



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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From the Heart 2020-2022



Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

Co-Presidents.....Abbi Hill & Vikki Burns
 1st VPSusan Jonely
 2nd VP Linda McCune
 Recording Sec.....Patsye Thurmon
 Corres. Sec.....Diane Alsop
 Parliamentarian.....Susan Fowler
 Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
 Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

Goodness,

The last few weeks of weather have certainly been unpredictable (to a degree) and dangerous in some areas. We hope your homes, families, and friends have been able to avoid any damages or losses from the storms and your gardens have escaped any freezes.

You would think, after living here all our lives, we would be used to the rollercoaster of temperature changes the spring season brings to East Tennessee! Recently 'the list' of winters we experience from the spring equinox until summer were posted on social media. Their names, of course, are all the signals we look for to know that warmer temps are definitely on their way but that winter is not that far behind us...redbud winter (last of March/first of April), dogwood winter (middle to third week of April), locust winter (first of May), blackberry winter (middle of May), britches winter (not a reference to any blooms other than the warmer bloomers someone might want to hang onto/continue wearing because the temps are still cool during the last of May), and finally, whippoorwill winter (first of June signaling the migration of the whippoorwills). Of course, all these 'winters' create the need to protect our plants due to the possibility of frost, but it also keeps us with a transitional wardrobe to be prepared for whatever the weather will be from one day to the next, while looking forward to those warmer and longer days when we will only need long sleeves or a sweater to shed as temperatures moderate and the sunshine warms our face.

We thought that we would share some things that we look forward to during this time of year that brings a smile to our faces even though we may have chill-bumps on our arms. We hope you enjoy!

See next page for our pictures!

A sign of renewal and growth for our chapter will be our new member initiation as we welcome Chelsi Meredith and Shannon Crawford Ramsey to our Chapter at the April meeting. Along with the initiation of two new members, we will also be installing new officers for the 2022-2024 Biennium. We hope you can attend these milestone events for Pi Chapter. Also, Pi Chapter will be making some final decisions regarding our Founder's Day Banquet at the April meeting. The date has been changed to May 5th to avoid any conflicts with members who are engaged with election duties on May 3rd. Please change this date on your calendar.

We do hope to see you this Tuesday, April 5th at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall of Memorial Methodist Church.

Vikki and Abbi

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church

Inspiration

Diane Alsop

Program/Business

New Member Induction Ceremony

Reducing Stress Using Essential Oils

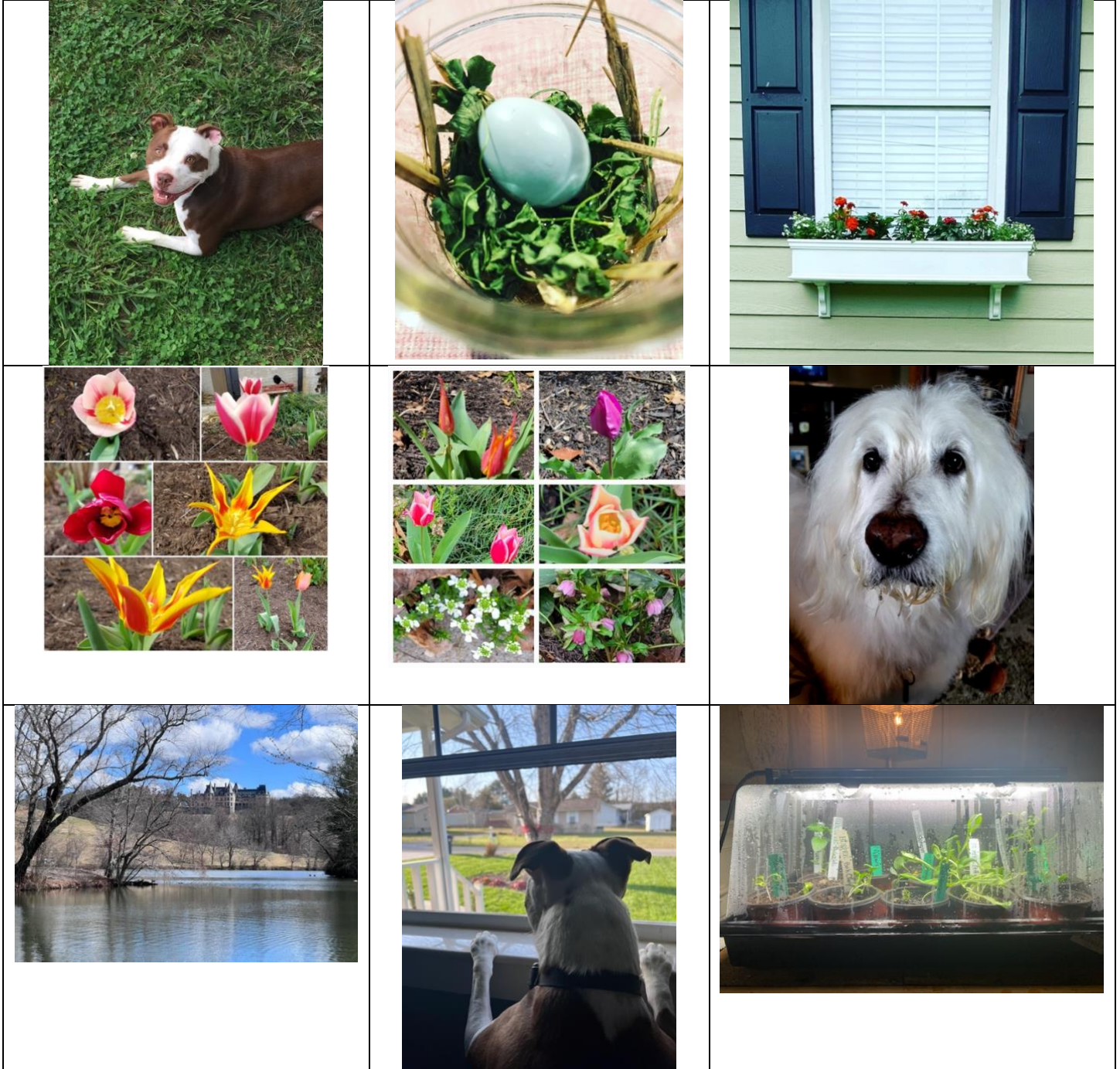
Hostesses:

Rhonda Phillips, Laura Phillips, Sara Idzik, Lisa Smith



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Pics from the Presidents!!!



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Joys and Concerns

Happy April Birthdays to: Laura Boden (1st) and Jennifer Taylor (14th)

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) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Notes Regarding Pi Chapter Regular Fund Operating Budget:

Some important dates:

- At the March meeting, I began to collect membership dues for the 2022-2023 year. Dues remain at 85.00 for Active Members; 27.00 for Reserve Members. If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa Fund or any other fund, please add the donated amount to the 85.00. 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 1, 2022, to pay dues.
- I will continue to collect dues at the April meeting.
- June 1, 2022 – Dues for 2022-2023 due to be paid to treasurer.
- July 1, 2022 – Pi Chapter Dues paid to DKG International Society

Methods of Payment:

Check made out to: **Pi Chapter DKG**

mailed to - Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918

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.

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

2022-2024 Slate of Officers

President: Diane Alsop
1st Vice President: Amanda Powers
2nd Vice President: Vikki Burns
Recording Secretary: Ann Gann
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Hurst
Treasurer (appointed): Kathleen Benedict
Parliamentarian (appointed):
Finance Committee: Paula Campbell (Chair), Kathy Hurst, Deckie Conley, Treasurer, President
Nominations Committee: Rhonda Phillips (Chair), Amanda Powers, Laura Phillips, Terri Gilbert, Sara Idzik

I attended the March meeting of Alpha Zeta, Morristown. President Vicki Barker wrote the invocation that appears below (see her reasons below). To me it is a beautiful prayer for these times.

It is in no way an attempt to change an honored tradition, only to provide a relevant prayer at a troubled time in our world. I was inspired to write this by our hostesses last Monday night who wanted to honor the Ukrainian people in a small way.

Invocation – Delta Kappa Gamma

Oh, God of love and all salvation,

Create in us a clean and contrite heart;

Keep us from apathy toward others,

Thinking only of ourselves as great needs swirl all around us.

Teach us to pray for lives in danger wherever there are fires of conflict and

To look to You, our living Hope, for true peace and life everlasting.

Help us to seek justice and mercy for all people.

Kindle our minds with the flames of freedom and the right to learn for all children.

Awaken us to care for and aide those bound by oppression, tyranny, and war.

Show us how to work and pray for peace and unity in a broken world, as we await your kingdom and

Grant us strength to stand firm in the power of Your might as we meet so many Young souls with great needs.

Victoria Barker, Alpha Zeta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

Submitted by Ann Gann

Treasurer's Report

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March 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,518.38
Deposits	+ 133.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 591.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,060.38

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **787.17**

Beginning Balance 03-31-2022 745.17 35.00 + 7.00 VENMO Happy Jar = 787.17

<u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u>	3,380.00
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...	

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* **0.01**

Balance 03-31-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<u>Discretionary Fund</u> (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 03-31-2022 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **146.24**

Balance 03-31-2022 146.24

<u>AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND</u>.....	1,448.86
<u>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</u> Beginning balance 03-31-2022 = Beginning Bal. = 1,948.86 + 91.00 Schools for Africa – 91.00 Schools for Africa – 50.00 TNSO Silent Auction – 50.00 Gift Donation Becky Sadowski TNSO – 400.00 Contributions budgeted 2021-2022 = 1,448.86	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,060.38**

<u>Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund</u> (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 03-31-2022 = 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.]

Dues 2022-2023 and Donations

(Deposited but records kept separately until July 2022.)

Member	Dues	Grant	Schools for Africa	Other Fund?
JANUARY				
1. Patsye Thurmon	85.00	15.00		
2. Susan Jonely	85.00	15.00		
FEBRUARY				
3. Linda McCune	85.00	15.00		
4. Diane Alsop	85.00	15.00		
5. Pat Stonecipher	85.00	15.00		
MARCH				
6. Pat Aldridge	85.00	15.00		
7. Ann Gann	85.00	15.00	20.00	
8. Terri Gilbert	85.00	15.00		

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9. Laura Boden	85.00		
10. Lucy Van Cleve	85.00	15.00	
11. Paula Campbell	85.00		
12. Paula Tackett	85.00		
13. Deckie Conley	85.00	15.00	
14. Judy Miller	85.00	15.00	
15. Vikki Burns	85.00		15.00 HMC
16. Sara Idzik	85.00	15.00	25.00

Special Collection March Meeting Schools for Africa $46.00 + 45.00 + 10.00 = 91.00$

17. Kathleen Benedict	85.00		15.00 HMC
18. Marilyn Buckner	Chapter Honorary		
19. Chelsi Meredith	Collegiate Member		5.00 2022-2023
20. Mildred Mauney	27.00	RESERVE MEMBER	
21. Kristen Petrik	27.00	RESERVE MEMBER	

Virtual Events

There are lots of activities you can enjoy from home. Please check out the available events, upcoming or on demand. Just click on the link below

<https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events>

Tennessee State Organization Needs You!

Nominations for an elected state office, either as an officer, an elected state committee member, or the Vision Foundation Board of Directors are now being accepted. State officers serve two-year terms while members of an elected state committee serve four-year terms.

There are three elected committees which are Finance, Personnel and Nominations. Applications for these elected positions can be found on the state website at www.tndkg.org. Click on the Resources tab then click the tab titled Officers and Related Personnel form. For more information or questions contact Elaine Warwick, nominations chair, at elainewarwick@att.net. Step Up for Tennessee!

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Spotlight on Members

Happy Pi Chapter Anniversary to the following:

Amanda Powers 4
Laura F Phillips 5
Vikki Burns 8
Krista Petrick 8
Laura Boden 11
Deckie Conley 11
Pat Stonecipher 11
Paula Tackett 11

Lisa Smith 12
Sara Idzik 12
Lisa Swisher 15
April Perry 16
Marilyn Buckner 17
Linda Van Cleve 17
Kay Porter 26
Diane Alsop 41
Mary Cook 51

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Notes from the Presidents *Time Dated Information*

Chapter Officer Leadership Training

Registration for the Chapter Officer Training Conference is now open. You may register with the following link <https://forms.gle/QSvecY6XxKZ8fL1M7> or go to the state website and download the registration form. The cost is \$10. Checks can be mailed to: Dr. Dianne Anderson, 497 Como St., McKenzie, TN 38201 or You can Venmo: @Dianne-Anderson with Officer Training as the reason. Any questions may be directed to Chasity Ragsdale, (dkgttnstaterecsec@gmail.com).

The dates and locations for the Chapter Officer Training Conference are as follows:

- April 9th at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison *Registration deadline has been extended to Thursday, April 7, 2022.*
- April 23 at Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge *Registration deadline has been extended to Thursday, April 21, 2022.*
- May 7 at Southside High School in Jackson *Registration deadline has been extended to Saturday, April 30, 2022.*

This includes training for Chapter President, 1st Vice-President/EEC Chair, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Communications/Webmaster, and Bylaws/Rules Chair.

Future Conventions

86th Tennessee State Convention 2022—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 2-4, 2022

President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, 1st Vice President Marsha Brewer, 2nd Vice President Orlean Bauman, and Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson visited Sewanee on January 31 to prepare for the upcoming State Convention. The registration form for the Tennessee State Convention will be available soon. Register online here [Online Registration for State Convention](#). Download registration form here [Registration Form](#). If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson.

COVID Protocol Update: Sewanee's Mask Mandate has been lifted! Social distancing is not taking place. Sewanee has no restrictions at this time on staying off-campus in a hotel or house. Sewanee will continue to monitor guidelines and makes no guarantee about the future but is very optimistic and hopeful. For more information, please see the following from Sewanee's Vice-Chancellor. <https://new.sewanee.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/masking-policy-update--march-4-2022/>.

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Future Programs

- **April** – Induction Ceremony/Installation of New Officers
- **May** – Founders' Day Program

Dates to remember:

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Education/Legislative News

Reading list: CRT and book bans in Tennessee schools

This article, recently published on the TN Chalkbeat website has some really great information about the latest efforts to ban books in Tennessee schools

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/3/31/23004816/crt-and-book-bans-in-tennessee-schools-reading-list>

State and International News

June 2—4, 2022 Tennessee State
Convention (Sewanee)

July 12—16 International Convention
(New Orleans)

Come to New Orleans, LA

Start planning now to attend the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA. Our speakers and workshops are going to be great, the setting is beautiful, the price is excellent, and genuine fellowship will be in abundance. Try to bring at least three members from your chapter.

The convention will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, right in the heart of New Orleans. Discover the heart, soul, rhythm, blues, and yes, the passion of New Orleans.

This year, we will have a special opportunity for those attending the convention for the first time



**"The more that you
read, the more things
you will know. The more
that you learn, the more
places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss**

Moments from our March Meeting

