

# ZETA NEWS

January, 2018 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## 2016-2018 Officers

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## *Encouraging Exemplary Educators*

**“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” —T.S. Eliot**

Happy New Year! I love the excitement of the new year. It's really just an arbitrary moment in time, but to me each January 1 holds so much promise and excitement. It is fun to anticipate what the year ahead will hold.

Anything seems possible!

As teachers we get another new start at the first of the school year. This is one of many things I appreciate about being an educator. I think it would be so boring to be in a job where you don't get the opportunity to start fresh periodically.

The truth is, we can start fresh at any time! It doesn't have to be January 1 or the first day of school. Just decide, “I'm going to...” or “I'm not going to...” and go for it!

Another thing I love about January is our Zeta meeting. It is so much fun to get together and have time to visit with each other. I am so happy that we have a tradition of doing community service during this meeting. It is so much fun to think of the recipients of our projects and how we can bless them. I can't wait to see you then!

*Tricia*

# January Meeting

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Date: January 22, 2018

Time: 5:00 - Dinner

Steamboat: sandwiches, soup, drinks, and a brownie.

Cost \$12.00

Place: Powell High School

Chapter business meeting

Program: Service Project - Ronald McDonald House. We will be decorating sixteen bags for the rooms at the Knoxville Ronald McDonald House. Please remember to bring items for the bags.

## SNOW POLICY

The Zeta chapter meeting will be cancelled if Knox County Schools are closed.



## REMINDER

If you make a dinner reservation, and cannot attend, you will need to pay for the meal. Due to a tight budget, we need to pay for missed meals within a week of missing a meeting.

Members **please return the callers' calls**, even if you are not making a reservation. A returned call lets the caller know that the message was received.

- 1/20 Teacher Depot Booth
- 1/22 Service project for Ronald McDonald House, PHS, 2136 W Emory Rd, Steamboat Deli
- 2/1 Deadline to apply for Xi State Scholarship and International Scholarship
- 2/18 Legislative Symposium - Nashville, TN
- 2/26 Arts Awareness Program, Wedgewood House, 3425 Kingston Pike, Presenter: Patricia Harris, dinner at Panera Bread on Kingston Pike
- 3/15 Deadline: Xi State Order of the Rose nomination, Communication Award, Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, Achievement Award Nomination, and Legislative Award
- 3/24 Zeta 80th Anniversary Celebration and Founder's Day Celebration, 2 :00 - 4:00 P.M., Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike.
- 3/1 The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form due
- 4/23 Spring Initiation and Officers' Installation (Alpha Tau), TUMC
- 5/19 Children's Festival of Reading, World's Fair Park
- 5/14 End of Year Wrap-Up, Henry's Deli & Bakery, 7231 Tazewell Pike
- 6/7-9 83rd Xi State Convention-Sewanee, TN
- 7/16-20 International Convention, Austin, TX

## February 26 Meeting

Arts Awareness Program

Wedgewood House,  
3425 Kingston Pike  
Patricia Harris, Presenter

**Dinner following the program at Panera Bread Kingston Pike on Kingston Pike, 37919. This is a change in location.**

## Newsletter

Articles, information etc. needed for future newsletters. Please submit to Connie Silvey at [cfsilvey@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfsilvey@bellsouth.net) by the 10th of each month. Please use Times New Roman font and 12 font size. Thanks

# Concerns

Keep in our thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Calvert (mother)

Bonnie Burnett                      Mickey Perry

Tracy Cagle's husband      Earnestine Everhart

Pat Satterfield (Alpha Tau) had a stroke

## Zeta Phone List

Send changes in telephone, cell, work numbers to  
Connie Silvey cfsilvey@bellsouth.net

## Yearbook

Please send yearbook corrections to:

Alice Carson

alice.carson@knoxschools.org

1223 Hearthstone Lane 37923



## Awards

Remember: If you have received an award this past school year, please notify: Judy Fleenor 7009 Ashley Court 37921



## Congratulations

Our Second Semester Spotlight on an Educator is Kelly Reed. She is the eighth educator that Zeta has spotlighted and sponsored in the last three years. Kelly is a head start educator at Grand Oaks Head Start. Listed below are items that Kelly's preschoolers need. Please bring items to each meeting. Thanks.

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| Adhesive Velcro    | Felt Squares      |
| Liquid Glue        | Craft sticks      |
| Dixie Cups         | Lysol Spray       |
| Old Magazines      | Magic Erasers     |
| Dry Beans          | Treasure Box Toys |
| Construction Paper | (Small trinkets)  |



## January

Saralee Peccole-Taylor	11
Denise McGaha	12
Ernestine Everhart	28
Mary Smith	29

## WHO'S The Mystery ZETA MEMBER

MM#1

I have sung at Carnegie Hall.  
Garth Brooks and I have talked and have something in common.  
I love to take pictures of all kinds of nature around me!  
I have been in several music videos.

MM#2

I have travelled to four foreign countries.  
I had a double major in college but am not working in either field.  
My picture was in newspapers across the US when I was born.  
I have moved 15 times.

MM#3

One of my former students won the Daytona 500.  
Another student has won a Grammy.  
I am a cancer survivor.  
A student once nicknamed me the "Goddess of Mathematics".

MM#4

I went to St. Martins in June.  
I have taught 16 years of swimming & life savings at West Side YMCA.  
I am going on a cruise from Athens to Rome via Jerusalem in Oct. -Nov. of this year.  
I now have 2 grandchildren.

**Legislation**

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 Check out Zeta's Web site
**<http://dkgxizeta.weebly.com/>****Save the Date!****Zeta's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration****Saturday, March 24, 2018****2:00 – 4:00 P.M.****Rothchild's on Kingston Pike**

We plan on celebrating our chapter's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (and Founder's Day) with a reception and program on March 24, 2018. Dr. Elaine Alexander, Xi State President, and Nancy Davis, Xi State Treasurer, will be attending. This meeting will be held on Saturday to allow for out-of-town guests, and will be the only meeting we will have in March. Please make a special effort to attend this special event.

Sherry Walsh, committee chair

**MEMBERSHIP BUZZ FROM KAYE**

To keep our chapter fresh and active, we need additional members. Due to our 80th anniversary celebration in March, we will need to vote on prospective members in **February**, and that will be here before we know it. Keep in mind, women who teach or train others are eligible for membership. They do not have to work in a traditional school setting. Think of someone and invite her to join us for the January meeting.

**Help**

We need your input for our skit for the 80th Anniversary Celebration. We are going to highlight trends in education for each decade. For example, one memory of the 70's for June was the use of the mimeograph machine with its awful purple ink that stained anything that it came in contact with. So, think of the decades during which you have taught, and list changes that you remember or interesting events that occurred during those years. Please bring these ideas to the January meeting.

80th Anniversary Celebration Committee

## Legislative

### New State Law Requires Drivers To Put Down Their Phones In Active School Zones

Due to the increase in driving while distracted nationwide, our state lawmakers have enacted a great new law that will help keep our children safe in school zones. With school starting back on Monday, please share this information with your friends and family. We have attached the entire law to this post to help answer any questions you may have. Remember, as of January 1, 2018, the law is active and enforceable.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to the use of certain electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-8-20r.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Hands-free device" means a device that is designed to allow two way communication via mobile telephone without the necessity of holding the mobile telephone, such as a speakerphone or headset; and

(2) "Mobile telephone" means a cellular, analog, wireless, or digital device that provides for voice communication or for both voice and data communication. "Mobile telephone" does not include a two-way radio or push-to-talk device.

(bX1) It is an offense for a person to knowingly operate a motor vehicle in any marked school zone in this state, when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, and talk on a hand-held mobile telephone while the vehicle is in motion.

(2) It is a delinquent act for a person under eighteen (18) years of age to knowingly operate a motor vehicle on any road or highway in this state and talk on a mobile telephone that is equipped with a hands-free device while the vehicle is in motion.

(3) This section does not prohibit a person eighteen (18) years of age or older from operating a motor vehicle in any marked school zone in this state, when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, and talking on a mobile telephone that is equipped with a hands-free device while the vehicle is in motion.

(c) This section shall not apply to the following persons:

(1) Officers of the state or of any county, city, or town charged with the enforcement of the laws of the state, when in the actual discharge of their official duties;

(2) Campus police officers and public safety officers, as defined by g 49-7-118, when in the actual discharge of their official duties;

(3) Emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician paramedics, and firefighters, both volunteer and career, when in the actual discharge of their official duties;

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(4) Emergency management agency officers of the state or of any county, city, or town, when in the actual discharge of their official duties; and

(5) Persons using a mobile telephone to communicate with law enforcement agencies, medical providers, fire departments, or other emergency service agencies while driving a motor vehicle, if the use is necessitated by a bona fide emergency, including a natural or human occurrence that threatens human health, life, or property.

A violation of subdivision (b)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(2) A violation of subdivision (bX2) is punishable only by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(e) Any person violating this section is subject to the imposition of court costs, including any statutory fees of officers; provided, that the court costs, including any statutory fees of officers, shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00). No state or local litigation taxes are applicable to a case prosecuted under this section.

(f) A traffic citation that is based solely upon a violation of this section is a nonmoving traffic violation and no points shall be added to a driver record for the violation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (1) and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(1) "Hands-free device" means a device that is designed to allow communication via mobile telephone or personal digital assistant without the necessity of holding the mobile telephone or personal digital assistant, such as a speakerphone or headset;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following as new subdivisions (2) and (3):

(2) It is a delinquent act for a person under eighteen (18) years of age to knowingly operate a motor vehicle on any road or highway in this state and use a mobile telephone or personal digital assistant that is equipped with a hands-free device to transmit or read a written message.

(3) This section does not prohibit a person eighteen (18) years of age or older from operating a motor vehicle on any road or highway in this state and using a mobile telephone or personal digital assistant that is equipped with a hands-free device to transmit or read a written message.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199(e), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) Persons using a mobile telephone or personal digital assistant to communicate with law enforcement agencies, medical providers, fire departments, or other emergency service agencies while driving a motor vehicle, if the use is necessitated by a bona fide emergency, including a natural or human occurrence that threatens human health, life, or property.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.