



Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

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Laughter is truly a wonderful gift that lifts the spirit and creates community. I not only indulged in delicious, home cooked meats, veggies and desserts but I also over indulged in laughter. Funny stories and pictures were shared as we sat around the table, and I laughed until tears fell and my side hurt. We certainly created a meaningful, hilarious evening. I hope you too had a great Thanksgiving Day!

The Christmas Season is already in full swing with twinkling lights, festive wreaths and creative yard decorations. In the chaos of decorating, shopping, wrapping and checking that list, please reserve time to be grateful for the opportunity to do those activities and for the many blessings you receive each day.

I hope one of those blessings is fellowship with your Pi sisters. Our December meeting is a time to share a favorite dish (large), listen to Christmas music (CHS Choir) and spend time catching up with friends. Make a special effort to be part this fellowship time. We have much to celebrate!

Remember to bring a donation for our chapter project – supplying books for all the students at Claxton Elementary School to take home over the Christmas break.

Merry Christmas,

Ann

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.
Meal at 5:15 p.m.

Inspiration
Susan Jonely

Hostesses:

Ann Brown (Chair), Felecia Reynolds, Lee Ann Eaves, Vicky Curtis, Paula Tackett

Remember to Bring

1. A dish to share
2. Donations for books (“A Book is a Gift” Project”)
3. Box Tops for Education
4. \$\$ Schools for Africa



*Wear your
DKG
pin with
pride!*

As a special treat for our December meeting, Clinton High School Choir will be joining us for the meal and will be performing Christmas music!



Pi Chapter Local News



Nominations Needed!

Please bring your recommendations for membership!

We hope to have an induction service in the spring.

There is a nomination form at the end of this newsletter and you can find one [here](#) on our web page.

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

Joys and Concerns

Happy December Birthdays to: Anna Lane (6th), Pat Aldridge and Susan Fowler (10th), Lisa Smith (17th), Brenda Phillips (29th), Reita Yadon (30th)

Our condolences and sympathy to Judy Miller in the death of her brother Ivan Farr.

Congrats to Abbi Roehl who was married on Nov. 23rd!

Get well wishes to Patsye Thurmon (See separate note from Patsye).

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.

Pi Chapter Local News



Money Available!



The Tennessee State Scholarship Committee reminds chapter presidents to encourage members to apply for a State Scholarship. The updated **Scholarship Application form** is attached and is available on the state website (xistate.org) under *Resources/Forms&Applications/Scholarship*. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2020.

The Vision Foundation offers grants to help with an educational project, publication of educational research, or professional development opportunity. Active teachers or schools who want to incorporate an educational project into their classrooms should apply for a **Vision Foundation Project Grant**. The grants offer up to \$1,000 each for projects.

The **Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award** offers up to \$2,000 to attend a professional development conference or training.

Guidelines and applications for the 2020 awards for the grants and Liz Whorley Bradley can be found on the state website (xistate.org) under *Resources/Forms&Applications/Vision Project Application* or *Resources/Forms&Applications/Liz Whorley Bradley Award*. The deadline for all applications is December 31, 2019. If you have questions, please contact: Nancy Davis nini02@embarqmail.com or Holley Ziglar holleyziglar@gmail.com

Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

- Do you know of someone you would like to nominate to join us in Pi Chapter? Please think of those you might want to nominate. We would like to have an induction ceremony in the spring. There is a nomination form at the end of this newsletter and you can find one [here](#) on our web page.
- We are responsible for cleaning up and returning room to original setup (if tables and chairs are moved).
Trash bags removed from cans to storage room.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton (rpemberton@acs.ac) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

Pi Chapter Local News

A Note from Patsye Thurmon

On vacation at the beach at the end of October , about four days in, my knee went OUT. It wouldn't straighten, and it was very painful, and basically I had to walk a bit like an ape to get around. (Luckily for me, it rained the last few days there, or I would have been even more miserable.). At the airport they got me a wheelchair and had one waiting for me when we landed in Knoxville. I had crutches at home and used those to get to the orthopedist on that Monday. They removed two syringes of fluid from my knee and gave me a steroid shot, which worked within 48 hours. The end of the problem, I thought.

THEN we went to West Tennessee a couple of days later for a short two-day trip, since we'd missed seeing our parents in October (both sets of parents are still living). I went to an optometrist in Dyersburg the next day, because some floaters in my eye were obstructing my vision by now. After several tests, he told Larry that he needed to rush me to Memphis right that minute, that I had a severely detached retina. We hurried down to the Charles Retina Institute, scares to death, where they were so kind and reassuring, and put a gas bubble in my eye, hoping it might solve the problem and allow them to just do some minor laser trimming on Monday. Also, I would have to sleep face downwards and try to keep my chin tucked into my chest and NOT look upwards.

Well, to make an overly long story a bit shorter, all it did was to keep the detachment from worsening, so I was scheduled for eye surgery on Wednesday at the Hamilton Eye Institute, a UT adjunct in Memphis. It was successful, we think, but I've had to continue with this uncomfortable head positioning for two weeks and a half now, though I plan to call my doctor today with some questions, one of which is to ask if I can finally sleep on my side, at least. So our two-day trip turned into a week and a half, plus the steroid shot in my knee did not last. I had two or three days of pain in Dyersburg with that, in the middle of the whole eye deal, and then the knee pain somehow cleared up.

I see my doctor in Memphis again on Dec. 5, so we will be headed back that way again pretty soon after we've returned from Thanksgiving over there. The knee acted up again last week for a couple of days during my eye recovery here in Clinton, causing severe pain before it miraculously cleared up again, so when I've got the eye taken care of, I suppose I'll be looking at knee surgery; I have another appointment with the orthopedist in January.

So I'm just basically falling apart and have had to put everything on hold for the entire month of November. I hope I'm able to join you ladies in December. I miss everybody!



International Convention

The 2020 International Convention will be held **July 7-11, 2020** at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

Tennessee State Convention

The 85th Tennessee State Convention will be held **June 4-6, 2020** at The University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

Pi Chapter Local News

November 2019

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,584.71
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 253.35
DEPOSITS.....	83.10
..... +	83.10
ENDING BALANCE.....	+ 6,414.46

TOTALS IN EACH FUND:

Grant in Aide Fund	791.56
(Funded by donations and fundraisers.)	
Balance 11-30-2019	708.46
+ 20.00 additional donation to Lasagna Dinner	
+ 63.10 November Happy Jar = 791.56	

Summary Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Gifts	3,270.00
Memorial donations to date 1-28 100.00; 2-5 1,305.00; 2-13 400.00; 2-19 940.00; 2-25 50.00; 3-22 150.00; 4-8 125.00; 4-18 50.00; 4-30 100.00; 5-1 100.00; 5-7 50.00 5-7 - 100.00 transfer to regular fund cost of scholarship award winners and guests Total = 3,270.00 38 gifts, all received and acknowledged	

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees	400.00
Balance 11-30-19 [When the goal of 1,000.00 has been reached for 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.]	

Hazel McCREARY CLASSROOM GRANT FUND	402.24
(Funded by donations only.)	
Balance 11-30-19	655.59 - 253.35
Grant to Teri Gilbert for Classroom Set of Novels = 402.24	

Discretionary FUND.....	72.20
(Funded by donations only.)	
Balance 11-30-19-Beginning balance	72.20

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	1,478.46
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)	
Beginning balance 11-30-19 1,478.46 No activity.	

Total Money in Account: **6,414.46**

CC: Ann Gann, President, Lucy Van Cleve, Financial Committee Chairman,
Patsye Thurmon, Recording Secretary

* Voted at January, 2016 Pi Chapter Meeting: After recruitment grant goal of 1,000.00 is reached for the year, remaining Happy Jar proceeds will be directed towards sending a First time attendee from Pi Chapter to Xi State Convention. Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2019-2020



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! Save your loose change each day and bring it to the monthly meetings to put in the "Green Tub" at the Check-In Table. 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

Pi Chapter Local News



Spotlight on Members

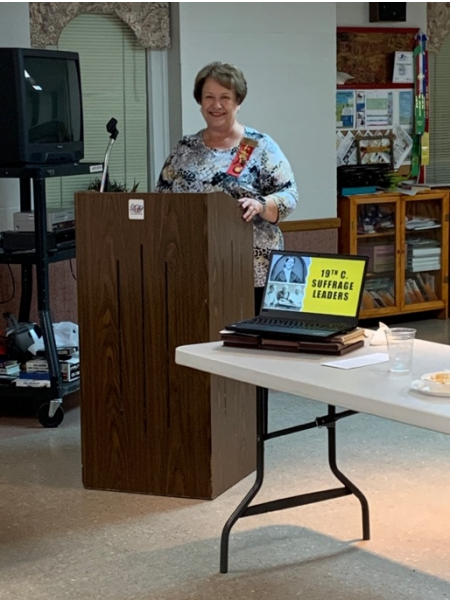
Susan Jonely received her bachelor's degree in education and her master's degree in education with a concentration in children's literacy from Lewis and Clark College. In Anderson County, she has taught at Claxton Elementary, Lake City Elementary, and Andersonville Elementary where she has been since 2014. Susan was previously a reading recovery teacher but now is a reading specialist for kindergarten through fifth grade. Teaching was definitely in her genes because Susan comes from a long line of educators including her great-great grandfather, her great grandmother, and her grandmother. While all of these people helped inspire Susan to become an educator, she has been blessed to have been influenced by many people throughout her life. She will readily admit that as a teacher, she is drawn to what many would consider to be the "bad kids" because she knows there is good in every child and works to find it. Every child is savable, and Susan's personal mission is to connect to the students who struggle and help them find ways to succeed. When she's not out trying to save the world in public schools, Susan loves spending time with her five grandchildren or doing other superhero activities like climbing Mount Fuji three times.



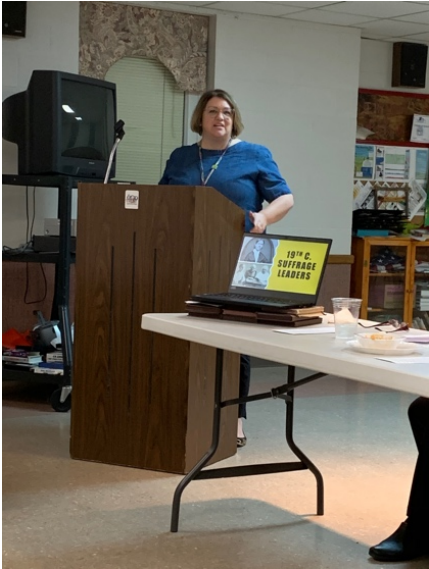
Kathleen Benedict received her bachelor's degree from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has completed an additional ninety hours of study from there as well. She taught at Clinton High School from 1970 until 1996 and then moved on to run the 21st Century Workplace Program from 1997 until 2008 where she worked with students from ACCTC, TLC, and CRCS. Kathleen has taught ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades; she mainly taught English but also taught theater, speech, history, and government throughout her career. She was so inspired by her own wonderful teachers in elementary, high school, and college that she decided to devote her own life to educating others. Kathleen may be retired, but she certainly has not slowed down. She still loves to read and write as any English teacher would, but she has more time now to focus on political causes that are near and dear to her heart. She is especially passionate about criminal justice reform, immigration issues, voter registration reform, public school funding, and the election of competent leaders. In any time she has left, Kathleen loves to work on her rebuilt house and yard. All the hammering, sawing, and building is a good way to decompress from all her stressful political work.



Moments from our November Meeting



Ann Gann



Rhonda Phillips



Dr. Tjipton





Recommendation for Membership

Instructions: Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

Type of Membership _____

Name of person recommended:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Phone number _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Current position title: _____

Employer: _____

Highest educational degree granted _____ Year _____ Field _____

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations honors and/or awards. (A brief resume may be attached to this application.)

Community activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Signatures

Chapter/State

Date
