



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**



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Hello Sisters,

Hopefully everyone has adjusted to the time change after a week of early darkness and earlier sunrises (at least in my kitchen) that show my cabinets need cleaning! The other adjustment has been for the fur-iends in our homes. The change has been worse for them this year, perhaps because they have become used to our being home more and their internal clocks have been synchronized with their humans and they are just as confused as we are. Have you experienced the same?

Change is always difficult to navigate, even when it is expected (like the time change) but that is indeed how we grow as individuals in our search for a solution to coping and managing that change. As our organization works to create opportunities for teachers/students and grow our fellowship, we have been able to prove that joint efforts always reap larger rewards than those singular efforts that are often attempted but not fully realized. That is one of the qualities of Pi Chapter members that we can always look back to in order to insure we have maintained our mission and purpose. We support, enrich, and join with one another for a common purpose pointed toward success. With that clarity of purpose through dialogue and our reliance on one another, we know that the age old saying of "Where there is a will, there is a way." will ring true in Pi Chapter.

We have several new ideas that we hope to propose to the membership at the meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. We look forward to seeing you there. The link to the meeting is to the right and will be active beginning at approximately 5:15 with the meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Finally, take a few minutes to bask in the sunshine and be thankful for the new day (forget about those dirty cabinets and give those fur-iends an extra rub) as you reflect on change and the growth it has sparked in your life.

Vikki and Abbi

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Zoom Meeting

5:15 p.m.

Inspiration

Amanda Powers

Program

“8 Dimensions of Wellness...the Impact on Self and Learning”

Dr. Holly Jonely

Be sure to complete survey! (See next page and attachment)

Business

Adding Venmo as payment option

Invitation to October meeting:

Invitation to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: DKG-Pi Chapter
 Time: Nov 10, 2020 05:30 PM Eastern
 Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85817449444?pwd=L1BzNVV2RVB3Zllyb1Zpa2kwRm05dz09>

Meeting ID: 858 1744 9444
 Passcode: sH7uNb

Pi Chapter Local News

Susan Jonely's daughter, Dr. Holly Jonely, Associate Director, Physical Therapy Program; Co-Academic Director, Orthopaedic Residency; and Assistant Professor of Health, Human Function, and Rehabilitation Sciences at George Washington University, is joining us on November 10th. Her topic will be 8 Dimensions of Wellness the Impact on Self and Learning. Please complete the 3-page survey prior to the meeting. It will be sent in the same newsletter email, but as a separate attachment.

Pi Chapter has a Budding Artist!

Terri Gilbert retired, sold her house and moved in with her Dad in August. Although she is eager to travel, those plans are on hold due to Covid. So, she is filling her days by reading (a lot) and with ORICL classes (philosophy, Racism in America, exercise) and a book club. She is also taking a painting class with the Art Center in Oak Ridge. Although she has always dabbled in crafts and painting, this is the first time she has ever worked with acrylics, and I'm absolutely loving having the time to play and discover new techniques.



Treasurer's Report

October 2020 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,894.54
Deposits	+ 100.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 0.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,994.54

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 677.17

Beginning Balance 10-31-2020 = 577.17 + 100.00 donation to Grant-in-Aide Fund in Memory of Margaret A. Calhoun, former Anderson County teacher at CHS = 677.17

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund 3,270.00

Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts.

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*..... 580.00

Balance 10-31-2020 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10

Balance 10-31-2020 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 402.24

Balance 10-31-2020 402.20

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 1,767.03

(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)Beginning balance 10-31-2020 = 1,767.03

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,994.54

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 10-31-2020 = 150.00 [This fund part of the Regular Fund.][

***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.]**

Ways to Submit Money or Donate to Pi Chapter.....Happy Jar, Schools for Africa, Totes Fund, Grant-in-Aide Fund, Memorial Gift, etc....

VENMO will be available as soon as I can link up to our account at Regions Bank! After last month's meeting when many of you thought VENMO would be a good way to collect money digitally, I talked to our contact at Regions Bank, Angie, and she was very familiar with VENMO and said many customers at the bank used the service with minimal problems.

I will send instructions out to all members for how to load app and send funds as soon as I complete all steps with bank account.

If you do not wish to use VENMO, you may still use the U.S. Mail and send me a check for donations to Tote Fund, Happy Jar, Schools for Africa or whatever you wish.

You may send it to: Kathleen Benedict/P.O. Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

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

Condolences to: Patsye Thurmon upon the deaths of her mother and father, Neely and Carolyn Pritchett. Links to Obituaries:

<https://www.dyersburgfuneralhome.net/obituary/neely-pritchett>

<https://www.dyersburgfuneralhome.net/obituary/carolyn-pritchett>

Condolences to: Deckie Conley upon the death of her brother, Joseph Gilliam on October 27, 2020. There will be no services. He will be cremated. Any memorials can be sent to Friends of the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter. (Contact Pat Stonecipher if you would like further details about Joseph.)

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.

Announcements for and From 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 hope to have an induction ceremony later this year. (You can find the nomination form on our website <https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com/forms.html>)
- Members have been asked to update their email and member information on DKG.org. To do this you must login to MyDKG using your Member ID# and Password. If it is the first time logging on the password is dkg14society (all lower case)
- The State of Tennessee has approved the DKG License Plate. Members will now be able to pre-order and the society must have 1,000 pre-orders to enter production!
- If you are an amazon shopper, entering "smile.amazon.com" instead of "amazon.com" when you shop will donate 5% of your order to DKG! Simply go to smile.amazon.com, sign in, select DKG International Educators Foundation (for your selected charity) and shop!

Pi Chapter Local News



“Sanitary Kits for Women”

We have not forgotten about our project that we decided to do last year. Due to Covid-19, we had to put this project on the “back burner”. We would like to plan to continue this project in the spring of 2021. I have all of the materials for the kits and we just need to round up some sergers and get sewing. These kits can go anywhere in the world to women who need these sanitary supplies. I will let you know further details as they become available.

Submitted by Susan Jonely



Several of our members have not given their information for our Spotlight on Members section. We would really like to include all of our sisters in this project. If you have not yet been featured, please contact Sara Idzik at Sara.idzik@gmail.com

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

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Spotlight on Members



Laura Boden

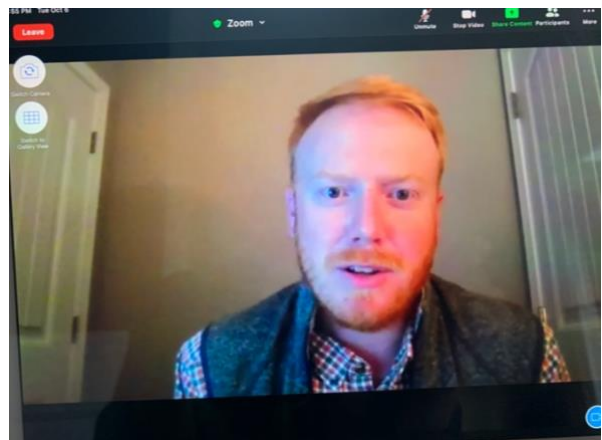
Laura Boden earned both her bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in speech/language pathology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She spent her first year teaching in Portsmouth, which is part of Ohio City Schools. In 1986, Laura moved to Tennessee and began her career in Anderson County. She has taught at Andersonville Elementary, Clinton Middle, Rosedale Elementary, Marlow Elementary, Shinliver Elementary, and Grand Oaks Elementary, her current school. Laura has spent her 36 year teaching career focused on speech/language therapy and special education. She provided speech and language services to children ages 3-18 for 11 years, and she has taught a preschool special education class for 25 years. In high school, Laura felt drawn to helping professions, but she wasn't entirely sure of her future until she wrote a research paper on speech/language pathology. This paper, combined with her own family's experience working with speech/language pathologists, cemented her future and her drive to go to college and study speech/language pathology. When she's not busy with preschoolers, Laura enjoys playing tennis and taking walks with her family. A fun fact about Laura is that she was born on April Fools' Day!

Judy Miller has earned four degrees throughout her career. She began at Roane State Community College and received her associate's degree in general studies; she then went to The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and earned her bachelor's degree in home economics education. Judy received both a master's degree and an education specialist (Ed.S.) degree in administration from Tennessee Tech University. In 1992, she began her career in Anderson County at Clinton Middle School, where she taught for seven years. In 1999, she moved to her current school, Anderson County Career and Technical Center, where she teaches grades 9-12. Judy was inspired to pursue a career in education after her son had a bad experience with a teacher. Her husband told her, "Don't complain. Change it!" So she did just that. Judy left her career in banking and went back to school to pursue a future in education. It was a challenge, especially when babysitters cancelled and her son had to tag along to the library and classes, but Judy knew that this was what she was meant to do with her life. Teaching is her calling, and she is forever grateful for the support of her husband and son that helped her realize her passion. In her spare time, Judy loves to read and knit. Her fun fact is that she's a voter, so it's only fitting she's one of our November profiles.



Judy Miller

Moments from our October Zoom Meeting



Leigh is our Grant-in-Aid recipient

TN Achieves, Ben Sterling

Xi State Tennessee News



There are many TN State DKG events approaching over the next few weeks. These are a great way to network and carve out some necessary "me time" with the hectic schedules we have been handed! Please read below for a description of each event listed and the registration link and deadline. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Abbi and she will get the information to you as soon as possible!

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators

Sunday, November 8 at 1 PM Central

Monday, November 9 at 7 PM Central

Tuesday, November 10 at 7 PM Central

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 PM Central

Comedy is a perfect way to de-stress and un-wind. Join an award-winning comedian for 90 minutes of fun. Each session has a limited number of attendee slots; therefore, this event will be offered multiple times.

Presenter: Brad Tassell

A professional full-time comedian, author, speaker, and educator, Brad Tassell has proven he is not only hilarious, but smart, kind, useful, and the perfect performer for any group, any place, any time. His best-selling book *Don't Feed the Bully* is read by thousands of students each year and his comedy shows are a favorite on Carnival Cruise lines (when that is a thing). He has been seen on CMT, ESPN, MTV, and PBS. Brad uses his Master's degree in Behavioral Sciences to bring solution-based interventions, award-winning and hilarious educational keynotes on bullying prevention to schools, educators, and workshops.

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/qZ1X1PhpnuYJHJzP6>

Zoom Caroling

Hosted by Tennessee DKG Educational Excellence Committee

Saturday, December 19, 2020

6:30 PM Central

Presenter: Nancy Davis, Tennessee DKG Music Representative

Get in the holiday spirit by joining our virtual caroling party including a virtual cookie exchange!

Zoom Caroling Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/7BwyfwWYJgdVcCJq8>

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Beginning Canva Content Creation

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 9 AM Central

Presented by Kristy Sherrod, Theta Chapter

A tutorial on how to use the content creation site Canva for your own personal use or for your chapter. Learn some tips on making the most out of social media, blogs, and more!

Advanced Canva Content Creation

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:15 AM Central

Presented by Kristy Sherrod, Theta Chapter

Add more tips and strategies learned in Beginning Creative Canva in Advanced Creative Canva. Registration Link for either Canva session: <https://forms.gle/wCDwkMbj2NBuJAVP7>

Adobe Spark

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM Central

Presenter: Heather Dunn, Arkansas State Organization Technology Chair

Learn to create ads, flyers, invitations, holiday cards, and more with thousands of free photos and themes using Adobe Spark. Registration <https://forms.gle/Uv2cxEdN4u8PNKux7>

State Projects - High School Essay Contest

Tammy Jones State Projects Chair and her committee team have released the topic and guidelines for the 2021 Essay Contest. The guidelines are attached and are available on our state website under About Us - Essay Contest.

Special Events - DKG Decals

Allison Maynard and Kim Thurman Special Events Co-chairs announce the sale of vinyl decals. The decal will feature a rose with TN State DKG lettering and will be sold in two sizes, perfect for your car or to decorate your favorite water bottle, coffee mug, laptop, or other electronic device. The design and ordering information will soon be posted on the state website.

There are several program/project ideas available on the state website under EEC Corner. We can earn up to 10 Maycie points for submissions/programs. The forms can be found on xistate.org under *EEC Corner-EEC Corner Spotlight Submission Forms*

2. The deadline to apply for a Tennessee Scholarship is February 1, 2021. Applications can be found on the state website under *About Us- Scholarship Recipients- TNSO Scholarship Application*. Send completed Tennessee scholarship applications as an email attachment to Dr. Susan Young at youngs1110@aol.com.

3. The 85th Tennessee State Organization Convention will be June 3-5, 2021 at Sewanee: The University of the South. Make plans now to attend this grand gala event! Photo submissions from chapter events are encouraged for the 2021 State Convention Slideshow to Dr. Elaine Vaughan at mevaughan@ortn.edu

4. The Vision Foundation is now accepting applications for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grants. Applications and guidelines are available on the state website on the *Vision Foundation* page. Applications must be submitted by December 31, 2020.