



## Celebrate 2010-2012

I clearly remember my initiation ceremony. Do you? I gathered with others in the chapel and whispered excitedly with them, wondering if I would remember all that I was supposed to do during the ceremony. I found my place in line with my Pi mentor. Then music started and I walked through the opened doors into the chapel filled with more Pi sisters. I stumbled into place in front of the ceremonial table. The inspiring words of our mission statement and our purposes and the meanings of our Society's symbols struck an emotional chord within me. I was becoming part of a highly active, dedicated group of outstanding women educators. I gladly pledged to give of my time, talents, energy and money to support the activities of Pi Chapter and DKG. I renew that pledge at each initiation ceremony. I hope you renew your pledge each year too.

In April we will initiate six outstanding women educators – **Pam Allen, Laura Boden, Deckie Conley, Pat Stonecipher, Shannon Smith and Paula Tackett**. Your attendance is evidence of your pledge to support the Society and our new members. I look forward to your participation in our initiation ceremony.

I am so excited, and very nervous, about our May meeting. Our **International President, Dr. Jensi Souder** will be our guest speaker! Yes, Jensi has spoken to us before, but I am pleased she would honor Pi Chapter by taking time from her very busy schedule as president to speak at our Founders' Day Banquet. We will also have our Xi State President-elect Kathy Harned, Xi State Executive Secretary Elaine Warwick, and many area chapter members attending. I need you to be present to welcome our guests and to support Pi members participating in the program.

Make your plans now to be active in our Society by attending our April and May meetings, Xi State Convention and the Southeast Regional Convention. Our participation in Society events determines the value we receive from our membership.



This will be the **last issue** of the Pi Chapter Newsletter until August. Information about the April and May meetings are included in this issue. Read carefully for information concerning important chapter events during the following months.

### Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

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### April 5, 2011 Meeting

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

#### Inspiration

Lisa Harrison-Smith

#### Hostesses

Judy Miller, Mary Ruth Cook,  
Bobbye Pointer

#### Program

Initiation of new members,  
What Was I Thinking Sale

#### YOU NEED TO BRING

- Item for Silent Auction Basket
- Old, broken or unused gold
- Items for What Was I Thinking Sale
- \$15 for Founders' Day Banquet

### May 3, 2011 Meeting

Memorial UMC

Gather 5:00; Meal at 5:30

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jensi Souders,**  
International Pres.

All Area 2 Chapters, Knoxville  
Chapters, and the Maryville  
Chapters Invited to Attend.

Insp. Thought: **Kathy McGrew**

Banquet decorations: **Vicky Curtis**

Remember to wear your official DKG jewelry to Pi Chapter meetings or be prepared to give Kathleen Benedict fifty cents per pin.

### *Joys and Concerns*

Due to your generosity, Pi Chapter sent our World Fellowship recipient, **Trang Nguyen**, a \$100 Visa card, 500 minute phone card, candy, Valentine's Day items and a card.

**Kathy McGrew and Joni Simmons** were pictured in an article about the Hazel McCreary Classroom Grant in the *Oak Ridger*.

**Pat Aldridge, Ann Gann, Rita Hackler, Vera Jo Henegar, Kathy Hurst, Joni Simmons, and Kelly White** have made their reservations to attend the Xi State Convention at the University of the South, June 9-11. Why not join the group and send in your reservations NOW!

**President Ann** just returned from a week's visit to San Francisco.

**If you know of a member who should be included in our Joys and Concern section of the newsletter, please <mailto:vhenegar@bellsouth.net>**



Dr. Virginia P. Souders, fondly known as Jeni, has served Xi State in every leadership position of the state. Always a willing friend wherever she is needed. Come hear what is going on in DKG from our own International Prez!

### **PI CHAPTER BANQUET**

The Pi Chapter Founders' Day Banquet, a highlight of the year, will be catered by the United Methodist Women's Unit at Memorial Church. Cost for the banquet is \$15. Pay Treasurer Kathleen Benedict at the April meeting or make your reservation. Dr. Jeni Souders, International President, will be our guest speaker. You don't want to miss this special occasion. All members of Area 2 chapters, the four Knoxville chapters and the two Blount County chapters are invited to attend. Several surprises await you at the banquet. I don't want to give away the secrets, but I have heard that a famous DKG founder will be in attendance!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Apr 1 -Deadline to submit Ach. Award form  
Apr 5 -Pi Chapter meeting  
April 15 - Deadline for CEW  
May 3 - Pi Chapter Banquet  
June 9-11 Xi State Convention  
July 13-16 – SE Regional Conference in Louisville, KY

### **WHAT WAS I THINKING?**

A "What Was I Thinking" Sale will be held at the April meeting. Bring your gently used clothing, jewelry, decorative items ... anything that you no longer use or need. Someone else may want them. Place the items you bring on a table that is labeled with the amount you think your item is worth. Once the sale begins, members will select the items they can use. Take the chosen items with payment in hand to our treasurer, Kathleen Benedict. Good luck in your shopping!

**Silent Auction Basket:** Our basket still has plenty of empty space! Please bring cups, teas, pie filling, pie pans, pie servers, plates, napkins, mixes, even books. Any item that one could use to make, serve, or enjoy a lovely cup of tea or piece of pie can go in the basket. The proceeds from the silent auction support Xi State Leadership Committee.

**Hello Friends,**

**Thursday was a big day at the retirement center. At the St. Patrick's Day party the winners of the postcard contest were announced. My mother received 223 cards and was the second place winner in that category. The lady who received the most cards had 248. Can you imagine how many cards were delivered there in that one month with 25 residents?**

**Mother won an award for having the prettiest collection of cards. She won a coupon for two free fried ice cream treats at a local restaurant. She said her only regret is that she can't share it with all of you! You cannot imagine how much fun she had this last month. She has spent hours looking at all her cards and enjoying your messages. She told one of her friends yesterday that she feels as if she has LOTS of new friends if only by mail. She has asked me to convey her appreciation to you for all that you did. I bought an album for her to keep the cards in so she will be able to look at them anytime she wants.**

**I knew I could count on all of you to help with this "project." I am deeply grateful to you for being so kind and generous!**

**Fondly,**

**Becky (Sadowski)**

**Becky reports that six Pi Chapter members sent cards. Thanks to all of you. VJ**

### **WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?**

If you really want to know what DKG is all about, you need to attend the conventions and conferences beyond the chapter level. Both the **Xi State Convention and SE Regional Conference** are within easy driving distance. Attending these meetings will help you to appreciate this wonderful organization of which you are member. Do yourself a favor and send in your reservations. Registration forms are online at [www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org) and [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).