



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Dear Sisters,

Lots of good news this month! Essays from Norris Middle School and Andersonville Elementary were sent to the State Essay Contest Committee. Thanks go to Abbi and Lisa Swisher for the parts they played in getting those submissions. Thanks also to all members of our Essay Contest Committee who diligently got the word out to the other schools and to Marilyn for her work as chair. Beverly Hall, chairman of the State Chapter Strengthening Committee, recently sent letters to some of our former members who have resigned but may possibly want to reinstate. Thanks go to Pat A. for her help in this endeavor. Finally, the State Communication and Marketing Committee recently let Pat S. and Chelsi know that Pi Chapter has received Highest Honors for their outstanding work.

March 15 Deadlines

Inventory of Society Possessions – Paula Campbell
 Chapter History – Ann Gann
 Order of the Rose – Patsye
 Rosebud Award – Amanda
 EEC Corner Spotlight – Amanda
 Completion of 15 TNSO Education Videos – Pat S. and Diane

April 1 Deadlines

Iris Award – Amanda
 Maycie Chapter Excellence Award – Vikki Burns and Diane

The proposed realignment of the present TNSO Areas will be voted on at the State Convention. An illustration provided by Beverly Hall appears on the next page. Lines were redrawn, so that the areas are smaller, more equal in number of counties, and more in line with geographical locations. There would also be ten areas instead of the nine we have had.

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

5 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

Hostesses

Bring your own dinner!

Inspiration

Shannon Cramblitt

Program

“All Things Houseplants”

Amy Morrow

“Planter Plants”

Maegan Elliott

Dewayne Emert – Retired

Teachers Association

Business

Legislative Update

Recognition of guests/potential new members

Plans for New Member orientation

Business conducted as needed

**Note: Special Events
 Committee will meet after the
 regular meeting to plan for
 the 80th Anniversary
 Celebration**

Pi Chapter Local News

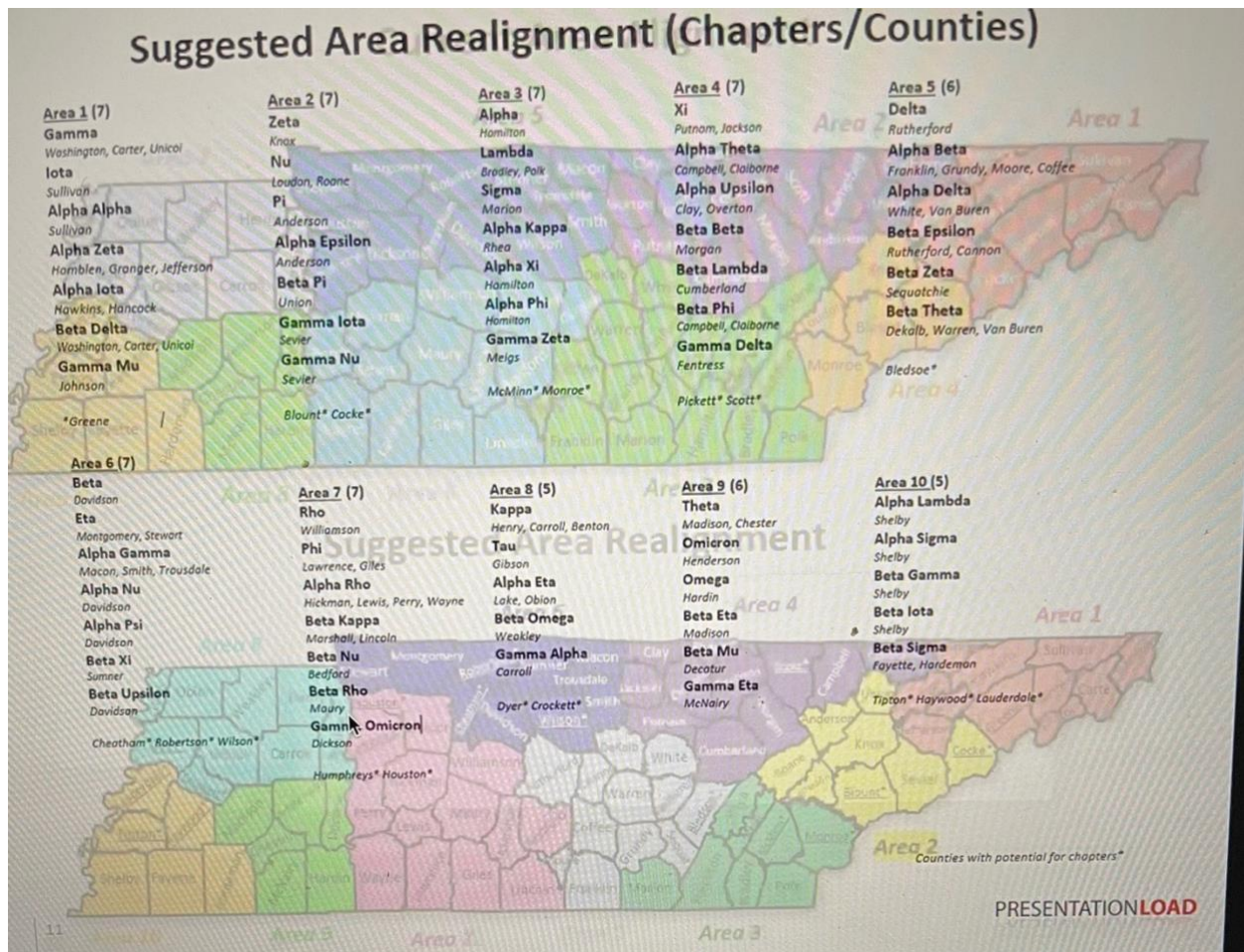
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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Pi Chapter's 80th Birthday Celebration on May 2. Past International President Becky Sadowski and fellow Tennessean will be the speaker. Pat A., Kathleen, Vikki Burns, Ann G., Kathy, and I attended the 70th Birthday Celebration of Alpha Epsilon held in Oak Ridge recently where she spoke. She effortlessly keeps a room full of people engaged. She is someone you don't want to miss hearing!

WE WANT YOU to go to the TNSO State Convention at Sewanee, June 1-2. Think about it before next Tuesday and let us know then. We can meet after the regular meeting if you have questions. The reservation is in the most recent TENNESSEE STATE NEWS and on the tnsso.org website. Currently, Kathleen, Vikki B., Ann G., Abbi, Kathy, Patsye, and I are going. We would love to have YOU go, too.

Spring seems to have begun just in time for our plant themed meeting next Tuesday. Hope to see everyone there and don't forget to bring your own dinner!

From the heart,
Diane



Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for

- Pi Chapter sisters facing some of life's trials.
- Paula Campbell recently lost her brother. Prayers to her and her family. She also recently recovered from RSV that she contracted while in France, most likely from an American tourist while in Normandy.
- We still have members and husbands of members with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Prayers for Chelsi Meredith who is recovering from a procedure to help improve her hearing
- Continued prayers for Laura Phillips in her recovery process.

Joys to: Lots of fun with Louise Childress last month, so much so that she is considering becoming an active member instead of reserve.

Congratulations to: Abbi Hill who received the Dr. Maycie K. Southall Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. More information coming in the next newsletter.

Happy March Birthdays to: Jackie Stephan (1st), Kathy Hurst and April Perry (5th), Pat Stonecipher (17th), Mildred Mauney (23rd)

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.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES

We are blessed that Memorial United Methodist Church will continue to provide Pi Chapter with the use of the fellow ship hall at no charge. Instead of being deposited in the custodial closet, bags of trash should now be taken out to one of the two blue bins to the right of the back entrance of the church and located behind the Blessing Box. Because of a past issue, a \$50 cleanup charge if needed will be instituted in January. There has never been a problem concerning the condition of the hall after our meetings. The church committee in charge of scheduling the fellowship hall is very happy with the way we leave the facility.



Future Programs

April – Jazzy Dragons (in Honor of Jazz month);
Induction of New Members
May – Founders' Day/ 80th Birthday Celebration
with Becky Sadowski

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Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the

Request from the Special Events Committee

If anyone has a pretty floral teapot or some dainty teacups and saucers we could use as table decorations for the May Founder's Day banquet, please let Terri Gilbert know. We plan to use the teapots for floral decorations and tea cups for candies or mints. Terri's email is terrimcmim@gmail.com. You may also bring them to the March or April meeting. Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you missed the February meeting, we had a lot of fun with the member facts you provided about yourselves. There are a few left over copies if you would like to try to match the facts with the members. Look for them at the sign-in table. I must say we learned some very interesting facts about our Pi Chapter sisters!

It's not too late to recommend someone to become a member of DKG. I will have forms available at the meeting. If possible, please have an email or phone number on the form so the membership committee can contact them. We will have an informational meeting with them and if they choose to join, we will have our induction ceremony at the April meeting. Also if you would like to invite prospective members to our March meeting so they can get an idea of what we're all about, I think the program on plants should be a fun and interesting program.

Twenty letters have gone out from the international/state Reinstatement Project to former members inviting them to rejoin us. We hope some of these ladies will choose to become members again!

Submitted by Pat Aldridge

Treasurer's Report

February 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	7,188.71
Deposits	+ 95.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 447.40
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,836.31

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 1,213.40

Balance 02-28-2023 Beginning Bal: 1,168.40 + 45.00 Happy Jar = 1,213.40

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	3,374.17
+50.00 Gift from Kathy Hurst in Memory of Tom Burchfield, brother of Paula Campbell.	
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 02-28-2023 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 02-28-2023 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **219.24**

Balance 02-28-2023 219.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	1,731.39
(Member dues.collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)	
02-28-2023 Beginning Bal. 2,178.79 - 20.00 TNSO Order of the Rose fee – 27.40	
Diane Alsop reimbursement for meeting supplies – 400.00 Pi Chapter Contributions to TNSO and DKG International (budgeted item) (list to follow) = 1,731.39	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,836.31**

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 02-28-2023 = 210.00
[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

[*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.]

Treasurer's Report

Pi Chapter Dues Remain at 85.00 for 15th Year!!

Pi Chapter Dues 2023-2024

- **February 1, 2023** Treasurer will begin collecting dues for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Dues will remain at 85.00 for Active members and 27.00 for Reserve members. Treasurer will collect dues at the February meeting.
- 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 May 31, 2023 to pay dues.**
- **March 1, 2024** Treasurer will send out invoices to any members who have not paid dues to date. The invoice will serve as a hard copy reminder of the due date of **May 31, 2023**.
- **July 1, 2024** Treasurer pays Pi Chapter member dues to DKG International and to TN State Organization DKG.

Methods of Paying Pi Chapter Dues:

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

**Pay at meeting, cash or check OR Mail a check 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 for more information.

Moments from Our February Meeting
Josh Anderson, Anderson County Commissioner
Dedication of Pi Chapter Yearbook to Louise Childress



and International News



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Important Time Dated Information for Chapters March and April

(Most events may be found on the www.tndkg.org website under the Calendar.)

Historical Preservation Chapter History Submission Deadline March 15, 2023

The Historical Preservation Committee is now ready to receive a chapter's history. A chapter may include some or all the following. However, please also include stories or events that may be unique to the chapter.

- a. Date of chapter charter
- b. Charter Members
- c. Original chapter location (county)
- d. Chapter presidents and presidential term
- e. Honors or awards received
- f. Chapter Scholarships or grants
- g. Members served on International/State Committees or Offices

Chapters in Area I and Area II, or Area IV will send the chapter history to Judy Bailey Ogle and Laura Ogle, judybaileyogle@gmail.com .

Chapters in Area III, Area V, or Area VI will send the chapter history to Jan Brown, Sandy Brown, and Peggy Monroe, janubrown@aol.com or sbrown@davidsonacademy.com .

Chapters in Area VII, VIII, or IX will send the chapter history to Irene Archambault and Kathy Kester, iarch@comcast.net .

Please email Irene Archambault and Kathy Kester, iarch@comcast.net with any questions regarding chapter history. The committee is requesting that chapters try to limit the history to two pages. Chapters will receive Maycie points for the chapter history.

State Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson: Due March 15, 2023

Chapter Donations for the Maycie Award Please make sure that all donations for receiving points for the Maycie's Chapter Excellence are completed by the due date and sent to the State Treasurer (andersond3851@gmail.com) with forms found at www.tndkg.org under Resources/Financial Forms/Contribution Form. Donations for International Funds may be found at www.dkg.org under DKGIEF.

Special Events: Due March 31, 2023 (For credit on the 2023 Maycie Award)

It is not too late to get credit on the 2023 Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence for a cash donation of at least \$25.00. Donations can be accepted until March 31, 2023. Chapters are encouraged to donate items for the Silent Auction for the 2022 TNSO Convention in Sewanee. These may be single, high-value items; themed baskets; or eclectic collections of tempting swag. Money raised through special events helps fund TNSO leadership opportunities. This year's goal is to have 100% chapter participation. The "Purchase Now" option will also return this year. Skip the bidding process by choosing a "Purchase Now" item. There will be several items that members can choose to purchase without having to go through the bidding process.

The Special Events Committee will continue to sell iris-themed items. Beautiful iris notecards and vinyl decals for cups, mugs, and windows will be available.

State and International News



Educational Excellence: Iris Award Due April 1, 2023.

The Tennessee State Educational Excellence Committee would like to announce an upcoming award that will be instituted for chapter programs and projects. The "Iris Award" will be given at the Tennessee State Convention to the chapter that submits the best program or project. There will be an award in each of those categories. This award will be for chapters that submit their program and/or project to the EEC Corner Spotlight and then complete an "Iris Award" application. The applications will be judged on the following criteria: Relationship to Society Purposes, Involvement of Members, and Impact of the Program or Project. The EEC committee has seen so many excellent programs and projects submitted to the EEC Corner Spotlight and would like to see more recognition given to chapters in this area.

Keep those programs and projects coming for the EEC Corner Spotlight. Remember that you can submit one program and/or one project for the 2023 Iris Award. The application is on the website with the EEC Corner submission form. A program or project must have been submitted to the EEC Corner Spotlight to be eligible.

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to encourage chapters to share your great programs and projects to be uploaded to The EEC Corner on our state website. This is a wonderful resource for all chapters seeking ideas for meaningful meetings and projects. We would like to add a video component to The EEC Corner this biennium, so if you video your presentations, or use YouTube, please submit those as well. The EEC is asking that you submit one program and one project using the Corner Spotlight form found on the state website, *EEC Corner* or *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports*. Chapters will receive 5 points each for the program and project on the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award. You can email your contributions to: Marsha Brewer (Tennessee State Organization First VP and EEC Chair) at gnash81@comcast.net.

The International EEC has just published a 2nd Newsletter. Chapter presidents, please pass this link on to your EEC chair. <https://www.dkg.org/iCore/Communities/TopicDefault.aspx?iUniformKey=e8248ae3-312d-4417-8a7a-143560a4850e&WebsiteKey=4f6c23eb-36e1-4557-aba5-169aa0735a47>

Other State Committee Information and News to Members

Many of the State Committees have exciting and important information to share for the upcoming biennium. Please find news, links, and attachments to share with members. All forms, deadlines, applications, and rubrics are also posted on the www.tndkg.org website.

Vision Foundation

Would you or your chapter like to help TNSO educators conduct educational research and/or special projects for their classroom and help send two TNSO educators to a workshop, seminar, or professional meeting every year? You may contribute to the Vision Foundation. If you would like to become a Visionary, mail your contribution to Dr. Dianne Anderson, TNSO Treasurer or pay through venmo@dianne-anderson (\$250.00 each month March through June).

Virtual Events

If you or your chapter would like to present a virtual workshop, please contact TNSO President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, mevaughan@ortn.edu at any time to schedule for the 2022-2023 year.

Please enjoy these virtual workshops with your chapter members, friends, and family members.

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Recordings for Past Virtual Workshops (Virtual Workshop Recordings may also be found on the tndkg.org website Resources/Virtual Events)

TNSO Virtual Legislative Symposium

Presenters: Legislative Committee

The Virtual Legislative Symposium was an opportunity for DKG members to hear a panel of members of the Tennessee General Assembly discuss and answer questions about pertinent educational issues up for consideration this year.

Recording link for Virtual Symposium: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EozXb0ZQpFI>

Christen Ball Virtual Music Concert

Presenter: Christen Ball, New Member Alpha Nu

Christen is a music artist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist in the Nashville area. She also teaches music lessons in a private setting. Christen will be performing some of the “oldies, but goodies” along with many of her own songs. Christen and her husband, Michael, provided the entertainment for the Creative Arts Retreat in the fall.

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhxqwNhIdnA>

March Virtual Event

Informational Webinar on State Committees

Presenters: State Committee Members

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Please join this virtual event to learn about the state committees of the Tennessee State Organization.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/uaiJfokpsuJ6gmLC9>

President Elaine Vaughan and Chapter Strengthening Chair Beverly Hall-Maughan

Chapter Presidents/Treasurers, please join us in the “Reinstatement Campaign”. In a nutshell – we are reviewing all dropped members from the chapter, completing a Form 18A for members who have died (instead of a Form 6 which is for current members who pass away), then sending a letter encouraging members to consider reinstatement. If you would like to volunteer your chapter as a pilot chapter, please contact Beverly Hall-Maughan (bnhosa@msn.com) for more information.

Future Convention 87th Tennessee State Convention 2023—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 1-3, 2023

The registration link for the Google Form is: <https://forms.gle/wPc3n4qBrWHBEHAF7> . You may either use the Google Form registration link or the electronic digital registration. Both forms for the Tennessee State Convention are now available at www.tndkg.org under About Us/ 2023 State Convention. You do have a third option in which you could use the registration form in the February edition of the DKG Tennessee News. If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson

State and International News

Convention Update

Registration has already started for this summer's TNSO convention, June 1-3, 2023, at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Please encourage chapter members to make plans to attend and to **register before the May 1 deadline for the best price.**

In negotiations with the University, the TNSO officer team has managed to lower prices a bit on your stay in on-campus housing and, overall, an all-inclusive package for members who choose a double room and register on or before May 1, 2023, will be slightly less than last year!

Some members had questions about the term "all-inclusive." To receive the \$25 discount for the all-inclusive package means that you would stay on campus both nights and eat all scheduled meals. **So, for example, if you register before the May 1 deadline and stay in a double room, your all-inclusive price would be \$373.00.**

Another item that caused some confusion last year was the box on the registration form for the Thursday Night Reception (which is free to attendees). Even though there is no charge for this event, we DO need you to check the box if you plan to attend because Convention Steering (who pays for this event) has to let the University know how many were there.

This year we are implementing a new "ride share" program to help those members who need help getting to and from events. There will not be a van service for this year's convention, so we need to know which members would need assistance in getting from place to place. We also need to know if any members would be willing to transport those members who need assistance. Chapter presidents, please survey your chapter members who plan to attend convention to see if you have members who would fit in either category (needing a ride or providing a ride) and send those names to TNSO 2nd VP Orlean Bauman at ogbauman@gmail.com. A discount on convention costs will be given to those who sign up to transport members to events. **[NOTE: There is a box on the registration form to indicate willingness to serve as a Ride Share Volunteer or to indicate a need for Ride Share services.]**

Convention Chorus/Music

If anyone plays piano or any other instrument and you would like to share your talents at the Convention, please contact Nancy Davis (nini02@embarqmail.com).

Virtual Workshop: June 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. CST/6:00 p.m. EST

Alpha Rho Chapter will host *What Great Leaders Do Differently* via Zoom on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 5 PM Central. The workshop, sponsored by the Xi State Vision Foundation will be presented by Dr. Todd Whitaker. The intertwined focus of communication and leadership that *What Great Leaders Do Differently* will provide Tennessee DKG members the opportunity to gain communication and leadership skills which will increase educational excellence on all levels of everyday lives as well as foster relationships among the education profession. *What Great Leaders Do Differently* will enhance the professional abilities of attendees by providing the opportunity to learn key strategies for communicating deliberately and diplomatically in all aspects of life, with a focus on educational leadership.

Dr. Todd Whitaker is recognized as a leading presenter in the field of education; his message about the importance of teaching has resonated with hundreds of thousands of educators around the world. Todd is a professor of educational leadership at the University of Missouri and emeriti professor at Indiana State University. One of the nation's leading authorities on staff motivation, teacher leadership, and principal effectiveness, Todd has written over 50 books including the national best seller, *What Great Teachers Do Differently*. Other titles include *Shifting the Monkey*, *Your First Year*, *Dealing with Difficult Teachers*, *10 Minute Inservice*, *The Ball*, *What Great Principals Do Differently*, *Motivating & Inspiring Teachers*, and *Dealing with Difficult Parents*.

Members may contact Alpha Rho president Judy England judydenland@gmail.com or Beverly Hall bnhosa@msn.com for additional information.

Workshop Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Onz4vOd8bTAK8e6v8>

State and International News

International News and Deadlines (In order to view some information, you might need to log in to the International Website with your member I.D. number and password. You may always use the chat if you are not sure how to log-in with your information.)

Inside International Monthly Zooms Hosted by International Leadership and Headquarters Staff
Tuesday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. Central Time/1:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Did you know members are invited to join a monthly Zoom with international leadership and headquarters staff? Look for the link in the rotating feature for “Inside International” on the home page at www.dkg.org. Inside International will feature the Regional Directors as guests hosts this month. The Zoom is held on the first Tuesday each month and will include greetings, Question & Answer sessions, and general information brought to you by staff, administrative board, and international committee members. Zoom will take place at 5:30 p.m. Central Time/6:30 p.m. Eastern Time in April.

Digital Chapter Presidents’ Page

Please use the following link to watch the video from International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, and Executive Director, Nita Scott, in February/March edition. Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and Membership Director, Trish Woodley, are featured in December 2022/January 2023 updates in information. There is also a shoutout to the TNSO members. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqsKf5cYj-q6lQ-Aksxb3eWnugV_cLv56

International Conferences for 2023

For information on the International Conferences in Detroit, Phoenix, and Finland, go to the International website www.dkg.org, under *Events*. The TNSO will hold the Tennessee Event in Phoenix, Arizona.

***DKG Publications:** There are many articles and publications on the International Website concerning current issues with regards to our DKG Society, education, just to mention a few. Use the link, <https://www.dkg.org/PublicationsPrivate?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d>

***DKG Blogs:** International Committees have Blog Spots. Interested? Check out the following: <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/>

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