



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

- President.....Diane Alsop
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP .....Amanda Powers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

May 2, Founders Day and our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, seems now to be long ago. The fellowship, the food, the decorations, and Becky Sadowski’s speech were all standouts, but there are two standouts about which you probably don’t know. First, the abundant purple flowers flowing beautifully from the hanging baskets did not come from a high-end florist like I assumed, but instead from seeds planted by Kathy Hurst and her grandson, Ty. Unbelievable! In addition, Oak Ridge’s chapter, Alpha Epsilon, presented us with a birthday card and a check for \$80.00, one dollar for each of our birthday years. Such an appreciated gesture!

Since then, many of our members have been active. Six of us went to the TNSO Convention at Sewanee in June. Patsye received The Order of the Rose, Abbi was recognized for receiving International and State scholarships totaling \$9,000, and Pi received the highest Maycie Chapter Excellence Award. Also in June, Vikki Burns researched and found the best option for once again buying enough bags for new teachers to use at the Teacher Depot during the next several years and for this year’s 65 ACS new teachers and the 26 in CSS. We also received permission from International to include the official DKG logo on the bags. In addition, the executive board and the finance committee met to make plans for the next year.

If you are a committee chair and would like to meet with your committee members, please let them know that time during the October meeting will be available for that. Some of committees have already started planning for the coming year and will get those plans in motion in October.

Our next meeting, September 5, will be a covered dish dinner with the executive board providing the main entrées, drinks, ice, and paper goods. The members of the executive board are the officers and the parliamentarian. I always look forward to the covered dishes; we have some excellent cooks. Please arrive before and be ready to eat at 5:00 p.m. In October, we will have, as usual, an Italian dinner provided by the executive board with donations collected for the two high school grants.

If you are not receiving email correspondence from International, it’s probably because you are using your school address. We’ve included information about this before in our newsletter, but recently they have started deleting school email addresses if they bounce back. You can update with a personal email at [dkg.org](mailto:dkg.org). While you are updating, look at other options you have that may not be checked, but in which you may want to participate. The recent improvements made to International’s website are amazing. If you haven’t used the resources there lately, you will be impressed by the changes and additions.

TNSO President Marsha Brewer’s logo contains the words “In Harmony.” She will be our keynote speaker in May. More about this dynamic lady will be shared as we move forward. Dr. Elaine Vaughan, our 2021-2023 state president, used “From the Heart” in her logo. I love both people and both expressions. See you soon!

In harmony,  
Diane

### Tuesday, September 5, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist  
Church – Fellowship Hall

**Bring a covered dish!**

**Inspiration**

**Program**

TN Achieves

**Business**

Committee Reports



## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

#### **Happy September Birthday to:**

Kate Roovers (14th), Terri Gilbert (22nd), Judy Miller (23rd), Marilyn Buckner (27th), Lorrie Irwin (28<sup>th</sup>), Patsye Thurmon (29th)

**Congratulations to:** Lorrie Irwin's granddaughter, Rhonda Margaret Powers, 7 lb., 4oz., has arrived! Darian and Taylor Powers are her proud parents. Lorrie and her husband, Ron, just got back from Austin where they were able to meet this beautiful little bundle. Very exciting times for all!

Peggy Stooksbury is back with us. Yay! She has agreed to be on Pi Chapter's TNSO Essay Committee. I'm sure we will try to tap in on some of her energy in other areas as well.

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Abbi Hill completed her Ed.S from Lincoln Memorial this summer! Her hard work has paid off! Congratulations, Abbi!

Becky Sadowski recently received the 2023 International Achievement Award. Congratulations, Becky, our fellow Tennessean. You are very deserving of this honor!

**Prayers need to continue** for many of our members and their husbands. Most recently:

Paula Campbell who has had and continues to have diagnostic testing.

Rachel Pemberton is dealing with breast cancer.

Alan, Vicky Curtis's husband, who will be leaving UT Hospital and is hoping to go home at the end of this week with Home Health Care.

Dick, Susan Jonely's husband, who has a lingering illness.



## Pi Chapter Local News



### Future Programs

**October** – CHS Greenhouse  
**November** – Katherine Birkback, Historic Downtown Clinton  
**December** – ACCTC Culinary Arts  
**January** – Kelly Johnson, Clinton City Schools  
**February** – Junior Achievement/Aspire Park  
**March** – TBA  
**April** – CHS Jazzy Dragons  
**May** – Founders' Day, Marsha Brewer

### 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.

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### Pictures Needed!

I need pictures from several of our members. If you are a new member, please send a to me at [bburns07@comcast.net](mailto:bburns07@comcast.net). Please check with me at the September meeting to see if you are one of the “missing” pictures people!

*Submitted by: Vikki Burns*

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

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

**Membership** Pat Aldridge (Chair), Abbi Hill, Sara Idzik, Felecia Reynolds, Paula Tackett, Lorrie Irwin, Vicki Bible, 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), 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), Peggy Stooksbury, 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

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### Spotlight on Members Patsye Thurmon

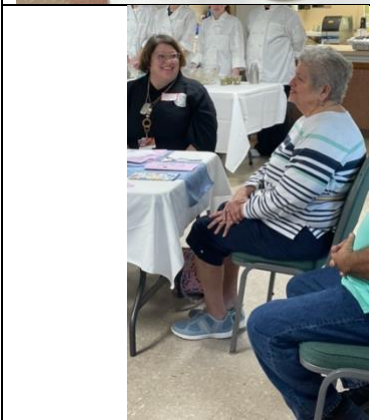
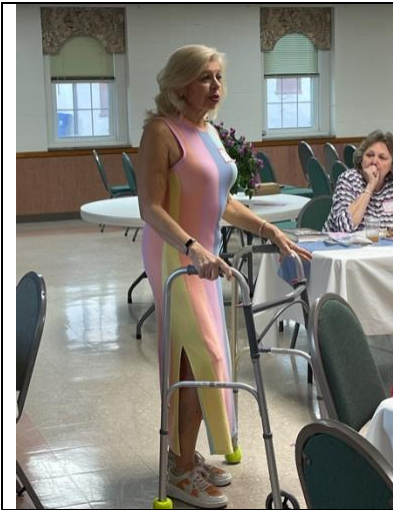
Patsye Thurmon recently received the Order of the Rose award from Tennessee State Delta Kappa Gamma.....



# Moments from Founders' Day, 2023



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## State and International News

The Connection Survey is due **September 30, 2023**.

The Chapter Strengthening Committee has released the link to the Connection Survey for 2023. Chapters may earn the Connection Award certificate for completing the survey by **Saturday, September 30, 2023**. Please use the following link to earn your Maycie Points and the Connection Award certificate:

<https://forms.gle/rP1T2rDksTsLrrNkH6>

### Videos of Chapter Projects (Ongoing)

The STATE PRESIDENT is asking that you make a video of your chapter service projects for this next biennium. Please begin your video with a greeting, chapter name and location, and a few words about the project. Then just shoot some footage of your chapter and/or community members involved, and then finished product. The vision is for the videos to be showcased in “A Day of Service *In Harmony*” at some point during the year. Details will be discussed at the Conference for Committee Planning and the details will be shared at a later date!

## State and International News

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DUE DATES

**September 15-16, 2023** – State Conference for Committee Planning

**September 15, 2023** – Nominations for International Office

**September 15, 2023** – Deadline for submissions to International Arts  
and Humanities Gallery

**September 30, 2023** – Connection Survey due

**November 1, 2023** – DKGIEF Cornetet 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, 2024** – International Scholarship application due

**May 30-June 1, 2024** – TNSO Convention in Sewanee, TN

**July 9-13, 2024** – DKG International Convention in National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

