



Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Sisters,

We were so excited to finally be able to plan our first in-person meeting during our biennium. We were planning to have WIFI access for those who didn't feel comfortable meeting in-person, but the plans were 'set' so we thought for those attending in person to bring their own bag dinner and we would meet as normal (or close to normal) with plans to continue in October with a real meal to be hosted/served for those attending. Unfortunately, the pandemic and actions/inactions beyond our control have created a situation that has resulted in our decision to meet via Zoom for the September meeting.

As we continue this practice of meeting via Zoom, we are aware that several of you have not been able to make the virtual option work for you. We apologize and want to help if we can. We will be making calls to those who have not been attendance to the meetings during the past year to see what we can offer to assist those faces and voices we have missed. At this point it appears that Zoom meetings may remain the norm for a while longer.

As we look toward the coming months and what we were planning to accomplish, we have decided to step back and look at the feasibility of the projects we had hoped to be able to finish/resume, begin, and initiate. We will be opening these ideas up for suggestions at the September meeting.

On the good news front, Pi Chapter did provide funding for the ACS New Teacher Institute in July and also distributed the tote bags for all new teachers in both Anderson County and Clinton City Schools. A total of seventy-nine bags were handed out to new teachers! The tote bags, if you recall, are emblazoned with the Teacher Depot logo and are intended for the new teachers to utilize on their 'shopping trips' to the Teacher Depot. The Teacher Depot is typically open four to five times each year, usually at the beginning of the semesters for all teachers to pick-up various supplies for their students, and themselves, in the classroom.

Pi Chapter is well represented by several of our sisters on State Committee's for this Biennium (2021-2023). Thank you for volunteering to serve on these committees.

- Awards: Pat Aldridge, Vikki Burns, and Abbi Hill
 - By-Laws and Rules: Kathleen Benedict and Ann Gann
 - Membership: Diane Alsop
 - Nominations: Ann Gann
- (Continued on next page)*



**Tuesday, September 7,
2021**

Zoom Meeting
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration
Linda McCune

Program
Committee Reports

Business

Invitation to September meeting:

VIKKI BURNS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The link for the Zoom meeting is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84781236757?pwd=SHBVaGFoait3eTFEWEFmMjhUUUdDdz09>

Meeting ID: 847 8123 6757
 Passcode: kUny1L

Pi Chapter Local News

Finally, as a recap on the State Convention, we had a large delegation of representation for Pi Chapter. Diane Alsop (2020) and Rhonda Phillips (2021) were recognized and awarded the "Order of the Rose". We (Abbi and Vikki) were recognized as co-presidents of Pi Chapter. Ann Gann and Kathleen Benedict also represented Pi Chapter in fulfilling their duties on state committees during the past biennium. Others attending included Laura Fitzgerald Phillips, Katherine Hurst, and Pat Aldridge. The host hotel for the Convention turned out to be wonderful. All the meetings and activities for XI State were conducted on one floor that was easily navigated and the meal service was excellent during the Convention. We also had a positive experience on the rooftop bar...what a view of downtown Nashville!

We do hope we see you at the meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 5:00.

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Abbi and Vikki

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to: Stephanie and Steve Reynolds have a new granddaughter! Stephenie and Brandon have a new baby girl. Lennox Breyn Crowley was born 7-12-21. We are very excited about this new addition to our family. Also continued prayers for Steve.

Happy September Birthdays to: Kate Roovers (14th), Terri Gilbert (22nd), Judy Miller (23rd), Melanie McDaniel (24th), Marilyn Buckner and Kay Porter (27th), Patsye 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.

Please let Pat Stonecipher (patstonecipher@att.net) know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

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>)
- Judy Miller wrote, "The Global Pandemic is not over. Please get vaccinated!"

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Join us for our virtual Pi Chapter meeting on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** Please refer to the first page of the newsletter for information and the link!

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

Treasurer's Report

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!



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!

August 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

kbbenedict21@yahoo.com

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	5,252.84
Deposits [All dues, donations for fiscal year 2021-2022].....	+ 3,061.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 1,964.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	6,349.84

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 332.17

Beginning Balance 08-30-2021 + 300.00 Member Donations A. Gann, P. Stonecipher, P. Thurmon, V. Burns, S. Idzik, K. Petrick, L. VanC, L. McC, P. Tackett, T. Gilbert, D. Conley, L. Phillips, A. K. Graham, K. Benedict, F. Reynolds, A. Brown, P. Aldridge, P. Allen, V. Curtis, A. Hill, J. Miller, D. Alsop, S. Jonely, K. Hurst, A. Powers, L. Swisher, H. Johnson = 332.17

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund 3,380.00

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

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* 0.01

Balance 08-30-2021 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10

Balance 08-30-2021 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 146.24

Balance 08-30-2021 102.24 + 44.00 Member Donations (F. Reynolds, P. Aldridge, J. Miller) = 146.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 2,193.32

(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 08-30-2021 = 1,440.32 + 86.00 Schools for Africa donations (T. Gilbert, D. Conley, A. Brown, P. Aldridge), + 2,631.00 dues deposited for 2021-2022 fiscal year - 1,964.00 dues paid to DKG International and TN State Organization (See complete list of disbursements on next page.) = 2,193.32

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 6,349.84

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 06-30-2021 = 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.]

Complete List of Disbursements for August:

- \$175.00 Anderson County Schools for breakfast New Teacher Meal(ECE Committee – budgeted item)
- 1,080.00 DKG International dues for 27 active members Order #28747
- 378.00 TN State Organization DKG member dues Order #28747
- 27.00 DKG TN State Organization Scholarship fees
- 60.00 DKG International dues Order #29422
- 21.00 TN State Organization dues Order #29422
- 2.00 TN State Organization Scholarship fees
- 40.00 DKG International dues Order #29599
- 14.00 TN State Organization dues Order #29599
- 40.00 DKG International dues Order #29707

- 14.00 TN State Organization dues Order #29707
- 40.00 DKG International dues Order #29708
- 14.00 TN State Organization dues Order #29708
- 40.00 DKG International dues Order #29757
- 14.00 TN State Organization dues Order #29757
- 5.00 TN State Organization Scholarship fees

Total - \$1,964.00

May and June 2021 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PI CHAPTER

TREASURE'S REPORT

KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	5,717.04
Deposits	+ 352.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 816.20
ENDING BALANCE.....	5,252.84

TOTALS IN EACH FUND

Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) 32.17

Beginning Balance 06-30-2021 32.17

Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund + 100.00 gift from Kathy Kester 3,380.00

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

Xi State Convention Fund for First Time Attendees* 0.01

Balance 06-30-2021 580.00 – 193.33 V. Burns; -193.33 L. Phillips; -193.33 A. Hill = 0.01

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

Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.) 298.10

Balance 06-30-2021 = 298.10

Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant Fund (Funded by donations.) 102.24

Balance 06-30-2021 102.24

AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 1,440.32

(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.) Beginning balance 06-30-2021 = 1,424.53 + 252.00 collected money for May meal – 214.21 reimbursement to V. Burns for May meal; -22.00 stamps U. S. Post Office = 1,440.32

TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT..... 5,252.84

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[This fund part of the Regular Fund.]

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Dues/Donations 2021-2022

(Must be held separately, for accounting purposes, until July 1, 2021)

<u>February Dues Payments</u>	<u>Grant-in-Aide Donations</u>
1. Ann Gann	15.00
2. Pat Stonecipher	15.00
3. Patsye Thurmon	15.00
<u>255.00 dues</u>	<u>45.00 Grant-in-Aide</u>

March Dues Payments

4. Vikki Burns	15.00
5. Sara Idzik	15.00
6. Krista Petrick	12.00
7. Lucy Van Cleve	15.00

340.00 dues **52.00 Grant-in-Aide Schools for Africa**

April Dues Payments

8. Linda McCune	15.00	
9. Paula Tackett	15.00	
10. Teri Gilbert	15.00	12.00
11. Deckie Conley	15.00	27.00
12. Laura Phillips	15.00	
13. Amy K. Graham	15.00	
14. Kathleen Benedict	15.00	
15. Kate Roovers		
680.00 dues	105.00	39.00

Grand Total 04-30-2021

Dues \$1,275.00 / Grant-in-Aide Donations 105.00 / Schools for Africa 39.00

<u>May/June/July/Aug</u>	Dues	Grant	Schools for Africa	Hazel McCreary
16. Felecia Reynolds	85.00	15.00		20.00
17. Ann Brown	85.00	15.00	12.00	
18. Pat Aldridge	85.00	15.00	35.00	12.00
19. Pam Allen	85.00	15.00		
20. Vicky Curtis	85.00	15.00		
21. Abbi Hill	85.00	15.00		
22. Judy Miller	85.00	15.00		12.00
23. Diane Alsop	85.00	15.00		
24. Susan Jonely	85.00	15.00		
25. Kathy Hurst	85.00	15.00		
26. Paula Campbell	85.00			
27. Amanda Powers	85.00	15.00		
28. Mildred Mauney	27.00			
29. Lisa Swisher	85.00	15.00		
30. Hazel Johnson	85.00	15.00		
31. Kay Porter	85.00			
32. Mary Ruth Cook	27.00			
33. Louise Childress	27.00			

Totals

Dues \$2,631.00 Grant 300.00 Schools for Africa 86.00 Hazel McCreary 44.00
In Aides Classroom Grants

Pi Chapter Local News

Local Pi Chapter DKG Educators Honored

Congratulations to three Anderson County educators, both members of Pi Chapter, who were recently honored by the TN Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a society for key women educators. **Diane Alsop**, Oak Ridge City retired teacher/principal and **Rhonda Phillips**, current Clinton High School English teacher, were awarded the Order the Rose Award in Nashville at the State Convention, TN State Organization DKG. The Order of the Rose annually honors those members who have made outstanding contributions to chapter and community. Diane has chaired most of the committees of Pi Chapter and attends not only workshops but yearly conventions. Diane was recognized as an excellent educator in the Oak Ridge School System and the greater East TN area. She instituted many innovative summer, after school and in school programs such as Young Authors Camp, Career Camp, Black History Club and presented a series of workshops to parents entitled “Parents As Reading Teachers” - all in the interest of helping further the development of the young minds left to her care. She continues to this day educating the community as a docent at Coal Creek Miners Museum in Rocky Top, TN. Rhonda begins her 26th year of teaching English at Clinton High School this year. During this time, Rhonda has initiated curricular changes, taught at all levels, all grades, worked in cross-discipline courses as well as serving as an evaluator and District Team Member. She has guided the drama students, cheerleaders, dance team, sponsored the annual and creative publications, and acted as advisor of the National Honor Society. In Pi Chapter, Rhonda had served on various committees, served as President, attended workshops and state conventions. Pi Chapter member **Terri Gilbert**, retired English teacher, Clinton High School, submitted two acrylic paintings, “Alabama Falls” and “Mabry Mills” for judging in a nationally recognized contest for DKG. Ms. Gilbert’s paintings were accepted for publication and display in the DKG Art Gallery in New York.



Pi Chapter Local News

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

2021-2023 Tennessee State Organization Committees Member Spotlight

Awards: Vikki Burns, Abbi Hill, Pat Aldridge

By-laws and Rules: Ann Gann and Kathleen Benedict

Membership: Diane Alsop

Nominations: Ann Gann

Anniversaries for September:

Kathleen Benedict 22 years

Ann Gann 22 years



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.

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Remember!!

Pi Chapter Committees for 2020-2022 Biennium

Society Business

Archives/Scrapbook Amy Graham (Chair), Lisa Smith, Melanie McDaniel, Jennifer Taylor, Rachel Pemberton

Communications/Publicity Pat Stonecipher, Linda McCune, Lisa Swisher

Finance Deckie Conley (Chair), Ann Brown, Diane Alsop, ExOfficio Members: Kathleen Benedict, Treasurer; Vikki Burns and Abbi Hill (Co-Presidents)

Membership Sara Idzak and Amanda Powers (Co-Chairs), Joan Vick, Paula Tackett, Paula Campbell

Nominations Pat Aldridge (Chair), Amy Graham, Kathy Hurst, Amanda Powers

Rules Kate Roovers (Chair), Ann Gann, Brenda Phillips, Pat Aldridge, April Perry

Society Mission and Purposes

Educational Excellence (EEC) Susan Jonely (Chair), Laura Boden, Laura Phillips, Mary Pat Williams, Patsye Thurmon, and Sally Suttles

Legislative Susan Fowler and April Perry (Co-Chairs), Susan Jonely, Felicia Reynolds, Rhonda Phillips

Pi Chapter Projects and Chapter Events (CIEC, HS Essay, Literacy) Marilyn Buckner and Krista Petrick (Co-Chairs), Janie Jackson, Deckie Conley, and Pam Allen

Scholarships/Grants Judy Miller (Chair), Terri Gilbert, Rhonda Phillips, Amanda Powers, Sara Idzik



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

Pi Chapter Local News



Spotlight on Members Louise Childress

Pi Chapter's Louise Childress Still Making A Difference!

Pi Chapter member Louise Childress was recently featured in two articles by Ann Trail Campbell in the Courier News highlighting the “magic” she brought to Briceville Elementary School some 50 years ago. Mrs. Campbell recalls of Mrs. Childress, “It didn’t take too long before I knew even at such a young age that I was amid greatness...She taught us so many techniques for creating art. She brought music to life. With every class she made me fall deeper and deeper in love with the arts. All the children loved her, and it wasn’t only for her ability to draw, sing, and paint, but for her love and compassion.”

At the end of each school year, many of the students would ask Mrs. Childress to “hang on to my artwork for me”, Mrs. Campbell said. Louise Childress would and did. She stored them in her attic, for years and years. Recently, she began to clear out her attic gave all the saved artwork from her Briceville students to the Briceville Library to display and be claimed by their owners! Mrs. Campbell notes, “Lord knows how many pieces of art there actually are in the attic. Hundreds. Thousands.” “Each work of art represents a sort of journey; a blossoming of a child’s belief in themselves.”

One former student, Katie (Leinart) Walker, who visited the Briceville Library to reclaim her art said, “I don’t even remember second grade, but I remember Mrs. Childress. She was just a wonderful teacher.”

“Every single piece of art sitting in Briceville Library – every single piece of art Louise Childress promised to safeguard for her students – has a story behind it.”

Mrs. Campbell ends her article with this sentiment, spoken, it seems, for all the many Briceville Elementary School students she taught through the years, “Thank you for shaping each of our lives in some way lovely lady. You will be forever pressed into the memories we hold so dear.”

Pi Chapter sisters are so proud of our sister, Louise Childress, who epitomizes the best of our profession and the ideals of a Delta Kappa Gamma key woman educator!

Read entire articles!

[The Courier News \(mycouriernews.com\)](http://mycouriernews.com)

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State and International News

Upcoming Events

September 18, 2021 – Tennessee State Leadership Conference for Committee Planning (Nashville, invitation only)

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

July 12—16 International Convention (New Orleans)

2021—2023 Tennessee State Officer Team

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