



**Explore, Dream, and  
Discover  
2018-2020**

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President.....	Ann Gann
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Happy 2020! We are beginning a new year and a new **decade!** This intersection of times allows for both a short review of the past year and a longer reflection of the past 10 years. For me, the past decade has been filled with blessings: amazing grandkids, good health, great friends, meaningful church and community activities, and more awareness of God’s love and mercy for all of us. Yes, I did experience some sorrow and hard times, but I choose to be grateful for the many joys in my life. I hope your reflection will remind you of the many blessings that have come your way, even in times of sadness and pain.

As Pi Chapter enters this new decade, my hope is that we commit to remaining an outstanding chapter by:

1. growing our membership. Invite prospective members to our upcoming meetings
2. being aware of legislative issues and being active in events whenever possible. The Tennessee Legislative Seminar is on March 3-4, 2020. Chapter helps with cost.
3. creating a better, sustainable way to welcome new teachers to ACS & CCS. Look for report from the Ad Hoc Committee on our project “Support Early Career Educators.”
4. attending meetings as often as you can and staying informed
5. saying **YES** to our Nominations Committee and serving in any of our elected positions (officer, Finance and Nominations Committees) during 2020-2022. Also, saying **YES** to our elected president when asked to serve on various committees.

The next five months will be filled with great programs, projects and fellowship. I hope to see you at our meetings.

Ann

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**  
 Memorial United Methodist Church

5:00 p.m.  
 Meal at 5:15 p.m.

**Inspiration**  
 Paula Campbell

**Hostesses:**

Diane Alsop (Chair), Pat Aldridge, Susan Jonely, Caroline McGaha, Abbi Roehl Hill, Pat Stonecipher



**Remember to Bring**

- \$\$ to buy chances on our Basket Raffle
- Nominations for Membership
- Box Tops for Education



*Wear your  
DKG  
pin with  
pride!*

## Pi Chapter Local News



### Nominations Needed!

Please bring your recommendations for membership to the January meeting! You can find a form on our web page at

<https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com/forms.html>

Click on DKG Membership Recommendation.

*Rachel Pemberton, Membership Chair*

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

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy January Birthdays to:** Rita Hackler (7<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Pemberton (8<sup>th</sup>), Mary Ruth Cook (9<sup>th</sup>), Felecia Reynolds (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Congratlatuions:** to Linda McCune, 2nd VP! Pi Chapter yearbook received highest honors again this year!

Please continue to keep Patsye Thurmon in your thoughts and prayers. She is recovering from her eye surgery.

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.

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### Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

- Do you know of someone you would like to nominate to join us in Pi Chapter? Please think of those you might want to nominate. We would like to have an induction ceremony in the spring.
- 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 ([rpemberton@acs.ac](mailto:rpemberton@acs.ac)) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

### Raffle is coming at our January meeting!

**Vicki Curtis** has donated a Pamper Yourself basket for our raffle this year. Proceeds will go toward funding travel for legislative seminar, leadership seminar, or expenses of May banquet. The basket includes:

Lindt chocolates  
Woodbridge Pinot Noir wine and 2 wine goblets  
2 candles (lemon/Jasmine and Wild Berries)  
Lavender room diffuser  
Coconut oil and goat milk soap  
Back scrubber brush  
50"x60" plush throw  
Orange and white dish towels



Pamper yourself – just \$5 for 2 chances on this basket.

# Pi Chapter Local News

## December 2019

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE..... 6,414.46

DISBURSEMENTS..... - 448.00 DEPOSITS.....

..... + 59.11

ENDING BALANCE..... + **6,025.57**

### TOTALS IN EACH FUND:

Grant in Aide Fund ..... 791.56

(Funded by donations and fundraisers.) [159.33 left to meet 1,000.00 goal]

**Balance 12-31-2019 791.56 + 49.11 December Happy Jar = 840.67**

Summary Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Gifts ..... 3,270.00

**Memorial donations to date 1-28 100.00; 2-5 1,305.00; 2-13 400.00; 2-19 940.00;  
2-25 50.00; 3-22 150.00; 4-8 125.00; 4-18 50.00; 4-30 100.00; 5-1 100.00;**

**5-7 50.00 5-7 - 100.00 transfer to regular fund cost of scholarship award winners and  
guests Total = 3,270.00 38 gifts, all receipted and acknowledged**

**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees ..... 400.00**

**Balance 12-31-19** [When the goal of 1,000.00 has been reached for 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.] Voted January, 2016.

Hazel McCREARY CLASSROOM GRANT FUND ..... 402.24

(Funded by donations only.)

**Balance 12-31-19 655.59 - 253.35 Grant to Teri Gilbert for Classroom  
Set of Novels = 402.24**

Discretionary FUND..... 72.20

(Funded by donations only.)

**Balance 12-31-19-Beginning balance 72.20**

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND ..... 1,040.46**

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

**Beginning balance 12-31-19 1,478.46 + 2 members pay to have yearbooks**

**printed - 50.00 donation to CHS Advanced Choir - 398.00 Budgeted Contributions**

**DKG Education Foundation, 66.00; World Fellowship Fund; Golden Gift Fund;**

**Xi State Vision Foundation 100.00; Xi State Imagination Library/Literacy 100.00**

**= 1,040.46**

**Total Money in Account: ..... 6,025.57**

CC: Ann Gann, President, Lucy Van Cleve, Financial Committee Chairman,  
Patsye Thurmon, Recording Secretary

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### TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" January, 2020

As per our 2019-2020 Budget, I sent Pi Chapter's Contributions to DKG International and Xi State at the end of December as follows: DKG Educational Foundation 66.00, Golden Gift 66.00, World Fellowship 66.00, Xi State Imagination Library/Literacy 100.00. and Xi State Vision Foundation 100.00. At the end of the March meeting, I will make a final counting of the Schools for Africa money and send in that contribution. Well done, Pi Chapter!

All of our Pi Chapter members contribute in so many creative ways to fulfill our mission! Many of you who cannot attend all the meetings send in donations with members who are coming and communicate with me to send money supporting our projects. Thank you!! Whatever you contribute, you are appreciated!

Thank you for your generosity!

Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 [kbenedict08@comcast.net](mailto:kbenedict08@comcast.net)

### Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2019-2020



Pi Chapter will once again send a contribution on behalf of "PI Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma" to UNICEF, the organization that administers the funds for the Schools for Africa Program. I am so proud to be a little part of this effort!

Thank you for your kind help! Save your loose change each day and bring it to the monthly meetings to put in the "Green Tub" at the Check-In Table. Please consider this worthy project! **Thusfar, we have collected 43.37.**

## Xi State and National News

The Tennessee State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar is scheduled for March 13-14, 2020 at the Natchez Trace State Park in Wildersville, Tennessee. Additional details will be forthcoming.

The Tennessee Legislative Seminar is scheduled for March 3-4, 2020 at the Best Western Plus Sunrise Inn, 825 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Personnel Committee will be seeking a new State Editor at the end of this biennium, June 2021, when the current State Editor Orlean Bauman will complete her ten-year tenure.

### DKG FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U.S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> and a Group page online at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657/?source\\_id=349823881770007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657/?source_id=349823881770007)

Let us know the issues that concern you. If your committee has heard!

Nothing in your committee has  
anything to report, please  
submit it to Pat Stonecipher

**DKG FORUM WEBSITE:** [http://\(stonecipher@gmail.com\)](http://(stonecipher@gmail.com))

### CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. [This is not a toll-free number]. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at

[https://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

#### Email access and addresses

<http://www.house.gov/>

for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate White House 1-202-456-1111

**FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.**

Thanks to [Angela Bedenbaugh](mailto:bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com) [bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com](mailto:bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com) for her monthly updates!



## Pi Chapter Local News



### Spotlight on Members

Pat Aldridge received her bachelor's degree from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has completed fifteen additional hours of study as well. She started out teaching in elementary schools and spent time at Briceville, Medford, Norwood, and Dutch Valley. Pat then moved on to Norwood Middle School. From there, she began teaching high school and taught at Wartburg Central High School, Norris High School, and Anderson County High School, where she spent the last thirteen years of her career. Pat retired as a high school librarian, but she also taught tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade English. Pat's inspiration to become a teacher came from her early elementary school teachers. When she found herself playing school at her house and was always the teacher, she knew that was her calling. Pat loves reading, sewing, and volunteering at the Blount County Library. She is also an avid traveler and has been to thirty-seven countries and six continents. While more countries are definitely on the horizon, she'll probably take a pass on that final continent and skip Antarctica.



Rachel Pemberton earned her bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech University, her master's degree from Tusculum College, and her Education Specialist degree (Ed. S.) from Lincoln Memorial University. She started out at Lake City Middle School (2005-2008), then taught at Grace Christian (2008-2009), and is currently at Norris Middle School where she has been since 2009. Rachel started out as an eighth grade ELA teacher but is now an Academic Coach/Curriculum Specialist. Rachel feels called to continue in education because she sees the need for good people to remain in the field for the children of Anderson County. Now, more than ever, students need strong role models and caring individuals to pour into their lives. Rachel may reign as local decorating guru (check out her Instagram @modern\_cottage\_decor), but she also works with Street Hope to prevent DMST (domestic minor sex trafficking) and featured both of these hobbies as programs last year. She is a book lover, Bunco lover, and Peloton lover. In any spare time left, Rachel enjoys spending time with her friends and family (she's the oldest of four), including her two nephews, Theo and Ezra.



## Moments from our December meeting



Pi Chapter received a special treat for our December meeting.  
.Members enjoyed a wonderful performance by the CHS Advanced Ensemble led by McCall Bohanan.