



**Explore, Dream, and
Discover
2018-2020**

I love fall with its cooler weather and colorful leaves! It is also the beginning of the busy holiday season. My calendar is already filling up with various activities that leave little time for rest and reflection. To enjoy the holidays, I will seek to give thanks daily for my many blessings, and not focus on my busy schedule. My hope is that as your calendar fills up, you will see the blessings and not become overwhelmed. Take time out of your busy lives for **you** and commit to spending time with your Pi sisters so that together we can laugh, share stories and offer support to each other.

I am thankful for family, good health and good friends like my Pi Sisters. I am honored by your vote of confidence in nominating me to serve Xi State and to represent Pi Chapter. I am thankful for your great attendance at meetings and your uplifting fellowship. Your volunteer spirit – serving on committees and as hostesses, providing inspirations, and restoring order to the room after our meetings – is the heart of Pi. I am grateful that you say our Collect with sure, strong voices that bring our focus to the purpose of being together. Name your blessing as you celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and friends, and I hope that Pi Chapter is near the top of your list.

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Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Ann Gann
1st VPRhonda Phillips
2nd VP Linda McCune
Recording Sec.....Patsye Thurmon
Corres. Sec.....Laura Phillips
Parliamentarian.....Susan Fowler
Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
Editor /WebmasterPat Stonecipher

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Patsye Thurmon

Hostesses

Kate Roovers (Coordinator),
Kathleene Benedict, Amy Graham,
Vikki Burns, Linda McCune, Susan
Fowler

Program

Street Hope

Business

Vote on New Members



Remember to Bring

1. Money for Dues
2. Items for Raffle
3. Change for Change Donations
4. Box Tops for Education

*Wear your DKG
pin with pride!*



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Joys and Concerns

Happy November Birthdays to: Laura Phillips (11th), Deckie Conley (22nd)

Congratulations to Vicky Curtis on the birth of a new grandson, Ryan Houser Honeycutt.

Terri Gilbert is excited to announce the opening of *Mim's Whimsy*, a booth at The Shops of Dragonfly Village in Solway, which will feature vintage glassware, oddities, floral wreaths and interesting finds. Look for the Facebook page: *Mim's Whimsy*, opening November 1.

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 (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any



Proud Grandmother!

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!

Ida Inez Gamble - Ida was born in the Robertsville community in 1897 and died at her home in Clinton on May 5, 1993. She graduated from Clinton High School and the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She started teaching in 1918 as a fifth grade teacher at Robertsville. She taught Latin and English at Etowah, Decatur, Lake City and Powell and taught for 43 years. She served as chapter treasurer from 1958-1960. She was a longtime member of Memorial United Methodist Church, which gives a yearly scholarship in her name.

Dora Humphrey (June 26, 1905 – April 22, 1964) - We know from an article in the Clinton Courier that Dora was hired to teach at Melbourne Elementary in 1943.

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Spotlight on Members

This is a new feature in this year's newsletter. As Membership Chair, I urge everyone to speak up on behalf of your sister and let us know what great things you all are up to in this school year. We would love to spotlight our members! If you or someone you know has made a shift, moved up, or has any recent awards or recognition, please let Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com) know when she sends out an email requesting newsletter submissions.

Thanks for all you do!
Submitted by Rachel Pemberton

Hello! My name is Krista Petrick. I teach 9-12 English in the Innovation Academy, and this is my sixth year working in the program. We are housed in the Business Building at the Anderson County Career and Technical Center. We use an online curriculum called Odysseyware, and the teacher can modify and create courses to meet each student's individual need. All of our students need to apply and interview for a spot in our program. The Innovation Academy has three distinct subprograms: Bridge Academy, Anderson County Online Learning Academy, and Opportunity Credits.

The Bridge Academy focuses on drop-out prevention. We accept Clinton High School and Anderson County High School students who are behind on credits and are at-risk of dropping out. The students are with us all day, every day for the entire school year (and sometimes for multiple years, if they entered the program early). We truly bond and grow to become a family. I love this part of my job!

The Anderson County Online Learning Academy focuses on bringing in former Anderson County homeschool students and other students who cannot attend regular education classes. These students are not at-risk for dropping out and are expected to graduate on time with their graduating class. However, there are many different reasons for why these students apply for a spot in this program.

The final aspect of the Innovation Academy is the Opportunity Credits. Any student who cannot take a class on campus for a particular reason (scheduling, jobs, etc.) can take a class with us and work at home to complete the credit. We also work with Middle College students and Work-based Learning students.

Due to the complexity and flexibility of our program, we offer after school tutoring hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm to allow our students to come into the classroom and work with us one-on-one. This is why I am not able to attend our chapter's DKG meetings, as they typically tend to fall on my tutoring days.

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A Raffle of a “Home for the Holidays” basket (or two) will replace our Silent Auction as the major funding for our grants-in-aid. Think of merchants you might contact for a donation or items you can donate to the basket – such as: gift cards (restaurant, movies) UT items, candles, candy, wine, scarves, throw blankets, books, locally made items, etc. We need items you would enjoy using or that would make great Christmas gifts. Bring these items to the November meeting for our fund raising activity.



Reminders from Special Events Committee

1. Tickets will be distributed at November meetings. Our goal is for each member attempt to sell 30 tickets at \$1 each.
2. All tickets and money collected must be turn in BY 6:00 P.M. on December 4th, and the drawing(s) will be held at the conclusion of the December meeting.

Vicky Curtis, Special Events Chair

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

Reminders from Scholarship Committee

If you are looking for some extra money to supplement graduate studies, you might want to check out these from Xi State and DKG International. Please contact Judy Miller (jmiller@acs.ac) for applications.

Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award (applications are due November 1, 2018)

DKG Educational Foundation Project (applications are due January 3, 2019)

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Renew Your Delta Kappa Gamma Membership – 2017-2018

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. We are fortunate to be able to do this!

Each year, 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 \$27.00;

Some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$42.00) with the extra \$15.00 applied to the Grant-in-Aide Fund. 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 meetings.
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.

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 2017-2018 in order to be a member!

If you do not wish to remain a member, as set forth in our by-laws, please a letter to Pi Chapter President Ann Gann (604 Timbercrest Drive, Clinton, TN 37716) to explain your wishes.

I will need to mail our dues to our Xi State Treasurer by November 10, 2018.

Your Treasurer,

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2019 High School Essay Contest

The topic for Xi State's high school essay contest is "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela
Terri Gilbert (CHS) and Caroline McGaha (ACHS) are our "school officials."

Opportunities for Service to the TN Achieves Program

Mentor recruitment for the class of 2019 is well underway and we need your help! If every current mentor found a friend to join them next year, we could meet our goal today! To learn a little more about how you can partner with us in mentor recruitment, [view September's monthly webinar!](#) Interested friends, family members or coworkers can get started [by completing a new mentor application.](#)

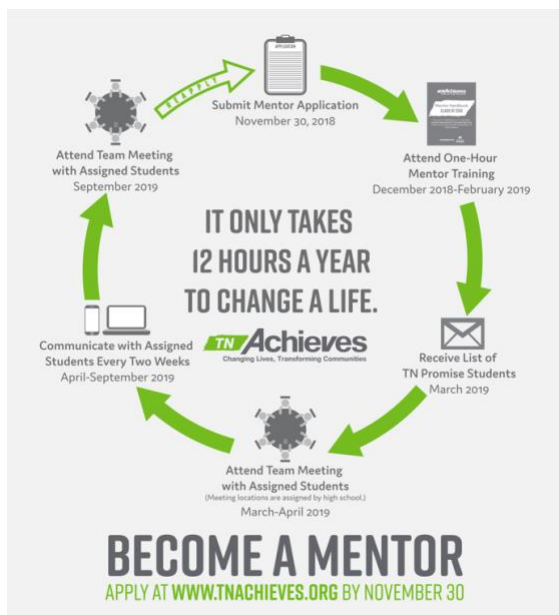
Another way you can help in 2019 mentor recruitment is returning for another year! [Click here to complete the returning mentor application](#) or simply respond to this email with "YES!" to return with the class of 2019!

Thank you for continuing to work with your students! Let us know if you have any questions!

Submitted by Vikki Burns

Key Pin of Xi State's First President Found!

While shopping on eBay, a Texas DKG member discovered for sale a DKG state president's keypin with **S 35 36** on the back and purchased it. She searched historical records and concluded that only Tennessee and Colorado had state president's with last names beginning with **S** during the 35-36 Biennium. She contacted both states. Colorado responded it had the keypin of their president during that biennium. Xi State member Becky Sadowski, our International 1st Vice President, did the research and learned that Xi State did NOT have the keypin that had belonged to Tennessee's first DKG state president, Dr. Maycie K. Southall (1935-1936). Texas has offered to sale the pin to Tennessee and an Executive Board Ballot has been sent out. The hope is soon Xi State will have this keypin, in addition to Xi State's first initiate's keypin, for our Xi State President to wear during her biennium. How wonderful to have such a treasure returned to Xi State!



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Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

If you are absent from a meeting because of a school activity (teaching a class, attending another school or educational meeting, or attending a class), please let Rachel Pemberton know by emailing her at rpemberton@acs.ac. We can count you present if your absence is due to these events.

- Dues may be paid at November meeting.
- Bring items for our Raffle to the November meeting.
- 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.
- We **will** meet on Nov. 6th, Election Day. Vote Early!
- We will **not** meet on Jan. 1st. Instead, we will meet on Jan. 8th.

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2018-2019



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! Save your loose change each day and bring it to the monthly meetings to put in the “Green Tub” at the Check-In Table.

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>

Moments from our October Meeting



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Vision Foundation Award and Grant Opportunities

There is still time to apply for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grants. Guidelines now include evaluation rubrics with section values. One Liz Whorley Bradley Award can be awarded each year, and up to four Vision Foundation Grants can be awarded. The maximum for each award/grant is \$1,000. Applications and guidelines are available on the Xi State website in the Forms section (<http://www.xistate.org/forms.htm>). All applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2018**.

Important Announcement!!

Our Xi State News – just like DKG News - is going digital! Click on the link below to read about state events, news from other chapter and about our own April Perry.

We are so proud of April and admire her dedication to country, education and Pi Chapter.

<http://www.xistate.org/xistateneews/xistateseptember2018.pdf>

Dates to Remember

March 5 & 6, 2019 – Xi State Legislative Seminar (Maxwell House Millennium Hotel)

March 15-16, 2019 – Advanced Leadership Seminar

May 20 – June 1, 2019 – Xi State Convention

