



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”--
Emily Bronte

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for nine weeks, and fall break is just around the corner. I am sure that we are all ready for a week to relax and rejuvenate. No matter what you have planned, I hope you take some time to recharge. Before we know it, it will be the end of the first semester!

Be sure to sign up for a month to hostess and/or do the inspiration at our meetings. Our 2nd Vice-President, Reita Yadon, is working on the monthly hosting schedules for the DKG yearbook.

October is the meeting of the fundraising dinner. Please come to the meeting with an empty stomach and a giving heart. This meal will help provide scholarships for two future educators. I always appreciate the work that our retired teachers put into providing the delicious meal for us. October is also the time to bring items for our Silent Auction baskets, and we will spend part of the meeting assembling the baskets/items in order to be ready for November. Just a reminder of the basket themes: Animal Lover, Crafts, Bath/Beauty, Pasta/Wine Lover, Sundae/Kitchen, Book/Movie, Coffee/Tea. And UT/Sports. If you know any businesses that would donate items, gift cards, etc., we will gladly take those as well. Those items could actually be brought to the November meeting since they won't have to be in a basket.

I look forward to seeing everyone!

Rhonda

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Rhonda Phillips
1st VPPatsye Thurmon
2nd VP Reita Yadon
Recording Sec.....Amy Graham
Corres. Sec.....Lee Ann Eaves
Parliamentarian.....April Perry
Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

Tuesday, October 3, 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Deckie Conley

Hostesses

Ann Gann, Marilyn Buckner, Pat Stonecipher, Kathy Hurst, Paula Campbell, Judy Miller, Kathleen Benedict

Program

Committees Meet to Set Goals

Business

Fund Raiser Dinner
Assemble Items for Silent Auction
Recommendations for New Members

Remember to Bring

Dues
Items for Silent Auction
Change for Change Donations
Box Tops for Education



There will be a donation jar/basket at the table for our fund-raising lasagna dinner. Please bring cash or make a check out to Pi Chapter.

Wear your official DKG pin or pay fifty cents.



Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$\$ October 2017



might include in the

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help!

Thank you also to all the members who gave an extra 15.00 when you paid dues to benefit the Recruitment Grant!!!! Wow!!!

All of our Pi Chapter members contribute in so many creative ways to fulfill our mission! Many of you who cannot attend all the meetings send in donations with members who are coming and communicate with me to send money supporting our projects. Thank you!! Whatever you contribute, you are appreciated!

Remember, that the October meal is a FUNDRAISER for our Recruitment Grant. Please be generous. Our retired teachers are providing a lasagna supper with all the trimmings. If you cannot attend, please send a donation with a fellow member. Thank you in advance!

Thank you for your generosity!

Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 kbenedict08@comcast.net

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; 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 \$28.00; some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$43.00) 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.

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 meeting.
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.

[There were so few members paying electronically and so many problems with the provider's record keeping, that it was suggested to the Finance Committee and agreed that this service would remain inactive for Pi Chapter until technical issues improve.]

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 2016-2017 in order to be a member!

In the event that you must decide to drop your membership from DKG, please write Pi Chapter President Rhonda Phillips (6207 Jim Fox Lane/Powell, TN 37849) a letter to explain your wishes.

Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict

Pi Chapter Local News



Call for Recipes!

Do you have any good recipes you would like to share? If so, please submit them to Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Layered Spinach Salad From Pam Allen

Layer the following in a 9 X 13" dish:

1 bunch spinach, washed and drained
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced
1 cup chopped celery
1 package frozen peas
½ cup green pepper, chopped (I don't use this.)
8 oz. sliced water chestnuts

Top with 2 cups mayonnaise, 1 T. sugar, and 1/8 tsp. garlic powder mixed together.

Sprinkle with 6 oz. grated Monterey cheddar Jack cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Before serving, top with 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled.

Silent Auction is Coming!

Don't forget to bring any items you would like to give for the auction. If you have any extra baskets that you would like to donate for the basket auction, they would be much appreciated, as well. Basket themes are: Animal Lover, Crafts, Bath/Beauty, Pasta/Wine Lover, Sundae/Kitchen, Book/Movie, Coffee/Tea. And UT/Sports.

Thanks!
Caroline McGaha

Call for Help!

All DKG members are invited to help local students go to college by helping complete FAFSAs. Events will be held October 2 and 3 at Anderson County Career and Technical Center from 4 to 7 p.m. and October 4 and 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Clinton High School Library. Students and parents who need assistance would love to have your help. Call me (865-963-8467) for more information.

Angela "Hoppy" Merryman

It's coming...75th
Anniversary of Pi
Chapter
Celebration...

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2017-2018



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!

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.**

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 September Meeting



**Xi State News
International News**

Interested in serving on a Xi State Committee?

If you would like to broaden your service to DKG, please consider volunteering to serve on a Xi State Committee. Contact Elaine Alexander (elaineGalexander@comcast.net) for more information or go to <http://www.xistate.org> to download the form. Look for the section labeled 17-19 Committee Sign-ups.)

Important Dates from Xi State

June 7-9, 2018 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

Important Dates from International

**July 16-20 International Convention
Austin, TX**

Excerpt from U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #164, AUGUST 2017

PROPOSED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHANGES

The new Secretary of Education is proposing a 9.2% (\$13.5 billion) cut for the Department of Education. This would eliminate \$2 billion for teacher training and Title II and \$1.1 billion for after school and enrichment programs. She is advocating for a 50% increase for federally funded charter schools. 1) This would reduce enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. 2) If schools are not federally funded they are not subject to Title IX rules. [Title IX is effective because it withholds federal funding from institutions which are not in compliance.] 3) Because special needs students are more expensive to educate due to the smaller class size and additional expense needed for them, nonpublic schools are not inclined to admit these students which increase the per student cost leaving them in the public education system with no increase in the per student funding. 4) Another downside of charter schools is that they allow more unlicensed teachers in the classroom along with reduced oversight by state agencies. 5) Finally, if large numbers of teachers leave the state-funded system, state retirement programs will be negatively impacted as fewer teachers pay into the state retirement system.

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