



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Hello Sisters,

It's almost November as I write this. It's c-o-l-d! I have been confused about the weather and the state and national information concerning the future of the time change. After researching Daylight Saving Time, it is "Saving" and not "Savings" I found out, I did find a short article that answered all my questions. Just in case I'm not the only one confused, here is a link to the article:
[usatoday.com: https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/10/11/daylight-saving-time-2022-future/8233272001/](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/10/11/daylight-saving-time-2022-future/8233272001/) As for the weather, if someone can answer where this fall went or when it will return, you've missed your calling as a fortune teller or a meteorologist!

Burt Benedict, Tom Conley, Larry Gann, Larry Thurmon, and V.L. Stonecipher attended our October meeting. It was nice to meet some of our other halves! We also had three retired teachers attend, not including two of the husbands listed above who are also retired educators. Committees met after which they reported upcoming plans. More information will be in the minutes and in this newsletter about these. If you are on the membership committee, please see Pat Aldridge at the November meeting. If you are on the rules committee, please see Kate Roovers. If you are on the essay contest committee and were unable to be at the October meeting, be sure to see Marilyn Buckner. She has all the information you will need for your assigned schools. The deadline for having the essays turned in to the state is February 28. It will be better if you personally bring the information Marilyn provides to a contact person at your school(s), but if you also want to email it, you'll find the information needed at <https://www.tndkg.org/essay-contest>

Kay Moss, Karla Mullins, and Amber Roberts, members of Alpha Epsilon in various leadership roles across the state, conducted a Tennessee State Organization DKG virtual forum facilitated by TNSO President Elaine Vaughan that provided information about the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Amendments to the TN State Constitution that are on the November 8 ballot. It was evident that the members of the panel had done their homework. In the first thirty-five minutes of the recorded video, the four amendments are discussed, and the information gained is well worth the time to watch before voting. After the presentation concerning the amendments, the proposed retention of third grade students and Beta Upsilon's polling of their members presently teaching on why they think there is a teacher shortage were addressed by several attendees. The event, recorded by Elaine, is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsho2ykxuhU>.

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**Tuesday, November 1, 2022
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Hostesses: Vikki Burns, Linda McCune, Amy Graham, Lucy VanCleve, Laura Phillips, Kate Roovers, April Perry, Denise Houdeschell, Judy Milletr

Inspiration
Diane Alsop

Program
STEM at Clinton Elementary
and Clinton Middle School
Business
Presentation of and vote on
proposed changes to Pi
Chapter Rules

Remember to bring canned
meat donations for the
Blessing Box at Memorial
United Methodist Church!



Pi Chapter Local News

The Vision Foundation assists Tennessee State Organization Members with funding for special projects and research up to \$1000.00. Applications are available online and need submitted between October 1 and December 31. Recipients are notified by March 1, and a check follows shortly thereafter. Everything needed is available at: <https://www.tndkg.org/vision-foundation>

There is also an upcoming virtual workshop to assist with filling out the applications and answering any questions a member may have:

Vision Foundation Virtual Event

Facilitators: Vision Foundation Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/YgiBtNALGDpuNVqE8>

The titles of the projects of all past recipients are available on the website listed above. Reading them should provide a catalyst for any ideas you might have that are in their infancy. We also have some creative activities at present in our classrooms that could use some additional funding. Go for it!! You will be surprised at how many grants are provided each year!

Memorial United Methodist Church who graciously provides the fellowship hall for our meetings is always in need of canned meat for their pantry and blessing box. At the September meeting, it was decided that we could help them by bringing canned meat to the November meeting, right before the need becomes even greater because of the expenses of the upcoming holidays.

Our first Tuesday of the month is usually later. **Please take note, we will be meeting on NOVEMBER 1.** The hostesses are providing chili for this chilly weather! Also, plan to warm your heart and soul with the friendship of your Pi Chapter Sisters.

Diane



Education News

Candidates for Governor: What Each has to Say about Education

Find out more here:

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/10/7/23391312/tennessee-governor-candidates-election-bill-lee-jason-martin-education-survey>

Tennessee's NAEP Scores Drop

Read more here:

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/10/23/23417316/naep-tennessee-2022-pandemic-test-scores-nations-report-card>

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for:

Several husbands of our members are having health problems that preclude those sisters from attending our chapter meetings. If you miss someone, you may want to check on them.

Sara Idzik's mother, **Judy Idzik**, has been struggling with health issues.

The third weekend in October, **Paula Tackett** went to Gainesville, Georgia, to see her seventeen-month-old granddaughter, Hannah. The family condo in Fort Meyers, Florida, was recently destroyed by the hurricane that wreaked havoc on Fort Meyers. Thus, it was an especially nice visit and an occasion for which to be thankful.

Mildred Mauney sends her best to her Pi Chapter Sisters. She enjoys the newsletter and cards from our chapter and the bulletins from State and International. She is thankful for a wonderful niece, Pam Creekmore, who lives close to her in Jellico.

Good news from **Hazel Johnson**! She has recovered nicely from a broken leg and has now progressed to walking with a walker. Pi Chapter is thinking of you, Hazel.

Good news from **Laura Phillips**! She has recovered nicely from her knee surgery and will be at our November meeting. You go, girl!

Pi Chapter will be featured on the Tennessee State Organization website in the blog, "Chapters Helping Chapters." Inviting our husbands to a chapter meeting was an idea thought to be worth sharing with chapters across the state.

Happy November Birthdays to: Laura Phillips (11th), Deckie Conley (22nd), Sally Suttle (28th)

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 fellowship 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.

Pi Chapter Local News

Need a new shirt or mug???

We will be offering new Delta Kappa Gamma t-shirts, sweatshirts, and coffee mugs! The sweatshirts and t-shirts will have the DKG logo in a large print front-facing design or a small print design located on the left front of the t-shirt. The sweatshirts are Gildan brand sweatshirts that are a 60% polyester and 40% cotton blend. The t-shirts are also Gildan brand and are 100% preshrunk cotton. We are offering the colors red, gray, and black for t-shirts and sweatshirts. The mugs will be white. T-shirts will be \$15, sweatshirts will be \$20, and mugs will cost \$10. These are custom-made for you and only offered for a limited time. We will be ordering these shirts from Dog Mom Designs, a local online custom vinyl shop. Orders can still be taken at the November 1st meeting. If you would like to make an order, please contact Chelsi Meredith at (865) 304-0490 or at cdmeredith2014@gmail.com.



Future Programs

December – Clinton High School Chorus under direction of McCall Bohanon and Andrea Townsend, Isaiah House 1:17, Silent Auction. Covered Dish Dinner

January – Jeni Irwin, Anderson County Schools' New Teacher Institute/Teacher Retention; Bring a special object that means something to you

February – Josh Anderson, Anderson County Commissioner, Local Educational Issues

March – Amy Morrow, “All Things Houseplants” and Maegan Elliott “Planter Plants; Legislative Update

April – Jazzy Dragons (in Honor of Jazz month); Induction of New Members

May – Founders' Day/ 80th Birthday Celebration with Becky Sadowski

Treasurer's Report

October 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,466.64*
Deposits	+ 400.27
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 169.86
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,697.05
* Beginning balance reflects a +10.00 change due to an addition error. September report corrected.	

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 688.40
 Balance 10-31-2022 Beginning Bal: 386.40+ 27.00 Happy Jar + 275.00 Proceeds from Lasagna Dinner = 688.40

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund	3,324.17
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 10-31-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)	298.10
Balance 10 31-2022 = 298.10	

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **219.24**
 Balance 10-31-2022 219.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	2,167.13
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)	
10-31-2022 Beginning Bal. 2,238.72 + 13.27 Schools for Africa + 85.00 dues reinstatement	
-93.91 DKG Store Membership kits, certificates, invitations - -21.95 printed post card meeting reminders -	
40.00 dues payment for 1 active member to DKG International - 14.00 dues payment for 1 active member to	
TNSO = 2,167.13	

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,697.05**

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 10-31-2022 = 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.]

Our website is once more in compliance for another two years. Check out our website at:

<https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com>



Pi Chapter Local News

Membership News

Good news, Pi Chapter! We now have 16 prospective members!!! You should have received ballots via email from Diane to vote online. Thanks to Paula Campbell, Amy Graham, Abbi Hill, Amanda Powers, Shannon Ramsey-Cramblitt, Pat Stonecipher, and Lori Collins (a former member who is Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction for Clinton City Schools) for recommending these ladies. Fifteen are active teachers, and one is retired. We have 10 elementary teachers, 4 middle school teachers, 1 high school teacher and one retired teacher in the group of prospects. We are inviting them to the November meeting so make them feel welcome. Unless you have a ribbon with your name on it, please wear a name tag so they can get to know who we are. Name tags will be beside the sign in sheet. Each prospective member at the meeting will be given a letter of invitation to become a member and to an orientation to be held on November 13th at the church. Those not at the meeting will have their letters delivered to the schools. Those who choose to become members will be inducted at the December meeting. We hope to have another induction of members in April so keep you eyes open for potential members!

Submitted by Pat Aldridge

We will be having a silent fundraising auction at the December meeting, and all members are urged to bring new or lightly used items to include in the auction. The format for bidding will be somewhat different this year. Tickets will be available to buy for \$1 each at both the November and the December meetings, and sisters are urged to buy at least twenty! Bidders will use their tickets for their desired items; if there is an item you really, really want, you might decide to place all 20 of your tickets on that item. Another option is to spread your tickets around on multiple items. Having several of your own tickets on an item increases the chance of your ticket being drawn to receive that item. This should be fun!

*Submitted by Patsye Thurmon
Chair, Special Events Committee*



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 newsletter.

Pi Chapter Local News
Moments from our October meeting with Jim Dotson,
Candidate for Tennessee State Representative





State and International News

MIDTERM NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

US government contact information can be found through 1-866-327-8670 or by checking for members at www.house.gov or www.senate.gov. The White House switchboard is 202-546-1414. This will allow you to easily appeal to our leaders. Check out <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> for a discussion of legislative topics.

The September *DKG Tennessee News* is now available for viewing at the state website, www.tndkg.org/ More. Please keep in mind that the September and April editions are only available on-line. Chapter members, please print a copy for your members who do not have the internet available. This might be a great time to visit or call upon members in the chapter and take the printed edition to them.

State editor, Michelle Steen, has created a flipbook version of the *DKG Tennessee News*. Directions are listed on the website. Thank you, Michelle! (Pat Stonecipher made submissions that were included from Pi Chapter.)

From the EEC: Leadership as a Component of Educational Excellence

Please read the following paragraph all the way to the end!

One of the topics that falls under the umbrella of Educational Excellence is leadership. Our state organization does an excellent job planning and facilitating leadership development. The current Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Linda Eller, has held two Beginning Leadership Seminars this biennium and is planning the Advanced Leadership Seminar for March of 2023. Chapters may encourage members to participate and promote leadership opportunities for future leaders. The following information may be found on the DKG International Website under blogs for committees:

While many of you are familiar with the leadership training that DKG offers through pre-conference training for incoming state officers and The DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program did you know there is more? Yes, just by going to the international website (www.dkg.org) you will find information to help you to further develop your leadership skills. Once you are on the website go to Resources/ Leadership Lab. Here you will find hyperlinks to noted leadership experts like Susan Leahy, Mike Figliuolo, Sarah Sladek, and Amanda Gore. You will also find hyperlinks to webinars created by the international leadership development committee as well as parliamentary leadership information, advice for leaders on how to analyze problems from Gallup and their leadership blog, and self-publication insights from Gail Goolsby. Check out some of these resources for leadership development!

State Projects:

The State Projects Committee would like to remind you to use TEL. Have YOU shared TEL with your newest members? The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) is an online library that gives Tennessee residents, all of us, access to magazines, journals, newspapers, essays, e-books, primary source materials, test preparation, homework help, genealogy records, career search, and more! TEL resources are available free to the public from any computer with Internet access in Tennessee. TEL4U.org is the Tennessee Electronic Library's website for Tennessee's youngest learners. The website has been updated with a new look, new resources and a new computer/coding section. As more students are learning on the go from phones, tablets and computers, this site is easy to use! Whether you are at the library, at school or at home, you can always find great info, fun and games on TEL4U.org. Focus the camera of your smartphone on the SQ code provided or put this address in your web browser <https://www.tntel.info/>. Share this website with your chapter members, friends, and family!



State and International News

State Projects(Continued)

Tennessee State Scholarships: Due February 1, 2023

The Tennessee State Scholarship Application is now available, so members are encouraged to start their application process. All parts of the application must be submitted electronically to Donna Campbell campbelld1013@gmail.com no later than **February 1, 2023**, though earlier submissions are more than welcome (please!). Applications may be found on the state website under *Resources/Scholarship and Grant Applications*. Please contact a member of the scholarship committee if you have questions.

Vision Foundation: Applications for Grants and Awards due December 31, 2022

The applications for Grants, Awards, and the rubrics for each may be found on the TNSO website under the *Vision Foundation* tab. You may also click on the Calendar as well.

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. In fact, you can become a visionary by the TNSO Convention by contributing \$111.11 each month (October –June). You may mail your contribution to Dr. Dianne Anderson, TNSO Treasurer or through venmo@dianne-anderson.

The Board of the Vision Foundation is also extremely happy to announce the FIRST Diamond Visionary (\$10,000), Miss Doris Ann Hendrix. In honor of this tremendous contribution the Board will now have two Professional Development Awards for \$2000 each.

Leadership Development Committee

The Advanced Leadership Seminar, “All Things are Possible with DKG”, will take place on March 3-4, 2023, at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, Tennessee.

Becky Sadowski will be the key presenter. If you have attended the Beginning Leadership Seminar, please sign up as soon as possible. Please register with the following link and see additional information listed to the right on the flyer. Becky will be using the book, “The Art of Possibility”, by Benjamin Zander. The registration link for the Seminar is listed below: <https://forms.gle/AWiv1yuMTFdYkgev9> .

October and November Virtual Events (Tennessee State)

Vision Foundation Virtual Event

Facilitators: Vision Foundation Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST

The Vision Foundation will also hold a virtual workshop to assist with filling out the applications and any questions a member may have.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/YgiBtNALGDpuNVqE8>

Virtual Pumpkin Instapot

Presenter: Sherrie Collins

Date and Time to be Determined

State and International News

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.)

***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/>

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 .

State Projects: Due February 28, 2023

Tennessee State Organization 2022-2023 Essay Contest

The State Projects Committee is pleased to share the new 2022-23 essay prompts for our Tennessee State Contest. Last year's contest entries came from students across the state. Approximately 20 DKG chapters sponsored these students. We hope to see even more chapters involved this year! Share the prompts with schools in your areas and be sure that your chapter recognizes any students you sponsor. Everyone can not be in the top three, but we want to recognize students for their willingness to participate and encourage them to continue to participate in the future. This year we are adding an elementary prompt for students in grades 3-5. The prize money for the elementary students will be \$75.00 for 1st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place. The time frame for the elementary will be the same as for the middle and high school. To find the prompts and other information for middle school, high school, and elementary school, go to www.tndkg.org About Us/Essay Contest. The contact person of each sponsoring DKG chapter should send essays and cover sheets to Fran Gregory, fehgregory@gmail.com by February 28, 2023. Please

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