



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**

- Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders**
- President.....Diane Alsop
 - 1st VPAmanda Powers
 - 2nd VP Vikki Burns
 - Recording Sec.....Ann Gann
 - Corres. Sec.....Kathy Hurst
 - Parliamentarian.....Linda McCune
 - Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
 - Editors/Webmasters.....Pat Stonecipher
Chelsi Meredith

Dear Sisters,

Our October 3 meeting will take place at Memorial United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Pi's executive board will once again be serving a homemade Italian meal as a fund-raiser, the money raised going toward our Vera Jo Henegar DKG Grant Award presented to two high school seniors who plan to pursue degrees in education. The meal will begin at 5:00. The door will be open before 4:15, earlier if needed.

Committee chairs, please contact your members about conferencing with you at the meeting. Some of our committees have already met, so are not included in the following list of committees: Membership, Archives/Scrapbook, Rules, Nominations, Elementary and Middle School Essay Contest, and Special Events. I know that when I have chaired different committees, I have found that the time for the business of the committee to be completed can sneak up on you. We have some big events and responsibilities coming up this year.

At the September meeting, the members in attendance voted to raise the Vera Jo Grants from \$500 to \$750 each. It was felt that we might be able to fund the extra amount needed by increasing what we put in the Happy Jar by a little each month. The following is a history of the grant dollar amounts: 1975-1996, varying amounts between \$0 and \$150; 1997-1998, \$200; 1999-2000, \$300; 2001, \$400; and 2002-2022, \$500.

In September, Amanda presented a program about Tennessee Achieves and her experience with this organization. Several of our members have been mentors. Patsye is even listed in last year's handbook as having served for 10 years. Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Achieves partner as they provide a scholarship and a mentoring program focused on increasing the number of students who attend a postsecondary institution in our state. The class of 2023 at ACHS had 265 students with 220 applying to TN Promise; CHS had 250 seniors with 240 applying to TN Promise. Last year, only 83 percent of the goal for the number of mentors for the three high schools in Anderson County was achieved. The website, tnachieves.org, has a wealth of information about the commitment involved. It has been said that being a mentor takes only one hour per month. *(continued on next page)*

**Tuesday, October 3, 2022
5 p.m.**

Memorial United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Homemade Italian Dinner
provided by Executive Board
as a fund-raiser for VJH Grant-
in-Aid for ACHS and CSHS

Blessing
Ann Gann

Inspiration
Amanda Powers

Program
Maegan Elliott, Clinton High
School FFA (Greenhouse and
Chicken Farming)

Business
Committees meet and then
share



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(continued from previous page) The deadline for registering is October 20, and registering on the website, <https://tnachieves.org> is very easy. Hopefully, some of us will be able help the students in our county embark on their postsecondary technical or college education thus improving their lives as well as the lives for all in Anderson County.

The September/October issue of DKG NEWS was recently sent through snail mail to those who have requested it on International's website. If you didn't get it, it is probably because you didn't indicate you wanted it sent through the mail. Pat Stonecipher led the group last month in updating information on this website, so that all personal addresses, phone numbers, mail preferences, etc. are current. The following is an outline for accomplishing this:

- go to <https://www.dkg.org>
- sign in with username which is your member number
- password is **dkg2014society** for first-time visitors
- click on MYDKG in upper left
- pull down to My Account
- Watch video: My DKG and Chapter Connect, first video listed on lower left of screen

If you need guidance, have questions, or need your member number, you can call International at 512-478-5748. They are very happy to help. Pat will also be available at 4:30 before our October 3 meeting to work through the process. Bring a laptop, tablet, or phone with you, and call International beforehand if you need your member number.

Everyone who attended the September meeting should have picked up a postcard with the Pi Chapter meeting dates listed for this school year. Postcards were mailed to our members not in attendance. If you didn't get one, let me know.

Also, Pat Stonecipher was awarded a long, red cord from TNSO at our September meeting for completing during the last school year the 15 Member Education Videos on <https://www.tndkg.org> Access to these modules is on the homepage below the state president's message. Pat and I are the only ones in our chapter who have completed these. It is very easy to do if you read the content instead of listening to the recordings and then answer the five informative, but easy questions. Each module can be completed in a matter of minutes, and your knowledge of the society will increase as a result. Completing the modules can be spread out over the coming months. Our chapter also receives Maycie points for members who push the "submit button" for each.

Such a beautiful time of year! All full moons are special, but this one was extra special. Just in case you didn't see it, I'm including a photo.

See you on Tuesday!
In harmony,
Diane



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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences: Many of our members and their loved ones continue to need our prayers. Only changes since the last inclusion in this newsletter will appear here. Paula Campbell reports that “one of the brain tumors appears to be shrinking.” She is happy about that. Paula is and always has been an inspiration!

Congratulations to: Lisa Swisher; she has retired! Kathleen shared a letter from her at the September meeting that said she will be with us in person after she recovers from her hip surgeries. Prayers for a speedy recovery for Lisa! Lisa has always supported us, even though in the past she was unable to attend meetings. Thank you for your dedication, Lisa!

Happy October Birthdays to: There are no known October birthdays.

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 (stonecipher@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.



Future Programs

November 7th -- Katherine Birkbeck, Executive Director of Historic Downtown Clinton

December 5th -- CHS Choir (back by popular demand)

January 9th -- Kelly Johnson, Director of Clinton City Schools

February 6th -- Junior Achievement/Aspire Park (tentative)

March 5th -- All About House Plants (Amy Morrow)

April 2nd -- CHS Jazzy Dragons (back by popular demand) in honor of Jazz Month

May 7th -- Founders Day Banquet

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SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES

We are blessed that Memorial United Methodist Church will continue to provide Pi Chapter with the use of the fellow ship hall at no charge. Instead of being deposited in the custodial closet, bags of trash should now be taken out to one of the two blue bins to the right of the back entrance of the church and located behind the Blessing Box. Because of a past issue, a \$50 cleanup charge if needed will be instituted in January. There has never been a problem concerning the condition of the hall after our meetings. The church committee in charge of scheduling the fellowship hall is very happy with the way we leave the facility.



Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher (stonecipher@gmail.com) or Chelsi Meredith (cdmeredith2014@gmail.com) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

September 2023 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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| BEGINNING BALANCE..... | 5,766.70 |
| Deposits | + 122.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS..... | - 102.95 |
| ENDING BALANCE..... | 5,785.75 |

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) **382.00**

Balance 09-31-2023 Beginning Bal: 260.00 + 122.00 Happy Jar = 382.00

Thank you!

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund **2,674.80**

Balance 08-31-2023 3,374.17 – 699.37 DKG bags for 3 years, Jinx Logos = 2,674.80

Established in Memory of Pi Chapter member Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts...

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* **0.00** 09-31-2023

0.00

[Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) **298.10**

Balance 09-31-2023 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) **307.24**

Balance 09-31-2023 307.24 *Thank you!*

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... **2,123.61**

(Member dues collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)

Balance 09/30/2023 = 2,226.56 - 21.95 reimbursement to Diane Alsop, mailing – 21.00 dues to TNSO – 60.00

DKG Society dues = 2,142.61

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... **5,785.75**

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 05-31-2023 = 210.00

[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.]

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Pi Chapter Committees for 2022-2024 Biennium

Society Business

Committee to Digitize Historical Documents Ann Gann, Linda McCune, Pat Aldridge, Chelsi Meredith, Pat Stonecipher

Scrapbook Denise Houdeschell

Communications/Publicity Pat Stonecipher, Chelsi Meredith (Co-Chairs)

Finance Paula Campbell (Chair), Kathy Hurst, Deckie Conley Ex Officio Members: Kathleen Benedict, Treasurer, Diane Alsop, President

Membership Pat Aldridge (Chair), Abbi Hill, Sara Idzik, Felecia Reynolds, Paula Tackett. Vicki Bible, Lorrie Irwin, Jackie Stephan

Nominations Rhonda Phillips (Chair), Amanda Powers, Laura Phillips, Terri Gilbert, Sara Idzik

Rules Kate Roovers (Chair), Laura Boden, Lisa Smith, Sally Suttle, Lucy VanCleve

Society Mission and Purposes

Educational Excellence (EEC) Amanda Powers (Chair), Pam Allen, Mary Pat Williams

Legislative Susan Jonely and Abbi Hill (Co-Chairs), Susan Fowler, April Perry, Amy Kelly Graham

Pi Chapter Projects Essay Contests

Marilyn Buckner (Elementary and Middle School Chair), Abbi Hill (Andersonville Elem.), Chelsi Meredith (Andersonville Elem.), Laura Boden (Claxton), Felecia Reynolds (Dutch Valley) Mary Pat Williams (Grand Oaks Elem.), Brenda Phillips (Briceville Elem., Lake City Elem., Lake City Middle), Lisa Swisher (Norris Elem. and Norris Middle), Lorrie Irwin (Clinton City Schools), Amanda Powers (Clinton Middle), Shannon Cramblitt (Norwood Elem., Norwood Middle) Peggy Stooksbury (wherever needed)

Judy Miller and Rhonda Phillips (Co Chairs) Anderson County and Clinton High Schools

Scholarships/VJH Grant Award Rhonda Phillips and Judy Miller (Co-Chairs)

Special Events Patsye Thurmon (Chair), Ann Brown, Vicky Curtis, Terri Gilbert, Linda McCune, Laura Phillips, Rhonda Phillips, Amanda Powers, Lisa Smith, Shannon Cramblitt

Ad Hoc Committees

Strategic Plan Diane Alsop, Executive Board

Chapter Excellence Diane Alsop, Vikki Burns

State and International News

State President Marsha Brewer recently sent the following information:

Remember to shoot video footage of your service projects and send it to me or to your Area Director.

If you are planning an Orientation for new members - either for your chapter or for several chapters in your area - please consider inviting one of our TNSO Officers or Related Personnel to participate. These ladies possess a wealth of knowledge about our organization, and most of them do not routinely get to go out and meet with chapters.

In East Tennessee we have TNSO Webmaster Sherrie Collins and TNSO 2nd VP Terry Sharp.

In Middle Tennessee we have TNSO President Marsha Brewer, TNSO 1st VP Orlean Bauman, TNSO Recording Secretary Dr. Regina Henry, TNSO Corresponding Secretary Chasity Ragsdale, Parliamentarian Dr. Kathie Harned, and TNSO Executive Secretary Jenni Lusk.

In West Tennessee we have TNSO Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson and TNSO Editor Michelle Steen.

Dates to Remember

November 1, 2023 - DKGIEF Cornett Award application due

November 15, 2023 - IRS form 990 must be filed

December 15, 2023 - Chapter Yearbook submitted to Orlean Bauman

December 15, 2023 - DKG Ignite application due (International Leadership Management Seminar)

December 31, 2023 - Vision Foundation applications due

February 1, 2024 - Tennessee State Scholarship application due

February 1, 2025 - International Scholarship application due

Moments from our September Meeting

