



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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**Explore, Dream, and Discover
2017-2018**

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

**He hath made everything beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11**

Dear Pi Chapter:

It is hard to believe that we are only nine school days away from spring break. When I last counted, I realized that there are only twelve weeks of school left for 2017-2018! I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the longer days when we spring forward on Sunday, March 11th. Although it is unusual weather we have been having, I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm days. My trees and flower bulbs are showing signs of spring, and I have already mowed my yard. Spring always gives me the feeling of renewal and fresh beginnings.

Please be sure to bring nomination forms for new members to our March meeting. We are scheduled to vote in March, and the induction ceremony will be held in April.

Incoming Officers: There is a training session for new officers for 2018-2020. I highly recommend that you attend this training, as it was very helpful and informative for me two years ago.

East Tennessee

Trinity United Methodist Church
5613 Western Ave
Knoxville 37921

April 14

Lunch will be served for everyone between 11:30 and 12:30 and will cost \$10.00 per person due with registration. An online registration form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ydd9c96p>. Mail forms and checks to Ann Gann, Xi State Recording Secretary, 604 Timbercrest Drive, Clinton, TN 37716 no later than April 1. You may email Ann with questions at adgann@comcast.net.

See you soon!
Rhonda Phillips

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Ann Gann

Hostesses

Deckie Conley (Coordinator), Reita Yadon, Judy Miller, Julie Capps

Program

“Ladies of Tennessee”
Lynn Fox

Business

Vote on new members
Election of Officers

Remember to Bring

Change for Change Donations
Box Tops for Education

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



Pi Chapter Local News

75th Birthday Party!!!

It's official so mark your calendars! We are having our 75th Birthday/Founders' Day Banquet on May 1st at Calhoun's in Oak Ridge. We have two private rooms reserved with access to a deck right on the water. Lots of plans are being made that we will share in the coming months. We're hoping that all of our Pi Chapter sisters will attend this special event!

PI CHAPTER MEMBERS: If your physical address, email address, phone or name change during the year, please notify Kathleen Benedict (kbenedict08@comcast.net) or Pat Stonecipher, so all materials from international can reach you.

Joys and Concerns

Happy March Birthdays to: Kathy Hurst and April Perry (5th), Pat Stonecipher (17th), Teresa Wallace (25th), Ginger Cook and Denise Houdeschell (30th)

Belated congratulations to Julie Capps and Kelly Williams for winning ORAU teacher grants last fall.

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. If your birthday is wrong, please let me know!

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ March 2018

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope I am still collecting dues, as agreed upon, from 4 members of our chapter. As you know, I will help anyone spread out dues payment to meet specific needs. This has worked well in the past for members and for our chapter.

We have surpassed our \$1,000.00 goal for awarding two 500.00 Grants – in – Aid by 300+ dollars. Also, we still have an inventory of t-shirts to sell that when sold will generate pure profit.

I have sent our budgeted contributions to Xi State or DKG Society International. Additionally, we collected 196.00 from members to send to DKG Society International for the Emergency Fund. I will mail all monies collected for Schools for Africa to UNICEF after the March meeting.

We have much to celebrate for our 75th Anniversary of Pi Chapter at Founder's Day Banquet in May! 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!
Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 kbenedict08@comcast.net



might include in the these help!

Moments from February Meeting



Amanda Powers gave the program for February's meeting. She is a reading specialist and has been with Anderson County Schools since 2004. She has taught social studies, history, and reading. Amanda spoke about her experiences with students and reading (those who could read and those who could not). As a reading specialist, she has observed all levels of reading in AC Schools. Currently, there is at least one interventionist at each school. Elementary level teachers attended training at Columbia University last summer. Because of RTI, statistics are showing marked improvement on test scores and even on the ACT. Approximately 10 to 15% of students receive reading intervention services. Amanda hopes that strategies such as guided reading and leveled reading are helping to instill a love of reading and literacy in students.

Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2017-2018



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! Current Total: 51.90 Turn in change each meeting in the Green Container! In order for our donation to be counted towards our chapter contributions total, I will need to send the total collected at the end of the March meeting to Xi State. Bring those bags of change to the March meeting, ladies!

Please consider this worthy project!

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" will be at the Check-In table each meeting! 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 Local News

Dear Sisters,

Fulfilling my duty as nominations chair has had its disappointments, but overall has been very rewarding. Getting to know many of our members better was certainly a pleasure. It was disappointing to learn that our officers from this biennium are not eligible to serve consecutive biennia in the same office. It was gratifying to find out that current President Rhonda Phillips and First Vice President Patsye Thurmon agreed to take other leadership roles. Both have been outstanding as our current president and first vice president. It was also rewarding to find out that there are sisters who will serve in leadership positions when their present commitments end. There are too many members who helped along the way for me to mention each one by name for fear of accidentally leaving out one. I thank all of you. Special thanks go to Ann Gann who stepped up to the plate when I had to seek the help of a former president in order to have a nominee for this office.

I am proud to present the following sisters for consideration for office in Pi Chapter:

President – Ann Gann

First Vice President – Rhonda Phillips

Second Vice President – ????????????

Recording Secretary – Patsye Thurmon

Corresponding Secretary – Laura Phillips

Treasurer – Kathleen Benedict

Finance Chairman and Committee – Linda McCune, Ann Brown, Lucy VanCleve (The treasurer and president also serve.)

Nominations Chairman and Committee – Paula Tackett, Laura Boden, Vera Jo Henegar, Kathy Hurst, Felicia Reynolds

At present, we do not have a second vice president. Below is an excerpt from the yearbook outlining the responsibilities of this office.

The second vice-president shall:

- a. perform duties as prescribed by the Pi Chapter Executive Board;
- b. be responsible for the gathering of information for and the printing/distribution of the chapter yearbook and submitting the required copies to appropriate state officers;
- c. complete and file a yearly report and email a copy of the report to the president.

The format of our yearbook is easily changed to Word, so what is already there can be easily updated once a year. I hope a sister will consider this office and let me know before our meeting on Tuesday. My cell is 865-806-6236. Please leave a message or a text. I am taking care of two little grandsons this weekend and will at times I am sure be unavailable.

Thanks,

Diane



Want an adventure of a lifetime? I have been traveling with CHA for 20 years and I will be taking a group to Venice, Pisa, Florence, Cinque Terra and Switzerland in June of 2019- if anyone is interested please contact Lori Price at 865-599-6243.

Pi Chapter Local News

Our Pi Sisters, Ann Gann, Susan Flower, Marsha Livingston, Judy Miller, Patsye Thurmon, and Kelly Williams all attended the legislative forum with McNally and Ragan on Feb 10th at Harrison's.



Xi State News International News

Important Dates from Xi State

June 7-9, 2018 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

Important Dates from International

**July 16-20 International Convention
Austin, TX**

US Forum Connection

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>

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>



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