



# Pi Chapter Newsletter



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2023-2025  
Biennium

Dear Sisters,

Next Tuesday, Kaitlin Hall, Jessy McClintock, and Taylor Powers will be inducted at 5:00 in the church chapel. Most of us have had a chance to meet each of these outstanding incoming members due to their attendance already at some meetings. Later in the newsletter is additional information about each, so you can get to know them even better.

After the induction, we will go to the fellowship hall to eat. Then, Graham Richardson, art teacher at CHS, will join us for a fun, creative, no talent needed art experience. Graham will provide the paint and brushes, Amanda the canvases.

If you have watched any TNSO or International videos or attended any Zoom meetings or will be attending one in the future as outlined later in this newsletter, please let me know, [dianealsop@comcast.net](mailto:dianealsop@comcast.net). We will get points on the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence for your attendance.

The TNSO Projects Committee has received a Lucille Cornetet Seminar Award for \$3064.00 to be used in hosting three regional workshops for early career educators. The nearest workshop will be at Falls Creek Falls State Park in Spencer, TN, 80 miles from Clinton. Please mark your calendars for November 16, 2024, so you don't miss this wonderful opportunity. More information will be available soon. If anyone attended the Early Career Educators Zoom meeting that was held on January 30, please be ready to share your experience at next Tuesday's meeting. I have heard that it was excellent.

Please note, the March meeting will take place in the JA Building near the entrance of Anderson County High School. Originally, this meeting was scheduled to be held at Aspire Park in South Clinton. The hostess committee is already thinking about the dinner, since whatever it is will be something easily served, but nice.

The weather forecast looks perfect for February 6, a wonderful evening for a Pi Chapter meeting. See you at 5:00 in the church chapel for the induction ceremony!

In harmony,  
Diane

## Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Diane Alsop
1 <sup>st</sup> VP .....	Amanda Powers
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP .....	Vikki Burns
Recording Sec.....	Ann Gann
Corres. Sec.....	Kathy Hurst
Parliamentarian.....	Linda McCune
Treasurer .....	Kathleen Benedict
Editors/Webmasters.....	Pat Stonecipher Chelsi Meredith

## Tuesday, February 6, 5 p.m.

Induction Ceremony in  
the Chapel

**5:20 p.m.**

### Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Memorial United Methodist  
Church – Fellowship Hall

### Hostesses

Marilyn Buckner, Paula  
Campbell, Susan Fowler, Ann  
Gann, and Pat Stonecipher

### Blessing

Ann Gann

### Inspiration

Paula Campbell

### Program

Graham Richardson at Clinton  
High School with a Bob Ross  
inspired evening

### Business

Isaiah House, Online  
Presentations, Deadlines

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy February Birthdays to:** Vikki Burns (2/19), Diana Alsop (2/27), and Susan Jonely (2/27)!

**Joys:**

Kaitlin Hall, her husband, and two children will welcome a new member of the family in July. Such happy news!!

Chelsi has graduated and has her dream position at Fairview Elementary School!

Chelsi was also nominated by the executive board and unanimously approved by the membership at the January meeting to become our Rosebud candidate! Congratulations Chelsi!

**Prayers of comfort and condolences:**

Shannon Cramblitt is recovering from a broken fibula. She had surgery later January. Please keep Shannon in your thoughts and prayers as she heals!

Louise Childress is recovering from a spill resulting in surgery for a broken hip. Please keep Louise in your thoughts and prayers as she heals.

Dr. Elaine Vaughan, 2021-2023 TNSO President, had surgery on her ankle that she injured in a fall. The surgery went well. She will be taking some time off from work to recover and care for her husband. Please keep Elaine and her husband in your thoughts and prayers.

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.



Save the Date! March 16<sup>th</sup>

Abbi Hill's baby shower will be at Idle Stone Farms!

We are so excited to meet you Baby Hill!

February 6<sup>th</sup> -- A "Bob Ross" type evening with Graham Richardson; Induction Ceremony

March 5<sup>th</sup> -- Junior Achievement and Aspire Park at JA Building

April 2<sup>nd</sup> -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz

Month May 7<sup>th</sup> -- Founders Day Banquet

# Pi Chapter Local News

## Meet our New Members!

Hi, my name is Kaitlin Hall and I teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade math and science at Andersonville Elementary School. I have been teaching for 8 years with experience in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. I was born in Michigan but grew up on the eastern plains of Colorado. It was there that I met my husband, Aaron. We welcomed our son, Noah, in the heart of 2020. He is an energetic and loving toddler who attends Pre-K at Andersonville with me. Family was a major reason we relocated to Tennessee. Aaron grew up and has family in Georgia, but we didn't want the heat of Georgia. We moved here in 2021 and then welcomed our daughter, Elizabeth, to the mix. She is a spitfire who makes us laugh every day. We recently found out we are pregnant with our third and are due in July of 2024!

I don't know the exact moment I wanted to become a teacher. When I went to college I kept picking careers that involved children. I considered becoming a pediatrician (I quickly realized I cannot do needles), a child psychologist, and eventually a teacher. My mom is also a teacher, which is probably what inspired me to consider this career. I grew up in the classroom helping her set it up each summer and getting to know her class lists as well as she did. I now have the pleasure of working with my sister-in-law, Jessy McClintock, at Andersonville. My hobbies include those of the kids right now. I love reading, exploring new playgrounds, and spending time on the lake.



**Kaitlyn Hall**



**Jessica (Jessy)  
McClintock**

I was born and raised on the eastern plains of Colorado. I went to a small rural high school with a graduating class of 60 people. During my senior year of high school, I had a science teacher who pushed me into the direction of teaching. I went to the University of Colorado at Denver, where I found my passion for teaching. I have taught 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades and have loved them all. I coincidentally married into a family of teachers. We uprooted our families 3 years ago and moved to Tennessee. My husband and I have one beautiful daughter and a rambunctious puppy. In our free time, we love working on house projects and exploring our new community.

I grew up in South Clinton. I have always loved school and my teachers, and I've wanted to teach for as long as I can remember. I was particularly drawn to teaching English Learners after working with ELs through my courses at UT. I had the opportunity to teach at Lonsdale Elementary and Clinton Elementary before moving to Austin, Texas. I'm now happy to be back home teaching English Learners at North Clinton and South Clinton. I love playing and reading books with my 5 months old daughter, Rho.



**Taylor Powers**

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# Treasurer's Report

January 2024 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,940.75
<b>Deposits</b> .....	+ 39.00
<b>VENMO Deposits</b> .....	+ 60.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 950.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,089.75

## TOTALS IN EACH FUND

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 1,316.00**

Balance 01-31-2024 Beginning Bal: 1,247.00 + 69.00 Happy Jar = 1,316.00 [Only \$185.00 needed to reach goal of \$1500.00!!] *Thank you!*

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

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

**Balance 08-30-2023 3,374.17 – 699.37 DKG bags for 3 years, Jinx Logos +175.00 [Early Career Educators pmt. For 23-24 = 2,849.80**

**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 01-31-2024**

**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees\*..... 0.00 01-31-2024 0.00**

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

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

Balance 01-31-2024 = 298.10

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

Balance 01-31-2024 307.24 *Thank you!*

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 1,318.61**

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

Balance 01/31/2024 = 2,238.61+ 30.00 donations to Isaiah House [ V. Curtis 20.00; S. K. Hurst 50.00; Ramsey 10.00] – 500.00 donation to Isaiah House, Clinton, TN – 400.00 Pi Chapter Donations [Golden Gift, -50.00; World Fellowship Fund, -50.00; Educational Projects Fund DKG Society International – 100.00; Governor's Literacy Foundation (Imagination Library) TNSO DKG – 100.00; Vision Foundation TNSO DKG -100.00]; Silent Auction Contribution for TNSO 2024 Convention – 50.00 = 1,318.61

**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,089.75**

**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 01-31-2024 = 210.00

[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

**[\*When the goal of \$1,500.00 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

Now is the time to be establishing your new slate of chapter officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. State level training for Chapter President, First Vice President/EEC Chair, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and Chapter Treasurer will be held in West Tennessee on March 23, 2024 at Southside High School, 84 Harts Bridge Rd., Jackson, TN 38301; in East Tennessee on April 6, 2024 at Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918; and in Middle Tennessee on April 20, 2024 at Goodpasture Christian School, 619 West Due West Ave., Madison, TN 37115. Access the registration form here:

<https://forms.gle/U67a32GVAuxj6Ssz5>

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.

**Beta Eta Chapter Zoom Meeting with Gail Goolsby, 2/8/24 at 4:30 P.M. Central Time.**

Gail Goolsby will be sharing about her 7-year tenure as principal/ Director of the Kabul International School from 2005-2012. She has written her memoir UNVEILED TRUTH and will be sharing her successes and failures as an educator living in a foreign country like Afghanistan. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88935082941?pwd=bFVCa3lXbjFHAm9KNUVhTIVoZ09Fdz09>

**The International Administrative Board is asking all members to complete a survey on member engagement. Members who submit the survey by February 9, 2024 will be entered into a drawing for a significant discount on the registration for the 2024 International Convention.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8ZDQ5N>

**The Arts and Personal Growth Committee is presenting a Zoom workshop on Relaxation Techniques and Chair Yoga on 2/12/24 at 6:00 P.M Central Time. Here is the Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565438422?pwd=UTZ6MGx6M0o1cEQrZ0t2d3A0Q0svQT09>

**International Arts and Humanities submissions for Spring Gallery due 2/15/24**

**Convention Workshop Proposals due 3/15/24**

<https://forms.gle/zTuCpBFpjtVXv3up6>

**High School Essay Contest Submissions due 2/29/24 (see details under News of Committees - State Projects)**

**U.S Forum Registration Deadline - 2/23/24. See attached Forum Connection Newsletter and Registration Form.**

**Application for International Committees - Deadline 3/1/24**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck8KSBFIbBcXbIUP6nCn8sNDDxHv7OqU3oBTTIeq6XGZdEKQ/viewform>

**TNSO Convention, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN - 5/30-6/1, 2024 (See details under News of Committees - Convention Steering) Registration form can be accessed here:**

<https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>



## State and International News

**Outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents will be presented at the Presidents' Banquet on Friday, May 31.**

**Be planning your chapter displays which will be set up in Convocation Hall on Thursday, May 30.**

**See attachment below for hostess chapters assigned to the 2024 convention.**

*Please also check out the Chapter Presidents' Information and News from Committees below. This section just includes those items/events with quickly approaching deadlines.*

**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. It is available at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).

**FORUM ON THE TNDKG WEBSITE!** Our State Webmaster, Sherrie Collins, has created 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.

### 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)

## DKG News Continued:

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

1) We have confirmed the Venue in the Village at Casey Jones Village in Jackson for **September 27-28, 2024**, for our Art Retreat. We will send out more information about the price and availability of motels by April. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come for a weekend of fun, fellowship and creativity!

2) The committee would like to urge our talented members to participate in the Arts and Humanities Gallery of DKG. The application and information are on the DKG website <https://gallery.dkg.org/>. Deadline for the application is **February 15, 2024**. Don't be shy; let's show the other states how talented we are in Tennessee.

3) The Arts and Personal Growth Committee will be hosting a Zoom meeting on **Monday, February 12 at 6:00 P.M. Central Time**. This meeting will be designed to help show you some de-stressing and meditation techniques. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565438422?pwd=UTZ6MGx6M0o1cEQrZ0t2d3A0Q0svQT09>

4) We would like to get together this spring for an outing. If your town or area has any special production we could see, please contact Harriet King at [hking13@outlook.com](mailto:hking13@outlook.com) with the information. TPAC will be presenting the Broadway production of Annie March 27-30, 2024. Romeo and Juliet will be performed by the Nashville Ballet April 20-21, 2024. Either of these would need to have tickets secured soon.

### **Beth Naylor and the Awards Committee:**

The **Rosebud Nominations are due by March 15, 2024**. The Rosebud Award shall be presented at convention to a member having five or fewer years of membership and exhibits outstanding service to her community, chapter, and state organization, as well as an interest in the international Society.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DBY6BFayVdQO3zUlcL-IcJ68KN-xELuS3ySphvHSTqk/edit?usp=sharing>

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

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. The deadline for proposing changes to the Bylaws and Rules in **April 1, 2024. OUR UPDATE IS DUE ON THIS DATE.**

### **TNSO 2nd VP Terry Sharp and the Convention Steering Committee:**

The time has come to start registering for the 2024 TNSO Convention! We've opted to keep our registration, lodging and meals at the same prices as last year. And, as in previous years, you have the option of completing the online google form for registration, or the Excel sheet, which will calculate your costs for you. I'm encouraging chapters to host registration events as part of their monthly programs between now and May 6th. If I can provide any assistance, please reach out to me.

Here's the link for online registration: <https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>

## DKG News Continued:

**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.

*Note: The Legislation Committee sponsored two legislative events in January, 2024: "A Virtual Workshop on Navigating the Legislative Website" on January 8 and "An Evening with Chris Ford - Effectively Communicating with Legislators" on January 22. If your chapter had even one member who attended one of these events, you can earn 5 points on the Maycie Award. Five additional points can be earned by attending chapter-sponsored legislative 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.
- **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.

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:**

Happy Valentine's Day from the Nominations Committee! Valentine's is a holiday focused on people we love. I know you will agree with me that many of the people we love are those we have met through our Tennessee State Organization of DKG.

One way many of us express love is through service. During this Valentine's season, think of how you can serve your DKG sisters as an officer or on an elected committee. You can serve as President, First or Second Vice Presidents, or Recording or Corresponding Secretaries or with membership on one of the four TSO elected committees—Nominations, Personnel, Finance, or the Vision Foundation. Applications are accepted through October 31, 2024. You could make a valuable contribution to the Tennessee State Organization in the 2025-27 biennium.

Applications are available on the TSO website at <https://www.tndkg.org/forms> or by using the QR code found in the attachment below.



## State and International News Continued

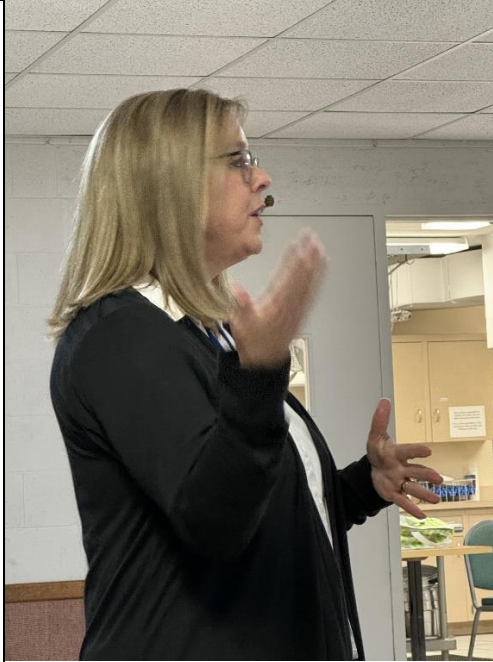
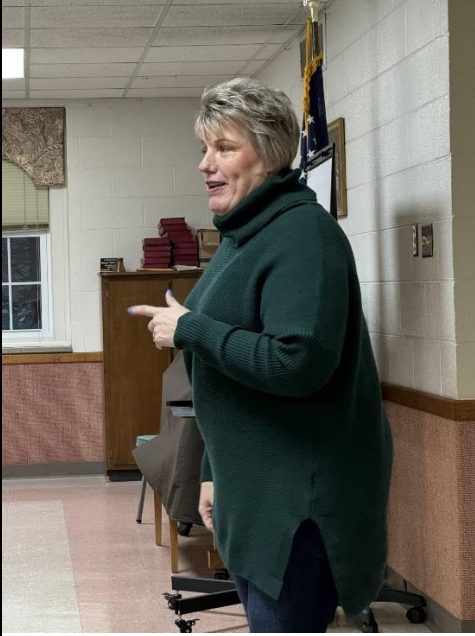
### **Mary Wadley and the TNSO State Projects Committee**

**EXCITING NEW STATE PROJECT** - The TNSO State Projects Committee has received a Lucile Cornetet Seminar Award in the amount of \$3064.00 to host three regional workshops for early career educators in the fall of 2024. **Workshops have been scheduled for September 21, 2024, at St. Columba Retreat in Memphis, October 26, 2024 at The Dwelling Place in White Bluff, and November 16, 2024 at Falls Creek Falls State Park.** Stay tuned for more details coming soon!! This is a positive step forward in our mission of supporting educators and excellence in education.

### **Upcoming Events and Due Dates**

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 January Meeting







Thanks to Kelly Johnson, Director of Schools,  
Clinton City Schools, for providing our program!