



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2023-2025  
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Dear Sisters,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to all the special blessings and joys of Christmas. Next Tuesday, December 5, will be an exceptional night for Pi Chapter. We will enjoy:

- the angelic sounds of the CHS Choir directed by McCall Bohanon.
- the Special Events Committee’s Silent Auction;
- and the festive dishes shared by our members.

The choir will be filmed and shared on the Memorial United Methodist’s YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@memorialunitedmethodistchu2675> , so parents, relatives, and our members can have access to the program anytime they want. Sam Franklin’s has willingly agreed to let us use his parking lot. Please meet us in the Sanctuary at 4:45 as the program will begin punctually at 5:00 p.m.

Our January meeting will not be held on the first Tuesday of the month. It will take place instead on January 9 with an executive board meeting at 4:00 on the same day. I will send a reminder to the executive board closer to time, so its members can be thinking of topics for discussion. Director of Clinton City Schools, Kelly Johnson, will be our guest speaker. So looking forward to hearing good news from there.

Christmas carols, friendly faces, delightful decorations, delectable dishes, and gifts galore for family and friends to be had next Tuesday! Hope to see everyone enjoying the fun fare on the 5th!

In harmony,

Diane

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**  
**5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist  
 Church – Fellowship Hall

### Hostesses

Ann Brown, Felecia Reynolds,  
 Paula Tacket

### Blessing

Ann Brown

### Inspiration

Shannon Cramblitt

### Program

Clinton High School Choir,  
 Directed by McCall Bohanon  
**Please come to the sanctuary  
 for this part of our meeting.**

### Business

Silent Auction

### Remember to Bring

- Your favorite festive dish to share
- New or gently used items for our auction
- Money to buy tickets for our silent auction

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Joys:** Congratulations to Abbi Hill and her husband on the news of Baby Hill, who will be here in the spring.

Louise Childress's granddaughter, her granddaughter's husband, and Louise's great grands have moved and are continuing to move back to the area from Atlanta! Some more happy family news!

**Prayers of comfort and condolences:** Doris Ann Hendricks who has held many important positions in DKG has a broken femur. As she mends, she has become very bored and would appreciate phone calls from us. Her cell is 629-252-1837. She is a delight. Don't be concerned about keeping the conversation going; she is very capable of that! Get well soon, Doris Ann!



Baby Hill is on the way and will make an entrance around May 16! We are all very happy for our Abbi and her family!

Sincere sympathy to International Second Vice President and Past Tennessee State Organization President Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan on the passing of her father, Robert Lee, RL, Richardson on November 25. A link to the obituary and arrangements is included in this email. Beverly's address is 560 County Road 138, Florence, AL, 35634 if you would like to send a card. Let's keep Beverly and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

[https://www.timesdaily.com/obituaries/robert-lee-r-l-richardson-jr/article\\_826a0c2c-88c6-5c0b-8423-1c45b02bd477.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.timesdaily.com/obituaries/robert-lee-r-l-richardson-jr/article_826a0c2c-88c6-5c0b-8423-1c45b02bd477.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

**Happy December Birthdays to:** Susan Fowler and Pat Aldridge (10<sup>th</sup>), Lisa Smith (11<sup>th</sup>), Brenda Phillips (29<sup>th</sup>)

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](mailto:stonecipherp@gmail.com)) or Chelsi Meredith ([cdmeredith2014@gmail.com](mailto:cdmeredith2014@gmail.com)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

## Pi Chapter Local News



January 9th -- Kelly Johnson, Director of Schools, Clinton City Schools  
February 6<sup>th</sup> -- A “Bob Ross” type evening with Graham Richardson; Induction Ceremony  
March 5th – Junior Achievement and Aspire Park at Aspire Park  
April 2nd -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz Month  
May 7th -- Founders Day Banquet

### Membership News

The Membership Committee is happy to report that we will have an induction of at least 2 new members at the February meeting. Kaitlin Hall and Jessica McClintock are teachers at Andersonville Elementary and were invited by Abbi Hill to attend our October meeting and expressed their interest in becoming members. After the membership voted on new members at the November meeting, letters were sent out to Kaitlin and Jesse, along with the female 2022-23 Teachers of the Year from Anderson County Schools. We have not heard from any of the others, but they were invited to attend our December meeting. It is not too late to recommend someone for membership. Forms will be available at the meeting Tuesday night. If you are still teaching and know of others who might like to join us, please invite them to attend the meeting. It seems the most effective way to get new members is through direct contact. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

*Submitted by Pat Alridge*

I want to remind members to bring new or gently used items for our December fundraiser auction. It is only successful if we all participate. If you can get them there before the meeting starts at 5:00 it would be very helpful. I will be here by 4.


Also, bring your money and be prepared to buy tickets with which to bid. Members are encouraged to buy at least twenty, which gives you twenty votes for \$20, but you are certainly welcome to buy as many as you like. One member has already bought forty! I will explain how the process works again at the December meeting.

*Submitted by Patsye Thurmon*



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

## Pi Chapter Local News



**Welcome Dr. Derek Black**  
December 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Public education needs your help in protecting the legacy of America's public schools. Dr. Black deserves an audience of parents, educators, school board members, and students to hear him speak of the vital importance of public education to American democracy and the history that public education and democracy share.

Please join us in this celebration of public education at Clinton High School's Little Theater.

**IMPORTANT MEETINGS  
WITH DR. DEREK BLACK  
AUTHOR OF  
SCHOOLHOUSE BURNING  
This Thursday, December 7th  
*Sponsored by Anderson County  
Clinton City Retired Teachers  
Association***

### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES**

We are blessed that Memorial United Methodist Church will continue to provide Pi Chapter with the use of the fellowship 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.

# Treasurer's Report

**November 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER**

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,287.75
<b>Deposits</b> .....	<b>+ 309.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 00.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>6,596.75</b>

**TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 873.00**  
 Balance 11-30-2023 Beginning Bal: 684.00 + 54.00 Happy Jar + 135.00 Silent Auction = 873.00

*Thank you!*

**Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund ..... 2,849.80**

**Balance 11-30-2023 3,374.17 – 699.37 DKG bags for 3 years, Jinx Logos = 2,674.80**

**Paid back VJH Scholarship Fund 175.00 with budgeted money for Early Career Educators line item VJH Scholarship Fund = 524.37 remaining balance owed as of 11-30-2023**

Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...

**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees\*..... 0.00 11-30-2023**  
 0.00

[Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

**Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) ..... 298.10**

Balance 11-30-2023 = 298.10

**Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) ..... 307.24**

Balance 11-30-2023 307.24 *Thank you!*

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 2,268.61**

**(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)**

Balance 11/30/2023 = 2,323.61+ 120.00 donations to Isaiah House [ A. Gann 100.00;

P. Thurmon 20.00 – 175.00 payback to VJH Scholarship Fund from budgeted money for Early Career Educators, 2023-2024 passed budget = 2,268.61

**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,596.75**

**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 11-30-2023 = 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.]



## State and International News

### FROM MARSHA

The list from TNSO President Marsha Brewer is quite long. Please scroll down and read the boldfaced headings and carefully read what is below them if they apply to you in any way. There are MANY important “going-ons.” I tried to make the list shorter if we have already accomplished some of the notifications. Happy reading! It’s important!

**Now is the time to be establishing your new slate of chapter officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.** State level training for Chapter President, EEC Chair, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and Chapter Treasurer will be held in **West Tennessee on March 23, 2024; in East Tennessee on April 6, 2024, and in Middle Tennessee on April 20, 2024.** Incoming chapter officers will be able to register for whichever training is most convenient. Please reassure your members as they consider stepping up to a chapter officer position that we can offer support through our Area Directors, Chapter Strengthening Committee, Leadership Development Committee, and visits from the State President.

The **Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence application** has not changed significantly for this year, so you may want to spend some time at your chapter meetings going over the form and seeing where your chapter can improve, or maintain your high ranking. Some chapters enlarge the form and use it as a planning tool during the meetings. The updated form is available on the state website and can be accessed here.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TdYXiT8ONLnEVexsYcmVZwEjyMTr59XI/edit#gid=1486696205>

A PDF version is included as an attachment at the end of this newsletter.

**The Chapter Yearbook template and evaluation forms** have been updated and posted on the state website. I am also attaching the forms to the end of this newsletter. In addition to the regular **evaluation form**, State Executive Secretary Jenni Lusk has created an **Excel form** that tallies your points. The Chapter Yearbook Template was created and updated to give chapters current information about our Society at the International and State levels, and to provide a suggested framework for your chapter to present this information to your members. You can develop your own format if you choose. The Chapter Yearbook and Evaluation Form should be **submitted to TNSO First Vice President Orlean Bauman by December 15, 2023.**

**Membership Updates from International:** Please check out the YouTube video of International President Debbie LeBlanc and International Executive Director Nita Scott discussing the plight of DKG concerning Membership.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKsP4T1R47k&list=PLqsKf5cYj-q6144Tda6D-09shXAuvrLB-&index=2>

**The Avenue M Group DKG 2023 Research Report and Administrative Board Implementation Plan** is now available. I encourage you to read this comprehensive report and our board's plan of action. the **PDF is attached below.**

**US Forum Information:** Please check out the attached Connection Newsletter from the US forum. The newsletter contains important information about upcoming webinars on the topic of mental health and details to help you plan for the National Legislative Seminar, scheduled for March, 2024..

### **Videos of Chapter Projects (ongoing)**

Chapter Presidents - I am asking that you make a video of your chapter service projects for this next biennium. Please begin your video with a greeting, your chapter name and location, and a few words about the project. Then just shoot some footage of your chapter and/or community members involved, and the finished product. My vision is for us to showcase your wonderful projects in "**A Day of Service In Harmony**" at some point during the year. If a video is not possible, please take lots of pictures!

## State and International News

### **From Marsha Brewer, TNSO President**

Please share these Leadership Links with your chapter members each month. I am not planning to send out a separate email to members. I appreciate your help in keeping our members up to date on news and activities at the state level!

**EXCITING DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORKS!** Our State Webmaster, Sherrie Collins, is in the process of creating a forum on our website for members and non-members to ask education related questions and to receive help and support. We are currently developing the forum rules and parameters. **If you have computer skills and would be willing to help moderate the forum, please email me and let me know.** I think this can provide a valuable resource for our active educators and give everyone a voice.

### **News of Committees**

### **Information from our TNSO Committees**

Many thanks to those of you who are serving on state committees for the 2023-2025 biennium. . Participating on a state committee is a great way to connect and network with members across the state, and to be involved in DKG at the state level.

**From TNSO Corresponding Secretary Chasity Ragsdale to Officers, Committee Chairs, and Area Directors:** If you have not set up your Google account, or had issues when setting it up, please send an email to: [tndkg.corrsec@gmail.com](mailto:tndkg.corrsec@gmail.com) Here is a video to help you set up your account: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1II\\_CiAWVeUQrYXACH9Ve7jWKNhdYPShn/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1II_CiAWVeUQrYXACH9Ve7jWKNhdYPShn/view)

**Many of our committees are excited to share information with you and want to keep you up to date on deadlines and events:**

### **Becky Sanderson and the TNSO Achievement Award Committee:**

The Achievement Award Committee wants to encourage chapters to consider members who have made significant contributions to DKG at the chapter and state levels. Having served as a state officer is not a requirement, and a nominee could be someone who serves "behind the scenes" and represents DKG in her community in ways that promote our society purposes and endeavors.

**Applications are due by March 15, 2024.** The application form will be posted soon on the [tndkg.org](http://tndkg.org) website.

### **Harriet King and the Arts and Personal Growth Committee:**

The proposed tour of Graceland has been canceled due to an insufficient number of members who signed up. The Arts committee is working on plans for an outing in the spring of 2024. **The Creative Arts Retreat is being planned for September 20-21, 2024 at a location in West Tennessee.**

### **Linda McCrary and the TNSO Bylaws and Rules Committee:**

Within the next six weeks, you should receive documents to help your Bylaws and Rules Committee update your governing documents. Once it arrives via email, please let the Committee know if you need help. If you want to begin working now, the TNSO Bylaws and Rules can be accessed at <https://www.tndkg.org/bylaws-and-rules>. The schedule for chapter rules review is attached below.

### **Orlean Bauman and the Educational Excellence Committee:**

**The deadline to submit your Chapter Yearbook is December 15.** The Yearbook Template and Evaluation Forms are available on the [tndkg.org](http://tndkg.org) website and can also be found as attachments at the end of this newsletter. Continue sending in your excellent chapter programs and projects to be included on the **EEC Corner Spotlight** on the website. Programs and projects which have been submitted to the EEC Corner can also be submitted for the **TNSO Iris Award** which will be presented at the state convention.

## State and International News

### **Belinda Juergens and the Leadership Development Committee:**

Mark your calendars for **March 15-16, 2024 for the first TNSO Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton State Park**. Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan will be the leadership consultant. **Applications are now available and will be due by January 15**. Chapters are encouraged to start identifying members with leadership potential who might benefit from attending the seminar. More details will be shared as plans become finalized.

### **Dr. Carolyn Tucker and Brenda Oldham and the TNSO Legislation Committee:**

**Please contact Dr. Carolyn Tucker at [ladybaldwintucker@gmail.com](mailto:ladybaldwintucker@gmail.com) or Brenda Oldham at [travelers4043@bellsouth.net](mailto:travelers4043@bellsouth.net) and let them know the contact information for your chapter Legislation Committee Chair. They would like to provide updates on legislative news and events.**

The TNSO Legislation Committee is encouraging members to contact Tennessee State Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee State Legislators regarding critical issues impacting education in Tennessee. DKG members and friends of education should make these contacts via phone calls, email, texts and/or letters prior to January 2024.

Below are the most salient concerns that need to be communicated:

- **The Education Savings Account (ESA – also known as vouchers)** Legislators are proposing changes that would broaden the scope of the ESA program and extend access and eligibility to 20,000 students statewide. The Tennessee Education Association is opposed to this program, citing concerns about the diverting of funds from Tennessee public schools. Here is a link to an article in The Tennessean dated 11/28/23. <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2023/11/27/tennessee-school-vouchers-choice-gov-bill-lee-to-propose-statewide-plan/71714549007/>

- **Rejection of Federal Funds for Tennessee** – The impact of refusing federal dollars could be devastating to many local districts by diverting funds intended for Tennessee to other states for support of their schools. Students with disabilities and smaller school districts could be disproportionately affected by the loss of federal funding.

- **School Safety and Violence Prevention** – Extensive violence prevention training for school personnel, retrofitting of buildings for safety and procedural controls relative to school safety continue as areas of need in Tennessee school districts.

**On January 8, 2024** the committee will be hosting a **Zoom workshop** at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Time, 6:00 P.M. Central Time on navigating the legislative website to get information on proposed legislation and how to contact your legislators

**.The Legislation Committee would like to announce an event: An Evening with Chris Ford is planned for January 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Central Time at the TEA building in Nashville.**

In keeping with addressing the need for increased TNSO member effectiveness in communicating with legislators and government officials, the TNSO Legislation Committee has invited noted political communicator, motivational speaker, and catalyst of political awareness Atty. Chris Ford to conduct a political action/awareness workshop, “Effectively Communicating with Legislators”. **This event will be held**

**January 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. Central Time at the TEA Building in Nashville.** TNSO members are encouraged to attend, bringing fellow educators and supporters of education to enhance skills of effective communication. Chris is the principal strategist with Ford Strategy which provides representation in external, public and government relations, advocacy, artist management civic engagement and strategic visioning. We hope to have a large number in attendance for this event. If you will be spending the night in Nashville, you are also invited to visit our legislators and committees on the hill on **January 23**.



## State and International News

### **Dr. Linda Eller and the TNSO Membership Committee:**

#### **Quick tips- Who can be a member?**

Any professional female educator is eligible.

2. Retired educators can be members.
3. Any woman who is paid for training and educating others can be a member.
4. Junior and senior female college students in education can be members.
5. Non-traditional trainers and educators can be members.
6. Community leaders who are not paid educators can be invited as honorary members.

Any woman who is paid for her services in any field of education qualifies as a professional educator. Some examples include a nurse at a school or who teaches other nurses, a church employee who trains or teaches others, professional trainers in other organizations, or a teacher/trainer at a community college or agency.

Plus, each local chapter also makes the decision as to who in their community would qualify in the broader sense of educating others. Think outside and around the box of your community. Invite someone.

The TNSO Membership Committee will be offering new awards this biennium for the chapter that reinstates the greatest percentage of dropped members. For the data on members from your chapter that have dropped that you would like to contact, email Linda Eller at [tndkg.mem@gmail.com](mailto:tndkg.mem@gmail.com) for a listing. Stay tuned for further details coming soon! The 75 page Membership Moments booklet can be found on the state website at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) or can be accessed here. [https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137\\_72ad2fda6a504ff99238137fd326ed82.pdf](https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137_72ad2fda6a504ff99238137fd326ed82.pdf)

### **Sandra Pineault and the Nominations Committee:**

December is the season of giving. We give to our students, friends, families, communities, churches, and charities. When you think about giving, please think about what you can give to DKG and the Tennessee State Organization. Please consider giving of your time and talents by applying to serve as a TNSO officer or serving on one of the TNSO nominated committees—Nominations, Personnel, Finance, or the Vision Foundation. Encourage others in your chapters to consider serving as well. Applications will be available soon.

### **Cindy Lynn and the TNSO Scholarship Committee:**

The Scholarship Committee is encouraging everyone who is interested in money to pursue advanced degrees to apply for a state scholarship. Funds are available! There is a brochure on the [tndkg.org](http://tndkg.org) website that can be copied and made available to members considering applying for a scholarship. The revised 2023 application is also available on the website. Attachments with the brochure and form can be found at the end of this newsletter. **The deadline for submitting an application for a state scholarship is February 1, 2024.**

### **Linda Mann and Mildred Nelson and the Special Events Committee:**

With a goal of 100% chapter participation, the Special Events Committee is hard at work preparing for the 2024 Silent Auction, which is always a highlight at the State Convention. Chapters are encouraged to donate items for the Silent Auction. These may be individual items, high-value items, themed baskets, or eclectic collections of tempting swag. Chapters not wishing to bring items may make a \$25.00 or higher donation using the "Contributions" form located on the [tndkg.org](http://tndkg.org) website and checking "Leadership Development". Chapters who participate by bringing items or making a monetary donation can earn points for the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award. Money raised is used to fund the TNSO Beginning and Advanced Leadership Management Seminars, Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers, Leadership Conference for Committee Planning, and other professional development activities. Developing leaders is one of DKG's most important tasks. Training benefits members and strengthens our organization. Join us at the 2024 Silent Auction and see which chapter wins the trophy for most funds raised!

## State and International News

### Mary Wadley and the TNSO State Projects Committee

One of the goals of the TNSO State Projects Committee is to encourage literacy across the state by offering a statewide essay contest. The committee has chosen the topic of "Artificial Intelligence" for the essay contest this year. The scholarship money is increasing to \$350 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place - almost double the amount awarded in the past. Also, this year the focus will be on high school submissions from students in both public and private schools from grades nine through twelve. We certainly want to encourage individual chapters to continue offering a local essay contest for elementary and middle school students if they choose to do so, but the state level awards will be given only at the high school level. The deadline for all submissions to the State Projects Committee will be **February 29, 2024**, due to Leap Year. Please send a separate cover page including the name of the sponsoring chapter and chapter contact person along with each winning high school essay on the topic provided. The prompt for this year is as follows: **"In what ways will A.I. [artificial intelligence] positively and negatively affect your daily life, now and in the future?"**

You can submit the essays and cover sheets to Mary Frances Wadley at [tndkg.stateprojects@gmail.com](mailto:tndkg.stateprojects@gmail.com). If you have questions, please text Mary at 731-307-9549. More information will be forthcoming on the Tennessee State DKG website and in the DKG Tennessee **EXCITING DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORKS!** The TNSO State Projects Committee has received a Lucile Cornet Seminar Award in the amount of \$3064.00 to host three regional workshops for early career educators in the fall of 2024. Stay tuned for dates and details coming soon!! This is a positive step forward in our mission of supporting educators and excellence in education.

### Dr. Cathy Meredith and the TNSO Vision Foundation:

It's time for Delta Kappa Gamma members to consider applying for one of the Vision Foundation Awards. The Vision Foundation Board of Directors has increased the amount for classroom grants to \$1500.00. These awards may be used to buy materials and other resources for teaching. There are two \$2000.00 professional development grants which are available for teachers to attend conferences, workshops or other professional development activities which are named for Doris Ann Hendrix and Liz Whorley Bradley. The VF Board is also providing an opportunity for a chapter to sponsor a seminar with an award of \$2500.00. **Applications for awards are available on the TNSO website and will be accepted beginning October 1, 2023. All applications must be submitted by December 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. and awards must be used between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.**



### 2023-2025 Tennessee State Officer Team

Marsha Brewer, President  
Orlean Bauman, First Vice President  
Terry Sharp, Second Vice President  
Dr. Regina Henry, Recording Secretary  
Chasity Ragsdale, Corresponding Secretary  
Dr. Dianne Anderson, Treasurer  
Dr. Kathie Harned, Parliamentarian  
Jennifer Lusk, Executive Secretary  
Michelle Steen, Editor  
Sherrie Collins, Webmaster  
(Officers at Sewanee with International Executive Director  
Nita Scott. Not pictured - Dr. Kathie Harned)

## State and International News

### Area Directors

Be sure and contact your Area Director and invite her to a chapter meeting. Your Area Directors are there to support your chapter, and to aid in organizing activities and gatherings within your area. The list of Area Directors is attached, as well as the Area Realignment map.

Contact your Area Director and ask about the possibility of some of your area chapters combining for a joint **Orientation for new members**. Any of our TNSO Officers and Related Personnel and our Chapter Strengthening Chair would love to be invited to help facilitate the orientation. They possess a wealth of knowledge about our society and they rarely have the opportunity to visit with chapters. Officers and Related Personnel include the following:

East Tennessee: 2nd VP Terry Sharp and Webmaster Sherrie Collins. Chapter Strengthening Committee Chair Dr. Elaine Vaughan.

Middle Tennessee: President Marsha Brewer, 1st VP Orlean Bauman, Recording Secretary Dr. Regina Henry, Corresponding Secretary Chasity Ragsdale, Executive Secretary Jenni Lusk, and Parliamentarian Dr. Kathie Harned

West Tennessee: Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson and Editor Michelle Steen.

**In the photo below, Area VII Director Barbara Hinson speaks at Phi Chapter's November meeting. A fun ornament swap was enjoyed by all.**



## State and International News

### Upcoming Events and Due Dates

December 1, 2023 - DKG Ignite application due (International Leadership Management Seminar)

December 2, 2023 - Area VII Annual Christmas Brunch

December 9, 2023 - Area I Annual Christmas Brunch

December 14 or 15 - Tentative plans for Zoom Christmas Caroling

December 15, 2023 - Chapter Yearbook submitted to Orlean Bauman

December 31, 2023 - Vision Foundation applications due

January 8, 2024 - Legislation Committee Zoom Workshop

January 15, 2024 - Beginning Leadership Seminar application due

January 22, 2024 - An Evening with Chris Ford, TSA Building, Nashville (Legislation)

February 1, 2024 - Tennessee State Scholarship application due

February 1, 2024 - International Scholarship application due

February 15, 2024 - International Arts and Humanities submissions for Spring Gallery

February 15, 2024 - Area VI Beta Epsilon program on human trafficking

February 29, 2024 - Essay Contest submissions due

March 1, 2024 - DKGIEF Project application due

March 15, 2024 - Achievement Award nominations due

March 15-16, 2024 - Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton state Park

March 23, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in West Tennessee

April 6, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in East Tennessee

April 20, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in Middle Tennessee

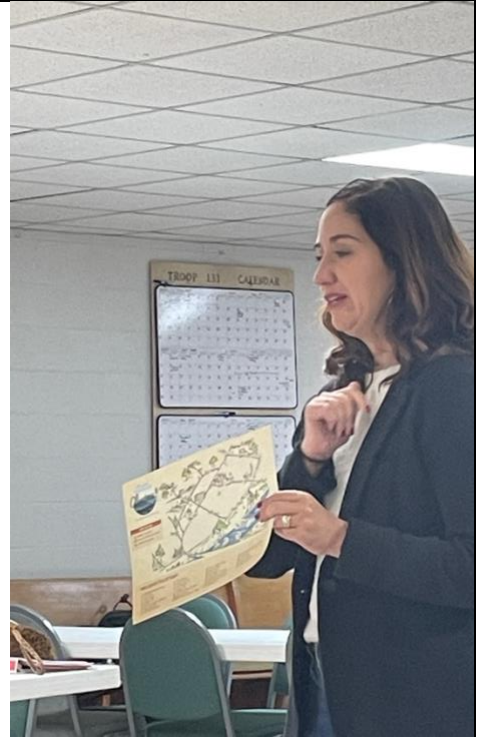
May 7, 2024 - Area II Pi Chapter Founders' Day

May 30 - June 1, 2024 - TNSO Convention in Sewanee, TN

July 9 - 13, 2024 - DKG International Convention in National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)



# Moments from our November Meeting





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