

# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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# Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

I missed being with you at the October meeting. Thank you to Rhonda for presiding in my absence and for providing an outstanding program. I know those present enjoyed hearing from the various downtown merchants, and some were lucky enough to take home a lovely door prize.

Whew! Halloween is over and November is here with cold, rainy weather. Soon the rush of the "holiday season' will be here with the sights and sounds of Christmas invading social media, retail stores and our homes. Before we become weary from all the hustle and bustle, let's prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving by taking a moment to reflect and express gratitude for all our blessings. Every day each one of us experiences many small blessings: a smile, a phone call, a surprise visit, good news... the list is endless. Often these small things are lost to us because our focus is on an immediate crisis or an upcoming event. I encourage each of you to see the daily blessings in your life and to express gratitude for them. In addition to family and good health, I am grateful for each of you and your dedication to education and Pi Chapter. Thank you for your generous donations to our October fund raising meal.

### Below are a few thoughts on being grateful:

"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for." —Zig Ziglar

"Be thankful for what you have; <u>you'll end up having more</u>. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

—Oprah

Winfrey

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." —Willie Nelson

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### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

| President          | Ann Gann          |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP | Rhonda Phillips   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP | Linda McCune      |
| Recording Sec      | Patsye Thurmon    |
| Corres. Sec        | Laura Phillips    |
| Parliamentarian    | Susan Fowler      |
| Treasurer          | Kathleen Benedict |
| Editor /Webmaster  | Pat Stonecipher   |

### Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Memorial United Methodist Church 5:00 p.m. Meal at 5:15 p.m.

### **Inspiration**

Patsye Thurmon

#### **Hostesses:**

Kate Roover (Chair), Amy Graham, Vikki Burns, Linda McCune, Susan Fowler, Terri Gilbert



### Remember to Bring

Nominations for Membership Box Tops for Education



Wear your DKG pin with pride!





### **Nominations Needed!**

Please bring your recommendations for membership to the November meeting! You can find a form at the end of this newsletter!

Rachel Pemberton, Membership Chair

Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (<a href="stonecipher@gmail.com">stonecipher@gmail.com</a>)

### **Joys and Concerns**

Happy November Birthday to: Deckie Conley (22ns)

Congratulations to **Abbe Roehl!** She will be married on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to **Marilyn Buckner**, a 6 times gold medalist in the 2019 Tennessee Senior Olympics, East Tennessee District. Marilyn swam both the 100m and 200m in the free, breast and back stroke at the district competition held in Gatlinburg, October 5, 2019.

Congratulations to **Susan Fowler** for being named to the CHS Wall of Fame. She was inducted during on October 25, 2019, during the half time of the CHS homecoming football game. Well deserved.

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 joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

### Pi Chapter is very proud of two special DKG Sisters!

Congratulations to **Becky Sadowski** on her nomination for International President. Becky is currently serving as our International First Vice President. For the past 30 years, she has served faithfully Alpha Lambda, Tennessee State Organization and DKG International. Becky is well qualified to lead us having served at the state level as Area Director, Corresponding Secretary, First Vice President, President, State Executive Board Member, and as a member or chair of various committees. For International, Becky has held the positions of Membership Chair, Southeast Regional Director, Chair of International Convention Steering Committee (2016 TN), Second Vice President, First Vice President, Trustee of the Educational Foundation Board. Becky, a chick to Mother Hen Vera Jo, honored the legacy of Vera Jo Henegar at our last Founders' Day Banquet.

Congratulations to **Nancy Davis** on her nomination for the International Finance Committee. Nancy has served Tennessee State as treasurer for the past 10 years and is a past state president. Internationally, she has served on the Educational Excellence Committee and as the music representative. Nancy has joined us on several occasions to celebrate special chapter events.

### **New Honor for Members!**

**Rosebud Award:** The Tennessee Awards Committee and the Tennessee Achievement Award Committee have collaborated to introduce the **Tennessee Rosebud Award.** The Rosebud Award shall be presented at Tennessee State convention to a member having five or fewer years of membership who exhibits outstanding service to her chapter and state organization, as well as an interest in the international Society.



## Money Available!



The Tennessee State Scholarship Committee reminds chapter presidents to encourage members to apply for a State Scholarship. The updated **Scholarship Application form** is attached and is available on the state website (xistate.org) under *Resources/Forms&Applications/Scholarship*. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2020.

The Vision Foundation offers grants to help with an educational project, publication of educational research, or professional development opportunity. Active teachers or schools who want to incorporate an educational project into their classrooms should apply for a **Vision Foundation Project Grant**. The grants offer up to \$1,000 each for projects.

The **Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award** offers up to \$2,000 to attend a professional development conference or training.

Guidelines and applications for the 2020 awards for the grants and Liz Whorley Bradly can be found on the state website (xistate.org) under *Resources/Forms&Applications/Vision Project Application* or *Resources/Forms&Applications/Liz Whorley Bradley Award*. The deadline for all applications is December 31, 2019. If you have questions, please contact: Nancy Davis <a href="mailto:nini02@embarqmail.com">nini02@embarqmail.com</a> or Holley Ziglar <a href="mailto:holleyziglar@gmail.com">holleyziglar@gmail.com</a>

The Tennessee State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar is scheduled for March 13-14, 2020 at the Natchez Trace State Park in Wildersville, Tennessee. Additional details will be forthcoming.

The Tennessee Legislative Seminar is scheduled for March 3-4, 2020 at the Best Western Plus Sunrise Inn, 825 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Personnel Committee will be seeking a new State Editor at the end of this biennium, June 2021, when the current State Editor Orlean Bauman will complete her ten-year tenure.

### **Announcements for Pi Chapter Members**

- Do you know of someone you would like to nominate to join us in Pi Chapter? Please think of those you might want to nominate. We would like to have an induction ceremony in December
- 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.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton (<u>rpemberton@acs.ac</u>)if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

### **TN Achieves Mentors needed:**

Each year, tnAchieves needs over 9,000 volunteer mentors to ensure students throughout Tennessee have access to a local support system. To view our progress in your community, please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>. With just two months remaining until the December 6 deadline, we still have significant mentor need in many counties across the state. We encourage you to share this need with those in your network!

If you have not already volunteered to serve as a mentor in 2020 and would like to, please <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u> to complete a returning mentor application. We hope to have the opportunity to work with you again next year, and appreciate your time as a mentor!

Here are the local area mentor fulfillment that has been achieved (as of 10/28/19).

| County          | Total Mentors<br>Needed | Total Mentors<br>Recruited | Remaining<br>Mentor Need | % of Need<br>Recruited |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Anderson County | 124                     | 76                         | 48                       | 61%                    |
| Campbell County | 61                      | 37                         | 24                       | 61%                    |
| Knox County     | 602                     | 459                        | 143                      | 76%                    |
| Scott County    | 34                      | 14                         | 20                       | 41%                    |
| Union County    | 25                      | 12                         | 13                       | 48%                    |

Submitted by Vikki Burns

#### October 2019

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

DISBURSEMENTS..... - 55.00 DEPOSITS.....

..... + 424.37

ENDING BALANCE..... + 6,584.71

#### TOTALS IN EACH FUND:

(Funded by donations and fundraisers.)

Balance 10-31-2019 412.43 + 60.00 Happy Jar + 221.00 Donations

Lasagna Supper + 15.00 Donations J. Jackson = 708.46

Memorial donations to date 1-28 100.00; 2-5 1,305.00; 2-13 400.00; 2-19 940.00;

2-25 50.00; 3-22 150.00; 4-8 125.00; 4-18 50.00; 4-30 100.00; 5-1 100.00;

5-7 50.00 5-7 - 100.00 transfer to regular fund cost of scholarship award winners and

guests Total = 3,270.00 38 gifts, all receipted and acknowledged

**Balance 10-31-19** [When the goal of 1,000.00 has been reached for 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.]

(Funded by donations only.)

Balance 10-31-19 655.59

(Funded by donations only.)

Balance 10-31-19-Beginning balance 72.23

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND ...... 1,478.46** 

(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)

Beginning balance 10-31-19 1,405.09 + 43.37 Sept. and Oct. Schools for Africa

+ 85.00 Dues - 14.00 TN State Organization Order #19180 - 40.00 DKG International Society dues Order #19180 - 1.00 TN State Organization scholarship fee = 1,478.46

Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2019-2020

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. 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.



## **Spotlight on Members**

Pam Allen has earned three degrees: her bachelor's degree from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; her master's in education from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga; and her master's in speech pathology from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She started her career in the Hamilton County school system where she remained from 1973 until 1989. Then, she moved on to Grand Oaks Elementary where she was a speech/language therapist and a reading recovery specialist. Like many teachers, Pam's influence to enter the field of education came from her own household, mainly her mother. Now that she is retired, you can find her enjoying a good book or a fun hike. She has taken on more of a student role with her interest in ornithology. Pam and her husband love to travel, and they love even more to combine that love with their love of birding!





Pat Stonecipher received her bachelor's degree from Cumberland College (now the University of the Cumberlands) and her master's from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has also completed additional post graduate work at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. While Pat's pre-service training may have been in secondary health and physical education, she actually never taught in high school. She first began teaching at South Clinton Elementary School, where she taught from 1974 until 1986. She then taught at Clinton Elementary from 1986 until 1994 and North Clinton Elementary from 1994 until 2000. Her specialties included fifth grade, sixth grade, and running the computer lab for grades three through six. From 2000 until 2010, Pat was the systemwide Computer Lab and Technology Coordinator, so it makes sense that she is DKG's official newsletter guru. Pat's inspiration to become a teacher came from both her parents. Pat enjoys relaxing in retirement, and her hobbies include cross-stitching and embroidery.

# **Moments from our October Meeting**



Kathy Hurst



Rhonda Phillips



Katherine Birckbec, Spindle Tree



Donna Rains, Burrville Antiques





# **Moments from our October Meeting**







Happy Jar!



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# Recommendation for Membership

Instructions: Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

| Type of Membership  |               |      |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|------|--|--|--|
| Name of person recommended:   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Name  |               |      |  |  |  |
| Address   |               |      |  |  |  |
| City, State, Zip  |               |      |  |  |  |
| Country   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Phone number  | Fax           |      |  |  |  |
| Email   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Current position title:   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Employer:   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Highest educational degree granted  | YearField     |      |  |  |  |
| Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations honors and/or awards.( A brief resume may be attached to this application. |               |      |  |  |  |
|   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Community activities:   |               |      |  |  |  |
|   |               |      |  |  |  |
| Endorsed by one or more members:  |               |      |  |  |  |
| Signatures  | Chapter/State | Date |  |  |  |