



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Growing Possibilities 2016-2017



“Give me books, French wine, fruit, fine weather and a little music played out of doors by somebody I do not know.”—J. Keats
This quote reminds me of spring evenings that are still somewhat cool, but warm enough to sit outside listening to music in Market Square in Downtown Knoxville. It is hard to believe that we are only a couple of weeks away from spring break. When I last counted, I realized that there are only twelve weeks of school left for 2016-2017! I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the longer days when we spring forward on Sunday, March 12th.

At our March meeting, we will be ready to learn new makeup ideas from a Mary Kay representative to get us from spring into summer.

Please remember to bring any additional membership forms to our March meeting. We will vote, and induct our new members in April. New members will attend an orientation meeting later this month.

Here are some important dates/deadlines:

March 10:

Xi State Essay Contest entries due

March 15:

Order of the Rose applications due

Xi State Achievement Award recommendations due

Communications Award form due

Legislative Award form due

March 17:

Accountability Ticket due

See you soon!

Rhonda

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Rhonda Phillips
1st VPPatsye Thurmon
2nd VP Reita Yadon
Recording Sec.....Amy Graham
Corres. Sec.....Lee Ann Eaves
Parliamentarian.....April Perry
Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Terri Gilbert

Hostesses

Karen Long (coordinator), Shannon Smith, Heather Powell, Joan Vick, Patsye Thurmon, Pat Aldridge, Diane Alsop, Judy Jones

Program

Mary Kay Representative

Business

Vote on new members/Election of Officers/Legislative Reports

Remember to Bring

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products

Change for Change Donations

Box Tops for Education

Monetary donations for New Project

Honoring Marylee Stuart



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

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Joys and Concerns

Happy March Birthdays to: Kathy Hurst, April Perry, Deborah Keck (5th), Pat Stonecipher (17th), Teresa Wallace (25th), Ginger Cook (30th), Tammy Givens, (31st)

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

Beta Phi, our DKG Sisters in LaFollette, have invited us to their March 28th meeting. Our Xi State President Dorrie Powell is the guest speaker. The meeting starts at 5pm at the LaFollette United Methodist Church.

Please let me know via adgann@comcast.net if you plan to attend. Then we can make plans to car pool. **Please respond by our meeting on March 7th, so I can give Beta Phi a confirmed number attending.**

Ann Gann

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

Paula Campbell

Dates to Remember

March 7, 2017
Pi Chapter Meeting

April 4, 2017
Pi Chapter Meeting

May 2, 2017
Pi Chapter Meeting,
Founders' Day Banquet



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) for

New Project for Pi Chapter

I am always amazed by the generosity of my Pi chapter sisters. As you know, we lost a beloved member of our chapter, Marylee Stuart, in January of 2017. Marylee was a reading teacher for many years, a champion of literacy, and a passionate reader herself. Our goal is to provide a book for each "graduate" of the preschool program in Anderson County to honor her memory. It is an ambitious goal and I am asking for individual contributions of cash (in any amount) or Pre-K appropriate books not included in the Imagination Library. I have secured a donor who has agreed to match whatever we contribute at the March meeting. So whatever you can contribute, that amount will be doubled in value. I realize that we have already chosen to contribute \$250.00 from the Hazel McCreary Classroom Teacher Grant, but there are currently 328 rising Kindergarten students in Anderson County. Remember that kindness matters more than ever today.

Kathy Hurst

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TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$ March 2017

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I might include in the newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help! Kathleen Benedict

Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!!

We have reached our 1,000.00 goal to fund two recruitment grants and our goal to fund one member who has never attended a Xi State Convention! A balance of 616.78 to decide how to spend: another member chosen to go to Xi State, additional recruitment grant, or leave in the account. Just think about what decision would best represent the spirit of this account.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Your Treasurer,

Kathleen Benedict

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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! **Account total to date: 67.89.**

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>

Pi Chapter Members Attend Legislative Symposium in Nashville



Our annual Legislative Symposium was held in Nashville on February 13th and 14th. Like much of Anderson County during that time, our delegation was down two members due to illness. Pi President Rhonda Phillips, April Perry and Kelly Raye Williams were able to attend. The symposium offered a small but effective panel discussion on the night the 13th with Donna Cotner, from TRTA and Rep. Harry Brooks. Valentine's Morning we were treated to a lovely devotional and listened to Commissioner McQueen. Then

we headed to the hill for an action packed day. Breaking into teams, we were able to meet with Representatives Brooks, Calfe, Dunn, Ragan and Smith as well as our new Lt. Governor McNally.

Kathleen Benedict did provide lovely spice tea packets that we were able to present to our legislators as we met with them. While our meetings were enjoyable, I left the symposium realizing the vast amount of work and communication concerning protecting public education that lies ahead of this legislative season.

The PIE (Policy Innovators in Education) is growing in Tennessee. They strongly support charter schools and choice school programs (by any other name vouchers). There are some hurtful legislative bills currently in committee that we need to watch carefully. I will work with the legislative committee to have list of those bills available to the chapter at our monthly meeting on the 7th.

However, I feel that we must keep a watchful eye on Washington now and in the years to come. There is currently a resolution (HR 610) that will drastically effect all education in our country K-12. I cannot see any redeeming qualities to this resolution; it effective eliminates The Elementary and Secondary Schools Act of 1965 and the No Hungry Child Act and totally ignores provisions for FAPE while placing most if not all federal funding in grant programs.

Please remember how important it is to stay aware of what is happening on Capitol Hill and to continually voice what we think is best for our students and public education in our state and country.

Kelly Raye Williams

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Important Dates from Xi State

June 1-3, 2017: Xi State Convention, The University of the South Sewanee TN (See the February issue of Xi State for registration form.)

Important Dates from International

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



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