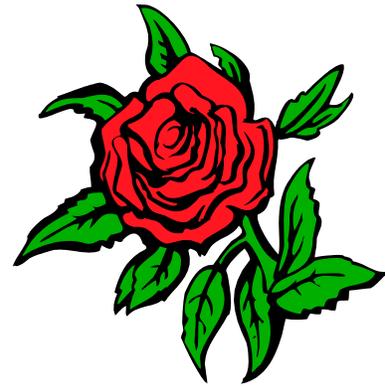




# Gamma Mu Musings



June 2016

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## From the President's Pen...

Dear Gamma Mu,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer filled with fun, family and friends!

I know you join me in thanking Sheila for a wonderful biennium. She continued some programs we were already doing and started some new adventures. I plan to follow in her footsteps and continue what was done this past year. In reading your surveys, you all agree that is the direction we should take.

Many of you want to do a night out once or twice during the year. Barter continued to be a suggestion for many. We will explore that option this year. A ladies night out sounds like a lot of fun!

I want to thank all those that attended Xi State. As always, Gamma Mu was well represented and as always, I was VERY proud of our chapter. I look forward to seeing several of you at the International Convention in Nashville. Over 2000 educators from all over the world will be there. It is such a fantastic way to meet fellow educators and learn about other cultures all under one roof. I know Tennessee will be a fabulous host state and all who attend will have tremendous memories to share.

I look forward to serving as your president the next two years. I am open to any and all suggestions, so please don't hesitate to contact me about anything that will make our chapter grow and be a real presence in Johnson County.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Safe travels!

Nancy

# March Meeting

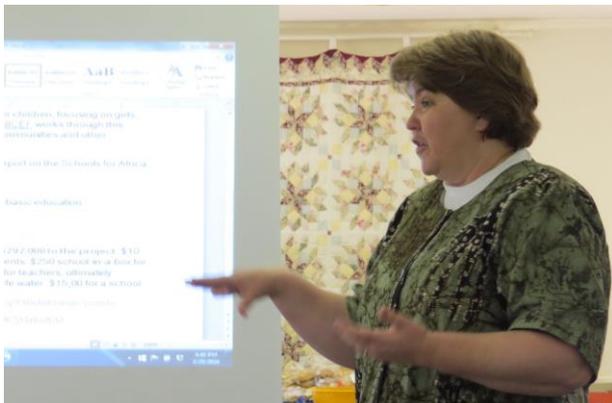


Thank you hostesses:  
Beverly McKinney,  
Andy Wright, Leni  
Smith, Trista Wilson.  
The refreshments  
were delicious!



Pam Egler, a school librarian and missionary, presented a program on Schools for Africa. She shared much information about Delta Kappa Gamma's involvement in this UNICEF program.

Gamma Mu members collected change throughout Lent to donate to the Schools for Africa. We sent \$141.35. Thank you, Ladies!



# April Meeting



Beverly  
facilitated the  
installation of  
officers.



President - Nancy Davis  
1st Vice President - Tara Zukowski  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Beverly McKinney  
Recording Secretary - Leni Smith  
Corresponding Secretary - Patty Smith  
Treasurer - Barbara Henson

Carol Stout and Andy Wright presented the Founder's Day program which included a video and focused on our International Founders.



Gamma Mu members collected snacks for Nancy's Middle School Singers who traveled to the New York area to perform June 5 - 12.



Trista Wilson was given a diaper shower and received many gifts of diapers for her baby.



After the meeting, members enjoyed dinner at Farmers' BBQ.

## Good Neighbor Award Ceremony

The Good Neighbor Reception was a success in every way! We decorated the Conference Room at the library with balloons, which made it very welcoming. The dessert tables were full of all kinds of "yummies," thanks to several members who not only brought food and drink, but stayed for the program.

We had invited community leaders to join us, and we had a good response. Rep. Timothy Hill, Director of Schools Michelle Simcox, Middle School Principal Edna Miller, Kevin Long, and Steve Long all attended. Both Rep. Hill and Dr. Simcox spoke briefly and expressed appreciation for the Good Neighbor Award and the rationale behind it. Mayor Potter and Mayor Keeble were unable to attend, but each prepared letters of congratulations for each student.

Each of the Good Neighbors received a framed certificate with this written on it: In honor of your exemplary qualities of compassion, kindness and generosity we proudly present this certificate to (name of student) the Good Neighbor for (month, year). In addition, each was presented with a personalized copy of Shel Silverstein's classic, "The Giving Tree" and a "goodie bag" filled with items donated by local businesses.

I wish all of you could have seen the children's faces. Leni, Rose and I all commented that this may have been the first time some of them had ever been publically recognized, it may have been the first time they received so many nice gifts, including \$10.00 from Elizabethton Federal Bank, and it may have changed the way they see themselves.

All in all, it was a lovely experience. I am grateful for all of your support, and I am especially grateful to Leni and Rose for their willingness to go above and beyond to help make this first year of the Good Neighbor Award a success. We're looking forward to next year!





Good Neighbor Award Ceremony

*Educational Websites...*

- [50+ Best Websites for Teachers](#)
- [A List of 16 Websites Every Teacher Should Know About](#)
- [Best Websites for Teaching & Learning 2015](#)
- [Learning Sites for Elementary Educators](#)

## Upcoming Dates and Announcements...



**June 16, 23, 30 and July 8, 15, and 22** Library Summer Reading Program

**June 28, 2016 at 12:30** at The Tributary Restaurant Summer Tea/Luncheon

**July 5-9, 2016** Delta Kappa Gamma International at Opryland Hotel in Nashville

**August 29, 2016** Pot luck dinner for Carmen Deedee at the First Christian Church

**August 30, 2016** Imagination Library Carnival

## Announcements...



Thanks to all who donated items to sell, time and/or energy for our Third Annual Yard Sale. We made \$300.29!

## Just for Fun ...

Andy's Deviled Ham Cheese Ball was a real hit at the March meeting. She was happy to share her recipe:

1 - 8 ounce cream cheese, softened

4 ounces finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese (1cup)

4 ounces finely shredded sharp cheddar/Monterrey Jack mixture or use another kind of cheese (1 cup)

4.25 ounce can of deviled ham

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1 tablespoon parsley flakes

½ teaspoon garlic salt

Mix all ingredients well and shape into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill before serving.



## Recognitions...

Congratulations to Trista on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Brady Ray Wilson. He was born on June 1, 2016 measuring 20 inches in length with a weight of 6 pounds 9 ounces.



## Inspirational Quote...

If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.

*Chinese Proverb*

