



# Pi Chapter Newsletter

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2020-2022**

**Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders**

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Dear Sisters,

During this spring and summer, many Pi Chapter members began preparing for the new biennium. A group attended the State Leadership Training that took place at Oak Ridge High School in April. Ann Gann and Kathleen were presenters. Then in June, Pat Aldridge, Kathleen Benedict, Vikki Burns, Ann Gann, Abbi Hill, and I attended the TNSO DKG Convention in Sewanee. Ann and Kathleen transported a display created by Amy Graham that received accolades from other attendees.

The Executive Board met in July to make plans for the first part of the year and beyond. The Committee to Digitize Historical Documents met twice, once to revisit the Google Drive where they have already housed many of the documents and once to clean out the DKG cabinet in the fellowship hall with the dual purposes of organizing materials and locating additional historical documents.

Amanda Powers, first vice president, arranged for some excellent programs to which the executive board also made contributions. Amanda researched whether we need to provide babysitting and found that at this time those services are not necessary. Pat Stonecipher and Chelsi Meredith met to plan for the services provided by the Communications/Publicity Committee, and Pat made submissions to the State History Committee's archives and Tennessee DKG News. Vikki Burns, second vice president, has been at work on the yearbook and membership directory. During her just completed tenure as second vice president, Linda McCune designed a yearbook template and shared it across the state making life easier for so many others this year. Chelsi Meredith has been working on giving anyone who would like a new DKG T-shirt a variety of options. Others in our chapter graciously accepted leadership positions on the executive board, as chairs of committees, as committee members, and unofficially as mentors to each other.

There were many highlights at Sewanee, but the most outstanding one for us was when Abbi was presented the Rosebud Award. The State Awards Committee, Vikki and Pat Aldridge included, kept the recipient's identity a secret which made the announcement even more exciting. There is only one Rosebud each year, so it is quite an honor.

Anderson County and Clinton City new teachers appreciated the Teacher Supply Depot tote bags. The ACS new teachers listened to information about DKG and some of opportunities available at the local, state, and international levels. It was nice that Rhonda was there as a facilitator and was able to add comments. Anderson County Schools needed 90 tote bags, and Clinton City Schools required 17. Only 14 bags remain.

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**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

5:00 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

**Bring a covered dish for our Tailgate Party! (Collegiate themed clothing optional.)**

**Inspiration**

Linda McCune

**Program**

“Hawk Time” Kevin Powers  
Clinton Middle School

**Business**

Committee Reports



## Pi Chapter Local News

There are some other potential avenues for new teacher support and community needs: individual donation(s) of canned meats for the food pantry at Memorial United Methodist Church at the November meeting which is right before the holiday season, a donation or other help to an individual chapter in Kentucky for relief from recent flooding that severely damaged an elementary school or a donation given to Kentucky State DKG to be used for flood relief, and help for the Anderson County New Teacher Institute held in January or help with retention efforts made during the year. Other ideas?

The TNSO DKG Essay Contest has been broadened to include grades three through five. This expansion has added ten more schools. Marilyn Buckner and committee are going to meet this newest challenge while also serving the four middle schools included previously. Pi Chapter's 80th Birthday Celebration will be held on Founders' Day in May 2023. International President Becky Sadowski, who completed her two-year term on June 30, 2022, will be the guest speaker. As of July 1, she has transitioned from the presidency to being an International Board member. The 2022 TNSO Convention program book listed Pi Chapter and Omicron Chapter as hostesses for the Birthday Brunch on June 3, 2023. Whatever plans made for Pi's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday will be incorporated for use at the Birthday Brunch, so the timing is perfect.

Our next two chapter meetings will highlight DKG's seventh purpose which is to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. In September, Kevin Powers will speak about Hawk Time, a program at Clinton Middle School that provides enrichment and intervention for students that has resulted in a greater interest in attending high school. Since Covid, the dropout problem and mental health issues of some students has exacerbated; knowledge of a successful program that diminishes these issues should provide some applicable insight beyond the parameters of this one program. In October, Jim Dodson, a District 33 Tennessee State House of Representatives candidate and a middle school teacher in his 37th year, will speak about what his hopes are if elected. Jim's many honors and accomplishments are detailed online. John Ragan's history in the legislature is also available on the web. Both have an internet presence worthy of perusal.

During the past two days, two separate members on two different occasions have quoted the adage having to do with many hands making light work but in their own words. That seems fortuitous. Here's to a year of new beginnings and the continuation of past successes brought to fruition by many hands!

Diane



### Future Programs

**October** – Jim Dodson, Candidate for District 33 Tennessee House of Representatives

**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/ 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration with Becky Sadowski

## Pi Chapter Local News

### Joys and Concerns

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

**Joys to:**

Shannon Ramsey's marriage to Matt Cramblitt on June 4

Shannon Cramblitt's new preschool teaching position at Norwood Elementary

April Perry's new position at Oak Ridge High School

Brenda Phillips's and Mary Pat William's reinstated membership in Pi Chapter

Successful trip to San Diego for students in Denise Houdeschell's class

Denise's students "want to come share and want DKG to visit."

Soon to be completed, Terri Gilbert's website with her paintings from the last eighteen months

**Happy September Birthdays to:** Kate Roovers (14<sup>th</sup>), Terri Gilbert (22<sup>nd</sup>), Judy Miller (23<sup>rd</sup>), Marilyn Buckner (27<sup>th</sup>), Patsye Thurmon (29<sup>th</sup>)

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 ([stonecipherp@gmail.com](mailto:stonecipherp@gmail.com)) or Chelsi Meredith ([cdmeredith2014@gmail.com](mailto:cdmeredith2014@gmail.com)) 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 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.

## Pi Chapter Local News

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be sample products available at the September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> meetings. If you would like to make an order, please contact Chelsi Meredith at (865) 304-0490 or [atcdmeredith2014@gmail.com](mailto:atcdmeredith2014@gmail.com).



Note: If your committee has anything to report, please submit it to Pat Stonecipher ([stonecipherp@gmail.com](mailto:stonecipherp@gmail.com)) or Chelsi Meredith ([cdmeredith2014@gmail.com](mailto: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.....	<b>4,754.39</b>
<b>Deposits</b> .....	<b>+ 710.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 606.92
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>4,857.47</b>

**TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 0.00**

Balance 06-30-2022 Beginning Balance: 0.00

<b><u>Vera Jo Henegar Scholarship Fund</u></b> .....	<b>3,324.17</b>
3,224.17 + <b>100.00 given by Ann Gann in Memory of her friend Liz Petty</b> = 3,324.17	
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 06-30-2022 0.01 [Includes Gifts In Memory of Joe Tackett, husband of Paula]

<b><u>Discretionary Fund (Funded by donations.)</u></b> .....	<b>298.10</b>
Balance 06-30-2022 = 298.10	

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

Balance 06-30-2022

<b><u>AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND</u></b> .....	<b>1,088.95</b>
<b><u>(Member dues, collected each year, fund a budget for this fund.)</u></b> 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 = 1,088.95	

**TOTAL MONEY IN ACCOUNT**..... **4,857.47**

**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 04-30-2022 = 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.]

**Dues 2022-2023 and Donations**

(Deposited but records kept separately until July 1, 2022.)

Member	Dues	Grant	Schools for Africa	Other Fund?
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**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

**MARCH**

6. Pat Aldridge 85.00 15.00 HMC
7. Ann Gann 85.00 15.00 20.00
8. Terri Gilbert 85.00 15.00
9. Laura Boden 85.00
10. Lucy Van Cleve 85.00 15.00

<b>Treasurer's Report (continued)</b>
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11. Paula Campbell	85.00		
12. Paula Tackett	85.00		
13. Deckie Conley	85.00	15.00	
14. Judy Miller	85.00	15.00	
15. Vikki Burns	85.00		15.00 HMC
16. Sara Idzik	85.00	15.00	25.00

Special Collection March Meeting Schools for Africa 46.00 + 45.00 + 10.00 = 91.00

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17. Kathleen Benedict	85.00		15.00 HMC
18. Marilyn Buckner Chapter Honorary			
19. Chelsi Meredith Collegiate Member			5.00 2022-2023
20. Mildred Mauney	27.00	RESERVE MEMBER	
21. Kristen Petrik	27.00	RESERVE MEMBER	
22. Laura Phillips	85.00	15.00	
23. Louise Childress	27.00	10.00	13.00HMC
24. Mary Ruth Cook	27.00	15.00	
25. Kathy Hurst	85.00		15.00 HMC
26. Felecia Reynolds	85.00	15.00	
27. Ann Brown	85.00	15.00	

APRIL

28. Abbi Hill	85.00	15.00	
29. Pam Allen	85.00		

MAY

30. Vicky Curtis	85.00	15.00	
31. Rhonda Phillips	85.00		
32. Lisa H. Smith	85.00		
33. Denise Houdeschell	85.00		
34. Amy K. Graham	85.00		
35. Kate Roovers	85.00		
36. Lisa Swisher	85.00	15.00	
37. Shannon C. Ramsey Crambritt	85.00	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)

40. Brenda Phillips	85.00		
41. Sally Suttle	85.00		
42. April Perry	85.00	15.00	



## Treasurer's Report (continued)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT KATHLEEN BENEDICT, TREASURER

[kbbenedict21@yahoo.com](mailto:kbbenedict21@yahoo.com)

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	4,857.47
<b>Deposits</b> .....	+ 3,586.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	- 2,028.00
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>6,415.47</b>

### **TOTALS IN EACH FUND**

**Grant-in-Aide Fund (Funded by donations and fundraisers) ..... 340.00**

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!

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

**AVAILABLE REGULAR FUND..... 2,233.95**

**(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

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## Pi Chapter Local News

DKG Sisters,

I cannot express my gratitude enough. Our trip to San Diego was such a wonderful experience. I could say so many things but I think this experience can be best described by our 2022-2023 President Kaitlyn Meredith.

“While competing at FCCLA NLC I learned that it's always nice to keep a smile on your face and to be a helping hand, whether you are competing or just helping. As you learn and grow you will meet people along the way in need of help. Whether that's giving them a smile and wishing them luck or helping them get from point A to point B, the smallest gestures can mean the most. Since Freshman year FCCLA has impacted my life, and the more I grow and change the more FCCLA helps me along the way. I look forward to more growth next year, and dread my final goodbye. FCCLA is a life changer, and I am so grateful to be a part of something so great. I cannot wait to see what FCCLA can do for our future, it's going to be amazing!”

From all FCCLA members we say THANK YOU!

Denise Houdeschelle





## Pi Chapter Local News

### 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



### **Spotlight on Members** Abbi Hill

Abbi Hill has been a shining star recruit to Pi Chapter since her induction in 2018! She immediately jumped in to take on committee assignments and volunteered to help with large or small tasks to further the mission of DKG, Pi Chapter. She is a leader in her school, in her community and in Pi Chapter. She agreed to be Co-President early in her membership and has shown brilliance and resilience through Covid challenges, snow, floods, and flu! Further, she has demonstrated leadership at the state level with committee work, making presentations, and interactions with TN State Organization leaders and members. It is rare to find a young person with all the skills to fit right in with an established, recognized organization and make a significant difference within 3-4 years, but Abbi has! Plus, during this time, she has gotten married, moved into a new home and learned all the techniques of Zoom to keep all of Pi Chapter “together” during Covid quarantine times. She is certainly a key woman educator and an ideal candidate for the 2022 Rosebud Award!

## State and International News

**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!

### **The Passionate Artist Within Us...Challenge Yourself to Unlock Your Talents and Share Them with Us (Click on link for more information.)**

<https://dkgsi.blogspot.com/2022/08/the-passionate-artist-within.html>



### **Personal Arts and Enrichment: Friday, September 30-Saturday, October 1**

The dates for the Creative Arts Retreat have been determined. *Arts from the Heart* will be at Woodson Church of Christ, 5800 Edmonson Pike, Brentwood, Tennessee on Friday, September 30-Saturday, October 1, 2022. Some of the sessions will be on flower arranging, card making, cookies, recycling bag purses, quilt coloring, and Zentangle. Attendees will register for classes on Friday night from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45 pm. Saturday morning sessions will start at 9:00 followed by lunch. After lunch, the Arts and Personal Enrichment Committee is encouraging participants to visit one of the historical areas around Nashville. Hotels in the Brentwood area (Old Hickory Blvd and I-65 area, Maryland Farms, or Cloverland/Wilson Pike) are close to Woodson Church of Christ. Registration for the Retreat will be open online at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) beginning September 1 and closing on September 21. The cost will be \$45.00 and includes musical entertainment, dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday, materials, and classes. Hope that you can all join us for this exciting event.

### ***September Virtual Events***

#### **New DKG**

#### **Presenters: Planning Committee**

**Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST**

Come and listen to New DKG members share their tips, experience, and advice when supporting new educators.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Chuny5ezYS1E7qfg6>

### **2021—2023 Tennessee State Officer Team**

President, Dr. Elaine Vaughan [mevaughan@ortn.edu](mailto:mevaughan@ortn.edu)

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