



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**



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Treasurer ..... Kathleen Benedict  
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Sisters,

It is hard to believe that it is already March. With March comes yard work and some daydreams of (maybe) being able to travel and visit with many of whom we have not been able to see, in person, since March of last year. March 13 was the last day of in-person school in Anderson County last year, and now, hopefully many Anderson County staff will have the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of February and the second dose 'in their arm' by the end of March. If you are not currently working in the system, qualify under the current phase of vaccine distribution, and haven't been able to get the vaccine yet, please reach out to our members. There are many who can help you navigate the state's sign-up to get your name on the list and an appointment made.

As spring comes into full view/bloom, Pi Chapter needs to make sure we have met our obligations (dues and donations) and goals for the year. We are looking for new members to induct. Please reach out to new teachers in your circle and invite them to join us, if not for the March meeting, please invite them to the April meeting.

Speaking of donations, please review Kathleen's information to understand the methods you can utilize to make your dues payment (\$85.00) for next year (deadline for our payment to Kathleen is no later than May 30, 2021); the additional portion of funds you can opt-in to adding to your dues to support the Silent Auction and Schools for Africa (\$12.00); Pi Chapter projects that have gone on this year and are in need of funding, and donations that can be made to offset expenditures Pi Chapter has made toward the new teacher's tote bags, Garland Oakes support, and, as always, Pi Chapter's multiple scholarship and memorial accounts, the Grant in Aid Fund, the Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund, the Happy Jar, and others funds that would benefit from your generous donation.

Additionally, the following virtual events/activities have been planned for any member who is interested in participating by the State Chapter: Feb 27 - Basics of Excel; Mar 4 - Google Doc Basics; April 3 - DKG Zoom Olympics; April 13 - Watercolors for Beginners. Links to these activities/events are on the State DKG website and they are free to attend.

As a reminder, we will be having a brief business meeting on March 2 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss specifically our support of Garland Oaks and some other items. At 6:25 we will adjourn and then we plan to join the Legislative Symposium conducted by the Tennessee DKG.

Go in peace sisters,  
Abbi and Vikki

### Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Zoom Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**Inspiration**  
Deckie Conley

**Program**  
Legislative Symposium  
Conducted by Tennessee DKG  
6:30 p.m.

**Business**  
Updates about Garland Oaks and other items

### Invitation to March meeting:

We will open the Zoom room at 5:45 for a quick talk around before we move into the quick business session.

Topic: DKG Monthly Meeting  
Time: Mar 2, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88099644329?pwd=NEw0Z0tFRlZOdFZhS2E4SVQ2YmQzUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 9964 4329  
Passcode: Ltu06B

## Pi Chapter Local News

**Congratulations** to Jennifer Taylor, this year's recipient of the Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant. Jennifer used her grant award to fund BrainPOP for her classroom.



## Treasurer's Tidbits

### *2021-2022 Pi Chapter Dues +*

Note from Treasurer: Hello All! In these Covid-19 times, I am looking for any signs of hope or spring. I love seeing so many of you on our Zoom meetings, even if it is just a face shot – it is fun for me!

As always, I will try to get a head start on collecting 2021-2022 Pi Chapter dues of 85.00 beginning February 1, 2021 and asking you to consider adding 12.00 to that total to help defray our payments to the State for Silent Auction of 50.00 and for Schools for Africa, amount to be determined. I know many of you usually add 15.00 to your dues amount to help the Grant-in-Aide Fund and you may still do that as well if you wish. This is a request for the additional funds – not mandatory. We have not had an in - person meeting or a fundraiser as we would have normally, so I was just trying to think of way to incorporate several items into one. If you think this is unreasonable in these lean times, I understand – just send your dues. As always, if you need to send payments, I will work out any plan you devise.

**Please mail payments to: Kathleen Benedict/P.O. Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901**

**Please send VENMO payments to: User Name: Kathleen-Benedict-6**

**Passcode: 1646**

All dues must be submitted by May 30, 2021.

As you can see from the Treasurer Report, due to many donations, the Grant-in-Aide Fund is sufficient to award the two 500.00 grants.

Thank you very much! *Kathleen Benedict*



# Treasurer's Report

**February 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER  
TREASURE'S REPORT** **KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER**

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	<b>6,937.04</b>
<b>Deposits</b> .....	<b>+ 195.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.....	-300.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>6,832.04</b>

**TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 1,027.17**  
 Beginning Balance 02-28-2021 977.17 + 50.00 Donation by Ann Gann in Memory of Elizabeth Gann, sister of Kathleen Benedict = 1,027.17

<b><u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u> ..... 3,270.00</b> Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.
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**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees\* ..... 580.00**  
 Balance 02-28-2021 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<b><u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u> ..... 298.10</b> Balance 02-28-2021 = 298.10
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**Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) ..... 102.24**  
 Balance 02-28-2021 402.20 – 300.00 Grant Award to Jennifer Taylor = 102.24

<b>AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 1,554.53</b> <b>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</b> Beginning balance 02-28-2021 = 1,409.53 + 45.00 donations to Silent Auction + 100.00 Donations to Schools for Africa = 1,554.53
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**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,832.04**

<b>Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund</b> (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 02-28-2021 = 200.00 [This fund part of the Regular Fund.]
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**[\*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.]**

( Must be held separately, for accounting purposes, until July 1, 2021)

<b><u>February Dues Payments</u></b>	<b><u>Grant-in-Aide Donations</u></b>
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- |                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Ann Gann        | 15.00 |
| 2. Pat Stonecipher | 15.00 |
| 3. Patsye Thurmon  | 15.00 |

**March Dues Payments**

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## Pi Chapter Local News

### Pi Chapter has received gracious thank you notes from all of our contributions! List of Contributions 2020-2021 Pi Chapter DKG

1. Golden Gift Fund DKG Society International 48.00 (1.00 per member)
2. World Fellowship Fund DKG Society International 48.00 (1.00 per member )
3. Education Projects Fund DKG Society International 101.33
4. Imagination Library TN State Organization DKG 101.33
5. Vision Foundation TN State Organization DKG 101.33
6. Silent Auction TN State Organization DKG 50.00



### Spotlight on Members

Amanda Powers earned her bachelor's degree in Geography and her master's degree in Teacher Education from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She started her career at Clinton Middle School, where she stayed for nine years teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies and ELA/reading. She then transitioned to academic coach. After three years of coaching, Amanda felt drawn to reading intervention and worked with eight different schools as the ACS Reading Specialist for three years. She then worked one year as the ELA Curriculum Specialist for the two high schools before joining the Clinton High School administration team this year as an assistant principal. Amanda can't remember the one inspiration that led her to a life as an educator, but that's just because she can only remember always wanting to teach. She loved playing school at home with her sister and was known to take her pretend school very seriously. Her sister once complained to their mom that she was tired of all the snow days. Their mom was taken aback and asked, "Why? I thought kids loved snow days." Her sister responded, "But I have so much homework from Amanda when I'm home." In her spare time, Amanda loves to read and still loves history. She also enjoys spending time with her family, going to Norris Lake, traveling, and watching sports- especially baseball. She has figured out how to combine her loves by traveling to historical locations and new baseball stadiums around the country with her husband and son, Kit. A fun fact about Amanda is that while she may not have known about the Clinton 12 before she did her internship, she now wants to make sure everyone knows and appreciates the bravery of those students and their contribution to history.



**Amanda Powers**

## Pi Chapter Local News



Sara Idzik still needs biographical information from the following members: Diane Alsop, Vicky Curtis, Amy Graham, Janie Jackson, April Perry, Krista Petrick, Felecia Reynolds, Sally Suttle, Lisa Swisher, Lucy VanCleve, and Joan Vick.

Please contact Sara at [sara.idzik@gmail.com](mailto:sara.idzik@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We really need for all of our members to participate in this project...we get points for the state award!

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



### Change for March Meeting!!!

Our March meeting will be held in conjunction with the Legislative Symposium. See information below to register.

The DKG Tennessee State Organization Legislative Symposium will be held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 5:30 pm Central time.

Events

Panel Discussion with Tennessee Representatives and Senators

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Henderson, former Legislative Liaison for the Tennessee Counseling Association

Welcome by Commissioner of Education Dr. Penny Schwinn

Here is the link to register

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk\\_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw\\_UTrqL3kRg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw_UTrqL3kRg/viewform)

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy March Birthdays to:** Kathy Hurst and April Perry (5<sup>th</sup>), Pat Stonecipher (17<sup>th</sup>)

**Condolences to:** Patsye Thurmon lost both parents to Covid in the fall. Her mother-in-law died due to Covid-19 in late January and her father-in-law passed from a blood infection back in June. She and her husband have lost all four of our parents in less than a year!

**Continued Prayers for:** Steve Reynolds (Felecia's husband) who is in NHC for long term care following a car accident

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](mailto:stonecipherp@gmail.com)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.



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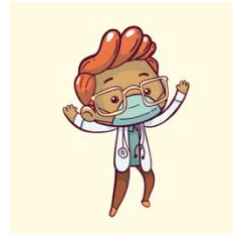
In May, we hope to be able to have our annual Founders' Day Program.

### “Sanitary Kits for Women”

We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the “back burner”. We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits and we just need to round up some sergers and get sewing. These kits can go anywhere in the world to women who need these sanitary supplies. I will let you know further details as they become available.

*Submitted by Susan Jonely*

## Educational Issues



**Tennessee could get up to \$2.6 billion more for K-12 education with third federal stimulus package for COVID**

**Click here to read more:**

**<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2021/2/23/22298098/tennessee-could-get-up-to-2-6-billion-more-for-k-12-education-with-third-covid-stimulus-package>**



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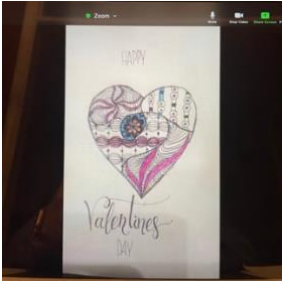
Members may use this one link to submit questions (without registering), to register AND submit questions, or to just register. It's a one-stop shop!

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk\\_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw\\_UTrqL3kRg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw_UTrqL3kRg/viewform)**

# Moments from our February Zoom Meeting

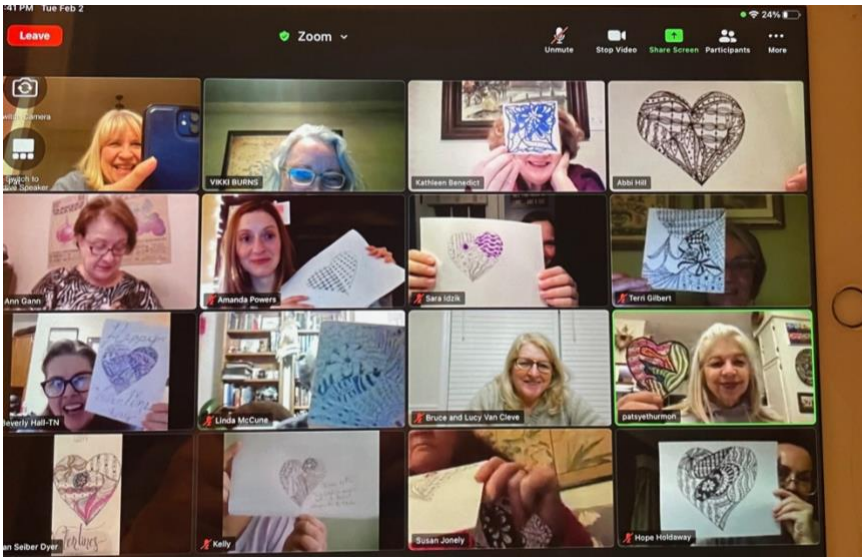
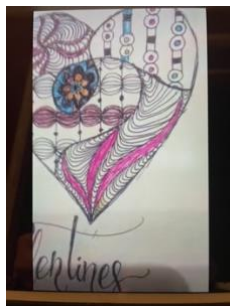
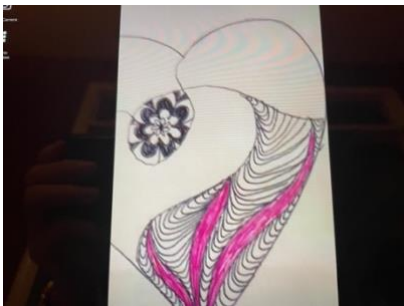


Megan Seiber  
“Finding Your Zen  
with  
Zentangles”





# Moments from our February Zoom Meeting



Finished Products!

## Xi State Tennessee News



There are many TN State DKG events approaching over the next few weeks. These are a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed! Please read below for a description of each event listed and the registration link and deadline. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Abbi and she will get the information to you as soon as possible!

### **Basics of Excel**

Presenter: Heather Warren, Wayne County CTE Director  
Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10 AM Central

This member requested workshop will cover the basics of Microsoft Excel using various Excel formulas, tables, and charts. Members who register will receive a handout to print prior to the workshop in order to make notes as we learn.

Register for Basics of Excel [here](#).

### **Google Docs Basics**

Presenter: Sherrie Collins, TNSO Webmaster  
Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7 PM Central

This member requested workshop will cover the basics of Google Docs and will reach of topics suggested by attendees through the registration form.

Register for the Google Docs Basics [here](#).

### **DKG Zoom Olympics**

Presenter: Amber Roberts, Alpha Epsilon  
Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 9 AM Central

Members will play games that demonstrate some of Zoom's functions to increase meeting engagement and interaction.

Register for the DKG Zoom Olympics [here](#).

## Xi State Tennessee News

### **Watercolors Techniques for Absolute Beginners**

Presenter: Shirl Hawes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7 PM Central

Learn several watercolor techniques used in basic watercolor art. Use these techniques to create a miniature work of art suitable for a card. Learn about online resources and books to continue your watercolor journey.

Register for Watercolors [here](#).

If you missed earlier events please go to <https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events> and scroll down to find past events such as:

- Questions About Technology
- Triskele Paper Globes
- Creating Miniature Boxes
- Chair Yoga
- Sign Language with Cousin Carrie