



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Sisters,

It has been a tumultuous chain of related and unrelated events in our nation over the past 30 days. Some of the events were predicted/expected while the aftereffects have been unbelievable for our country to have faced and continue to cope with in the coming days.

The holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Year's has been a lesson in restraint to prohibit catching or spreading the virus to our family, friends, and neighbors. We must continue the restraint as we see the cases and deaths of this deadly virus continue to affect our communities and loved ones. No one is immune. Even as we see the hope of the vaccine on the horizon as its distribution has begun over the last week. There is a long road ahead as we continue to guard our health and the health of those we love.

Along with the pandemic, the virus of discontent in our nation's leaders has continued to grow. The November election and ensuing chaos has opened up new wounds for supporters on both sides of the aisle which culminated in the events of this past week. Our country cannot heal under the current rhetoric and spread of alternative facts promoted by those who would seek to destroy us from within while shocking our conscience.

It is important now more than ever that we reach out to one another with sisterly love and care. We would like to challenge you to send a card or make a call to two or more of your DKG sisters this month. We would also like to challenge you to reach out to one of your former students to send a light of encouragement in these hours of darkness.

Despair cannot last forever and with the events from these last few weeks it seems we have nowhere to go but up. Please rally the hope within you and find inspiration to share in the days ahead. We, as educators, have been called to take up the armor and wear a smile on our worst days. We are woven to be a blanket of comfort, support, and love for our friends, our students and our families.

Finally, the link below is an interior view of the Rotunda of the Capitol taken 24 hours after the events on January 6, 2021. It is inspiring, beautiful, powerful, and serene. It is captioned "I recorded this just a moment ago — I wanted everyone to see that despite the ugliness and chaos of yesterday, this is the energy in the Rotunda at 7p the next night: the most serene and powerful testament to our enduring Union." The video was made by a White House/Hill reporter, J.D. Durkin and posted on his Twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1347334152408981504>

Go in peace sisters,  
Abbi and Vikki

### Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting  
5:15 p.m.

**Inspiration**  
Pat Aldridge

**Program**  
"Wills, Trusts, and other Important Legal Documents"

Curtis Isabell, Attorney-at-Law

**Business**  
Updates from Executive Board  
DKG Essay Contest Reminder  
Review of Venmo as payment option

### Invitation to December meeting:

Topic: DKG MONTHLY MEETING

Time: Jan 12, 2021 05:30 PM  
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82584832610?pwd=dnB0djRQTHNZcHV3ekZqd3ljQ1U4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 825 8483 2610  
Passcode: eSJ99V

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

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

**In our thoughts:** Please remember Larry Brown (Ann's husband) as he is battling Covid -19. Please continue to keep Steve Reynolds (Felecia's husband) as he is recovering from his injuries.

**Congratulations to:** Sally Suttle upon her retirement from Grand Oaks Elementary.

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.

#### From the Treasurer.... Ways to send money to Pi Chapter....

- By check to Kathleen Benedict/P O Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901
- Using VENMO App to @Kathleen-Benedict-6

Rationale: It became obvious in our first days of Zooming Pi Chapter Meetings that we needed a method for submitting funds for donations, dues, Happy Jar, and other funds. Setting up a VENMO account was suggested as a quick way to transfer money. After talking to members and after research of the app, VENMO, I feel that I can offer two methods of submitting funds: by check via mail and by VENMO.

Currently, I am collecting donations for totes that were given to first year teachers at the Teacher Depot (This is a two year project. We have enough totes for two years.), any Happy Jar donations (however you wish to donate funds – each month, for all meetings at once, etc.), and donations to any scholarship funds.

By check... I am happy to receive and deposit any monies you want to send by this method. You can put all donations on one check and designate on the item line how the funds are to be distributed.

By VENMO...I have successfully loaded the app to my phone and received a donation towards the totes from Vikki Burns. I was able to link my VENMO account to our Pi Chapter bank account and the VENMO deposit went straight into our account. So, if you have an account or want to try this, I am ready. I have put instructions below for those who need them.

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 (last 4 digits of her phone number 1646) Once you have sent me money, you won't need to put those 4 digits in again.

You can go to [www.venmo.com](http://www.venmo.com) for more information.

You may also call me, and I will try to help, or I will call Vikki, Abbi, Kate, Sara, Amy or any other young person!  
Thanks!

# Pi Chapter Local News

## Treasurer's Report

**December 2020 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER**  
TREASURE'S REPORT KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	7,094.54
<b>Deposits</b> .....	+ 200.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	65.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	7,229.54

### **TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) .....** 827.17  
Beginning Balance 12-31-2020 677.17 + 50.00 donation Happy Jar, Pat Stonecipher; + 100.00 donation from Don Calhoun in Memory of Margaret Calhoun to Grant-in-Aide Fund = 827.17

**Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund .....** 3,270.00  
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.

**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees\*.....** 580.00  
Balance 12-31-2020 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

**Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) .....** 298.10  
Balance 12-31-2020 = 298.10

**Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) .....** 402.24  
Balance 12-31-2020 402.20

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND.....** 1852.03  
**(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)** Beginning balance 12-31-2020 = 1,767.03 + donation to Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund (50.00) -65.00 Dues for New Member, Sally Suttle (International, State, Pi, Initiation fee, Scholarship = 1,852.03

**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT.....** 7,229.54

**Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund** (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.)  
Balance 12-31-2020 150.00 + 50.00 donation from Kelly and Alice Lane on the Occasion of Anna Lane's Birthday = 200.00 [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.]**

### **Message from Beverly Hall, President, Our State President**

Ladies,

I hope you and your families enjoyed Christmas and you are planning a safe New Year celebration!

I imagine you have wondered about Dorrie Powell and how she is progressing. She found out today that her lymph nodes are free from involvement and that her cancer is Stage 1 - good news! Unfortunately, due to the type of cancer, she will be undergoing 6 chemo treatments beginning in mid-January.

Please update your members & encourage continued prayers and cards.

Regards,  
Beverly Hall

Dorrie's address is:  
Dr. Dorrie Powell  
629 Thomas Powell Road  
Whiteville, TN 38075

## Pi Chapter Local News



Our January meeting will feature Curtis Isabell, Attorney-at-Law. He will be presenting “Wills, Trusts, and other Important Legal Documents”.

Our February meeting program is tentative and will be either Craft Night or Learning to Make Sushi .

### “Sanitary Kits for Women”

We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the “back burner”. We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits and we just need to round up some sergers and get sewing. These kits can go anywhere in the world to women who need these sanitary supplies. I will let you know further details as they become available.

*Submitted by Susan Jonely*



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

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## Spotlight on Members

Sara Idzik still needs biographical information from the following members: Diane Alsop, Vicky Curtis, Amy Graham, Janie Jackson, April Perry, Krista Petrick, Amanda Powers, Felecia Reynolds, Sally Suttle, Lisa Swisher, Lucy VanCleve, and Joan Vick.

Please contact Sara at [sara.idzik@gmail.com](mailto:sara.idzik@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We really need for all of our members to participate in this project...we get points for the state award!

## Legislative Issues



### Governor Lee Calls for Special Legislative Session Focused on Education

Please click on this link to read more about the special legislative session.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2020/12/29/22205138/tennessee-governor-calls-special-session-focused-on-education>



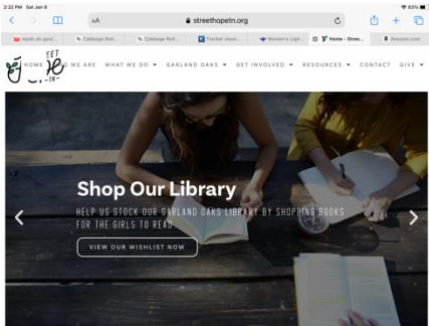
## Educational Issues

According to TN Chalkbeat, more than 16,000 Tennessee educators have had COVID, estimates teacher group.

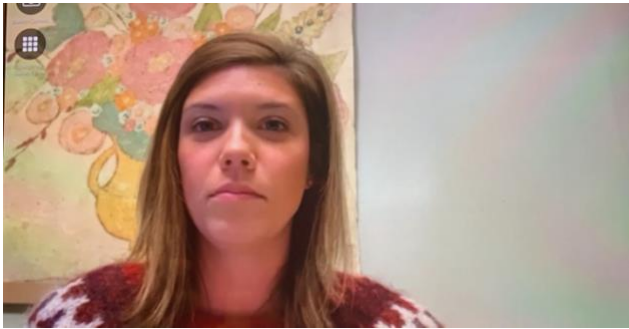
Click on the link below to read more.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2021/1/6/22217636/more-than-16000-tennessee-educators-have-had-covid>

# Moments from our December Zoom Meeting



Rachel Pemberton  
Presenting on Street Hope Project





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Some of our sisters showing off their Christmas sweaters! Which one is your favorite?

## Xi State Tennessee News



There are many TN State DKG events approaching over the next few weeks. These are a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed! Please read below for a description of each event listed and the registration link and deadline. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Abbi and she will get the information to you as soon as possible!

### **Creating Miniature Boxes**

**Presenter: Janice Stooksberry**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 10 AM Central**

Save your holiday greeting cards and learn how to create beautiful miniature boxes. This is a great way to recycle old greeting cards and make containers for small gifts or storing petite objects.

Supplies needed: Holiday cards, pencil, scissors, ruler, and glue stick.

Register for Creating Miniature Boxes [here](#).

If you missed any of the previous Zoom events, please go to <https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events> and scroll down to find videos. Please check back frequently because more videos are posted in a timely manner. Currently these session have been added: Zoom Caroling, Present Wrapping Tips and Tricks, Adobe Spark, Motivational Stress Relief for Educators, Creative Canva Content, Virtual Icebreakers, DKG Goes Country, Facebook for 'Fraidy Cats, and Vibrant Virtual Classrooms. These events are a wonderful way to learn something new and to be entertained!



## Xi State Tennessee News

### State Projects - High School Essay Contest

Tammy Jones State Projects Chair and her committee team have released the topic and guidelines for the 2021 Essay Contest. The guidelines are attached and are available on our state website under About Us - Essay Contest.

### Special Events - DKG Decals

Allison Maynard and Kim Thurman Special Events Co-chairs announce the sale of vinyl decals. The decal will feature a rose with TN State DKG lettering and will be sold in two sizes, perfect for your car or to decorate your favorite water bottle, coffee mug, laptop, or other electronic device. The design and ordering information will soon be posted on the state website.

1. There are several program/project ideas available on the state website under EEC Corner. We can earn up to 10 Maycie points for submissions/programs. The forms can be found on [xistate.org](http://xistate.org) under *EEC Corner-EEC Corner Spotlight Submission Forms*
2. The deadline to apply for a Tennessee Scholarship is February 1, 2021. Applications can be found on the state website under *About Us- Scholarship Recipients- TNSO Scholarship Application*. Send completed Tennessee scholarship applications as an email attachment to Dr. Susan Young at [youngs1110@aol.com](mailto:youngs1110@aol.com).
3. The 85th Tennessee State Organization Convention will be June 3-5, 2021 at Sewanee: The University of the South. Make plans now to attend this grand gala event! Photo submissions from chapter events are encouraged for the 2021 State Convention Slideshow to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at [mevaughan@orn.edu](mailto:mevaughan@orn.edu)
4. **DKG International Deadlines: January 15-February 15** Submissions to DKG Fine Arts Gallery — Spring  
**February 1: International Scholarship 2021 Criteria:** Distinguished record in the Society at the international level.  
**Form Location:** International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) *Apply/Submit – Applications - Scholarship Applications*