



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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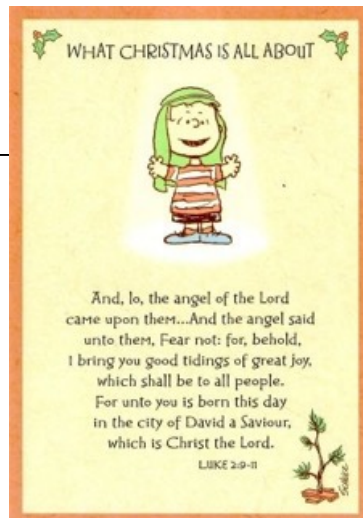
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President.....Rhonda Phillips
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It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of December! During the Christmas season I try to focus on the blessings in my life. It is so easy to get caught up in the hustle and stress of Christmas shopping and decorating (and End of Course testing) that we sometimes aren't focused on the true spirit of Christmas and the importance of giving. For the past few years, my family and I decided to only buy small, inexpensive gifts for each other so that we can pool our money to provide Christmas for a child in need. December 2011 was when I almost lost my life, and I was in the hospital during Christmas. We waited to celebrate Christmas when I was finally home for a short time before going back into the hospital. That experience has profoundly changed me and my family, and it has made us thankful for the time that we are given to be together. It also made me feel extremely blessed and thankful for the outpouring of love, food, and kindness from Pi Chapter.

Our group demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas all year in how we bless others through scholarships, fellowship, and friendship. As we gather for our December meeting, I know that everyone will come with the spirit of giving and thankfulness. Our December program is the donation of elementary and middle school books for CRCS, and monetary donations can be made to help offset the cost of the Briceville Elementary School library. Pi Chapter is always a very generous group of women, and I am proud to be in the company of all of you. Feel free to bring potential new members so they can experience the blessing and fellowship of Pi Chapter. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas season!

Much love,
 Rhonda Phillips



Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church
 5:00 p.m.

Inspiration
 Susan Jonely

Hostesses
 Paula Tackett (Coordinator), Felecia Reynolds, Lee Ann Eaves, Ann Brown, Vicki Curtis, Reita Yadon

Program
 Bring a Book Project
 Christmas Mixer

Business
 Charity Projects

Remember to Bring
 Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products
 Books for CRCS
 Monetary Donations for Briceville Library
 Change for Change Donations
 Box Tops for Education

*Wear your official DKG pin
 or pay fifty cents.*



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Joys and Concerns

Happy December Birthdays to: Pat Aldridge and Susan Fowler (10th), MaryLee Stuart (15th), Lisa Smith (17th), Brenda Phillips (29th), Reita Yadon, (30th).

Congratulations to Pat Aldridge on the birth of her granddaughter, Eleanor Lee Knight. She was born November 30 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Condolences to Amy Graham. Her mother, Sue Wilson, passed away suddenly on November 28, 2016. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Unicoi County Animal Shelter.

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

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ December 2016

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I might include in the newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help! Kathleen Benedict

Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!!

We have reached our 1,000.00 goal to fund two recruitment grants and our goal to fund one member who has never attended a Xi State Convention!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Your Treasurer,

Kathleen Benedict

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Call for Recipes!

Do you have any good recipes you would like to share? If so, please submit them to Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) for inclusion in our next newsletter.



Please remember to bring toothbrushes and feminine products to the December meeting for the Norris Food Pantry.

Paula Campbell

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Pi Chapter Committee Chairs:

Membership: Caroline McGaha (Chair), Kathy Hurst, Karen Long, MaryLee Stuart, Krista Whitaker

Nominations: Diane Alsop (Chair), Sara Idzik, Paula Tackett, Lee Ann Eaves, Gwen Payne

Finance: Vera Jo Henagar (Chair), Shannon Smith, Marilyn Buckner; Ex-Officio: President Rhonda Phillips and Treasurer Kathleen Benedict

Rules: Ann Gann (Chair), Julie Capps, Ann Brown, Vicky Curtis; Ex-Officio: Parliamentarian April Perry

Strategic Action Plan: Rhonda Phillips (President)

Chapter Executive Committee (Ad Hoc): Rhonda Phillips (President)

Programs and Personal Growth: Patsye Thurmon (Chair), Carmen Barrera, Heather Powell, Deborah Keck

Professional Affairs/Research: Kay Porter (Chair), Terri Gilbert, Judy Jones, Mildred Mauney

Schools in Africa: Linda McCune, Amanda Weaver, Janie Jackson, Lucy VanCleve

Early Career Educators: Pam Allen (Chair), Laura Boden, Amanda Weaver, Kate Roovers, Lucy VanCleve, Rhonda Phillips

Legislative: Kelly Williams (Chair), Vikki Burns, Marsha Livingston, Susan Fowler, Susan Jonely

Scholarship/Grant-in-Aide/High School Essay: Judy Miller (Chair), Ginger Cook, April Perry, Lisa Smith

Literacy: Kate Roovers (Chair), Melanie Lamberson, Angela Merryman

Special Events: Vikki Burns (Chair)

Archives/Scrapbook: Deckie Conley (Chair), Kathy McGrew, Brenda Phillips, Louise Childress

Webmaster/Newsletter: Pat Stonecipher

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2016-2017



Pi Chapter will once again ask members to save “change” coins to donate to DKG Society’s Schools for Africa Project. Please consider helping this worthy cause by chipping in your collected change or a larger, one-time amount to help out!

Please consider this worthy project!

With Support from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program Is...

- Benefiting nearly 5 million children, with a special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty
- Building and rehabilitating almost 1,000 schools
- Training nearly 100,000 teachers
- Supplying notebooks, pens, desks, chairs, and other essential school materials
- Making sure schools have clean, safe drinking water and separate bathrooms for girls and boys
- Creating schools that offer a protective environment.

The Schools for Africa Collection “Green Tub” is always at the Check-In table for meetings! Help Support Pi Chapter’s effort to donate your loose “change” in the hope that your donation of change will, when combined with many other like-minded DKG members, make a real CHANGE in Africa by providing schools so that learning may be provided in areas where it is not now available. For more information:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa>

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Moments from November meeting



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Seven Layer Salad (Paula Campbell)

1 head iceberg lettuce, chopped
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped Spanish onion
1 10-ounce package frozen peas, cooked
2 Tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
Mayonnaise
Diced tomatoes



Place lettuce in the bottom of a large bowl or 8-inch square dish. Layer the green pepper, celery, onion, and peas in order on top of the lettuce. Sprinkle on the sugar, cheddar cheese, and bacon evenly on top. Spread a 1/4 inch thick layer of mayonnaise over the top of the salad. Cover and chill for overnight or 8 hours. Toss before serving. Diced tomatoes may be added for color after the salad is tossed.

FRESH APPLE CAKE (Vera Jo Henegar)

1 c. oil 3 eggs 2 cups sugar 1 t. vanilla
3 c. flour 1 t. salt 1t. soda 1 c. pecan pieces
2 c. chopped apples (I usually use a few more apples than this. I use four or five apples and they can be of whatever kind you like.)

Peel apples and chop in small pieces. Chop pecans. Set apples and pecans aside. Combine sifted flour, salt and soda and sift together. In mixer bowl, combine oil, eggs, sugar and vanilla. Add dry ingredients. Mix well. Add apples and pecans. Pour into a Bundt pan and place in a COLD oven. Set oven at 350 degrees and bake cake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove from pan warm.

GLAZE: 1 stick butter 1 t. vanilla 1/2 c. brown sugar 2 T. milk
Melt butter, add other ingredients in the sauce pan and bring to a boil. Boil for 1 minute without stirring. Pour over warm cake.

Xi State News International News

**February 13-14, 2017 Legislative Symposium,
Millennium Maxwell House, Nashville, TN
(Registration is due January 19, 2017)**

Important Dates from International

**July 19-21, 2017: Southeast Regional
Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC**



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