

Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Celebrate 2010-2012

I hope your summer was filled with all the activities you love. I enjoyed my busy summer of travel and family activities, but, I did NOT enjoy the constant high (HOT) temperatures. I am looking forward to the cooler fall weather and seeing my Pi sisters each month! We have a busy, fun-filled schedule for this year. Here are a few highlights:

- ❖ Dr. Kathy Harned, Xi State President, has chosen **Believe** as our 2011-2013 Biennium theme. She will be our guest speaker at our Founders' Day Banquet.
- ❖ For those on Facebook, be certain to follow Xi State events on Facebook [Delta Kappa Gamma – Xi State (Tennessee)]. Kathy, the Area Directors, and Committee Chairs will also have a blog/twitter site on the Xi State webpage soon.
- ❖ We have moved our fund raising meal/silent auction from October to November, giving us a little recovery time from having recently paid our dues.
- ❖ In October, Kathleen will share highlights/lessons from her trip to China.
- ❖ Our International Convention will be in *New York City, July 24 – 28, 2012*, at the New York Sheraton on 7th Avenue. I plan to be there to celebrate with Jensi and Xi State and want you to go too! Make a commitment and start saving your money now.
- ❖ We will develop a plan to support the Schools for Africa program, create a strategic plan and update our rules.
- ❖ All committees will review last year's annual report and establish goals for this year. Committee work is the bedrock of our Society.
- ❖ **BOX TOPS!** Clip and sort them, save them, bring them to meetings. We will collect box tops to help "fund" the Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant. Pi Chapter can give these box tops to our active Pi teachers who can turn them in for dollars. What an easy and exciting way to provide hundreds of dollars for classroom projects. Ask your friends to save them for you too. Thanks to Bobbye for this idea. You can see that we have a busy, exciting year. Our success depends on YOU. Mark the 1st Tuesday of the month as Pi night. Join your DKG sisters in the fun and the work of our chapter.

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Ann Gann
1 st VP	Joni Simmons
2 nd VP	Lisa Swisher
Recording Sec.	Rhonda Phillips
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September 6, 2011

Memorial United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.

Inspiration

Felecia Reynolds

Hostesses

Covered dish picnic. Bring a covered dish, officers will provide paper products, decorations, and beverages.

Program

Convention report/Committees meet to plan for the year.

YOU NEED TO BRING

- Covered dish to share
- Old, broken or unused gold (\$345 has been collected from donated items last Spring.
- \$85 Dues
- Exciting ideas for Pi Chapter

Wear your official DKG pin to or pay fifty cents.



PI CHAPTER DUES

Pi Chapter dues will be the same this year as last year. Although we are required to pay \$85, many member have chosen to include an additional \$15 as a donation to Pi Chapter programs and projects. This is up to each individual member, but you may want to think about it. In case you don't already know how this money is used...\$15 goes to Xi State for state programs, projects, and scholarships. \$40 goes to International to fund those programs and project. Donations from chapter and members fund projects such as the International Emergency Fund and the Leadership Development programs. Thirty dollars stays with Pi Chapter for our budget.

Joys and Concerns

Pat Aldridge, Ann Gann, Rita Hackler, Kathy Hurst, Joni Simmons, and Kelly White attended the Xi State Convention at the University of the South, June 9-11.

Rita Hackler and Vera Jo Henegar attended the SER Conference in Louisville, July 13-16.

Congratulations to **Kathy McGrew, Paula Tackett, and Lottie Bridges** on their retirement.

Condolences and prayers for **Vicky Curtis** in the death of her stepdaughter in July.

Many of our members spent summer vacations out of state. Among them are **Joni Simmons who was in Ohio, Marsha Livingston in Alabama and Janie Jackson and Pearl Rhea in Oregon.**

Happy August Birthday to Janie Jackson (13), Vicky Curtis (27), Rhonda Phillips (30).

Happy September Birthday to Joni Simmons (aa) Cheryl Harris (18), Teri Gilbert (22), Judy Miller (24), Kay Porter (27), Marilyn Buckner (27). Patsye Thurmon (29), and Bobbye Pointer (30).

Continue to remember **Mary Lou Stooksbury** as she recovers from foot surgery and fights diabetes.

Pi Chapter webmaster Kay Porter would like to remind everyone to take a rose with them when traveling and take pictures for the website for "Where the Rose Goes.

Rita Hackler had carpal tunnel surgery on both of her hands on July 29th. She enjoyed recuperation time with many family members who gave her much TLC.

Pearl Rhea is recovering from serious health issues. Pray for Pearl.

Please let Vera Jo know of any joys or concerns to include in the newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 1 Deadline for Cornet app

Sept 6 Pi Chapter meeting

Sept 17 Xi State Comm. Meet

Oct. 1 *Xi State News* deadline

Oct 4 Pi Chapter meeting

Oct 31 Deadline for dues

Nov 1 Pi Chapter meeting

Dec 1 Workshop proposal due

Dec 15 Chapter Yearbook due

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Dec 31 Deadline for LWB appl.

PI CHAPTER REPRESENTED

Pi Chapter will be well represented on Xi State Committee during the 2011-2012 biennium. In addition to Kathy Hurst's election to the Xi State Finance Committee, President Ann Gann will be serving as a member of the Xi State Membership Committee, and Vera Jo Henegar will be a member of the Xi State Committee International Projects Committee and will serve on the committee to plan the Tennessee Reception in NY next July. These three ladies will be traveling to Nashville on September 17 to attend the Xi State Leadership Conference for Committee Planning.

CHAPTER ASKED TO GIVE

It is an honor to have a member of your state to hold the highest office in DKG. Jensi Souders has represented us in a most admirable way during her biennium which will end next year when the International convention is held in NYC. Xi State is planning a Tennessee reception in Jensi's honor at this convention. In order to honor Jensi is the way that Tennessee has done things in the past (only the best), Xi State is asking each member to donate \$2 toward the reception. If everyone pitches in and gives the two dollars, we can give a party that everyone at the convention will remember for a long time. Knowing Pi Chapter as well as we do, there is no doubt that you will come through with your two dollars.

WE'VE GOT MAIL

Vera Jo, I luckily had the winning bid on Pi Chapter's tea basket. I had wondered what chapter had brought the basket when I noticed the clever title on the card: Tea with Pi(e). What fun I had unpacking the box and seeing what all I had! And the box is beautiful too! Please thank your chapter members for including so many items. I can't wait to sit down and enjoy some tea! Beverly (Smith, Xi State 2009-2011 First VP)

Many of you will remember Eloise Litz who came to our banquet with Jensi. Eloise wrote that she "developed MCL dancing at a 90 year old birthday party on Saturday before the Xi State Convention! This clown (a name Eloise has given herself) is wearing a brace and uses a walker – slowing down for the first time in 91 years!" Those of us who know Eloise can believe this. For a 91 year old, Eloise has a lot of life left in her!

Pi Chapter Executive Board Meets



At the July EB meeting were (front row) Vera Jo Henegar, An Gann, Bobbye Pointer, and Rita Hackler. Back row: Paula Campbell, Lisa Swisher, Ann Brown, Kathleen Benedict, Rhonda Phillips, and Kathy Hurst. Kathy Thurmon, not pictured.

IN APRIL A BEAUTIFUL INITIATION CEREMONY WAS HELD



In the sanctuary of Memorial United Methodist Church, the Pi Chapter Membership Committee held an initiation ceremony on April 5. New members picture on the front row above are: Pam Allen (speech/language therapist, ACS), Laura Boden (speech/language therapist, Grand Oaks ES), Shannon Smith (21st Century Classroom, math), Della (Deckie) Conley (English, RSCC), Pat Stonecipher (Retired CES and ACS) and Paula Tackett (2nd Grade, Dutch Valley).

On the back row are Felecia Reynolds, Membership Committee member, President Ann Gann, 2nd VP Lisa Swisher, and 1st VP Joni Simmons.

PI CHAPTER HAD A BANQUET IN MAY AND EVERYONE CAME



Ann Gann and Rhonda Phillips share a lighter moment with Pi Chapter Scholarship Recipient from CHS and her mother.



Whatever Jenji has to say, it is funny to Elaine Warwick, Chris Simons, and Marsha Livingston.



Dr. Virginia Souders, better known as Jenji, was the keynote speaker at the May banquet.



Pi Chapter members Paula Campbell, Kathy Hurst, Mary Ruth Cook, Rita Hackler, Chris Simons, and Vera Jo Henegar (pictured right to left) attended Beta Pi Chapter's Founder's Day luncheon the Maynardville Baptist Church on May 14. They are pictured with (left to right) 2009-2011 Xi State President Dee Dee Rives, Incoming Area 2 Director Donna Campbell, and 2009-2011 Area 2 Director and in-coming Xi State Recording Secretary Sherrie Collins. Thirty years ago, Pi Chapter sponsored Beta Pi Chapter's founding. Several of those charter member were present at the luncheon. Also in attendance was Felecia Reynolds' friend Donna Christopher.

SIX ATTEND XI STATE CONVENTION



Rita Hackler stands beside our colorful and informative Arts and Crafts Exhibit in Bishop's Commons on Thursday evening.



Pat Aldridge at the sales table on Friday afternoon. Pi Chapter members sold bracelets to help fund our Hazel McCreary Classroom Grants. Do you have one? Why not?



President Ann Gann (upper left corner) represents Pi Chapter at the Presidents' Banquet on Friday evening.



Ann Gann presented a Diabetes Care workshop on Friday. Pictured on the front row looking back is Sandra Pineault, Beta Epsilon, Murfreesboro, who at Southeast Regional was still raving about all she learned in Ann's workshop. Sandra was just diagnosed with diabetes.



Pi Chapter members attending the Xi State Convention pose outside the All-Saints Chapel after the Necrology Ceremony on Saturday morning. Left to right: Pat Aldridge, Rita Hackler, Ann Gann, Kelly White, Joni Simmons, and Kathy Hurst.



First time convention attendee Kelly White is pictured with other first-timers after the reception given in their honor on Thursday afternoon.



Pi President Ann Gann posed with Corlea Plowman, International Executive Coordinator, and International President Jensi Souders prior to the Executive Board meeting.

RITA AND VERA JO TRAVEL TO SER IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

DKG'S Southeast Regional Conference was held in Louisville, KY, on July 13-16, 2011 and two Pi Chapter members were there. Leaving around noon on July 13, Rita and Vera Jo left Rita's home with Florida Past President (2001-03) Doris Nesbit also on board arriving from her cabin in Sevierville. We rolled into the Downtown Louisville on Wednesday afternoon just in time for Vera Jo to make dinner with her SE Past President's group, The Southern Belles. They enjoyed the company of Joe Garner, husband of Southeast Regional Director Elizabeth Garner, who passed away last December. Elizabeth was Alabama President when the Southern Belles were presidents in their respective states. Throughout the conference, Elizabeth was remembered for all the planning she had done for this conference before her death. Past Alabama President Libby Watson stepped in to finish Elizabeth's biennium and she did a great job keeping the Conference on time and on target.



Vera Jo and Doris Nesbit, Rita and Vera's traveling Companion to Louisville.



Vera Jo pictured with Past Xi State President Dr. Willene Paxton, Johnson City, at the Tennessee Breakfast.

Sometimes it's a matter of attitude, attitude, attitude!!





Rita and Vera Jo at the "Hat and Glove Birthday Luncheon" on Friday.



All dressed up for the President's Banquet on Saturday evening. We clean up pretty good!

We failed to take pictures of the event, but on Friday evening we attended a dinner theater just across the Ohio River in Indiana. We saw "The Sound of Music" beautifully done by the local actors. The music was as good as that in the movie!



In addition to all the eating and dressing up, we were inspired by wonderful speakers at each general session. We also attended several workshops including one on personality styles, writing poetry, the International Strategic Action Plan, and Membership. All in all, it was a great trip and we are glad we went. So many hugs, well wishes and renewed friendships. Well worth what it took to get there!

Vera Jo is pictured here with Tori Murden McClure, keynote speaker on Saturday morning's session of the Southeast Regional Conference. Vera Jo introduced Tori who spoke of her adventure as the first woman and the first American to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Tori was also the first woman and the first American to ski to the South Pole. She holds an undergraduate degree from Smith College where she played basketball and where she now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. She also holds a Master's Degree in Divinity from Harvard University and a Master's in the Fine Art of Writing from Spalding University in Louisville where she is the school's president. Among Tori's many exciting career adventures, she has worked with Mohammad Ali who gave her some good advice. If you want a real treat, read Tori's book *A Pearl in the Storm*. In her book, Tori tells the story of her solo voyages rowing the Atlantic Ocean, being caught in Hurricane Danielle, and the many educators who influenced her life. This is an excellent read...one that I highly recommend. Just a clue...her book is subtitled, *How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean*.

Tori's speech at SER was so inspiring that after she finished speaking and came from the stage to sit beside me, I was surprised to see International President Jensi Souders standing in front of us and I heard her introduce herself to Tori and ask her to be the keynote speaker next summer on the opening night of our international convention. It was a special moment that I was privileged to share with them.