



## Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

Seeing the beautiful daffodils blooming in my yard and those of my neighbors puts a smile on my face! April is here and soon vibrant, colorful blooms will be on display. Shakespeare said, "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." So bring your youthful selves to our April meeting and enjoy being with your Pi sisters as we celebrate our members: their years of service in DKG and any recently received honors and awards..

We have invited the outstanding women from ACHS and CCS who were honored as **The Teacher of the Year** in their schools and hope to have several attend our April meeting. Please contact the female TOY at your school and extend a personal invitation to Pi Chapter. Share with her your personal story and pride of being a DKG member.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is our Founders' Day Banquet and your **help is needed!** Since we cannot work on the banquet the night before, all set up as well as clean up must occur on that Tuesday. The need is great for those who can help during the day to set up tables/chairs and decorations as well as those who can stay after to clean up. The Special Events Committee is in charge of decorations so let either Vicky Curtis or me know if you are willing to help by **signing up** on the worksheet at the Welcome table. Our budget plus cost of meal should cover all known expenses, but there are always unexpected expenses. If you are willing to help with these, please leave a donation in the **Donation Jar** or give to Kathleen. Any remaining funds will be added to our budget balance.

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### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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1 <sup>st</sup> VP .....	Rhonda Phillips
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### Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Memorial United Methodist Church  
5:00 p.m.

#### Inspiration

Lori Price

#### Hostesses

Rhonda A. Phillips (Coordinator), Sara Idzik, Terri Gilbert, Lisa Smith, Lori Price, Amanda Powers, Laura Phillips, Rachel Pemberton, April Perry

#### Program

Member Recognitions

#### Business

New Pictures for Yearbook  
Make Founders' Day Banquet  
Reservations



#### Remember to Bring

1. Money for Founders' Day Banquet Reservations
2. Box Tops for Education
3. Your smile! (Pictures will be taken at this meeting.)



*Wear your DKG  
pin with pride!*

## Pi Chapter Local News



### Spotlight on Members

This month's Member Spotlight features two Clinton High School English teachers.

**Terri Gilbert** received her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, her master's degree from North Georgia College and State University, and her EDS in reading from The University of Tennessee. Terri's inspiration for teaching came from seeing the impact her father had on the community as both a track and cross country coach and a science teacher. When her own children entered public schools, Terri realized she missed being part of a school community. After acknowledging that every job she previous held included teaching in some capacity, she decided to make the switch and become a teacher. Terri started her teaching career in Georgia at Forsyth Central High School. She remained there for two years and then moved to Tennessee and taught at Oak Ridge High School for one year. After that, she moved to Clinton High School where she has been for nineteen years. When Terri is not teaching, she, like every English teacher, loves to read. She also enjoys hiking, antiquing, and crafting. Terri would love to travel more, and her bucket list includes a walking tour of England and a riverboat cruise in Europe.

**Rhonda Phillips** received both her bachelor's degree and master's degree from The University of Tennessee. She interned at Anderson County High School and then moved to Clinton High School where she has been for twenty-three years. Rhonda's love of reading started at age three and continues to this day. Her dream of being a teacher also started young; she would play "school" at home and make her sister be her student. Becoming a teacher has allowed her to share her own love of reading and learning. Besides teaching, Rhonda loves to decorate, do yard work, and dream up new renovation projects to tackle at her house. She also loves to travel overseas with students and to Disney resorts with her niece, Laura. If you are with Rhonda at Disney and hear some ticking, don't worry-it's not Captain Hook's nemesis the crocodile. It's just Rhonda. She has a mechanical aortic valve, which you can hear ticking when it's really quiet.

## **Founders' Day Banquet** **Make Your Reservations Now!**

Date: May 7, 2019 Gather 5:00 p.m. Meal: 5:30pm Program: 6:00pm

Speaker: Becky Sadowski, International First Vice President

Founders' Day skit by Membership Committee

Meal: \$20

Herb chicken and either beef or pork

Herb roasted potatoes

Green beans and honey glazed carrots

Chef pasta salad (cold)

One large fruit tray and one large veggie tray

Salad (greens, seasonal fruit, and feta)

Dessert (assorted cookies, punch bowl cake and chocolate cake)

Catered by Hana's Inc. Oak Ridge, TN

## Pi Chapter Local News

### TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" March 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT	KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER
BEGINNING BALANCE.....	5,695.09
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 140.05
DEPOSITS .....	+ 395.85
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>+ 5,950.89</b>

**May Banquet, May 7, 2019 Memorial United Methodist Church 5:30 PM  
Founder's Day Program, Guests, Grant-in-Aide Awards, Meal catered by Hanna's  
20.00 per person to Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict**

### **2019-2020 Dues**

Thank you for paying your 2019-2020 dues to me in such a timely manner. Remember that I will work with you in any way you need me to, as long as I know that you and I have a plan. Please pay all dues or make a down payment by June 15.

**I must mail all dues to Xi State by June 30, 2019.**

**All of our Pi Chapter members contribute in so many creative ways to fulfill our mission! Many of you who cannot attend all the meetings send in donations with members who are coming and communicate with me to send money supporting our projects. Thank you!! Whatever you contribute, you are appreciated!**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 [kbenedict08@comcast.net](mailto:kbenedict08@comcast.net)**

### News from Clinton City Schools

On Wednesday, the ESA (voucher) bill passed in the Full Education Committee in the House. It has now moved onto Gov. Operations, which is projected to not see a stall. We also don't anticipate that there will be much of a stall in the Senate Education Committee. While there are several steps to go, it has big momentum. Representative Ragan voted in favor of the ESAs. The way that the bill is written currently would impact 6 districts - Knox, Shelby, MetroNashville, Hamilton, Hamblen, and Achievement School District. However, once the door is open, we anticipate it will find its way into all districts down the road.

*Submitted by Gwen Payne*

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy April Birthdays to:** Carrie Stewart and Laura Boden(1<sup>st</sup>), Rhonda F. Phillips (11<sup>th</sup>), Amanda Weaver (13<sup>th</sup>), Jennifer Taylor (14<sup>th</sup>)

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](mailto:patstonecipher@att.net)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

### Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

- We are responsible for cleaning up and returning room to original setup (if tables and chairs are moved). Trash bags removed from cans to storage room.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton ([rpemberton@acs.ac](mailto:rpemberton@acs.ac)) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

### Schools for Africa Summary 2018-2019

Pi Chapter DKG sent a donation of 140.05 to U.N. Fund, UNICEF for Schools for Africa in Memory of Vera Jo Henegar. Thanks to each Pi Chapter member for supporting this worthy cause by collecting “Change for Change” throughout the year.



## Pi Chapter Local News

### Focus on our Charter Members



To celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, each month through May we will learn a little about our charter members. You will notice that we do not have information on all of them. If you are interested in genealogy and have access to records through a service such as Ancestry, it would be wonderful to find out about these sisters!

**Kathleen Fitzgerald Pressley** - (Nov. 19, 1912-June 16, 2004) Born in Davidson County, NC and is buried there.

**Virginia Simerly Rogers** - (June 4, 1915 – June 4, 1976) Born in Blount County, TN and is buried there.



Reminder: Linda McCune will be taking photos for next year's DKG yearbook in April. Too many of our existing photos are in varying formats and orientations making them very difficult to use in our membership directory. Linda will only be taking photos before our meeting in February (commitment later that evening), but plans to be available both before and after meetings in March and April. Pictures will be head shots only from shoulders up. Smile!! :)

*Submitted by Linda McCune*

Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher ([stonecipher@gmail.com](mailto:stonecipher@gmail.com))

## Pi Chapter Local News

### **Tennessee (Xi State) Convention**

**May 30-June 1, 2019, University of the South, Sewanee, TN**

<https://new.sewanee.edu/>

Register now for our state convention on line <https://www.xistate.org/> (link on home page) or complete form attached with newsletter. On Sewanee's grand, historic campus, we experience great speakers, excellent food, informative breakout sessions and fun times with outstanding women. The convention is a wonderful opportunity to receive professional development hours and to present a breakout session on a hobby, a book, travel or current educational practice. If you are a **first time attendee**, Pi Chapter will pay your way or will contribute \$200 each for two to attend. Let Ann Gann know if this is your first time attending our state convention. If more than two submit their names, a drawing will be done how the money is dispersed.

### **Xi State Committees**

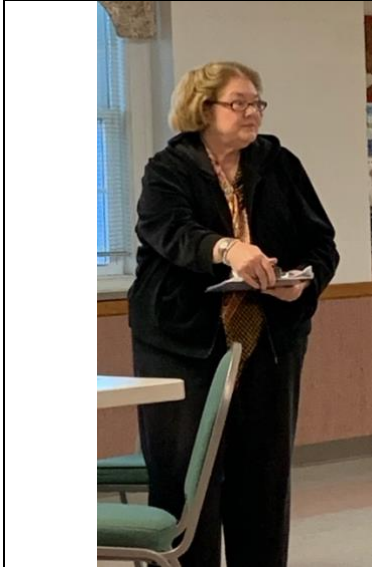
Would you like to meet other outstanding women educators and learn more about DKG and Xi State? If so, volunteer to serve on a state committee and enjoy several benefits. First, you learn more about the purpose of that committee. Also, you meet and work with highly motivated women from other areas of Tennessee. A third benefit is meeting and hearing International and Regional leaders speak about the many benefits and projects of DKG. Volunteer today.

There will be state wide training in September. Then most of the work is completed through emails and video conferences. Pat Aldridge, Kathleen Benedict, Kate Roovers, Kathy Hurst, Pat Stonecipher –to name a few - are either currently serving or have served recently on various state committees.



## Pi Chapter Local News

### Moments from our March Meeting Legislative Update



Susan Fowler and Marsha Livingston gave a wonderful update on Legislative issues at our March meeting.

**Xi State News**  
**International News**

**Dates to Remember**

May 20 – June 1, 2019 – Xi State Convention

June 27-29, 2019 – International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Asheville, NC

**Our Founders' Day Speaker.....**

*Becky Sadowski Nominated for International Achievement Award*

By a unanimous decision, the Tennessee State Organization Executive Board voted to nominate Alpha Lambda member Becky Sadowski for the International Achievement Award. Below is an excerpt from our recommendation summarizing Becky's outstanding leadership qualities.

*Tennessee enthusiastically recommends Becky Sadowski for this recognition. As an international officer, chair and member of multiple international committees, regional director, international convention steering committee chair, and state organization president, Becky authentically represents DKG as a key women educator and richly deserves this honor. She has dedicated her time and talents to support, mentor, collaborate with, and lead members while building relationships that will last a lifetime. With gratitude for her 30 years of membership, she says interacting with members has enriched her own life, and she continues to help DKG maintain its position as a vibrant, relevant organization.*

The award will be presented this summer at one of the International Conferences, and we hope those voting for this honor agree with Tennessee's recommendation of Becky Sadowski!

