



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Home
2020-2022**



Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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

Dear Sisters,

We are so happy to be able to meet in person for our May meeting as we close this year of Pi Chapter meetings. During this past year we hope you have found a new perspective on solitude and an appreciation for and management of the effect of being 'stuck at home' has had on you, your family, and friends. We know that several of our members have lost loved ones (family as well as friends) over the course of the year. Please know that your sisters in DKG are here to support and hold you up as you deal with the loss of those you love. We hope our programs over the course of the year have offered you support as well as valuable information.

We want to thank everyone who has worked to be creative in adjusting how Pi Chapter has operated to minimize the impact of the restrictions of the pandemic. Thank you to Susan Jonely for planning programs over the course of the year which have offered our members support as well as valuable information for various aspects of our lives in a virtual setting. A shout out of appreciation for Kathleen Benedict who has managed our treasury in pandemic mode and adopted new methods for our members to support the many projects of Pi Chapter. Linda McCune used her expertise in publishing to follow through on updating and submitting our yearbook on time while also establishing the same template with chapters statewide for setting up their own yearbooks. Linda is an exemplar in working toward improvement of our operations and the State Association was a co-beneficiary of that dedication. Meanwhile, Pat Stonecipher worked diligently to assure our monthly newsletters made it to our members and also updated the website with information important to our members. Also, Pat worked to keep us in touch by taking those fun candid photos during our Zoom meetings so even those who could not attend still were able to see us. Kudos to Patsy Thurmon for following our train of thought during the meetings and delivering minutes from those meetings that made sense of much of our conversations. Thanks to Sara Idzik and Amanda Powers for getting our year off to a good start with their work to provide information to members of when meeting would be conducted and managing our attendance at our meeting. Thanks to each of you who provided our inspiration messages at each meeting. For some reason, this year, they each struck a chord when most needed: accepting that change is difficult; First Ladies who were educators who highlighted education; Thankful 2020 and Hopeful 2021; New Year resolutions; developing a love for reading; former
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Tuesday, May 4, 2021

In Person/Zoom
Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Inspiration
Patsye Thurmon

Program
Member Recognition

Business
Review of Rules
Changes
Maycie Award Update

Invitation to May meeting:

Meeting will be opened at
5:15 p.m.
Topic: DKG monthly
meeting
Time: May 4, 2021 05:30
PM Eastern Time (US and
Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/
85099870899?pwd=a1h3V
3hzNVFWdTFyZlJzSTdz
QXlQOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85099870899?pwd=a1h3V3hzNVFWdTFyZlJzSTdzQXlQOT09)
Meeting ID: 850 9987
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Passcode: 9kZeIv

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Presidents' Message (continued)

student success inspiration; and happiness. With so many excellent outcomes from this year, we are inspired for the second year of our bi-ennium. As we close on this year of Pi Chapter, we would like to express our profound appreciation for your support as we worked to provide an opportunity for all Pi members to participate and grow in our Chapter this year. We must admit, we weren't sure of what to expect as our year began but soon came to realize that Pi Chapter has a strong base of core members. We certainly appreciate you all as we have lived through the ups and downs of the past year, but know that Pi Chapter's success is dependent upon our working together to help continue our recruitment of new members and sustain our current membership. Now, with your patience and support, we are able to look toward next year and begin to plan for in-person meetings and still offer the option of online for those who need the option for whatever reason at any time throughout the year.

We will be testing this hybrid method meeting session on May 4th for our final meeting of the year. For those of you who can attend in person, we will be meeting at ACCTC (140 Maverick Circle, Clinton) in the Culinary Arts Banquet Room with pork bar-b-que dinners (sides of hush puppies, coleslaw, potato salad, and beans), tea/lemonade, and hot fudge cake provided by Buddy's. The side door of ACCTC will be open for you to enter the building from the back parking lot. You will pass a sign on the sidewalk marking the door for entry as you make your way along the drive to the parking lot. For those who cannot attend in-person, we will open the Zoom link at 5:15 for you to join us remotely. We hope you can attend.

Abbi and Vikki

Joys and Concerns

Happy May Birthdays to: Paula Campbell (12th), Pam Allen (19th), Krista Petrick & Mary Pat Williams (20th), LeeAnn Eaves (24th), Amy Graham (29th)

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

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

Happy August Birthdays to: Janie Jackson (13th), Vicky Curtis (27th), Rhonda A. Phillips (30th)
Condolences to: Deckie Conley upon the death of her brother, Barney Gilliam of Abilene, TX in March. She also had another brother, Joe Gilliam, who passed away in October, 2020.

Continued Prayers for: Steve Reynolds (Felecia's husband) who is in a long term memory care facility in Knoxville.

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) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

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Treasurer's Report

April 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,682.04
Deposits	+ 85.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 1,050.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	5,717.04

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 32.17

Beginning Balance 04-30-2021 1,032.17 – 1,000.00 Grants-in-Aide 2021 = 32.17

<u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u> + 10.00 V. Burns.....	3,280.00
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.	

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* 580.00

Balance 04-30-2021 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<u>Discretionary Fund</u> (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 04-30-2021 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 102.24

Balance 04-30-2021 402.20 – 300.00 Grant Award to Jennifer Taylor = 102.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND.....	1,424.53
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 04-30-2021 = 1,389.53 + 85.00 20-21 dues – 50.00 donation Xi State President's Gift = 1,424.53	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 5,717.04

<u>Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund</u> (Established by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to her longtime service to education.) Balance 04-30-2021 = 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.]

Dues/Donations 2021-2022

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

February Dues Payments Grant-in-Aide Donations

Treasurer's Report (continued)

1. Ann Gann	15.00	
2. Pat Stonecipher	15.00	
3. Patsye Thurmon	15.00	
<u>255.00 dues</u>	<u>45.00 Grant-in-Aide</u>	

March Dues Payments

4. Vikki Burns	15.00	
5. Sara Idzik	15.00	
6. Krista Petrick	12.00	
7. Lucy Van Cleve	15.00	
<u>340.00 dues</u>	<u>52.00 Grant-in-Aide</u>	<u>Schools for Africa</u>

April Dues Payments

8. Linda McCune	15.00	
9. Paula Tackett	15.00	
10. Teri Gilbert	15.00	12.00
11. Deckie Conley	15.00	27.00
12. Laura Phillips	15.00	
13. Amy K. Graham	15.00	
14. Kathleen Benedict	15.00	
15. Kate Roovers		
680.00 dues	105.00	39.00

Grand Total 04-30-2021

Dues \$1,275.00 / Grant-in-Aide Donations 105.00 / Schools for Africa 39.00

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



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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*

Spotlight on Members



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

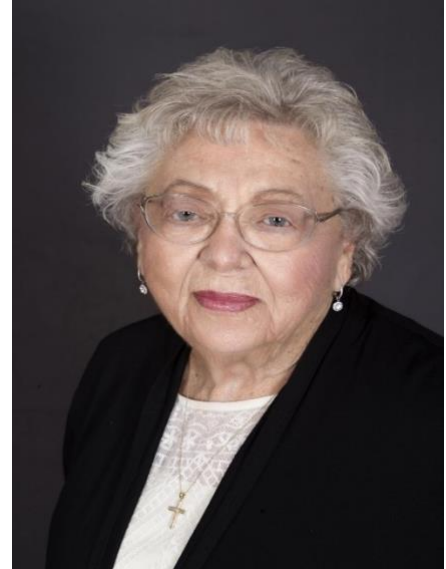
Please contact Sara at sara.idzik@gmail.com as soon as possible. We really need for all of our members to participate in this project...we get points for the state award!

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Vera Jo Henegar Delta Kappa Gamma Grant-In-Aid Recipient

The Vera Jo Henegar Delta Kappa Gamma Grant-In-Aid Recipient for ACHS for 2021 is Hannah Freeman, She will attend Walter State Community College in the Fall. She is planning a teaching career in special education. Hannah is the daughter of Travis and April Freeman.

The Vera Jo Henegar Delta Kappa Gamma Grant-In-Aid Recipient for CHS is Claire Pietrzak. She will attend Tennessee Tech University and is planning a career in Elementary Education. Claire is the daughter of Harper and Jeff Maxwell.



Vera Jo Henegar



Hannah Freeman



Claire Pietrzak

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“Sanitary Kits for Women”

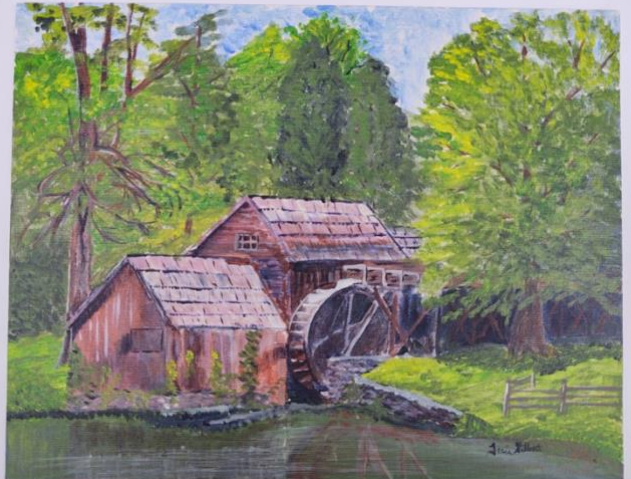
We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the “back burner”. We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits, and we just need to round up some sergers and get 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

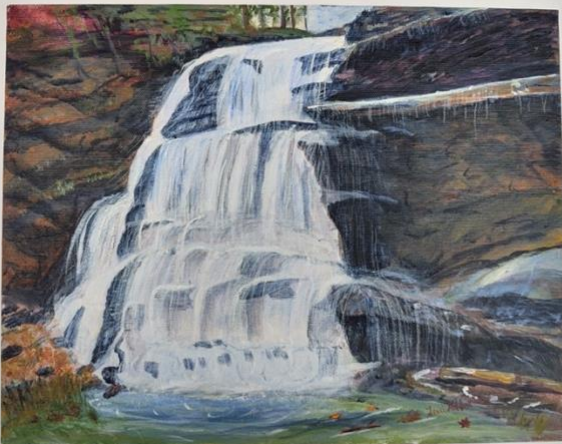


Congratulations to Terri Gilbert again! We love her original works of art !

Mabry Mill



Alabama Falls



Moments from our April Zoom Meeting



Xi State Tennessee News



There have been many TN State DKG events over the past few months. These have been a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed!

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
- Sign Language with Cousin Carrie

[State Convention Registration Forms now on state website but a copy is attached for reference:](#)

Date: Friday, June 4, 2021-Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: Grand Hyatt Nashville

Time: Refer to Attached Draft Schedule at a Glance

Information: Due to COVID they are requesting online registration this year using the following link <https://forms.gle/aGxFKcVewthcbo6L7>

Cost is \$225 if submitted before May 10 (after the cost is \$250)

Rooms \$199/night with tax \$251/night plus \$40 required valet parking

NOTE: To avoid fees when paying with PayPal, remember to select the "send money to a friend or family member" feature.

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TNSO CONVENTION REGISTRATION
June 4-5, 2021 -- THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TN

Online Registration is Recommended: <https://forms.gle/rqJMhtN1msHgVZLH7>

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name First Name (will be badge name)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone # (prefer cell) E-Mail Address (print plainly)

Chapter Name Area Year initiated

Please Check All That Apply:

2019-2021 Initiate
 First State Convention
 2020-2022 Chapter President
 2019-2021 State Committee Chairman
 2019-2021 TN State Officer/Related Personnel
 Past TN State President
 State Achievement Award Honoree
 50 Year (+) Member (Year Initiated)

Registration -- Total Convention Package

Price includes: registration fee, all meals, workshops, general sessions, keynote speakers, professional development, awards, Ceremony of Remembrance, and convention favors.

postmarked by May 10 **\$225.00**

postmarked after May 10 **\$250.00**

Past State President..... **-\$25.00**

Total enclosed.....

Vision Foundation Member (Visionary)

I will serve as a page for one event at the convention.

I would like a professional development certificate.

I will inform someone if I would not like my picture or name to appear on the **Tennessee State website** or in the **Xi State News**.

Graduate degree earned –
 July 2020- June 2021
 (Type of degree earned)
 My tee shirt size is)

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Please book your room on or before May 13, 2021 in order to be guaranteed the group rate. Call (877) 803-7534. When booking, ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Tennessee Organization Convention. Or go to: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BNARN/G-DKGT>

Website: grandhyattnashville.com

Address: 1000 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203



Be watching the website for pre-convention tour opportunities!

<https://www.tndkg.org>

Penalty for cancellation will be \$100.00. Only refunds requested in writing by May 10, 2021 will be honored.

Convention Emergency Phone Number: 615-838-1793

Special Needs

Special dietary needs:

Vegetarian

Diabetic

Other (Please specify)

- -

Other special needs:

(Please specify requested accommodation)

- -

**Make checks payable to
Tennessee State Organization
Convention**

**Send this completed form and
check to
Marsha Brewer
812 Berwick Trail
Madison, TN 37115
615-838-1793
gnash81@comcast.net**

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Schedule at a Glance

All convention events take place on the 4th Floor of the Grand Hyatt Nashville.

Friday, June 4	Saturday, June 5
<p>8:00 a.m. Registration <i>Coat Room and The 576</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Registration <i>Coat Room and The 576</i></p>
<p>8:00 a.m. Photo Booth <i>Summit Foyer ABC</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Photo Booth <i>Summit Foyer ABC</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 2:45 p.m. Mini-Mall <i>Railhead</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Iris Circle Gathering <i>Piedmont</i></p>
<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. Breakout Session I <i>4th Floor Grand Hyatt Nashville</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Taste of Tennessee Breakfast <i>Summit Ballroom E</i></p>
<p>4:00-5:00 p.m. Mini-Mall <i>Railhead</i></p>	<p>9:30-10:45 a.m. Second General Session <i>Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>
<p>5:00-6:15 p.m. Homecoming Dinner <i>Summit Ballroom E</i></p>	<p>11:00-11:45 a.m. Mini-Mall <i>Railhead</i></p>
<p>6:30-7:30 p.m. First General Session Order of the Rose Rosebud Award <i>Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>	<p>12:00-12:45 p.m. Breakout Session II <i>4th Floor Grand Hyatt Nashville</i></p>
<p>7:45 p.m. Ceremony of Remembrance Processional Line Up <i>Foyer of Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>	<p>1:00 p.m. Presidents' Luncheon <i>Summit Ballroom E</i></p>
<p>8:00-9:00 p.m. Ceremony of Remembrance <i>Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>	<p>2:15 p.m. Chapter Presidents' Line-Up <i>Foyer of Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>
	<p>2:30-3:45 p.m. Third General Session <i>Summit Ballroom ABCD</i></p>

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2021-2023 State Committees are accepting applicants. Please complete the attached *Committee Sign-up Form* if you are interested. Brief descriptions of available committees are provided on the form.

2021-2023 Tennessee State Organization Appointed Committees

Please indicate your top three (3) choices with 1 being first

Achievement Award ____

Selects an annual recipient of the Tennessee State Organization Achievement Award.

Selects a recipient for the Tennessee State Rosebud Award.

Arts and Personal Growth ____

Implements the Visual and Performing Arts exhibitions at state conventions and organizes the Creative Arts Retreat.

Awards ____

Presents the Order of the Rose Awards and recognizes chapters who earn Maycie Chapter Excellence Awards.

By-laws and Rules ____

Presents proposed amendments to the Tennessee State Bylaws and Rules.

Compares compatibility of Tennessee State Bylaws and Rules with Constitution and international Standing Rules. Reviews chapter rules for compatibility with state and international governing documents.

Communications & Publicity ____

Oversees publicity and publications for the Tennessee Organization.

Provides technology training and guidance for chapters and members.

Provides chapter communication awards.

Convention Steering ____

Plans and implements the annual Tennessee State Convention.

Educational Excellence ____

Assist chapters with programs and projects including state and international projects.

Historical Preservation ____

Preserves the history of the Tennessee Organization.

Leadership Development ____

Designs opportunities for leadership development by hosting beginning and advanced leadership management seminars.

Legislative ____

Plans the annual Legislative Symposium and serves as a liaison between U.S. Forum and local chapters.

Membership ____

Maintains membership and necrology records. Plans Ceremony of Remembrance at annual state convention.

Planning ____

Plans and monitors the Tennessee Strategic Plan.

Scholarship ____

Awards scholarship for graduate study based on formalized rating scale.

Special Events ____

Implements project to help fund leadership activities.

State Organization Projects ____

Implements activities that encourage literacy and numeracy efforts in Tennessee.

While at convention, complete this form and return to the registration desk.

At home, complete and scan the form and e-mail as an attachment to mevaughan@ortn.edu

Online, download and complete the form and save the file to your computer. Attach the file as an email attachment and send it to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at mevaughan@ortn.edu

Thank you for your willingness to serve the DKG Tennessee State Organization!

DKG International News

International Conference and Convention Dates:

Theme: DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact

Location: Portland, Oregon

Date: July 7-10, 2021

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Date: July 21-24, 2021

Registration and hotel reservation information is located on the Events tab at www.dkg.org