

CLIMB YOUR MOUNTAIN, REACH YOUR GOALS

History of the 2007-2009 Biennium

Prepared by Nancy F. Davis

YOU RAISE ME UP

When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary. When troubles come and my heart burdened be.
Then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

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Nancy Davis (Gamma Mu), full time music educator from Mountain City in the furthest corner of east Tennessee, became the 37th Xi State President when she was installed at the **2007 Xi State Convention** at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The installation ceremony took place in Upper Cravens on Friday June 7. Nancy wore a purple satin dress that she made for the occasion. Among the special guests were family members Wayne Davis (husband), Tom Farris (dad, Illinois), Barb Blanco (sister, and DKG sister, Illinois), and Scott Farris (brother, Illinois).

Other officers installed were; Dee Dee Rives (Theta), first vice-president; Beverly Smith (Beta Upsilon), second vice-president; Dr. Dorrie Powell (Beta Sigma), recording secretary; Edna Clemons (Beta Zeta), corresponding secretary; Linda McCrary (Alpha Gamma), treasurer and Elaine Warwick (Rho), parliamentarian. Related personnel serving at this time were; Dr. Jensi Souders (Alpha Phi), executive secretary; Linda Eller (Alpha Lambda), editor and Judy Cross (Beta Beta), webmaster.

Nancy's biennium theme was Climb Your Mountain, Reach Your Goals. She purposefully stated one mountain so we would all climb together and had goals plural knowing many goals would be reached during the biennium. As an Illinois girl born and raised, the mountains hold a special beauty and challenge to Nancy. Everywhere you look in Tennessee you see mountains! Nancy wanted to challenge Xi State members to achieve individual, chapter and state goals. She wanted all members to realize their value and potential in the Society and to work together to achieve new heights for Xi State.

A mountain climber must step out of her comfort zone.
A mountain climber never takes her eyes off of the peak.
A mountain climber plans every leg of the journey.

A mountain climber paces herself.
A mountain climber NEVER goes alone!

2007-2008

June 26-30, 2007 were the dates of the **Southeast Regional Conference** held at the New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. Nancy Davis, Dr. JenSI Souders, Dee Dee Rives, Linda McCrary, Linda Eller and Dr. Dorrie Powell all attended pre-conference workshops. Dr. JenSI Souders, Southeast Regional Director, planned a wonderful conference that was attended by seventy-two Xi State members. Prior to the conference, a pre-conference seminar entitled "Sell Your Success" was presented by Dr. Fancy Funk of Florida State University. Elaine Warwick served as registrar for the seminar.

Many Xi State members had a vital role in the success of the conference. Elaine Warwick, Linda McCrary, Patricia Guffey (Alpha Kappa), Becky Sadowski, Dr. Marcia Stewart (Alpha Psi), Dr. Dorrie Powell, Lisa Keith-Lucas and Dr. Kathie Harned (Beta Upsilon) and Mary Evelyn Perkinson (Gamma Zeta) all presented workshops. Eight Xi State members served as workshop facilitators. Vera Jo Henegar (Pi) and Linda McCrary were busy throughout the conference with drawings and auctions for the International Emergency Fund. Dr. JenSI Souders presided at the First General Session. At the Celebration Luncheon, Nancy Davis, Becky Sadowski and Elaine Warwick modeled items donated by past international presidents. Prior to the auction, Xi State members pooled their money so they could bid on selected items. Dr. Kathie Harned bid and purchased a beautiful beaded gown for Nancy Davis donated by Dr. Irene Murphy (PA) and purchased a handbag for Dr. JenSI Souders. Nancy wore the gown at the President's Banquet. At the Luncheon Nancy Davis, Dr. Dorrie Powell and Elaine Warwick presented a story of wisdom and passion based on the first verse of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Many members shared their musical talents by singing in the chorus at the President's Banquet. Dr. Annette Gregory (Alpha Beta) and Ernestine Eldridge (Alpha Xi) played the piano at general sessions. The keynote speaker at the President's Banquet was the dynamic and energetic Eloise Litz (Alpha Xi). Elaine Warwick had the honor of introducing Eloise. Becky Sadowski introduced the in-coming and out-going presidents.

This was a very special conference for Nancy for two reasons; she was introduced as the new state president on June 30 with her official duties to begin July 1. The dates were perfect! She also shared the conference with her dad, Tom Farris.

July 13, 2007 was Nancy's **first official visit** as Xi State President. The meeting was at the home of Ann Arnold in Bristol where Alpha Alpha was having their summer tea. It was very fitting that Nancy's first chapter visit be with Alpha Alpha because when she became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1988, she was a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter.

The 2007 **European Regional Conference** was held July 26-August 5. Nancy Davis, Janice Jolley (Gamma Zeta), Mary Evelyn Perkinson and Dee Dee Rives represented Tennessee at Strawberry Hills, Great Britain. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet sisters from all over

the world and to see how another conference was organized. All four ladies took part in all aspects of the conference. Nancy was invited to sing on two occasions by International President, Dr. Barbara Day (NC).

The **2007 Xi State Leadership Conference for State Committee Planning** took place at the Holiday Inn in Brentwood September 28-29. The weekend incorporated Nancy's theme of climbing a mountain and reaching many goals. In addition to all standing committees, the Strategic Planning Task Force and the 75th Anniversary Task Force were added. 148 members of the 175 members assigned to committees, elected state officers and related personnel were in attendance. The three grand divisions of the state were well represented. Nancy gave each committee charges for the biennium which they discussed and then reported on at the end of the conference. Many committees incorporated the biennium theme in their goals as well as came up with new ideas to carry out the theme.

Something unique about this president is how far east Nancy lives in the state. That along with being a full-time educator did not give her the luxury of traveling to chapter meetings on all days of the week. Chapters were wonderful to have special Saturday meetings and to invite many chapters to the meeting. Since Memphis is as far west as Mountain City is east, Nancy decided to **fly to the October 20 meeting in Memphis**. It took less time and cost less than if she had driven across the state! She was also able to spend more time with chapter members.

January 20, 2008, Nancy, Dee Dee Rives and Beverly Smith met on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee with University personnel to **plan the 2008 Xi State Convention**. These ladies came a day early so they could attend church services at All Saint's Chapel.

Beth Petty (Beta Upsilon) and committee planned the **2008 Legislative Symposium** which met February 5-6 at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville. Tuesday night 100 members and guests heard comments from Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director of the State Board of Education and Jerry Winters, Tennessee Education staff member. After the meeting horrific thunderstorms and a tornado swept through the area. Many Xi State sisters found themselves in the safety of a room on the main floor.

Wednesday morning's weather was much calmer! Members enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast and comments from Dr. Mary Jo Howland, Deputy Executive Director of the State Board of Education. After the meeting members visited their local legislators and sessions of the Education Committees of the House and Senate.

In late fall 2007 Nancy was contacted by International President, Dr. Barbara Day about helping to sponsor a **new state organization, Estonia**. The Xi State executive board unanimously voted to support Estonia financially. Nancy wanted to go one step further by representing Tennessee in person. On March 5th she flew with Dr. Day to Estonia. There they joined three other ladies from the United States, Dr. Hanna Fowler (GA), Dr Dolly Price (CA) and Marilyn Stalder- Burke (CA). Together the ladies explored the historic town of Tallinn taking in the cuisine and culture.

March 8, 2008, International Women's Day, Estonia became our newest state organization. Four ceremonies actually took place in the National Library against a backdrop of falling snow outside; the installation of the state organization, chapter installation, initiation of new members and chapter officer installation. Each ceremony was beautiful and was celebrated by 15 sisters from many of the European countries and 5 sisters from America. Amid all the ceremonies there was eating and much toasting. Many countries presented a gift to Alpha Chapter. Tennessee presented each lady of the chapter a sachet filled with a pin of the state of Tennessee and a gold rose medallion with "Xi State 3/8/08" engraved on the back. The next day when Nancy visited a new member at her school, she was wearing the medallion. She said she was wearing it close to her heart.

It was quite a statement for the educators of Estonia to join an international organization since they had only been a free county for 10 years. The sisters of Estonia will always be very special to Xi State. It is an honor to have been able to help support the start of a new state organization.

Judy Jackson (Rho), Barbara Morgan (Omega) and Elaine Warwick attended the **National Legislative Seminar** in Washington, D.C.

The **New Chapter Officers Training** was held April 11-12, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Brentwood. Forty-six presidents, twenty-nine first vice-presidents, thirteen treasurers and sixteen recording secretaries were present. Area Directors met with the presidents in their area. State officers and related personnel attended the meetings bringing the total to 128 members from 51 chapters. The members participated in group sessions and breakout sessions centered around the theme; Working Together... Team Leadership. Each president was given updated written information for her handbook and received information from officers, related personnel and committee chairs. Area Directors received a completely new handbook. All in attendance received vital information to assist them as they serve in their chapter.

The Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg was the setting for the **Xi State Leadership Management Seminar** which was held April 25-27, 2008. The theme for the seminar was; Climb Your Mountain, Reach Your Leadership Goals. Dr. Hanna Fowler (GA) was the presenter for the seminar. The Seminar was expanded to three days to give participants the time to really assimilate the information given to them as well as to get to know the ladies in their class. All participated in large group activities as well as small group activities. Saturday night the ladies enjoyed a night on the town. The whole weekend was geared toward learning and reinforcing leadership styles and becoming a team of future Xi State leaders.

The **2008 Xi State Convention** was held on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee June 5-7. International Representative was Sheila MacKay, Canada. She is one of Nancy's Golden Gift sisters. Other guests were Faye Bedwell, Alabama State President and Libby Watson, Immediate Past Alabama State President. Dee Dee Rives planned many wonderful workshops and Beverly Smith and the Steering Committee coordinated every aspect of the convention beautifully. The design on the cover of the booklets was drawn by Alex Pille, a sophomore majoring in Innovative Design Engineering at Purdue University. Corey Blackburn, a student of Orlean Bauman (Alpha Rho) designed the banner that hung during the convention.

Seventeen chapters have internationally approved websites. Tennessee was third in the Society for having the most chapter websites preceded only by Texas and Georgia! Mr. Claiborne Gayden spoke at the Awards Luncheon about the League of Extraordinary Teens as Xi State continued to support the Books From Birth program. Thirteen ladies were honored with the Order of the Rose. The number was smaller in keeping with our twelve founders. At the President's Banquet chapter presidents were introduced by their Area Director and sat in areas instead of in Greek order. Nancy felt this was an opportunity for the presidents to visit and get to know one another. Dr. Jensi Souders was honored and thanked for her work as Xi State Executive Secretary and wished well as in-coming International First Vice-President.

Business conducted at the convention:

Elaine Warwick became the new executive secretary;
Nancy Davis became the new treasurer-in-training;
Becky Sadowski became the new parliamentarian;
Joy Branham (Iota) became the new chairman of the Rules Committee;
Members receiving a Xi State Scholarship will now be presented a check for the full amount of the Scholarship;
Changes were made to who Tennessee would invite as a guest to the Tennessee Breakfast at International and Regional meetings;
Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar will no longer be held as a pre-convention Conference but will be held sometime in the spring prior to the Xi State Convention;
Alpha Omicron Chapter is dissolved.

2008-2009

Nancy Davis, Dee Dee Rives, Becky Sadowski and Elaine Warwick attended the first **International Renaissance Seminar** in Austin, Texas July 9-12 on the campus of the University of Texas. The seminar was open to ladies who had previously attended a Golden Gift Seminar. These ladies attended classes by respected university staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to refresh and sharpen leadership skills.

Seventy-one members from Tennessee participated in the **2008 International Convention** in Chicago (Rosemont), Illinois. The convention was held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois July 22-26. Nancy Davis, Dr. Jensi Souders and Elaine Warwick attended the executive board meeting prior to the convention. Linda Eller, Becky Sadowski, Linda McCrary, Elaine Warwick and Dr. Jensi Souders presented workshops at the convention. Those who facilitated at workshops were Martha Bailey (Alpha Lambda), Becky Sadowski, Elaine Warwick and Barbara Hinson (Alpha Rho). Nancy Harris (Chi) was a floor page. Elaine Warwick served as a microphone monitor. Dee Dee Rives was the chair of the timekeepers. Ina F. Maxwell (Beta Lambda) was recognized for achieving her doctoral degree. Nancy Leach (Beta Phi) was Tennessee's Star of the Southeast. She was honored at the Southeast Regional Breakfast and was given a beautiful star necklace. Dr Dorrie Powell was the soloist at the

Executive Board Luncheon and Nancy Davis sang at the Celebration of Life ceremony. Many ladies sang in the convention chorus.

Dr. Jensi Souders was installed as International First Vice- President and Elaine Warwick was installed as a member of the International Personnel Committee. Others serving on the international level were; Linda McCrary, Online Leadership Course and Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and Nancy Davis, member International Executive Board.

The Tennessee Breakfast coordinated by Edna Clemons, highlighted Tennessee authors. Our very own Dolly Parton (Charlotte Cain, Beta Zeta) made an appearance. Members and guests enjoyed the festivities. Some of our special guests included Dr. Isabel Wheeler (TX), Barb Blanco and Tom Farris. Anu Joon and Margarita Hanschmidt from Estonia were also at the Breakfast. Xi State presented these ladies with a red ribbon for their pins. Xi State members donated enough money for all 5 of their officers to receive a ribbon. Anu accepted the ribbons on behalf of her chapter.

The main issue at the convention was the increase in international dues. After much discussion, the motion passed and dues were increased. An invitation was also extended for Tennessee to host the 2016 International Convention. This too passed!

This convention was especially meaningful to Nancy as she was born and raised in Illinois. She really felt like she had come “full circle” in her life. Since Chicago is close to where her family lives, she was blessed to have numerous family members share the President’s Banquet with her.

Xi State’s first Creative Arts Retreat was September 26-27, 2008 at the Vonore Baptist Church Life Community Center in Vonore. Ladies who spent the night stayed at the Grand Vista Hotel in Vonore. Fifty ladies participated in the two day event. Fifteen different chapters were represented. Friday night Nancy sang “The Sound of Music” and Sylvia Eagin (NC) was the storyteller. All participated in creating an original skit using items given to each group and line dancing. The evening closed with a song written by Terrie Mitchell (Mu) “We Are Delta Kappa Gamma Family”.

Saturday the ladies participated in several workshops:

- Folded Origami Books, Nancy Wallace (Alpha Beta)
- Literacy and Music for Elementary, Nancy Davis
- Cross-stitch book marks, Dr. Jensi Souders
- Stamping, Mary Massaro, guest
- Quilting, Sara Key (Zeta)
- Line Dancing, Terrie Mitchell
- Card Games, Jean Black (Nu)
- American History Hands-On, Sharon West (Nu)
- Storytelling, Sylvia Eaglin
- Fort Loudon Tour, Carol McCulloch (Nu)
- Book Talk, Kelly Cooper and Lisa Russell, guests
- Author Talk, Rara Schlitt, guest

The Personnel Committee, Vickie Allen (Nu), Terrie Mitchell, Molly Hamblen (Beta Zeta), Lynn Caruthers (Phi), Georgia Ann Boles (Alpha Gamma), and Diane Vernon (Beta Mu) did an outstanding job. A great time was had by all. It is Nancy's sincere desire that this was the first of MANY more Creative Art Retreats.

Natchez Trace State Park was the site of the fall **Xi State Leadership Management Seminar** November 14-16. The theme was; Climb Your Mountain, Reach Your Leadership Goals. Dr. Hanna Fowler was the presenter. Ladies participated in large and small group discussions and activities. Saturday night the ladies enjoyed a bonfire.

Nancy Davis, Linda McCrary, Dr. Dorrie Powell, Dee Dee Rives and Beverly Smith met January 19, 2009 on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee to meet with university personnel to **plan the 2009 Xi State Convention**. Several of the ladies came in a day early so they could attend services at All Saint's Chapel.

The 2009 **Legislative Symposium** met February 10-11 at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville. Members and guests heard comments from Jerry Winters, Tennessee Education Association and Representative Les Winningham, Tennessee House of Representatives. Wednesday morning ladies enjoyed a buffet breakfast followed by guest speaker Dr. Connie Smith, Tennessee Department of Education. After the meeting members visited their local legislators.

Nancy Davis, Dee Dee Rives and Elaine Warwick attended the **Alabama State Convention** in Montgomery, Alabama February 27- March 1. It was a wonderful time to connect with fellow Delta Kappa Gamma sisters (we spent time with past Xi State president Ann Medearis Lee) and to see how other state conventions are organized. It was a time to collect ideas to possibly use at Xi State! Nancy had the privilege of singing at the closing session of the convention.

Dr. Beverly Helms (FL) was the presenter at the **Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar** April 3-5 at Cumberland State Park in Crossville. The participants delved deeper into being an effective leader through various workshops. They learned about "creating a Buzz" in all aspects of the Society. Not only did the participants attend sessions together, but they were housed in two cabins, so they truly bonded. Saturday night we saw the show *Seussical the Musical* at the Cumberland County Playhouse.

Something new for Xi State was sponsoring workshops for non-members. Two workshops were offered in the spring, a **Literacy workshop** and a **Technology workshop**. The Literacy workshop was held at the Franklin Public Library in Franklin. April 18. The Literacy Committee put together a workshop where guests could rotate among several outstanding sessions covering various aspect of literature. The Technology workshop was held at Mountain City Elementary School in Mountain City on May 29 in the computer lab of the school. Participants learned how to make a web page. Both workshops were very well organized and several non-members received valuable instruction. This was a great way for others to learn about Delta Kappa Gamma.

Vision Foundation sponsored a **Seminar in Differentiated Instruction** on June 4 prior to the Xi State Convention. Dr. Rita King (Beta Epsilon) led 19 members, Liz Whorley Bradley and Vision Foundation Board Members in a very information one-day seminar. Barbara Hinson was the General Chairman.

The **2009 Xi State Convention** was June 4-6 at the University of the South in Sewanee. Phyllis Hickey, Business Services Administrator, Texas, was our International Representative. Other guests were Cathy Daugherty (VA), Southeast Regional Director and Ramona Jeffries, Kentucky State President. Special guests were Wayne Davis, Barb Blanco and Tom Farris. Many wonderful workshops were organized by Dee Dee Rives and Beverly Smith and the Steering Committee coordinated every aspect of the convention beautifully. The design on the cover of the booklets was drawn by Anthony Barker, a rising freshman at Johnson County High School in Mountain City. Dr. Virginia Fielder was initiated as a Xi State Honorary member. An invitation for honorary membership was extended to Senator Jamie Woodson, but she was unable to attend the ceremony. 21 chapters have internationally approved websites. A DVD put together by the Technology Committee showcasing Xi State Conventions was shown at the Awards Luncheon. Executive Secretary, Elaine Warwick had updated directories ready to be dispensed.

Linda Eller was thanked for her years of service to Xi State and wished much success as she began her new position at Delta Kappa Gamma Headquarters. Linda McCrary was thanked for her years as Xi State Treasurer.

At the President's Banquet the room was a sea of purple and ablaze with candles. The convention favors were beautiful handmade amethyst necklaces with an iris charm made by the members of Gamma Mu Chapter.

Business conducted at the convention:

- 2009-2011 slate of officers were approved as presented;
- New members of the Finance, Nominations, and Personnel Committees were approved as presented;
- Contracts were renewed for Linda Eller, Editor and Judy Cross, Webmaster;
- New treasurer, Nancy Davis, was approved as presented;
- Xi State Organization Strategic Action Plan was adopted;
- A new committee, the Planning Committee, was approved. This committee will oversee the Action Plan for growth and improvement that Xi State adopted;
- Changed 10 areas to 9 areas in the state;
- The 2009 out-going Xi State President and Corresponding Secretary will each receive a Reimbursement of \$200.00 to help defray the cost of the Southeast Regional Conference. They each have responsibilities at the Conference.
- Xi State supported the nomination of Dr. Jensi Souders for International President 2010-2012.

It was very fitting that **Nancy's last official visit** was at the home of Evelyn Cook in Mountain City on June 25 with Gamma Mu Chapter, Nancy's chapter.

The Peabody Little Rock in Little Rock, Arkansas was the site of the **2009 Southeast Regional Conference** July 15-18. Nancy Davis and Dr. Beverly Hall (Alpha Rho) participated in a pre-conference session presented by Dr. Jensi Souders and Elaine Warwick about each state's Strategic Action Plan. Others participating in various pre-conference sessions were; Dee Dee Rives, Elaine Warwick, Beverly Smith, Linda Eller, Judy Cross and Nancy Davis. Dr Kathie Harned , Chrissie Allen (Alpha Lambda), Elaine Warwick, Cecelia Johnson (Beta Kappa), Linda Eller, Judy Cross, Dee Dee Rives, Barbara Summers (Beta Beta), Dr. Jensi Souders, Dr Dorrie Powell, Nita Scott (Beta Sigma), Rachel Weir (Beta Sigma), Linda McCrary and Carolyn Taylor (Alpha Lambda) presented workshops. Facilitators included; Becky Sadowski, Beverly Smith, Martha Bailey, Barbara Summers and Dr. Jensi Souders. Becky Sadowski was the facilitator for the First-Time Attendees Orientation. Elaine Warwick gave a Green Moment at General Session 2. Linda McCrary presided at the Vision Luncheon. Charlotte Cain entertained the presidents at the Past State President's Luncheon. Nancy was the Southeast Regional Music Representative. She also directed the Convention Chorus, sang a solo at the Vision Luncheon and played the steel pans at a General Session. Linda McCrary, Dr. Jensi Souders, Elaine Warwick and Nancy were in charge of specific booths at the Society Info Fair. The theme for the Tennessee Breakfast was Traveling to Little Rock.

Once again the conference was extra special to Nancy because her dad was there to share in all the events.

In an effort to streamline the state, webcams were purchased at the beginning of the biennium. Many officers and committee chairs received a webcam to use to conduct Society business. On several occasions Nancy was in meetings with ladies from across the state without leaving her home. The webcams were very beneficial when time was a factor.

During the biennium the **75th Anniversary Task Force** came up with a theme and a pin design. Every person will receive a pin with the 75th Anniversary logo on it at the celebration in 2010. The pin was designed by Taylor Wright a 2009 graduate of Sullivan South in Kingsport.

Through meetings and much discussion, plans were put in place to write a Memory Book and produce a CD and Songbook. Chapters were also encouraged to make a \$1.00 donation per member for three years to help defray the cost of the celebration. Much time, energy and effort has and will continue to go into making Xi State's 75th Anniversary very special.

Through the diligence and constant efforts of the **Strategic Planning Task Force** a final plan was presented and approved at the 2009 Xi State Convention. The Task Force spent countless hours gathering information from chapters, organizing information and meeting. What was started in 1995 came to fruition in 2009.

Nancy spoke at 58 chapters in Tennessee, 4 chapters in Virginia and put over 30,000 miles on her car during the biennium.

It has been an absolute joy and blessing serving as your 2007-2009 Xi State President. What an honor. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I can honestly

say that my life is much richer and fuller having climbed the mountain and having reached many goals with you, my sisters. Please accept my heartfelt thank you for ALL you have done for me, Xi State and the Society this biennium.

FOR GOOD

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn. And we are led to those who help us most to grow, if we let them. And we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I know you.

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun. Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? Because I know you, I have been changed for good.

It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime, so let me say before we part: So much of me is made of what I learned from you, you'll be with me like a handprint on my heart.

And now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend.

Like a ship blown from it's mooring by a wind off the sea. Like a seed dropped by a sky bird in a distant wood. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? Because I know you, because I know you, I have been changed for good.

All of the times we've shared these past two years, for all the memories, for all the goals we have achieved. Let's keep on climbing the mountain to the top.

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun. Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? I do believe I have been changed for the better.

Because I know you, because I know you, because I know you, I have been changed **for good!**

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2007-2009 Biennium of Nancy F. Davis

Xi State Convention

June 6-8, 2007

University of the South

Sewanee, Tennessee

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Beverly Smith (Beta Upsilon), 2nd Vice President

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Dr. Jensi Souders (Alpha Phi), Executive Secretary

Linda Eller (Alpha Lambda), Editor

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Theme; Climb Your Mountain, Reach Your Goals

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June 26-30, 2007

New Orleans, Louisiana

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First Official Visit

July 13, 2007

Alpha Alpha Chapter

Bristol, Tennessee

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July 26- August 5, 2007

Strawberry Hills, London

Nancy Davis, Janice Jolley, Mary Evelyn Perkinson and Dee Dee Rives attended the conference

Xi State Leadership Conference for State Committee Planning

September 28-29, 2007

Holiday Inn

Brentwood, Tennessee

148 members attended the conference

Memphis Meeting

Flew to Memphis!!

October 20, 2007

Convention Planning

January 20, 2008

University of the South

Sewanee, Tennessee

Nancy Davis, Dee Dee Rives and Beverly Smith attended the planning session

Legislative Symposium

February 5-6, 2008

Millenium Maxwell House Hotel

Nashville, Tennessee

Estonia

March 8, 2008

National Library

Tallinn, Estonia

International Women's Day

4 ceremonies took place. There were 15 members from European countries and 5 members from the United States at the installations

National Legislative Seminar, Washington, D.C.

Judy Jackson, Barbara Morgan and Elaine Warwick attended the seminar

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The banner was designed by high school student Corey Blackburn

International Renaissance Seminar

July 9-12, 2008
Austin, Texas
University of Texas
McCombs Business School
Nancy Davis, Dee Dee Rives, Becky Sadowski and Elaine Warwick attended the seminar

Seminar for Purposeful Living

July 17-20, 2008
Galena, Illinois

International Convention

July 22-26, 2008
Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Chicago (Rosemont), Illinois
71 members from Tennessee attended the convention

Xi State's First Creative Arts Retreat

September 26-27, 2008
Vonore Baptist Church
Vonore, Tennessee
50 ladies participated in the retreat

Xi State Leadership Management Seminar

November 14-16, 2008
Natchez Trace State Park
Dr. Hanna Fowler, Georgia, Presenter

Convention Planning

January 19, 2009
University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee
Nancy Davis, Linda McCrary, Dr. Dorrie Powell, Dee Dee Rives, and Beverly Smith attended the planning session

Legislative Symposium

February 10-11, 2009
Millenium Maxwell House Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

Alabama State Convention

February 27- March 1, 2009
Montgomery, Alabama
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Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar

April 3-5, 2009
Cumberland Mountain State Park
Dr. Beverly Helms, Florida, Presenter

Literacy Workshop

April 18, 2009
Franklin Public Library
Franklin, Tennessee
The workshop was open to non-members as well as members

Technology Workshop

May 29, 2009
Mountain City Elementary School
Mountain City, Tennessee
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Vision Foundation Seminar

June 4, 2009
University of the South
Differentiated Instruction
Dr. Rita King, Presenter
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Last Official Visit

June 25, 2009
Gamma Mu Chapter
Mountain City, Tennessee

Southeast Regional Conference

July 15-18, 2009
Peabody Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas

OVERALL

Purchased 11 webcams
Participated in meetings via the webcam
Established a 75th Anniversary Task Force
Expanded the Leadership Management Seminars
Extended an invitation to host the 2016 International Convention in Tennessee
Financially supported the expansion of Alpha Chapter in Estonia
Created a DVD of Xi State Conventions by the Technology Committee
Continued to support the Books From Birth program
Finalized a Strategic Action Plan that was started in 1995. The Plan was voted on and
passed at the 2009 Xi State Convention
Sent Notes From Nancy to keep members informed
Committee chairs and Area Directors submitted monthly reports to Nancy
Changed the areas in Tennessee from 10 to 9
Implemented the first Xi State Creative Arts Retreat

Awards and Achievements 2007-2008

2008 Xi State Scholarship Recipients

Tammy Howard, Beta Beta, Mary Hall Scholarship
Marsha Rains, Omega, Maycie K. Southall Scholarship
Lori Price, Pi, Isabel Wheeler Scholarship
Carolyn E. Moss, Alpha Rho, Louise Oakley Scholarship
Donna Campbell, Beta Pi, Lottye McCall Scholarship
Lana Foster, Beta Beta, Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship
Anna Harrington, Beta Eta, Special Scholarship

Achievement Award

Betty Only, Alpha Sigma

International Guest

Sheila MacKay, 2006-2008 Canadian Area Representative

Lucille Cornetet Award

Donna Anderson, Rho
Melissa F. Young, Beta Kappa
Emmaly F. Fisher, Alpha Kappa
Donna Anderson, Zeta
Lori A. Adkins, Beta Phi

Xi State Vision Foundation Grants

Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award

Carolyn Bingham, Rho

Vision Foundation Project Grants

Maria Cox, Kappa
Dee Dee Rives, Theta
Susan Woods, Kappa

Visionaries

Janet Little, Beta
Rosie Coleman, Phi
Mildred Welch, Alpha Iota

Visionary Chapters

Gamma Chapter, Holley Ziglar, President

Alpha Beta Chapter, Gail Watson, President

Beta Gamma Chapter, Kathy Brandfield, 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

Mary Tom Berry, Beta Epsilon
Barbara Brookshire, Alpha Alpha
Rose Whitehead Dover, Alpha Xi
Aliene Fann, Beta Upsilon
Judy B. German, Beta Iota
Kathy House, Beta Eta
Marie Hutchinson Hunter, Iota

Pam Jackson, Beta Psi
Mary Kathleen Kester, Beta
Wanda G. Powell, Beta Omega
Rena Lorelle Reeves, Alpha Nu
Carolyn Sims, Beta Zeta
Kaye Williams, Zeta

Xi State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Dianne Anderson, Gamma Alpha
Patricia A. Jones, Zeta
Marsha Brewer, Beta Upsilon
Sara Key, Zeta
Donna Campbell, Beta Pi

Trina LeMarr, Beta Phi
Gail Huffstutler, Alpha Xi
Betty Scarborough, Beta Phi
Donna Jerden, Beta Beta
Sandra K. Smith, Alpha Gamma

2008 Golden Gift Renaissance Participants

Nancy Davis, Gamma Mu
Becky Sadowski, Alpha Lambda
Dee Dee Rives, Theta
Elaine Warwick, Rho

Awards and Achievements 2008-2009

2009 Xi State Scholarship Recipients

Robin Bailey, Delta, Mary Hall Scholarship
Sandy Helton, Beta Lambda, Maycie K. Southall Scholarship
Amanda Cannon, Gamma Iota, Isabel Wheeler Scholarship
Brenda Mize, Gamma Iota, Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship
Dianne Anderson, Gamma Alpha, Special Scholarship

Achievement Award

Elaine Warwick, Rho

International Guest

Phyllis Hickey, International Business Director

Cornetet Professional Development

Rhonda B. Richards, Alpha Iota

Xi State Vision Foundation Grants

Vision Foundation Project Grant

Andrea Flynn, Alpha Gamma

Visionaries

Mary Jane Thompson, Beta
Betty Ball, Alpha Alpha
Audrey Mae Doak, Alpha Alpha
Nancy Duggin, Delta
Karen Garner, Delta
Lois Jones, Beta

Visionary Chapters

Alpha Rho
Alpha Iota
Beta Xi
Beta Phi

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

Wanda K. Ackerman, Lambda
Chrissie Allen, Alpha Lambda
Cindy Bennett, Alpha Iota
Bonnie M. Digby, Alpha Chi
Carolyn Earnest, Lambda
Cecelia H. Johnson, Beta Kappa
Harriet King, Beta Chi

Marge Lofstrom, Alpha Nu
Janet Little, Beta
Judith (Judy) K. McDonald, Alpha Rho
Carol S. Moling, Beta Gamma
Barbara K. Owens, Alpha Theta
Suzette Pike, Beta Kappa
Nita R. Scott, Beta Sigma

Xi State Advanced Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Wanda K. Ackerman, Lambda
Marsha Brewer, Beta Upsilon
Carolyn Earnest, Lambda
Beverly Hall, Alpha Rho
Gail Huffstutler, Alpha Xi
Donna Jerden, Beta Beta
Sara Key, Zeta
Carol Moling, Beta Gamma

Judy McDonald, Alpha Rho
Carolyn Powell, Alpha
Amanda Pritchett, Gamma Zeta
Nita Scott, Beta Sigma
Sandra Smith, Alpha Gamma
Nancy West, Alpha Theta
Christine Ziegler, Gamma Zeta