



Pi Chapter Newsletter



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Celebrate 2010-2012

By now the turkey leftovers are disposed of and Christmas decorations are beginning to appear throughout the house and in the yard. I love the sparkling lights, over-decorated homes, the wonderful carols of the season, and being with family and friends.

While I try to be grateful each day, I am most focused on being thankful during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I find it so easy to let the routine of everyday activities create numbness to the beauty and blessings that truly fill my life. And I bet you do too. Small things like the car starting each time I turn the key, Larry saying thank you, or the fabulous red blooms on my Yuletide Camellias can be run over by my rush to finish knitting the socks and finalizing the shopping list.

I have placed a reminder card - **GIVE THANKS** - on the mirror I see first thing in the morning. The plan is for me to begin the day with thanksgiving for the blessings I have and will receive during the next 24 hours. Maybe you don't need a reminder, but if you do, put that reminder where your eyes will see it at start of day and live the day with gratitude. When I feel and express gratitude, I find my stress level goes down. I smile more and I am happy. What a great antidote to the sometimes overwhelming hustle and bustle of the merriest season.

Pi Chapter makes the list of "What I am thankful for." At our December meeting there will be scrumptious food and laughter and amazing gifts that will fill to overflowing the gift bags for the students in the 21st Century Classroom. We will experience two blessings: the gift of friendship and the gift of giving. I know the students will be blessed by and grateful for all you so generously give.

Wishing for you and your family a joyous *Merry Christmas*

21st CENTURY CLASSROOM PROJECT

One of the finest things that Pi Chapter does is to fill gift bags for the 21st Century Classroom. This year there are 9 girls and 5 boys plus a 6 month old baby boy and another baby on the way. If you haven't already, be sure to get your gifts for the bags and bring them to the December meeting.

Pi Chapter Officers/Leaders

President.....	Ann Gann
1 st VP	Joni Simmons
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December 6, 2011

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

Inspiration

Deckie Conley

Hostesses

Rita Hackler, Pat Aldridge,
Vicky Curtis, Ann Brown,
Felecia Reynolds

Program

Sharing our Christmas goodies.
Filling 21st Century Classroom Gift
Bags.

YOU NEED TO BRING

- Items for Gift Bags
- Box Tops for Education
- Christmas Goodie to Share
- \$1 for Jensi's reception in NYC



Members not wearing official Society jewelry are expected to pay 50 cents per pin.

CONGRATULATIONS PI CHAPTER

Pi Chapter Treasurer Kathleen Benedict reports that Pi Chapter has reached its goal to fund our grants-in-aid for 2012. There will even be a little money left in the fund for next year. Those who have not donated to the fund already this year may do so by sending their donation to Kathleen at P.O. Box 355 Knoxville, TN 37901. Donations will help fund the 2013 recipients.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Happy December Birthdays to Betty Barnes (1st), Ann Lane (6th), Pat Aldridge (10th), Susan Fowler (10th), Mary Lee Stuart (15th), Lisa Smith (17th), Brenda Phillips (29th), Reita Yadon (30th).

Anna Lane is greatly improved and is still at Golden Living Center-Woodwind, Room 219, 220 Longmire Rd., Clinton 37716.

Mary Lou Stooksbury has moved to Meadowview Senior Living, 111 Acuss Lane, Clinton, TN 37716.

Our love, prayers and sympathy are extended to **Janie Jackson** at this time of loss. Her mother and Pi Chapter member **Pearl Rhea** passed away November 15.

Congratulations to **Ann Gann** on the birth of a granddaughter Frances Beatrix Gann.

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

SERVICES PLANNED FOR PEARL RHEA

Pi Chapter member Pearl Rhea passed away in November. Pearl had been in declining health for several years, but prior to her illness Pearl was a dedicated member attending chapter meetings regularly. She was especially proud when her daughter, Janie Jackson, accepted membership into the Society. Pearl, 92 years old at the time of her death, was 30 year member of DKG. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Dec. 2nd at 5 p.m. at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Clinton. A time for "Remembering Pearl" will be held from 5:30-7:30 in the church fellowship hall.



LET ME GET MY CAMERA...IT'S DIANE!!!

Diane Alsop seemed startled and overcome by her friends' reactions when she arrived at the November meeting. We were all glad to see Diane, a Jefferson Middle School Reading Teacher. We hope that her busy schedule will allow more time for Diane to attend our meetings and participate in Pi activities. Now we all have a face to go with her name.

Our World Fellowship Recipient

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Other information: Birthday: 2/11

Home Country: Mongolia

Field of Study: International Relations

Degree: Masters; Attending: Texas A&M University



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 1 Workshop proposal due

Dec 6 Pi Chapter meeting

Dec 15 Chapter Yearbook due

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Dec 31 Deadline for LWB appl.

Jan 3 Pi Chapter meeting

Jan 10 Deadline to register for the Xi State Legislative Symposium.

Yearbooks

Lisa Swisher, Pi Chapter 2nd vice-president, has promised that yearbooks will be ready by December 6 in time for the chapter meeting.

THE ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, you are entitled to participate in the insurance programs of the Society. Information on the available insurance policies check them out at www.dkg.org.

There are several scholarship available for those members studying for advanced degrees. Xi State and International offer several opportunities to receive scholarship money to help with tuition, books, etc. Check the out on the DKG website as well as www.xistate.org.

Watch for future info on other advantages to membership.

SUPPORT FOR EARLY EDUCATORS

Please give/email the names of any first year educator in your building to Laura Boden and Pam Allen. ASAP

NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

The International Nominations Committee has announced its recommendations for DKG offices for the 2012-2014 biennium. Many Pi Chapter members will recognize the name of **Dr. Beverly Helms**, Florida, who served as SE Regional Director a few years ago. Beverly also trained incoming state presidents when I was Tennessee's representative. Beverly has been nominated for International President. **Dr. Barbara Baethe** (TX), who was a member of the International Leadership Development Class of 1994 with me, is nominated for 1st VP. SE Regional Director nominee is **Dr. Hannah Fowler** (GA). Hannah was incoming state president when I was on the Leadership Committee to train incoming state presidents. Also nominated to serve on the Nomination Committee is **Elaine Warwick**, TN, that most of you will remember from her many visit with Pi Chapter. It is good to see these dedicated women continue in leadership of the Society. VJ