



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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“For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything this goodness sends.”
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Pi Chapter,

Even though we are supposed to be thankful all year, November is a time that we tend to be more reflective on all of the blessings in our lives. I am especially thankful for my family. My dad just spent six days in the hospital, and we are so happy that he is now home and doing well. We should never take our good health for granted!

It is easy to get bogged down with the daily stresses we have at home and in our classrooms. I wish that there were a few more hours in the day so that I could accomplish everything on my ever growing “to do” list. While it is easy to become discouraged and tired, we need to always keep in the back of our minds just how very blessed we are. I always try to remember how lucky I am to have my health, my family, my sweet niece, and my work family. I am even thankful for my students (most days). We are also extremely blessed to have caring and supporting sisters in Pi Chapter. I hope that you are looking forward to spending time with family during Thanksgiving. (I personally look forward to the turkey and mashed potatoes.) Whether your Thanksgiving might involve a week-long meal preparation or making a dinner reservation, whether you are traveling or staying at home, whether you are braving the crowds on Black Friday or shopping online, I hope that you are able to take a few moments to appreciate all the good things and people in your life.

Be sure to bring items for our silent auction baskets. We will have the silent auction at our December meeting, so everyone can do some Christmas shopping!

Be sure to purchase a DKG t-shirt. They are \$15, and all the proceeds go to our recruitment grants. We will have them at the November meeting. Wear your shirt with pride!

Be sure to invite potential members to the November and/or December meeting, so they can see what Pi Chapter is all about.

See you soon,
Rhonda Phillips
Pi Chapter President

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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

Tuesday, November 7, 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration
Terri Gilbert

Hostesses
Kate Roovers (Coordinator), Kathleen Benedict, Amy Graham, Vicki Burns, Linda McCune, Hopy Merryman

Program
Finalizing Yearbook

Business
Collection of Items and Final Planning for Silent Auction

Remember to Bring
Dues
Items for Silent Auction
Change for Change Donations
Box Tops for Education

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



Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$ November 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!
Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!! We have added an extra 295.00+ with donations!
There are still 13 members who need to pay dues. I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!
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!

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

Join Pi Chapter for another exciting year of projects, meals, speakers, and fulfilling a mission and vision for key women educators. Pi Chapter needs YOU! *You impact education — renew your membership today.*

Active Members:

Annual dues will remain \$85.00; some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$100.00) with the extra 15.00 applied to the Recruitment Grant-in-Aide. If you wish to do this, I will list this donation in the Treasurer's Report as I usually do.

Reserve Members:

Annual dues will remain \$28.00; some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$43.00) with the extra 15.00 applied to the Recruitment Grant-in-Aide. If you wish to do this, I will list this donation in the Treasurer's Report as I usually do.

I am happy to offer you the following options for paying dues:

1. Mailing dues to me – Kathleen Benedict/P.O. Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901
2. Paying dues in full or in payments at the September, October, or November meeting.
3. Setting up payments to fit your financial situation. I am happy to keep track of this as long as we agree to it at the first of the year.

[There were so few members paying electronically and so many problems with the provider's record keeping, that it was suggested to the Finance Committee and agreed that this service would remain inactive for Pi Chapter until technical issues improve.]

Obviously, the sooner you can pay your dues or alert me that you intend to pay, the better! Then, I will know how to plan our finances and forms. I will and have worked with anyone, in any way I need to, in order to help you, but I need to know that you do intend to pay membership dues for 2016-2017 in order to be a member!

In the event that you must decide to drop your membership from DKG, please write Pi Chapter President Rhonda Phillips (6207 Jim Fox Lane/Powell, TN 37849) a letter to explain your wishes.

Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict

Pi Chapter Local News



Call for Recipes!

Do you have any good recipes you would like to share? If so, please submit them to Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Silent Auction is Coming!

Don't forget to bring any items you would like to give for the auction. If you have any extra baskets that you would like to donate for the basket auction, they would be much appreciated, as well. Basket themes are: Animal Lover, Crafts, Bath/Beauty, Pasta/Wine Lover, Sundae/Kitchen, Book/Movie, Coffee/Tea. And UT/Sports.

Thanks!
Caroline McGaha

**It's coming...75th
Anniversary of Pi
Chapter
Celebration...**

Blast from the Past Pat Aldridge

I was typing the Nov. 1988 Pi Chapter minutes today and found out that our chapter's first Silent Auction was held in Dec. of 1988. Carolyn Todd made the motion and the money was to "raise funds for the chapter". It has been really interesting typing the minutes. The sad part is that many of the members have died or dropped their membership.

PI CHAPTER MEMBERS: If your physical address, email address, phone or name change during the year, please notify Kathleen Benedict (kbenedict08@comcast.net) or Pat Stonecipher, so all materials from international can reach you.

The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.

-- Robert John Meehan

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2017-2018



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!

Please consider this worthy project!

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 each meeting! 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>

Joys and Concerns

Please remember Pi Chapter Member, Judy Jones, who lost her son, James, in October. Pi Chapter sent a donation in his name to Main Street Baptist Church and we received a nice acknowledgement from the church and from Judy.

Happy Belated October Birthdays to: Joan Vick (5th), Heather Powell (9th), Melanie Lamberson (17th)
Happy November Birthdays to: Kelly Ray Williams (9th), Julie Capps (10th), Charlotte Bridges, Laura Phillips (11th), Deckie Conley (22nd),

Please let us know if you or another sister has had a health related problem so that we may let the chapter members know.

Congratulations to Julie Capps and Kelly Ray Williams who recently received grants from ORNL. We are so proud of our Pi Sisters!

Krista Whitaker has been married! Her “new” name is Krista Whitaker Petrick. **Congratulations!!**

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

**Xi State News
International News**

Interested in serving on a Xi State Committee?

If you would like to broaden your service to DKG, please consider volunteering to serve on a Xi State Committee. Contact Elaine Alexander (elaineGalexander@comcast.net) for more information or go to <http://www.xistate.org> to download the form. Look for the section labeled 17-19 Committee Sign-ups.)

Important Dates from Xi State

June 7-9, 2018 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

Important Dates from International

**July 16-20 International Convention
Austin, TX**

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