



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Sisters,

And just like that, fall is upon us!

Cooler temps are leading to some outdoor activities that were just a bit too much a month ago. We hope you have been able to get out and enjoy some of your favorite fall activities as the days continue to get shorter, but the sun is still warm in the afternoon skies.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you both virtually and in person (if you are comfortable with that) on Tuesday evening at 5:00 p.m. We will be meeting in person at Memorial Methodist in a large classroom on the main floor of the church. **Please enter the church at the door with the ramp and follow the signs.** This space will allow us to socially distance, following the COVID protocols for indoor meetings, and will afford our ability to log-in to the Zoom meeting (see link on the side bar of the newsletter) so that we can all see one another during the meeting. You are welcome to bring 'dinner/supper' to enjoy during our meeting time, but also bring your laptop so we can have our screens full of our members in attendance.

Membership is also a topic for this month's meeting. During last month's meeting we watched the video/PowerPoint presentation by Bonnie Moore, 1st Vice President of Texas, on chapter member engagement. During the past year and a half, engagement has been difficult, but we hope to get somewhat back on track in the coming months. However, we do need to grow our chapter. To do so, we need your support and input in recruiting members. If you didn't get a chance to see the video/PowerPoint, please use this link to do so when you have the opportunity. What we found most revealing during the presentation was that our members can come from all walks of life, not just the field of education, but from any occupation where the individual's primary responsibility is enriching the lives of others. We hope the video gives you some ideas on individuals whom you may not have considered previously for membership in Pi Chapter.

We hope you and your family/friends have been well and that we can continue to plan our meetings to be hybrid at the very least. We will see you, we hope, on Tuesday.

Abbi and Vikki

Tuesday, September 5, 2021

Hybrid/Zoom Meeting
5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Yak Classroom

Inspiration

Linda McCune

Program/Business

Membership
Committee Reports

Invitation to September meeting:

Zoom meeting link:
Topic: DKG
Time: Oct 5, 2021 05:00
PM Eastern Time (US and
Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84319462365?pwd=TUk0eGd1S0REd3NtcHhVcmp1ZmE5UT09>

Pi Chapter Local News

Joys and Concerns

Our condolences to: Pat Hamilton and family. Her husband, Bill, passed away suddenly. His family is honoring his wishes that he prepared previously by preparing for a small family funeral.

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

Happy October Birthday to: Joan Vick (5th)

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, October 5, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** Please refer to the first page of the newsletter for information and the link!

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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/hIkCmbvAHQQ?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1

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

Pi Chapter Members: We value each member and each of you has so much to contribute. There are still a few who need to pay dues. It's not too late! Just pay Kathleen ASAP.

JOIN THE PACK!



Treasurer's Report

Reminder From the Treasurer.... Ways to send money to Pi Chapter....

Please note new email address: kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

- By check to Kathleen Benedict/P O Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901
- Using VENMO App to @Kathleen-Benedict-6

Rationale: It became obvious in our first days of Zooming Pi Chapter Meetings that we needed a method for submitting funds for donations, dues, Happy Jar, and other funds. Setting up a VENMO account was suggested as a quick way to transfer money.

By check... I am happy to receive and deposit any monies you want to send by this method. You can put all donations on one check and designate on the item line how the funds are to be distributed.

By VENMO... I have successfully loaded the app to my phone and linked my VENMO account to our Pi Chapter bank account and the VENMO deposit went straight into our account. So, if you have an account or want to try this, I am ready. I have put instructions below for those who need them.

Directions for using VENMO:

1. Download the VENMO app from Google Play to your phone or computer. Set up your account
2. Link your VENMO account to your bank account or credit card – whichever you chose to be your funding source. In VENMO, you can pay people using any of the following: your VENMO balance (if you have access to your VENMO balance, a credit/debit card (imagine being able to pay a friend directly from your credit/debit card), and lastly, with a U. S. bank account.
3. Link your account to the account you wish to deposit money to, in this case, Pi Chapter, Kathleen Benedict. My User Name is: Kathleen-Benedict-6 Password: 1646

You can go to www.venmo.com for more information.

You may also call me, and I will try to help, or I will call Vikki, Abbi, Kate, Sara, Amy or any other young person! Thanks!

Kathleen will send out an updated Treasurer's Report in a separate email.

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Notes from the Presidents

Password Protected Site

Good News! We now have a password protected site on our website, tndkg.org. At the top of the Home page, there is a tab called Contact Us (as seen below). When you click on the Contact Us, you will see Member. When you click on Member you will enter the password Iris. You will then see the Officer and Related Personnel information and State Committee Chairs. Other information will be added soon. Please share this password with members only.

Membership Moments-Mary Jo Wilson, chair of the Tennessee State Membership Committee, would like members to contribute some of the moments in DKG that have been meaningful to them. Suggestions could include places they have traveled, use of the Emergency Fund, grants and scholarships they have received, friendships they have developed, recognition on the chapter/state/international level(s), funny experiences, in-service training, and any others.

Future Conventions

86th Tennessee State Convention 2022—Sewanee, Tennessee—June 2-4, 2022

International Convention 2022—New Orleans, Louisiana—July 12-16, 2022



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

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.

The Days for Girls project has had to be tabled for a long time but came under discussion again. Susan Jonely clarified that there are stringent requirements for construction of these packs and that she had already purchased the fabric. A serger is needed, and only one member seemed to own one. Various options were discussed for a work session at a locale with multiple sewing machines. Patsye Thurmon agreed to consult with an Anderson County Extension Agent to see if their sewing machines might be available for our use. Susan agreed to send two videos outlining the specifications for the packs.

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Future Programs

October – “Munchie” members make for new teachers
November – Cookie Exchange/Silent Auction
December – Ornament Exchange
January/February – Open House for potential new members

State and International News

**Upcoming
Events**

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

July 12—16 International Convention (New Orleans)

Membership Memories- Bonnie Moore, 1st Vice-President of Texas has so recorded her presentation on engaging chapter members using Zoom. Use the link listed below and the Access Passcode for viewing. If you would like to send Bonnie a “Thank You”, please use the following email address:
bonniedkgts@gmail.com

Get link for Zoom Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yql0_cH09Iwz688YCI2v9JhGYCFYXha1DCauz7wIPNjcO7_2M3XI4O-aB-f_Ws4U.OU2h_TYs5mPAnRuY

Access Passcode: XE3a\$jV7

**In Case You
Missed It!**

