



Explore, Dream, and Discover 2018-2020

The cooler temperatures plus the vibrant greens, yellows, reds and oranges of changing leaving and blooming mums tell us FALL is here. This season is filled with fun decorations, pumpkin flavored everything and inspired Halloween costumes. Celebrate the beginning of Fall with your Pi Sisters.

Come ready to enjoy lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. This is our funding raising meal and we anticipate your generous contributions. We will start no later than 5:30, but come whenever can.

To me, our committee meeting time is very important. I know each chair is prepared to lead her committee in setting goals for this year/biennium. The success of Pi Chapter is a direct result of the dedicated work of our committees. I hope all of you can attend and will participate in your committee planning.

The success of Xi State also depends on its members. My hope is that several of our members will use their strong leadership skills in serving as an officer or on a state committee. Download the [Xi State Officer/Elected Committee Member Application](#) . There are two different forms. **Deadline is October 31st.**

To continue to thrive, Pi Chapter needs new members who share our vision of *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*. Bring recommendation form of prospective members to our October meeting. Their expertise, ideas and hard work will help us continue to be an outstanding chapter. (You can find the hyperlink to the form [here](#) or on #1 under Remember to Bring.)

The business session should be brief. Our program – Holiday Decorating Tips – will surely encourage all of us to dust off our fall and holiday decorations and dress our homes for the holidays.

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Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Memorial United Methodist Church
 5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Susan Jonely

Hostesses

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

Program

Holiday Decorating Tips

Business

Committees



Remember to Bring

1. [Recommendation Forms for Prospective Members](#)
2. Money for Meal Donation and Dues
3. Items for Raffle
4. Change for Change Donations
5. Box Tops for Education

Wear your DKG
 pin with pride!



Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$

October 2018

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

Thank you to so many members to who have paid dues and donated an extra 15.00 to our Grant-in-Aide. Twenty-seven members out of fifty nine have paid. Keep it up and Come on Down....

Remember to pay dues at the October meeting! If you need to make payments, just make a down payment and tell me how you want to pay. I will willingly work with anyone, in any way to help out! The Finance Board will assist me in calling members to remind them about dues. Thank you Finance Board for this valuable help!

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

Joys and Concerns

Concerns: Please keep these sisters in your thoughts. Deckie Conley is at home recovering from hip surgery. Caroline McGaha has had ankle surgery and even though back at school, she can use some positive thoughts. Ginger Cook has been dealing with some health issues as well as coping with the declining health of her father.

Congratulations to Amanda Powers on the birth of her son, Christopher Thomas Powers "Kit", born on June 2, 2018; and to Brittany Roland on the birth of her daughter, Blair Evelyn Roland, born on May 10, 2018.

Happy October Birthdays to: Joan Vick (10/5), Heather Powell (9th), and Melanie Lamberson (17th).

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.

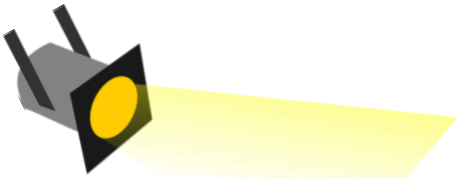


Kit Powers



Blair Roland

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This is a new feature in this year's newsletter. As Membership Chair, I urge everyone to speak up on behalf of your sister and let us know what great things you all are up to in this school year. We would love to spotlight our members! If you or someone you know has made a shift, moved up, or has any recent awards or recognition, please let Pat Stonecipher (stonecipherp@gmail.com) know when she sends out an email requesting newsletter submissions.

Thanks for all you do!

Submitted by Rachel Pemberton

Spotlight on Members

Carrie Stewart (Norwood Middle School) received her Master's Degree in Special Education from Western Governors University in July.

Carrie Stewart serves as the Vice-President Elect of ACEA (Anderson County Education Association) and Rhonda F. Phillips is the chair of the PR&R Committee (Professional Rights and Responsibilities).

Focus on our Charter Members



To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, each month through May we will learn a little about our charter members. You will notice that we do not have information on all of them. If you are interested in genealogy and have access to records through a service such as Ancestry, it would be wonderful to find out about these sisters!

Greta Louise Beets taught in elementary schools in Anderson County and Clinton City for 45 years. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1925 and began teaching 1st and 2nd grades at the old Robertsville School. She began attending the University of Tennessee during the summer of 1932 and received her BS degree in elementary education in 1942. She ended her career at Shinliver Elementary where she taught 4th grade. Greta died on Aug. 15, 1988.

Frances Grubb was born on May 31, 1892 and died on Dec. 23, 1949.

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Opportunities for Service to the TN Achieves Program

Mentor recruitment for the class of 2019 is well underway and we need your help! If every current mentor found a friend to join them next year, we could meet our goal today! To learn a little more about how you can partner with us in mentor recruitment, [view September's monthly webinar!](#) Interested friends, family members or coworkers can get started [by completing a new mentor application.](#)

Another way you can help in 2019 mentor recruitment is returning for another year! [Click here to complete the returning mentor application](#) or simply respond to this email with "YES!" to return with the class of 2019!

Thank you for continuing to work with your students! Let us know if you have any questions!

Submitted by Vikki Burns



Reminders from Special Events Committee

1. Donations for our October meal will be used toward the Grant-in-Aid (Scholarship) Fund.
2. Please search your home for any new items that might be included in the gift basket(s) to be awarded at our December meeting. Bring your items to the October meeting, please.
3. Tickets will be distributed at the October and November meetings. Our goal is for each member attempt to sell 30 tickets at \$1 each.
4. All tickets and money collected must be turn in BY 6:00 P.M. on December 4th, and the drawing(s) will be held at the conclusion of the December meeting.

Vicky Curtis, Special Events Chair

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

Reminders from Scholarship Committee

If you are looking for some extra money to supplement graduate studies, you might want to check out these from Xi State and DKG International. Please contact Judy Miller (jmiller@acs.ac) for applications.

Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award (applications are due November 1, 2018)

DKG Educational Foundation Project (applications are due January 3, 2019)

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Renew Your Delta Kappa Gamma Membership – 2017-2018

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. We are fortunate to be able to do this!

Each year, 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 \$27.00;

Some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$42.00) with the extra \$15.00 applied to the Grant-in-Aide Fund. 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 meetings.
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.

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 2017-2018 in order to be a member!

If you do not wish to remain a member, as set forth in our by-laws, please a letter to Pi Chapter President Ann Gann (604 Timbercrest Drive, Clinton, TN 37716) to explain your wishes.

I will need to mail our dues to our Xi State Treasurer by November 10, 2018.

Your Treasurer,

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2019 High School Essay Contest

The State Projects Committee announces the 2019 topic for the high school essay contest. Students are asked to think about the following quote and reflect on one thing they would like to change in the world and how education would enable them to begin to accomplish this. Click [here](#) to link to the Xi State Website. Scroll down to Xi State Essay Contest and click on the link to download the form.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
– Nelson Mandela

Guidelines for Submitting Essays:

If a school is only sponsored by one DKG chapter, the school official may submit up to four entries. When multiple chapters are represented in a school, the school may submit up to four entries per sponsoring chapter. There should be no duplication of entries. A student may only submit ONE essay to one chapter.

The student will email his/her essay to one school official (teacher, guidance counselor, instructional coach, etc.). The school official will email the essays to the contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter by **December 8, 2018**. The contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter will attach all of the essays from the school in one email and send it to xistate.essay@gmail.com by **December 15, 2018**.

The argumentative/opinion essay must be 450 – 600 words in length. It must be typed or word-processed and double-spaced. Please use size 12 Times New Roman font for ease of reading.

Members can visit the Xi State website to download the full document with more details on the contest, including the new scoring rubric that has been developed by the committee. Email Kim Thurman

Just think...you could be standing in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in June of 2019!! \$300 off for those who sign up by April 30th. You can join us for a relaxing adventure in Pisa, Venice, Milan, Florence, Cinque Terra and Switzerland. Contact Lori Price at 865-599-6243 for more information.



A Raffle of a “Home for the Holidays” basket (or two) will replace our Silent Auction as the major funding for our grants-in-aid. Think of merchants you might contact for a donation or items you can donate to the basket – such as: gift cards (restaurant, movies) UT items, candles, candy, wine, scarves, throw blankets, books, locally made items, etc. We need items you would enjoy using or that would make great Christmas gifts. Bring these items to the October meeting for our fund raising activity.

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Announcements for Pi Chapter Members

If you are absent from a meeting because of a school activity (teaching a class, attending another school or educational meeting, or attending a class), please let Rachel Pemberton know by emailing her at rpemberton@acs.ac We can count you present if your absence is due to these events.

- Dues may be paid at October meeting.
- Bring items for our Raffle to the October and November meetings.
- New member recommendations may be turned in at October meeting. Click here for a link to the [form](#) on our website. (You will need to download and print it.) We will vote at Nov. and induct at Dec. meetings.
- 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.
- We **will** meet on Nov. 6th, Election Day. Vote Early!
- We will **not** meet on Jan. 1st. Instead, we will meet on Jan. 8th.
- October will be our fund raising meal – lasagna, salad, bread, drink, dessert

Schools for Africa Project “Change for Change” 2018-2019

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!

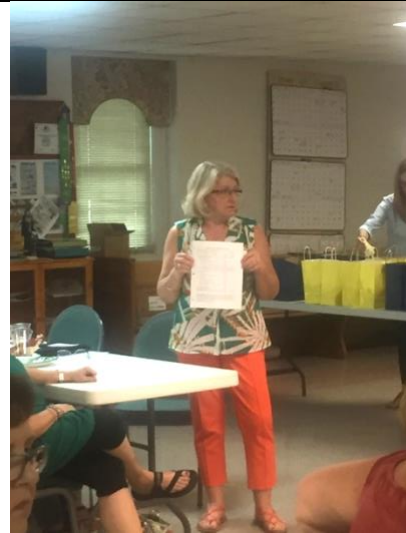
With Support from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program Is...

- 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.

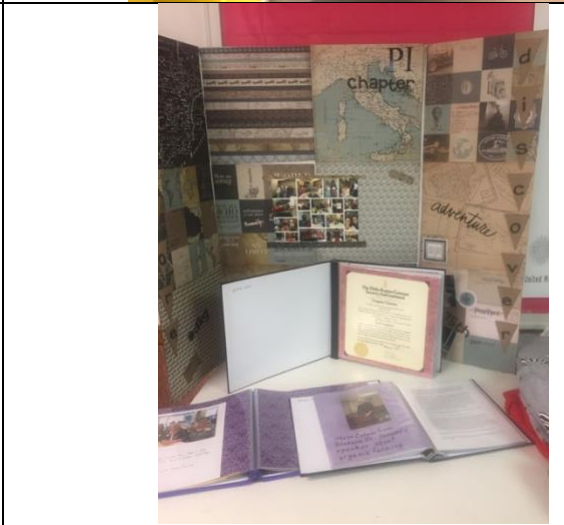
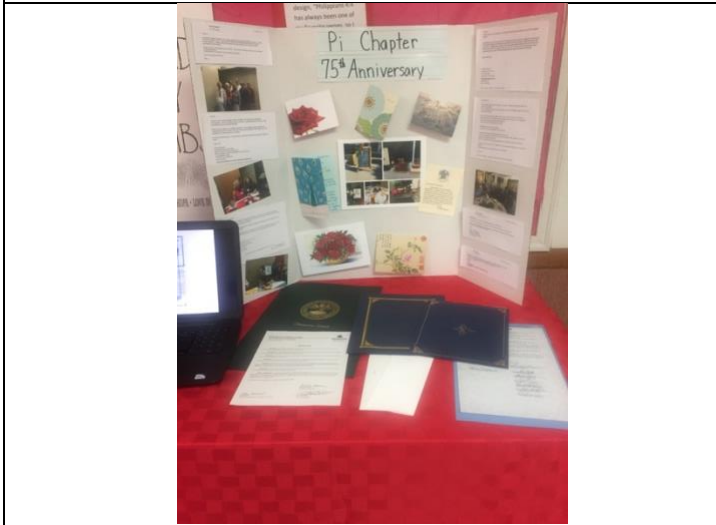
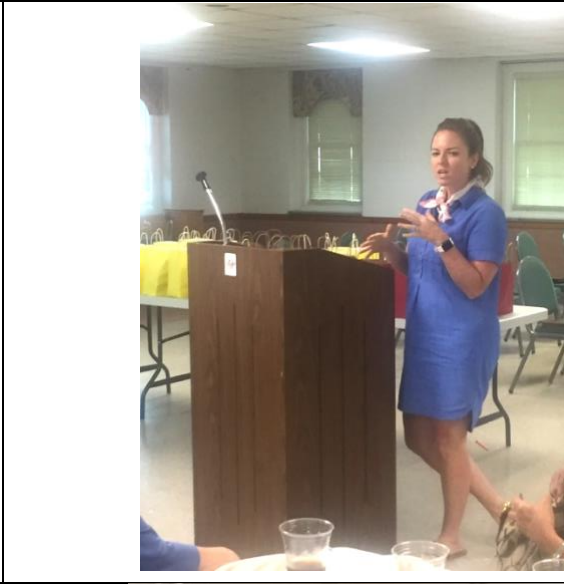


The Schools for Africa Collection “Green Tub” will be at the Check-In table each meeting! Help Support Pi Chapter’s effort to donate your loose “change” in the hope that your donation of change will, when combined with many other like-minded DKG members, make a real CHANGE in Africa by providing schools 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



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Xi State News International News

With the online publishing of *DKG NEWS* starting this month, those without valid email addresses on file at Society HQ will miss out on all the exciting news happenings in DKG! Please update your profile information in your MyDKG Account at www.dkg.org. More than half of DKG members do not have valid email addresses. This can easily be done on a computer or even on a cell phone.

Go to the website and click on either the Sign In or Member Home button in upper right of page. This will take you to the Member Login. Username =DKG member ID (it is on card you received after paying your dues or contact me or Kbenedict08@comcast.net for your number). The default password is dkg2014society (which you may change to a personal password once you are logged in.) Then click on MyDKG and update information in your profile.

Important Announcement!!

Our Xi State News – just like DKG News - is going digital! Click on the link below to read about state events, news from other chapter and about our own April Perry.

We are so proud of April and admire her dedication to country, education and Pi Chapter.

<http://www.xistate.org/xistateneeds/xistateseptember2018.pdf>

Dates to Remember

October 19-20, 2018 – Beginning Leadership Seminar

March 15-16, 2018 – Advanced Leadership Seminar

May 20 – June 1, 2019 – Xi State Convention

