

Most Successful Chapter Programs
(submitted on 2008-2010 Biennial Report)

1. **Gamma**---Met at library to view CIEC materials
2. **Delta**---Program on current educational issues in TN
3. **Zeta**---One of our members is working on a new program at Anderson Co. Learning Academy. She gave the group a presentation on the program describing how the program works and how it is helping the students with their self-esteem and how successful it is for employment for the students.
4. **Eta**---Bruce Opie from the TN State Dept. of Education discussed educational and legislative issues.
5. **Theta**---We had an assistant high school principal and assistant middle school principal who shared various problems and good things that happen to them daily. Q & A session followed. Also, packing boxes for Samaritan's Purse; the participation and fellowship were great.
6. **Lambda**---We had a Lee University professor speak on how to work with autistic children in the regular classroom. We were also given local resources available to teachers.
7. **Mu**---Curator from TN Heritage Museum explained the education program offered for local schools.
8. **Nu**---Recognition of community leaders in education
9. **Xi**---We had the Director of Schools come to talk to us concerning his plans for our county and to help us understand current legislature and plans that were being made by the state and how they would affect our county.
10. **Pi**---Learning about Biz Town, a Junior Achievement center that teaches 5th graders throughout the area about business practices
11. **Rho**---Safety for Women (presented by Franklin Police Dept.); Cooking for kids (several members prepared "kid friendly foods" for sampling)
12. **Tau**---A guest speaker from AAPP came to discuss how to present identity fraud.
13. **Upsilon**---Each year as one of our programs we organize and compile boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
14. **Phi**---We had a representative from a local mission speak to the group about volunteering in the community. This program offered ideas and a method for volunteering and discovered another source for assistance.
15. **Omega**---Two of our members had spent weeks in Japan on a Fulbright Scholarship. They presented a program highlighting education in that country. Also, another very successful program was presented by a soldier who had returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.
16. **Alpha Beta**---Mr. Eric VanZant reported on social services available in Franklin County.

17. **Alpha Gamma**---The Italian Way: One of our member's husband was born in Italy and lived there for the first years of his life. He shared with us his life growing up, including the differences in lifestyle here and in Italy. He came to America and taught Culinary Arts at John Overton High School, retiring from there about four years ago. It was a very informative and entertaining Meeting.
18. **Alpha Epsilon**---We had a professional organizer speak to our group and she gave us ideas on how to organize our home spaces as well as our classrooms.
19. **Alpha Eta**---We had a local story storyteller come to a chapter meeting and she enthralled our members with her original stories and she shared with us some of her ways to keep the attention of her audience.
20. **Alpha Theta**---Dr. Okie Wolfe, a Society member and a faculty member at Lincoln Memorial University, presented a session on Teaching Styles and the importance of understanding the ways people perceive their surroundings and what is being said. Okie is a very dynamic teacher and soon had the group active in role play and participation. We were all able to take away something that would better help us understand how students and adults think and react.
21. **Alpha Iota**---Our most successful program was the one presented by Theresa Young on Dressing, pertaining to personal growth. It was an interesting and Entertaining program with great ideas to utilize.
22. **Alpha Lambda**---In January of this year, we did a "Celebrate Xi State" with an original skit written by the Program Committee. Fourteen members were given parts to encourage members to attend the state convention. It was also our New Members Pot Luck Brunch. Attendance was excellent and the response to the skit was very positive.
22. **Alpha Mu**---Founders' Day skit: Through the Decade. We added music from that decade and dressed up. We had fun! We got the skit off the Xi State website.
23. **Alpha Nu**---Breast Cancer Awareness and technological advancements
24. **Alpha Xi**---At our literacy program each year, we discuss books we've read and have a book exchange. Last year, our literacy chair quoted passages from well-known books and we identified them. She also compiled a list of the books members have recommended and distributed it at the next meeting.
25. **Alpha Pi**---For our first meeting of the '09-'10 school year, Joan Pockrus, one of our members, presented a program on bracelets. She gave a brief history of bracelets and then each member created a beaded bracelet of her own design. It was an enjoyable time of relaxing and getting better acquainted with each other.
26. **Alpha Rho**---Cyberbullying: An informative presentation on what cyberbullying is, how it works, and how to understand and deal with cyberbullies. A quiz was given to determine if we were a part of the cyberbullying problem; we rated ourselves on a point scale. A handout that provided websites with additional information was given to each individual.

27. **Alpha Sigma**---“Important Legislative Updates”: guest speaker was a member of the local county school board. We had a soup supper. There was timely information and great fellowship. Attendance was excellent.
28. **Alpha Tau**---We invited a physical education teacher to come and talk about brain exercises to do with students to get their brains engaged. It was a tremendous success. We also invited our state representative to talk to us about educational issues facing Tennessee. It was very informative.
29. **Alpha Upsilon**---Former state president Nancy Davis came to our meeting in November 2008 and did her presentation. Wonderful!
30. **Alpha Phi**---Bunco Night: fundraising for International Emergency Fund
31. **Alpha Chi**---Founders’ Day Program: members participated in a variety of hands-on activities to promote understanding of Founders’ Day.

32. **Beta Epsilon**---Technology and the New Standards: Shared technology sites and programs to enhance teaching Tennessee’s new content standards. During this program we got to use the new CPS clickers with the Mobi (Interwrite), sing a song to practice fluency, and use the flip video. From this meeting we implemented a technology tip at all future meetings!
33. **Beta Zeta**---Paper Project: A school project from Marion County schools. Students collected paper clips representing those who lost their life in the Holocaust. The teacher who headed up the project spoke to Beta Zeta.
34. **Beta Eta**---We visited a local Montessori school and got to interact with teachers and students during our tour. After our visit, members met at a local restaurant and had dinner together.
35. **Beta Iota**---Feeding the families of Ronald McDonald House residents who are relatives of St. Jude Hospital
36. **Beta Kappa**---Erline Patrick, Beta Kappa’s first president, delivered a presentation on “The Struggle for Women Educators in Leadership” in October 2008. She traced her career path, choices and challenges along the road for women’s rights, 1940s to today.
37. **Beta Lambda**---Phoenix School Program: members were informed on ways at-risk children’s needs are addressed.
38. **Beta Xi**---Sumner County Attendance Supervisor Grace Oliver spoke on the plight of children in need and children in transition in Sumner County Schools. Our project that month was to help. At that meeting almost \$800 was taken up either in cash donations or Wal-Mart gift cards. We made a difference.
39. **Beta Pi**---Cooking demonstration done by two of our members
40. **Beta Rho**---Our December 2009 meeting was a Christmas Luncheon at which our chapter was host to three of our sister chapters; the event rotates annually among the four chapters. This meeting required much planning and work, and our members worked together to see that all went well. In preparing for this meeting we utilized the creative talents of our members, and in

the process learned of talents of which we were unaware. As a part of our “meet and greet” time, we had silent auction theme baskets to raise money for our scholarship project. Our members really enjoyed the meeting and our guests seemed to as well. It was a time of fun and fellowship with our DKG sisters!

41. **Beta Sigma**---Children who receive books from the Books from Birth program came to a meeting and shared their favorite books.
42. **Beta Tau**---“A Look into Autism”: This program was led by two mothers of autistic children, one of which is an educator. We learned what autism is and that there are different types and varying degrees of autism. We also learned about the trials and tribulations that their children have encountered during their education process. We discussed what we could do as educators to better deal with autistic children in our classrooms. The presenters provided us with a packet containing useful information on autism and some helpful hints for the classroom.
43. **Beta Upsilon**---Technology connections
44. **Beta Phi**---Spa Experience: everyone was pampered and relaxed.
45. **Beta Chi**---Our school has a contest among grades to see who can collect the most tabs. We have given between 200-300 lbs. to the Ronald McDonald House.
46. **Beta Omega**---We invited a local antique dealer to come present a program on antiques.
47. **Gamma Alpha**---“ABCs of Early Education”: We met in a restored one-room school house and discussed the examined artifacts from the turn of the century school days. We compared the teaching strategies of the turn of the century to today’s schools. We invited all retired teachers in the area to join us.
48. **Gamma Gamma**---Meteorologist from Oak Ridge presented an outstanding PowerPoint program with emphasis on tornadoes/weather safety.
49. **Gamma Lambda**---Two of our members are school librarians. They presented a program on the free online databases that are available through our state library. Everyone got some great tips on how to search, as well as a chance for some hands-on experience.
50. **Gamma Mu**—Our Founders’ Day Program is always so special. Our attendance is always high and it’s a time for each member to recommit to our Society.
51. **Gamma Nu**---Senator Doug Overby attended our October 2009 monthly meeting. While there, he discussed his background, both personal and educational, and how both have influenced his involvement in state and local politics. He also provided up-to-date information on the future in the State of TN. He concluded his remarks with a question and answer session.