



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Anywhere is Home
2020-2022



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Sisters,

Fall has definitely arrived with the cool crisp mornings and warm afternoons. It is this kind of weather that we can find enjoyable, if the rain stays at bay, although the days are beginning to shorten significantly. Another sign of fall is the routine of our school year, for those of us still in the classroom, this has been a very different year. We hope your "routine" is becoming just that. Although the stress of online and in person instruction with students during the reality of COVID-19 puts us each in a different situation in our profession, we need to find that sense of routine in order to maintain a semblance of order to our lives. There are some excellent programs being planned for members through the State and International DKG staff and their guest that you might find helpful as you develop strategies to help you, your family, your students, and your peers through the coming months. Please check those out in the issue of the Pi Chapter Newsletter.

In the meantime, we hope to see you at the October Zoom Meeting on October 6th. The meeting will be starting a bit early, 5:15 p.m. as we welcome a new member to Pi Chapter, Sally Suttle. Sally is an elementary school teacher in Anderson County Schools. We will also have a guest joining our meeting for the program from TN Achieves to discuss the mentoring program for graduating seniors and how our chapter might become involved. Take a minute to enjoy this weekend. The weather is forecasted to be excellent!

Abbi and Vikki

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Zoom Meeting
 5:15 p.m.

Inspiration

Linda McCune

Program

TN Achieves, Ben Sterling (see next page for information)

Business

Induction Ceremony
 Recognition of Grant in Aid Award

Invitation to October meeting:

VIKKI BURNS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: October DKG meeting
 Time: Oct 6, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting

Click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84077568509?pwd=WHU0aEJRR3V0eWxQaTdXYUdzV2U0dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 7756 8509
 Passcode: 5pgXxT

MENTOR

While Tennessee Promise funding is critical, the mentor serves as a **difference-maker** for many students who are the first in their families to attend college.

1 TASK-MASTER
Ensure students meet critical deadlines by sending reminders.

2 RESOURCE
Answer questions as students navigate the college process.

3 ENCOURAGER
Be the person who says, "We can do this TOGETHER!"

**Same effective role.
New connection opportunity.**

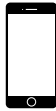
While educational opportunity for ALL students is our mission, safety is our priority.

This year we are launching **tnAchieves CONNECT** - our new virtual mentoring platform. This provides mentors another tool to reach students and families during this critical time of transition.

Please refer to this chart during Brian Sterling's presentation.

MENTORING IN 2021

CALL, TEXT
AND EMAIL



VIRTUAL
VIDEO
MEETINGS



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12 HOURS
PER YEAR

Apply!

The first step in becoming a tnAchieves mentor is completing a new mentor application. After applying, you will receive a confirmation email and instructions to set up your mentor account.

Visit tnAchieves.org/mentors or scan the QR code with your phone to complete an application by **December 4, 2020!**



SCAN ME!

TN Achieves
Changing Lives, Transforming Communities

100,000+
STUDENTS
ENROLLED tnAchieves
Personalized Learning Connections

Treasurer's Report

September 2020 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **577.17**
 Balance 09-30-2020 = 577.17

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 09-30-2020 = 580.00 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) **298.10**
 Balance 09-30-2020 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **402.24**
 Balance 09-30-2020 402.20

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... **1,767.03**
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 09-30-2020 = 1,767.03

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **6,894.54**

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 09-30-2020 = 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.]

As of now, we do not have a financial vehicle to collect money for Schools for Africa.

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Joys and Concerns

Happy October Birthday to: Joan Vick (5th)

Welcome to: Sally Suttle, our newest member. Sally teaches at Grand Oaks Elementary.

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.



**Fight for the things that you care about but
do it in a way that will lead others to join you.**
Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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!

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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 willing to join us on November 10th. Her topic will be 8 Dimensions of Wellness the Impact on Self and Learning. Her presentation will be an introduction to this topic. She would be willing to return at another time if we would like her to present more in depth information on one of the dimensions. Since one of our program objectives is to Promote Educational Excellence which includes supporting Early Career Educators, we think her topic will help us all consider expanding mentoring beyond classroom survival techniques. Educators often neglect personal wellness and burnout in our profession is a factor that needs to be considered. It might be a good time to invite some young educators to our Zoom meeting and introduce them to DKG as we believe her topic will provide something for young and not so young...current and retired educators.

“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

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Spotlight on Members



Ann Gann

Ann Gann received her bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College; she has also taken media specialist graduate level courses at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Ann spent her entire thirty-one year teaching career at Clinton High School until her retirement in 2004. While at CHS, Ann taught English for all levels of students in grades ten through twelve. She, with Joe Ben Wilson, created a Combined Studies class that merged junior English and American History into a year-long course, which continues to remain a popular course selection. After her retirement, Ann passed the torch to Rhonda Phillips, who currently teaches the English side. Ann also sponsored the yearbook, coached tennis, and coached cheerleading twice (1974-1980 and 1991-1998). Her cheerleading squads competed in the National Competition during both stretches of time. Ann was also responsible for writing and receiving grants for small learning communities. Her inspiration to be a teacher came from her high school English teacher, Mrs. Harmon, but she also received encouragement from her sister Colleen, who was a college history professor. Like most retired teachers, Ann loves to read and especially enjoys curling up with a good mystery. She also likes to garden, knit, and spend time with her grandchildren, Edward and Frances. Combining her love of teaching with traveling, Ann traversed the United States for ten years mentoring people with diabetes. Ann's other travels include attending both the 1964 (New York) and 1982 (Knoxville) World's Fairs and climbing Diamond Head (a volcanic cone) in Oahu. She is active locally as an ambassador for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, a board member of ACTV since its inception in 2008, and a Sunday School teacher and deacon at First Baptist Church in Clinton.

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Spotlight on Members



Della "Deckie" Conley

Della "Deckie" Conley received her bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College and her master's degree in English Education from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; she also has additional hours from Southern Arkansas University. Deckie started teaching 7th and 9th grade English at Berea Junior and Senior High School in Greenville, South Carolina. She remained there for two years and then moved to Tennessee, where she taught 11th and 12th grade English at Sunbright High School for a year. Deckie then landed in Anderson County, where she taught 7th grade social studies and 8th grade English at Glen Alpine Junior High for eight years and English and speech for grades nine through twelve at Anderson County High School for eight years. At this time, Deckie and her husband adopted a baby, and Deckie stayed home for five years. When her child was old enough for Mother's Day Out, Deckie began teaching two homeschool classes and substituting at Adult High School. Once it was time for kindergarten, Deckie started teaching reading and writing at Roane State as an adjunct professor in the remedial program. She taught there for fifteen years until her retirement. Deckie was inspired by her Sunday School teachers to become an educator and started honing her skills at a young age. After her lunchtime release from kindergarten, she would round up all the neighborhood preschoolers and teach them what she had learned that morning. Now that she's retired, Deckie loves to read and reads at least a book a week- and two or three while on vacation. She also enjoys music, especially anything with a cappella harmonizing. Deckie and her husband continue to enjoy their weekly small group Bible studies and have been a part of the same group for about twenty years. She also loves spending time with her family and extended family. It would probably surprise most members to learn that Deckie has owned multiple motorcycles and still has a valid motorcycle license.

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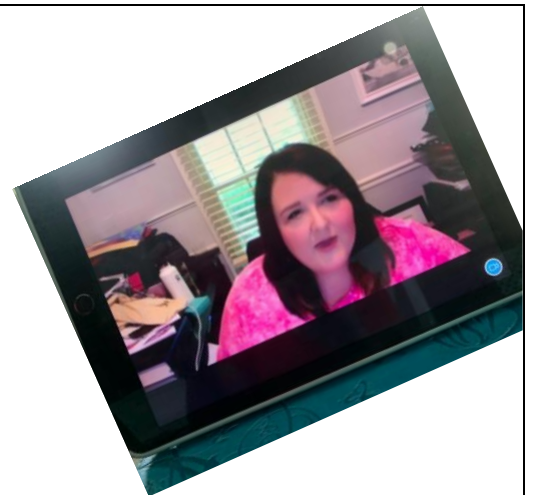
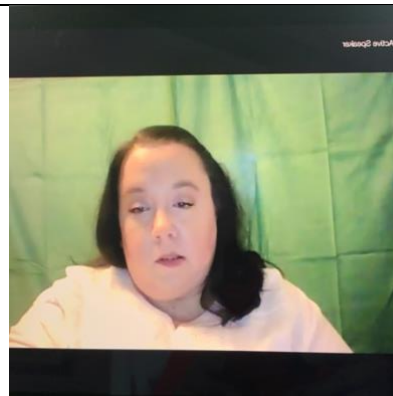


Several of our members have not given their information for our Spotlight on Members section. We would really like to include all of our sisters in this project. If you have not yet been featured, please contact Sara Idzik at Sara.idzik@gmail.com

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

Pi Chapter Members attend Virtual Arts Academy

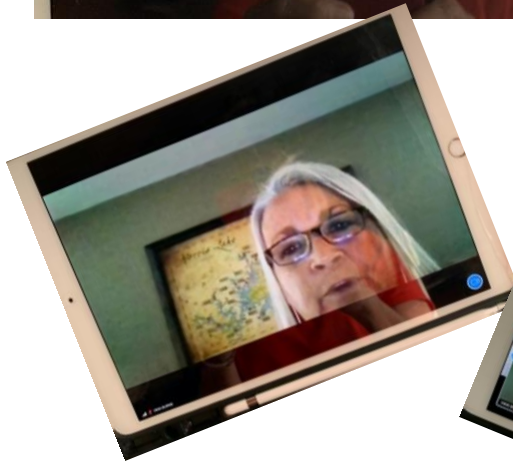
Several Pi Chapter members attended the Virtual Arts Academy held on Saturday, September 19. The sessions included: “Journaling” with Amanda Pugh, “Hats Off to the Ladies” with Sandra Pineault, “Creative Canva Content and Social Media Tips” with Kristy Sherrod, “Creating your own Bitmoji and Using with Other Applications” with Elaine Vaughan, and “Cooking with Your Instant Pot” with Sherrie Collins.



Moments from our September Zoom Meeting



Kate explaining a classroom Zoom meeting gone wrong when a student proceeded to cut her hair!



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!

Sunday, October 11 – *DKG Goes Country*

Saturday, October 17 – *Facebook for 'Fraidy Cats*

Tuesday, October 27 – *Virtual Icebreakers*

Sunday, November 8 – *Motivational Stress Relief for Educators*

Monday, November 9 – *Motivational Stress Relief for Educators*

Tuesday, November 10 - *Motivational Stress Relief for Educators*

Tuesday, December 1 - *Motivational Stress Relief for Educators*

Saturday, December 19 – *Zoom Caroling*

DKG Goes Country

Hosted by Tennessee DKG Arts & Personal Growth Committee

Sunday, October 11, 2020

6 PM to 9 PM Central

Performers: 2Country4Nashville

Please register by October 2, 2020

2Country4Nashville is a husband and wife duo have carved their own path in country music after they were told by judges on CMT's Nashville-based "Can You Duet?" reality music TV show that they "were good, but just "too country" hence, the duo's name. As Independent Country Music Artists, this duo has won some prestigious awards during their music career such as the Academy of Western Artists' (AWA) award for Country Music Duo/Group of the Year and the Josie Independent Music Award for Classic Country Duo/Group.

DKG Goes Country Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/P54kkeCkFNfoph1N8>

Facebook for 'Fraidy Cats
Saturday, October 17, 2020
10 AM Central

Presenter: Jennifer Lusk, Tennessee Organization Executive Secretary

Members who are a bit leery or reluctant to create a Facebook account will gain step-by-step instructions in creating an account and learn the basics of navigating this popular form of social media. This is a perfect opportunity for non-techy members to join our private Tennessee State DKG Facebook page.

Facebook for 'Fraidy Cats Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/YTaFFs6KrcrERC8X8>

Virtual Ice Breakers

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

7 PM Central

Presenter: Dr. Beverly Hall, Tennessee State Organization President

This workshop will provide attendees with examples of games and activities designed to welcome attendees and warm up conversations among participants meeting virtually.

Virtual Ice Breakers Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/ztDpiEkYadHnQjvr8>

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>