



Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

Our hearts are sad that Vera Jo is no longer with us, but our joy comes in our personal memories of her kind, encouraging and generous nature. Vera Jo set a great example of wife, mother, educator and DKG sister. Her spirit is with us, encouraging us to do our best in all areas of our lives and to appreciate more the value of being a DKG member.

What an excellent January meeting! Although our attendance was down, those present enjoyed several delicious soups and a heartwarming program. Hoppy Merryman shared with us the goals and activities of GEAR UP TN grant and encouraged us to become involved in grant activities. AC students and teachers are very fortunate to have this resource. Contact Hoppy (amerryman@acs.ac) to become involved.

We did not discuss the new collegiate membership. Since this is an International Constitution change, we only decide if we will begin to seek out potential collegiate members. If you have comments or ideas to share on this new membership, please direct them to me (adgann@comcast.net) or Membership Chair, Rachel Pemberton (rpemberton@acs.ac).

The important business for February is the changing of our fiscal year. This is an International Constitution change and must be implemented. Our Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict, and the Finance Committee will answer questions and talk about a new timeline to collect 2019 dues.

Remember through the coming days....“If you can’t find the sunshine, Be the sunshine.”

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Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Ann Gann
1 st VP	Rhonda Phillips
2 nd VP	Linda McCune
Recording Sec.....	Patsye Thurmon
Corres. Sec.....	Laura Phillips
Parliamentarian.....	Susan Fowler
Treasurer	Kathleen Benedict
Editor /Webmaster.....	Pat Stonecipher

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration
Cheryl Harris

Hostesses
Pam Allen (Coordinator), Laura Boden, Lucy Van Cleve, Karen Long, Rhonda F. Phillips, Amanda Weaver, Mary Pat Williams

Program
Alzheimer’s Awareness

Business
Fiscal Year Restructuring

Remember to Bring



1. Change for Change Donations
2. Box Tops for Education
3. Your smile! (Pictures will be taken at the next three meetings.)



Wear your DKG pin with pride!

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Spotlight on Members RIP Vera Jo Henegar 1931-2019

Vera Jo's DKG life in numbers:

Vera Jo always said to us –Never say no to serving in DKG. Her love of our Society, its mission and purposes as well as her DKG sisters is evident in her life of service. She said yes to being involved at all levels of our Society and shared her DKG knowledge and pride with us.

3 state offices: Recording Sec., 2nd VP and President

4 chapter offices: Parliamentarian (1978-92, 1994-2008), Nominations, Cor. Sec., President (3)

3 special awards: Xi State Achievement Award (1997), Order of the Iris (2012), Visionary member (2012)

6 International committees

18 TN State committees

22 Pi Chapter committees

13 International Conventions

16 Regional Conventions

39 TN State Conventions

59 workshops and Legislative Seminars – often as guest speaker

18 guest speaker at chapter meetings across state

Through Vera Jo's leadership and encouragement, Pi Chapter has been a very active chapter at state level. Let's continue the legacy – make plans to attend our state convention and/or our regional convention. Volunteer to serve on a state committee and develop friendships with liked minded women educators. ...*Ann Gann*



Vera Jo and Kelly Anne, her granddaughter.



The 'Look' and the "Smile"

Pi Chapter Local News



Always the center of Pi Chapter



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Joys and Concerns

Happy February Birthdays to: Vikki Burns (2nd), Diane Alsop and Susan Jonely (27th).

Condolences to Pi Chapter member, Louise Childress, upon the death of her husband of 68 years, Fred Gray Childress, 91, of Norris. The Celebration of Life booklet described Fred as a soft-spoken man who will be remembered as a man of high intelligence, gentle wisdom, ultimate patience, and a caring spirit;...with a voice that envied even the angels. Please accept our prayers for your loss, Louise.

Condolences to the family of Vera Jo Henegar upon her death on January 22, 2019. Please keep the family 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 (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

- We are responsible for cleaning up and returning room to original setup (if tables and chairs are moved). Trash bags removed from cans to storage room.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton (r_pemberton@acs.ac) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

International Convention Votes to Align Dues to Fiscal Year - 2019-2020 Dues to Be Paid Before June 30, 2019

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International voted at the International Convention in Austin, Texas, this past summer to amend *the Constitution and International Standards* regarding member dues. The approved amendment requires each chapter's fiscal year to begin on July 1 of each calendar year and end on June 30 of the next calendar year. **So, by 2019, member dues will align with the fiscal year, with a payment deadline of June 30, 2019. Throughout DKG Society Membership, from now until June 30, 2019, members will pay dues (in our case, Pi Chapter, 85.00) by June 30, 2019. This new rule gives all DKG members 4-5 months to pay for 2019-2020 dues. Yes, I will work with each member in any way needed! You can make four dues payments of 21.25 each; Feb., Mar., Apr., and May to total 85.00. Or three payments of 28.33 each - three months of your choosing to total 85.00. Or if you want to make other kinds of payments, 40.00 + 45.00 = 85.00 two times. Fine. As always, I will do it. On the bright side, you will not owe dues again until March, 2020.**

I understand that it is often necessary to make budget or financial adjustments for the betterment of the organization. This is a little inconvenient, but, hey, we are DKG! We can do it!!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646

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Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2019-2019

Current total for this year: \$70.19
Last Collections for this year will be at our February and March meetings.



Focus on our Charter Members



To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, each month through May we will learn a little about our charter members. You will notice that we do not have information on all of them. If you are interested in genealogy and have access to records through a service such as Ancestry, it would be wonderful to find out about these sisters!

Elizabeth Holt - (March 24, 1901-Dec. 19, 1992) Served as chapter treasurer from 1948-1951. Taught school for 48 years in LaFollette, Harriman and Anderson County Schools. She retired in 1966 from Shinliver Elementary where she was teaching 1st grade. After retirement, she traveled extensively, visiting most of the 50 states and several foreign countries

Carrie Lou Goddard - (Aug. 4, 1911-Feb. 25, 1999) Born in Blount County. Died in North Carolina and is buried there.

Committee News



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

Reminder: Linda McCune will be taking photos for next year's DKG yearbook beginning this month and continuing in March and April. Too many of our existing photos are in varying formats and orientations making them very difficult to use in our membership directory. Linda will only be taking photos before our meeting in February (commitment later that evening), but plans to be available both before and after meetings in March and April. Pictures will be head shots only from shoulders up. Smile!! :)

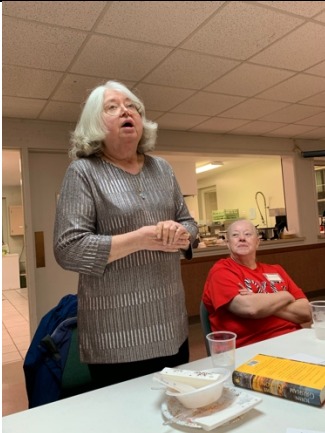
Submitted by Linda McCune

Delta Kappa Gamma provided snacks for the new teachers at their New Teacher Institute meeting on November. Cookies, Chex Mix, bottled water, and chocolate (of course!) were delivered to Clinton Middle School, ACHS, and Clayton for their grade level meetings.

Submitted by Pam Allen

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Moments from our January Meeting



Xi State News International News

New Look for Xi State Website

Congratulations to Xi State Webmaster Jaime Kerns for updating our state organization website! Please take time to check it out (same web address – www.xistate.org) and familiarize yourself with the new design. It is both inviting and user-friendly. As we are making the transition, please contact me at elaineGalexander@comcast.net if you cannot locate information you may need. We look forward to using the new site!

Nomination for the Xi State Order of the Rose

Application Deadline: March 15, 2019

Pi Chapter has several members who have made *outstanding contributions to chapter and community*, but who have not received recognition at the state level through other means and have been an active participating member for *at least 15 years (member since 2004)*. A list of chapter Order of the Rose recipients is in our yearbook. Please submit your suggestions to an officer by Feb. meeting.

Dates to Remember

March 5 & 6, 2019 – Xi State Legislative Seminar (Maxwell House Millennium Hotel)

March 15-16, 2019 – Advanced Leadership Seminar

May 20 – June 1, 2019 – Xi State Convention

June 27-29, 2019 – International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Asheville, NC



EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT UPDATE

As of January 15, 2019 the Virginia Senate ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). It remains for the Virginia House of Representatives to ratify ERA. In the previous Virginia legislative session a majority of the members of the House and the Senate signed on as cosponsors of ERA.

In addition to the action in Virginia, Georgia is actively considering ratification of the amendment. As of January 30, 2019 Georgia legislators have been discussing ERA. In Georgia ratification has support of both a Democratic state senator as well as a Republican state senator. Only one more state needs to ratify ERA in order for it to become part of the Constitution. Once one more state ratifies the amendment, the U.S. Congress will have a decision to make. Congress can either change the deadline for ratification or draft a new amendment. It is possible that whichever action is taken may be taken to court.

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