



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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From the Heart 2020-2022



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Sisters,
Brighter days are ahead!

On February 1, 2022, the sun will rise at 7:34 a.m. and will set at 6:08 p.m.. That is 10 hours and 34 minutes of sunlight. By the end of February, we will see 11 hours and 28 minutes of sunlight each day (assuming it isn't cloudy)! Can we speak for everyone by saying we love the longer hours of daylight as we march toward the time change (can you believe we are still doing that?) on March 13, 2022. By the end of March, the daylight will last more than 12.5 hours. (For more info, check out this website: <https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/usa/atlanta>)

We hope you will be able to join us for our February meeting at ACCTC in the Culinary Arts Banquet room. We will be starting the meeting at 5:00 to accommodate our program with the Horticulture instructor, Amanda Massengill, and some of her students at the school to see how we can utilize those extra hours of daylight in the coming months. After the program we will have a meal (ham sandwiches, pasta and potato salad, and dessert) and a brief business meeting in the Culinary Arts Banquet room. We look forward to learning what we need to do to prepare our planting beds and gardens for spring and talking about the plants that will do best for us in our individual growing environments (mine is shady but hot in the summer months). Unfortunately, due to the nature of the meeting, we will not be offering a ZOOM option to participate.

The newsletter has many of the upcoming events with TNSO, including the Legislative Symposium on February 22, the Prep Rally for The Day on the Hill (March 1), and The Day on the Hill (March 3). We urge you to participate in these events as we have seen an increase in attacks on public education by the TN Legislature.

But for now, we do hope you can join us in person at 5:00 on February 1 at ACCTC.

Vikki and Abbi

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

5:00 p.m.

ACCTC

Culinary Arts Banquet Room

Inspiration

Terri Gilbert

Program/Business

A Time to Plant

Legislative Symposium
Updates



Don't forget to send your videotaped recording of your favorite children's book to Chelsi Meredith cdmeredith2014@gmail.com by February 15.

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for: Judy Miller upon the loss of her husband, John Miller. His obituary can be found here <https://www.holleygamble.com/obituary/john-miller>

Happy February Birthday 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 (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Notes Regarding Pi Chapter Regular Fund Operating Budget:

Some important dates:

- February 1, 2022 – I will start collecting membership dues for the 2022-2023 year. Dues remain at 85.00 for Active Members; 27.00 for Reserve Members. I will collect dues at the February 1 meeting. If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa Fund or any other fund, please add the donated amount to the 85.00. The donation is not required, only voluntary, as some members like to donate to these causes when they pay dues. All members have until June 1, 2022 to pay dues.
- March 15, 2022 - I will send out invoices March 15, 2022 to any members who have not paid by that date. I hope that an INVOICE will serve as a hard copy reminder that could be posted.
- June 1, 2022 – Dues for 2022-2023 due to be paid to treasurer.
- July 1, 2022 – Pi Chapter Dues paid to DKG International Society

Methods of Payment:

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

mailed 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.

Treasurer's Report

January 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,395.30
Deposits	+ 123.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 000.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,518.30

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 689.17

Beginning Balance 1-31-2022 651.17 + 38.00 Happy Jar = 689.17

<u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u>	3,380.00
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 1-31-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u>	298.10
Balance 1-31-2022 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **146.24**

Balance 1-31-2022 146.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	2,004.78
<u>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</u> Beginning balance 1-31-2022 = 1,919.78 + 85.00 dues = 2,004.78	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,518.30**

<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 1-31-2022 = 210.00 [This fund part of the Regular Fund.]
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[*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.]

Dues 2022-2023 and Donations

(Deposited but records kept separately until July 2022.)

Member	Dues	Grant	Schools for Africa	Other Fund?
1. Patsye Thurmon	85.00	15.00		
2. Susan Jonely	85.00	15.00		

Pi Chapter Local News

Notes from the Presidents *Time Dated Information*

Due Date: February 1, 2022

State Scholarship

The Tennessee State Scholarship Application is now available on the website, so members are encouraged to start their application process. All parts of the application must be submitted electronically to Donna Campbell campbelld1013@gmail.com no later than February 1, 2022 though earlier submissions are more than welcome (please!). More information is available on the state website *Resources/Scholarship & Grants*. Please contact Donna Campbell with any questions.

Due Date: February 1, 2022

International Scholarship

Applications may be found using the following link:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Applications/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Applications.aspx. In order to view information, you will need to log in to the International Website with your member I.D. number and password. You may always use the chat if you are not sure how to log-in with your information.

Due Date: February 25, 2022

State Projects

The 2021 – 2022 Tennessee State Organization Essay Contest topic will focus on the pandemic we have and are experiencing. We know the hardships that each of us have encountered in our lives, but we want to hear what teenagers have to say on this topic. Select a middle school and/or a high school in your area. Provide teachers with the topic, rules, and forms provided. Ask them to encourage students to enter our contest. February 25, 2022 will be the deadline for submitting an entry. Besides the awards provided by the state, chapters may want to recognize local winners with an additional monetary award and/or certificate from the winner's local chapter. Remember, your chapter can get points on the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence for submissions to the middle school or high school essay contest. The State Projects Committee hopes to receive entries from across the state. Please go to the www.tndkg.org website, *About Us/Essay Contest* for the application.



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

Pi Chapter Local News

Spotlight on Members Patsye Thurmon



Our own Patsye Thurmon was recently highlighted in VIP Knoxville Magazine!

Photo shared with permission from VIP Knoxville Magazine

APPALACHIAN ARTS CRAFT CENTER



Nancy Sickau, Patsye Thurmon and Ashley Pegram

50th Celebration -and- Fall Fundraiser

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY MEGAN VENABLE

The Museum of Appalachia was the perfect backdrop for the Appalachian Arts Craft Center's 50th anniversary celebration. Guests gathered to listen to musicians perform Americana, folk and traditional Appalachian music while perusing a silent auction of locally handmade items. All attendees enjoyed a catered dinner and learned more about the Appalachian Arts Craft Center. All funds will go toward the organization's efforts to support arts and crafts in Appalachia through education, sales and community involvement.



Dates to remember:

- February 1- TNSO Scholarship Application Deadline
- February 1- International Scholarship Application Deadline
- February 22- Virtual Legislative Symposium
- February 24- TNSO Virtual Hall Meeting on Proposed Budget 2022-2024
- February 25- TNSO Middle & High School Essay Contest Deadline
- March 1- Virtual Legislative "Prep Rally"
- March 3- TNSO Legislative Day on the Hill

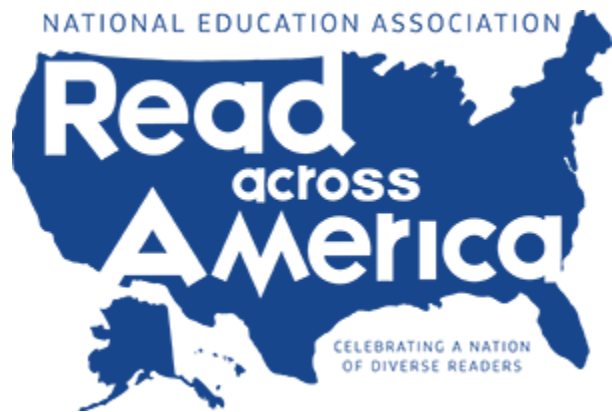
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Education News

Read Across America!

Because Covid restrictions limit the number of guest readers during Read Across America Week, we would like to present each elementary school with videotaped readings of our members' favorite books. The book you read can be donated to the school of your choice, but it does not have to be donated. Our main goal is to provide multiple guest readers for local Dr. Seuss celebrations.

Chelsi Meredith attended our last meeting to record members reading children's books for distribution to local elementary schools. For those not present, this may be done at home and the video sent to cdmeredith2014@gmail.com **by February 15.**



Books Banned in Tennessee

Tennessee made the national news this past week with the actions taken by McMinn County School Board. Please read the following for more information about the movement to ban books:

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/1/28/22907090/school-library-book-ban-tennessee-legislation>

January/February Virtual Events

World Fellowship

Impact of Water on Education

Presenter: Cynthia Dixon with Alabama State Organization

Monday, February 7, 5:00 p.m. CST/6:00 p.m. EST

Cynthia Dixon with Alabama State Organization will provide information on how water impacts education and life in Sub-Saharan Africa. TNSO members interested in attending this session may contact Beverly Hall at bnhosa@msn.com for the Zoom meeting link.

TNSO Virtual Legislative Symposium

Presenters: Legislative Committee

Tuesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST

This is an opportunity for DKG members to hear a panel of members of the Tennessee General Assembly discuss and answer questions about pertinent educational issues.

Symposium Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Qnhi2XPTCdzHEsTZ6>

TNSO Virtual Hall Meeting on Proposed Budget 2022-2024

Presenters: Finance Committee

Thursday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Please join the Finance Committee in the TNSO Hall Meeting in which a question and answer session will take place on the proposed budget for 2022-2024.

Recordings for Past Virtual Workshops

Recordings for past virtual workshops may be found on the www.tndkg.org website under *Resources/Virtual Events*. Please enjoy these virtual workshops with your chapter members, friends, and family members. If you or your chapter would like to present a virtual workshop, please contact TNSO President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, mevaughan@orn.edu.

Virtual Events

There are lots of activities you can enjoy from home. Please check out the available events, upcoming or on demand. Just click on the link below

<https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events>

Future Programs

- **February** – A Time to Plant (ACCTC Agriculture Program); Legislative Updates
- **March** – Legislative Session, Reducing Stress with Essential Oils
- **April** – Induction Ceremony
- **May** – Founders' Day Program and Installation of New Officers

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Legislation Issues

The Legislative Committee has planned three different events for 2022.

The DKG Tennessee State Organization Legislative Symposium will be held Tuesday, February 22nd, at 5:30 pm Central time, 6:30 pm Eastern time. This is an opportunity for DKG members to hear a panel of members of the Tennessee General Assembly discuss and answer our questions about pertinent educational issues up for consideration this year.

You can use this form to 1.) submit questions, 2.) sign up for the virtual symposium, or 3.) to do both! If you sign up for the symposium, you will receive an email at a later time with a link to register for the Zoom meeting.

Symposium Form: <https://forms.gle/Onhi2XPTCdzHEsTZ6>

The DKG Tennessee State Organization Legislative Committee will also host a “Day on the Hill” on Thursday, March 3, 2022. This is a day for DKG members to join together to support educational initiatives under consideration by the Tennessee General Assembly by visiting their state representatives and attending committee meetings.

In addition to “Day on the Hill,” the Legislative Committee will host a “Prep Rally” via Virtual Workshop on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Central time/ 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, especially for DKG members planning to attend “Day on the Hill”. However, all are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if they are not able to travel to Nashville on the 3rd. This will be a time to learn about the most effective ways to communicate with legislators and to hear more about education happenings in the General Assembly this year.

You can use the form linked below to sign up for “Day on the Hill”, the Virtual Workshop “Prep Rally”, or both! If you sign up for the “Prep Rally”, you will receive an email at a later time with a link to register for the Zoom meeting.

Day on the Hill and Prep Rally Form: <https://forms.gle/g5DZrojUYbqvXUiF9>

Please contact Amber Roberts (ahroberts@ortn.edu) for further information.

State and International News

June 2—4, 2022 Tennessee State
Convention (Sewanee)

July 12—16 International Convention
(New Orleans)

Come to New Orleans, LA

Start planning now to attend the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA. Our speakers and workshops are going to be great, the setting is beautiful, the price is excellent, and genuine fellowship will be in abundance. Try to bring at least three members from your chapter.

The convention will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, right in the heart of New Orleans. Discover the heart, soul, rhythm, blues, and yes, the passion of New Orleans.

This year, we will have a special opportunity for those attending the convention for the first time

Moments from our January Meeting

The program following the meeting was in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and the "Read Across America" program. Chelsi Meredith was on hand to record members reading children's books for distribution to local elementary schools. For those not present, this may be done at home and the video sent to cdmeredith2014@gmail.com by February 15.

