

**Xi State History
2009-2011
Prepared by Dee Dee Rives**

The 2009-2011 biennium officers and related personnel were installed at the Xi State Convention at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, June 4-6, 2009:

President	Dee Dee Rives (Theta)
First Vice President	Beverly Smith (Alpha Xi)
Second Vice President	Dr. Dorrie Powell (Beta Sigma)
Recording Secretary	Mary Evelyn Perkinson (Gamma Zeta)
Corresponding Secretary	Dr. Kathie Harned (Beta Upsilon)
Treasurer	Nancy Davis (Gamma Mu)
Parliamentary Advisor	Becky Sadowski (Alpha Lambda)
Editor, Xi State News	Linda Eller (Alpha Lambda)
	Patsy Peckenpaugh (Upsilon)
Webmaster	Judy Cross (Beta Beta)

Challenge as presented by President Rives on June 12, 2009:

Wow, what an honor to be here today. Little did I know when I was invited to join the Society in 1980 how my life would change! The great opportunities that Delta Kappa Gamma provides for the membership on all three levels: chapter, state, internationally.

Lois Jones said, "Charting the Future with Positive Directed Action," She was the first state president I met. I sat right there where you are now wondering who is that person? When will this meeting be over, so we can go home, or what does this theme mean to me. So I went back to Pinson as chapter president, after being the treasurer for four and half years, and started my journey. Somewhere along the line I was encouraged to sign up to be on a state committee when I heard, "Commitment, Challenge, Change," thus, the 1995 Music committee appointment.

Past state themes: "United for Growth & Renewal," "Forward Moving Ever," "Mountain top Experience," "Inspired by the Past, Empowered for the Future," "From Self-Inventory to International Involvement," "Golden Memories, Launch a Golden Future," "Leading By Example," "Charting the Future with Positive Directed Action," and this last biennium, "Climb Your Mountain, Reach Your Goal."

Each of these presidents had a theme for their biennium. But what does that really mean to us. These themes are like waypoints, directions, when you use your GPS (geo cache). It gives us guidance. The compass guides you to the spot, and you must search for the treasure. We have the treasure---*Delta Kappa Gamma*---now what do we do?

Yogi Berra, a famous New York Yankee catcher, once said, "be careful if you don't know where you're going, you might not get there!" We do know where we are going; we should follow our waypoints, directions.

Refuse to stop, continue, keep trying -- Be persistent in what we are doing.
Dedicated, entrust, and invest -- Be committed to what we are doing
Keep, honor, ceremonies, lionized, rejoice -- Celebrate in what we are doing

My pledge to you will be to continue to "Activate the Vision" of Xi State members by focusing on the seven purposes. I will *persist* in keeping the members informed of the Society's actions and the great

opportunities the Society offers its members. I will *commit* in my service/leadership to Xi State by modeling my love for the Society as I lead, and, together, we will *celebrate* the success of Xi State.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve! (Dee Dee Rives, State President)

With the theme of “Persist, Commit, Celebrate,” the next biennium was set into action with the reintroduction of a planning session for the state executive committee. Eight of the ten members voluntarily met June 26-27th to work through the state Strategic Action Plan and to make plans for the coming biennium. Dr. Jensi Souders facilitated this session as requested by President Rives.

Over seventy-one Xi State members attended the 2009 Southeast Regional conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Many Tennessee members participated and were visible in such conference activities as workshops, chorus, pages, and table hostesses. Nancy Davis, 2007-2009 state president and Dee Dee Rives, 2009-2011 state president, held the Tennessee flag with pride in the opening ceremony. Dee Dee Rives, state president, Elaine Warwick-executive secretary, Martha Bailey-membership chair, Beverly Smith-program chair, Nancy Davis-treasurer and Beverly Hall—Strategic Action Plan chair, attended pre-conference leadership training. Corresponding Secretary Kathie Harned, organized the Tennessee Breakfast. On Thursday evening, Xi State members were invited to State President Dee Dee Rives’ room for snack, dinner and fellowship.

Montgomery Bell State Park was the site of the first chapter visitation in the 2009-2011 biennium by President Dee Dee. Beta Chi hosted a homecoming family event. Home hospitality was provided for the state president as she visited fifty-nine chapters in the first year of the biennium. Working with the chapter members was very rewarding. On chapter request, a presentation by the state president could have included “Color Your Rose,” “DKG Jeopardy,” “Founders’ Day,” “DKG-song in pictures,” and “Recommitment, Initiation, and Installation Ceremonies.” Members were also asked to sign the president’s guest book with their name, chapter and year of initiation. Each member was asked to select a little stone to keep reminding them of their commitment to the Society.

President Rives and state committee chairs kept executive board members informed through a monthly electronic newsletter called Details from Dee Dee. The electronic newsletter, a new method of communicating in Xi State, shared information on the state and international level with state executive board members, area directors and state committee chairs.

One hundred-sixty nine members were appointed to Xi State’s 2009-2011 state committee and area director positions. Training was held September 18-19, 2009 in Franklin, Tennessee. State executive committee, area directors and committee chairs came Friday night to be informed and to prepare for the Saturday training with committee members. Committee representation from each of the grand divisions of the state set goals and plans for the biennium based on the state Strategic Action Plan, state president requests and committee goals. (committee members listed at end of this report)

The Legislative Symposium was held at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville on February 9-10, 2010. Over ninety members attended even with ice and snow on many Tennessee roads. On Tuesday evening Sen. Delores Gresham, Rep. Les Winningham, Mr. Jerry Winters, Dr. David Sevier, and Mr. Brad Smith were on the panel to make remarks and respond to questions from the membership. Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove (Rho) facilitated the evening session. Wednesday morning, Dr. Connie Smith, assistant state commissioner of education, spoke at the Legislative Breakfast before members went to Legislative Plaza to meet with their local legislators and to sit in on state committee meetings on education.

On March 1-2, 2010 and May 18, 2011 several Xi State members met in Nashville at the state archives building to organize, label and file Xi State DKG historical papers and materials. The records of Xi State are kept in the state archives building. Records are now being filed electronically and will be kept in current media form by the archive office. Betty Ball (Alpha Alpha), archive chair, and Audrey Doak (Alpha Alpha), historian chair, organized the work sessions.

A one-day training for incoming chapter officers was offered in Jackson, Cookeville and Knoxville in March and April 2010. Informational workshops were provided for chapter presidents, program chairs, treasurers and Strategic Action Plan chairs. Handouts were made available for chapter secretaries, membership and parliamentarian. Approximately one hundred-fifty members took advantage of this training.

The Xi State Leadership Management Seminar was held April 23-25, 2010 at Hachland Hill Vineyard and Corporate Retreat, Joelton, Tennessee. Fifteen ladies participated in this personal growth experience under the leadership of Dr. Beverly Helms, Mu State Florida. Fun sessions on DKG history were led by state president Dee Dee Rives. Leadership chair Dr. Elaine Alexander (Beta Upsilon) and her committee planned and organized the seminar.

The Xi State Convention was held June 10-12, 2010 at the University of the South in Sewanee. Four hundred-nine members, with sixty-four first timers, came to the mountaintop to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Xi State. International President Dr. Carolyn Rants was the International Representative and presented President Rives a long-stemmed crystal rose in honor of the state accomplishments for seventy-five years in the Society. A highlight of the first session was a skit written by Dr. Jensi Souders (Alpha Phi) entitled "Glances into the Past: Xi State Becoming." The skit included a media slideshow, vignettes, and a written script of the 75 year history of Xi State. This history of the Society in Tennessee was brought to life by numerous sisters from across the state.

Lois Jones (Beta) and Vera Jo Henegar (Pi) were co-chairs, appointed in 2008 by State President Nancy Davis, to serve on a task force to plan and implement a Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Celebration. A memory book entitled *Glances into the Past... Glimpses Into the Future...75 years of Xi State memories 1935-2010* was published with articles and anecdotes from members in Xi State. Dr. Sharon Chaney was the book editor with formatting and design done by Dr. Jensi Souders. Taylor Wright, 2009 graduate of Sullivan South High School, Kingsport, Tennessee, designed the 75th anniversary logo. (DVD of skit and book are in state archives)

Other convention highlights included: Dee Dee Rives, state president, appointing a timekeeper for the convention to keep business sessions and other events in a specific timeframe, thirty workshops, twelve ladies recognized as Order of the Rose recipients, five scholarships presented, state achievement award awarded, Vision Foundation presentations, updated state bylaws and rules, silent auction, chapter displays, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk (Alpha Rho chapter sponsor), honoring nine 50 year members, and a DVD of state founders and their gravesites shown. Forty-six ladies were honored in the Ceremony of Remembrance as the hand bell rang in their memory. Presidents' banquet highlights included special music from the chorus, introductions of fifty-one chapter presidents and twelve past state presidents. President Rives presented the past presidents a long stem silk red rose for their service to Xi State. A 75th anniversary power point presentation of past state presidents was presented prior to the Presidents' banquet.

In July numerous Xi State members attended the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, Washington. Dr. Jensi Souders (Alpha Phi) was elected and installed as the first International president from Tennessee. (note: Dr. Maycie Southall, was national president 1938-40) Xi State members served in

many roles during the convention including as workshop presenters, pages, chorus members, playing musical instruments, and business session monitors.

Dr. Kathie Harned (Beta Upsilon) organized the Tennessee Breakfast. On Thursday evening, the state president's room reception/light dinner (organized by Michelle Steen) was well received by the membership. Barbara Northcut (Alpha Phi) was honored as the Tennessee STAR at the Southeast Breakfast. At the Friday evening banquet Dee Dee Rives was introduced as the Tennessee state president in the presentation of state presidents.

After the Spokane convention, where the International constitution received a major overhaul, President Rives requested that the state constitution committee begin to align the Xi State Rules and By-Laws with those of International.

At the beginning of the second year of the 2009-2011 biennium President Rives requested the state executive board approve the funding of a media program called "Go to Meeting." This computer program allows meetings to take place while the members are in different locations. The main emphasis was for the state executive committee, committee chairs and members to communicate without a face-to-face meeting. State officers and then committee chairs were encouraged to train on the program and to use when needed.

Fall was a busy time for Xi State members. The second annual Creative Arts retreat was held in Columbia, Tennessee on October 1-2, 2010. Forty-one state members attended this event which was organized by the Xi State Personal Growth and Services committee, Lynn Caruthers (Phi), chair. Fifteen ladies were selected to attend the state fall Leadership Management Seminar that was held at the Tanasi Lodge in Sevierville Tennessee on November 12-14, 2010. Cathy Daugherty, Iota State Virginia, a member of the International Educational Excellence committee, led the training. Dee Dee Rives, state president, guided the participants in DKG Jeopardy and other games that included Society facts. Dr. Elaine Alexander (Beta Epsilon) chaired the leadership committee which organized the seminar.

Jensi Souders produced two issues of the NEWS when Editor Linda Eller was hired to work for the Society at headquarters. Patsy Peckenpaugh (Upsilon) was elected as the NEWS editor in January 2010. Other executive board decisions included the dissolution of Beta Psi, Gamma Gamma and Epsilon chapters during the 2009-2011 biennium. Members wishing to remain in the Society were offered the opportunity to join another chapter.

Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar was held February 25-27, 2011 in Joelton, Tennessee at the Hachland Hill Vineyard and Corporate Retreat. Becky Sadowski, (Alpha Lambda) state parliamentarian and International Leadership chair, conducted the weekend training for fifteen Xi State members. The book Art of Possibilities was the resource for the seminar. State President Dee Dee Rives led the ladies in songs and games to learn facts about the Society. Dr. Kathie Harned, (Beta Upsilon), nominee for 2011-13 state president, was a guest.

March 1-2, 2011 the Legislative Symposium was held in Nashville with over one hundred ten participants. The panel for 2011 was: Senator Delores Gresham, Mrs. Aline Arnold, Mr. Jerry Winters, Rep. Harry Brooks, Dr. Connie Smith and moderator Dr. Kay Awalt Musgrove (Rho). Our breakfast speaker was Mr. Patrick Smith, interim director of the State Department of Education. Judy Jackson (Rho), chair, organized the symposium with assistance from the legislative committee.

In spring 2011 the State Research committee had the footstones available to be delivered across the state to the gravesites of the founders of Xi State. President Rives took these markers to various spots and local chapters were responsible for placing the markers. This was a project started in the 2007-2009 biennium,

but continued in the 2009-2011 biennium with locating the gravesites, purchasing the markers and setting the stones. Note: the 2011-2013 Research committee is now continuing this project.

The last official chapter visit for the biennium by State President Dee Dee Rives was with Sigma Chapter on May 19, 2011.

During each year of the 2009-2011 biennium welcome letters were sent to new Xi State sisters in January and June.

Xi State members gathered at the University of the South in Sewanee to hold the seventy-sixth state convention on June 9-11, 2011. Three hundred forty Xi State members had the opportunity to see old friends and to meet new ones while participating in the convention business and activities. Corlea S. Plowman, International Executive Director, was the International Representative to the convention. She gave greetings from the International Administrative Board and presented highlights of the Society through her comments. A lovely brass candleholder that was used by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and Mamie Sue Bastian in the presentation of chapter presidents at conventions was presented to State President Dee Dee Rives. Corlea said, "May this special brass candleholder with red votive bring memories of my visit to Xi State, Tennessee Organization's 2011 State convention and our Society's rich heritage."

With a suggestion from the state president, the convention program book and report book were formatted into one book for the first time. Beverly Smith (Alpha Xi), first vice president, organized this spiral landscape book. Highlights of the convention included: tours of the carillon bells, welcoming forty-seven first time convention attendees, sixty-eight chapters represented, printed minutes of the executive board meeting for the membership, twelve Order of the Rose honorees, sixteen achievement award winners present, six Psi State (GA) guests, and three Vision Foundation grants and seven scholarships awarded. Thirty-four sisters were remembered in the Ceremony of Remembrance. Three hundred children's books were collected as well as one hundred-one pillows for Salvation Army tornado relief. Xi State members and convention attendees contributed \$2861 to the State Scholarship fund. Also, \$1099 was collected for International Emergency Fund, \$550 for the Vision Foundation, and \$4356 collected for leadership training from the Silent Auction.

The Presidents' banquet introduced fifty-one chapter presidents; eleven past state presidents and Dr. Jensi Souders, International President from Tennessee. The banquet favor was a stone paperweight with the new DKG rose logo to remind the membership of their little stone that they received from the state president as she visited seventy-two chapters across the state.

The convention closed Saturday morning after the Birthday Brunch with the flag ceremony and the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma song.

President Rives remarks as presented on June 11, 2011:

This biennium was a success because of YOU—members of Xi State. It takes a team to carry out the seven purposes of the Society. We have a team in Tennessee that is working for the purposes and to represent the three tudor roses on our crest: friendship, loyalty and happiness. As I traveled across the state learning new places in Tennessee, locating over 350 caches while geo-caching and teaching some of you the game, meeting many sisters in 72 chapters, playing games like Jeopardy, DKG bingo, "Color Your Rose," Founders Day celebrations, and recommitment ceremonies, I had the privilege to share time with DKG sisters and pets during your home hospitality. I learned that Xi State sisters in each chapter are the foundation of our Society. I asked you to take a little

stone as I visited the chapters, and stated that one person (stone) could make a little difference, but if we all worked together (put our stones together) we could make a major difference. Before I give the official challenge to your next state president, I would like for you to stand if you selected a stone, named the stone and placed it in your coin purse as a reminder of your commitment on your initiation day to the Society, when you were handpicked as a key women educator. (98% stood) See all the ladies that have made a difference! Thank you sisters for your support and the opportunity to represent you the last two years on the state, regional and international level as your state president. Through your persistence and commitment to your chapter, Xi State and International, we all will celebrate!

TAKE CARE.

Dee Dee Rives, Theta
Xi State President 2009-2011

Awards and Achievements 2009-2010

2010 Xi State Scholarship Recipients

Barbara Seeley, Alpha Upsilon, Mary Hall Scholarship
Alana Teague, Gamma Eta, Maycie K. Southall Scholarship
Mandy Cannon, Gamma Iota, Isabel Wheeler Scholarship
Brenda Mize, Gamma Iota, Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship
Nita Scott, Beta Sigma, Eleanor Osteen Scholarship

Achievement Award

Dee Dee Rives, Theta

International Guest

Dr. Carolyn Rants, International President

Lucille Cornet Professional Development Award

Suzanne Rushworth, Alpha Xi

DKG Educational Project

Sheila Hickman, Beta Rho

Xi State Vision Foundation Grants

Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award

Jane Wilkins, Kappa
Dr. Annette Gregory, Alpha Beta
Amy Elmore Hicks, Lambda
Vickie Jackson, Beta Beta

Visionaries

Penny Cole, Beta Iota
Dr. Dorrie Powell, Beta Sigma
Dee Dee Rives, Theta
Nita Scott, Beta Sigma

Visionary Chapter

Beta Pi, Donna Campbell, President

Xi State Members with International Positions

Dr. Jensi Souders	Alpha Phi	International First Vice-President
Elaine Warwick	Rho	International Personnel Committee

Order of the Rose

Dr. Gwen Arnold, Beta Epsilon
Sharon Brandon, Beta Gamma
Carol Brann, Beta Omega
Dr. Maggie Nell Brewer, Beta Eta
Margaret Bumpus, Kappa
L. Rebecca Hamilton, Alpha Nu

Catherine LeDuke, Alpha Eta
Paula Marshall, Alpha Lambda
Brenda Oldham, Beta Upsilon
Georgia Nell Runyan, Gamma Nu
Suzanne W. Rushworth, Alpha Xi
Martha W. Scarbrough, Alpha Pi

Xi State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Katie Bailey, Beta Epsilon
Angie Boshears, Beta Phi
Melinda Carroll, Theta
Joan Glasser, Gamma Zeta
Tammy Howard, Beta Beta
Jennifer Lusk, Beta Xi
Lin Marten, Alpha Phi
Jessica Mitchell, Beta Sigma

Cyndi O'Daniel, Gamma Zeta
Tracy Parker, Beta Xi
Nancy Perdue, Beta Epsilon
Rachel Price, Alpha Phi
Cecelia Rivers, Zeta
Jennifer Secrest, Beta Epsilon
Laurie Watts, Beta Epsilon

2010 Golden Gift Renaissance Participants

Chrissie Allen, Alpha Lambda
Leigh Ann Durham, Kappa
Beverly Smith, Beta Upsilon

Awards and Achievements 2010-2011

2011 Xi State Scholarship Recipients

Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon, Mary Hall Scholarship
LaMonnia Berry, Omega, Maycie K. Southall Scholarship
Patricia Jones, Zeta, Isabel Wheeler Scholarship
Tamara Martin, Delta, Eleanor Osteen Scholarship
Theresa McCormick, Omega, Louise Oakley Scholarship
Andrea Flynn, Alpha Gamma, Lottye McCall Scholarship
Diana Joy Hudson, Alpha Phi, Special Scholarship

2011 International Scholarship Recipients

Patricia Jones, Zeta, Maycie K. Southall Scholarship
Theresa McCormick, Omega, Norma Briwtow Salter Scholarship
Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon, Ola B. Hiller Scholarship
Teresa Young, Alpha Kappa, Emma Reinhardt Scholarship

Achievement Award

Nancy Davis, Gamma Mu

International Guest

Corlea Plowman, International Executive Director

Cornet Professional Development

Dr. Beverly Hall, Alpha Rho
Dr. Marguerite Lofstrom, Alpha Nu
Leigh Anne Durham, Kappa

Xi State Vision Foundation Grants

Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award

Marge Lofstrom, Alpha Nu

Vision Foundation Project Grants

Chrissie Allen, Alpha Lambda
Rachel O'Dell, Iota
Frankie Mitchell, Alpha Rho
Harriet King, Beta Chi

Visionary

Lynn Caruthers, Phi

Visionary Chapters

Beta Epsilon

Kappa

Order of the Rose

Mary Elizabeth Bell, Beta Omega
Charlotte Cain, Beta Zeta
Mary Ruth Chestnutt, Alpha Iota
Harriet Craig, Beta Xi
Camper, Alpha Alpha
Pauline Cross, Beta Chi

Jean Marilyn Hogan, Theta
Kay Jones, Beta Beta
Dr. Rita King, Beta Epsilon
Saralee Peccola-Taylor, Zeta Donna
Jean Pracht, Alpha Xi
Eujana Rasnake, Alpha Theta

Xi State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Bethany Billingsley, Beta Upsilon
Dr. Brooke Blair, Gamma Nu
Lana Booker, Beta Pi
Barbara Broadway, Beta Upsilon
Wanda Castleman, Alpha Nu
Amy Epps, Alpha Lambda
Charlotte Estabrook, Beta Zeta
Ann Gann, Pi

Bonney Haynes, Beta Gamma
Judy Long, Beta Chi
Kim Malone, Beta Pi
Beverly McKinney, Gamma Mu
Linda Olmsted, Nu
Patsy Peckenpaugh, Upsilon
Janice Stooksberry, Alpha Rho
Andy Wright, Gamma Mu

Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Chrissie Allen, Alpha Lambda
Dr. Dianne Anderson, Gamma Alpha
Bethany Billingsley, Beta Upsilon
Barbara Broadway, Beta Upsilon
Melinda Carroll, Theta
Wanda Castleman, Alpha Nu
Joan Glasser, Gamma Zeta

Dr. Marge Lofstrom, Alpha Nu
Jenni Lusk, Beta Xi
Linda Olmstead, Nu
Nancy Perdue, Beta Epsilon
Suzette Pike, Beta Kappa
Rachel Price, Alpha Phi
Jeannette Robinson, Beta Upsilon