



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Dear Pi,

So excited about how the plans for our celebration are coming together! If you haven't let Kathleen (865-599-1646) know that you will be attending Pi Chapter's 80th Celebration on May 2 beginning at 5:00 in the fellowship hall of Memorial United Methodist Church, please check with her about coming. We will be having a tea party complete with a wonderful selection of foods, fun activities, surprises, and an inspiring speech that celebrate the old and the new of Pi Chapter and DKG.

At Pi's meeting in April, our members voted to obtain enough of the Teacher Supply Depot bags again for the next three years to give to the new teachers in Clinton City Schools and Anderson County Schools. The cost of the previous bags had increased, and that vendor was unable to meet the price of another local vendor who works on a larger scale, thus being able to offer a lower cost. Our former vendor would have liked to have worked with us, but just couldn't match the price. Vikki Burns orchestrated this purchase. Thank you, Vikki! The new bag, as can be seen in this newsletter, displays an official logo from DKG's website, www.dkg.org. The leaders in Austin who deal with copyrighting approved of the use of the logo for the bags. They will also contain an insert giving additional information about DKG and Pi Chapter.

The following is a list of awards being presented at Sewanee in June: Patsye Thurmon will receive the Order of the Rose. Abbi will be officially recognized for receiving the Maycie K. Southall Scholarship from International for \$6,000.00 and the Mary Hall Scholarship for \$3,000.00 from TNSO. Pi Chapter will receive the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence highest honor, and additional honors Pi received during the year will be recognized with certificates. Also, Pat Stonecipher and I completed the 15 Member Education Videos on TNSO.dkg for which we will receive a cord.

We will be in touch with this year's Teachers of the Year when school starts. Any ideas concerning reaching out to them would be appreciated.

The Executive Board meeting is scheduled for July 11, 10:00-12:00, in the fellowship hall. If you are on the board, please place this time on your calendar. If you already know you can't come that day, please let me know. On the agenda will be ideas for ways we can improve next year and ideas for future programs. Even if you are not on the Executive Board, the board welcomes your contributions and/or your attendance.

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**Tuesday, May 2, 2023
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Blessing
Ann Gann

Inspiration
Kathleen Benedict

Program
Presentation of Scholarships
and Awards
Founders Day 80th Celebration
of Pi Chapter

Business
Founders Day 80th Celebration
of Pi Chapter



Pi Chapter Local News

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Please note the virtual workshop listed later in this newsletter to be held on June 21 at 6:00, presented by Dr. Todd Whitaker and sponsored by Alpha Rho. Online, at the President-to-President state meeting this month, someone said that he normally charges \$50.00 for his presentation. When I registered, there was a final note about having to pay \$15.00 if not a DKG member.

Pi Chapter will be delivering certificates of recognition to the students from Andersonville Elementary School and Norris Middle School whose essays were entered in the state essay contest. Vikki also got coupons from McDonald's for them.

PLEASE HELP!! In June of last year, I noticed that the 2022 TNSO Convention Program listed Pi Chapter as a hostess chapter for the 2023 Birthday Brunch which means that we are responsible for decorating the tables for this celebration on June 3, 2023. So, since last year to save money, I planned to spruce up some cute table décor as seen below that we already had in our cupboard, but I just found out that there is \$250.00 in the budget for Sewanee that we can use to decorate. Walla, what shall we do????? We need something for a maximum of 20 tables that seat 8 each and the front table that will seat 12-14. We have enough of the decorations we have right now for ten tables. Whatever we decide to do additionally or in lieu of what we have will be available for door prizes but not the ones that were in Pi's cupboard. We can go with what we have and design something that will go with it or start down a new path. We have some wonderfully creative and artsy minds in this chapter. Let's have some fun with this!



There are many sisters to thank for the advice, support, and kind words during this school year. For fear of leaving someone out, let me just say thank you to all. You know who you are. The smallest to the largest helps were greatly appreciated.

From the heart,
Diane

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for

- Pi Chapter sisters facing some of life's trials.
- We still have members and husbands of members with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Continued prayers for Laura Phillips in her recovery process.

Joys to:

- Our Pi Chapter sisters!

Happy May Birthdays to: Paula Campbell (5/12), Pam Allen (5/19), Krista Petrick (5/20), Mary Pat Williams (5/20), Lisa Swisher (5/24), and Amy Graham (5/29)!

Happy June Birthdays to: Kathleen Benedict (6/5), Shannon Crambitt-Ramsey (6/5), Sara Idzik (6/11), Hazel Johnson (6/13), Ann Gann (6/14), and Carol Brown (6/29)!

Happy July Birthdays to: Lucy VanCleve (7/10), Abbi Hill (7/20), Linda McCune (7/23), Chelsi Meredith (7/27), Amanda Powers (7/29), and Paula Tackett (7/31)!

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

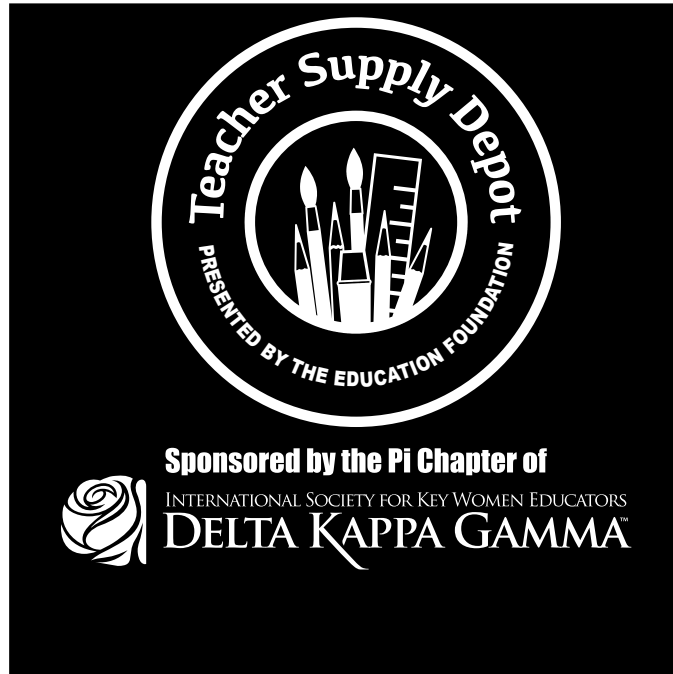
July 11 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00-11:00 at the Fellowship Hall

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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

Pi Chapter Teacher Supply Depot Bags



Special thanks to Vicki Burns for orchestrating this purchase!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

There will be an opportunity for our members, minimum of 5, to attend a program presented by Dennette Jackson, the community registered nurse navigator, about immunizations in East Tennessee. She would like for members to provide feedback for her on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon around 4:00 during the month of May. Please check your calendars for May 16, 18, 23, and 25; then let Diane know if you could come. She also has June 6 at 10:00 open.

Special Shoutout to our scholarship recipients at ACHS and CHS!

Kaitlyn Meredith is our scholarship recipient from ACHS. Kelsey Holbrook is our scholarship recipient from CHS. Kelsey is a model student with 29 on her ACT and a 3.98 weighted GPA. Since taking the Fundamentals of Education class last year, she has continued on the education track, taking Teaching as a Profession this year, and she plans on pursuing an Early Childhood degree focusing on Pre-K or Kindergarten. She will be attending ETSU in the fall, where she will also be participating in color guard, just like she has all 4 years at CHS.

Congratulations to these lovely young ladies!

Treasurer's Report

April 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,619.48
Deposits	+ 653.00
DISBURSEMENTS	- 1,800.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	5,472.48

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 00.00
 Balance 04-30-2023 Beginning Bal: 1,239.40 + 33.00 Happy Jar = 1,272.40 – 500.00 ACHS Vera Jo Henegar Grant-in-Aide Award – 500.00 CHS Vera Jo Henegar Grant-in-Aide Award = 272.40 – 272.40 Transferred to First Time Attendees to TNSO Convention = 00.00 *Reminder: On July 1, 2023, funds from dues/donations will be deposited into current account, so all donations to Grant in Aide Fund donated with 2023-2024 dues will be reflected in August 2023 Treasurer's Report.*

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	3,374.17
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...	

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*	272.41	04-30-2023
272.41 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]		

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 04-30-2023 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 219.24
 Balance 04-30-2023 219.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	1,308.56
(Member dues.collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)	
04-30-2023 Beginning Bal. 1,488.56 + 620.00 money deposited thus far for meals for 80 th Anniversary of Pi Chapter May Banquet – 100.00 donation to CHS Jazzy Band – 700.00 ACCTC Culinary Arts Program for 50 dinners May Banquet = 1,308.56 = 1,308.56	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **5,472.48**

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 04-30-2023 = 210.00 [This fund part of the Regular Fund.]
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[*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

- **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**

- 1. Pay at meeting, cash or check(s) full amount or 3 payments**
- 2. Mail a check(s) for full amount or 3 payments to:**
Kathleen Benedict/1710 Howard Drive/Knoxville, TN 37918 OR
- 3. 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. **Members can pay VENMO full amount or 3 payments. (85.00 divided by 3)**
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.

Treasurer's Report

PI CHAPTER MEMBERS - **PAID** DUES/DONATIONS to Date 04/28/2023

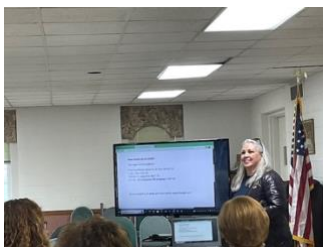
1. Lorrie Irwin
2. Jackie Stephens
3. Vickie Bible
4. Patsye Thurmon
5. Ann Gann
6. Diane Alsop
7. Pat Stonecipher
8. Terri Gilbert
9. Linda McCune
10. Paula Campbell
11. Lucy VanCleve
12. Pat Aldridge
13. Kate Roovers
14. Sara Idzik
15. Brenda Phillips
16. Kathy Hurst
17. Louise Childress
18. Kathleen Benedict
19. Lisa H. Smith
20. Judy F. Miller
21. Vikki Burns
22. Abbi Hill
23. Shannon Cramblitt
24. Paula Tackett
25. Felecia Reynolds
26. Laura Boden
27. Mildred Mauney
28. Peggy Stookbury
29. Pam Allen
30. Mary Pat Williams
31. Vicky Curtis
32. Deckie Conley
33. Ann Brown
34. Amanda Powers
35. Hazel Johnson

Active Dues 33/42 Paid Thank You!

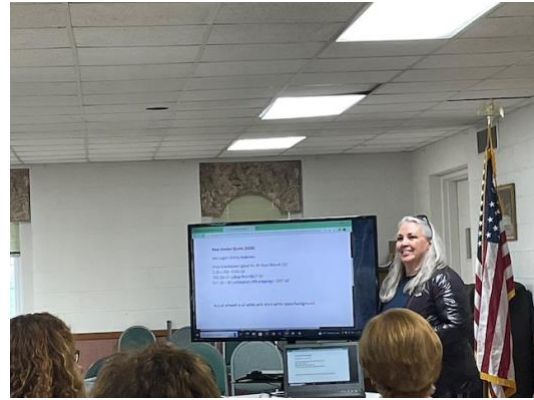
Reserve Dues 2/4 Paid Thank You!

46 Total Members!

Moments from Our April Meeting
The Jazzy Dragons, directed by Matthew Bimstein
Denette Jackson, UTK Nurse Navigator
Dewayne Emert – Retired Teachers Association



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2021—2023 Tennessee State Officer Team

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State and International News

Important Time Dated Information for Chapters March and April

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

Proposed Amendments - The proposed amendments for consideration by TNSO membership may be found in the April issue of the *DKG Tennessee News* on the state website, [www.tndkg.org/ More](http://www.tndkg.org). Any questions, please contact kbbenedict21@yahoo.com.

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 (\$333.33 each month April through June).

Arts and Personal Enrichment Convention Displays

Attention All State Committees! It is that time again to be thinking about displays for our State Convention in June. This will be a time for your committee to shine. Displays will help members understand the work of each committee so that they can volunteer for committees that best suit their interests and talents in the coming biennium. Each committee will have a half table (3 foot) to display. Displays will need to be set up on Thursday during the day and be ready for the evening event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tara Younger tarajy1977@gmail.com

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

Spring has sprung and the State Convention is only TWO months away! Don't let the time slip up on you ... The deadline for the best price is May 1st. Registering by May 1st will save you \$33, so get those registrations in NOW! 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. 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.]**

State and International News

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).

Member Opportunities and Discounts

Please look for Member Opportunities and Discounts on the state website under *Resources/Membership*.

Emergency Relief Fund

The International Emergency Fund shall be used for assistance to members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, other natural catastrophic disasters. Current gifts are U.S. \$500.00. Please contact Dr. Elaine Vaughan if you need to apply for assistance.

Communications and Marketing

Chapters should continue to submit their newsletters, submissions to local media & *DKG TN News*, and social media posts to their assigned Communications & Marketing committee contact. Our committee members will forward all submissions after March 15th to the new committee chair. Also, anyone who did not complete the Member Education Video course may continue to submit activity sheets until completion to dkg.member.edu@gmail.com for next year's awards

Tennessee Night Event

The Tennessee Night Event will take place at the Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, located in Chandler Fashion Center across from Nordstrom and adjacent to Ethan Allen. Firebirds is an American Restaurant and Steakhouse known for its scratch kitchen, bold flavors and inviting atmosphere. The Tennessee Night Event will take place at 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 21. More information will be available in the May edition of *The Leadership Links*.

***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/>

International Nominations Building the Next DKG Slate of Nominees Begins With YOU

Your invitation to DKG membership highlighted your leadership. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so? Applications will be accepted by the International Nominating Committee (INC) in summer 2023. The time to plan and recruit is now! You, as a DKG member, may self-nominate or nominate another DKG member. Leadership in our organization is key to our future, so please give careful consideration to this important task. Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2023.

State and International News

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

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/6 PM Eastern. 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/Onz4vQd8bTAK8e6v8>

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.)

Digital Chapter Presidents' Page

Please use the following link to watch the video from International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, and International Membership Director, Trish Woodley, in April/May edition.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QidJGjQA8XE&list=PLqsKf5cYj-q6lQ-Aksxb3eWnugV_cLv56&index=1

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.