



Pi Chapter Newsletter



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2023-2025
Biennium

Dear Pi Chapter Sisters,

Easter is March 31 this year! Spring Break is soon! March is Women’s History Month, National Reading Month, and Disability Awareness Month, dates of which we, in our role as educators, may want to make others aware.

Some things to know about our March 5 meeting are:

- Enter the Hollingsworth Center on the side directly opposite the Anderson County High School sign at the entrance marked with a helium balloon.
- Amy Wilson and Lesa Walker will be presenting our program “All Things JA” which will begin at 5:00.
- We will eat and have our business meeting after the program.

Reports completed and actions taken since January to successfully conclude this biennium include the following:

- Vikki received highest honors for our wonderful yearbook.
- Kathleen sent our donations to State and International thus completing all actions and reports of the treasurer for this biennium. She will begin collecting dues for the next biennium this month.
- Pat S. sent press releases to local and TNSO publications and sent our newsletter to the state for evaluation thus nearing the completion of all the Communication and Marketing Award criteria.
- Pat A. planned the orientation and induction of our three new members. She is also working to make it easy for all of us to update our biographical information.
- Amanda and I submitted information about the February program to the Education Excellence Committee’s Corner Spotlight and an application to be considered for the Iris Award.

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Diane Alsop
 1st VPAmanda Powers
 2nd VP Vikki Burns
 Recording Sec.....Ann Gann
 Corres. Sec.....Kathy Hurst
 Parliamentarian.....Linda McCune
 Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
 Editors/Webmasters.....Pat Stonecipher
 Chelsi Meredith

**Tuesday, March 5,
5 p.m.**

Hollingsworth Center
2135 North Charles Seviers Blvd.

Hostesses

Pat Aldridge, Vicki Bible, Abbi Hill, Peggy Stooksbury, and Jackie Stephen

Blessing

Pat Aldridge

Inspiration

Pat Stonecipher

Program

Amy Wilson and Lesa Walker,
“All Things Junior Achievement”

Business

Legislative report, Election of 2024-2026 Pi Chapter officers,
New chapter officer training information, Updating member biographical information

- Rhonda has been working on filling our slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.
- Lorrie and I participated in the Zoom meeting presented by The Arts and Personal Growth Committee.
- Peggy made multiple visits to the Hollingsworth Center working with Amy Muehl to ascertain smooth sailing for our March meeting.
- TNSO State President Marsha Brewer has just announced that there will be three Rosebuds, one for each Grand Division in Tennessee. Thank you, Marsha and the TNSO Awards Committee for this change.
- Chelsi is applying for the Rosebud Award. Such a deserving candidate! Kathleen is writing her paragraph of recommendation.
- THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE PI CHAPTER THE VERY BEST!

March is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. I hope you all are enjoying this lamblike weather with a slight touch of the lion. The forecast for next Tuesday calls for a high of 69, what a great day to get out and then come to the Hollingsworth Center for the program about JA starting at 5. Hope to see you there!

In harmony,
Diane

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024-2026

President:

1st Vice President: Amanda Powers

2nd Vice President: Lorrie Irwin

Recording Secretary: Taylor Powers

Corresponding Secretary: Rhonda Phillips

Rhonda Phillips is still looking for someone to take on the role of President.

Pi Chapter Members: Time to Pay 2024-2025 Dues, still \$85.00.

*If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa, the Hazel McCreary Fund, or any other fund, the donated amount may be added to the 85.00 dues amount. The donation is not required, only voluntary, as some members like to donate to these causes when they pay dues. **All members have until June 30, 2024 to pay dues.**

Methods of Paying Pi Chapter Dues:

- ✓ Check or cash made out to:
Pi Chapter DKG

Pay at March, April, or May meeting, cash or check OR Mail a check to:

**Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918
OR**

- ✓ **VENMO**

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 Password: 1646

You can go to www.venmo.com for more information.

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Happy March Birthdays to: Kathy Hurst (3/5), April Perry (3/5), and Pat Stonecipher (3/17)

Joys:

We are thankful for the wonderful Spring weather we are having! We are thankful for our Pi Chapter sisters!

Prayers of comfort and condolences:

Rhonda has recently found out that she has an aortic aneurism. She is closely monitoring it and hoping for the best, but it is something of which she must be very conscious. Prayers and love to Rhonda as she meets this new challenge!

Please remember our members who have had various health issues highlighted here over the last several months. Prayers, cards, and contacts have been appreciated.

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.



March 5th – Junior Achievement and Aspire Park at JA Building

April 2nd -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz Month

May 7th -- Founders Day Banquet

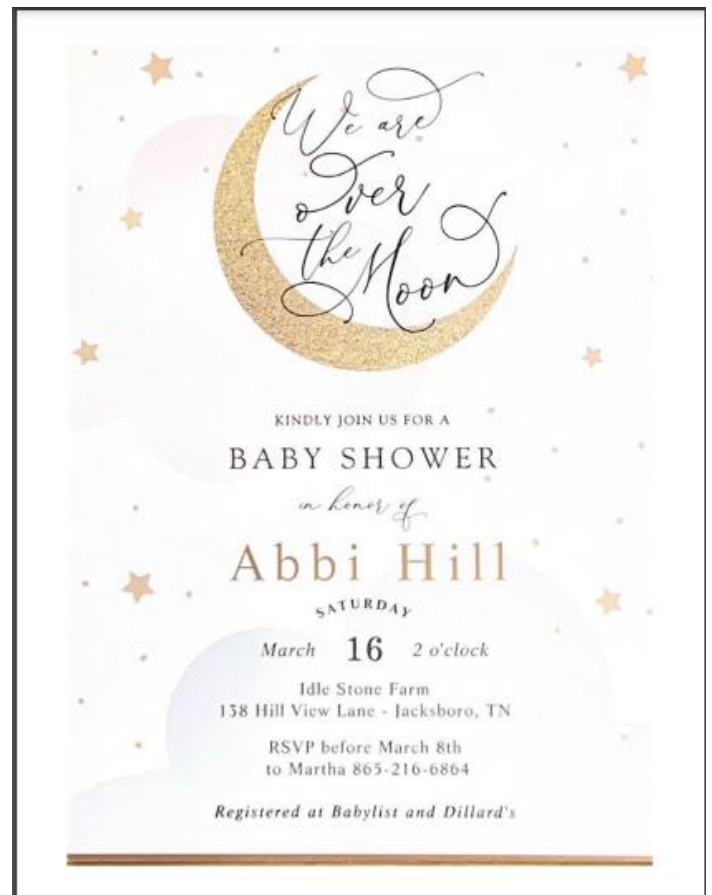
Pi Chapter Local News

As you check in at the table on Tuesday, please take the Chapter Membership Biographical Data form. If at all possible, fill it out and return it to the table by the end of the meeting. It has been years since we have done this, and we have new members as well as many of us who have changes that need to be updated. If I have old forms for you, I will attach them to the new form. Going through them, I found one for Virginia Holt and Ida Inez Gamble, two of our charter members! If you're not keeping track of your involvement in DKG, I suggest you start a file and at the end of each biennium record any chapter and/or state office or committee you have chaired or served on. This will be really helpful in keeping your information up to date as well as having it readily available if you want to apply for a scholarship or grant. See you Tuesday!

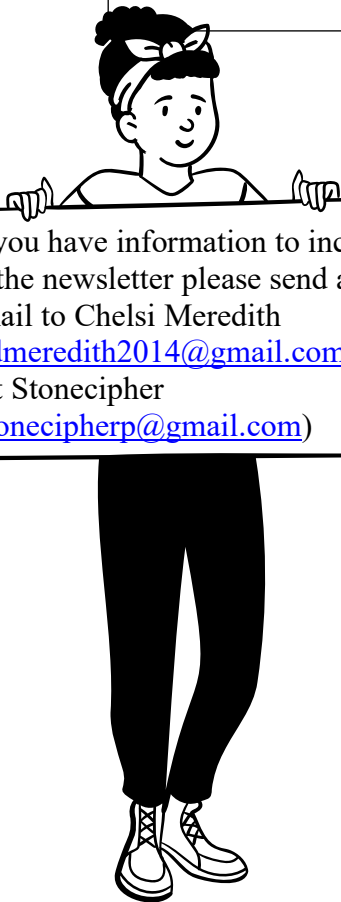
Submitted by Pat Aldridge

You're Invited!

Please join us as we celebrate our sister Abbi Hill and her new bundle of joy! The invitation with more details is attached!
We are so excited for you Abbi!!



If you have information to include in the newsletter please send an email to Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) or Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com)



Treasurer's Report

February 2024 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,089.75
Deposits	+ 56.00
VENMO Deposits.....	+ 1.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 113.09
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,033.66

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 1,373.00

Balance 02-29-2024 Beginning Bal: 1,316.00 + 57.00 Happy Jar = 1,373.00 [Only \$127.00 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 +175.00 [Early Career Educators pmt. For 23-24 = 2,849.80

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 01-31-2024

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* 0.00 02-29-2024 0.00

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

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10

Balance 02-29-2024 = 298.10

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

Balance 02-29-2024 307.24 *Thank you!*

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUN..... 1,205.52

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

Balance 02/29/2024 = 1,318.61 – Reimbursement to Pat Aldridge for roses for initiation;

-13.95 Reimbursement to Vikki Burns for postage mailing annuals to members without email;

-50.00 Donation to CMS Art Department; - 27.20 U. S. Post Office, Stamps = 1,205.52

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,033.66

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 02-29-2024 = 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.]

Treasurer's Report Continued

LIST of Pi Chapter Members who have paid dues and contributions for 2024-25

(Listed in order of payment.)

(Dues and contributions be credited in the Pi Chapter balance after the 2023-2024 fiscal year ends.)

NAME	DUES PD.	GRANT	HAZEL	SCHOOLS/AFRICA	OTHER
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| 1. | Lorri Irwin | 40.00 | Balance | 45.00 | |
| 2. | Taylor Irwin | 10.00 | Initiation Fee, 30.00 dues; Bal. | 55.00 | |
| 3. | Sara Idzik | 85.00 | | 15.00 | |
| 4. | Kaitlin Hall | 10.00 | Initiation Fee; 85.00 dues | | |
| 5. | | | | | |
| 6. | | | | | |
| 7. | | | | | |
| 8. | | | | | |

REINSTATED MEMBERS

- 1.
- 2.

RESERVE MEMBERSs

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapter Honorary Members (DO NOT COUNT IN TOTAL MEMBERSHIP)

1. Marilyn Buckner

State and International News

TNSO

TNSO DEADLINES (Most March and April deadlines have been or will be met by Pi Chapter. Only the ones that have not been addressed are included below.

Convention Workshop Proposals -March 15 deadline

<https://forms.gle/zTuCpBFpjtVXv3up6>

May 1 Deadlines from TNSO:

TNSO Convention, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN - 5/30-6/1, 2024 (See details under News of Committees - Convention Steering. May 1st is the cutoff for the discounted registration) Registration form can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>

It's registration time for the 2024 TNSO Convention! We're looking forward to seeing all of you on the Mountain this year! We want to let you know that we have some changes in store this year, based on feedback. One of those includes changing one of our dorms to Humphreys to make it easier to access the parts of campus where we will be. The other big change will be to some of the menus. We know the menus have remained unchanged for a number of years, and sometimes bringing in some new recipes can freshen things up a bit. Fortunately for us, our fees are staying the same this year, so that won't be one of our changes.

Also, we'll be bringing back the campus bus tour with our favorite tour guide, Dee Dee Rives. She is a walking encyclopedia of all things Sewanee, and for newcomers and recent newcomers, this is a "not to be missed" experience. The ever popular tour of All Saints Chapel and the carillon tower will also be among the options for break-out sessions.

Here's the link for online registration: <https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA>

We're very excited to be with you all at the 2024 Convention, and we'll see you on the mountain!

Outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents will be presented at the Presidents' Banquet on Friday, May 31. Be planning your chapter displays which will be set up in Convocation Hall on Thursday, May 30. See attachment below for hostess chapters assigned to the 2024 convention.

We are also looking for vendors for the convention. Vendors will be able to set up and sell on the opening night this year (Thursday, May 30) in the Art Gallery. Applications are due 5/1/24

<https://forms.gle/hrdocfntfPeZX57v6>

The Arts and Personal Growth Committee would like to remind all chapters that at the TN State Convention, you need to bring a display of the great things you have done. If you are going to use a tablecloth, you must provide your own. In order to know how many tables to request, please email bking13@outlook.com by March 15, 2024, if you plan to participate with a display or if you have any questions. Each chapter with a display will receive a Participation Certificate. We know that the chapters across this state do awesome projects and activities. Let's share these ideas, so others may find new ways to help their community.



Calendar

- March 1, 2024 - DKGIEF Project application due
- March 1, 2024 - International Committees application due
- March 15, 2024 - Achievement Award nominations due
- March 15, 2024 - Convention Workshop Proposals due
- March 15, 2024 - Chapter Histories due
- March 15, 2024 - Legislative Award application due
- March 15, 2024 - Order of the Rose and Rosebud nominations due
- March 15-16, 2024 - Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton state Park
- March 23, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in West Tennessee
- March 25, 2024 - Deadline to submit Chapter Newsletters
- April 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence
- April 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit Chapter Bylaws and Rules (see attached schedule)
- April 6, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in East Tennessee
- April 15, 2024 - Committee / Officer Reports Due
- April 20, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in Middle Tennessee
- May 1, 2024 - Deadline for "Early Bird" Registration for the TNSO Convention
- May 7, 2024 - Area II Pi Chapter Founders' Day
- May 19, 2024 - TNSO Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
- May 30 - June 1, 2024 - TNSO Convention in Sewanee, TN
- July 9 - 13, 2024 - DKG International Convention in National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

Moments from our February Meeting



Thank you Clinton Middle School and
Graham Richardson for the amazing and
fun filled evening!!