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# ZETA NEWS

## November, 2017 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ***Encouraging Exemplary Educators***

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

As I think of Thanksgiving and the things for which I am grateful, so many have to do with my education. I love to read and can't imagine life without that skill. My job is such a blessing; it gives me a chance to have many material things, and provides fulfillment as I get to help inspire teenagers to reach their potential. I'm thankful for the many teachers who helped me throughout my education, and I am so grateful for wonderful colleagues who do so much for their students and support me as well. I also am thankful for Zeta and all of you outstanding women who contribute so much to your students' lives and support all your DKG sisters.

I really enjoyed our legislative meeting last month, and am so glad that Senator Becky Duncan Massey is one of our lawmakers. She truly has a heart for education and knows what it is like to be a teacher. I'm so sorry that all of you couldn't be there. I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting!

*Tricia*



## November Meeting

2017—2018

Date: November 27, 2017

Time: 5:00 - Dinner

Place: Trinity United Methodist Church

Program: Early Career Educator's Grant

Speakers: Bridgett Gordon and Rachel Rhea

Chapter business meeting: after the program

Meal: \$15.00

- 11/27 Joint meeting Early Career Educator's Grant Program (Zeta) TUMC
- 12/16 Angel Tree - West Town Mall
- 12/17 Deadline to apply to present at Xi State and Yearbook Award
- 12/31 Deadline to apply for Liz Worley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Fountain Project



2018

- 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, 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.
- 4/23 Spring Initiation and Officers' Installation (Alpha Tau), TUMC
- 5/19 Children's Festival of Reading, World 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

### 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.

### January Meeting

The January meeting will be at Powell High School. We will be decorating sixteen bags for the rooms at the Knoxville Ronald McDonald House. Please remember to bring items for the bags.

### 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                      Polly Anderson

Mickey Perry                      Tracy Cagle's husband

Earnestine Everheart

## Zeta Phone List

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

## Yearbook

Please send yearbook corrections to:

Alice Carson al-  
ice.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



Our First Semester Spotlight on an Educator is  
Saralee Peccolo-Taylor. She is the seventh edu-  
cator that Zeta has spotlighted and sponsored in  
the last three years. Saralee is an instructor at  
Pellissippi State Community College. Because  
she feels that there is a great demand for help  
from Pellissippi students in need, Saralee is ask-  
ing Zeta members to donate items for the  
school's food bank rather than for her class-  
room.

Listed below are items that would be beneficial  
for the women students. Deodorant/tampons  
(all strengths)/pads, liners, toilet paper, baby  
food, diapers, wipes, gluten free consumables.  
Please bring items to each meeting. Thank you



November

Jennifer Williams 10

Julie Golden 19

Polly Anderson 29

December

Kelly Anne Reed 18

Paula Fox 21



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## **WHO'S The Mystery ZETA MEMBER**

MM #1

1. Looking for a house
2. Traveled to Ecuador to establish a day care school
3. Owned a gecko for 13 years
4. Mom of a handsome 4 year old

MM#2

1. I have a pug and Dwarf rabbit
2. I drink at least 2 cups of coffee a day..usually more
3. I have no grandchildren
4. I enjoy making and trying new and interesting  
foods like Tom Kha gai and Kheer

MM#3

1. I was a girl scout and boy scout leader
2. I have spent 30 days with a roommate in a 5 by 8  
foot trailer
3. I took over 12 years of French but can't order a  
croissant while in Paris
4. I can make glass tiered plates

MM#4

1. I was a theater major in undergraduate school.
2. I am a commissioned lay pastor in the Presbyterian  
church
3. I won a trophy in a diving meet
4. I am a overseas brat

### Legislation

Lamar Alexander: alexander.senate.gov

Bob Corker: corker.senate.gov

John Duncan: Duncan.house.gov

### Board of Education

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### Knox Co Commission

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Chair - David Wright

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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

### Ronald McDonald House

Please bring items for the Ronald McDonald House. Connie

### 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.



### BOO AT THE ZOO

Zeta volunteers had an enjoyable time signing children up to receive books from the Imagination Library at Zoo Knoxville's Boo at the Zoo last month. **Eighty-three** youngsters were enrolled for the program! Many thanks to Connie Silvey, Terry Sharp, Gloria Kitze, Saralee Peccolo-Taylor, Vicki Violette, and Kaye Williams for giving their time to this worthwhile project.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Kitty Pruett for the honors she has received this year. She was asked to continue to serve on the Superintendent's Teachers' Advisory Council pass her three year service time. She was asked to serve on the Carson-Newman School Counselor Graduate Program Advisory Committee again this year. Kitty was honored to be asked to be a faculty adviser on the New PTO Board at Northwest Middle School. She was selected to be on the Knox County Middle School Counselors' Advisory Board. She was also chosen this summer as the Ethics Chairman for the Tennessee Counseling Association, and she will be serving on the TCA Leadership Council. Great job Kitty.

Knoxville chapters decided to study the grant-in-aid to determine the cost of the contribution, the value to the student, and the classification of the student to whom it was given each year. Each Knoxville DKG Chapter contributed \$300 at this time for the grant-in-aid.

Programs included glimpses of other countries, book reviews, women's role in our world, and changes in education, society and the world.

The theme for the 1971-75 year was "Changing Times." Each year the state and local themes dealt with changes we were experiencing in education and the world. In the 1970-71 year the theme was "Action toward Better Living." In 1971-72, the theme was "Changing Times-Challenge or Dilemma." In 1975, the state stressed "Positive Leadership for Purposeful Action" and encouraged members to take an active role in educational leadership.

During the 1970's, in an effort to help members become better acquainted, Zeta chapter established a mystery member feature in the monthly newsletters. When one of Zeta's members suffered damage to her home due to flooding, both Zeta and International provided assistance.

The chapter looked for a permanent storage for DKG records. All three chapters secured a place at the YMCA.

One of the service projects was to help the Vardy School in Hancock County. Magazine subscriptions were purchased for each student.

Dr. Roy Wallace, Knoxville City School Superintendent spoke to the group about trends in continuing education. Martha Begella, Coordinator of Women's Activities, shared with the group "A New Look at Sex Roles and Stereotypes and the Implications for Educators." Carolyn Jensen, YMCA, talked with the chapter about opportunities for volunteering in the community. There were many program topics generated from the theme of "Change".

## 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 November meeting.

80th Anniversary Celebration Committee

## Legislation

The State Board of Education (SBE) met on Oct. 20 and approved several items on first reading, including the following:

*High School Policy 2.103*: Item to adopt an alternate academic diploma for students assessed on the alternate assessment and update requirements for graduation with distinction

*Administrative Rules: State Special Schools, Rule 0520-04-03*: Item to update the criteria for admission to the Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, and West Tennessee School for the Deaf

*Tennessee Early Learning Development Standards (TN ELDS)*: Item to update the Tennessee Early Learning Development Standards

*Promotion and Retention Policy 3.300*: Item to update the promotion and retention policy to focus on supporting student promotion rather than retention—outlines requirements schools and districts must take prior to a retention decision

*Alternative Educator Programs Policy 2.302*: Item to update the policy to remove outdated information and include best practices for alternative schools

All of these items are open for public feedback. To provide feedback on any first read items, please reach out to [Elizabeth.Fiveash@tn.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Fiveash@tn.gov) by **Dec. 15**.

**Tricia Jones, Ed.D.**

Curriculum Coordinator, Innovation Academy & CTE

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Anderson County Schools

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## Education in Knox Co Schools

Knox County Superintendent, Bob Tomas, spoke at the Knox Co Retired Teacher Association on September 28, 2017. The three goals for Knox Co Schools is Increasing Student Achievement, Creating A Positive Culture, and Eliminating Disparities in Education.

Under the first goal increasing student achievement there is an increase on personalized learning, reading proficiency of all students, the percentage of students who are college and career ready, graduation rates, post secondary opportunities. The state goal is 75% of the student to be reading proficient by 2025. To be college and career ready the student must score at least 21 on the ACT. There is a 50% chance a college student will make at least make a "C" on entrance level college course if they score 21 on the ACT. They will also be career ready. There is an Aspire pilot test being given to middle school student. Preparing for the ACT starts in the elementary schools. 2017 graduation rate was 89% for Knox Co Schools.

The second goal of creating a positive culture includes the research department sending out a survey to the staff about Knox Co Schools environment. The administration is here "to serve". There has been a lot of discussion about the TEAM evaluation. The rubric is suppose to show growth. There is a new evaluation model called TIGER (Teacher Instructional Growth for Effectiveness and Results) which is being piloted in the Maryville schools system. I have found out that some Knox Co Schools are testing this evaluation this year. This would be a year long evaluation. There needs to be a positive and caring relationship with students and parents. The administration must have the same relationship with staff members. There are 8,000 Knox Co Schools employees and 60,000 students.

The third goal of eliminating disparities in education includes closing achievement gaps within subgroups, increasing the professional growth of teacher in the area of cultural competence, increasing access to AP, IB, and honors courses for all students, and addressing discipline disparities through PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support). Fifty- five staff member are being trained in restorative practices. Eighteen days missed of school is considered a chronic problem. Suspension also counts as days absent. Knox Co Schools will be working on their Strategic Plan for the next five years this school year.

Connie Silvey