



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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**From the
Heart
2020-2022**



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Hello friends,

As our biennium comes to a close we want to say thank you to everyone who has held fast and supported our efforts to continue our projects and maintain a semblance of normalcy. Who knew that the last two years would be so topsy-turvy?! We are thankful for the undying support, guidance, and necessary and appreciated cheerleading that each of the following ladies provided to us in our journey over the past two years: Susan, Linda, Patsye, Diane, Kathleen, Pat S., Pat A., and Ann...from the excellent programs that were adapted throughout the two years of online and some in-person meetings, the 'go to' research we needed at times to make decisions, the reminders of 'what comes next', and the ever present and spoken support for what we hoped was the best for Pi Chapter through it all, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all.

As we close this chapter of our leadership of Pi Chapter, we want to urge you to re-aquaint yourself with the Chapter, its ideals, and the support you can provide to help the Chapter not just survive but grow and flourish. Identify what characteristics you have and how they might benefit another member or the Chapter as a whole. Identify what you want to get from your membership and take steps to make that goal happen. The next biennium team has the experience and the motivation to make the next two years of our Chapter's work meaningful to each member. They will need your support, participation, and cheerleading to continue our Chapter's 'why' and the benefit that each of us have identified as the reasons for our membership, both personally and in the community and schools we support.

We look forward to seeing as many of you who can attend our 79th Founders' Day Celebration on May 5 at Memorial United Methodist Church. We have had a wonderful response to the RSVP survey and are expecting a nice sized group along with our guests. It is sure to be a fun and festive evening with the Cinco de Mayo themed decorations and food, messages from our past and current TNSO Presidents, and some special recognitions that are planned for the evening. We do hope you plan to attend.

Vikki and Abbi

Thursday, May 5, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist
Church

Inspiration

Kathleen Benedict

Program/Business

Founders' Day Program

Hostesses:

Pi Chapter



Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

News about Hazel Johnson: Prayers and good wishes to Hazel Johnson as she recovers from a broken leg. She broke her leg in three places and is still attending physical therapy. Also, prayers for Hazel's son, Steve, who is in treatment for throat cancer. Pi Chapter is honoring Hazel and the memory of her husband, Roy, who passed away last October, at a special award ceremony at the May Founder's Day Banquet on May 5, 2022.

Happy May Birthdays to: Paula Campbell (12th), Pam Allen (19th), Krista Petrick (20th), Lisa Swisher (24th), Amy Graham (29th)

Happy June Birthdays to: Kathleen Benedict and Shannon Crawford Ramsey (5th), Sara Idzik (11th), Hazel Johnson (13th), Ann Gann (14th), Carol Ann Brown (29th),

Happy July Birthdays to: Lucy VanCleve (10th), Abbie Hill (20th), Linda McCune (23rd), Chelsi Meredith (27th), Amanda Powers (29th), Paula Tackett (31st)

Happy August Birthdays to: Denise Houdeschell (10th), 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 let Pat Stonecipher (stonecipher@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Pi Chapter Local News

Congratulations to our 2022 Vera Jo Henegar Grant-in-Aid Winners

From Anderson County High School:

Kylee Alvis

Kylee will be attending Lincoln Memorial University where she will study to be a Special Education teacher. She will also be on the track team. She was a member of the basketball, track, and volleyball teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Government Association, and National Honor Society.

From Clinton High School:

Jasmine Puleo

Jasmine will be attending East Tennessee State University and will major in Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics. She hopes to be an elementary teacher, hopefully in grades 3-5. While in high school, Jasmine was a member of the AFJROTC and a Color Guard Commander. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and was involved in the Work Based Learning Program.

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If anyone happens to be at the Oak Ridge Library during May, take a look at the display cabinets in the lobby area. Some of my paintings, particularly those dealing with beach or lake themes to correlate with the Summer Book Club theme, will be on display through the end of May, possibly extending into June. I began the process of setting up the display yesterday. See photo below. I am also submitting a piece to the Oak Ridge Art Center's upcoming show: Celestial Phenomena, a themed show running from May 14-July 2.

Submitted by Terri Gilbert



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

Educational Excellence

Our Read Across America video was featured in the TNSO Newsletter!

Featured EEC Video: Pi Chapter Read Across America

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=XVCUB26tMME&feature=youtu.be>

Treasurer's Report

(Continued on next two pages)

April 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,060.38
Deposits	+ 57.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 1,362.99
ENDING BALANCE.....	4,754.39

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 0.00

Balance 04-30-2022 787.17 + 57.00 Happy Jar + 155.83 transfer from Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund - 500.00 Grant to Kylee Alvis - 500.00 Grant to Jasmine Puleo = 0.00

<u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u>	3,224.17
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 04-30-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u>	298.10
Balance 04-30-2022 = 298.10	

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

Balance 04-30-2022 146.24 + 500.00 donations from Pi Chapter members - 500.00 check to TAP, Teaching as a Profession Program, Denise Houdeschell, Instructor, ACCTC, awarded Hazel McCreary Special Classroom Grant = 146.24

Pi Chapter Awards this Special Grant in Memory of the Spouses of Pat Aldridge, Bill Aldridge; Marilyn Buckner, Richard Buckner; Hazel Johnson, Roy Johnson; Judy Miller, John Miller; Paula Tackett, Joe Tackett; and Felecia Reynolds, Steve Reynolds.

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND.....	1,085.87
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 04-30-2022 = Beginning Bal. = 1,448.86 - 50.00 Silent Auction 2021-2022; - 52.37 Reimbursement Sara Idzik supplies for Induction Ceremony; - 57.29 Reimbursement Vikki Burns supplies for May Banquet; - 58.08 Reimbursement Kathleen Benedict DKG Main Store Membership Supplies; - 95.25 Reimbursement Kathleen Benedict Award Concepts Co-Past Presidents Pins and Certificates; - 50.00 TNSO DKG 5 attendees to Chapter Officers Training = 1,085.87	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 4,754.39

<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 04-30-2022 = 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 <i>(Continued)</i>

Dues 2022-2023 and Donations

(Deposited but records kept separately until July 1, 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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|--------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 1. Linda McCune | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 2. Diane Alsop | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 3. Pat Stonecipher | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |

MARCH

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|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1. Pat Aldridge | 85.00 | | | 15.00 HMC |
| 2. Ann Gann | 85.00 | 15.00 | 20.00 | |
| 3. Terri Gilbert | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 4. Laura Boden | 85.00 | | | |
| 5. Lucy Van Cleve | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 6. Paula Campbell | 85.00 | | | |
| 7. Paula Tackett | 85.00 | | | |
| 8. Deckie Conley | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 9. Judy Miller | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 10. Vikki Burns | 85.00 | | | 15.00 HMC |
| 11. Sara Idzik | 85.00 | 15.00 | 25.00 | |

Special Collection March Meeting Schools for Africa $46.00 + 45.00 + 10.00 = 91.00$

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------|-----------|
| 1. Kathleen Benedict | 85.00 | | | 15.00 HMC |
| 2. Marilyn Buckner | Chapter Honorary | | | |
| 3. Chelsi Meredith | Collegiate Member | | 5.00 | 2022-2023 |
| 4. Mildred Mauney | 27.00 | RESERVE MEMBER | | |
| 5. Kristen Petrik | 27.00 | RESERVE MEMBER | | |
| 6. Laura Phillips | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 7. Louise Childress | 27.00 | 10.00 | | 13.00HMC |
| 8. Mary Ruth Cook | 27.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 9. Kathy Hurst | 85.00 | | | 15.00 HMC |
| 10. Felecia Reynolds | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 11. Ann Brown | 85.00 | 15.00 | | |

Treasurer's Report (Continued)

APRIL

1. Abbi Hill	85.00	15.00
2. Pam Allen	85.00	

Virtual Events

Recordings for Past Virtual Workshops

Recordings for past virtual workshops may be found on the www.tndkg.org website under Resources/Virtual Events. Please enjoy these virtual workshops with your chapter members, friends, and family members. If you or your chapter would like to present a virtual workshop, please contact TNSO President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, mevaughan@ortn.edu.

Recording of Jill Speering, "Rubies in the Rubble: An Educator's Transformation from Pain to Prominence, from Abuse to Absolution"

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZujTuJ4vY>

Education/Legislative News

Tennessee governor signs public education funding formula into law

This article, published today, on the TN Chalkbeat website has information about the new funding formula for Tennessee (Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement, or TISA).

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/5/2/23054374/tisa-bep-school-funding-law-tennessee-governor>

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Spotlight on Members

Denise Houdeschell

This year, a Hazel McCreary Special Classroom Award will be given to Denise Houdeschell's program, at ACCTC, Teaching as a Profession, for \$500.00, in Memory of Six husbands of Pi Chapter members who passed away during the last two years. Pi Chapter, DKG, honors these members and their late husbands: Pat Aldridge, and husband Bill Aldridge; Marilyn Buckner, and husband Richard Buckner; Hazel Johnson, and husband Roy Johnson; Judy Miller, and husband John Miller; Felecia Reynolds, and husband Steve Reynolds; and Paula Tackett, and husband Joe Tackett

The following note was submitted by Denise's students.

Dear DKG PI Chapter Members,

The students from Teaching as a Profession and Family Career and Community Leaders of America want to take a moment to express our thanks to each of you. Your members did not hesitate to help once you knew we had a need. Words cannot express how thankful we are for your monetary donation towards our trip to San Diego this Summer. This opportunity provides our fellow FCCLA members with wonderful leadership experience and the gift of seeing another part of this beautiful Nation. As future teachers, Mrs. Houdeschell has instilled in us that knowledge is power. The more we know, understand, and experience the better prepared we will be to teach our students and respect their individuality. Traveling to San Diego is not something many of us would normally have had the chance to experience. Thank you again for providing funds to help us along the way towards this adventure. We look forward to working with DKG as we grow our program.

Gratefully,
TAPS and FCCLA

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Notes from the Presidents

Executive Board Meeting *Sunday, May 15, 2022: Any member may attend.*

The Executive Board will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 p.m. CST/3:30 p.m. EST to vote on the proposed budget 2022-2024 and the proposed amendments to the rules. The Tennessee State Organization must establish a quorum in order to vote on the items listed. When you sign up, you will receive an email at a later time around May 1 with a link to register for the Zoom meeting. Any member may register for this event. The proposed budget may be found on the www.tndkg.org under About Us/ Financial Forms. The proposed amendments to the Rules are posted in the April edition of the DKG Tennessee News (www.tndkg.org). Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Ae1AHkFXGav4v5sK6>

Special Events

2022 Silent Auction: The Silent Auction is back for the 2022 State Convention! 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 help fund TNSO leadership opportunities. This year's goal is to have 100% in chapter participation. The 2022 Silent Auction will also include a "Purchase Now" option. 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 (10 cards for \$10) and vinyl decals for cups, mugs, and windows will be available. If you have any questions please contact Kim Thurman (kimthurman@ebpfi.com) or Allison Maynard (allisonroberts814@comcast.net).

Chapters Helping Chapters April 2022 Feature Blog

The Need: The need to involve retired members and members who have difficulty coming to meetings.

The Strategy to Meet the Need: Jenniebeth King and Dee Dee Rives report that Theta Chapter has done a variety of things over the years which have proven successful in helping members who are unable to come to meetings as frequently as they had previously done to stay involved and contribute. For example, such members sometimes form the Sunshine Committee, sending cards to chapter members at times of illness, on birthdays, and on some holidays. This helps them to stay connected with the membership and provides a valuable service to the chapter as well as to the individuals receiving the cards. Additionally, in the past, retired teachers from Theta were each assigned a school, and they created treat baskets for the teachers at that school. If the retired members could not deliver the treats, other members did so. The treat baskets warmed the hearts of the teachers receiving them and helped the retired members have the benefits of contributing to the work of the chapter.

The Result: Dee Dee reports that the retired members were delighted to have been asked to contribute to the work of the chapter in these ways, and that they provided a valuable service.

Tennessee State News



86th Tennessee State Convention 2022—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 2-4, 2022

Register online here [Online Registration for State Convention](#). Download registration form here [Registration Form](#). If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson.

COVID Protocol Update: Sewanee's Mask Mandate has been lifted! Social distancing is not taking place. Sewanee has no restrictions at this time on staying off-campus in a hotel or house. Sewanee will continue to monitor guidelines and makes no guarantee about the future but is very optimistic and hopeful. For more information, please see the following from Sewanee's Vice-Chancellor. <https://new.sewanee.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/masking-policy-update--march-4-2022/>.

Tennessee State Organization Needs You!

Nominations for an elected state office, either as an officer, an elected state committee member, or the Vision Foundation Board of Directors are now being accepted. State officers serve two-year terms while members of an elected state committee serve four-year terms.

There are three elected committees which are Finance, Personnel and Nominations. Applications for these elected positions can be found on the state website at www.tndkg.org. Click on the Resources tab then click the tab titled Officers and Related Personnel form. For more information or questions contact Elaine Warwick, nominations chair, at elainewarwick@att.net. Step Up for Tennessee!

Tennessee 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

Where to Go for What?

Are you looking for forms or information regarding an event?

Most of the information may be found at www.tndkg.org under About Us, Resources, the Calendar, or The Homepage. However, here is also the link to go to the Website Short-Cut List or Where to Go for What?

https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137_92053a7e973b4033a7998232c2edad52.pdf .

You will find information on the following:

- 1) Chapter Forms and Reports: (Form 6 Report of Death of a Member, Form 110 Report of Chapter Officers, Chapter Yearbook Template, Chapter Yearbook Evaluation Form, and many more
- 2) Financial Forms and Reports: (Contribution Form, Reimbursement Form, Form 87 Change of Treasurer)
- 3) Leadership Links
- 4) Achievement Award
- 5) Awards: Maycie Award of Excellence, Order of the Rose and RoseBud Award
- 6) Bylaws & Rules
- 7) Communications and Marketing
- 8) Educational Excellence (EEC Corner)
- 9) Leadership Development
- 10) Legislation