



Pi Chapter Newsletter



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2023-2025
Biennium

Dear Sisters,

I hope you are having a joyful Easter when you open this newsletter. I am writing this more than a week early because the week before Easter is usually a hectic one. Like in teaching, I never quite learned how to make getting ready easy.

All officers and chairpersons were diligent in making sure each submission was in on time to be counted for the points needed for the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence. Because of our chapter's outstanding work Pi Chapter has been awarded the Maycie Gold Award! We are also on our way for next year's highest honors: our last three new members can be counted; at least four, hopefully even more members, will attend the May 30 -June 1 TNSO Convention; our Area 2 Director will be invited to May Founders' Day; a state officer has been invited; Pi Chapter's Rules update counts; and photos of Pi Chapter in action to be included in a PowerPoint at Sewanee and a table display highlighting our chapter will be in the works by our 2024-2026 leadership team.

The Pi Chapter Rules Committee had corrected needed changes in our Rules as dictated at the State and International levels during this biennium, but recently Kate Roovers and Kathleen Benedict met to update the Rules applying to only Pi Chapter. Special thanks need to go to our Mother-Daughter-Duo for taking care of this. The wonderful news is that rule updates sent to State are not due again for three more years!

Our new officers will be installed at our meeting on April 2. They are President Rhonda Phillips, First Vice President Amanda Powers, Second Vice President Lorrie Irwin, Recording Secretary Taylor Powers, Corresponding Secretary Pat Aldridge, Treasurer Kathleen Benedict, and Parliamentarian Linda

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Diane Alsop
1 st VP	Amanda Powers
2 nd VP	Vikki Burns
Recording Sec.....	Ann Gann
Corres. Sec.....	Kathy Hurst
Parliamentarian.....	Linda McCune
Treasurer	Kathleen Benedict
Editors/Webmasters.....	Pat Stonecipher Chelsi Meredith

**Tuesday, April 2,
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church Sanctuary.

Additional parking will be
available at Samuel Franklin
Florist
362 N Main St

Hostesses

Sara Idzik, Rhonda Phillips, Lisa
Smith, Kaitlyn Hall, Jessica
McClintock

Blessing

Lisa Smith

Inspiration

Pat Stonecipher

Program

Matthew Bimstock and the
Clinton High School's Jazzy
Dragons

Business

Installuon of 2024-2026
Officers, 81st Founders' Day
Updates, Business as Needed.

McCune. In addition, Membership Chair Vicki Bible, Nominations Chair Abbi Hill, Webmaster Pat Stonecipher, and Newsletter Editor Chelsi Meredith have agreed to serve in these very important positions. Nominations Committee and Chair Rhonda, thank you for your hard work in filling these positions. Also, thank you to our new leaders for accepting these assignments! Pi Chapter is in excellent hands! Let's give strong support to our 2024-2026 team! Say yes!

Also, on April 2, we once again will be entertained by the Jazzy Dragons under the direction of Matthew Bimstein. They were fantastic last year, so we should be really looking forward to what they will have in store for us this year! Please meet in the sanctuary at 5:00 as we celebrate Jazz Month.

Patsy Thurmon's creative juices have been flowing! She has an article later in this newsletter about the 81st Founders' Day Banquet with information about what is planned. She also has some requests, so please let her know if you can help. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:00 on May 7. I'm excited. You are going to be, too!

Our May Founders' Day speaker is Tennessee State President Marsha Brewer. Marsha is a little ball of fire which is a very good thing in her case. She is dynamic, energetic, successful, and not afraid to go for it! She can be extremely funny and is very musical. This special lady will be coming in from Middle Tennessee to be with us. You do not want to miss being with her!

Our April and May meetings are fast approaching with many good things on the way. Come join us, make new friends, check on old friends, and have a good time. See you on April 2!

In harmony,
Diane

Pi Chapter Members: Time to Pay 2024-2025 Dues, still \$85.00.

*If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa, the Hazel McCreary Fund, or any other fund, the donated amount may be added to the 85.00 dues amount. The donation is not required, only voluntary, as some members like to donate to these causes when they pay dues. **All members have until June 30, 2024 to pay dues.**

Methods of Paying Pi Chapter Dues:

✓ Check or cash made out to:
Pi Chapter DKG

Pay at March, April, or May meeting, cash or check OR Mail a check to:

**Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918
OR**

✓ **VENMO**

Directions for using VENMO:

1. Download the VENMO app from Google Play to your phone or computer. Set up your account
2. Link your VENMO account to your bank account or credit card – whichever you chose to be your funding source. In VENMO, you can pay people using any of the following: your VENMO balance (if you have access to your VENMO balance, a credit/debit card (imagine being able to pay a friend directly from your credit/debit card), and lastly, with a U. S. bank account.
3. Link your account to the account you wish to deposit money to, in this case, Pi Chapter, Kathleen Benedict. My User Name is: Kathleen-Benedict-6 Password: 1646

You can go to www.venmo.com for more information.

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Happy April Birthdays to: Laura Boden (4/1)

Joys:

There has been a sighting: Louise Childress walking into church! Quite a feat for someone who so recently had a hip replaced! What a woman!

One of Vicki Bible's daughters is getting married soon! Exciting times in the Bible Family!

Prayers of comfort and condolences:

Please remember Ann Gann's husband Larry. His cancer has returned. He is undergoing immunotherapy and radiation. He has had two of four immunotherapy treatments with one in both April and May remaining. His 5 radiation treatments are scheduled the week of April 1-5, one each day. Please remember them in your prayers.

Please remember our members who have had various health issues highlighted here over the last several months. Prayers, cards, and contacts have been appreciated.

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 (stonecipherp@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.



April 2nd -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz Month

May 7th -- Founders Day Banquet

Founder's Day!

We are going with an Alice in Wonderland theme for our Founders Day program this year! The cost will be \$20. I've got some adorable pictures printed out and in lucite frames to set around. We've got tea party tableware left from last year but with new tablecloths that look more like Wonderland. Terri Gilbert has a top hat and lots of playing cards that we can use. I've got a couple of stuffed white rabbits. We have nothing to represent the Cheshire Cat or Tweedledum & Tweedledee. We could also use a pocket watch if anyone has one. We do not want elegant teapots as we had last year, but if you have any rather goofy or fanciful teapots, that might be appropriate. And a fat chance, but does anyone have potted rose bushes? If not, I will use some of my big potted plants and wire artificial roses onto them to represent the queen's knaves painting the white rose bushes red. Does anyone do calligraphy? I would love to have some of the catch phrases posted around the room, such as "Curioser and curioser" and "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" and "Off with her head!" I have asked April at Culinary Arts to be thinking about our theme, and I have no doubt that she will come up with something fabulous! Any other decorating suggestions you have will be appreciated.

Also, eight volunteers are needed to read a letter for our tribute to our founders. If you would like to take part, please let me know.

Thanks,
Patsye.

If you have information to include in the newsletter please send an email to Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) or Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com)



Treasurer's Report

March 2024 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,033.66	
Deposits		57.07
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VENMO Deposits		0.00
	+	
DISBURSEMENTS.....		120.00
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ENDING BALANCE.....		5,970.73

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 1,430.07

Balance 03-31-2024 Beginning Bal: 1,373.00 + 57.07 Happy Jar = 1,430.07 [Only \$69.93 needed to reach goal of \$1500.00!!] *Thankyou!*

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	2,849.80
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Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...

Balance 08-30-2023 3,374.17 – 699.37 DKG bags for 3 years, Jinx Logos +175.00 [Early Career Educators pmt. For 23-24 = 2,849.80
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Paid back VJH Scholarship Fund 175.00 with budgeted money for Early Career Educators line item VJH Scholarship Fund = 524.37 remaining balance owed as of 01-31-2024

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*	0.00
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03-31-2024 0.00

[Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	248.10
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Balance 03-31-2024 = 298.10 - 50.00 E TN Children's Hospital in Memory of Alan Curtis. **Hazel McCreary**

Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **307.24** Balance 03-31-2024 **307.24**

Thankyou!

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUN	1,135.52
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(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Balance 03/31/2024 = 1,205.52 – 70.00 donation to UNICEF = 1,135.52

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT	5,970.73
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Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs.

Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 03-31-2024 = 210.00

[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

[*When the goal of \$1,500.00 has been reached for the two recruitment grants, Happy Jar money will go towards the fund for Xi State First Time Attendees. If no one applies, all monies will remain in Grant-in-Aide Fund.]

LIST of Pi Chapter Members who have paid dues and contributions for 2024-25

(Listed in order of payment.)

(Dues and contributions be credited in the Pi Chapter balance a er the 2023-2024 fiscal year ends.)

NAME	DUES PD.	GRANT	HAZEL	SCHOOLS/AFRICA	OTHER
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1. Lorri Irwin 40.00 Balance 45.00
2. Taylor Irwin 40.00 dues; Bal. 45.00
3. Sara Idzik 85.00 15.00
4. Kaitlin Hall 10.00 Initiation Fee; 85.00 dues
5. Ann Gann 85.00 15.00
6. Diane Alsop 85.00 15.00
7. Deckie Conley 85.00
8. Kathleen Benedict 85.00

REINSTATED MEMBERS

- 1.
- 2.

RESERVE MEMBERSs

- 1.
2. 3.

Chapter Honorary Members (DO NOT COUNT IN TOTAL MEMBERSHIP)

1. Marilyn Buckner

State and International News

TNSO

TNSO Convention, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN - 5/30-6/1, 2024 (See details under News of Committees - Convention Steering. May 1st is the cutoff for the discounted registration) Registration form can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>

It's registration time for the 2024 TNSO Convention! We're looking forward to seeing all of you on the Mountain this year! We want to let you know that we have some changes in store this year, based on feedback. One of those includes changing one of our dorms to Humphreys to make it easier to access the parts of campus where we will be. The other big change will be to some of the menus. We know the menus have remained unchanged for a number of years, and sometimes bringing in some new recipes can freshen things up a bit. Fortunately for us, our fees are staying the same this year, so that won't be one of our changes.

Also, we'll be bringing back the campus bus tour with our favorite tour guide, Dee Dee Rives. She is a walking encyclopedia of all things Sewanee, and for newcomers and recent newcomers, this is a "not to be missed" experience. The ever popular tour of All Saints Chapel and the carillon tower will also be among the options for break-out sessions.

Here's the link for online registration: <https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>

We're very excited to be with you all at the 2024 Convention, and we'll see you on the mountain!

Outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents will be presented at the Presidents' Banquet on Friday, May 31. Be planning your chapter displays which will be set up in Convocation Hall on Thursday, May 30. See attachment below for hostess chapters assigned to the 2024 convention.

We are also looking for vendors for the convention. Vendors will be able to set up and sell on the opening night this year (Thursday, May 30) in the Art Gallery. Applications are due 5/1/24

<https://forms.gle/hrdocfmtfPeZX57v6>

The Arts and Personal Growth Committee would like to remind all chapters that at the TN State Convention, you need to bring a display of the great things you have done. If you are going to use a tablecloth, you must provide your own. In order to know how many tables to request, please email bking13@outlook.com by March 15, 2024, if you plan to participate with a display or if you have any questions. Each chapter with a display will receive a Participation Certificate. We know that the chapters across this state do awesome projects and activities. Let's share these ideas, so others may find new ways to help their community.

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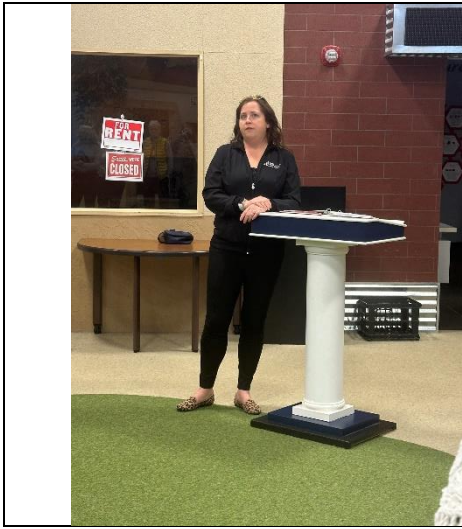


Calendar

- April 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence
- April 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit Chapter Bylaws and Rules (see attached schedule)
- April 6, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in East Tennessee
- April 15, 2024 - Committee / Officer Reports Due
- April 20, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in Middle Tennessee
- May 1, 2024 - Deadline for "Early Bird" Registration for the TNSO Convention
- May 7, 2024 - Area II Pi Chapter Founders' Day
- May 19, 2024 - TNSO Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
- May 30 - June 1, 2024 - TNSO Convention in Sewanee, TN
- July 9 - 13, 2024 - DKG International Convention in National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

Moments from our March Meeting





Thank you JA Achievement Staff! It was
an amazing night