



**Explore, Dream, and  
Discover  
2018-2020**

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Wish I could say that I am enjoying the cooler temperatures and beautiful fall colors, but that is so NOT happening at this time. My fingers are crossed, wishing for rain and a few weeks of colorful fall foliage!

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for our first meeting! What fun to catch up on summer activities and to fill 72 bags with supplies for our new teachers in ACS and CCS! Thanks for your continued support. Since the number of new teachers has grown the last several years, an ad hoc committee that will look into other ways to support new teachers was formed. If you have suggestions for this committee, please send them to Pam Allen.

I will miss seeing each of you at the October meeting. Larry and I have the opportunity to spend a few nights at the Island in Pigeon Forge so I will not be at the October meeting. Rhonda Phillips, First Vice President, will be in charge, and I know that she has a great program slated for you.

October is our fund-raising meal. Once again, we will have lasagna, salad, garlic bread, desserts and drinks as our meal. Your generous donation to our Vera Jo Henegar DKG Grant is appreciated. Thanks to Kathleen Benedict for her willingness to lead our efforts to provide this meal.

At our September meeting, we talked about selecting another fund raiser. I did send out a survey based on the suggestions from members. At this time, I have had 19 members respond to the survey. The summary of the responses can be found within this newsletter. We need to decide on the fund raiser and make plans to implement the activity.

Thank you for your continued support of all Pi Chapter activities! Have fun at the October meeting, and I will see you in November.


Ann

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**  
 Memorial United Methodist Church  
 5:00 p.m.  
 Meal at 5:15 p.m.

**Inspiration**  
 Amanda Weaver


**Hostesses:**

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



**Remember to Bring**

1. Donation for our Fund-Raising Meal
2. Box Tops for Education



*Wear your  
DKG  
pin with  
pride!*



## Pi Chapter Local News

### Survey Results

FUND RAISING CHOICES	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Sale raffle tickets for 3 or 4 gift baskets. Members bring in items for baskets.	7		2
Sale raffle tickets on one or two "big" items. Ask for donation(s) from members and/or businesses.		2	3
Silent Auction of items brought in by members.	3	5	7
"What Was I thinking" silent auction. Items that members bought but now wonder what was I thinking.	1	4	3
Cake Walk. 3 or 4 cakes. Members pay \$5 per walk, hoping to be the last one standing who wins the cake.		5	2
No Bake Bake Sale. Donate the money you would have spent on baking the dessert.	8	3	2



**Committee  
News**

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



*Melanie McDaniel and Kirby Mae McDaniel*

#### **Educational Excellence Committee**

Since program ideas are currently only on the International website, the Educational Excellence Committee decided that we would focus on putting program and project ideas on our state site so chapters can easily find ideas. Look for the EEC Corner on the state web page. We hope to have points awarded to chapters who submit program or project ideas toward the Maycie chapter awards.

Submitted by - Pat Aldridge

#### **Joys and Concerns**

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

Congratulations to Melanie McDaniel! Her new daughter joined us for our September meeting!

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](mailto:patstonecipher@att.net)) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

## Pi Chapter Local News

On Saturday, September 2, 2019, I traveled with Susan Jonely to Madison, TN, Goodpasture Christian School to attend the DKG TN State Leadership Conference for all State Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. The intent of the conference is always to plan the agenda for the committees for the next two years. As the Chair of the Finance Committee, our State President Beverly Hall directed me to come prepared with an agenda after reading the revised Rules and By-Laws, Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Although I felt a little nervous about the task at hand, my committee members proved resourceful, cooperative and fun. In the two and a half hours allotted, we had a lively discussion focused on our talking points. Our TN State Treasurer, Dr. Dianne Anderson, stayed with us the entire time and proved invaluable to our committee and allowed us to complete six of our objectives. President Hall also joined us for a good block of time as well. I learned to trust my committee members and I look forward to working with them for the next two years.

*Submitted by Kathleen Benedict*



Making friends and gaining new perspectives are benefits of state committee membership. On September 7, I met with the other members of the State Communications Committee to update the criteria for the Communication Award. In the past, chapter communication has been mainly evaluated by how well the criteria for the award have been met through the chapter newsletter. At this meeting, communication avenues were expanded to include social media/website submissions. Members of the Communication Committee get to find out about what is happening across the state, so I hope another Pi Chapter member will think about joining this group in 2022!

On October 26, Jaime Kerns, our new state webmaster, will be hosting a technology gathering in Chattanooga. Jaime's invitation and evite link appear below. Please contact me at [dianealsop@comcast.net](mailto:dianealsop@comcast.net) or 865-806-6236 if you have questions or would like to go. Hopefully we can get a group together. Knowing Jaime and State President Beverly, I can guarantee it will be worthwhile!

*Submitted by Diane Alsop*

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Announcements for 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 would like to have an induction ceremony in December
- 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.
- Notify Rachel Pemberton ([rpemberton@acs.ac](mailto:rpemberton@acs.ac)) if absence is from school activity such as teaching or attending school or other educational meeting.

### TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" September 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT	KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER
BEGINNING BALANCE.....	6,167.49
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 188.15
DEPOSITS .....	+ 236.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	+ <b>6,215.34</b>



**50 Active**

**4 Reserve Members**

**1 Chapter Honorary Member**

**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!**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Your Treasurer, Kathleen Benedict 865-599-1646 [kbenedict08@comcast.net](mailto:kbenedict08@comcast.net)*

### Schools for Africa Project "Change for Change" 2019-2020



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.

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Spotlight on Members



Susan Fowler received her bachelor's degree in history and journalism from the University of Michigan and her master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Tennessee. She taught for half a year at Lake City High School, then continued on to Clinton Junior High, and eventually to Clinton High School, from where she retired in 2006. During her career, Susan taught social studies to grades eight through twelve; this included courses in world history and geography, AP US History, government, economics, and contemporary issues. Susan's true dream of being a sports writer proved too progressive for the times, so she instead put her degree to use in the classroom. We already know about her passion for politics, but when she's not working hard for teachers' rights, she loves more relaxing activities like reading, taking care of her pets, watching sports, and collecting shells. Susan is also a seasoned traveler and has been to every continent except Antarctica!



Kate Roovers received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education and her master's degree in administration and supervision from Carson Newman College. Kate has taught at Inskip Elementary (2003-2009), Powell Elementary (2009-2012), and Brickey-McCloud Elementary (2012-present). While Kate has taught both second and third grades and has been an instructional coach, she is currently an assistant principal. She has always loved children, but her true inspiration for entering education came from her first teacher, her mother, who still tops the list as her favorite and most admired teacher of all. Kate loves to unwind by playing with her English bulldog, Dolly, and by taking her on walks. She also enjoys going to Norris Lake with her husband of eighteen years and their two children, Carson and Catherine. You may even find her with fellow DKG member Kathy Hurst, who is not only her friend but also just so happens to be her godmother.

# Moments from our September Meeting

