



Xi GRAM



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Xi Members:

Where did the summer go? If you are like me, the days have flown by! With the end of summer also comes the excitement of a new school year, new faces, and new challenges. Fall also brings the opportunity for us to welcome new members to Xi Chapter. Our county-wide initiation ceremony will be on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale. Reserve your seat today!

As we face many challenges this school year, one of our greatest is finding new members to strengthen and invigorate our chapter. Two of our members have moved to other areas due to retirement. We wish the best to Carole Lytle, our newsletter editor, and Janis Youngblood, a dedicated member since 1991. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to our cause. Now we need your help to reach out to young teachers who will support our goals as women educators.

Many exciting programs are planned for the year so please mark your calendars and reserve the dates. Last year's attendance at our meetings was outstanding! Our meetings will be scheduled on Thursdays and a few Saturdays throughout the year. We will continue our traditional holiday luncheon at Sea Watch in Ft. Lauderdale, collect "Special Stuff" boxes for the children at Women In Distress, and go on a field trip to celebrate our chapter's birthday in March. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,
Diane Valovich, Ed.D.

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Xi Chapter

**2009 – 2010 Meeting
Calendar**

September 11-12 MU State Conference –
Orlando

October 3 Fall Initiation District V
Coral Ridge Yacht Club

November 5 Breast Cancer Awareness
University School of Nova
Southeastern
New Lower School Media
Center

December 5 Holiday Luncheon
Sea Watch Restaurant
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

January TBA

March TBA

April 24 District V Meeting

May Founders' Day

Apply Now for 2009-2010 Field Trip Grants Sponsored by Target

As part of our commitment to education, we created the one-of-a-kind Target Field Trip Grants program. So far we've awarded 7,400 grants, totaling over \$6 million, to educators in all 50 states. More than 729,000 students have explored the world outside the classroom with a Target Field Trip Grant!

Target will award 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each for the upcoming school year. Complete an application online anytime between now and Nov. 3, 2009.

Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private or charter school in the United States that maintains a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply.

Registration

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

Good Luck!



Delta Kappa Gamma International has just released a new logo for the organization to move us forward in the 21st century. Realizing that in order for our organization to remain vital, we must appeal to a younger generation. With this in mind, our international president, Dr. Carolyn Rants turned to Durbin Associates to design a logo that would be reflective of our organization but have a more updated appeal. A surprise for everyone was the use of DKG in one of the logo styles. Previously members were encouraged not to use the DKG abbreviation. The new look conforms with the new fresh look for our society. Brochures and items with the new logos will be released and showcased at the regional conferences.

FRIENDLY REMINDER –

Our society dues must be submitted to our treasurer, Bea Wilbur no later than October 15, 2009. Dues for the year are \$80.00. Checks should be made to Xi Chapter and mailed to Bea Wilbur
1350 River Reach Drive #403
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Xi is going green! This will be the last printed version of the Xi Gram. Future newsletters will be emailed to you. However, if you wish to receive a printed copy, contact Carol Lansdale, 954-781-1166, and she will mail it to you.

Suggestion Box

Please give us your ideas for future programs! What are your interests? Share your expertise with others. Let our Program Chair, Dr. Leslie Scharf (labird@aol.com) know if you are willing to conduct a future program, or provide us with a contact and we will do the rest. With your suggestions, our committee is ready to plan the programs for the 2009-2010 academic year. Also let us know if you can host one of our future meetings at your school or clubhouse.

Create A Buzz!

Many of our Xi sisters are accomplishing great things personally and professionally and we want to share the news with all our members. Please let us know about your accomplishments so we can give you the recognition you deserve.

If you are too shy to toot your own horn, please let our newsletter staff know about the accomplishments of our colleagues. Email your news to Diane Valovich valovich@nova.edu

In Memory,



We regret to announce the passing of our dear sister Marguerite Shee. Marguerite was a past president of Xi Chapter and a devoted member of Delta Kappa Gamma. A member since 1943 she was best known by her wit and charm and was often the delight of Xi chapter meetings. She was an educator for more than 40 years. Marguerite was an art teacher and often showcased her artwork around her apartment. With no living relatives, she is survived by many friends and acquaintances at Covenant Village along with her Delta Kappa Gamma family.

Visit the Xi website at
minute chapter news and



www.orgsites.com/fl/dkxichapter for up-to-the
photo gallery.