



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Growing Possibilities 2016-2017



Dear Pi Chapter,

As I write this, there are only 38 school days left for 2016-2017. How has this school year gone by so quickly?? I chose this month's quote because I personally love to have good pens and good paper, but this time of year is when I struggle to even find a pen that hasn't run out of ink. In this way, I am much like my students. My school supplies from August are barely getting me through May.

I know that we are all looking forward to hearing from our guest speaker, DeWayne Emert, this month. He and I have taught across the hall from each other for 21 years, and I have always admired and appreciated his wisdom and advice. He is going to fill us in on current legislative issues, and he is definitely excited about getting to eat a meal!

Another highlight to our evening will be the welcoming of new members into Pi Chapter. It is extra special to me this year because I am connected in some way to each woman being inducted. I love that our chapter is growing, and I am excited to see how these new members will grow within our organization!

Our April meeting is going to be informative and inspirational, so I hope to see all of you there!

Sincerely,
Rhonda Phillips

HAPPINESS IS



...writing on good paper
with a good pen.

Notice to Hostesses: Before you buy any paper products, please check the top shelf of the Pi Chapter cabinet. There are Styrofoam cups and bowls, dessert plates, white napkins, four paper tablecloths, forks, knives, and spoons. There are also some special plates.



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Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Diane Alsop

Hostesses

Sara Idzik (coordinator), Terri Gilbert, Lisa Smith, Janie Jackson, Lori Price, Linda McCune, Susan Fowler, Rhonda Phillips

Program

DeWayne Emert (Anderson County Schools) and Jennifer Owen (Knox County School Board) Legislation in Education

Business

Initiation of New Members

Remember to Bring

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products

Change for Change Donations

Box Tops for Education

Monetary donations for New Project

Honoring Marylee Stuart

Wear your official DKG pin
or pay fifty cents.



Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Happy April Birthdays to: Laura Boden (1st), Rhonda F. Phillips (11th), Amanda Weaver (13th),

Please let us know if you or another sister has had a health related problem so that we may let the chapter members know.

Please let Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Several Pi members attended the 35th Anniversary Celebration of Beta Phi in Lafollette on March 28th. We had a great time talking with friends and listening to our Xi State President Dr. Dorrie Powell share her thoughts on how DKG has adapted through the years in her talk "The Seeds of Change".



Beta Phi 35th Anniversary Celebration

Left to Right: Vikki Burns, Ann Gann, Pat Aldridge, Diane Alsop, Kathleen Benedict, Kathy Hurst, Rhonda Phillips, Vera Jo Henegar

Dates to Remember

April 4, 2017

Pi Chapter Meeting

May 2, 2017

Pi Chapter Meeting,

Founders' Day Banquet

New Project for Pi Chapter

I am always amazed by the generosity of my Pi chapter sisters. As you know, we lost a beloved member of our chapter, Marylee Stuart, in January of 2017. Marylee was a reading teacher for many years, a champion of literacy, and a passionate reader herself. Our goal is to provide a book for each "graduate" of the preschool program in Anderson County to honor her memory. It is an ambitious goal and I am asking for individual contributions of cash (in any amount) or Pre-K appropriate books not included in the Imagination Library. I have secured a donor who has agreed to match whatever we contribute at the March meeting. So whatever you can contribute, that amount will be doubled in value. I realize that we have already chosen to contribute \$250.00 from the Hazel McCreary Classroom Teacher Grant, but there are currently 328 rising Kindergarten students in Anderson County. Remember that kindness matters more than ever today.

Kathy Hurst

Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ March 2017

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I might include in the newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help! Kathleen Benedict

Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!!

Only two members left to have all dues paid!

We have reached our 1,000.00 goal to fund two recruitment grants and our goal to fund one member who has never attended a Xi State Convention! A balance of 616.78 to decide how to spend: another member chosen to go to Xi State, additional recruitment grant, or leave in the account. Just think about what decision would best represent the spirit of this account.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Your Treasurer,

Kathleen Benedict

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Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2016-2017



Pi Chapter will once again ask members to save "change" coins to donate to DKG Society's Schools for Africa Project. Please consider helping this worthy cause by chipping in your collected change or a larger, one-time amount to help out!

Please consider this worthy project! Account total to date: 87.89.

With Support from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program Is...

- **Benefiting nearly 5 million children, with a special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty**
- **Building and rehabilitating almost 1,000 schools**
- **Training nearly 100,000 teachers**
- **Supplying notebooks, pens, desks, chairs, and other essential school materials**
- **Making sure schools have clean, safe drinking water and separate bathrooms for girls and boys**
- **Creating schools that offer a protective environment.**

The Schools for Africa Collection "Green Tub" is always at the Check-In table for meetings! Help Support Pi Chapter's effort to donate your loose "change" in the hope that your donation of change will, when combined with many other like-minded DKG members, make a real CHANGE in Africa by providing schools so that learning may be provided in areas where it is not now available. For more information:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa>

Pi Chapter Local News

We need your help! In April and May, there will be photo books and photographs on display. We need help identifying as many people as we can. Please take time to take a look and help us!



Are you interested in attending Xi State? Pi Chapter will pay for one "first timer" who has never attended. If you are interested, please let Rhonda Phillips (president) know as soon as possible. A winner will be selected in a random drawing! Good Luck!

Pi Chapter May Founder's Day Banquet

Our annual Founder's Day Banquet is Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The Methodist Memorial Women's Group has generously kept the price for the dinner at 15.00. They always prepare a delicious meal! **Pay for May banquet at the April meeting.** We will honor the students from Clinton High School and Anderson County High School who will receive our Recruitment Grant Awards at the May Founder's Banquet. Thank you Vikki burns and all her helpers for this May's Founder's Day Banquet!



Xi State News International News

Important Dates from Xi State

June 1-3, 2017: Xi State Convention, The University of the South Sewanee TN (See the February issue of Xi State for registration form.)

Important Dates from International

July 19-21, 2017: Southeast Regional Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC



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