

Pi Notes

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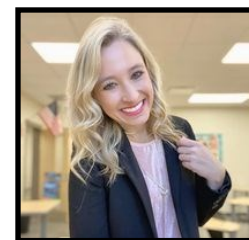
President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I sat down to write this first article (though I feel that it is more of a letter to you) from my new position as Pi Chapter President, and despite having a plethora of ideas congesting my mind, I found it quite difficult to begin. If you know me, then you know that this is rare as writing always comes easily; given this, I paused for a moment, while sipping my warm tea, to contemplate this strange occurrence. Why am I struggling to start? The answer to this question evaded me for a moment, but then I realized that I am so very invested in this position, this responsibility, these duties, that I am afraid to start because I am afraid to fail. This realization allowed me to just start typing because when I realized that fear was holding me back, I also realized that this feeling was completely unwarranted. I cannot fail at this article,

this position, this responsibility, all of it—because I have you—all 48 members of Pi Chapter. You are also invested in us—the women, the chapter, the organization, and you (like me) know that failure is not an option.

This investment creates unity and relates to the first purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma International—*To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.* We are united, and this unity gives each individual member the strength needed to succeed in all endeavors, especially those of the society. I am not alone. The success of this biennium does not rest solely on my shoulders, and this knowledge gives me peace and comfort. The shoulders of my sisters unified with mine possess the strength to carry this chapter to unimaginable heights. No, failure is not an option.



Success is our only option. We will succeed because we are invested, and the theme for our first meeting is just that—Pi Investments. When you invest in the chapter, you invest in your sisters; and when you invest in your sister, you invest in your chapter. The program for our first meeting will help us grow these investments. We will focus on various aspects of Delta Kappa Gamma, from parliamentary procedure to reorientation, that will leave all members feeling more knowledgeable, confident, and prepared to fulfill their roles as members and leaders of our chapter. When you leave this first meeting, it is my sincere wish that your spirits feel renewed, your investments feel worthy, and your unity feels stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Beth McKay

Pi Chapter Meetings for the 2022-2023 year

Meeting Dates:

September 24, October 29, December 3, January 28, April 1

Location: Rankin County School District Family Resource Center,
Brandon

Each meeting will start at 9:30 except December (9:00)



“Were it not for DKG, we might never have met.”



Our First Program

We are kicking off this biennium with a program centered around not only Pi Chapter but also DKG International. Members will rotate to different stations to learn about parliamentary procedure and DKG Society structure; the yearbook will be presented, and members will participate in a reorientation. This program will be led by chapter members and will satisfy multiple honor chapter requirements. Come ready to learn and fellowship with your Pi Sisters!

From Chris

“An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” so my momma told my brother and me as kids! Wise words to live by, and hopefully the breakfast snacks that will be provid-

ed at each Pi Chapter meeting this school year will not only be nutritious, but foods each member will enjoy. If you have suggestions for snacks or would be happy to assist

with baking items for the October meeting, please contact me at your convenience.

Chris Wall, Snack Coordinator

Memories from Gail

A delightful afternoon was spent looking through my Delta Kappa Gamma scrapbook. Photographs and written anecdotes reminded me of special times.

But the most important memories cannot be found on any pages. They are held within my heart: memories of friends who have passed

on or who are no longer members, memories of friends who still belong to our group and bring me joy each time we're together. Yes, that's it! FRIENDS -- - That's really what's special about belonging to Pi Chapter. We encounter women educators with whom we share a unique bond. Were it not for DKG,

we might never have met. I'm grateful for this organization and the opportunities I've had for friendship.



Our Own Dr. Betsy Sullivan is the MSO Star of Mississippi

Dr. Betsy Sullivan began her membership in Delta Kappa Gamma in 1992 when she was inducted into Pi Chapter. Since then she has held nearly every chairmanship and office available and served us as the president from 1998-2000. She has been active at the state level, serving us ably as the Central District Director and also by chairmanships of many state committees. At the present she is the MSO committee chair-

man of communications and marketing. She is a presence with an element of fun and a big smile.

Hailing from Sylvarena, she graduated from Raleigh High School. Dr. Sullivan eventually completed her education at the University of Southern Mississippi with a PhD in science education and biology, certifying her to teach most of the sciences. She retired at the end of the 21-22 school

year, employed at Madison Central. Besides her years of teaching, she was the informal educator at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

In 2013, Dr. Sullivan was honored with national recognition of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.



At Work for Others This Summer

Greetings ladies! We will be continuing to support Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO), located in Pelahatchie, MS, as our chapter service project. This Christian outreach serves as a food pantry, a donations warehouse, is a resource network for other organizations, and a Center of Hope for multiple counties. Volunteer organizer, Tammy Brun will give our chapter an update at our December meeting.

We had a great time volunteering as a chapter on July 13th. It was a truly valuable and worthwhile experience.



We will plan another date for after school in October.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the survey and the email concerning our support of ERCO. I will give an update at our September meeting.

You can check out ERCO on [FaceBook@Ever Reaching Community Outreach](#) or their website, www.everreaching.com or ERCO@everreaching.net

Cheryl Saffle, Chair Personal Growth and Services



Our Volunteers:

- Jo
Cheryl
Lori
Trish
Chris

Our Newest Inducted Member

Jana Comer currently serves as a Middle and High School English Language Arts Curriculum Specialist for the Rankin County School District. Additionally, she supports first-year teachers through a district-wide mentorship program that fosters growth and collaboration among new

teachers. Prior to these roles, she taught 8th grade English Language Arts at Brandon Middle School and English I and II at Shannon High School. Comer is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in educational administration through the University of Southern Mississippi and plans to

use this opportunity to reflect and grow as an educator for all. During her spare time, she enjoys reading, shopping, spending time outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

Dr. Trecina Green, Membership



Welcoming Four New Faces



Cindy Christian



Edey Coleman-Hambleton



Beverly McWilliams



Lauren Musto

2022-2023 Hostesses

September 24	October 29	December 3	January 28, 2023	April 1, 2023
Leader-Linda Hollinsworth	Leader-Donna Harris	Leader-Tammie Brewer	Leader-Kelsey Williams	Leader-Dr. Jamilliah Longino
Dr. Betsy Sullivan Susan Davis Dixie Vance Chantelle Herchenhahn	Dr. Gail Hammond Jana Comer Stephanie Cranford Cindy Christian	Lynn Holliday Dr. Marlynn Martin Dr. Lee Pambianchi Edye Coleman Hambleton	Stacy Dodd Dr. Lauren Musto Renna Moore-Edwards Beverly McWilliams	Fonda Dickinson Becky Baker Lori Shelton Lara Robinson

Mississippi Organization Members enjoying dinner during the International Convention in New Orleans this summer





ASK THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Dear Dr. Hammond,

I'm unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure and concerned that I'll make a mistake at the meeting. Please give me some pointers.

An Eager Member

Dear Eager Member,

Thanks for wanting to participate in the meetings. We need you! Don't let fear of making a mistake keep you from taking part. None of us know all the rules, and we frequently have to look up the answers to our questions. My new copy of *Robert's Rules of Order* has over 700 pages... and it's written in a small font! No one can memorize all of that. And who would want to? I'll be happy to research anything you need if you give me advance notice. Otherwise, we'll all do our best at the meetings to help one another. Here are a few pointers I can share:

How to dispose of minutes

There is no need for a motion. Minutes are emailed to all members with a request for additions or corrections. Once these have been made, the minutes are re-sent prior to the following meeting. At that meeting, the president may again ask if there are any corrections. She then says, "There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved."

How to dispose of the financial report

There is no need for a motion. The president says, "The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit."

How to make a motion

Plan the wording of your motion. Then say, "I move that ..." (We don't say, "I make a motion..."). Out of courtesy to the recording secretary, it's always good to state your first and last name. If you want to second the motion, say, "I second the motion."

How to adjourn the meeting

There is no need for a motion to adjourn if we follow the agenda. The president just says, "The meeting is adjourned."

I hope this is helpful and gives you a boost of confidence when you are at the chapter meetings.

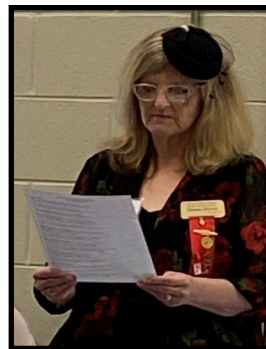
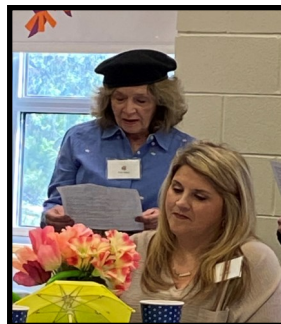
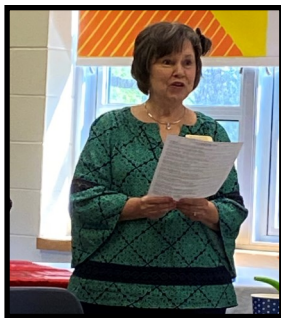
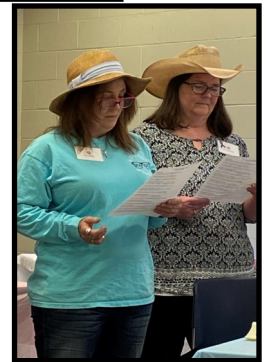
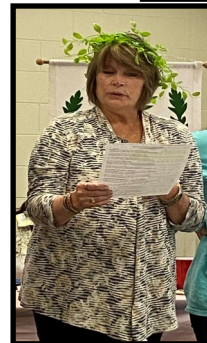
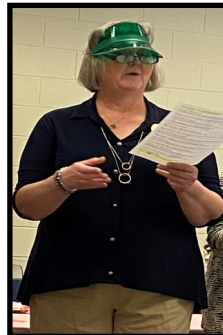
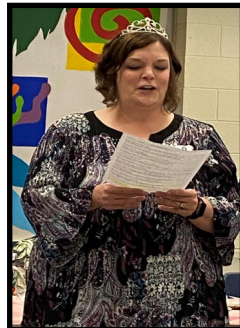
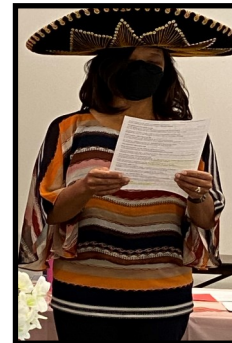
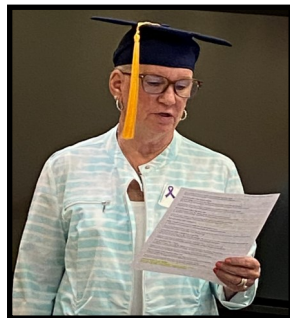
Dr. Gail Hammond, Parliamentarian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pi Chapter
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Mississippi State Organization

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MS-pi/>

Our April 30, 2022 Meeting

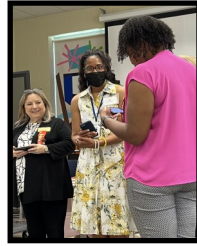


Joanna Alston provided a history of the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Participants modeled a hat to represent the founders, also providing a tidbit of information about each one.

These members were recognized for their years of membership:

- Stacy Dodd-5 years
- Becky Baker-15 years
- Betsy Sullivan-30 years
- Cheryl Saffle-35 years
- Judith Gatewood-40 years





Our Leadership for the Next Biennium.

Induction of Our New Member-Jana Comer



Perfect Attendance 2021-2022