



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Hello Sisters,

There is so much to say as we close out this calendar year. The message of Thanksgiving is to express gratitude for our friendships and family. But it is also a message of hope for better days to come.

This year, at least the past 9 months, has been rife with changes. Those changes in our lives have placed the burden of finding those things which to be thankful for in perspective. Those blessings, whether big or small, have been the tabs that can be looked back on to understand that we are resilient, not out of necessity, but out of hope for better days ahead. With that in mind, our collective compassion, understanding, and support for what the efforts of others have contributed toward making a bad situation during a pandemic, not only tolerable, but ways for us to adapt our version of 'normal' for now.

As we enter the holiday season, we are grateful for our fellowship through our organization with the opportunity to meet virtually. The meeting on Tuesday, December 1, will again be virtual, but we urge you to wear your perfectly happy holiday attire (pajamas, sweaters (ugly or not), holiday hats/headbands, etc.) to bring smiles to all our faces. As usually we will open the meeting at 5:15 for our talk around and then call to order by 5:30. We hope to see you then!

Vikki and Abbi

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Zoom Meeting
5:15 p.m.

Inspiration

Kathleen Benedict

Program

“8 Dimensions of Wellness...the
Impact on Self and Learning...
Followup”
Dr. Holly Jonely

Business

Adding Venmo as payment option
(See From the Treasurer article)

Invitation to December meeting:

Invitation to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: DKG December meeting
 Time: Dec 1, 2020 05:30 PM
 Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89089996648?pwd=KzVOb116enJ1Smw2dytGZ1VZb1E2QT09>
 Meeting ID: 890 8999 6648
 Passcode: DJ44dX

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Joys and Concerns

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

In our thoughts: Please remember Steve Reynolds (Felecia's husband) as he recovers from his injuries. Please remember Joe Forgety as he is battling Covid -19.

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.

From the Treasurer.... Ways to send money to Pi Chapter....

- By check to Kathleen Benedict/P O Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901
- Using VENMO App to @Kathleen-Benedict-6

Rationale: It became obvious in our first days of Zooming Pi Chapter Meetings that we needed a method for submitting funds for donations, dues, Happy Jar, and other funds. Setting up a VENMO account was suggested as a quick way to transfer money. After talking to members and after research of the app, VENMO, I feel that I can offer two methods of submitting funds: by check via mail and by VENMO.

Currently, I am collecting donations for totes that were given to first year teachers at the Teacher Depot (This is a two year project. We have enough totes for two years.), any Happy Jar donations (however you wish to donate funds – each month, for all meetings at once, ect.), and donations to any scholarship funds.

By check... I am happy to receive and deposit any monies you want to send by this method. You can put all donations on one check and designate on the item line how the funds are to be distributed.

By VENMO...I have successfully loaded the app to my phone and received a donation towards the totes from Vikki Burns. I was able to link my VENMO account to our Pi Chapter bank account and the VENMO deposit went straight into our account. So, if you have an account or want to try this, I am ready. I have put instructions below for those who need them.

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

You can go to www.venmo.com for more information.

You may also call me and I will try to help or I will call Vikki, Abbi, Kate, Sara, Amy or any other young person!
Thanks!

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Treasurer's Report

November 2020 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,994.54
Deposits	+ 100.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 0.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	7,094.54

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **677.17**

Beginning Balance 11-30-2020 = 677.17

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund **3,270.00**
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*..... **580.00**

Balance 11-30-2020 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) **298.10**
Balance 11-30-2020 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **402.24**

Balance 11-30-2020 402.20

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... **1,867.03**
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)Beginning balance 11-30-2020 = 1,767.03 +
100.00 tote donation V. Burns = 1,867.03

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **7,094.54**

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 11-30-2020 = 150.00 [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.]

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Our December project will be contributing books for the library at Garland Oaks, the new shelter house that was built for Street Hope (www.streethopetn.org) Their wish list of books that they hope to acquire for their library can be found here

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3P3AB8VHIVL5C?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_QnWiquLKJb0VG.

Several members have already contributed.

“Sanitary Kits for Women”

We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the “back burner”. We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits and we just need to round up some sergers and get sewing. These kits can go anywhere in the world to women who need these sanitary supplies. I will let you know further details as they become available.

Submitted by Susan Jonely



Several of our members (Diane Alsop, Vicky Curtis, Amy Graham, Janie Jackson, April Perry, Krista Petrick, Amanda Powers, Felecia Reynolds, Lisa Swisher, Lucy VanCleve, Joan Vick) have not given their information for our Spotlight on Members section. We would really like to include all of our sisters in this project. If you have not yet been featured, please contact Sara Idzik at Sara.idzik@gmail.com

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

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Spotlight on Members



Sara Idzik

Hi, from your bio writing member, Sara Idzik. I received both my bachelor's degree and master's degree from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. From there, thanks to Angela Carico, I started my teaching career at Clinton High School. Angela was a guest professor for one of my final master's classes and mentioned her school had an opening. I interviewed with her and Linda Davis, and that's where I landed and remained for fourteen years. I taught English to grades nine through twelve and the Greek Mythology elective. Currently, I work with curriculum alignment for an online school system. My motivation to become a teacher came from my mother. She taught elementary school, and we had a playroom stocked with old/sample textbooks and teacher editions, two desks, and a full sized chalkboard that my sister and I used to play school. While I was often the student because I was the youngest, I always aspired to be the one leading the lesson and writing on the chalkboard. (Let's be honest, there was a lot of chalkboard writing envy.) In my spare time, I love reading, going for walks with my dog and neighbors, and watching all the sports (really, I even love curling and have taken lessons). My husband and I love taking our boat out on the lake and down to the Vol Navy; we have heat, so it's always boat season! My fun fact is that I'm a huge Widespread Panic fan (think Grateful Dead meets Allman Brothers); I've followed them around the country and have seen them more than 80 times (I've actually lost count).

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Legislative Issues



Tennessee Takes Overturned School Voucher Law to State's Highest Court

Please click on this link to read more about the latest School Voucher News.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2020/11/24/21612706/tennessee-appeals-overturned-school-voucher-law-to-states-highest-court>



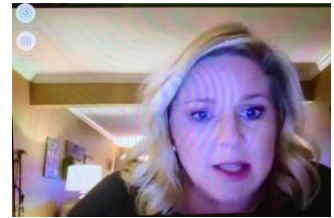
Educational Issues

Concerned about COVID-19 in our schools?

Tennessee is supposed to track COVID-19 cases in schools, but privacy concerns and limited reporting make that tough...Click on the link below to find out more!

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2020/11/24/21611739/tennessee-tracks-covid-19-cases-in-schools-but-privacy-concerns-limited-reporting-make-that-tough>

Moments from our November Zoom Meeting



Dr. Holly Jonely, Associate Director, Physical Therapy Program; Co-Academic Director, Orthopaedic Residency; and Assistant Professor of Health, Human Function, and Rehabilitation Sciences at George Washington University



Xi State Tennessee News



There are many TN State DKG events approaching over the next few weeks. These are a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed! Please read below for a description of each event listed and the registration link and deadline. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Abbi and she will get the information to you as soon as possible!

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 PM Central

Comedy is a perfect way to de-stress and un-wind. Join an award-winning comedian for 90 minutes of fun. Each session has a limited number of attendee slots; therefore, this event will be offered multiple times.

Presenter: Brad Tassell

A professional full-time comedian, author, speaker, and educator, Brad Tassell has proven he is not only hilarious, but smart, kind, useful, and the perfect performer for any group, any place, any time. His best-selling book *Don't Feed the Bully* is read by thousands of students each year and his comedy shows are a favorite on Carnival Cruise lines (when that is a thing). He has been seen on CMT, ESPN, MTV, and PBS. Brad uses his Master's degree in Behavioral Sciences to bring solution-based interventions, award-winning and hilarious educational keynotes on bullying prevention to schools, educators, and workshops.

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/qZ1X1PhpnuYJHJzP6>

Zoom Caroling

Hosted by Tennessee DKG Educational Excellence Committee

Saturday, December 19, 2020

6:30 PM Central

Presenter: Nancy Davis, Tennessee DKG Music Representative

Get in the holiday spirit by joining our virtual caroling party including a virtual cookie exchange!

Zoom Caroling Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/7BwyfwWYJgdVcCJq8>

Xi State Tennessee News

Adobe Spark

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM Central

Presenter: Heather Dunn, Arkansas State Organization Technology Chair

Learn to create ads, flyers, invitations, holiday cards, and more with thousands of free photos and themes using Adobe Spark. Registration <https://forms.gle/Uv2cxEdN4u8PNKux7>

State Projects - High School Essay Contest

Tammy Jones State Projects Chair and her committee team have released the topic and guidelines for the 2021 Essay Contest. The guidelines are attached and are available on our state website under About Us - Essay Contest.

Special Events - DKG Decals

Allison Maynard and Kim Thurman Special Events Co-chairs announce the sale of vinyl decals. The decal will feature a rose with TN State DKG lettering and will be sold in two sizes, perfect for your car or to decorate your favorite water bottle, coffee mug, laptop, or other electronic device. The design and ordering information will soon be posted on the state website.

There are several program/project ideas available on the state website under EEC Corner. We can earn up to 10 Maycie points for submissions/programs. The forms can be found on xistate.org under *EEC Corner-EEC Corner Spotlight Submission Forms*

2. The deadline to apply for a Tennessee Scholarship is February 1, 2021. Applications can be found on the state website under *About Us- Scholarship Recipients- TNSO Scholarship Application*. Send completed Tennessee scholarship applications as an email attachment to Dr. Susan Young at youngs1110@aol.com.

3. The 85th Tennessee State Organization Convention will be June 3-5, 2021 at Sewanee: The University of the South. Make plans now to attend this grand gala event! Photo submissions from chapter events are encouraged for the 2021 State Convention Slideshow to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at mevaughan@ortn.edu

4. The Vision Foundation is now accepting applications for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grants. Applications and guidelines are available on the state website on the *Vision Foundation* page. Applications must be submitted by December 31, 2020.