



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Biennium

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Dear Sisters,

So many wonderful traditions we enjoy around this time of year! It is evident from many of our last names that our ancestors made this area home after coming from various countries in the British Isles. As a result, some of us may know that this time of year is known as Hogmanay in Scotland and in northern England. It is still celebrated in ways there most of which echo what is customary throughout the United States but began long before there was a United States. Also, first-footing is practiced throughout the UK in various ways, but all practitioners believe that the first visitor coming over your threshold in the New Year will have good luck for the rest of the year. There are different adaptations, one that my family enjoys is the act of bringing a hearty breakfast to the recipient to share on the morning of New Year's Day with the fun belief that both parties will have good luck all year. So Happy New Year and Happy Hogmanay to y'all!

There are many good things coming our way in the next several months We look forward to Kelly Johnson, Director of Clinton City Schools, being with us next Tuesday. It's always nice to hear about the good things going on in our different area school systems. Then, on February 6, Graham Richardson, art teacher at Clinton High School, will be bringing us a "Bob Ross" type presentation designed to invigorate our inner artist. Also in February, we will be inducting new sisters, all very bright eyed and welcome additions to Pi Chapter.

We have had several of our members submit applications to the Vision Foundation. Knowing the applicants and their past creative endeavors, we can be hopeful that they will receive one of the monetary awards that will be so helpful in carrying out their innovative ideas. More information to follow.

The Avenue M Group DKG Research Report and Administrative Board Implementation Plan is now available on International's website, dkg.org. There will be a forthcoming series of town hall meetings and focus sessions concerning the future of DKG and how best to implement recommendations. I am sure we can gain some valuable insights for Pi Chapter from these. Stay tuned!

The Beginning Leadership Seminar application is due on January 15 and is available on tndkg.org. It is a time for self-evaluation and learning ways to improve our interactions with others no matter how we
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**Tuesday, January 9
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Hostesses

Terri Gilbert, Patsye Thurmon
Chelsi Meredith, Shannon
Cramblitt

Blessing

Terri Gilbert

Inspiration

Patsye Thurmon

Program

Kelly Johnson, Director
Clinton City Schools

Business

Update from Executive Board

**Executive Board Meeting
4:00**

Pi Chapter Local News

apply what we gain by attending. You will make new friends from across the state; it is fun and informative; the accommodations and food are excellent; the \$25 fee is covered by Pi's treasury. Also, members who attended this seminar some years ago are eligible to attend again. Ask a friend and go together. Time and place: March 15 and 16 at Henry Horton State Park.

There are some other interesting activities listed later in this newsletter sent to us from Marsha Brewer, our state president. Please check them out.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday!

In harmony,

Diane

Joys and Concerns

Happy January Birthdays to: Mary Ruth Cook (9th), Felecia Reynolds (11th)

Joys: Delores Ann Hendrix has returned home.

Prayers of comfort and condolences: to Vicky Curtis upon the death of her husband, Alan.
Obituary for Alan Curtis

<https://www.knoxnews.com/obituaries/kns063075>

Also prayers of healing for Vicky as she recovers from reverse shoulder replacement surgery.

Orlean Bauman, our TNSO First Vice President is currently in rehab at Dickson Health and Rehab, 901 N. Charlotte St. #1010, Dickson, TN 37055. Visitors are not encouraged at this time, but cards would be welcome, as well as prayers. Cards can be sent to her home address: 2222 Steep Hill Road, Nunnelly, TN 37137

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 (stonecipherp@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

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January 9th -- Kelly Johnson, Director of Schools, Clinton City Schools
February 6th -- A "Bob Ross" type evening with Graham Richardson; Induction Ceremony
March 5th -- Junior Achievement and Aspire Park at Aspire Park
April 2nd -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz Month
May 7th -- Founders Day Banquet



Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

Have you ever wondered about the green tub that's on the check in table at our chapter meetings? If you look closely you might recognize our own Vera Jo Henegar dressed as an African woman. She presented a program at our state convention telling members about a new project and the importance and need for help for African schools. Schools for Africa became DKG's first official international project in 2010. Paula Campbell presented a chapter program about the project dressed as an African woman too. Members were given small containers to put their change in to bring to the monthly meetings and so it unofficially became Schools for Africa: Change for Change. If we can donate the change in our billfolds at each meeting, it could make a huge difference. Since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA, members have donated \$445,134.90 to Schools for Africa. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable youngsters. UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners. For more detailed information, google DKG Schools for Africa and please consider putting your change in that green tub!

Submitted by Pat Alridge



Treasurer's Report

December 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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| BEGINNING BALANCE..... | 6,596.75 |
| Deposits | + 364.00 |
| VENMO Deposits | + 80.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | - 100.00 |
| ENDING BALANCE..... | 6,940.75 |

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 1,247.00

Balance 12-31-2023 Beginning Bal: 873.00 + 60.00 Sale of Table Decorations donated by Ann Brown + 234.00 Silent Auction at December meeting + 80.00 VENMO donations to Silent Auction = 1,247.00 [Only \$253.00 needed to reach goal of \$1500.00!!]

Thank you!

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund 2,849.80

Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...

Balance 08-30-2023 3,374.17 – 699.37 DKG bags for 3 years, Jinx Logos = 2,674.80

Paid back VJH Scholarship Fund 175.00 with budgeted money for Early Career Educators line item

VJH Scholarship Fund = 524.37 remaining balance owed as of 11-30-2023

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* 0.00 12-31-2023
0.00

[Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10

Balance 12-31-2023 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 307.24

Balance 12-31-2023 307.24 *Thank you!*

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 2,238.61

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

Balance 12/31/2023 = 2,268.61+ 70.00 donations to Isaiah House [K. Hurst 50.00;

L. McCune 20.00] – 100.00 donation to CHS Choral Dept. = 2,238.61

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,940.75

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 12-31-2023 = 210.00

[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

[*When the goal of \$1,500.00 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.]

State and International News

FROM MARSHA

Virtual Workshop on Navigating the Tennessee Legislative Website - 1/8/24 at 7 PM CST Feel free to invite friends and colleagues to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88427636573?pwd=Q0Q1U2lQR2RsdYtyQTZ2QStWdVJ3QT09>

Beginning Leadership Seminar Application Due

1/15/24 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sECEKC1J8ECpCNAG2VNpcV8H1-ayLQsN8eftkd56gO8/viewform?ts=654d771d&edit_requested=true

Please encourage your chapter members to apply.

President to Presidents Zoom Meeting 1/21/24 at 2:30 PM CST, 3:30 PM EST.

An Evening with Chris Ford on Effectively Communicating with Legislators - 1/22/24 at 7 PM CST at the TEA building, 801 2nd. Ave. N, Nashville, TN 37201.

Let's try to have a big crowd at this event to show support for education in Tennessee

State Projects Committee presents Virtual Mentoring for Early Career Educators - 1/30/24 Please invite member and non-member early career educators to join this session.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84127647938?pwd=UjZ3c2ZlKy9od1QxM1k5QXNlNkhKQT09>

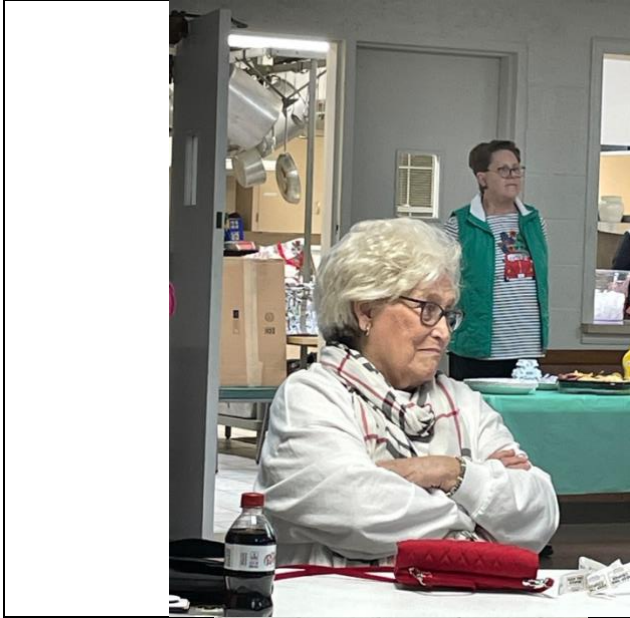
Moments from our December Meeting



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**Welcome to our new
Members-to-Be
Kaitlin Hall and Jessica
McClintock**