



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Tuesday, December 5, 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration
Reita Yadon

Hostesses
Ann Brown (Coordinator), Felecia Reynolds, LeaAnn Eaves, Vicki Curtis

Program
Bring a Favorite Goodie
Christmas Mixer

Business
Silent Auction
Charity Project Focus

Remember to Bring
Goodies for All of Us
Money for Silent Auction
Change for Change Donations
Box Tops for Education

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



“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace good will toward men.”
...Luke 2:14

Dear Pi Chapter,

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.

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 monetary donations to the DKG Relief Fund to help members that have been affected by the hurricanes this year. Pi Chapter is always a very generous group of women, and I am proud to be in the company of all of you.

We will also be holding our silent auction with money raised going to our recruitment grants for high school seniors. If you have any other items that have been donated for the auction (from companies, etc.), please be sure to bring those with you. The silent auction is the perfect time to do a little Christmas shopping!

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!

See you soon,
Rhonda Phillips
Pi Chapter President

Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ December 2017

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope



might include in the these help!

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 added an extra 325.00+ with donations!

I am happy to report that Pi Chapter has 58 active member, 3 reserve members and 1 honorary member for a total of 62 members as of 11-30-2017.

All dues for these members have been sent to Xi State, who pays our state and international dues. Out of our 85.00 dues, 55.00 out of the 85.00 is paid to Xi State for state and international dues. Additionally, also out of the 85.00 dues, 61.00 is paid to Xi State Scholarship (\$1.00 per active/reserve member). So, Pi Chapter retains 29.00 for each active member for our budget needs.

The 58 active members include 1 reinstated member who moved back to the area, Denise Houdeschell. Welcome back, Denise!

I am still collecting dues, as agreed upon, from 9 members of our chapter. As you know, I will help anyone spread out dues payment to meet specific needs. This has worked well in the past for members and for our chapter.

All of our Pi Chapter members contribute in so many creative ways to fulfill our mission! Many of you who cannot attend all the meetings send in donations with members who are coming and communicate with me to send money supporting our projects. Thank you!! Whatever you contribute, you are appreciated!

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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.

Senator Russell's Sweet Potato Casserole

Wilma Patterson (published in the Lake City United Methodist Women's Cookbook, 1984)

This is a great holiday casserole and pairs very well with ham or turkey! I use canned sweet potatoes.

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes	1 stick butter or margarine (melted)
2 cup white sugar	2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla	½ cup milk (sometimes I use less depending upon how "runny" the mixture is.)

Topping:

1 ½ cups brown sugar	2/3 cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans	2/3 cup butter (melted)

Cream potatoes until smooth, removing strings if necessary. (I use a stand mixer for this.) Add sugar, eggs, vanilla, milk, and butter. Mix until velvety smooth. Pour into a large casserole. Mix topping well and spread on top of casserole. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Good served hot or cold.

Submitted by Pat Stonecipher

Pi Chapter Local News

**It's coming...75th
Anniversary of Pi
Chapter
Celebration...**

PI CHAPTER MEMBERS: If your physical address, email address, phone or name change during the year, please notify Kathleen Benedict (kbenedict08@comcast.net) or Pat Stonecipher, so all materials from international can reach you.

A teacher's profession is the one true profession which asks for nothing in return, but only gives, and gives till the very end.

-- Hermann J. Steinherr

Joys and Concerns

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

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. If your birthday is wrong, please let me know!

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2017-2018



Pi Chapter will once again send a contribution on behalf of “PI Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma” to UNICEF, the organization that administers the funds for the Schools for Africa Program. I am so proud to be a little part of this effort! Thank you for your kind help! **Current total 11-30-2017 =**

41.01

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” will be at the Check-In table each meeting! 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>

Xi State News International News

Interested in serving on a Xi State Committee?

If you would like to broaden your service to DKG, please consider volunteering to serve on a Xi State Committee. Contact Elaine Alexander (elaineGalexander@comcast.net) for more information or go to <http://www.xistate.org> to download the form. Look for the section labeled 17-19 Committee Sign-ups.)

Important Dates from Xi State

June 7-9, 2018 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

Important Dates from International

July 16-20 International Convention
Austin, TX

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