



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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## Growing Possibilities 2016-2017



Dear Pi Chapter,

Happy 2017! It is hard to believe that a new semester has begun at school. I look forward to having new students (even though it will take me awhile to learn their names), and I like to reflect on how I might do some lessons and/or units differently the second time around. A new year also gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we can improve ourselves. January is a fresh start in many ways. Some of you may be familiar with the book, *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo. Her philosophy is that you are surrounded only by items/clothing, etc. in your home/workspace that bring you joy. I purchased this book several months ago, but I have yet to take on the challenge of trying it out. One of my main goals this year is to put her philosophy into practice. I definitely need to do this to my classroom!

I look forward to learning about Nigerian schools from our January guest speaker, Father Julius Abuh. Please keep bringing in Change for Change to help fund Schools for Africa.

Please invite/bring any potential new member to our January meeting. In February, we will be voting on new members, and I would love for Pi Chapter to grow.

If you want to attend the Legislative Symposium, please read the information below (I will also have info at the meeting.):

Make your plans to attend the Xi State Legislative Symposium.

- February 13-14, 2017.
- Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville.
- Registration form is available on the Xi State website under Forms.
- Send completed registration form (and breakfast payment, if applicable) to Legislative Committee chair, Trish Stephenson ([trishstephenson@bellsouth.net](mailto:trishstephenson@bellsouth.net)), by January 14.
- Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel, also no later than **January 14**. Use Group Code **1702KAPPAG** online or by phone to ensure room rate of \$109.00 + tax for 1-2 in a room or \$119.00 + tax for 3-4 per room.
- Remember that the future of our students, our schools, and our teachers depends on our legislators' understanding of critical education issues. Let's share our expertise and use our "butterfly effect" to advantage as we meet with legislators.

Happy New Year,  
Rhonda Phillips

### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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### Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Memorial United Methodist Church  
5:00 p.m.

#### Inspiration

Vera Jo Henegar

#### Hostesses

Pat Stonecipher (coordinator), Gwen Payne, Kelly Williams, Deckie Conley, Susan Jonely, Julie Capps

#### Program

Nigerian schools with Father Julius Abuh

#### Business

Committee meeting to evaluate progress toward goals

#### Remember to Bring

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products

Books for CRCS

Change for Change Donations

Box Tops for Education

*Wear your official DKG pin or pay fifty cents.*



“There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”—C. S. Lewis

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy January Birthdays to:** Mary Ruth Cook (9<sup>th</sup>), Felecia Reynolds (11<sup>th</sup>),

Condolences to Susan Jonely. Her mother passed away late last year.

Mary Lee Stuart suffered a stroke in December. She is continuing to recover and is currently at NHC in Oak Ridge, Room 107. Please continue to keep her 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](mailto:patstonecipher@att.net)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.



#### Call for Recipes!

Do you have any good recipes you would like to share? If so, please submit them to Pat Stonecipher ([patstonecipher@att.net](mailto:patstonecipher@att.net)) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Please remember to bring toothbrushes and feminine products to the January meeting for the Norris Food Pantry.

Paula Campbell

#### Dates to Remember

**January 10, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting

**February 7, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting

**March 7, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2016-2017



Pi Chapter will once again ask members to save “change” coins to donate to DKG Society’s Schools for Africa Project. Please consider helping this worthy cause by chipping in your collected change or a larger, one-time amount to help out!

Please consider this worthy project!

With Support from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program Is...

- Benefiting nearly 5 million children, with a special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty
- Building and rehabilitating almost 1,000 schools
- Training nearly 100,000 teachers
- Supplying notebooks, pens, desks, chairs, and other essential school materials
- Making sure schools have clean, safe drinking water and separate bathrooms for girls and boys
- Creating schools that offer a protective environment.

The Schools for Africa Collection “Green Tub” is always at the Check-In table for meetings! Help Support Pi Chapter’s effort to donate your loose “change” in the hope that your donation of change will, when combined with many other like-minded DKG members, make a real CHANGE in Africa by providing schools so that learning may be provided in areas where it is not now available. For more information:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa>

## Xi State News International News

February 13-14, 2017 Legislative Symposium,  
Millennium Maxwell House, Nashville, TN  
(Registration is due January 19, 2017)

### Important Dates from International

July 19-21, 2017: Southeast Regional  
Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC



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## Latest information from U.S. Forum Connection (Angela Bedenbaugh)

**WHAT PASSED AND BECAME LAW** (The summaries below are taken from the Congressional record.)

- 1 S.1867 International Megan's Law to Prevent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through Advanced Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders
- 2 [S.1482](#) Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015 -- This bill amends the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to extend through FY2022 the antitrust exemption that allows institutions of higher education that admit all students on a need-blind basis to enter or attempt to enter into agreements among themselves regarding the administration of need-based financial aid.
- 3 S.612 This bill amends the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to extend through FY2022 the antitrust exemption that allows institutions of higher education that admit all students on a need-blind basis to enter or attempt to enter into agreements among themselves regarding the administration of need-based financial aid.
- 4 S.524 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 -- HHS must advance education and awareness regarding the risk of abuse of prescription opioids if they are not taken as prescribed. (Opioids are drugs with effects similar to opium, such as certain pain medications and heroin. A more complete summary (Can be found at [Congess.gov.](#))

H.R. 2576 Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act -- This bill amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to revise the process and requirements for evaluating and determining whether regulatory control of a chemical is warranted. Passed the House but was not acted on in the Senate. H.R.5587 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, divides career and technical education (CTE) students into CTE concentrators and CTE participants, and revises requirements for within-state funding allocations.

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