

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Check out Zeta’s Web site
http://dkgxizeta.weebly.com/

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**Urgent Request**

EVERYONE needs to complete this Biographical Data Sheet and bring to our April meeting even if they have done so in past years. All Member Biographical Information Sheets will be kept and put in a binder and given back to you periodically so you won't have to do the entire sheet next year. Thank you for your help with this very important task.

**Recipes**

COOKBOOK RECIPES NEEDED

Myra Sowder is working on the collection of recipes from Zeta members, but she needs to hear from you. Please choose two or three of your favorite recipes and send them to Myra by April 27.

Myra Sowder, 8045 Majors Rd., Corryton, TN 37721
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Mystery Members
(4 Truths and 1 Lie)

MM No. 1:
1. Walked on a glacier in Alaska
2. Rode a camel to the Pyramids of Giza
3. Saw the Grand Canyon from a helicopter.
4. Went parasailing in the Bahamas
5. Toured my ancestral lowlands of Scotland

MM No. 2:
1. Taught 37 years
2. Traveled 5 years over most of the states
3. Love my church family (member for 50 years)
4. My family consists of my husband, one son, two grandsons, one great-granddaughter
5. Would love to be 39 and holding

MM No. 3:
1. Retired
2. CB handle is "Ski Queen"
3. Enjoys sewing
4. Possibly moving to Florida
5. Loves to hike and camp
I greatly enjoyed having the Zeta meeting at ACCTC last month. Thank you so much for coming, and the generous donation to Pam Wilson’s culinary arts program. She has worked extremely hard to get this program going, and I am so proud of the students and all their hard work. They served almost 400 people at the ACS Teacher of the Year banquet, and it was delightful! I wish you all could have seen Robin Jarman’s face when I showed her all the materials you had donated for her class. She was delighted! I am thrilled with Zeta’s response to our Spotlight on an Educator this year.

A recent email from Sandra Pineault, Xi State Communications and Publicity Committee Chairman, said, “Congratulations! Your chapter has received the Highest Award for Communications and Publicity. Your chapter newsletters have been outstanding. You have submitted articles/pictures to the Xi State News. The members of the committee have found your chapter to be exemplary in communicating with your chapter members and publicizing your chapter members and activities.” Many thanks to Connie for putting together our superb newsletter and to all who have contributed to the newsletter or sent articles and pictures to both the Xi State News and the News Sentinel. In addition, I have not heard officially, but I am sure we also will be receiving the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence. We earned 324 points, far more than the 275 points necessary for the Gold Award! It is fun to see our excellence recognized!

Tricia

WELCOME INITIATES

Zeta chapter is pleased to welcome three educators to Delta Kappa Gamma. The initiation ceremony will take place prior to dinner at 5:00 P.M. on April 27 at Trinity. The initiates are Leigh Anna McCann, a math teacher at Carter Middle School; Joanna Merritt, a social studies teacher at Carter Middle School; and Whitney Schmidt, an English teacher at Oak Ridge High School. We look forward to getting to know these ladies as they become active members of our chapter.

Xi State Convention
June 4—6
University of the South, Sewanee, TN

I have reserved 3 rooms at Sewanee Inn with 2 Queen size beds for 2 nights + tax + AAA discount = $353.64 I have going Martha McCluen, Wynona Dye, Tricia Jones, June Gorski, Connie Silvey, Kaye Williams and Myra Sowder. Is anyone else planning on going? Register by May 1. Sign up for Thursday night reception, Awards Luncheon and President Banquet on Friday