

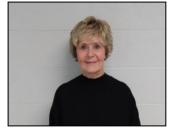
Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Anywhere is Home 2020-2022

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Dear Sisters,

Since several of our members' husbands expressed an interest in attending our October Pi Chapter program, it was decided that we would extend an invitation to any husband who would like to come. The official invitation is in this newsletter. So that an adequate Italian dinner can be prepared, we ask that husbands RSVP by October 2.

Registration for the Advanced Leadership Seminar will be available online sometime soon in October. Any member who has attended the Beginning Leadership Seminar is eligible to apply. International President Becky Sadowski, who has just completed her term, will perform an integral part. The conference will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park, on March 3 and March 4. The organizers say that the lodge is a first-class facility, and the people there are very excited about hosting us. Please let me know if you are interested in going, so that I can get the information to you as soon as it becomes available. There are only 20 slots! I plan to apply and would love to have some company.

Most of this month's business meeting will be devoted to a twentyminute collaboration of the members of individual various committees with a report afterward if appropriate. Some of our committees have been working on projects during September, so will have reports on accomplishments and of proposals. Folders of information will be available for each committee, but it may be helpful to look at what our chapter rules say about committee responsibilities beforehand. If your committee has no business to take care of, please attend the Special Events Committee meeting (Patsye is chair) or another of your choice.

Please think of a Membership Moment to send to the State Membership Committee who will be collating them in a book that will be made available at Sewanee. Mary Jo Wilson, committee chair, said that the deadline for submission is soon. One of our Membership Committee members will have file cards available at our October meeting for you to jot down a Moment either from a local, state, or international happening. If we send ten moments, we earn ten Maycie Award points! You can include your name or submit the Moment anonymously. These will be collected at Tuesday's meeting and forwarded to Mary Jo.

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Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

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

Inspiration

Kathleen Benedict

Program

Jim Dodson, District 33 State House of Representatives Candidate

Business

Committees meet and then share





Students at Hindman Elementary School in Knott County, Kentucky are back in classes! The following is a link to the disconcerting, but also heartwarming story: https://wfpl.org/our-rainbow-after-the-storm-students-in-flood-hit-eastern-ky-finally-return-to-school/. I contacted the state treasurer of the Kentucky State Organization for an update on their organization's commitment to provide funding for the replacement of a \$20,000.00 set of leveled readers purchased by the school just prior to the devastation suffered there. Thanks to the unknown until later quick actions of the custodians, most of the readers were saved. The DKG members in Kentucky were able to fund \$2,000.00 for the readers that were unsalvageable. She sent me the address of DKG Member Mary Rose Tilford who lost her residence in a tornado last winter and is living at the following address: Quality Inn, 173 Carroll Road, Benton, KY 42025 until she can get back in her home. DKG Member Angela Craft lost her home to flooding last summer, and her school, East Whitesburg Elementary, was also severely damaged. Angela's address is 945 Bill Moore Branch Road, Whitesburg, KY 41818. Notes or cards of encouragement would be uplifting as they traverse this difficult time.

Every season holds its own wonders. Fall with its vibrant leaves on the trees of the East Tennessee mountains foretell the promise of springtime buds that make us thankful for Nature's Circle of Life. We are so very lucky to live in Tennessee with its four seasons, none of which are too cold or too hot. So grateful for all things Tennessee! Happy Fall Y'all!

See y'all on October 4 at 5:00 for the legislative program, the committee planning, and the homemade Italian dinner prepared by the Executive Board!

Diane



Future Programs

November – STEM at Clinton Elementary and Clinton Middle School

December – Clinton High School Chorus under direction of McCall Bohanon and Andrea Townsend, Isaiah House 1:17

January – Jeni Irwin, Anderson County Schools' New Teacher Institute/Teacher Retention; Bring a special object that means something to you **February** –Josh Anderson, Anderson County Commissioner, Local Educational Issues

March – Amy Morrow, "All Things Houseplants" and Maegan Elliott "Planter Plants; Legislative Update

April – Jazzy Dragons (in Honor of Jazz month); Induction of New Members **May** – Founders' Day/ 80th Birthday Celebration with Becky Sadowski

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort and condolences for Pi Chapter sisters facing some of life's trials. **Joys to:**

Wishing Laura Phillips a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery she had on September 29

Abbi Hill and three other relatively new DKG members formed a panel and addressed questions posed by other members from across the state. Abbi said she was nervous, but she hid it well and did a wonderful job of addressing the questions posed. The video is a little long, but you can fast-forward if needed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXE3tw4a1us.

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 (<u>stonecipherp@gmail.com</u>) or Chelsi Meredith (<u>cdmeredith2014@gmail.com</u>) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOSTESSES

We are blessed that Memorial United Methodist Church will continue to provide Pi Chapter with the use of the fellowship 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.

Need a new shirt or mug???

We will be offering new Delta Kappa Gamma t-shirts, sweatshirts, and coffee mugs! The sweatshirts and t-shirts will have the DKG logo in a large print front-facing design or a small print design located on the left front of the t-shirt. The sweatshirts are Gildan brand sweatshirts that are a 60% polyester and 40% cotton blend. The t-shirts are also Gildan brand and are 100% preshrunk cotton. We are offering the colors red, gray, and black for t-shirts and sweatshirts. The mugs will be white. T-shirts will be \$15, sweatshirts will be \$20, and mugs will cost \$10. These are custom-made for you and only offered for a limited time. We will be ordering these shirts from Dog Mom Designs, a local online custom vinyl shop. Orders will be due at the October 4th meeting. There will be sample products available at the September 6th and October 4th meetings. If you would like to make an order, please contact Chelsi Meredith at (865) 304-0490 or at cdmeredith2014@gmail.com.





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

Treasurer's Report

May/June 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER					
TREASURE'S REPORT	KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER				
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BEGINNING BALANCE					
Deposits	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
DISBURSEMENTS					
ENDING BALANCE	4,857.47				
TOTALS IN EACH FUND					
Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations	s and fundraisers) 0.00				
Balance 06-30-2022 Beginning Balance: 0.00)				
Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund					
3,224.17 + 100.00 given by Ann Gann in Me					
	er Vera Henegar and funded with kind gifts				
Xi State Convention Fund for First Time A					
Balance 06-30-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In]					
Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations	.)				
Balance 06-30-2022 = 298.10					
Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 146.24				
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AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND	,				
(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget by	for this fund.) Beginning balance 06-30-2022 = Beginning Bal. =				
1,085.87 – 606.92 reimbursement to Vikki Burns for her payment to Dos Tacos for catered dinner, May 5 Founder's Day Banquet + 610.00 ticket money/donations collected for meals, May 5 Founder's Day Banquet =					
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TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT					
	ned by gifts from the family and friends of Mrs. Lane in tribute to				
her longtime service to education.) Balance 0					
[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.]					
	s 2022-2023 and Donations				
	cords kept separately until July 1, 2022.)				
Member Dues Grant	Schools for Africa Other Fund?				
JANUARY					
1. Patsye Thurmon 85.00 15.00					
2. Susan Jonely 85.00 15.00					
FEBRUARY					
3. Linda McCune 85.00 15.00					
4. Diane Alsop 85.00 15.00					
5. Pat Stonecipher 85.00 15.00					
5. Tat Stollecipilet 65.00 15.00					
MARCH					
6. Pat Aldridge 85.00	15.00 HMC				
7. Ann Gann 85.00 15.00	20.00				
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Terri Gilbert

10. Lucy Van Cleve 85.00

9. Laura Boden

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Treasurer's Report (continued)

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11.	Paula Campbell	85.00					_
	Paula Tackett	85.00					
13.	Deckie Conley	85.00 1	5.00				
14	Judy Miller	85.00 1	5.00				
15. V	Vikki Burns	85.00				15.00 HMC	
16.	Sara Idzik	85.00	5.00		25.00		
Spec	Special Collection March Meeting Schools for Africa 46.00 + 45.00 + 10.00 = 91.00						
17.	Kathleen Benedi	ict 85.00				15.00 HMC	
18.	Marilyn Buckne	r Chapter 1	Honorary				
19.	Chelsi Meredith	Collegiate	Member		5.00	2022-2023	
20.	Mildred Mauney	27.00 F	RESERVE M	IEMBER			
21.	Kristen Petrik	27.00 F	RESERVE N	IEMBER			
22.	Laura Phillips	85.00	15.00				
	Louise Childress		10.00			13.00HMC	
	Mary Ruth Cook		15.00				
	Kathy Hurst	85.00				15.00 HMC	
	Felecia Reynold		15.00				
27.	Ann Brown	85.00	15.00				
APRIL							
28. A	Abbi Hill	85.00	15.00				
29.	Pam Allen	85.00					
MAY							
	Vicky Curtis	85.00	15.00				
	Rhonda Phillips	85.00					
	Lisa H. Smith	85.00					
33.	Denise Houdesc	hell 85.00					
	Amy K. Graham						
	Kate Roovers	85.00					
36.	Lisa Swisher	85.00	15.00				
37.	Shannon C. Ran	nsey Cram	britt 85.00 1	15.00			
38.	Hazel Johnson	85.00	15.00				
39.	Amanda Powers	85.00	15.00				

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST (money not included in this report; included in August)

15.00

85.00

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40. Brenda Phillips

41. Sally Suttle

42. April Perry

Treasurer's Report (continued)

August 2022 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER New Fiscal Year 2022-2023

TREASURER'S REPORT KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

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BEGINNING BALANCE	4,857.47
Deposits	+ 3,586.00
DISBURSEMENTS	- 2,028.00
ENDING BALANCE	6,415.47

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Balance 08-31-2022 Beginning Balance: 0.00 + 340.00 donations from members P. Thurmon, S. Jonely, L. McCune, D. Alsop, P. Stonecipher, A. Gann, T. Gilbert, L. Van Cleve, D. Conley, J. Miller, S. Idzik, L. Phillips, L. Childress, M. R. Cook, F. Reynolds, A. Brown, A. Hill, V. Curtis, A. Perry, L. Swisher, S. Ramsey-Crambrill, H. Johnson, and A. Powers. Thank You!

 Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund
 3,324.17

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

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)Balance 08-31-2022 = 298.10

Balance 08-31-2022 146.24 + 73.00 donations from members P. Aldridge, V. Burns, K. Benedict, L. Childress, and K. Hurst. Thank You!

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

08-31-2022 = Beginning Bal. = 1,088.95 + 5.00 donation Schools to Africa C. Meredith (Thanks!) + 3,060.00 payment of dues by 36 Active members @ 85.00 per member + 108.00 payment of dues by 4 Reserve members @ 27.00 each - 1,440.00 dues payment DKG International for 36 members @ 40.00 per member - 56.00 dues payment to DKG International for 4 Reserve members @ 14.00 per member - 504.00 dues payment to TNSO dues payment for 36 Active members @ 14.00 per member - 28.00 dues for 4 Reserve members @ 7.00 per member - 2,233.95

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT...... 6.415.47

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 08-31-2022 = 210.00

[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

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Our website is once more in compliance for another two years. Check out our website at:

https://xistatepichapter.weebly.com



Pi Chapter Invitation

October 4, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Husbands of members, please join us for the presentation by Jim Dodson, District 33 State House of Representatives candidate and for a homemade Italian dinner. Donations for funding high school grants appreciated.

RSVP to <u>dianealsop@comcast.net</u> by October 2.



Education News

Hillsdale College Withdraws Application for Charter Schools in Tennessee

Find out more here:

https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/9/29/23379171/hillsdale-american-classical-charter-school-withdrawal-lee

Tennessee High School grad rate rebounds to pre-pandemic levels

Read the good news here:

https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/9/28/23377834/graduation-rate-tennessee-high-school-recovery

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 **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), April Perry, Amy Kelly Graham **Pi Chapter Projects Essay Contests**

Marilyn Buckner (Elementary and Middle School Chair), Abbi Hill (Andersonville Elem.), Diane Alsop (Claxton and Fairview Elem.), Felecia Reynolds (Dutch Valley, Grand Oaks Elem.), Brenda Phillips (Briceville Elem., Lake City Elem., Lake City Middle), Lisa Swisher (Norris Elem. and Norris Middle) Marilyn Buckner (Clinton Elem., North Clinton Elem., South Clinton Elem., Clinton Middle)

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, Denise Houdeschell, Linda McCune, Laura Phillips, Rhonda Phillips, Amanda Powers, Lisa Smith

Ad Hoc Committees

Strategic Plan Diane Alsop. Executive Board, and Sharon Schmitt-Matzen

Chapter Excellence Diane Alsop, Vikki Burns

Pi Chapter Local News Moments from our September meeting



















State and International News

MIDTERM NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

US government contact information can be found through 1-866-327-8670 or by checking for members at www.house.gov or www.senate.gov. The White House switchboard is 202-546-1414. This will allow you to easily appeal to our leaders. Check out http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum for a discussion of legislative topics.

The September *DKG Tennessee News* is now available for viewing at the state website, www.tndkg.org/ More. Please keep in mind that the September and April editions are only available on-line. Chapter members, please print a copy for your members who do not have the internet available. This might be a great time to visit or call upon members in the chapter and take the printed edition to them.

State editor, Michelle Steen, has created a flipbook version of the *DKG Tennessee News*. Directions are listed on the website. Thank you, Michelle! (Pat Stonecipher made submissions that were included from Pi Chapter.)

Nominations Due Date: October 31, 2022

Tennessee State Organization Needs You!

Nominations for an elected state office, either as an officer, an elected state committee member, or the Vision Foundation Board of Directors are now being accepted. State officers serve two-year terms while members of an elected state committee serve four-year terms. There are three elected committees which are Finance, Personnel and Nominations. Applications for these elected positions can be found on the state website at www.tndkg.org. Click on the Resources tab then click the tab titled Officers and Related Personnel form. For more information or questions contact Elaine Warwick, nominations chair, at elainewarwick@att.net. Step Up for Tennessee!

A note regarding Bylaws & Rules adopted by DKG International: The Bylaws and Rules State Committee will be reviewing all Bylaws & Rules proposed and passed at the DKG International Convention. The committee is also accepting proposed amendments from the membership. The submission form for changes to proposed amendments may be found at www.tndkg.org /Resources/Bylaws and Rules. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Rules may be submitted to Kathleen Benedict (kbbenedict21@yahoo.com) no later than December 1, 2022. Proposed amendments may be submitted by any member, committee, board, or chapter. Any questions, please contact kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

State Projects:

The State Projects Committee would like to remind you to use TEL. Have YOU shared TEL with your newest members? The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) is an online library that gives Tennessee residents, all of us, access to magazines, journals, newspapers, essays, e-books, primary source materials, test preparation, homework help, genealogy records, career search, and more! TEL resources are available free to the public from any computer with Internet access in Tennessee. TEL4U.org is the Tennessee Electronic Library's website for Tennessee's youngest learners. The website has been updated with a new look, new resources and a new computer/coding section. As more students are learning on the go from phones, tablets and computers, this site is easy to use! Whether you are at the library, at school or at home, you can always find great info, fun and games on TEL4U.org. Focus the camera of your smartphone on the SQ code provided or put this address in your web browser https://www.tntel.info/. Share this website with your chapter members, friends, and family!



State and International News

International News and Deadlines (In order to view some information, you might need to log in to the International Website with your member I.D. number and password. You may always use the chat if you are not sure how to log-in with your information.)

*DKG Publications: There are many articles and publications on the International Website concerning current issues with regards to our DKG Society, education, just to mention a few. Use the link, https://www.dkg.org/PublicationsPrivate?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d

***DKG Blogs:** International Committees have Blog Spots. Interested? Check out the following: http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/

Where to Go for What?

Are you looking for forms or information regarding an event? Most of the information may be found at www.tndkg.org under *About Us, Resources*, the *Calendar*, or *The Homepage*. However, here is also the link to go to the *Website Short-Cut List or Where to Go for What?*https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137 92053a7e973b4033a7998232c2edad52.pdf.

State Projects: Due February 28, 2023

Tennessee State Organization 2022-2023 Essay Contest

The State Projects Committee is pleased to share the new 2022-23 essay prompts for our Tennessee State Contest. Last year's contest entries came from students across the state. Approximately 20 DKG chapters sponsored these students. We hope to see even more chapters involved this year! Share the prompts with schools in your areas and be sure that your chapter recognizes any students you sponsor. Everyone can not be in the top three, but we want to recognize students for their willingness to participate and encourage them to continue to participate in the future. This year we are adding an elementary prompt for students in grades 3-5. The prize money for the elementary students will be \$75.00 for 1 st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place. The timeframe for the elementary will be the same as for the middle and high school. To find the prompts and other information for middle school, high school, and elementary school, go to www.tndkg.org About Us/Essay Contest. The contact person of each sponsoring DKG chapter should send essays and cover sheets to Fran Gregory, fehgregory@gmail.com by February 28, 2023. Please

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT IS: Have I gotten a newsletter from State or International lately? You probably haven't thought about that. So now that it has been brought to your attention, have you? If you haven't, you probably need to update your membership information at International. Here's how: Dkg.org, sign-in with your 6-digit username, then password (if you have trouble, representatives are there to help through chat or you can actually talk to a real person if you call), access the menu in the upper right and then go to MyDKG. While you're there, look around. Lots of good stuff!

2021—2023 Tennessee State Officer Team

