

Hocking Alpha Xi News

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President's Corner:

Let's Celebrate!

What a year this has been! The enthusiasm and involvement of all of you has made this a productive year of Alpha Xi. This newsletter celebrates the success of so many of our endeavors. Changing our monthly drawing to include the use of canned goods to purchase door prize tickets has resulted in over two hundred cans being donated to Smith Chapel. Two families received Thanksgiving meals thanks to your generous donations. Our scrapbooks, previously years behind, have been created. Our Chinese auction made a record amount for scholarships thanks to our record crowd. The mountain of materials you all donated to the military box project was so overwhelming, but it turned into a positive project benefitting so many people. How many chapters are on YouTube performing in Delta Kappa flash mobs? Let's celebrate! Always feel free to contact me at 740-385-3520 or sudietz@lhscd.k12.oh.us.

Merry Christmas.

Susan

*This issue is dedicated to the memory of
Charter member Mary Ruth Krinn.
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Sharing the Holidays With Our Military...and Others

By Debbie Mohney

The ladies of Alpha Xi answered the call to support our military men and women serving at home and abroad. The number of donations for "care packages" was phenomenal. We were able to send packages to several folks serving in Afghanistan, Germany, and right here at home.

We partnered with the Before Care students at Union Furnace Elementary to get the boxes prepared for mailing. It was a great collaboration. We even had enough packages of baby wipes left over to donate to My Sister's Place, a place of solace for battered women.

The women of Alpha Xi proved once again that we "feel the urge to help where help is needed". (Excerpt from the Collect) Well done, ladies.

Save the Date!

State Convention
April 13 and 14

Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend

The Hilton at Easton

More details in the
January *Voice*

Hocking County Historical
Society **Tour**

February 23

Meet at Bush's
Restaurant at 8:30 for
breakfast. Tour will
follow.

Reuse, Rethink,
Repair **Fun Bus**

February 9

\$45.00

Call (740) 653-
4600 for details.



Another Community Service Opportunity

By Beth Powers

The Rainbow girls will be collecting cards (thank-you, thinking of you, and Valentine) as a service project. It will continue throughout the school year. Our goal is 10,000 cards by June of this year. We just sent in 1,059 Christmas Cards. Valentine's Cards will need to be turned in by January 4. All other cards can be turned in at anytime. Cards can be brought to Alpha Xi.



Thanksgiving Blessings

By Kay Hebblethwaite

A big thank you to the members of Delta Kappa Gamma who were so generous to two families for Thanksgiving. Each family is a single mother and children. Each received a \$25.00 gift card to Bob Evans and a \$25.00 to Walmart. The other \$5.00 purchased Thanksgiving cards for the families. Rev. Larry Hoffmann saw to securing the families. Again thank you to all.

State Convention

Remember to check *The Voice* in January for registration materials. If you are interested in submitting art for the art show or designing a program cover, that information is on the state web site. (alphadeltastate.weebly.com). Keep collecting children's books!

Always Remember Our Mission

Delta Kappa Gamma

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

A Flash Mob?

By Michele Maniskas

A few DKG members planned out an extra special surprise for our annual Christmas meeting. The surprise was an increasingly popular trend of random dancing called a flash mob. The group of "dancers" met four times to learn a routine choreographed by Maddie and Michele Maniskas to the song *Jingle Bell Rock*. The group had a very enjoyable time getting their moves together and working out the fine details of the routine such as which way to lean during the sleigh ride part and getting those awesome "Rocket Ripples" down. Those taking part in the Flash Mob were Michelle Bolin, Susan Dietz, Sherri Nott, Kathy Mason, Suzanne Mulrooney, Ethel Spencer, Angie Klingelhafer, Deb Mohney, Heather Foltz, Maddie Maniskas and Michele Maniskas. The flash mob was successful at surprising our members and adding some extra pizzazz to our Christmas meeting. The highlight of the show was the guitar solo played out by our true rock star Deb Mohney!

Scrapbooking Up-Date

By Lacey Cox

On Saturday, October 13th we held a scrapbooking session at Susan Dietz's house. We were able to complete three and one-half years worth of scrapbooking. I feel that we more than exceed my own expectations for the afternoon. Personally, I enjoyed looking back through the last seven or so years and learning about this organization I have joined. I believe that in doing this simple task. I have a deeper connection to Alpha Xi. Since this meeting, I have completed the rest of the scrapbooking, and I am currently working on the scrapbook for 2012-2013. The completed scrapbooks will accompany me to the February meeting for all to enjoy. It is my promise to keep these scrapbooks up-to-date, so we don't have this large project again.

I just want to thank everyone again for their help, and hope you all have a Merry Christmas!





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Smith Chapel: A Simple Act of Kindness

Editor's Note: This year our chapter decided that our monthly door prizes generously donated by members could be won by buying tickets with cash or with canned foods. Your overwhelming response has allowed us to donate over two hundred cans of food to Smith Chapel. The following article shares some information about the work of Smith Chapel.

By Kathie Lynn

The Smith Chapel Food Pantry began in the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church basement. The effort began by trying to help church members and neighbors who were in need.

When the basement and two small closets had no more empty space, the church moved the pantry to its current location at 1333 E. Front St. in Logan. Volunteers staff the pantry, and 100% of the all donations go to

helping those in need.

Appreciative and grateful best describe the staff when a donation, great or small, is delivered. At this time, it is estimated that the pantry serves 800 families a month. There is also a thrift store on the premises, which is open to all on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a. to 4 p.

If you know of anyone who is in need of food, clothing, household goods or financial aid, have them contact the pantry at [740/380.6132](tel:7403806132). The only requirement is that they live in Hocking County.

This holiday season or anytime, please consider donating canned or boxed goods

Other Notes Worth Noting

As this month's newsletter shows, we have so many wonderful things happening! Here are just a few **more** to add to your calendar.

- June 18, 19, 20 First Capitol Biennial Seminar in Chillicothe, Ohio
- February Meeting: Bring your loose change to change the life of a child in Africa.
- Tuesday, January 22: Strategic Action Plan meeting at the Dietz house (4:30 PM). All are invited to attend.

