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From the Heart 2020-2022



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Sisters,

We plan to continue our efforts to meet in a hybrid format in November. The meeting will be held at Memorial Methodist Church in Clinton in the Yak classroom. If you are attending in person, please feel free to bring a snack or meal to enjoy as we meet along with a device that has Zoom loaded on it so that everyone attending can see everyone attending. there will be directions posted on the back door of the church where the ramped entrance is for the second floor. For those meeting with us through Zoom, we will begin the meeting at 4:45 so that we can work out any possible technical issues.

We hope this month will be our first effort since the pandemic began to invite prospective members to our meetings. If there is someone you would like to invite, in person or virtually, please do so. Susan Jonely has planned programs for each month that we and prospective members will enjoy. Prospective members you invite for possible membership do not have to be in the teaching profession; any person in a training role can be a member. Please begin discussions if you haven't already done so, with your friends and acquaintances who would be assets to our organization so that we can grow our membership.

Everyone should have received an invitation from Susan regarding this month's program "Giving Thanks". Please plan to share a favorite holiday recipe, and if you are attending in person, bring a dish to share a taste of your favorite holiday dish.

We will be discussing our meeting plans for December 7th at the meeting this month. At our July planning meeting the executive team had discussed the possibility of having a holiday dinner under the assumption that health concerns due to COVID-19 would be minimal by then. We hope we can plan this event as our first all in-person meeting for everyone. If you can't attend this Tuesday (in-person or online) and have thoughts regarding this, please share them with us via email (bburns07@comcast.net_and/or aroehl.utk@gmail.com) so that we can make sure your voice is heard.

We have completed several activities that will add points for Pi Chapter's 2022 Maycie Award so far this year. The Maycie Award rubric will be sent out the first of November for chapters across the state to complete. Pat Aldridge along with Abbi and Vikki are on the State's Award Committee and will be reviewing those submissions for the award in the spring.

For now, enjoy the fall colors as they reach their peaks across our area. We are excited to see you, in-person or virtual on Tuesday night.

Vikki and Abbi

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Hybrid/Zoom Meeting 5:00 p.m. Memorial United Methodist

Church – Yak Classroom

Inspiration Pat Stonecipher

Program/Business Membership Committee Reports

Invitation to September meeting:

Topic: DKG November meeting Time: Nov 2, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/876 84606422?pwd=MHRmVzBQ YUIIZUV4VHBHL3BTanhCQ T09

Meeting ID: 876 8460 6422 Passcode: 844182

Joys and Concerns

Our condolences to: Hazel Johnson whose husband, Roy, passed away on October 18, 2021. The link to his obituary is <u>https://www.holleygamble.com/obituary/roy-johnson</u>

Prayers of comfort for: Felecia Reynolds and her husband Steve Kathleen Benedict

Happy November Birthday to: Laura Phillips (11th), Deckie Conley (22nd), and Sally Suttles (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.

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



Join us for our Hybrid/Zoom Pi Chapter meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Please refer to the first page of the newsletter for information and the link!

LET'S ZOOM!

1) Make sure you have a camera, speakers, and/or microphone on your device...a phone/tablet/computer works fine.

2) Open the link that will be sent to you inviting you to the meeting. The first time you join, the application will ask you to download/launch the zoom meeting app and will ask you to check your audio and video connections...if you don't have video, not a problem. If you have video, you can always shut it down but remain in the meeting and listen. If you don't have audio/microphone, that could be a problem, you would be able to hear but not necessarily respond/participate during the meetings except through the "Chat" option. (I always use my earbuds with the built-in microphone.)
3) Click on the three dots on your video screen that shows your name or symbol (device identity). You will see options to mute/unmute and stop/start video. Within that pane, at the top will be options for viewing other participants with arrows at the bottom of the pane for scrolling through participants.
4) The frame around the screen will drop in when you scroll over it to show chat options, raising a hand, and other options like adding a virtual background from your gallery.

If you would like, here are a couple of basic tutorials for Zoom that you can find on the Zoom.us website:

https://www.youtube.com/embed/hlkCmbvAHQQ?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1 https://www.youtube.com/embed/ygZ96J_z4AY?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1

Notes from the Presidents

Pi Chapter had honorable mention in the October 2021 Leadership Links

Chapter Focus and From the Heart with Pi

Pi chapter, located in Clinton, Tennessee recently met on Zoom. Members watched video workshop by Bonnie Moore on Membership Memories and discussed the importance of membership and diversity. Pi Chapter serves *From the Heart* by supporting new teacher educators and pre-service teachers through grants. Each year Pi Chapter hosts the Spring Founder's Day for the Area II chapters.



The State Projects Committee is providing information about the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). 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. Focus the

camera of your smartphone on the SQ code provided or put this address in your web browser <u>https://www.tntel.info/</u>. Share this website with your chapter members, friends, and family. Please contact Fran Gregory (<u>gregoryfranron@att.net</u>), State Projects Chair for more information.

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Come Share and Give Thanks

Join us, on Nov 2, as we share favorite Thanksgiving recipes, pass the Happy Jar and declare our gratitude for blessings large and small.

Please bring a favorite side-dish, unique condiment, or traditional treat. This is not intended to be a meal. . .just a little feast tasting. If joining from afar we'll look forward to viewing your culinary creations on computer screens. Hopefully, everyone will discover something new to grace their Thanksgiving table.

Please send a copy of your recipe to <u>sjonely@acs.ac</u> so we can share them with everyone.

Treasurer's Report

October 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMM	1A, PI CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT	KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER
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BEGINNING BALANCE	
Deposits	+ .00
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ENDING BALANCE	
TOTALS IN EACH FUND	
<u>Grant-in-Aide Fund</u> (Funded by donations and fundraisers)	
Beginning Balance 10-31-2021 347.17	,
Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund 3,380.00	
Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts	
Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees*	
Balance 10-31-2021 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]	
Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10	
Balance 10-31-2021 = 298.10	
Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant F	und (Funded by donations.) 146.24
Balance 10-31-2021 146.24	
AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a b	<u>udget for this fund.</u> Beginning balance 10-31-2021 = 2,143.32
TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT	
Anna Mae Lane Memorial Fund (Est her longtime service to education.) Bala	tablished by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to ance $10-31-2021 = 210.00$

[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.]

Complete List of Disbursements for September:

- 200.00 Co-Presidents Honorarium
- 160.00 DKG International dues 4 members Order # 30660
- 56.00 TN State Organization dues Order # 30660
- 40.00 DKG International dues Order # 30808
- 14.00 TN State Organization dues Order # 30808
- 5.00 TN State Organization Scholarship fees 1.00 per member

Total 475.00

Spotlight On Members

Member Anniversaries Congratulations to two of our most dedicated sisters!



Kathy Hurst 32 years



Pam Allen 45 years

Legislative Symposium

The Legislative Committee is planning the 2022 Legislative Symposium and the Day on the Hill. Next year's events will be divided into three components:

1. Approximately two to three weeks prior to our Day on the Hill, we will again offer a Virtual Symposium, consisting of a panel of legislators, TEA representatives and a keynote speaker, TBD. This event will be available to all DKG TN members.

2. One week before the Day on the Hill, the Legislative Committee will host a virtual workshop, or "Prep Rally". This workshop will inform members on legislative contacts, proposed bills concerned with education and review procedures for the Day on the Hill.

3. The Tennessee State Organization looks forward to our Days on the Hill. Dates for the Legislative Symposium, "Prep Rally" and Day on the Hill are still TBD. Please contact Amber Roberts (<u>ahroberts@ortn.edu</u>) for further information.



Information Needed!!!

If you have not been included in the Member Spotlight, please be on the lookout for an email from Sara Idzik with questions to answer so your fellow sisters can get to know you better.

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



Membership News

The membership chairs' brains were apparently stuck in 2020 and printed those dates for the meetings on the postcards that went out. Below are the correct dates. We're hoping to get an updated postcard sent out after the December meeting, but we haven't gotten that far yet. These postcards worked swimmingly as a two-person job last year, but this year it's proving to be a bit of a challenge.

November 2, 2021
December 7, 2021
January 11, 2022
February 1, 2022
March 1, 2022
April 5, 2022
May 3, 2022



Future Programs

- **December** DIY Gift Ideas (Share Ideas and create a DIY wreath)
- January– Support for READ Across America (Bring a favorite children's book to donate to local schools.)
- February Reducing Stress with Essential Oils
- March Who We Are (Developing Sisterhood through a Shared Poetry Experience)
- **April** A Time to Plant (ACCTC Agriculture Program)
- May Founders' Day Program and Installation of New Officers



State and International News



June 2—4, 2022 Tennessee State Convention (Sewanee)

July 12—16 International Convention (New Orleans)

Virtual Events

There are lots of activities you can enjoy from home. Please check out the available events, upcoming or on demand. Just click on the link below

https://www.tndkg.org/virtual-events

Legislative Update

Proposal to Turn School Board Races Partisan Clears Tennessee Legislature Click on link for more information!

https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2021/10/29/22753539/partisanschool-board-elections-tennessee-legislature-specialsession-covid

