



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Explore, Dream, and Discover 2017-2018



“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”—F. Scott Fitzgerald

I love the season that September brings: Fall decorations and pumpkin candles, UT football games, sweaters, boots, scarves, and hopefully cooler weather. In some ways, fall is a fresh start. We have started a new school year that is full of possibilities with a new group of students. Every year I think of what I can do differently in my classroom to support and teach my students. My challenge this year is learning how to implement Chromebooks into my teaching. Believe me, this is a challenge! This year we have over 40 new teachers in Anderson County and Clinton City. Their new beginning may be somewhat stress -filled, so it is awesome that Pi Chapter supports them with new teacher goody bags. I am starting the second year of my biennium as President of Pi Chapter, and I hope to continue to have a positive impact on our chapter, and I am blessed to be working with a great group of officers. I truly believe that we had wonderful programs last year, and I look forward to the programs for 2017-2018. Our new Xi State President, Elaine Alexander, has the theme of “Explore, Dream, and Discover” for her biennium, and I would love for us to think of ways to incorporate this theme into our chapter and our daily lives.

At the September meeting, we will begin taking donations for our gift baskets for the silent auction that will be held in November. This silent auction was very successful last year, and it will help fund our two recruitment grants, so we hope to have some amazing baskets. Also, be sure to bring all kinds of goodies for our new teachers to our first meeting.

This is a big year for Pi Chapter as we celebrate our 75th birthday! I have created an ad hoc committee with a wonderful group of ladies to work on and plan this celebration throughout the year, and Pat Aldridge has graciously volunteered to chair. Our new Xi State President has already accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker in May, so we will have many other chapters in attendance at our May Banquet.

DKG shirts will be available for purchase at our September meeting. They are \$15, and we have a selection of red or gray.

On a personal note, September is also the month of the American Heart Walk in Knoxville, TN. The Clinton High School National Honor Society has been participating in the walk for the past couple of years, and it is definitely for a good cause. If you would like to join us this year, the walk takes place on Sunday, September 24th at World’s Fair Park.

See you soon!

Rhonda



Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....Rhonda Phillips
1st VPPatsye Thurmon
2nd VP Reita Yadon
Recording Sec.....Amy Graham
Corres. Sec.....Lee Ann Eaves
Parliamentarian.....April Perry
Treasurer Kathleen Benedict
Editor /Webmaster.....Pat Stonecipher

Tuesday, September 5, 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Hostesses

Officers (will provide KFC Chicken)
Members should bring a covered dish
to share

Program

Potluck Picnic
Assemble New Teacher Bags

Business

Convention Reports

Remember to Bring

Pot-Luck Dish
Dues
Items for New Teacher Bags
Change for Change Donations
Box Tops for Education

If you have a DKG t-shirt, please wear it to the September meeting!

Wear your official DKG pin or pay fifty cents.



Pi Chapter Local News

TREASURER'S "TIDBITS" \$\$\$\$\$ September

In order to minimize the time I talk at meetings, I thought that I might include in the newsletter some thoughts that you would find of interest. Hope these help! Kathleen Benedict

Renew Your Delta Kappa Gamma Membership – 2016-2017

Join Pi Chapter for another exciting year of projects, meals, speakers, and fulfilling a mission and vision for key women educators. Pi Chapter needs YOU!

You impact education — renew your membership today.



Annual dues will remain \$85.00. We are fortunate to be able to do this!

Each year, some members have generously and voluntarily given an extra \$15.00 with the annual dues (for a total of \$100.00) with the extra 15.00 applied to the Recruitment Grant-in-Aide. If you wish to do this, I will list this donation in the Treasurer's Report as I usually do.

I am happy to offer you the following options for paying dues by November 10:

1. Mailing dues to me – Kathleen Benedict/P.O. Box 355/Knoxville, TN 37901
2. Paying dues in full or in payments at the September, October, or November meeting.
3. Paying dues electronically with credit or debit card at the September, October or November meeting. A \$2.35 bank fee will be added to the credit or debit card.

Obviously, the sooner you can pay your dues or alert me that you intend to pay, the better! Then, I will know how to plan our finances and forms. **I will and have worked with anyone, in any way I need to, in order to help you, but I need to know**

that you do intend to pay membership dues for 2016-2017 in order to be a member!

In the event that you must decide to drop your membership from DKG, please write Pi Chapter President Rhonda Phillips (6207 Jim Fox Lane/Powell, TN 37849) a letter to explain your wishes.

Thank you so much for attending to this important matter.

Your Treasurer,

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Check Out Your Member Benefits:

- ✓ Fellowship and Networking with other key educators around the world; DKG Publications
- ✓ Leadership Roles and training. Access to the DKG Social Network.
- ✓ Opportunities to impact education worldwide. Scholarships for academic study and projects.
- ✓ Professional environment for presenting and publishing.

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Joys and Concerns

Condolences to Felecia Reynolds on the passing of her mother, Nora Newport, on August 25. Mrs. Newport was 96 years old.

Happy August Birthdays to: Karen Long (4th), Janie Jackson (13th), Caroline McGaha (16th), Vicky Curtis (27th), Rhonda Phillips (30th).

Happy September Birthdays to: Angela (Hoppy) Merryman (6th), Kate Roovers (14th), Terri Gilbert (22nd), Judy Miller (23rd), Marilyn Buckner and Kay Porter (27th), Patsy Thurmon (29th)

Please let us know if you or another sister has had a health related problem so that we may let the chapter members know.



Dates to Remember

October 3, 2017

Pi Chapter Meeting

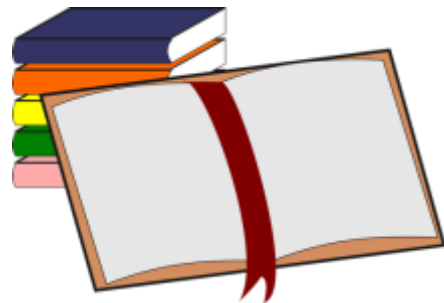
November 7, 2017

Pi Chapter Meeting

December 5, 2017

Pi Chapter Meeting

Interested in traveling to England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland in June 2018? Please check out the tour at www.eftours.com/1914380vd. If you have any questions, please let Rhonda Phillips know.



Reminder – We need your help!

We are in need of copies of past yearbooks, pictures or scrapbooks that could be included in digitizing Pi chapter's history. We especially need more yearbooks from past years. Please contact Ann Gann if you can help! (adgann@comcast.net)

**Moments from May Meeting
Founders' Day Banquet**



NiKi Blaylock, UT Intern



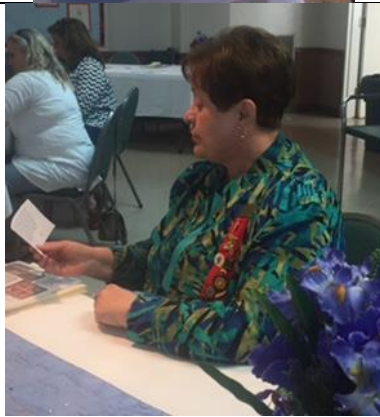
Kathleen Benedict



**Dr. Sherrie Collins
Xi State Representative**



Caroline McGaha



Program on the Founding of Delta Kappa Gamma



**2017 Scholarship Winners
Rhonda Phillips and April Perry present awards**

**Congratulations to Vera Jo
Henegar!**

Vera Jo has been selected to the LMU Educators' Hall of Fame. She will be inducted on Saturday afternoon, October 14 at 3:00 in the auditorium of the Lincoln Museum in Harrogate. Anyone interested is invited to attend the induction ceremony and the reception that follows.



**Xi State Convention
June 1 – 3, 2017
University of the South, Sewanee, TN**



Pi Chapter Attendees at Xi State (in the Chapel at Sewanee) Ann Gann, Kathy Hurst, Kathleen Benedict, Pat Aldridge, Diane Alsop

Pi Chapter Attendees at Xi State: Kathleen Benedict, Kelly Williams, Kate Roovers, Diane Alsop, Ann Gann, Vera Jo Henegar, Kathy Hurst, Pat Aldridge (not pictured Pat Stonecipher)



Elaine Alexander (Alpha Epsilon, Oak Ridge) and Ann Gann (Pi, Anderson County) at the SERC Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. Elaine is the newly elected Xi State Corresponding Secretary. Ann is the newly elected Xi State Recording Secretary.

Congratulations to Kate Roover!

Kate received the Evangeline Hartsook scholarship(\$1,250) at the Xi State Convention to help further her education.



**Xi State News
International News**



**2017-2019
Xi State Officers
(our own Ann
Gann is the
Recording
Secretary!)**

Interested in serving on a Xi State Committee?

If you would like to broaden your service to DKG, please consider volunteering to serve on a Xi State Committee. Contact Elaine Alexander (elaineGalexander@comcast.net) for more information or go to <http://www.xistate.org> to download the form. Look for the section labeled 17-19 Committee Sign-ups.)

Important Dates from Xi State

June 7-9, 2018 Xi State Convention, Sewanee

Important Dates from International

**July 16-20 International Convention
Austin, TX**