



Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

Members of Pi Chapter, your attendance, participation and support has made this first year of our 2018-2020 Biennium an outstanding year! I appreciate your dedication to education and to our chapter.

Our Founders' Day Banquet is an exciting way to end this year, and I hope that YOU will be there. Our guests include Becky Sadowski, International First Vice President; Beverly Smith, Past Xi State President; Susan Young, Area II Director; members from Alpha Epsilon (Oak Ridge), Beta Phi (Lafollette), Beta Pi (Andersonville), Zeta (Knoxville). A special program will honor our Founders, and the highlight of our banquet will be giving our first two Vera Jo Henegar DKG Grants.

It is not too late to attend our Xi State Convention! Join me, Pat Aldridge, Diane Alsop, Kathy Hurst and Kathleen Benedict for a weekend of networking, renewing friendships, learning more about DKG and becoming involved at the state level.

I wish you all the best during our summer break and may your fun be unlimited with friends and family. See you in September!

Ann

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Ann Gann
1 st VP	Rhonda Phillips
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Parliamentarian.....	Susan Fowler
Treasurer	Kathleen Benedict
Editor /Webmaster.....	Pat Stonecipher

Tuesday, May7, 2019
Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Founders' Day Program

Inspiration

Kathleen Benedict

Remember to Bring



1. Money for Founders' Day Banquet Reservations
2. Box Tops for Education



*Wear your
DKG
pin with
pride!*

If you have fresh flowers to contribute for the banquet, please drop them off at the church between 2 and 3 pm on May 7th. Many thanks!

Vicky Curtis

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Meet Becky Sadowski, our Founders' Day Speaker

Becky Sadowski, our banquet speaker, is a member of Alpha Lambda Chapter in Jackson, TN. As our current International First Vice President, she frequently travels home and abroad to carry out the work of our Society. Becky will come to our banquet directly from having served as the Society Representative to the Michigan's state convention. We are grateful that she could work us into her busy schedule and welcome her as our speaker.

For the past 30 years, Becky has willingly served at the chapter, state and International level. As a "chick" to "Mother Hen" Vera Jo, Becky learned to always say YES. She has attended each Xi State Convention and Southeast Regional Conference since 1993 and each International Convention since 1994. Below are just a few of the many positions she has held:

- Xi State: Area Director, Corresponding Secretary, First Vice President, President and State Executive Board Member, member or chair of various committees
- International: Membership Chair, Southeast Regional Director, Chair of International Convention Steering Committee (2016 TN), Second Vice President, First Vice President, Trustee of the Educational Foundation Board. Becky has also been presenter for breakout sessions and keynote speaker at conferences and conventions. She has been a member or chair of many committees.

International/State Honors Received:

- 2014-2017 Society Representative for 13 state organization visits
- 2008 "Woman of Vision" Recognition at International Convention
- 2006 Xi State Achievement Award Recipient
- 2005 Keynote Speaker at SE Regional Conference: Excellence in Education
- 2004 Jubilee Moment Presenter at International Convention

Thank you, Becky, for outstanding leadership during your 30 years of dedicated service to Xi State and DKG. Congratulations on your Nomination for the International Achievement Award. We are so proud of you!

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Spotlight on Members



Marilyn Buckner first attended the University of Michigan and received a bachelor's of science in education plus thirty hours. She taught for eighteen year at Clinton Junior High and fifteen years at Clinton High School before she retired in 2004. Her specialties were with the underclassmen, specifically grades eight, nine, and ten. Marilyn was inspired by a former English teacher who made English fun and exciting for her; she wanted to do the same for future students, so she pursued a teaching degree. Now that Marilyn is retired, she enjoys flea marketing and antique collecting. She also stays active by swimming laps and walking. She loves to travel and has been to all fifty states and nine Provinces of Canada. Marilyn was born in Toronto and became a naturalized US citizen in 1984. She will be celebrating her 61st wedding anniversary on June 13th, breaking any superstitions about getting married on Friday the 13th. Her daughter was even born on April Fools' Day- no foolin'. Marilyn's Pi Chapter claim to fame is that her husband's relative, Lucille Hill, was a founding member.

Lee Ann Eaves received both her bachelor's degree and reading recovery certification from the University of Tennessee. She retired from teaching at Grand Oaks Elementary after twenty-six years but couldn't stay away and now is in her fourth year of teaching at Grace Christian Academy where she teaches fourth grade. While at Grand Oaks, Lee Ann taught first, second, fourth, and fifth grades and a reading recovery class. One could say that Lee Ann was born to be a teacher because she is a sixth generation teacher. Most of her inspiration comes from her mother, Ann Moore, who taught homebound for thirty years in Huntington, West Virginia. Her love for teaching and children flowed over to Lee Ann, who continued the family tradition. Lee Ann loves to travel and only has four states left before she can mark off visiting all fifty. She also loves to craft and relax with friends. Marilyn's daughter may have been born on April Fools' Day, but Lee Ann is our resident practical joker. She believes that laughter is the best medicine and is sure to keep you laughing and in good spirits.



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TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" April 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT	KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER
BEGINNING BALANCE.....	5,950.89
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 1,658.09
DEPOSITS	+ 2,031.22
ENDING BALANCE.....	+ 6,324.02



2019-2020 Dues.....

Thank you to so many of you for paying your 2019-2020 dues to me in such a timely manner. Remember, if you have not sent your dues that I will work with you in any way you need me to. Call me at 865-599-1646 to let me know that you have a plan. **Please pay all dues or make a down payment by June 15.**

I must mail all dues to Xi State by June 30, 2019.

All of our Pi Chapter members contribute in so many creative ways to fulfill our mission! Many of you who cannot attend all the meetings send in donations with members who are coming and communicate with me to send money supporting our projects. Thank you!! Whatever you contribute, you are appreciated!

Thank you for your generosity!

Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 kbenedict08@comcast.net

Thank You!

Our first year of the 2018-2020 Biennium is coming to a close. I hope that you feel, as I do, that this has been a great year! I am so grateful for the awesome participation of our members in all of our projects and in your attendance at meetings (averaging 30 members). I am privileged to work with an outstanding slate of officers: **Rhonda Phillips, Linda McCune, Laura Phillips, Patsye Thurmon.** They have worked diligently to provide Pi Chapter excellent projects, programs, yearbook, website (<https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com/>), newsletters, minutes, banquet planning and correspondence. **Susan Fowler** has provided guidance in Robert's Rules of Order and **Kathleen Benedict** has worked tirelessly with the Finance Committee to develop our budget, collect all monies and prepare a monthly report. Our editor extraordinaire, **Pat Stonecipher**, maintains our website (<https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com/>) and publishes our outstanding newsletters. Our hardworking Committees ensure that society business and mission/purposes are carried out in our chapter. **Thank you** to all of you for the dedication and support you provide to Pi Chapter. Vera Jo taught you well!

Ann

2018-2019 Year in Review

- Supported new teachers by providing breakfast at summer training and stuffed gift bags for start of school
- Donated money and household items to Garland Oaks Home (Street Hope TN)
- Held two successful fund raising events – meal in Oct. and raffle in Dec.
- Inducted 3 new members: Jennifer Taylor, Abby Roehl, and Melanie Daniels
- Learned about GEAR UP, Alzheimer's and current educational issues
- Sent Susan Jonely and Abby Roehl to our Legislative Symposium
- Provided two \$750 grants
- Heard heartwarming and thought provoking inspirations and informative programs by our members
- Enjoyed a wonderful variety of delicious refreshments
- Shared fun times with other DKG sisters

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Joys and Concerns

Happy May Birthdays to: Lori Price (10th), Paula Campbell and Cheryl Harris (12th), Pam Allen (19th), Mary Pat Williams and Kristen Whitaker (20th), Shannon Smith (20th), Lee Ann Eaves, Candace Eubanks, and Lisa Swisher (24th), Amy Graham (29th)

Happy June Birthdays to: Kathleen Benedict (5th), Sara Idzik (11th), Hazel Johnson (13th), Ann Gann and Judy Jones (14th), Brittany Roland (25th), Carol Brown (29th)

Happy July Birthdays to: Lucy Van Cleve (10th), Abigail Roehl (20th), Linda McCune (23rd), Gwen Payne (24th), Amanda Powers (29th), Paula Tackett (31st)

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

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 keep Caroline McGaha in your thoughts and prayers She had surgery again last week and is relegated to no weight on her ankle and has a very large stationary cast.

Please let Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

- We are responsible for cleaning up and returning room to original setup (if tables and chairs are moved). Trash bags removed from cans to storage room.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton (rpemberton@acs.ac) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.



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

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Focus on our Charter Members



To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, each month through May we will learn a little about our charter members. You will notice that we do not have information on all of them. If you are interested in genealogy and have access to records through a service such as Ancestry, it would be wonderful to find out about these sisters!

Our last two charter members were:

Alma Loance – No information available.

Leola Sharp - In 1943 she taught at Rush Strong Elementary.

Pi Chapter 2018-2019 Awards

Legislative Award

Yearbook – Highest Honors

Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence – Gold (highest)

Newsletter – To be announced at Xi State

Website – To be announced at Xi State

Tennessee (Xi State) Convention

May 30-June 1, 2019, University of the South, Sewanee, TN

<https://new.sewanee.edu/>

Register now for our state convention on line <https://www.xistate.org/> (link on home page) or complete form attached with newsletter. On Sewanee's grand, historic campus, we experience great speakers, excellent food, informative breakout sessions and fun times with outstanding women. The convention is a wonderful opportunity to receive professional development hours and to present a breakout session on a hobby, a book, travel or current educational practice. If you are a **first time attendee**, Pi Chapter will pay your way or will contribute \$200 each for two to attend. Let Ann Gann know if this is your first time attending our state convention. If more than two submit their names, a drawing will be done how the money is dispersed.

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Moments from our April meeting

