

## Pi Chapter Newsletter Volume 20, Number 8 April 2021 https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com





# Anywhere is Home 2020-2022



#### **Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders**

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Sisters,

Gosh, it has been a year since our world and routines were turned upside down. It seems, at least to me, that with the current trend in vaccinations and the downturn in reported infections and deaths due to COVID-19, we may well be returning to a new normal, not much different than before, but with precautions and the acknowledgement of what a pandemic as far reaching as this one has been, can do to our everyday routines that we probably took for granted before. I was excited to get the two dose Moderna vaccine through Anderson County Schools. Kudos to Dr. Tim Parrott, Katherine Price, and all the others in the school district who made that possible. I hope you have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine as well.

Abbi worked diligently to finalize Pi Chapter's Maycie Award application and was able to do so by the deadline for submission. We will discuss the Maycie Award at the April meeting and if needed, will review a summary of the Rules changes by Kate Roovers and/or Ann Gann. The changes to the rules were rules that had been adopted by the State organization which required us to update our rules to be in compliance.

As we move into April with all the signs of nature renewing around us, the hope is that we can return to those things which in the past did indeed bring us joy, such as our monthly fellowship with our sisters in DKG. The plans for the DKG State Convention (June 4-5, 2021) are 'ON' with plans and registration information included in this newsletter. We are excited to announce that Rhonda Phillips will be receiving the "2021 Order of the Rose" at the State Convention as will Diane Alsop, our 2020 recipient. Registration is open for the State Convention and will be discussed at the April meeting. A note of congratulations to Terri Gilbert also for having her artwork selected for the DKG Spring Art Gallery! The International Convention is also 'in the works' with plans being made for meetings in San Antonio, Texas (July 21-24, 2021) and Portland Oregon (July 7-10, 2021). Also, to be discussed will be our May meeting and Banquet. We are hoping that everyone will be able to attend an in-person meeting in May! Won't that be wonderful? A full discussion of this will be conducted during the April meeting as well.

The State organization has several workshops planned for our members. Those are included in the newsletter with topics, dates, and times. Please note, Monday, April 5, Abbi will be hosting a session on Instagram at 7:00 p.m. EST. The link is enclosed.

Meanwhile, please plan to attend our meeting on April 6th, we have much to discuss, celebrate, and anticipate. We will open the meeting for those attending for our talk around 5:15 and the meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Abbi and Vikki

#### Tuesday, April 6, 2021 Zoom Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**Inspiration** Patsye Thurmon

**Program** Member Recognition

**Business** Review of Rules Changes Maycie Award Update

#### **Invitation to March meeting:** Meeting will be opened at 5:15

p.m.

Time: Apr 6, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8470 3227186?pwd=ZWU2ajRpOV MwU1d1SUFHQlo0L2hFQT09

Meeting ID: 847 0322 7186 Passcode: rLi3F2

## Joys and Concerns

Happy April Birthdays to: Laura Boden (1<sup>st</sup>), Rhonda F. Phillips (11<sup>th</sup>), Jennifer Taylor (14<sup>th</sup>),

**Continued Prayers for:** Steve Reynolds (Felecia's husband) who is in NHC for long term care following a car accident

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 (<u>stonecipherp@gmail.com</u>) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

## **Treasurer's Tidbits**

2021-2022 Pi Chapter Dues +

<u>Note from Treasurer</u>: Hello All! In these Covid-19 times, I am looking for any signs of hope or spring. I love seeing so many of you on our Zoom meetings, even if it is just a face shot - it is fun for me!

As always, I will try to get a head start on <u>collecting 2021-2022 Pi Chapter dues of 85.00</u> <u>beginning February 1, 2021 and asking you to consider adding 12.00 to that total</u> to help defray our payments to the State for Silent Auction of 50.00 and for Schools for Africa, amount to be determined. I know many of you usually add 15.00 to your dues amount to help the Grant-in-Aide Fund and you may still do that as well if you wish. This is a <u>request</u> for the additional funds – not mandatory. We have not had an in - person meeting or a fundraiser as we would have normally, so I was just trying to think of way to incorporate several items into one. If you think this is unreasonable in these lean times, I understand – just send your dues. As always, if you need to send payments, I will work out any plan you devise.

Please mail payments to: Kathleen Benedict/P.O. Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901 Please send VENMO payments to: User Name:Kathleen-Benedict-6

Passcode: 1646

All dues must be submitted by May 30, 2021.

As you can see from the Treasurer Report, due to many donations, the Grant-in-Aide Fund is sufficient to award the two 500.00 grants.

Thank you very much! Kathleen Benedict

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### March 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

#### KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE	6,832.04
Deposits	+ 38.00
DISBURSEMENTS	-188.00
ENDING BALANCE	6 <b>,682.04</b>

### **TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

#### **<u>Grant-in-Aide Fund</u>** (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ...... 1,032.17

Beginning Balance 03-31-2021 1,027.17 + 5.00 Happy Jar donation V. Burns = 1,032.17

Vera Jo Henegar <u>Scholarship Fund</u> + 10.00 V. Burns 3,280.00	
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.	

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Balance 03-31-2021 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

#### Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) ..... 102.24

Balance 03-31-2021 402.20 – 300.00 Grant Award to Jennifer Taylor = 102.24

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 3-31-2021 = 200.00 + 10.00Donation V. Burns = 210.00 [This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

[\*When the goal of \$1,000.00 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.]

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dues/Donations 2021-2022

( Must be held separately, for accounting purposes, until July 1, 2021)

February Dues Payments	<b>Grant-in-Aide Donations</b>
1. Ann Gann	15.00
2. Pat Stonecipher	15.00
3. Patsye Thurmon	15.00
255.00 dues	45.00 Grant-in-Aide
March Dues Payments	
4. Vikki Burns	15.00
5. Sara Idzik	15.00
6. Krista Petrick	12.00
7. Lucy Van Cleve	15.00
340.00 dues	52.00 Grant-in-Aide

### **April Dues Payments**

Total Dues/Donations to Date

Dues 595.00

102.00



**Spotlight on Members** 

Krista Petrick earned her bachelor's degree in English Literature and her master's degree in Theory and Practice in Teacher Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She started teaching in Anderson County Schools in 2012 and is currently an English teacher at the Innovation Academy where she teaches grades 9-12. When she was a child, Krista dreamed of becoming a teacher, but it was a college English professor who inspired her to take the plunge and make it her career; it remains the best decision she's ever made. In her spare time, Krista loves being outdoors where she enjoys hiking and running. When the weather doesn't cooperate, she also loves to curl up with a book or play video games. A fun fact about Krista is that she loves live performances. While she and her husband were dating, he lived in New York City; she would visit him every break she had and make sure to catch a show. She has seen many celebrities on Broadway, from Orlando Bloom in *Romeo and Juliet* to James Franco in Of Mice and Men.



#### **Krista Petrick**



Sara Idzik still needs biographical information from the following members: Diane Alsop, Vicky Curtis, Amy Graham, Janie Jackson, April Perry, Felecia Reynolds, Sally Suttle, Lisa Swisher, Lucy VanCleve, and Joan Vick.

Please contact Sara at <u>sara.idzik@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible. We really need for all of our members to participate in this project...we get points for the state award!

Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (<u>stonecipherp@gmail.com</u>)

## **Anniversaries for April: Congratulations to the following members**

Amanda Powers 3 years	Mary Williams 3 years	Rachel Pemberton 4 years
Laura F Phillips 4 years	Vikki Burns 7 years	Krista Petrick 7 years
Laura Boden 10 years	Deckie Conley 10 years	Pat Stonecipher 10 years
Paula Tacket 10 years	Lee Ann Eves 11 years	Lisa Smith 11 years
Sara Idzik 11 years	Lisa Swisher 14 years	April Perry 15 years
Marylin Buckner 16 years	Linda Van Cleave 16 years	Kay Porter 25 years
Diane Alsop 40 years	Mary Cook 50 years	



In May, we hope to be able to have our annual Founders' Day Program.

## "Sanitary Kits for Women"

We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the "back burner". We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits and we just need to round up some sergers and get sewing. These kits can go anywhere in the world to women who need these sanitary supplies. I will let you know further details as they become available. *Submitted by Susan Jonely* 

The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence was submitted March 30, 2020 and is attached for member review. Please check the email attachment to this newsletter.



**Diane Alsop** 

So exciting that Rhonda Phillips won the 2021 Order of the Rose and will receive the award along with Diane Alsop, the 2020 winner, at the State Convention! Pi Chapter will have two winners!!



**Rhonda Phillips** 



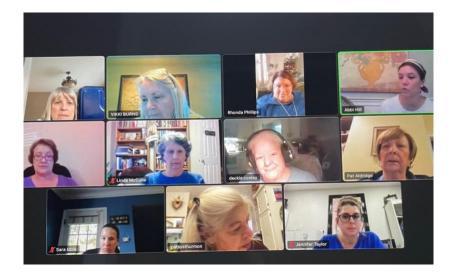
Congratulations Terri Gilbert! The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury accepted Terri's entry for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts January 15 – February 15, 2021 submission period. Her 2-D art 'Alabama Falls' and 'Mabry Mill' have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. The unveiling of the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery will be by mid-April. Terri's work will be displayed in the gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years.

## Moments from our March Zoom Meeting

















## Moments from our DKG Legislative Symposium Zoom Meeting



























There are many TN State DKG events approaching over the next few weeks. These are a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed! Please read below for a description of each event listed and the registration link and deadline. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Abbi and she will get the information to you as soon as possible!

### How to Instagram

Presenter: Abbi Hill, Pi

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6 PM Central (7 PM Eastern)

Why learn about the social media platform Instagram? Instagram is the "second most widely used social media platform in the United States" (Perrin & Anderson, 2019) and used "fifth most in the world" (Statista, 2020). This workshop will focus on the basics of Instagram allowing attendees to learn how to connect with other educators including our younger potential DKG members.

How to Instagram Registration Link: <u>https://forms.gle/qjjh2okgaMLJdD8F6</u>

### Watercolors Techniques for Absolute Beginners

Presenter: Shirl Hawes, Texas

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7 PM Central

Learn several watercolor techniques used in basic watercolor art. Use these techniques to create a miniature work of art suitable for a card. Learn about online resources and books to continue your watercolor journey.

Watercolors for Beginners Registration Link: <u>https://forms.gle/Yb8e51QbgHdDeWJX8</u>

If you missed earlier events please go to <u>https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events</u> and scroll down to find past events such as:

- Questions About Technology
- Triskele Paper Globes
- Sign Language with Cousin Carrie

State Convention Registration Forms now on state website but a copy is attached for reference:

## Date: Friday, June 4, 2021-Saturday, June 5, 2021 Location: Grand Hyatt Nashville Time: Refer to Attached Draft Schedule at a Glance

**Information:** Due to COVID they are requesting online registration this year using the following link <u>https://forms.gle/aGxFKcVewthcbo6L7</u>

Cost is \$225 if submitted before May 10 (after the cost is \$250)

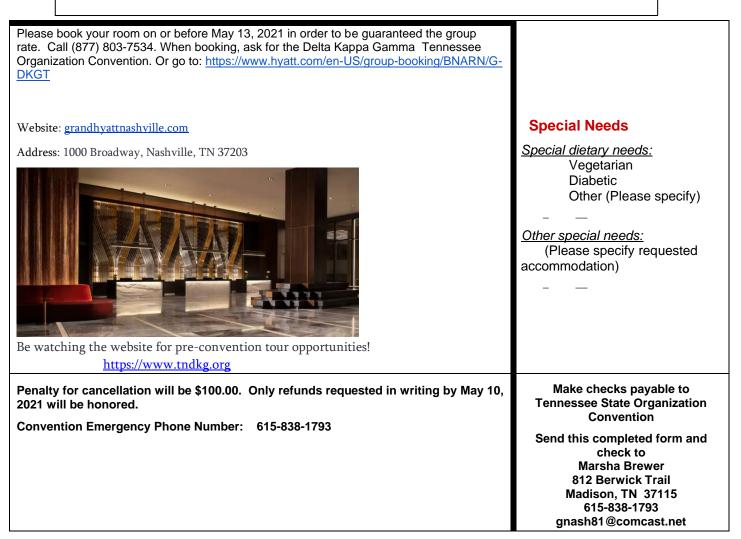
Rooms \$199/night with tax \$251/night plus \$40 required valet parking

NOTE: To avoid fees when paying with PayPal, remember to select the "send money to a friend or family member" feature.

## **TNSO CONVENTION REGISTRATION** June 4-5, 2021 -- THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TN

Online Registration is Recommended: <u>https://forms.gle/rqJMHtN1msHgVZLH7</u>

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	Please Check All That Apply: 2019-2021 Initiate
Last Name First Name (will be badge name)	First State Convention 2020-2022 Chapter President
Address	2019-2021 State Committee Chairman 2019-2021 TN State
City, State, Zip	Officer/Related Personnel Past TN State President
Phone # (prefer cell) E-Mail Address (print plainly)	State Achievement Award Honoree 50 Year (+) Member (Year
Chapter Name Area Year initiated	Initiated )
Registration Total Convention Package   Price includes: registration fee, all meals, workshops, general sessions, keynote speakers, professional development, awards, Ceremony of Remembrance, and convention favors.   postmarked by May 10\$225.00   postmarked after May 10 \$250.00   Past State President	Vision Foundation Member (Visionary) I will serve as a page for one event at the convention. I would like a professional development certificate. I will inform someone if I would not like my picture or name to appear on the Tennessee State website or in the Xi State News. Graduate degree earned – July 2020- June 2021 (Type of degree earned ) My tee shirt size is )



### Schedule at a Glance

### All convention events take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Grand Hyatt Nashville.

Friday, June 4	Saturday, June 5
8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Registration	Registration
Coat Room and The 576	Coat Room and The 576
8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Photo Booth	Photo Booth
Summit Foyer ABC	Summit Foyer ABC
12:00 – 2:45 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mini-Mall	Iris Circle Gathering
Railhead	Piedmont
3:00-3:45 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Breakout Session I	Taste of Tennessee Breakfast
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Grand Hyatt Nashville	Summit Ballroom E
4:00-5:00 p.m.	9:30-10:45 a.m.
Mini-Mall	Second General Session
Railhead	Summit Ballroom ABCD
5:00-6:15 p.m.	11:00-11:45 a.m.
Homecoming Dinner	Mini-Mall
Summit Ballroom E	Railhead
	12:00-12:45 p.m.
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Breakout Session II
First General Session	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Grand Hyatt Nashville
Order of the Rose	
Rosebud Award	1:00 p.m.
Summit Ballroom ABCD	Presidents' Luncheon
	Summit Ballroom E
7:45 p.m.	
Ceremony of Remembrance Processional Line Up	2:15 p.m.
Foyer of Summit Ballroom ABCD	Chapter Presidents' Line-Up
	Foyer of Summit Ballroom ABCD
8:00-9:00 p.m.	
Ceremony of Remembrance	2:30-3:45 p.m.
Summit Ballroom ABCD	Third General Session
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The Xi State Silent Auction raised \$2150. This auction took the place of the regular auction since our annual convention was cancelled last year

Presale has begun for the mini-mall at convention. The request Mini-Mall/ Vendor form is attached to this email.

Sales will be conducted: 1) onsite or 2) hybrid - pre sold and delivered at convention.

# TN State Mini-Mall Space Request

There are two options for chapters to sell items at the 2021 Tennessee State convention:

1) Onsite convention sales

2) Hybrid sales - take orders virtually and deliver and collect payment at convention

If your chapter would like to sell items, please reserve space by completing the information below and submit by May 1, 2021.

Chapter name: Click here to enter text.

Contact person: Click here to enter text.

Phone number: Click here to enter text.

Email address: Click here to enter text.

Items to be sold: Click here to enter text.

Chosen Method: (select one of the following)

 $\Box$ Onsite convention sales

□Hybrid sales - take orders virtually and deliver and collect payment at convention

**Onsite Sales:** 

If you selected Onsite convention sales, you will send this completed form to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at <u>mevaughan@ortn.edu</u> by May 1, 2021.

Hybrid Sales:

If you selected Hybrid sales, you will need to submit this completed form and a photo of the item/s to BOTH Dr. Elaine Vaughan <u>mevaughan@ortn.edu</u>and Sherrie Collins at <u>collins.sherrie@gmail.com</u> by May 1, 2021.

For additional information contact Dr. Elaine Vaughan mevaughan@ortn.edu

2021-2023 State Committees are accepting applicants. Please complete the attached *Committee Sign-up Form* if you are interested. Brief descriptions of available committees are provided on the form.

#### 2021-2023 Tennessee State Organization Appointed Committees Please indicate your top three (3) choices with 1 being first

#### Achievement Award

Selects an annual recipient of the Tennessee State Organization Achievement Award. Selects a recipient for the Tennessee State Rosebud Award.

#### Arts and Personal Growth \_

Implements the Visual and Performing Arts exhibitions at state conventions and organizes the Creative Arts Retreat.

#### Awards \_\_\_\_

Presents the Order of the Rose Awards and recognizes chapters who earn Maycie Chapter Excellence Awards.

#### By-laws and Rules \_

Presents proposed amendments to the Tennessee State Bylaws and Rules. Compares compatibility of Tennessee State Bylaws and Rules with Constitution and international Standing Rules. Reviews chapter rules for compatibility with state and international governing documents.

#### Communications & Publicity \_

Oversees publicity and publications for the Tennessee Organization. Provides technology training and guidance for chapters and members. Provides chapter communication awards.

#### **Convention Steering**

Plans and implements the annual Tennessee State Convention.

#### Educational Excellence

Assist chapters with programs and projects including state and international projects.

#### Historical Preservation \_\_\_\_

Preserves the history of the Tennessee Organization.

#### Leadership Development \_

Designs opportunities for leadership development by hosting beginning and advanced leadership management seminars.

#### Legislative \_\_\_\_

Plans the annual Legislative Symposium and serves as a liaison between U.S. Forum and local chapters.

#### Membership \_

Maintains membership and necrology records. Plans Ceremony of Remembrance at annual state convention.

#### Planning

Plans and monitors the Tennessee Strategic Plan.

#### Scholarship \_

Awards scholarship for graduate study based on formalized rating scale. Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Implements project to help fund leadership activities.

#### State Organization Projects \_\_\_\_

Implements activities that encourage literacy and numeracy efforts in Tennessee.

While at convention, complete this form and return to the registration desk. At home, complete and scan the form and e-mail as an attachment to <u>mevaughan@ortn.edu</u>

Online, download and complete the form and save the file to your computer. Attach the file as an email attachment and send it to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at <u>mevaughan@ortn.edu</u>

Thank you for your willingness to serve the DKG Tennessee State Organization!

Pictures of chapter for the slideshow are due to Elaine Vaughan <u>mevaughan@ortn.edu</u> by April 30.

### **DKG International News**

Cornetet Individual Awards (CIPD) will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops, plus other non-degree programs. The application is due May 1, 2021 and is available on the international website under the *DKGIEF* tab.

International Conference and Convention Dates: Theme: DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact Location: Portland, Oregon Date: July 7-10, 2021

Location: San Antonio, Texas Date: July 21-24, 2021 Registration and hotel reservation information is located on the Events tab at <u>www.dkg.org</u>