



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**

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Dear Sisters,

It's hard to believe that there are only two more Pi Chapter meetings this year, April 4 and May 2, both full of memorable moments you won't want to miss. On April 4, at the very beginning of the meeting the Jazzy Dragons directed by Matthew Bimstein will entertain us with a medley of five or six jazz selections. There will possibly be forty-eight musicians plus parents who will attend. This is one of the only performances that the parents have been able to see this year. The musicians will begin setting up at 4:30. The fellowship hall will be open by 4:00 if you want to come early. If you want to come at 5:00, Samuel Franklin has graciously given permission for us to use his largest parking lot if needed. Since 2001, April has been officially named National Jazz Appreciation Month because many beloved musicians were born then including Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Herbie Hancock. What a fun way to celebrate jazz month! Thanks, Amanda, for arranging this special performance.

Denette Jackson, UTK nurse navigator and Dewayne Emert, retired Clinton High School teacher, will also be with us. We are already aware of the Denette's role in trying to expand the number of children being vaccinated in East Tennessee, so this will be a brief question-and-answer session. Also, Dewayne Emert has asked to be with us to make some announcements concerning the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association.

May 2 is the date of our Founders Day 80th Birthday Celebration that will be held in the fellowship hall beginning at 5:00. Patsye and her committee have been hard at work making this an extra special event. Kathleen has agreed to begin accepting \$20.00 at next Tuesday's meeting for the tea party provided by April Taylor, former manager of Regas and now teacher (because she loves teaching and family) of the culinary arts class at ACCTC. It would help in planning for the event if you made reservations at the April meeting. DKG International President Becky Sadowski, 2020-2022, will be our guest speaker. Many exceptional leaders I have known, but Becky deserves to be one of those at the very top of that list. She is a woman by whom you will be inspired. Please don't miss this opportunity to personally get to know her. She's a fellow Tennessean, Jackson to be exact.

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**Tuesday, April 4, 2023
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Hostesses

Terri Gilbert, Sara Idzik, Laura Phillips, Rhonda Phillips, and Lisa Swisher

Inspiration

Abbi Hill

Program

The Jazzy Dragons, directed
by Matthew Bimstein
Denette Jackson, UTK Nurse
Navigator
Dewayne Emert – Retired
Teachers Association

Business

Legislative Update
Recognition of Guests
80th Birthday Founders' Day
Celebration Planning
Business conducted as needed

**Note: Special Events
Committee will meet after the
regular meeting to plan for
the 80th Anniversary
Celebration**

Pi Chapter Local News

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We received enough points between March 16, 2022, when Vikki and Abbi were co-presidents, until March 15, 2023, with some deadlines extended until April 1 for Pi Chapter once again unofficially until we hear from TNSO be awarded the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence's highest honor. Attainments not noted in previous newsletters include the following:

- Ann Gann gathered and sent Pi Chapter's history to the TNSO Historical Preservation Committee.
- Abbi sent chapter accomplishments for earning the Legislative Award.
- Kathleen sent a final list of Pi's donations by March 15 in addition to all the other deadlines she met between the above dates.

Many thanks go to those along the way who have had earlier deadlines and earned substantial Maycie points: Vikki Burns, Kathleen Benedict, Pat Stonecipher, Chelsi Meredith, and Pat Aldridge. I know that there are others who have attended school board meetings, commission meetings, DKG Zoom meetings, etc. or watched virtual presentations on the state website for which we could receive points. It would help our chapter if you looked at the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence on the TNSO DKG website to see if you could unknowingly be garnering points for next year.

Speaking of Maycie points, Abbi received points for the chapter by applying for international and state scholarships. She was awarded the Maycie K. Southhall Scholarship for \$6000.00 from International and the Mary Hall Scholarship for \$3000.00 from TNSO. Congratulations, Abbi! There are substantial amounts available to fund multiple state and international scholarships, classroom projects, educational trips, etc. Discover how DKG could support you monetarily and in other ways as you pursue excellence in education. One such example is the Advanced Leadership Seminar that I attended in March and was held in the lodge at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, Tennessee. Also, Abbi participated in the Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton State Park several years ago. Each of these seminars will be offered again next year. The chapter graciously pays the \$25 tuition fee; you will be fed well, have nice accommodations, meet wonderful people from across the state and learn so much from the seminar leaders and each other. These seminars cover successful living practices. There is something for everyone! Think about going, you won't regret it.

DKG has so much to offer. At the meeting in March, I shared a story about Becky Sadowski's first trip to Sewanee that I hope she will tell at our banquet. She tells this funny story so much better than I can. From standing against the wall wondering what to do to successfully completing two years as DKG International President is quite a transformation in a very short time! She humbly gives some deserved credit to DKG helping hands proffered along her journey.

Please join your sisters on April 4 and May 2. There should be lots of fun to be had, lots of information to be gained, and lots of catching up with friends to do.

From the heart,
Diane



Future Programs

May – Founders' Day/ 80th Birthday Celebration
with Becky Sadowski

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for

- Pi Chapter sisters facing some of life's trials.
- We still have members and husbands of members with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Continued prayers for Laura Phillips in her recovery process.
- Patyse Thurmon, who will be undergoing a full knee replacement on April 18.

Joys to:

- Louise Childress has made it official and switched from a reserve member to an active member! Welcome Louise!
- Laura Phillips graduated from home health services and will start outpatient physical therapy soon. You go, Laura!!
- Patsye just got back from a girls' trip to Savannah, and Terri may still be visiting multiple places on the East Coast when this newsletter is distributed. Life in the fast lane!
- Peggy Stooksbury is considering reinstating her membership. We hope to see her soon!

Congratulations to: Abbi Hill who received the Dr. Maycie K. Southall Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Please see the additional article later in this newsletter.

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

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.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES

We are blessed that Memorial United Methodist Church will continue to provide Pi Chapter with the use of the fellow ship hall at no charge. Instead of being deposited in the custodial closet, bags of trash should now be taken out to one of the two blue bins to the right of the back entrance of the church and located behind the Blessing Box. Because of a past issue, a \$50 cleanup charge if needed will be instituted in January. There has never been a problem concerning the condition of the hall after our meetings. The church committee in charge of scheduling the fellowship hall is very happy with the way we leave the facility.

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Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the

Request from the Special Events Committee

If anyone has a pretty floral teapot or some dainty teacups and saucers we could use as table decorations for the May Founder's Day banquet, please let Terri Gilbert know. We plan to use the teapots for floral decorations and teacups for candies or mints. Terri's email is terrimcmim@gmail.com. You may also bring them to the April meeting. Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As a follow-up to Josh Anderson's visit with us on February 2, the video link to the latest Anderson County meeting held on March 28 is provided here [Anderson County Public Forum](#) in case you would like to watch the discussion that took place concerning the library books under scrutiny in Anderson County. (You will need to rewind to watch the entire presentation of 3 hours.) At present, there is another meeting scheduled for April 13 at 5:30 in the library at Briceville.

Lorrie Irwin and Vicki Bible have changed the email addresses they wish to use from their school addresses to their personal ones. Please update your contacts accordingly. This is something that International and State have suggested as being preferable and can be accomplished individually by going to your membership information on dkg.org. If you would rather have Kathleen or Diane make the changes, that is also possible. That goes for all contact information adjustments.

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Treasurer's Report

March 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,836.31
Deposits	+ 26.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 242.83
ENDING BALANCE.....	6.619.48

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 1,239.40

Balance 03-31-2023 Beginning Bal: 1,213.40 + 26.00 Happy Jar = 1,239.40

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	3,374.17
+50.00 Gift from Kathy Hurst in Memory of Tom Burchfield, brother of Paula Campbell.	
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 03-31-2023 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 03-31-2023 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **219.24**

Balance 03-31-2023 219.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	1,488.56
(Member dues.collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)	
03-31-2023 Beginning Bal. 1,731.39 - 50.00 TNSO Contribution to Outgoing President Elaine Vaughan's Gift	
- 50.00 Donation from Pi Chapter to TNSO Silent Auction Convention - 111.45 overnight postage for	
contributions and reports and for stamps to mail bills for dues - 31.38 Vikki Burns reimbursement for	
supplies/costs for 2022-2023 Annual = 1,488.56	
Diane Alsop reimbursement for meeting supplies - 400.00 Pi Chapter Contributions to TNSO and DKG	
International (budgeted item) (list to follow) = 1,488.56	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,619.48**

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 03-31-2023 = 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

Pi Chapter Dues Remain at 85.00 for 15th Year!!

Pi Chapter Dues 2023-2024

- **February 1, 2023** Treasurer will begin collecting dues for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Dues will remain at 85.00 for Active members and 27.00 for Reserve members. Treasurer will collect dues at the February meeting.
- 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 May 31, 2023 to pay dues.**
- **March 1, 2024** Treasurer will send out invoices to any members who have not paid dues to date. The invoice will serve as a hard copy reminder of the due date of **May 31, 2023**.
- **July 1, 2024** Treasurer pays Pi Chapter member dues to DKG International and to TN State Organization DKG.

Methods of Paying Pi Chapter Dues: Check made out to: **Pi Chapter DKG**

1. Pay at meeting, cash or check(s) full amount or 3 payments
2. Mail a check(s) for full amount or 3 payments to:
Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918 OR
3. 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. **Members can pay VENMO full amount or 3 payments. (85.00 divided by 3)**
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.

Treasurer's Report

PI CHAPTER MEMBERS - **PAID** DUES/DONATIONS to Date 03/27/2023

1. Lorrie Irwin
2. Jackie Stephens
3. Vickie Bible
4. Patsye Thurmon
5. Ann Gann
6. Diane Alsop
7. Pat Stonecipher
8. Terri Gilbert
9. Linda McCune
10. Paula Campbell
11. Lucy VanCleve
12. Pat Aldridge
13. Kate Roovers
14. Sara Idzik
15. Brenda Phillips
16. Kathy Hurst
17. Louise Childress
18. Kathleen Benedict
19. Lisa H. Smith
20. Judy F. Miller

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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Pi Chapter Local News

Spotlight on Members



Abbi Hill Receives \$6000 Scholarship

Abigail Hill has received the Dr. Maycie K. Southall Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The honor Society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of women educators. By providing graduate scholarships to members, the organization emphasizes leadership development for its more than 52,000 members in 17 countries. A member of the Society's Tennessee Pi Chapter, Hill is attending Lincoln Memorial University where she is seeking an EdS in Instructional Leadership.

Pat Graff, International Scholarship Committee Chairperson, announced the recipients following the committee's recent meeting in Austin, Texas. "We granted 5 Graduate Program Scholarships of \$6,000 each for the 2023-2024 academic year," Graff said.

Recipients must have earned a bachelor's degree, be enrolled in a recognized graduate studies program and have been a Society member for at least one year to qualify for scholarship consideration. Since its scholarship program began in 1940, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has given 1194 women educators more than \$5,600,000 in scholarships. In addition to the international scholarships, many state organizations and local chapters have scholarship funds to assist members pursuing graduate studies.

The honor organization of key women educators was formed in Austin, Texas, on May 11, 1929, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton from a nucleus of 12 founders representing all levels of education, kindergarten through university, from various parts of Texas. Professor of rural education at the University of Texas, Dr. Blanton was elected president of the Texas State Teachers' Association in 1916, the first woman to hold the office. Blanton was also the first woman to serve Texas as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, having been elected to that post in 1918.

Moments from Our March Meeting

All Things Houseplants” Amy Morrow
“Planter Plants” Maegan Elliott



State and International News

DKG Tennessee News April Edition

The April DKG Tennessee News is now available for viewing at the state website, www.tndkg.org/ *More*. This edition features our Society Representative for the 2023 State Convention, Nita Scott, the President's message, legislative news, convention news, Vision Foundation award recipients, workshop opportunity, leadership news, membership moments, silent auction news, loads and loads of chapter news, the 28 proposed amendments to the bylaws and rules, and in memoriam. Please keep in mind that the April edition is only available on-line. Chapter members, please print a copy for your members who do not have the internet available. This might be a great time to visit or call upon members in the chapter and take the printed edition to them. State editor, Michelle Steen, has created a flipbook version of the DKG Tennessee News. Directions are listed on the website. Thank you, Michelle!

Important International Presidential Update on Membership from Debbie LeBlanc

President LeBlanc updates members on current research initiatives to plan for the future of DKG. Learn about Avenue M consulting group and the part you can play in growing and retaining our membership! Link to recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMzdGBRnnXk>

April and May Virtual Events

President Elaine Vaughan Executive Board Practice Sessions

The Executive Board Practice is to prepare Executive Board members (chapter presidents, former state presidents, and state officers) for the Virtual Executive Board Meeting on May 21. However, anyone may attend. Members are welcome to attend more than one Practice Session.

Executive Board Practice Session 1

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/5PkKAHLXBBR8czxy8>

Executive Board Practice Session 2

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ZSYbhR4wGD6rRL5N8>

Executive Board Practice Session 3

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/6bSrw1uzD8Xy4m1e9>

Executive Board Practice Session 4

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/mZu49RDAFqFNoyPT9>

President Elaine Vaughan Virtual Executive Board Meeting

The Virtual Executive Board Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2023, 2:30 CST/3:30 EST. The Executive Board (chapter presidents, former state presidents, state officers) will vote on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Rules. The Tennessee State Organization must establish a quorum to vote on the items listed. We can only do business if there is a quorum established. The proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Rules are posted in the April edition of the *DKG Tennessee News* (www.tndkg.org). If you are a chapter president and cannot attend, please select a designee from your chapter.

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023, 2:30 p.m. CST/3:30 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/RcKnUAhB8v89dBB76>

Finance Committee Be On the Lookout!

As our TNSO Bylaws state that the "Finance Committee shall review (our) investment policy each biennium and make recommendations to the Executive Board as needed", the Finance Committee has completed the review and will be sharing the document soon.

State and International News

Recordings for Past Virtual Workshops (Virtual Workshop Recordings may also be found on the tndkg.org website Resources/Virtual Events)

President Elaine Vaughan and Chapter Strengthening Chair Beverly Hall-Maughan

Chapter Presidents/Treasurers, please join us in the “Reinstatement Campaign”. In a nutshell – we are reviewing all dropped members from the chapter, completing a Form 18A for members who have died (instead of a Form 6 which is for current members who pass away), then sending a letter encouraging members to consider reinstatement. If you would like to volunteer your chapter as a pilot chapter, please contact Beverly Hall-Maughan (bnhosa@msn.com) for more information.

Future Convention 87th Tennessee State Convention 2023—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 1-3, 2023

The registration link for the Google Form is: <https://forms.gle/wPc3n4qBrWHBEHAF7> . You may either use the Google Form registration link or the electronic digital registration. Both forms for the Tennessee State Convention are now available at www.tndkg.org under About Us/ 2023 State Convention. You do have a third option in which you could use the registration form in the February edition of the DKG Tennessee News. If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson



Educational Excellence

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to encourage chapters to share your great programs and projects to be uploaded to The EEC Corner on our state website. This is a wonderful resource for all chapters seeking ideas for meaningful meetings and projects. We would like to add a video component to The EEC Corner this biennium, so if you video your presentations, or use YouTube, please submit those as well. It's not too early to start working on chapter EEC submissions for the 2023-2024 year. The EEC is asking that you submit one program and one project using the Corner Spotlight form found on the state website, *EEC Corner* or *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports*.

From the EEC: Books from Birth

The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation (GBBF) works to promote childhood literacy in Tennessee's birth to age five population. This program was initiated to positively impact early reading skills and address the high number of children who enter kindergarten unprepared to learn to read. In partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, GBBF gives all preschoolers in Tennessee the opportunity to receive one free book a month in the mail regardless of income. The primary focus of this program is to address early literacy and its relation to long-term educational success. The importance of having access to quality and age-appropriate literature throughout a child's life, especially during the early years, cannot be overemphasized. Beta Beta chapter has a fund raiser every December to promote Imagination Library. The Morgan Board of Education has also made available the opportunity to donate to Imagination Library through payroll deduction each month. Hopefully more chapters are helping to support this very important initiative.

The International EEC has just published a 2nd Newsletter. Chapter presidents, please pass this link on to your EEC chair. <https://www.dkg.org/iCore/Communities/TopicDefault.aspx?iUniformKey=e8248ae3-312d-4417-8a7a-143560a4850e&WebsiteKey=4f6c23eb-36e1-4557-aba5-169aa0735a47>

State and International News

Other State Committee Information and News to Members

Many of the State Committees have exciting and important information to share for the upcoming biennium. Please find news, links, and attachments to share with members. All forms, deadlines, applications, and rubrics are also posted on the www.tndkg.org website.

Bylaws and Rules Committee

Chapter Rules - Keep submitting Chapter Rules if your chapter rules were due in 2021-2022 and have not been submitted. Thank you to all the chapters who have so faithfully submitted rules! Submit as soon as possible to Ann Gann adgann@comcast.net Please refer to the state website www.tndkg.org /Resources/Bylaws and Rules for new lists of due dates for chapter rules.

Proposed Amendments - The proposed amendments for consideration by TNSO membership may be found in the April issue of the *DKG Tennessee News* on the state website, www.tndkg.org/ *More*. Any questions, please contact kbbenedict21@yahoo.com.

Arts and Personal Enrichment Convention Displays

Attention All State Committees! It is that time again to be thinking about displays for our State Convention in June. This will be a time for your committee to shine. Displays will help members understand the work of each committee so that they can volunteer for committees that best suit their interests and talents in the coming biennium. Each committee will have a half table (3 foot) to display. Displays will need to be set up on Thursday during the day and be ready for the evening event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tara Younger tarajy1977@gmail.com

Virtual Workshop: June 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CST/6:00 p.m. EST

Alpha Rho Chapter will host *What Great Leaders Do Differently* via Zoom on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 5 PM Central/6 PM Eastern. The workshop, sponsored by the Xi State Vision Foundation will be presented by Dr. Todd Whitaker. The intertwined focus of communication and leadership that *What Great Leaders Do Differently* will provide Tennessee DKG members the opportunity to gain communication and leadership skills which will increase educational excellence on all levels of everyday lives as well as foster relationships among the education profession. *What Great Leaders Do Differently* will enhance the professional abilities of attendees by providing the opportunity to learn key strategies for communicating deliberately and diplomatically in all aspects of life, with a focus on educational leadership.

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Members may contact Alpha Rho president Judy England judydengland@gmail.com or Beverly Hall bnhosa@msn.com for additional information.

Convention Update

Registration has already started for this summer's TNSO convention, June 1-3, 2023, at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Please encourage chapter members to make plans to attend and to **register before the May 1 deadline for the best price.**

In negotiations with the University, the TNSO officer team has managed to lower prices a bit on your stay in on-campus housing and, overall, an all-inclusive package for members who choose a double room and register on or before May 1, 2023, will be slightly less than last year!

Some members had questions about the term "all-inclusive." To receive the \$25 discount for the all-inclusive package means that you would stay on campus both nights and eat all scheduled meals. **So, for example, if you register before the May 1 deadline and stay in a double room, your all-inclusive price would be \$373.00.**

Another item that caused some confusion last year was the box on the registration form for the Thursday Night Reception (which is free to attendees). Even though there is no charge for this event, we DO need you to check the box if you plan to attend because Convention Steering (who pays for this event) has to let the University know how many were there.

This year we are implementing a new "ride share" program to help those members who need help getting to and from events. There will not be a van service for this year's convention, so we need to know which members would need assistance in getting from place to place. We also need to know if any members would be willing to transport those members who need assistance. Chapter presidents, please survey your chapter members who plan to attend convention to see if you have members who would fit in either category (needing a ride or providing a ride) and send those names to TNSO 2nd VP Orlean Bauman at ogbauman@gmail.com. A discount on convention costs will be given to those who sign up to transport members to events. **[NOTE: There is a box on the registration form to indicate willingness to serve as a Ride Share Volunteer or to indicate a need for Ride Share services.]**

Convention Chorus/Music

If anyone plays piano or any other instrument and you would like to share your talents at the Convention, please contact Nancy Davis (nini02@embarqmail.com).

State and International News

International Conferences for 2023

For information on the International Conferences in Detroit, Phoenix, and Finland, go to the International website www.dkg.org, under *Events*. The TNSO will hold the Tennessee Event in Phoenix, Arizona.

***DKG Publications:** There are many articles and publications on the International Website concerning current issues with regards to our DKG Society, education, just to mention a few. Use the link, <https://www.dkg.org/PublicationsPrivate?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d>

***DKG Blogs:** International Committees have Blog Spots. Interested? Check out the following: <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/>



2021—2023 Tennessee State Officer Team

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