



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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From the Heart 2020-2022



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Happy New Year Sisters!

Throughout the hub-bub of the holidays the looming new year was one of the events that weighed on the minds of many. So many things to finish while anticipating new activities and/or chores that would come with the advent of 2022.

On the professional front, those still teaching or working in a school know this anticipation and how it can be a very different experience between elementary, middle and high school as the new semester rolls around. As elementary teachers anticipate their students return, they also anticipate the sensitivity they will need to show to their students who are from all walks of life and who, like many others, will look forward to their return to the routine and schedule of school. As elementary instructors, it is a well-known and established fact that some students' only stability comes from the classrooms they are in and the adults they interact with in their schools and classrooms. In middle schools, many students have those same conflicting feelings, but for them it is also mixed with the issues all middle school students experience due to the hormonal and their efforts of exerting independence while still tethered to many of their adults in their lives. Schools often are their safe haven for those crucial middle school years where their character and self-esteem are established and grown. Adults in the middle schools hold the reins of working with these students and are often under appreciated for the efforts they make toward providing the guidance and parameters for their students' growth. High school teachers' classrooms, for the most part, make a total change to a new group of students during this second semester of the school year. From those in our ranks who have those students who are still in their transitional year of adjusting to high school to those who have the seniors who are preparing for transition to work or college after high school, the constant refrain is the focus on preparing our students to be independent and critical thinkers. Our support for these students provides the window to possibilities they might achieve now and later in their lives. What a challenge we all have chosen to take on in our professions!

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Inspiration

Patsye Thurmon

Program/Business

READ Across America

Special Guest:

Elaine Vaughan
TN State President

Invitation to January meeting:

Topic: DKG November meeting
 Time: January 11, 2022, 05:00 PM Eastern Time
 For those who cannot attend or do not feel comfortable attending in person, you can use this link to join the meeting via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86044580150?pwd=YVR1VW1aUnNVVEZzVHZLd1B2WFICQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 4458 0150
 Passcode: 168046

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On the personal side of the new year, we all have established goals for what we want to accomplish. But as we all know, our personal lives often blend into our professional lives. The wonder of it all is how we accomplish those goals while tending to our students who, admit it, often become part of our personal lives. We champion our students, regardless of the grade they are in. We are their tireless cheerleaders, through their disappointments and achievements. Years after they leave our classrooms and buildings, we stay in touch with or keep tabs on them through others in the profession or through their siblings or just daily lives by seeing them in public spaces. We never tire of hearing their stories and, with those stories, we celebrate or mourn with them simply because they have become family, our extended family.

All this brings us to discover what our priorities are. In this new year, let's look at valuing our personal priorities, even when those priorities cannot easily be separated from our professional priorities, because, in the end, we all know that as teachers we have chosen to make a place in our hearts for our students and the line between personal and professional priorities becomes blurred. As teachers when we achieve our goals our students win. When our students win, we find value in our work. And because of this, our work will never end.

As we move into this new year, please take into consideration those in our profession and others who provide critical support for our students who might be assets to Pi Chapter in the coming years. We have the opportunity now to set our priority to grow our chapter through our relationships in our profession. Touch base with that friend you share lunch with, the principal you attended a conference with, the teacher who collaborated on a project with you, the teacher whose name you hear students reference in their conversations, or the individuals who worked with your students in a supporting role and challenge yourself to promote Pi Chapter to them as an opportunity to grow their professional network. Pi Chapter relies on active memberships to maintain its viability. Let's help grow Pi Chapter by being the active and supportive member it depends upon.

We look forward to seeing everyone at 5:00 on Tuesday at Memorial Methodist. The Executive Committee will be meeting prior to the meeting at 4:30. Stay warm and be safe if you have to be out.

Vikki and Abbi

A message from State President Elaine Vaughan:

Thank you to chapters who participated in the Christmas Extravaganza. Here is the link for the video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WljGNiDtn1M>

Elaine will be visiting Pi Chapter for the January meeting! We hope you can attend for a time of fellowship with our State President!

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for: Felecia Reynolds upon the loss of her husband, Steve Reynolds. His obituary can be found here <https://www.holleygamble.com/obituary/stephen-steve-reynolds>

Happy January Birthday to: Mary Ruth Cook (9th) and Felecia Reynolds (11th)

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.

Spotlight on Members

Member Anniversaries for December and January



Pat Aldridge 34 years
Louise Childress 39 years
Amy Graham 8 years
Abbi Hill 3 years
Susan Jonely 8 years
Linda McCune 6 years

Rhonda A Phillips 18 years
Felicia Reynolds 43 years
Kate Roovers 8 years
Sally Suttle 1 year
Jennifer Taylor 3 years
Patsye Thurmon 18 years

Kathleen Benedict sent Christmas cards to all of our Reserve members and Mildred Mauney sent all the members in Pi Chapter such a nice Christmas card back thanking us for including her and thanking us for sending her dues notice. Happy New Year to Mildred Mauney in Jellico, TN
Wish you could join us!

Treasurer's Report

December 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,381.84*
Deposits	+ 237.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 223.54
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,395.30

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **651.17**

Beginning Balance 12-31-2021 414.17 + 77.00 Happy Jar and Ham Slices Sales + 160.00

Donations for Christmas lanterns donated by Ann Brown = 651.17

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	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 12-31-2021 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 12-31-2021 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.)

Balance 12-31-2021 146.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	1,919.78
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 12-31-2021 = 2,143.32 – 173.65	
Honey Baked Ham (hams for Dec. and Feb. meetings) – 49.89 reimbursement to Vikki Burns for gift flower arrangement for Mary Ruth Cook = 1,919.78	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,395.30**

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 12-31-2021 = 210.00
[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.]

***Corrected Beginning Balance – Addition Error from November Report Corrected.**



Congratulations to Linda McCune!!!

Pi Chapter achieved Highest Honors on our 2021 Chapter Yearbook. Thanks, Linda, for all of you hard work!

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Notes from the Presidents Time Dated Information

Important Time Dated Information for Chapters for January and February

Date: January 25, 2022

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Committee is proud to announce the Tennessee State Organization Beginning Leadership Seminar. Start planning to attend the face-to-face Beginning Leadership Management Seminar, March 25-26, at Henry Horton State Park. The Leadership Development committee has planned a learning experience you don't want to miss. Join the committee and special guests to meet new people, discover more about your personality type, and collaborate with members across the state. Henry Horton State Park is location south of Nashville at Chapel Hill, Tennessee. The application deadline is January 25, 2022. Fill out your application and recommendation form under *About Us/Leadership Management Seminar*. The committee looks forward to sharing and learning with members. For further information, please contact Committee Chair, Dr. Linda Eller, lseller01@gmail.com.

The Leadership Development Committee also offer a Virtual Workshop on *A New Look at Leadership* on January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST. More information will be available on the state website.

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.

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Dates to remember:

January 25- Beginning Leadership Management Seminar Application and Reference Deadline

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



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

READ Across America!

Dear Sisters,

This month we will begin our Dr. Seuss birthday celebration project. Because Covid restrictions limit the number of guest readers during Read Across America Week, we would like to present each elementary school with video taped 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.

Chelsea Meredith, an education major, daughter of one of Andersonville's 4th grade teachers, and exceptional substitute teacher at AES has volunteered to video tape and compile our readings. I believe she can also incorporate videos submitted by individuals not in attendance and will instruct us as to how to submit a video. Chelsea will be at our meeting on Tuesday ready to record your contributions so please bring a book to read.

Looking forward to sharing time together.

Thanks,
Susan

January/February Virtual Events

World Fellowship

Presenter: Beverly Smith

Thursday, January 10, 5:00 p.m. CST/6:00 p.m. EST

Beverly Smith Chair of the International Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) will provide insight into EEC with a focus on World Fellowship. TNSO members interested in attending this session may contact Beverly Hall at bnhosa@msn.com for the Zoom meeting link.

A New Look at Leadership

Presenters: Leadership Development Committee

Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Come learn with the Leadership Development Committee about who & what new leadership currently entails, and what to do if interested in building leadership skills along with leading others. Information on the Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton on March 25-26 will also be discussed.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/p2wRVYdfxCuyXvGUA>

Living with Chronic Illness

Presenter: Dr. Beth Madison

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

All of us have had, have, or will have hard circumstances in our lives. Yet it is the hard that can teach us how to thrive today and help others to do the same. As a fourth-generation rheumatoid arthritis patient, our speaker has learned how to find joy, courage, and hope in living with chronic illness.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/vpYRzcmh32njRMqA6>

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@ortn.edu.

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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

- **January**– Support for READ Across America (Bring a favorite children’s book to donate to local schools.)
- **February** – A Time to Plant (ACCTC Agriculture Program)
- **March** – Legislative Session, Reducing Stress with Essential Oils
- **April** – Induction Ceremony
- **May** – Founders’ Day Program and Installation of New Officers

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/Qnhi2XPTCdzHEsTZ6>

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 December Meeting

We were so fortunate to have Mary Ruth Cook, her daughter, and her granddaughter to join us for a celebration of her 50 years as a member of Pi Chapter! After a wonderful meal, we were entertained by LOTS of stories about Mary Ruth...we love you!



Moments from our December Meeting

