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# Alpha Xi News



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## President's Farewell

Dear Alpha Xi Members,

It truly was an honor to be your President for the last four years! I am proud to be part of our chapter along with so many teachers who made a difference in my life as a student and as colleagues. I am proud of how we support the needs of the children and families of our community. In addition, the fellowship and support we provide to each other is extremely valuable to me.

I want to thank my fellow officers and committee chairs. Your support and hard work is greatly appreciated. We made a great team!

I am confident in our new officers and look forward to all they will achieve!

Kind Regards,

Michele Maniskas

Alpha Xi President

20-16-2020

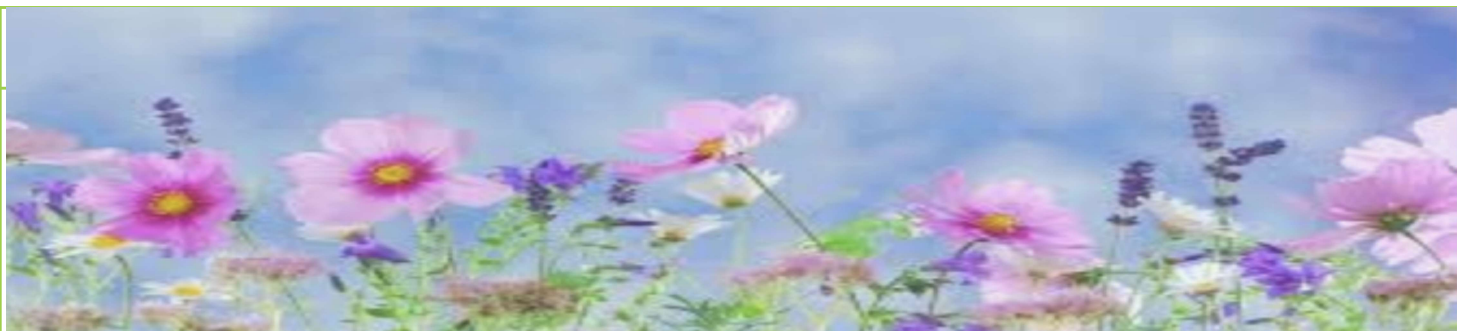
## Mission Statement

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



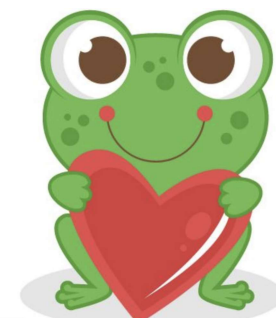
### Reminder

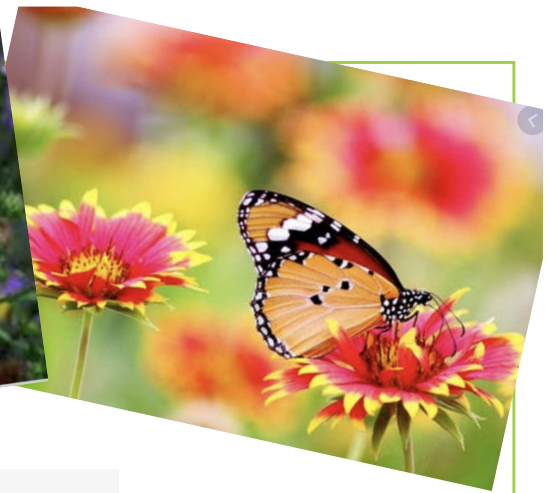
The Executive board will meet this summer to decide on dates, programs, and fundraisers for 2020-21. New chapter yearbooks will be distributed at our first meeting in September. They will include all program information for 2020-21.



# Leap Into Alpha Xi

On February 29<sup>th</sup> our Executive Board and Membership Committee hosted “Leap Into Alpha Xi” for members and potential members. We played several games, shared stories of what membership meant to us, learned about our organization, looked through chapter scrapbooks, and enjoyed delicious food. We have four amazing teachers waiting for membership and one reinstated member. Thanks for a wonderful evening to all who attended!





*Lee has sold the Banquet Haus to the Senior Center Board. We will be able to continue using the facility with Lee catering for a nominal monthly fee. We are so very lucky to be able to continue meeting at the same location and enjoying Lee's catering!*



## *2020-2021 Dues*

**Every member was sent a reminder about dues and an envelope to return your dues payment to our treasure. We are in a difficult spot with not being able to meet in April and May. Please pay your dues for next year by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Laurie Cummings at [lauriecummings@gmail.com](mailto:lauriecummings@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you so much! We value your membership!**

# Meet Your New Alpha Xi Officers

2020-2022

## President-Lacy Cox

*Lacy has been married to Chris Cox for 12 years. They have two sons, Luke who is 4 and Henry who will be two in June. She went to college at DeVry University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Next, she attended Ashland*



*University and gained a degree in Early Childhood Education PreK-3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently, Lacy is completing her Master's in Special Education through Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She has been teaching in the Logan Hocking School District for 12 years. Lacy was a previous reading tutor and is now a Title 1 Teacher at Chieftain Elementary. She is a 9-year member of DKG. Lacy is our Historian,*

*Webmaster and our previous Secretary. Lacy helps our community*

*by*

## Vice President-Mindy Travis

*Mindy has been married to Michael Travis for 20 years. They have two sons, Stewart who is almost 16 and Seth who is 11. Mindy spent her first year out of high school at Hocking College on the District Scholar's scholarship in accounting. She quickly figured out that was not what she wanted to do with the rest of her life and transferred to Ohio University Lancaster. She graduated in 2000 with a degree in Elementary Education. She has been teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Green Elementary for 20 years. Mindy earned her master degree form Marygrove College in 2004. She previously served as 1<sup>st</sup> grade Department Chair for 5 years. Mindy is a 7-year member of DKG. She has served as Parliamentarian and Educational Committee Chair. She helps our community by being an active member of Green Elementary PTO and is the LEA building representative for our local teachers' union.*



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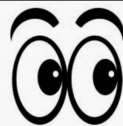


## Secretary-Tracie Cowgill

*Tracie has been married to Ross Cowgill for 7 years. They have two children, Ella age 3 and Elliot age 2. Tracie attended the University of Rio Grande where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She recently finished her Master's Degree in Teacher Leadership from Concordia University. She started teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Hocking Hills Elementary and is now the Technology Specialist for Central and Chieftain. Tracie has been teaching for 7 years. She is a 6-year member of DKG. She has held the office of Treasurer, Membership Chair and Scholarship Chair. Tracie helps our community by attending Shepherd of the Valley Church where she helps with the nursery, Vacation Bible School, and Shoe Box Ministries.*

*Welcome new officers! We are so thankful you chose to lead us!*

*Be on the Look Out!*



*Please be looking for emails with sign-up forms for committee chairs, committee members, monthly hostesses, and program ideas for 2020-21.*

*Let's all do our part to help out!*