

# Gamma Gazette

## October Meeting Update

We enjoyed our meeting with Representative Matthew Hill. He talked to us about some of the educational issues that he is working on now. Some of these are: number of teacher evaluations per year (What profession requires 3-5 observations?), compensation for advanced degrees, and licensing. Rep. Hill wanted our feedback and was open to all we had to say. This next year, 2014, will be an election year for him.

Cheryl McHone read quotes from her 9th grade students about their ideas of good teachers. These thoughts tied miraculously well to Rep. Hill's thoughts on Tennessee teachers.



*Thankfulness is the  
beginning of gratitude.  
Gratitude is the completion  
of thankfulness.  
Thankfulness may consist  
merely of words. Gratitude  
is shown in acts.*

*Henri Frederic Amiel*





## Guests

We had two teachers from Daniel Boone High School as guests of Cheryl McHone. We enjoyed getting to know Tina Hill and Nikki Starnes. We are hoping these math teachers will join our chapter.

Cory, a friend of Rep. Hill's also attended our meeting.

## Birthday Bread

Willene Paxton was present to receive her birthday bread. Her birthday is October 30.



## November Meeting

We have decided that we will adopt a new project for this year. It will be the food pantry at North Side School. Sharon Pickering, principal at this school, will be our speaker at the November 14 meeting at Perkins. She will talk to us about their school and how we can help. Please bring canned goods to this meeting to help stock their pantry.

Items needed:

- canned vegetables
- hearty canned soups
- boxes of macaroni and cheese
- canned fruit
- snack packs of pudding or fruit
- canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

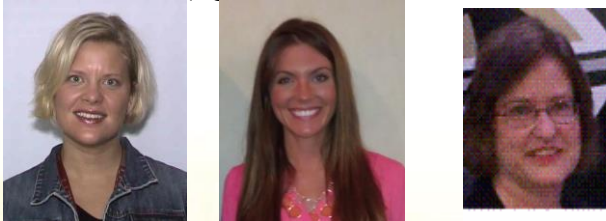
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## New Members

We would like to welcome our new members – Allison Berry (left), Morgan Saunders (middle), and Tina Hill (right).



Allison is an English teacher at Dobyys-Bennett High School. Morgan, our ETSU honoree in May, is a life skills teacher at Roosevelt Elementary in Kingsport. Tina Hill is a math teacher at Daniel Boone High School. We will be having our initiation at the November meeting. Please make plans to join us on that night as we welcome our newest sisters to Gamma chapter.

## Christmas Brunch

The Area 1 Christmas Brunch, hosted by Beta Delta, will be held at the Carnegie Hotel on Saturday, December 7, at 10:00am. We need a head-count of the number attending the brunch by November 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$18 and the menu includes:

- Berry Skewers with Yogurt Dip
- Quiche (Asparagus, Purple Tomato, & Havarti Cheese)
- Fresh Baked Pumpkin and Cranberry-Orange Muffins
- Fresh Baked Biscuits with Honey & Butter
- Assorted Juices and Fresh-Brewed Gourmet Coffee



**Way to go, Cheryl and Sharon!  
They participated in the Haunted Half  
Marathon held on October 26.**

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1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education

4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society