



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**

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Dear Sisters,

February, the shortest month of the year and the only month that sometimes has no full moon, yet so packed full of holidays and events including upcoming events and deadlines occurring in February and March for Pi Chapter as listed:

EVENTS

- February 9** - Webinar on Suggested Realignment of Areas and the Reinstatement Project, 8 pm <https://forms.gle/sWjAUgrpU8X99jq2A>
- February 21** – 70th Birthday Celebration of Alpha Epsilon, 4:30-7:00
- February 23** - Virtual Legislative Symposium Zoom, 8 pm
<https://forms.gle/rmj7u1B42bLMyuFv5>
- February 28** – TNSO Essay Contest Entries due
- March 6** - Legislative in-Person Prep Rally, 6:00 pm CST, Strayer U., Nashville (more information included below)
- March 7** - Day on the Hill (more information included below)

MARCH 15 DEADLINES for the following submissions:

- Last day to submit answers to questions for *MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION VIDEOS/narration scripts* found on the first page of tndkg.org website below Elaine Vaughan’s photo. We have one person who has completed all fifteen modules. The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence points and Chapter Marketing Award are earned as follows: completion by 2 members earns 10 points; 4 members, 20 points; and 6 members, 30 points. It is easy to do, and there is so much knowledge about the society to be gained. State President Elaine Vaughan completed the questions last year. Let Pat Stonecipher know if you complete the 15 modules or if you have any questions. She submits this information to the state for the Marketing Award for our chapter. At minimum, it would be nice to have at least one more member complete the modules.
- Communications Award – Pat Stonecipher
- Order of the Rose – Patsye Thurmon
- Rosebud Award – Amanda Powers
- Chapter History – Historical Archives Committee
- EEC Corner Spotlight (100 words or less describing a chapter program or project) - Amanda Powers

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Hostesses
Ann Gann, Marilyn Buckner,
Paula Campbell, Kathy Hurst,
Patsye Thurmon, Susan Fowler

Inspiration
Pat Aldridge

Program
Josh Anderson, Anderson
County Commissioner, Local
Educational Issues

Business
Legislative Symposium
Update
TNSO DKG Essay Contest
Advanced Leadership
Informaion
Symposium Information



Pi Chapter Local News

The Pi Chapter Essay Committee has been busy this past month continuing to connect with the elementary, middle school and high school contacts, making sure that all AC and Clinton schools have the information needed to submit essays. Kathleen has updated all Pi Chapter's contact information on dkg.org, international's website, and sent it to TNSO Executive Secretary Jenni Lusk as an extra precaution. This was quite a commitment of her precious time. Pat Aldridge has been working and will continue to work with Chapter Strengthening Committee Chairperson Beverly Hall on the Reinstatement Campaign. More information concerning this campaign will be available on the webinar scheduled for February 9. Thanks to all for keeping Pi Chapter afloat!

Andrea Townsend updated progress on Isaiah House 1:17: "We served 25 children this month at the DCS office. The DCS office moved to Oak Ridge officially, so it's been a little bit of a transition. We have the land cleared and graded and footers are being done this weekend. If the rain holds off! We will start volunteer training in April." (See picture later in this newsletter.)

Josh Anderson, chairman of the Anderson County Commission will be with us on February 7. Louise Childress, our member to whom our yearbook was dedicated, will be honored. Pat Aldridge has been working on a fun membership activity. Patsye and committee will also be planning the 80th Birthday Celebration. In March, we'll find out what we need to do for our indoor and outdoor springtime plants.

Our February hostess committee will be ready and waiting to start serving food at 5:00. It's fine if you can't be there by then, just join us whenever you arrive.

From the heart,
Diane



Future Programs

February –Josh Anderson, Anderson County Commissioner, Local Educational Issues

March – Amy Morrow, "All Things Houseplants" and Maegan Elliott "Planter Plants; Legislative Update

April – Jazzy Dragons (in Honor of Jazz month); Induction of New Members

May – Founders' Day/ 80th Birthday Celebration with Becky Sadowski

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for Pi Chapter sisters facing some of life's trials.

Joys to:

Laura Phillips is home! Her address is 12008 Poplar Meadow Lane, Knoxville, TN 37932. Go, Laura!

Abbi is scheduled to be awarded her ED.S. this year. Go, Abbi!

Happy February Birthdays to: Vikki Burns (19th), Diane Alsop and Susan Jonely (27th)

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

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES

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



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

Dear Pi Chapter,

Hello, members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. My name is Denette Jackson, and I am a registered nurse at the University of Tennessee College of Nursing. I am working on the Community Registered Nurse Navigator (CRNN) project, which is a grant funded by the Tennessee Department of Health. The purpose of this project is to discover the barriers to routine immunizations. Our target populations are ages two and younger and 50 and older. While the Covid vaccine is a life-saving vaccine, we are focused on routine vaccines like MMR, Polio, Shingles, Flu, Pneumonia, Tdap, etc.

When brainstorming with Josh Anderson, he mentioned that your organization was well respected, and its members connected to the community. I am reaching out to you to ask for your help with this project and our overarching goal, to make Anderson County a healthier place to live.

Currently, we have two surveys: one for parents of children 18 and younger and one for adults 19 and older. Collecting surveys is one way that I can better understand the barriers folks experience. Another way to help with this project is by connecting me to people who might distribute these surveys - a warm handoff or a name mention goes a long way in the South. Finally, it would be helpful if you could invite me to, or let me know of, events or meetings in Anderson County. I am interested in surveying folks in Anderson County who have might have barriers such as transportation issues, language barriers, financial barriers, education, etc.

As I am collecting data regarding the barriers to routine immunizations, I am also working in the community to provide education and make vaccines more accessible. If you can help in any of these ways, please reach out to me at Djacks75@utk.edu. Additionally, if you would like to see our surveys or pass those along, I'd be happy to send them to you as printable copies or a link.

As a resident of Anderson County and a mother of two Clinton High School students, I want to say how grateful I am for educators and your commitment to our county and community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

To take the survey, please scan the QR code below to be taken to the website.



QR Code to Project Survey

Survey is anonymous

TAKE OUR SURVEY

Scan the QR code with the camera on your device.

Paper copies also available.

Who We Are

About Us

We are a group of Tennesseans with a passion for public health, and a passion for this great state. Through the resources provided by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Health, we aim to make this state healthier and stronger for future generations.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
COLLEGE OF NURSING

The University of Tennessee Community Registered Nurse Navigator Project aims to discover barriers to immunizations that different communities are facing across the state. Nurse Navigators are working in the communities in which they live to find these unique barriers.

This is where You come in!

By taking a short survey, you will be helping our Nurse Navigators identify needs and work toward eliminating barriers in Tennessee and increasing the strength and health of our communities.

Thank you for your participation!

COMMUNITY
REGISTERED
NURSE
NAVIGATOR
Child Immunization

Project Grant Funded by the Tennessee
Department of Health

Treasurer's Report

January 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	7,071.05
Deposits	+ 154.66
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 37.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	7,188.71

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **1,168.40**

Balance 01-31-2023 Beginning Bal: 1,131.40 + 37.00 Happy Jar = 1,168.40

<u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u>	3,324.17
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...	

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*..... **0.01**

Balance 01-31-2023 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u>	298.10
Balance 01-31-2023 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **219.24**

Balance 01-31-2023 219.24

<u>AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND.....</u>	2,178.79
<u>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</u>	
01-31-2023 Beginning Bal. 2,098.13 + 85.00 dues + 31.66 dues – 25.00 admission fee for Diane Alsop to Advanced Leadership Seminar, March 3, 4 – 12.00 Reimbursement to Pat Aldridge for roses for January Initiation + 1.00 Schools for Africa = 2,178.79	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **7,188.71**

<u>Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund</u> (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 12-31-2022 = 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.]

Treasurer's Report

Pi Chapter Dues Remain at 85.00 for 15th Year!!

Pi Chapter Dues 2023-2024

- **February 1, 2023** Treasurer will begin collecting dues for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Dues will remain at 85.00 for Active members and 27.00 for Reserve members. Treasurer will collect dues at the February meeting.
- If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa, the Hazel McCreary Fund, or any other fund, the donated amount may be added to the 85.00 dues amount. The donation is not required, only voluntary, as some members like to donate to these causes when they pay dues. **All members have until May 31, 2023 to pay dues.**
- **March 1, 2024** Treasurer will send out invoices to any members who have not paid dues to date. The invoice will serve as a hard copy reminder of the due date of **May 31, 2023**.
- **July 1, 2024** Treasurer pays Pi Chapter member dues to DKG International and to TN State Organization DKG.

Methods of Paying Pi Chapter Dues:

Check made out to: **Pi Chapter DKG**

**Pay at meeting, cash or check OR Mail a check to:
Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918**

VENMO

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 Password: 1646
You can go to www.venmo.com for more information.

Pi Chapter Local News

Membership News



We are so pleased to have 3 new members in our chapter! Look for the article “Meet Our New Members” to learn more about them. Their contact information is also included below.. We hope to take in more members in April. If you have anyone you think might enjoy being a member, please invite them to the February or March meeting. I will have forms for prospective members available at the meeting on Tuesday night.

If you were not at the January meeting or did not submit your little known fact about yourself, it's not too late to be included. Just send them to me no later than noon on Monday. I will have the list of facts at the meeting, and we'll have fun seeing how well we know one another. Don't forget to give me your name. You can email them to phaldrige73@gmail.com or text them to (865) 771-6257.

Submitted by Pat Aldridge

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Progress on Isaiah House construction

Please continue to help support this most important service for the foster children in our area!

Pi Chapter Local News



Meet Our New Members

Vicki Bible

Vicki grew up in Greeneville, TN and attended Greeneville Christian Academy for elementary and middle school. She graduated from Greeneville High School and got a Bachelors in Environmental Health from ETSU. After getting married, she worked as an environmental consultant in Memphis and Knoxville for several years. Once they had their first child, Vicki stayed home with her children. When they were attending Clinton Elementary, she volunteered there and then began working as a substitute teacher. This led to her going back to a Masters in Education from Tusculum University. Vicki has been teaching 4th grade math and science at Clinton Elementary for the last 8 years.

Vicki and her husband live in Clinton and have 2 daughters who both graduated from Clinton High School. One is an engineer getting her Masters at UT. The other daughter is in nursing school at UT. Vicki loves to read, walk or run outside, do barre and yoga. The family is getting a puppy so they soon will be busy with all that involves.

Lorrie Irwin

Lorrie grew up in Claxton and went to Claxton Elementary, Clinton Junior High and Clinton High School. Her first career was in marketing at ORAU. When she had her youngest child, she made the decision to stay home with her children. When her oldest was in kindergarten, she volunteered at South Clinton Elementary and was asked to take an interim TA position. That led to her getting a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Tusculum College and a Masters in Instructional Technology from Wilkes College. She taught 1st grade for 13 years and is currently the technology coach and teacher for Clinton City Schools. Lorrie has been with Clinton City Schools for 24 years.

Lorrie and her husband Ron live in South Clinton and have 2 adult children who are both teachers. Their daughter Taylor teaches kindergarten in Austin, Texas, and their son Hunter teaches history in Union County. Lorrie announced at our last meeting that she is going to be a grandparent. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, hiking and camping. Now an empty nester, she is obsessed with her golden doodle Bailey. She wants to sharpen her sewing skills and learn to quilt.

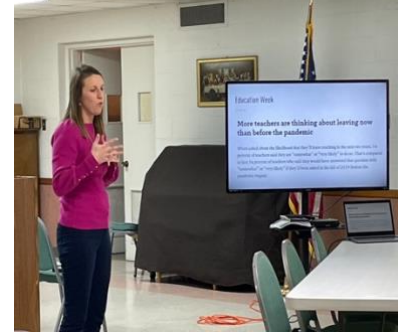
Jackie Stephan

Anderson County has always been home to Jackie. She was born in Oak Ridge, grew up in Clinton and has lived in Norris for 25 years with her husband Bob and their Jack Russell, Rosie. Jackie attended Glen Alpine Elementary and Norris High School where Pat Hamilton Aldridge was her sophomore English teacher. She always knew she wanted to be a teacher and never considered any other career. She received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from UT Knoxville. Her first job was at Rosedale Elementary for 4 years, and then she moved to Andersonville Elementary where she taught 1st and 2nd grade, but most of her years were spent as a kindergarten teacher. Jackie recently retired but has returned to work as a substitute and an educational assistant. Currently she is serving as an interim 1st grade teacher at Andersonville.

Bob and Jackie have one son, Robert, who is also an Anderson County teacher. They are the proud grandparents of 14 month old Jack. In her spare time, Jackie enjoys traveling, reading, hiking and sewing. She wants to learn fly fishing and how to tie trout flies so she can share these activities with her husband.

Moments from Our January Meeting

Jeni Irwin, Vice Principal, ACHS, "New Teacher Institute/Teacher Retention Members "Special Objects", and New Member Induction Ceremony





State and International News

DKG Tennessee News February Edition

The February DKG Tennessee News is now available for viewing at the state website, www.tndkg.org/ More. Every member should receive the February DKG Tennessee News in the mail. Why not check out the DKG Tennessee News now by going to the state website? The February issue highlights the nominees for state offices and elected committees as well as the registration for the 87th Tennessee State Convention. Please keep in mind that the April edition will only be available on-line. Chapter members, please print a copy for your members who do not have the internet available. This might be a great time to visit or call upon members in the chapter and take the printed edition to them. State editor, Michelle Steen, has created a flipbook version of the DKG Tennessee News. Directions are listed on the website.

Future Convention

87th Tennessee State Convention 2023—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 1-3, 2023

The registration link for the Google Form is: <https://forms.gle/wPc3n4qBrWHBEHAf7>

You may either use the Google Form registration link or the electronic digital registration. Both forms for the Tennessee State Convention are now available at www.tndkg.org under *About Us/ 2023 State Convention*. You do have a third option in which you could use the registration form in the February edition of the *DKG Tennessee News*. If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson.

Christen Ball Virtual Music Concert

Presenter: Christen Ball, New Member Alpha Nu Date: February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST
Christen is a music artist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist in the Nashville area. She also teaches music lessons in a private setting. Christen will be performing some of the “oldies, but goodies” along with many of her own songs. Christen and her husband, Michael, provided the entertainment for the Creative Arts Retreat in the fall.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/f5ouPD72a1kx5cqs8>

Legislative Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

TNSO Virtual Legislative Symposium Presenters: Legislative Committee

Legislative Education and Legislation February and March 2023

Beginning in 1979, TNSO DKG has recognized the value of communicating directly with our state and federal legislators, particularly in support of our students and teachers. Members of the committee will host the Legislative Symposium in February and the Legislative Prep Rally followed by the Day on the Hill in March.

Legislative Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

TNSO Virtual Legislative Symposium Presenters: Legislative Committee

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration link for the Virtual Legislative Symposium: <https://forms.gle/rmj7u1B42bLMYuFv5>

State and International News

Legislation Monday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. CST TNSO In-Person Prep Rally Presenters: Legislative Committee Monday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. CST at Strayer University, Nashville

The Legislative “Prep Rally” is a time for DKG members to learn about the most effective ways to communicate with legislators and to hear more about education happenings in the General Assembly this year.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker will be Chris Ford. Chris is the principal of Ford Strategy, a strategy firm primarily engaged by nonprofit, healthcare, children’s advocacy , environmental and civil rights organizations and clients in the music and entertainment industry. Chris is a graduate of Harvard University, where he completed his undergraduate degree after transferring from East Tennessee State University and is the only cultural Appalachian ever appointed to Harvard Divinity School’s SLI Leadership Institute, a cadre consisting of civil rights and economic development leaders from throughout the globe. The father of one daughter and grandfather of three, he divides his time between East Nashville and East Tennessee where he proudly hails from nine generations of Cocke County ancestors.

Further information will be available for registration for the “Prep Rally” near the beginning of March. There are many hotels available in the Downtown Nashville area. Please contact Amber Roberts (amber.roberts2@knoxschools.org) with any questions.

Legislation Tuesday, March 7, Nashville

Day on the Hill: A time for attending committee meetings and/or visiting with state senators and representatives. It is suggested that you schedule an appointment to meet with your legislators. There will be a room for debriefing available in the afternoon at the Cordell Hull Building. Please contact Amber Roberts (amber.roberts2@knoxschools.org) for further information on any of the legislative events. Our state legislators appreciate our communications with them. Our participation is necessary as we model effective participation to our students, schools, and communities. Please join the State Legislative Committee as we keep moving forward “From the Heart”.

Legislation Due March 15, 2023

Legislative Award: The Legislative Committee is also offering the Legislative Award for the 2022-2023 year. The form may be found on the state website *Resources/Chapter Forms & Reports*. Please submit form to Karla Mullins (kmullins55@gmail.com).

First Vice-President Marsha Brewer Due March 15, 2023

Call for Workshops at State Convention

It is never too early to be thinking about presenting a workshop at the TNSO Convention in Sewanee, Tennessee on June 2, 2023. We hope to be able to offer a variety of sessions that will appeal to both active and retired teachers of all ages. Some recent suggestions from our “Young DKG” members include making seasonal wreaths or arrangements, presentation by a TEA representative, a legislative panel, a session on self-defense, and workshops/programs dealing with social issues. Please offer your expertise on these or other relevant and creative topics. The deadline for workshop proposals will be March 15, 2023, and the proposal form can be found on www.tndkg.org under “Calendar”.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT IS: Have I gotten a newsletter from State or International lately? You probably haven't thought about that. So now that it has been brought to your attention, have you? If you haven't, you probably need to update your membership information at International. Here's how: Dkg.org, sign-in with your 6-digit username, then password (if you have trouble, representatives are there to help through chat or you can actually talk to a real person if you call), access the menu in the upper right and then go to MyDKG. While you're there, look around. Lots of good stuff!

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