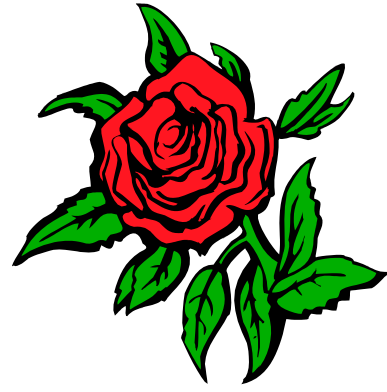




Gamma Mu Musings



February 2017

From the President's Pen...

Happy February Everyone!

What an interesting "winter" this has been!!! Full of ups and downs, temperature wise! I had a student lament to me that when the groundhog saw his shadow we would have 6 more weeks of winter. My reply was that I wish we had ONE good week of winter this year!!!!

Even though the temps have been crazy, DKG has not! We had a very productive Executive Board meeting in January and I look forward to our February meeting with our guest speaker, school board member, Mike Payne.

I hope you are making plans to come to the Xi State Convention June 1-3. This is an excellent time to meet with other educators from our state and to see the "bigger picture" of Delta Kappa Gamma. Also, the Southeast Regional Conference will be July 19-22 in Myrtle Beach. Bring the family and enjoy time with DKG sisters!

Have you been reading about our Good Neighbors in the Tomahawk? Truly an outstanding group of young men and women.

We have many exciting things taking place in our chapter. You won't want to miss a meeting!

Nancy

November Meeting

The meeting began with wonderful refreshments provided by Nancy Davis, Barbara Henson, Beverly McKinney, and Brenda Potter.



Gay Miller presented a program on the "Teachers Pay Teachers" website. She shared some units that she had on the website and advised that those who wanted to join do so with the seller upgrade. This is a free membership. She gave out access information and then awarded several door prizes.



Members held a diaper shower for Tara Zukowski. She told the group that her then 3 week old son Parker was doing well.

Note from Tara:

Parker is doing great and getting so big. He is cooing and smiling all the time. He is starting to laugh and stays awake more throughout the day.

The appointments have been going well. Still some things to work out but we are getting close to having some answers.

Today was the court date and he is now officially Parker Reid Zukowski. I couldn't be happier. I am so blessed to be his mommy.



Sheila Cruse and Barbara Gratsch attended the Area 1 brunch in Rogersville.

The 2016 Area One Regional Brunch was hosted by Alpha Iota at the historic Hale Springs Inn in the cute town of Rogersville. We were entertained by musicians while enjoying a lovely brunch. Following brunch we had an interesting keynote speaker, George Webb, who is the Hawkins County Historian. The Silent Auction had a wide variety of items up for bids with profits being donated to Imagination Library.

Barb



Political Issue

We're in for some interesting times in education! What with all the talk about President Trump's plans for charter schools, vouchers, getting rid of the Common Core curriculum, etc., we can expect all manner of resistance and debates, with more talk than action, perhaps. Add those discussions to the controversial issues of which bathroom transgender students should use and whether or not disabled students should be allowed to have service dogs with them at school, just to mention two of many....and it promises to be a time of heated exchanges and long harangues.

It will be easy to think that none of this has an impact on the students in Johnson County, that we are somewhat removed from these issues, but that would be a mistake. Let's keep our ears open, let's be aware of how new policies will change how teachers teach and students learn so that we can be proactive rather than surprised or reactive.



Recognitions ...

The Good Neighbor recipient for November is eighth grader, Shannon Ferguson.



Educational Websites...

The photos here will make you drool.

[90 Beyond Easy Winter Dinners](#)

Just for Fun ...

Thank you,
Andy, for
sharing this
wonderful soup
recipe. It looks
yummy!



Spring Soup

single recipe = 1 quart

1 can cream of Potato Soup
1 can Chicken Broth
1/2 can milk
1 - 10 oz. package of frozen
cauliflower, broccoli, carrot mix
4-5 chopped green onions
1/4 tsp. dill weed

Mix soups and milk. Add chopped
vegetables and dill. Simmer soup
on low until vegetables are
tender. Large chunks of vegetables
may need to be smashed with a
fork. Be careful not to let the soup
burn on the bottom. Stir
frequently.

Upcoming Dates and Announcements...

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on February 28 at 4:30 in
the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.
(Prospective members have been invited to this
meeting.) Our speaker will be Mike Payne, school
board member.

Hostesses

Sheila Cruse, Andy Wright, Ginger Johnson,
and Tara Zukowski

Xi State Convention

June 1-3 at Sewanee

Gamma Mu Website

The address of the Gamma Mu website is
http://www.bookunitteacher.com/gamma_mu/index.htm



Inspirational Quote...

To the world you may be just a teacher, but to your students you
are a HERO!

