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May Meeting Dinner Meeting and Program

When: Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Where: Third Presbyterian Church,
Barterbrook Road, Staunton
Time: 6:00 pm
Collect: Anne Perdue
Purposes: -To honor women who have
given or who evidence a potential for
distinctive service in any field of
education.
-To advance the professional
interest and position of women in
education.
-To stimulate the personal and
professional growth of members and to
encourage their participation in
appropriate programs of action.

Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid recipient
recognized
Program: Thoroughly Modern Eleanor-Linda
Petzke
Music Director: Susan Doughty
Accompanist: Ronda Reames
Hostess Committee: Bobbi Poats & Ginny
Coffey – Collect money
Provide favors-Susan Doughty and Kim
Norman

**We will be collecting canned fruit to
benefit Bethany United Methodist Church
Food Pantry, Weyers Cave area**

President's Message

Out with the old and in with the new!
It is hard to believe this biennium has gone by so
quickly. Serving as Kappa's President has helped
me to grow as a leader and expand my know
ledge of Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International. I would be remiss if I didn't thank
the other officers whom I worked closely with
over the last two years. Becky Park's guidance
as past president was also invaluable. I
congratulate the next group of officers that will
continue to carry out the work of our chapter.

Anne Perdue and I will be traveling together to the International Convention in New York City in July so we will have ample opportunity to transition responsibility. I would encourage all past officers and committee chairs to spend some time with their new counterparts to set them up for success.

I wanted to offer the chapter a bit of history regarding the Grant-In-Aid that we will be awarding on May 8th. The Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid is in memory of DKG members Leona Downs and Grace Ryerson. These ladies were active in Kappa Chapter. Leona Downs was a Librarian with Augusta County Schools, serving from 1968 through to her death in December 1988. Grace Ryerson was a French teacher at Waynesboro High School. The two ladies were neighbors on Mt. Vernon Street and died within months of one another. The Downs Family continues to monetarily support Kappa's Grant-In-Aid.

Leadership Lesson

(Pg. 81) Failing to take care of those you lead can have damaging consequences. In addition to losing the loyalty, dedication, and motivation of your team, you may ultimately lose your team members. Strong teams have leaders who constantly look for ways to serve and assist others, especially during times of personal crisis. (Pg 86) Women are frequently natural leaders and caregivers. They're very adept at recognizing when someone needs help and offering it. However, sometimes they're not as adept at recognizing their own limitations. Many women have a tendency to go overboard when it comes to helping, and some lose sight of themselves. They have so many roles to fill that they put themselves last, but over time that leads to weakness. Leaders can't lead when they haven't been taking care of themselves, too.

(Pg 98) When you feel your emotions rising, take a step back or get away for at least a few minutes to regain your composure. Taking some time to clear your head and analyze the situation will help you be more effective when making your points. Once you've calmed yourself, have a levelheaded discussion. Don't allow feelings of anger, frustration, or sadness to dictate how you respond to situations that arise. An even temper is a sign of a true leader.

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Dates to Remember

July 24-28 – International Convention – NY City

Happy Birthday to You!!

- Kelly Thrower - May 1
- Cindy Bolin - May 4
- LuDean Withers - May 5
- Anne Perdue - May 6
- Karen O'Brien - May 10
- Dee Hoy - May 12
- Diann Snyder - May 27
- Martha Hamrick - May 28
- Lynne Carson - June 12
- Betty Bennett - June 17
- Kay Quick - July 2
- Bea Morris - July 13
- Emily Morgan - July 21
- Angie Clymore - July 24
- Ellen Abernethy - July 25
- Martha Chew - July 29

Treasurers Report

In May, Kappa will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a young lady in our area who is pursuing a career in education. We made \$416.50 from "Kappa's Favorite Things" and donations at our March meeting. As you can see, we are short of our goal. Although we get a gift from Charles Downs in memory of his first wife, Leona Downs, the chapter should be providing the majority of the funds for this scholarship. If you were unable to participate in the March auction and would like to make a donation, you can do so by sending me a check or bring it to the May meeting. Thanks - Bobbi Poats, Treasurer