



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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**From the  
Heart  
2020-2022**



### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

Co-Presidents.....Abbi Hill & Vikki Burns  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP .....Susan Jonely  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP ..... Linda McCune  
 Recording Sec.....Patsye Thurmon  
 Corres. Sec.....Diane Alsop  
 Parliamentarian.....Susan Fowler  
 Treasurer ..... Kathleen Benedict  
 Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

Sisters,

We hope everyone is well and will be able to attend our March meeting. We will be meeting at 5:00 at Memorial Methodist Church on March 1st. Ann Gann and her group will be hosting a St. Patrick's themed meeting. Additionally, we will be voting on our officers for the next biennium and entertaining prospective members. Susan Jonely has planned another excellent program for us for this month...Reducing Stress Using Essential Oils.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the nomination form for new members you may have recruited and submit it to Amanda Powers or Sara Idzik as soon as possible. You may also invite them to the March meeting if you haven't already done so. We hope to have a vote of new members at the end of the March 1 meeting or by email soon thereafter so that member induction can be arranged at the April meeting.

It is hard to believe we are reaching the end of this biennium with only three meetings left. We will have our officer ceremony and new member induction at the April meeting and then in May, the first Founder's Day Banquet since May of 2019. So much has happened over the course of this pandemic. It will be a joy to see you all, we hope, at the remaining meetings for Pi Chapter and our Biennium. We have invited, and they have accepted, the current TNSO President, Elaine Vaughn, and past-TNSO President, Beverly Hall to both speak at the Founder's Day Banquet. If you recall, Beverly was scheduled to speak at the 2020 Founder's Day Celebration.

We are hopeful for the slate of new officers for the 2022-2024 Biennium and the activities they are participating in to help plan our path to a new normal. We are thankful that you have supported us through the past two years as we attempted to maintain a thoughtful, concerned, but continuing program of work for Pi Chapter. We would be remiss to say it hasn't been challenging, but along with the challenges came many rewards, because of you, our members and sisters who have strived to hold our bonds of unity throughout those challenges.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:30. Be sure to wear the green!

Vikki and Abbi

### Tuesday, March 1, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church

### Inspiration

Deckie Conley

### Program/Business

New members

Officer Elections

Reducing Stress Using

Essential Oils

### Hostesses:

Ann Gann, Kathy Hurst,

Linda McCune, Pat

Stonecipher

### Invitation to March

### meeting:

Topic: DKG March Meeting

Time: Mar 1, 2022 05:00 PM

Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82291465403?pwd=NnpzNWhkNmpBSlRiNHJqV0Jlclg2Zz09>

[65403?pwd=NnpzNWhkNmpBSlRiNHJqV0Jlclg2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82291465403?pwd=NnpzNWhkNmpBSlRiNHJqV0Jlclg2Zz09)

[RiNHJqV0Jlclg2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82291465403?pwd=NnpzNWhkNmpBSlRiNHJqV0Jlclg2Zz09)

Meeting ID: 822 9146 5403

Passcode: 877793

**Important Notice! We will be voting on the nominees via Survey Monkey. Please be on the lookout for the survey after the meeting. Vikki Burns will send it out.**

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Prayers of comfort and condolences for:** Condolences to Lisa Swisher on the death of her dear Mother, Anne Gross Swisher, 83, on January 18, 2022. Mrs. Swisher was an honored educator like her daughter.

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

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.

### Treasurer's Notes Regarding Pi Chapter Regular Fund Operating Budget:

#### Some important dates:

- March 1, 2022 – At the March meeting, I will collect membership dues for the 2022-2023 year. Dues remain at 85.00 for Active Members; 27.00 for Reserve Members. If any member wishes to donate to the Grant-in-Aide Fund, the Schools for Africa Fund or any other fund, please add the donated amount to the 85.00. 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 1, 2022 to pay dues.
- March 15, 2022 - I will send out invoices March 15, 2022 to any members who have not paid by that date. I hope that an INVOICE will serve as a hard copy reminder that could be posted.
- June 1, 2022 – Dues for 2022-2023 due to be paid to treasurer.
- July 1, 2022 – Pi Chapter Dues paid to DKG International Society

#### Methods of Payment:

**Check** made out to: **Pi Chapter DKG**

mailed to - Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918

#### **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](http://www.venmo.com) for more information.

## Pi Chapter Local News

### SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA SPECIAL COLLECTION

At the March 1, 2022 meeting, we will have a special collection for Pi Chapter's 2022 contribution to U.N.I.C.E.F. Schools for Africa. For six years, Pi Chapter has given generously to support this program. Our late, beloved sister, Vera Henegar, brought this project to us from International and at each meeting she would ask us to bring our spare change to put in a Green Container that she called "Change for Change" for Schools in Africa! A little information below about what our "change" has done...

**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.**



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

### 2022-2024 Slate of Officers

**President:** Diane Alsop  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Amanda Powers  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Vikki Burns  
**Recording Secretary:** Ann Gann  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Kathy Hurst  
**Treasurer (appointed):** Kathleen Benedict  
**Parliamentarian (appointed):**  
**Finance Committee:** Paula Campbell (Chair), Kathy Hurst, Deckie Conley, Treasurer, President  
**Nominations Committee:** Rhonda Phillips (Chair), Amanda Powers, Laura Phillips, Terri Gilbert, Sara Idzik

*Submitted by Pat Aldridge, Chair, Nominations Committee*

# Treasurer's Report

**February 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER**

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

[kbbenedict21@yahoo.com](mailto:kbbenedict21@yahoo.com)

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,518.30
<b>Deposits</b> .....	<b>+ 56.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 55.92
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>6,518.38</b>

**TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 745.17**

Beginning Balance 02-28-2022 689.17 + 56.00 Happy Jar = 745.17

<b><u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u></b> .....	<b>3,380.00</b>
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...	

**Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees\* ..... 0.01**

Balance 02-28-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<b><u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u></b> .....	<b>298.10</b>
Balance 02-28-2022 = 298.10	

**Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.)** ..... 146.24

Balance 02-28-2022 146.24

<b><u>AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND</u></b> .....	<b>1,948.86</b>
<b><u>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</u></b> Beginning balance 02-28-2022 = 2,004.78 – 55.92 = 1,948.86	

**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT**..... **6,518.38**

<b><u>Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund</u></b> (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 02-28-2022 = 210.00 [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.]

## Dues 2022-2023 and Donations

(Deposited but records kept separately until July 2022.)

Member	Dues	Grant	Schools for Africa	Other Fund?
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**JANUARY**

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| 1. Patsye Thurmon | 85.00 | 15.00 |  |  |
| 2. Susan Jonely   | 85.00 | 15.00 |  |  |

**FEBRUARY**

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|--------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 3. Linda McCune    | 85.00 | 15.00 |  |  |
| 4. Diane Alsop     | 85.00 | 15.00 |  |  |
| 5. Pat Stonecipher | 85.00 | 15.00 |  |  |

**MARCH**

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## Pi Chapter Local News

### Notes from the Presidents *Time Dated Information*

#### *Chapter Officer Leadership Training*

**Registration** for the Chapter Officer Training Conference is now open. You may register with the following link <https://forms.gle/QSvecY6XxKZ8fL1M7> or go to the state website and download the registration form. The cost is \$10. Checks can be mailed to: Dr. Dianne Anderson, 497 Como St., McKenzie, TN 38201 or You can Venmo: @Dianne-Anderson with Officer Training as the reason. Any questions may be directed to Chasity Ragsdale, ([dkgtstatersec@gmail.com](mailto:dkgtstatersec@gmail.com)).

**The dates and locations** for the Chapter Officer Training Conference are as follows:

-April 9th at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison

-April 23 at Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge

-May 7 at Southside High School in Jackson

This includes training for Chapter President, 1st Vice-President/EEC Chair, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Communications/Webmaster, and Bylaws/Rules Chair.

#### *Future Conventions*

86<sup>th</sup> Tennessee State Convention 2022—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 2-4, 2022

President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marsha Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Orlean Bauman, and Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson visited Sewanee on January 31 to prepare for the upcoming State Convention. The registration form for the Tennessee State Convention will be available soon. Online registration is recommended at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) under *Forms*. If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson.

COVID Protocol Update: At the present time, Sewanee is planning for future events acting as if today's policies are in place. This means that everyone always wears masks indoors except when eating and drinking. Social distancing is not taking place. Sewanee has no restrictions at this time on staying off-campus in a hotel or house.

#### *State Convention Due Date: March 1*

*Chapter Workshop Proposal Form for State Convention 2022*

The Workshop Proposal form for State Convention 2022 is now available and found at the state website ([www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org)) or at About Us/2022 State Convention. Please submit a proposal for a breakout session at the state convention in June. We would like to have a wide variety of workshops that will be relevant to educators in different stages of their careers and lives. Please submit to Marsha Brewer [gnash81@comcast.net](mailto:gnash81@comcast.net) for points towards the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award by March 1, 2022.

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Notes from the Presidents *Time Dated Information*

#### *Legislation Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST*

##### *TNSO Virtual Prep Rally*

Presenters: Legislative Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST

The Legislative “Prep Rally” is a time for DKG members to learn about the most effective ways to communicate with legislators and to hear more about education happenings in the General Assembly this year. You can use the form linked below to sign up for “Day on the Hill”, the Virtual Workshop “Prep Rally”, or both. The “Prep Rally” is an informative workshop designed especially for DKG members planning to attend the “Day on the Hill” on March 8, 2022 in Nashville. However, all are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if they are not able to travel to Nashville on the 8th. You may use the form linked below to sign up for “Day on the Hill”, the Virtual Workshop “Prep Rally”, or both! If you sign up for the “Prep Rally”, you will receive an email at a later time with a link to register for the Zoom meeting.

Registration link for the Prep Rally and/or the Day on the Hill:

<https://forms.gle/g5DZrojUYbqvXUiF9>

#### *Legislation Tuesday, March 8, Nashville (Change in date)*

Day on the Hill: A time for attending committee meetings and/or visiting with state senators and representatives. It is suggested that you schedule an appointment to meet with your legislators. Please contact Amber Roberts ([ahroberts@ortn.edu](mailto:ahroberts@ortn.edu)) for further information on any of the legislative events.

## Virtual Events

There are lots of activities you can enjoy from home. Please check out the available events, upcoming or on demand. Just click on the link below

<https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events>

Spoiler alert ... The Zentangle Valentine presentation we had earlier this year is included (with Megan Dyer, introduced by Susan Jonely).

## Pi Chapter Local News



### Spotlight on Nominees

#### New Member Nominations

**Chelsi Meredith, Andersonville, TN** I am proud to nominate Chelsi Meredith for Pi chapter, DKG. Chelsi has been a familiar face at our last two Pi Chapter meetings as she came to help member Susan Jonely to help tape Pi Chapter members reading Dr. Seuss stories for the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration Project.

Chelsi Meredith, an education major, daughter of one of Andersonville's 4th grade teachers, and an exceptional substitute teacher at AES has volunteered to video tape and compile our readings. I believe she can also incorporate videos submitted by individuals not in attendance and will instruct us as to how to submit a video. Chelsi participated in each of the programs of our last two meetings, interacting so effortlessly with our members.

Chelsi attends Roane State Community College and will be attending the University of Tennessee to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Education.

Chelsi will join Pi Chapter as a **Collegiate Member**.

**Shannon Crawford Ramsey, Clinton, TN** I am also proud to nominate Shannon Ramsey for membership to Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma. Shannon is employed at Anderson County Head Start. Many of our Pi Chapter members had the pleasure of teaching Shannon, so it is a double pleasure to have seen Shannon realize her dreams of becoming a teacher. Shannon graduated from Roane State University and then earned a bachelor's and master's degree. She has lived in Nashville, TN but returned to Clinton two years ago. Shannon works for ACS at Head Start. Shannon will join Pi Chapter as an **Active Member**.

*Submitted by Kathleen Benedict*

## Pi Chapter Local News



Beta Phi is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the March 8 meeting at LaFollette Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 808 E. Central Avenue, LaFollette. We will start at 5:00. Dinner is being catered by Classy Threads and Catering and the cost is \$14, payable at the door that evening.

The caterer needs to have a number of those who plan to attend so she can plan accordingly. RSVP to Mary Ann Kenik at 423-566-0375

Beta Phi has been a long friend of Pi Chapter and some of their members have always attended our May banquet. I know several members would like to support Beta Phi.

*Submitted by Ann Gann*

### Future Programs

- **March** – Legislative Session, Nominations of New Members, Voting for 2022-2024 Biennium Officers, Reducing Stress with Essential Oils
- **April** – Induction Ceremony/Installation of New Officers
- **May** – Founders' Day Program

### Dates to remember:

March 1- Virtual Legislative "Prep Rally"  
March 8- TNSO Legislative Day on the Hill  
Chapter Officer Training Conference are as follows:  
April 9th at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison  
April 23 at Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge  
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# Education/Legislative News

## **Governor Unveils \$9 Billion Proposal to Change how Tennessee funds K-12 Education**

This article, recently published on the TN Chalkbeat website has some really great information about the new TISA plan which will replace the current BEP funding plan if approved by the Tennessee Legislature. Please take particular note of the links in this article if you want to know more about how this plan will affect your school district.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/2/24/22949175/tennessee-k-12-education-funding-gov-bill-lee-bep-overhaul>

## **Why a Small Private Christian College is having an Outsize Influence In Tennessee**

If you are concerned about charter schools in Tennessee, please read this article.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/2/7/22922717/hillsdale-college-tennessee-governor-charter-schools>



## State and International News

June 2—4, 2022 Tennessee State  
Convention (Sewanee)

July 12—16 International Convention  
(New Orleans)

## Come to New Orleans, LA

Start planning now to attend the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA. Our speakers and workshops are going to be great, the setting is beautiful, the price is excellent, and genuine fellowship will be in abundance. Try to bring at least three members from your chapter.

The convention will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, right in the heart of New Orleans. Discover the heart, soul, rhythm, blues, and yes, the passion of New Orleans.

This year, we will have a special opportunity for those attending the convention for the first time

## Wanted: Achievement Award Applications

### Candidate Description:

- \*Consider all members and their talents and contributions at the chapter & state level
- \*Do not have to have served as an officer, could be “behind the scenes kind of worker”
- \*One who represents DKG in their community and/or supports other organizations compatible with society purposes & endeavors
- \*Tennessee State Organization is filled with exceptional women educators; search your chapters for a nomination to submit to Pat Parker, chairperson for the committee. ([pparker@realtracs.com](mailto:pparker@realtracs.com))

*Applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

*Forms can be found on the State website. Click [here](#) and scroll down to 2022 Nomination form. <https://www.tndkg.org/achievement-award-winners>*

**Nominate your Chapter's Outstanding Sister!!**

## Moments from our February Meeting

Pi Chapter met at ACCTC for our February meeting. We were given a tour of the greenhouse project which is run by students. Co-President Vikki Burns also gave us a tour of ACCTC. Many thanks to Horticulture instructor, Amanda Massengill and some of her students for the wonderful tour!



