

## Summary of 2006-2008 Biennial Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president Report

### 1. Describe one of your most successful chapter programs.

- “All about Me”--bring yourself in a bag. Three items in a bag that represented your personality or activities, thus having orally autobiographies.
- Show and Tell craft, hobbies, collections, etc. meeting
- Road trip to Miss Mary Bobo’s
- Passion for Perception of Life and Experiences--members brought photos, souvenir of travel, etc and shared with group; participation most important
- Quilt Trail—outreach program for Appalachian culture and heritage quilt blocks to be painted on local barns
- Making quilt for Visual Arts Display at convention; each member made a square
- Tennessee Jump \$tart Program--to help improve personal financial literacy of today’s children
- Cluster meeting held in 3 chapter member’s homes: food, fun, fellowship
- Collected supplies and food items for women—Safe Haven, Abuse, and Transitions--women coming out of jail
- Orientation and re-orientation brunch
- New initiates honored small bag of gifts
- “Legislature in Action”, state senator talked on new bills and lottery funds
- Book review, members sharing
- Covered dish dinner
- Identity Theft topic; bank manager, police officer presenting
- New Technology in the classroom—smart board, synchrony eyes
- Holiday Dinner, catered
- “Turning Good Teachers Into Great Leaders”--Alpha Iota, Mildred Welch
- Chapter member presented program on China; discussed education too
- Annual Autumn Soup Supper and Speaker—fund raiser for chapter service projects; chapter chefs provide food; thought-provoking speaker
- Initiation Ceremony
- Joint meetings
- Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Guild provided an example for the “lights, camera, opera” program and members got to participate with children in acting out the plot of the opera
- Caring for elderly parents
- Speaker from Autism Society of Middle Tennessee
- LIPS—Ladies In Pink Society—cancer survivor, description of organization and their projects
- Fashion Show
- Attorney talked on teachers’ legal issues
- Cooking demonstration by a chapter member
- Trends in Education—English Language Learners
- Long-term Health Care
- Davis-Kidd dinner and book review
- Silent Auction—crafts, homemade goodies—chapter project

- County Wellness coordinator lead members through a wellness exercise; practical ideas and suggestions on healthy behaviors and activities
- Member shared family outreach program to Honduras
- Ronald McDonald House charity event, feeding families and patients of St. Jude's Hospital
- Toyota Teacher shared about Japan and how she won trip
- Exchange student presentation
- Mentoring program and the importance of mentoring
- Local Tennessee State Legislature as speaker
- Slide show of the TN Centennial
- Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Hospice
- Homecoming at state park for family and members of past, present and future Society members
- Therapeutic Horseback Riding for special needs children
- "How to get Richer being a Teacher"; extra money as a writer, editor or reviewer
- Local college professor gave presentation on using children/youth books in subjects K-12
- Up-to-date retirement information, TRTA speaker, open to public
- History of your school system and how education has changed through the years
- "Passion for DKG" recommitment meeting
- Organizing Professional and Personal Space
- History of Butler Museum

## **2. Describe your chapter project(s).**

- Ronald McDonald House visitation; smile sacks—toiletries, inspirational tools, books
- Books from Birth
- Imagination Library and birthday party
- Collected books and material for Ky. School
- Knotted fleece lap blankets for wheelchair patients and gave to Red Cross/nursing home
- Carl Perkins Center for Child Abuse—items—school supplies, laundry detergent, snack cakes, .Capri sun drinks, baby supplies, cleaning supplies
- Live auction for Society projects
- Nursing home Christmas gifts and items other times of the year
- New women teachers welcome bags; goodie bags; encouragement gift bags
- Children's books to Girls, Inc.
- Personal items to Women's shelter
- Money to Alzheimer's fundraiser
- Xi State cookbook
- Xi State Visual Arts Display
- Xi State Silent Auction
- Grant for high school girl going into education

- Literacy bags--decorated canvas bags, filled with children books and given to local shelter
- Self-help program
- "Love Bags" for women, children and teen mothers
- Teddy bears collected given to Children's Advocacy Center
- Auction of garden items, plants, yard banners, anything "springy" --money goes for grant for high school senior
- Can goods for help centers
- Donated toiletries local shelters
- Mentoring new teachers
- Supported Hurricane Katrina victims
- Working to become a Visionary Chapter; another chapter each members gives \$20
- "School Box"—supplies box given to schools (elem, middle) to guidance to help students in need
- Cancer project, donations made monthly
- "Read to Me" --decorative tote bag for newborns with books for mothers to read
- World Fellowship--send money; correspond with cards, letters, etc. to World Fellowship recipient
- Society projects--money
- Kindergarten Orientation before K registration to help parents with classroom and programs, shot record etc.
- Retired teachers help with T-CAP testing
- Literacy Mini-Grant—financial help for special projects
- Create own scrapbook page
- Christmas cards to retired teachers
- Provided door prizes for new teachers' workshops
- Supported breast cancer organization
- Donations for Women Rape Assistance Program
- Donation for troubled teen center
- Contribution for County Literacy Auction
- Foster Care program
- Stress Management
- World Fellowship: painless giving—members gave ten cents for each year they have taught
- Collect paper products, snacks, do tutoring at a faith-based inner city private school
- Talent show given by chapter members for residents of retirement center
- Donated items for teenagers, especially Christmas time
- Adopted a first-year teacher
- Secured donations and contributed to four high school senior awards
- Volunteer to help as tutors or readers in a reading program
- Donation to Bethel Bible Village where prisoners' children live
- Bake sale for scholarship
- Collect stuffed animals to give to emergency teams
- Pecan sale for scholarship money

- Starting chapter of Future Teachers of America
- CIEC
- Storytelling Festival
- Mini grants for teachers in county for necessary classroom supplies, \$100
- Volunteer to be staff at a free medical clinic
- Refreshments for new teacher in-service
- Magazines for nursing home, jail
- Essay contest
- Help prepare backpacks for children in Appalachia area
- Financial planner
- Yoga program
- Purchased bookcases for jail and furnished books and magazines
- Gave nursing home a party
- Christmas gifts for needy children
- Project graduation
- Volunteer to wrap gifts at a store for donations for scholarship
- Summer reading program; advertisement by ad in paper, booth at grocery store, marquees to get children to come
- Support chapter member that goes on mission trips by bring school supplies for remote area of county

### **3. What else would you like to say about your chapter programs?**

- Legislative issues discussed
- Community service
- Fellowship
- Mystery Member of the Month, try to guess identify from clues
- Survey membership for ideas; can't please all the time, but can once
- Programs where everyone is involved
- State president came
- Home decoration by local interior design group
- Musical presentation by Sweet Adeline's, pianists, dulcimer group
- Recognition ceremony for longtime chapter members
- Used chapter members for programs
- Programs planed to interest of members
- Programs involved members
- Founders Day meeting, members dressed as in the past (hats, gloves, etc.) refreshments geared to era as well as table decorations.
- Make programs fit your membership needs, hold programs that members want to hear about
- Program survey by chapter members listing topics and resources of interest
- We have fun, laugh a lot and don't take ourselves too seriously...
- Vary programs for each meeting
- More variety in program topics
- Diversify programs
- Open program planning meeting, ideas presented, calendar

- “Bring a Salad”
- Luncheon in the Park
- Christmas Luncheon
- Children activities of younger members pulling member away
- Programs for professional and personal growth
- Programs to increase awareness of Society’s history, purpose, programs
- Each school planning and presenting their individual month program
- LIPS
- International Program--food, flag, information about when that country became part of the Society