



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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## Growing Possibilities 2016-2017

Dear Pi Chapter,

I can't believe that the 2016-2017 school year is coming to a close. At the end of every school year, I tend to wonder how we all made it through another year, and I am always thankful for the summer break to gear myself up mentally, physically, and emotionally to be ready for the next year. After 21 years of teaching, I have concluded that it doesn't get any easier.

It is also hard to believe that the May banquet will be the final meeting of Pi Chapter until September. I look forward to our banquet every year, and my favorite part is seeing the recipients of our Recruitment Grant. I know the future of education is in good hands when I see the energetic and hopeful young women that will be going into the education field.

Several of our members will be attending Xi State in June, and I know that we all look forward to hearing about what our new state president envisions for our society as she begins her new biennium. Kate Roovers will be attending Xi State for the first time to receive her scholarship for furthering her education. Pi Chapter is so very proud of her for this achievement, and we have given her a stipend to help offset the cost of attending. We want her scholarship money to stretch as far as possible!

I look forward to hearing from our two guest speakers: Sherrie Collins who is Xi State First Vice-President and NiKi Blaylock, a UTK intern. She completed her internship at Clinton High School this year.

Last, but certainly not least, we always look forward to our lovely meal prepared by the women of Memorial United Methodist Church. If you have not already done so, please bring your \$15 to pay at the door the day of the banquet.

Be sure to enjoy your summer and to be good to yourself!

See you soon,  
Rhonda Phillips



### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Rhonda Phillips  
1<sup>st</sup> VP .....Patsye Thurmon  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP ..... Reita Yadon  
Recording Sec.....Amy Graham  
Corres. Sec.....Lee Ann Eaves  
Parliamentarian.....April Perry  
Treasurer ..... Kathleen Benedict  
Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Memorial United Methodist Church  
5:00 p.m.

### Inspiration

Kathleen Benedict

### Hostesses

Officers and MUMC Women, Vera Henegar, Deborah Keck, Caroline McGaha, April Perry, Ginger Cook, Vikki Burns

### Program

Founders' Day Banquet and Program

### Business

Recognition of Recruitment Grant Recipients

### Remember to Bring

Change for Change Donations  
Box Tops for Education  
Monetary donations for New Project  
Honoring Marylee Stuart

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



## Pi Chapter Local News

### Moments from April Meeting



*DeWayne Emert, Anderson County Schools*



*Jennifer Owen, Knox County School Board*

### Legislative Issues



*Welcome New Members!*

*Laura Phillips, Brittany Roland, Rachel Pemberton, and Carrie Stewart*

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy May Birthdays to:** Paula Campbell and Cheryl Harris (12<sup>th</sup>), Pam Allen (19<sup>th</sup>), Kristen Whitaker (20<sup>th</sup>), Shannon Smith (23<sup>rd</sup>), Lee Ann Eaves, Candace Eubanks, and Lisa Swisher (24<sup>th</sup>), Amy Graham (29<sup>th</sup>).

**Happy June Birthdays to:** Kathleen Benedict (5<sup>th</sup>), Sara Idzik (11<sup>th</sup>), Ann Gann and Judy Jones (14<sup>th</sup>), Vera Jo Henegar (15<sup>th</sup>), Ann Brown (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Happy July Birthdays to:** Lucy VanCleve and Georgianna Bowling (10<sup>th</sup>), Linda McCune (23<sup>rd</sup>), Gwen Payne (24<sup>th</sup>), Paula Tacket (31<sup>st</sup>)

**Happy August Birthdays to:** Karen Long (4<sup>th</sup>), Janie Jackson (13<sup>th</sup>), Caroline McGaha (16<sup>th</sup>), Vicky Curtis (27<sup>th</sup>), Rhonda Phillips (30<sup>th</sup>).

Condolences to Judy Miller. Her mother-in-law, Millie Miller, passed away on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations in her memory may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation ([www.pdf.org](http://www.pdf.org)) or to the Michael J. Fox Foundaton for Parkinson's Research ([www.micharljfox.org](http://www.micharljfox.org))

Get Well Wishes to Judy Miller, Patsye Thurmon, and Ann Brown. Judy suffered a fall and injured her right arm and shoulder. (She has had difficulty in her everyday activities, including getting dressed!) Patsye had a joint replacement in her left pinky finger. (She is left-handed, so has not been able to write, knit or play the piano!) Ann fell and suffered a hematoma on her upper leg. She had surgery to drain it and is doing fine, but is really sore! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

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](mailto:patstonecipher@att.net)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.



### Congratulations to Kate Roover!

Kate has been selected to receive the Evangeline Hartsook scholarship(\$1,250) at the Xi State Convention to help further her education.

### Dates to Remember

**May 2, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting,  
Founders' Day Banquet

**September 5, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting

**October 3, 2017**

Pi Chapter Meeting

### FYI – Miscellaneous Items

Recently, Xi State has chapters to submit documentation for a chapter Legislative Award, with points awarded for attendance at the Legislative Symposium, legislative activities in the chapter meetings, in the newsletter, in the local paper, and other communication. Pi Chapter members have been very professionally active in this area and Kelly Williams, Chair of the Legislative Committee, submitted a beautifully documented report for Pi Chapter for this award. I am so proud of her and Pi Chapter!

I have extra copies of TN Legislature bills that Kelly Williams brought to us at the March meeting, if you did not get one. I will have them on the check-in table at the May Banquet.

Pi Chapter received beautiful letters of thanks and appreciation from DKG International and Xi State for our contributions to Golden Gift Fund, World Fellowship, the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, the Xi State Vision Foundation, and the Literacy Fund Thank you for all your hard work this year.

Kathleen Benedict

## Pi Chapter Local News

### New Project for Pi Chapter

I am always amazed by the generosity of my Pi chapter sisters. As you know, we lost a beloved member of our chapter, Marylee Stuart, in January of 2017. Marylee was a reading teacher for many years, a champion of literacy, and a passionate reader herself. Our goal is to provide a book for each "graduate" of the preschool program in Anderson County to honor her memory. It is an ambitious goal and I am asking for individual contributions of cash (in any amount) or Pre-K appropriate books not included in the Imagination Library. I have secured a donor who has agreed to match whatever we contribute at the March meeting. So whatever you can contribute, that amount will be doubled in value. I realize that we have already chosen to contribute \$250.00 from the Hazel McCreary Classroom Teacher Grant, but there are currently 328 rising Kindergarten students in Anderson County. Remember that kindness matters more than ever today.

Kathy Hurst

## Timely Topics Club Raffle

**\$5 per ticket  
or 3 for \$10**

**Winners select from quilt, table runner and pillow.  
All handmade locally.**

**Tickets can be purchased**

**Friday night, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th.**

**Look for our booth at Fox and Farley.**

**Or Call Karen (865) 216-5014 or Debbie (865) 216-6601**

**Drawing at 3pm, Saturday, May 6th at information booth.**



### **To Benefit**

- **Scholarship Fund**
- **Civic Projects:**
  - Lighting of Christmas Tree,**
  - Cookies to Police/Firemen,**
  - Libraries,**
  - Relay For Life, and**
  - Beautification of**
  - Downtown Clinton**

**Quilt:  
62" x 62"  
Pillow:  
12" x 16"  
Table Runner:  
16" x 44"**



**Special Thanks to Atomic Fibers, Sylvia Amidon and C&D Printing**

My Timely Topics Club is raffling off a beautiful UT quilt that can also be hung on the wall as well as a UT pillow and a table runner. I have attached a flyer with color photos (please enhance picture so you can see the footballs, UT and VOLS in the quilting) and ticket information. If you would like to purchase tickets from me, I will have tickets at our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Banquet or I can get them to you at home or work. If interested, let me know how many tickets so I will be prepared. The tickets are \$5 for one or \$10 for 3.

The money from this project goes to our scholarships, grants, city beautification, Christmas Lighting and Relay for Life.

Thanks,  
Ann Gann

## Pi Chapter Local News

### TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ April 2017

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I might include in the newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help! Kathleen Benedict

**Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!!**

We will present two deserving young ladies recruitment grants in the amount of 500.00 each thanks to your hard work and caring spirit! These grants will be presented at the Founder's Day Banquet on May 2, 2017, 5:00 P.M. at Memorial Methodist Church. Both recipients plan to bring family members to share in their success.

Thank you for your generosity!

*Your Treasurer,*

*Kathleen Benedict*

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### Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2016-2017



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!

**LAST TIME to CONTRIBUTE: MAY BANQUET**

Please consider this worthy project! **Account total to date: 87.89.**

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 for the Founder's Day Banquet on May 2, 2017! 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>



We need your help! At the May meeting, there will be photo books and photographs on display. We need help identifying as many people as we can. Please take time to take a look and help us!



### Pi Chapter May Founder's Day Banquet

Our annual Founder's Day Banquet is Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The Methodist Memorial Women's Group has generously kept the price for the dinner at \$15.00. They always prepare a delicious meal!

**Pay for May banquet at the April meeting.**

We will honor the students from Clinton High School and Anderson County High School who will receive our Recruitment Grant Awards at the May Founder's Banquet.

Thank you Vikki burns and all her helpers for this May's Founder's Day Banquet!



## Xi State News International News

### Important Dates from Xi State

**June 1-3, 2017: Xi State Convention, The University of the South Sewanee TN (See the February issue of Xi State for registration form.)**

### Important Dates from International

**July 19-21, 2017: Southeast Regional Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC**



*Xi State...Growing Possibilities*